

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of the Argay Neighborhood in East Portland.

I am among those residents who are requesting that all the vacant or undeveloped R-3 zoned land in the Argay Neighborhood be reclassified to R-5 or R-7 single-family residential, and the proposed Mixed Employment areas (Change Numbers 287, 288, 289 located at the SE corner of NE 122nd and Shaver and 290, located at the SW corner of NE 147th and Sandy Blvd.) also be reclassified to R-5 or R-7 single-family. Also, I support the City's similar change #688 along NE 148th Avenue north of I-84.

I want to keep Argay a family friendly neighborhood.

If you want an example of what happened to the area after apartments were added in the past, drive down Sandy Blvd. from NE 122nd to NE 148th Ave. When these were built, they went up with the promise that they would be higher income family friendly developments that would be maintained and add value to the area. (The same thing that our neighborhood is being promised now.) This is not what happened with the developments all along Sandy Blvd. They are run down and an eyesore to the area. They weren't even constructed with enough parking for their residents and vehicles overflow into the surrounding single family homes. The same thing will happen if new high volume developments are allowed to be built in our surrounding neighborhood.

Traffic is already becoming more and more of an issue along NE Fremont from NE 122nd Ave eastward. Ever since the intersection of NE 122nd Ave and Sandy Blvd was redone within the last couple of years, the people that work north of Sandy in the industrial areas now use NE Fremont as a cut through. These vehicles don't not follow the traffic laws and consistently go over the posted 25mph speed limit. The last thing this area needs is more vehicles along out already over used roads.

This neighborhood was designed for single-family residential properties. Let's keep it that way. The city of Portland is already ruining the character of the older neighborhoods closer-in. Developers already over build by putting up 2 or 3 "homes" were there once was only one. They do this without any regards to the style and character of the homes in the surrounding neighborhood. Let's keep the character of our city without giving into money from big developers that don't care anything about families or community. They just want to make a quick buck and get out. You wont see them doing these types of developments in their own backyard!

Please protect our family friendly neighborhood.

Thank you,

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