

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Tristan Tarwater and I live in the Woodstock neighborhood. My family and I live at 5130 SE Ellis Street. We love this neighborhood! We love how we can walk to so many great shops. We love how beautiful the main street looks, even with the construction. We love how we can see Mt. Hood on clear days from my kid's school. We love how many bus lines are available to us, and how nice the people who work in the neighborhood are! Back when my spouse and I were younger, we used to live in Milwaukie and would wish we were getting off the 75 in the Woodstock neighborhood. Now we live here and it's even better!

As someone who loves this neighborhood, it is really my sincerest wish that more people can move to this neighborhood and enjoy it. With housing prices rising, housing demolitions/flips happening left and right and a lack of high density + affordable housing, a lot of great neighborhoods are becoming attainable only to those in higher income brackets. Many of my younger friends who would have been able to afford neighborhoods like Woodstock and Division when I first moved to Portland can only afford to live in the outlying cities/towns and/or have many roommates. In addition, I know lots of people who aren't sure owning a home is for them. I love my house but I know not everyone wants a white picket fence. High density housing means more people to utilize the great businesses that are popping up here, and would hopefully cut down on cars on the road, if people can walk, bike or take the bus easily.

I know not only zoning but housing laws need to be changed in order to get the affordable housing Portland so desperately needs. Please know there is at least one family in the Woodstock neighborhood who would be more than happy to several dozen new neighbors!

Regards,
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