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The current version of the WQP calls for excessive building heights in the West End of downtown. For example, as drafted the plan would allow 15-story towers to be built directly across from the Central Library on 10th, 30-stories on Taylor and 40-stories on Yamhill. It would entomb this city's A.E. Doyle treasure in perpetual shadow. Throughout the West End Portland's historic churches and some one hundred other historic buildings would be similarly threatened by this creeping tower cancer.

These excessive building heights undermine almost everything else set forth as goals of the WQP: affordable housing, livability, human scale street life, energy efficiency and sustainability, historic preservation, etc. High rise towers render all the rest unachievable.

Limit heights in the West End to 100 feet, roughly ten stories. This would allow ample potential for healthy development, growth, and density without destroying the fabric of a diverse, historic district. We do not need 30 story towers. People do not come to Portland looking for the dark windy canyons of Chicago or Manhattan on the Willamette. Please keep Portland Portland.

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