

Dear Portland City Commissioners, Members of the Planning and Sustainability Committee, et al.,

I write in support of a maximum height limit of 100' for new buildings to allow development in the West End that would better complement the existing structures. As a City Club member and as a Portland resident who is appreciative of our city's (your) past planning successes, I would urge you strongly to consider a height limit of 100' for new buildings within that corridor. As an east-side resident, I can say that it's important to all Portlanders, not just those who live nearby. I think that the civic, social, and business benefits of vertical living can be maximized within that height limit while also preserving the beauty and human scale of our downtown area. The park blocks and the cultural quarter in particular would suffer were tall buildings allowed to be built: they would detract from the beauty, scale, and utility of existing structures (churches, museums, smaller residential facilities, and street life). Moreover, Portland's skyline would be altered for the worse, and it would lose much of the character that differentiates it from other cities whose development haven't been so considerate and thoughtful. Portland can and needs to continue to grow and progress, but I believe that it can do so more successfully and appealingly if the 100' height limit is upheld. It will keep our favorite bits of Portland recognizably *Portland*, while still allowing for population growth and density.

Many thanks for your consideration, and for your service.

Best wishes,  
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