

PSC MIXED USE ZONES TESTIMONY

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I am Libbi Albright. My husband and I own a property at 1427 N. Bryant, 97217. We are strongly in favor of the proposed rezoning. In our case our property will be rezoned from EX to CM3, which allows higher density, particularly for low-income housing.

Portland is obviously booming. People are pouring in, raising home prices and rents for lucky homeowners. But what about the not so lucky ones, the homeless and those who can't afford such high rents?

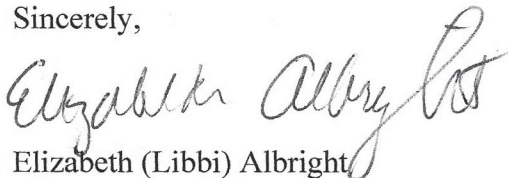
I was originally planning to sell the property this summer. It is one block from the Interstate Fred Meyer's, and a light rail station. But as I spent time at the property, preparing it for sale, I started to get to know the homeless and handicapped people who spend a lot of time near our property. They are some of the kindest, sweetest and uncomplaining people I have ever met, which has given me a lot to think about.

So I've taken our home on Bryant off the market in the hope that we can somehow develop low-income/homeless housing on it. I need to learn who to talk to for more information about possibilities and programs. I have seen some terrific projects, such as one involving micro housing between N.E. Halsey and Broadway, across from Trader Joe's. Perhaps a project like that could fit on our approximately 3,500 sq. ft. lot. I would love to know who the builder/owner/developers are. I am also a big fan of the Orange Splot project across from Peninsula Park.

I believe the best and highest use for our property, with its proximity to Light Rail, Fred Meyer's, and easy access to medical care, such as Kaiser Permanente, would be high-density housing for low income or homeless people. I appreciate any guidance and information you can offer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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