

Committee Members,

It is vital to come up with policies that preserve historical and architecturally relevant Portland homes. Once such homes are demolished, they cannot be put back together. This is not a call to stop progress and new building; it is a call to stop stupid choices about how Portland develops. It might be important to define certain neighborhoods as having historically relevant homes and to develop a process for maintaining the architectural integrity of the neighborhood.

My point is to save what has historical and architectural relevance, not save every old home. In cities like Basel, Switzerland, there is an effort to maintain these values while at the same time opening up spaces (sometimes interior spaces of old homes) for creating vibrant and modern living.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of maintaining the beauty and integrity of certain homes and neighborhoods.

Sincerely, Rolla E. Lewis

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