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Dear Sirs & Madams,

I am writing to comment on the Draft 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

- 1: Neighborhood associates are critically important for citizen involvement and should be strengthened.
- 2: The plan should be amended to define neighborhoods by neighborhood association boundaries.
- 3: Seats on the commission should be created for each neighborhood coalition and on all land use committees.

I am baffled by the land use decisions being made in Portland the past few years. It's extremely disturbing watching beautiful and functional old buildings and large old trees being destroyed for the sake of density, which in the process, destroys livability. This isn't sustainability.

Looking at two recent examples. In my early SW Portland neighborhood, two doors down from my house, a 7-story 48-unit apartment building is under construction with only 12 parking places. My neighbors and I were not ever, at any time, informed of this project or construction. Most of the original houses are 2-story Victorians that depend on on-street parking. There is no grocery store, drug store, shops, restaurants, libraries, or other resources within a mile walking distance and most of these resources are even further away. The added density and associated noise alone will decrease the quality of life in this neighborhood, not to mention the aesthetic damage. In a contrasting development, a new, large 1-story building with a large surface parking lot is under construction in Hillsdale town center on SW Capitol Hwy directly across from a grocery store, bakery, restaurant, nearby library, drug store, a vibrant farmers market, and more. The building in the town center would be far better suited for upper story apartments! Who made these decisions and approved them? Where was the citizen and neighborhood participation? The impression both these developments leave is that developers are in charge, that there is no planning nor sustainability.

I urge the Planning and Sustainability Commission to embrace protecting, in a sustainable manner, Portland.

Sincerely,



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