

Dear Mayor Hales, Commissioner Dan Saltzman, Commissioner Nick Fish, Commissioner Amanda Fritz, and Commissioner Steve Novick,

I am concerned about re-zoning the area between Killingsworth and Jarrett, and 33<sup>rd</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> avenues to allow for more infill. With so much of Portland stark, treeless, and in need of redevelopment, I cannot see the logic in targeting an historic neighborhood filled with 100 year old fir trees and homes. Many of us have spent our time, energy and money investing in a troubled neighborhood, restoring old homes, planting trees, and building community to transform Concordia into the neighborhood it is today. It seems unfair to have that effort reversed and our property values threatened. It makes more sense to encourage restoration over replacement for our remaining homes.

Every week I receive predatory letters from developers and realtors, eager to buy my 1914 Craftsman home of 11 years in order to destroy and flip it. With the aggression that these agencies are moving forward, I have no doubt that once they get the green light, the raising of old homes and trees will be swift and severe. I have watched too much of our fir grove come down in the last few years and now I fear for the rest of them. The new construction on Jarrett Street that went in a few years ago changed the feel of that block and I'd hate to see that expanded. I think we have already sacrificed enough with this, and the expansion of Concordia University. Please allow us to save what's left and encourage development in a neighborhood that needs the help, not one that's already beautiful.

Thank you for your consideration,

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