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

I support allowing multi family and multi use zoning in the central east side. This will breathe life into the neighborhood, bringing more people, businesses, opportunity, and community. Cities like Portland are so great because of our proximity to ideas, friends, family, and the social fabric of living and collaborating closely with one another. Densifying this neighborhood will not only bring more diversity to the central eastside, it will also bring affordability. With more housing, businesses, and retail options, more residents share the cost of housing, retail, and transportation infrastructure, lowering the cost to individual households in less-dense, single family zoning. More corner stores, groceries, and businesses allow pedestrian, cycling, and transit to serve residents (often without needing to leave their neighborhood), thus reducing a household's cost of keeping a car, the need for parking, and the pollution from driving across town for necessities. Having more housing options also prevents households from being displaced to urban sprawl further outside the city (and commuting into work), or even losing their housing entirely, especially in the midst of the homelessness crisis that Portland is experiencing.

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