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Dear Planning and Sustainability Commission Members:

As residents in close proximity to 2438 - 2450 SE Main Street, I oppose the City's proposal to rezone the property from R5 to R2. I oppose this change for the following reasons:

1. The site is at the end of a narrow, dead end street with no ingress/egress for emergency vehicles. Currently garbage trucks have to back up the street to enter and cannot turn around.
2. Currently, the area to be rezoned from R5 to R2 has some grandfathered multiunit dwellings 12-14 units. If this area were to be rezoned, these units would be torn down, the renters displaced, more waste would be sent to the landfill, and new constructions would be more expensive than the current lower cost existing rentals.
3. The area currently has some large old trees that would most likely be cut down or removed, changed in the character of the neighborhood. As well, the environmental impact of less trees in urban areas is well documented, but removal would cause increased heating and cooling costs, lower air quality, increased erosion and more water runoff into the sewer system.
4. A large complex of apartments/condos at 2438 - 2450 SE Main Street will increase noise, traffic and parking problems, not only on SE Main Street, but on the adjacent streets.
5. High-density development will impact the livability/character of the immediate neighborhoods, characteristics that make Inner SE Portland desirable and unique. We believe the high density housing should be kept to the main thoroughfares and the neighborhoods between should be kept as family housing.

Thank you for your consideration,


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