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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission

Subject: "Comprehensive Plan Testimony"

To Whom It May Concern-

I have lived in the Humboldt Neighborhood for the last twenty years. I moved from Boise-Elliot, and before that the Hawthorne area. I came to Portland in 1989 from Fargo, North Dakota. My husband and I purchased and rehabilitated our home here on Humboldt Street in 1996: it was a condemned 'crack' house. We moved here specifically to share our lives with a diverse community as we are a multicultural family. My husband grew up in Santiago, Chile and Washington DC.

North and North East Portland once possessed the rich fabric of community, with tradition, heritage, and diversity. I believe in change, but not at the cost of pricing families out of their homes, and tearing apart the very fabric of a community. Please consider the following feedback from myself and our neighborhood.

Look towards redevelopment of industrial areas, not natural areas.

Consider the integrity of new housing development and the affect it will have on the families in the community long term.

Include rent control and the continuous price increase of new housing in this community.

Address the gentrification issue with equitable decisions not only what is equal. Consider the history of our communities population with a lens of ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status. Look toward reparation with providing affordable housing and community meeting places.

Discourage developers and work with individuals.

Communicate land use updates.

There is no notification policy in place to keep developers accountable when working with neighborhood associations on issues of design guidelines, integrity, affordability. Put something in place so that neighborhood associations have some influence and ability to be heard.

Insure that development is employing MWBE business certified local labor and that people who live and work in these neighborhoods can be part of the change.

And educate yourselves through participating and sharing in the valuable resources our community has provided in the very recent past, such as:

the movie by local artists Jodi Darby and Julie Perini

<https://www.arrestingpower.com/>

the Multnomah County Library Everybody Reads 2015 featuring "The Residue Years" by Mitchell S. Jackson

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/18/books/review/mitchell-s-jacksons-residue-years.html?_r=0

and Ifanyi Bell's video inspired by his essay in the latest issue of Oregon Humanities magazine about growing up black in Portland. It's a powerful five-minute video that contemplates loss and hope in Portland's black communities.

<http://oregonhumanities.org/magazine-extras/magazine-extras/video-future-portland/1062/>

Thank you for you time!

Warmly-

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