

The Housing Production Strategy is Portland's opportunity to take bold action to upzone our inner neighborhood with access to the best amenities, transit, and job opportunities. Since we banned new apartments in most of these neighborhoods in 1981, housing prices have rocketed making these high-opportunity areas increasingly off-limits to low-income and communities of color.

Instead of studying this issue as proposed in Section C1, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability should launch a project to increase access and equity to these neighborhoods by relegalizing apartments. The HPS needs to recognize that we are in a housing and affordability crisis and respond accordingly. Upzoning the inner eastside of Portland is the first of many necessary steps to address this crisis.