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Subject: Composite Zoning Proposal - SE Belmont Street - Historic Block

Planning and Sustainability Commission:

I understand that the public testimony has been re-opened on the proposed new mixed use zoning proposal for the 3300+ block of Southeast Belmont. I strongly support the original staff proposal of CM-1 zoning as opposed to the recent tinkering by the Planning and Sustainability Commission to up-zone it to CM-2. If we continue to obliterate these small parts of our city that give Portland character and make it special, we will be killing the goose that has been laying our golden eggs. Its the special places like our "Downtown Main Street" Belmont that give Portland's neighborhood their sense of community. You are the commission of planning and SUSTAINABILITY. Please remember that sustainability implies a long term perspective. Many developers are in the game for short term profit. It is up to you to balance that goal with what is going to be in the long- term sustainable economic interests of the city. You have a great responsibility. Building (and destroying) for the rich isn't progress or progressive. Constructing systems and environments that produce more winners in society and afford more people the opportunity to thrive is. Don't let us down!

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