

**From:** [Joel Soltman](#)  
**To:** [Besley, David](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Appeal - request to speak in support of the project @ 2778 NW Thurman  
**Date:** Monday, April 3, 2023 11:53:12 AM

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Thanks I will try to make the meeting also, but here is my written statement:

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It is clear from the two appeal submissions that my neighbors don't like change. They don't think of the upside to the neighborhood, to the community, to the city, but only of the immediate negative impact this potential development could create on themselves. Reading their appeals, it is clear to me that they are hiding behind the required zoning variations requested to actually just act as general impediments to this development.

Let's go on a hypothetical, what if this development had been entirely within zoning codes, but there was still a right of appeal. Would these two appeals still have occurred? I'm almost certain the answer is "yes" since these appeals are not about the specific infractions but rather about the general dislike of this development bringin "unwelcome noise, smells and overflow diners" onto the sidewalk.

Even just considering this appeal is going to certainly drive away the next developer who wants to get bold, creative, and helpful in fixing this city's chronic housing issues and deal with an overly paternalistic building code. Do the right thing and let this approval go through.

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On Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 5:58 PM Besley, David <[David.Besley@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:David.Besley@portlandoregon.gov)> wrote:

Hi Joel,

Thank you for reaching out. You and any other supporters of the proposal are welcome/encouraged to attend the meeting and vocalize your views. The approximate schedule is as follows:

- Hearing presentation order:
  - Staff (10 minutes )
  - Appellant (10 minutes )
  - Supporters of Appellant (2 minutes each)
  - Principal opponent of the appeal (15 minutes)
  - Other opponents of the appeal (2 minutes each)**
  - Appellant rebuttal (5 minutes)