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**Subject:** Proposed Belmont Street Zoning Change

To the Planning and Sustainability Commission:

I have lived in the Sunnyside neighborhood since 1981: that is over half of my life, and my husband's life, and the entire lives of our two young adult sons (although one is temporarily studying in Eugene). It is crucial to my family and me to retain the character of the Belmont District. That character is part of our Portland culture, and it is also at the heart of our very identity: who we are; where we have chosen to live; how we go about our everyday lives. That essential character will quite literally be DESTROYED by allowing a zoning change that endorses 5-story businesses and 'dwelling units,' as you refer to our houses and apartments, in the Belmont District. In addition, allowing buildings of that height will block out the sun on this narrow street we call home (and the character of which we want to remain as is): that is completely unacceptable. That increased building height would bring with it additional problems: it would markedly increase the population of people living and working here, which may *sound* good, but in reality, it would bring unacceptable stress to the infrastructure on Belmont (sewers; traffic; parking; and noise issues, to name but a few). This is not a solution; it is the creation of a new problem! No, thank you.

I urge the Planning and Sustainability Commission to keep the livability of the SE Belmont Street neighborhood by zoning the 3300 - 3356 SE Belmont Street block CN1 (3 story maximum). I am very opposed to a CN2 designation (5 story), which will ruin this historic block and negatively impact the livability of this wonderful Portland historic neighborhood.

This area is also important as a regional destination for locals and tourists alike because it exemplifies the best of what a vintage Portland neighborhood has to offer. As a regional destination it is important now and in the future for the greater Portland metropolitan economy.

Thank you,

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