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Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **2045 Portland Housing Needs Analysis, Recommended Draft**

Dear Councilors, First, I want to acknowledge that I am a city employee but my testimony reflects my personal views and not my bureau's. Second, I want to share that I support the Housing Needs Analysis and request that you include the Inner Eastside for All as a strategy for meeting the Housing Product goals. I recently moved out of the Kerns neighborhood. I lived on Burnside and my building was hit by cars multiple times. Yet just a block over was probably my favorite street in the city: SE Ankeny. I loved it for being a neighborhood greenway that also had multifamily housing. It was much quieter than Burnside where I lived, but felt like it kindled community and was always where I walked my dog. More people should be able to live on SE Ankeny-type streets. SE Ankeny only exists because it was once a streetcar route and had the zoning to match. When the streetcar was removed, the zoning stayed. It's a great example of what could be if we didn't restrict so much of our high opportunity neighborhoods to single family zoning. I left the inner eastside because I struggled to afford a rental that wasn't on a busy street. Again, my building was hit twice by cars. A corridor-only approach is not equitable and isn't how you can build community. Again, I request you include Inner Eastside for All as a strategy for achieving our Housing Production goals. Thank you for your time. Rob Hemphill

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