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I have reviewed the plan and would like to submit the following comment:

There is too little attention paid to preservation of existing neighborhoods and their character.

The plan proposal is big on change, growth and increased density. But many neighborhoods do not want change, growth and increased density and are better left without them.

Portland is a City of diverse neighborhoods. Having previously lived downtown, we chose (after having a child) to move to Southwest Portland precisely because the neighborhood has large lots, many trees, substantial open spaces and ample parking. I have heard it said that Portland planners "hate back yards", and the current proposal reflects this. Please amend the proposal to provide established neighborhood protections. Not everyone wants to live next to (or be affected by) a development corridor.

Thank you.

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