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Subject: PSC Residential Zones Testimony

We are writing this letter to oppose the city's proposal to change our residential zone from R5 to R2.5. This area is already dense enough with the traffic on Cesar Chavez and Division Streets. Also, within three blocks of our home there is a church, an OHSU facility and Cascade Health; plus an elementary school (Richmond) that is no longer a neighborhood school but rather a charter school that twice a day Monday through Friday wreaks chaos on the streets. In other words, the people driving their children to school do not live in the neighborhood and don't care where they park or how much trash they leave behind. All this I've mentioned diminishes the quality of the neighborhood and what it doesn't need is more multi-dwelling high rises that are basically built for single people who will only live there temporarily until they can find more spacious places. That is not a model for a neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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