

To whom it may concern;

I have been a resident in the Argay Terrace neighborhood in East county, Portland for over 30 years.

I'm among those residents who are requesting that all vacant or undeveloped R-3 zoned land in the Argay Neighborhood absolutely be reclassified as 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. I support the city's similar change #688 along NE 148th Ave. North of 1-84.

Adding more apartments, multiple dwellings and townhouses in this area will only bring it DOWN!!! Since many apartments went in some years back along Sandy Blvd., there have been twice as many issues with drugs, fights in the park on 148th, crime and definitely more traffic congestion. The grocery stores and the restaurants in the area have already lowered their standards or carrying things like organics (limited) or better quality foods because traffic in this neighborhood struggles with middle to lower income and won't support them. I have personally heard this comment from the workers at Safeway. Good restaurants are few and far between. Housing prices have dropped in the area and it would be a crime to multiply this unfortunate situation with more apartments and multiple dwellings instead of trying to upgrade the area with family homes. Argay will only recover if we stop the onslaught of apartments and low end housing. We will only be able to bring up the area if we build family homes not saturate it with unwanted apartment buildings. Losing our green space will not be very family friendly or good for the environment or the people that live here. This is greed not progress - Please consider the proposal and keep Argay a family friendly neighborhood!

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