

Having lived in this neighborhood for 30 years now I have seen many changes, and sadly I have to say that *none* of them have been for the betterment of Argay Terrace or its surrounding area. Within two miles we used to have two small mom and pop type grocery stores, an Albertson's, two pizza parlors and a two screen, small movie theater; family friendly options. In their place we now have a Winco Foods, and not one, but two used clothing (donation) centers, and a Dollar Tree. *Not even remotely close* to what I would have hoped/envisioned would have been added to improve our neighborhood and make it a viable, livable area in 30 years time.

We lack decent businesses, restaurants, and grocery stores. Argay and Gateway areas have become the dumping ground for anything and everything low income. Sandy Boulevard and its trashy low rent and pay by the hour motels and cheap apartments have added a whole other element to what once was a very middle to high class neighborhood, Argay Terrace. The apartment vs. single family homes, in my opinion, also has had a negative effect on our area schools.

And now the City of Portland is proposing a long range (20 yr.) development plan for Argay that will include office buildings, warehouses, repair facilities and **more** apartments. So as a resident of Argay Neighborhood in East Portland I am going on the record as stating:

I am among those residents who are requesting that all the vacant or undeveloped R-3 zoned land in 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 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. (PLEASE, NO MORE APARTMENTS)

P.S. Also, the last thing our neighborhood needed was another park, Beech Park. This park will butt up to an existing school playground and neighboring homes backyards. We already have Argay Park within 1-2 miles of where this new park will be located. Our neighborhood does not need another park for the criminals to hang out in and deal their drugs in. As it is no one feels safe enough to use Argay Park with their children anymore as I once did with mine 20 years ago.

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