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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Comp Plan Residential Zoning Testimony

Dear Planning and Sustainability Commission,

I'm writing in opposition to proposed rezoning in my neighborhood (side streets off SE Chavez between Sherman and Harrison) from R5 to R1.

I live on SE Grant Ct., and I place a high value on maintaining the current character of the neighborhood. Our neighborhood has already had to absorb many multi-family units - on Division, for example, which is only 3 blocks from us. Continuing to squeeze in additional multi-unit buildings at the expense of current single family homes will degrade the character and sense of community we have developed. Also, from an equity perspective, we have as much right to preserving the current character of our neighborhood as do residents of Eastmoreland and Laurelhurst.

There is also a school one block from our house, which creates parking and safety issues, with cars circling the block in search of parking, sometimes with little regard for children and pets. The increased density we have already experienced has made this situation even worse.

In short, we already have a many things going on in our neighborhood. To increase density even more would make current problems with parking and congestion even worse, and would continue to chip away at the character of our neighborhood. For these reasons, I urge you to reconsider the proposed zoning changes.

Thank your for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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