

There is a long history of cities, towns, and neighborhoods growing and expanding in ways that make them less livable. They become essentially unrecognizable and no longer have the qualities that drew people to them in the first place.

They become unlovable, and glaring symbols of unregulated and unbridled greed.

Please don't allow this to happen to Portland. If you do, your grandchildren and their children will move away to escape what you have created.

Keep neighborhood coalitions strong.

Expand green spaces, and move this expansion to the start of the timeline, not toward the end of it.

Stop the demolition of existing homes.

Don't allow developers to change the character of our city with over sized, poorly constructed McCraftsman houses.

Limit toxic train travel.

Insure adequate low-income housing with every new development.

Do not assume that tenants of future developments will not own cars. Most likely, they will. Provide adequate parking so that neighborhoods are not flooded with the vehicles of the new arrivals.

Require neighborhood parking permits, and limit on-street parking.

Continue to expand the existing bike network and public transportation.

Keep Portland unique and authentic, not bland, boring, and overbuilt.

We're counting on you.

Thank you.

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