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Testimony for Mixed Use Project
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Sellwood was founded in 1883 with SE 13th at its center. SE Milwaukie has served Portland since the 1840s when settlers made their homes after their long journey on the Oregon Trail. These two streets make up the town center which has been cherished as a pedestrian centered community for over a hundred years. It is a distinct walkable community and in the future should continue to be a distinct walkable community as our city grows. It deserves a design overlay. This is a unique and historic center of town, not one that investors with no stake in the community should be blot with cookie cutter development unsuited to the neighborhood without acknowledging the architectural and communal living history of Sellwood Moreland. Other neighborhoods such as St. Johns, Kenton, Mississippi have a design overlay and SE 13th and Se Milwaukie have earned the same respect.