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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Zoning changes in SE Portland

Dear City Staff:

I live on SE 46th Avenue between Stark and Belmont and own my home. My house is new infill (2013) and has a 2500 square foot lot, which appears to match the new zoning proposal.

I am philosophically in favor of increased density in the central city -- we must preserve our farmland and wild places near the city for the well being of human beings as well as other species. However, we must also preserve quality of life for those of us living in the increasingly dense neighborhoods.

I am in favor of the zoning change on my block with the caveat that something needs to be done about the aggressive commuter parking in our neighborhood. It is increasingly difficult for neighbors to park on the street near their homes due to commuter parking, particularly since during weekdays parking is only allowed on one side of the street. I feel that if the city wishes to further increase the housing density, the city should also grant neighborhood parking permits and limits on commuter parking in front of our homes -- otherwise there will be nowhere for my new neighbors to park their vehicles.

I know that philosophically, the City would like more people riding bikes and taking mass transit -- I agree that this is an admirable goal (I commute by bicycle over 80% of my work days), but even regular bike riders are often also car owners and have friends who visit with cars.

At least twice per month, cars are parked in a 5-foot space between my driveway and my neighbors', effectively blocking both driveways. Please take action to allow residents to use on-street parking, rather than having our street just be a parking lot for commuters. It really isn't right!

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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