

My name is Richard Johnson. I am a homeowner at 1414 SE Oak Street, Portland, OR. I would also like to submit a petition that sixteen of my neighbors have signed. Our petition concerns a zoning change along SE Stark.

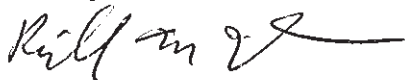
The addresses of the zoning changes we are concerned with are 1400-1416 and 1401-1415 SE Stark, which is designated proposal 87 and 88 in the comprehensive map app. The change is from existing R1 to CS zoning. We believe that CS zoning is not an option for this block.

The following points enforce are view:

1. R1 density and scale is compatible with the adjacent R2.5 zoning. CS is not.
2. The conversion of Washington High School to 80,000 square feet of commercial space combined with the soon to be developed vacant half city block of CS zoning between SE 13th and Se 14th provides an abundance of commercial zoning in the area. Remember we our only two blocks from the Eastside Industrial District. Any loss of residential zoning is contrary to the Buckman neighborhood plan and the comprehensive plan.
3. The block on SE Stark between SE 14th and SE 15th is zoned totally residential and has been for over 50 years. In that time no zoning changes have been requested that I know of.
4. SE Stark is not considered a main corridor and is actually a mostly residential street. Because of this it should retain its neighborhood characteristic as outlined in the goals of the comprehensive plan. R1 zoning is much more compatible with these goals.
5. Limited street parking will come under even more pressure with higher density CS zoning.
6. The non conforming buildings could be brought into compliance using the historic buildings code. This has already been done with the historic designation of Washington High School which is zoned R1. Retaining these historic structures would be within the goals and polices of the Comprehensive Plan .As stated under the Neighborhoods chapter, section 3.4, "Preserve and retain historic structures and areas throughout the city."

Please retain the R1 zoning for our neighborhood.

Thank you, Richard M Johnson





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