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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSC Residential Zones Testimony

Hi,

I am writing to formally oppose the zone change of my property from a zone R2.5 to R5 for the following reasons:

1. I am a Portland native - born and raised in Woodstock neighborhood. I don't like that so many people are moving to Portland and I can hardly afford to stay. My mortgage is the same or less than rentals (which are exorbitant). This proposal will decrease the value of my home when I sell it, and I'll be priced out of Portland. This is my home. Yes, Californians will be able to buy my house and knock it down and put two gawdawful, skinny houses up on my lot. Yes, it would make my skin crawl. But I might not have any other choice. I'm a single woman, almost 30, with no reproductive system (thanks, cancer!), I'm not getting married and I will only have one income for the rest of my life. It's horrifying and my reality. Out-of-state money and its ugly houses might be the only thing that allow me to stay.
2. The reasons listed on the notice do not make sense to me. I'm not located in the David Douglas School District and if overcrowding of the David Douglas School District is a concern, then the proposal is not making it any easier for people to leave the district and move to a neighborhood zoned as Portland Public Schools (such as mine).

Thank you for reading my concerns.

Respectfully,
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*If I have omitted any information needed to make this a legitimate testimony, please contact me via email at annerw@gmail.com or phone at 503.887.0430. Thank you.