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To the City of Portland, and the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:

I write this testimony to you in reference to the proposed land use changes that will devastatingly impact my home at 4223 SE 136th Ave, Space #3, in Portland.

My spouse, Janell, and I reside in a small, quiet and clean manufactured home park called Marcy Manor. We are an immaculately-maintained and tucked away park consisting of nine manufactured homes, as well as two single family homes which share property at the front of the park. We are a hardworking, friendly and diverse group of people, who have grown together and taken much pride in the beautiful living space we are privileged to call our own.

We love the city of Portland, and we love where we live. We have seen improvements made in our neighborhood – changes that positively affect our security, stability and wellness, such as the installation of sidewalks between Powell and Holgate, as well as improvements to Gates Park and Powell Butte nature reserve, including expanded parking and improved trails.

We love Marcy Manor. We foster homes that are very well-maintained, and very well-loved. We mow our lawns, paint our houses, improve our properties, create garden and other beautiful exterior areas, feed our flowers, walk our dogs, play with our children, wave to our neighbors, and take pride in the gift and responsibility of home ownership.

I implore you not to pass this land use proposal, which will desecrate our living space, and will fundamentally and literally displace us as Portlanders.

We all live in manufactured homes that are lovely, well-cared for, and affordable for us. We choose this style of living for various reasons. I am a recent college graduate with highest honors, and am now an intern behavioral health counselor. I work toward the betterment of our city, helping to serve those who suffer from addictions and have experienced homelessness and marginalization. If this land use change proposal is passed, my spouse and I ourselves will be rendered homeless. We have worked diligently to improve our financial circumstances, and are working toward becoming debt-free and fiscally sustainable. We do not have a savings safety net. We do not have other options. We are paying a mortgage responsibly and ethically, and in a timely manner, but we do not have the credit or resources to qualify for another home loan or mortgage financing. Please do not displace us.

With this passed land use change, you will be displacing 11 Portland families. We are families you may have seen at the grocery store, or smiled at as you dined on your dinner. You may have been served by us. You will be displacing three retirees, including a retired

DHS worker and a retired production worker. You will be displacing two people who are on disability. You will be displacing a family who has come from Romania, who have worked diligently and with integrity toward their realization of the American Dream. You will be displacing my spouse and me. You will be displacing a small business owner. You will be displacing a single mother of four. You will be displacing our new neighbors, who excitedly purchased their new home just four months ago. You will be displacing a small Latino family with three young children, as well as a Latino family with a recent high school graduate, and a son finishing high school. You will be forcing us out of our homes, and out of the space we have come to dearly love and care for.

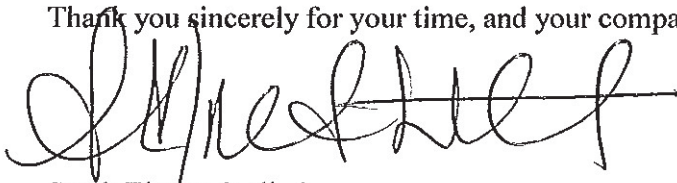
My neighbor Ishmael just put on a brand new and beautiful roof last month. Terry, a recent retiree who is disabled, has been working to improve his landscaping and patio area. Vince expanded his garage to better fit his rig which enables him to work and provide for his family. Rick just hand-built a new work shed. We just rebuilt the wall of our carport and storage shed. Andi and Stuart have been working to beautify their landscaping, as well as reclaim their home after relocating from Forest Grove. Their home at 4223 SE 136th Ave. had been a rental, until they moved in because of changes in employment and financial resources. This move has been a necessity and blessing for them. They are the original landowners of a large portion of Marcy Manor. To be displaced, for them and all of us would be an absolutely terrifying nightmare. My partner and I worked on our hands and knees this summer, doing landscaping and putting in a beautiful garden arbor. We remodeled two rooms this past year, shedding blood, sweat and tears.

We've all shed blood, sweat, and tears here in Marcy Manor. We are deeply proud of our homes, deeply proud to be home owners, and deeply proud to be SE Portlanders.

I implore you not to pass this proposed land use change, which would have devastating ramifications for me, my spouse, and our neighbors. We implore you to respect our autonomy, and be mindful of our circumstances and limited means. We implore you to allow us to continue to thrive in our beautiful city, which we all strive to do.

Please allow us residents of Marcy Manor to continue to live, grow and flourish, as we continue to invest and sustain beautiful, economical, and secure living spaces we can call our own.

Thank you sincerely for your time, and your compassionate and thoughtful consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Elayne Stoll & Janell Evon Royer'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Sarah Elayne Stoll, &
Janell Evon Royer,
Residents of Marcy Manor