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What makes Portland one of the world's very best cities to live in? It combines urban density with great public transportation infrastructure and emphasizes green spaces and the preservation of historic places not just as a matter of practice but as codified in public policy and code.

I live in the alphabet district in the inner northwest. I am alarmed to see the proposed new 2035 comp plan is only going to "encourage preservation" when the current plan explicitly "protect(s) potentially significant historic structures" - development is an inevitable and sometimes beneficial necessity in any neighborhood, but preserving the character of what makes Portland's many unique neighborhoods charming is an essential part of this process. No one will do this if the city of Portland itself does not.

In the city's zeal to be more developer friendly, don't race to weaken language that is at the heart of what has allowed Portland to become the city that so many of us love and want to live in.

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