

Planning and Sustainability Commission:

Re: "Comp Plan designation, 3616 SE Caruthers, Portland 97214

Dear Chair Baugh and Commissioners:

My sister and I own the house at 3616 SE Caruthers. We have owned it for the past 3 1/2 years, since our father passed away and left us the house. The property is currently zoned R-5, with a Comprehensive Plan designation of UC (Urban commercial). We understand that this makes it easy for the property to be changed to a commercial zone in the future. We would like to retain that option.

We have heard that a few of our neighbors recently asked some of the homeowners along Caruther St. from west of 37th, to sign a petition asking for the Comp. Plan designation on the entire 2 blocks of Caruthers, south side, to be changed to a Residential designation, which would preclude such commercial use.

Although they had not contacted us or, 5 other of the affected property owners, this group convinced the Richmond Neighborhood Association to support this change and to request the change to the Commission.

Our property is directly adjacent to one of the 3 existing CS-zoned and UC-designated properties that front on the 37th and Caruthers intersection. Our property is, in fact, surrounded on two sides by Commercial property.

It makes sense to keep the Commercial Comp. Plan designation on our parcel, at 3616 SE Caruthers. With the upcoming Plan Update, we understand that the Comp Plan designation that is equivalent to UC would be "Mixed Use-Urban Center". We request that our property be Comp-Plan-designated this way. The zone could remain R-5 for now, if that is appropriate, as that is the current use. We would just like to be able to incorporate our property into a commercial development in the future if that becomes a possibility.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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