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Subject: Zoning changes near Centers and Corridors

I am writing in regard to the proposed zoning changes for residential neighborhoods near (within 1/4 mile of) Centers and Corridors in SE Portland.

Neighborhoods near Centers and Corridors are already taking the brunt of unchecked development along streets like Division, Hawthorne and Belmont.

Giant complexes with no parking are altering our once livable neighborhoods into concrete environments with little to no urban canopy. They are pushing massive amounts of parking into our residential streets, affecting the safety of our residents and the air quality of our neighborhood.

Homeowners in the proposed zone change neighborhoods often chose their location based on a city code that limited the amount of building in their vicinity. Changing the code is a disservice to the taxpayers that relied on these codes in good faith.

Changing the code will result in more rampant demolition of existing livable housing as developers will seek to maximize profit over livability and neighborhood values and character. We have seen the result of unchecked development already. The fallacy that code changes will result in more affordable housing has been proven untrue by recent development throughout Portland.

I urge you to NOT alter the codes that exist in Portland neighborhoods, particularly around Centers and Corridors. These proposed changes will affect most of SE Portland and all of Portland. Promotion of incentives that encourage businesses that would improve walkability and eliminate food-deserts in areas of Portland that currently do not have walkable neighborhoods and livability infra-structure would be a better alternative than imposing more density and hardships on neighborhoods that are already maxed out by development.

The neighborhoods of SE Portland have suffered enough from unchecked development. Please give us a break and help Portland remain the livable, neighborhood-based vibrant city it is.

Thanks you,

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