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

(Agenda item 1015) As a longtime Portland resident and homeowner I strongly support including the Inner Eastside for All Upzoning as a Housing Production Strategy. When I was younger and renting a room in a house, I was able to live close-in near amenities that high density allows. When we bought a house, we had to live further out, and the biggest downside was the lack of walkable density nearby. To emphasize, the relative low density of the neighborhood we moved to was a downside not an upside. Furthermore, we were lucky. Many of my friends have had to move out of the Portland Metro due to the high cost of housing. Several of them could technically afford to live here, but the places they could afford were so far away from the density that makes parts of Portland fun and vibrant, that they decided to move. Around town I find myself running into tech-workers (like myself), lawyers, and fewer and fewer of anyone else; no one else can afford to live here. Medium density neighborhoods like those being proposed are the places everyone I know wants to live in and visit. This allows more people to go car free or car light which is very important for climate change. These neighborhoods are more inclusive, greener, more fun, and generally nicer to be in. Once again, I strongly support including the Inner Eastside for All Upzoning as a Housing Production Strategy to make Portland a better place for all. Thank you for your time.

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