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To: Hales, Mayor; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Fish; Novick, Steve

Subject: Draft West Quadrant Plan:

I was brought up in New York city for the early part of my life. We happily escaped to L.A. during my childhood and moved because of high rise developers and urban sprawl. We escaped from L.A. and are now happily living in Portland. Please pass an ordinance limiting the height of buildings to a realistic 100'. I'm getting too old to move again.

Please be very careful with our wonderful city. I see some of the city planning errors taking place here that happened in the L.A. area. We must realize that developers will "redevelop" the entire city if there are no restraints no matter how attractive the picture that they paint for us. They usually have the best "picture painters" that money can buy while the public sector has limited resources.

Most cities of any importance in Europe (Paris, Istanbul, Venice, Florence etc.) do not allow older historic buildings to be razed. They must be upgraded to preserve the character of the city. I think it would be appropriate for Portland to consider a limited approach similar to this. We have a good start on this idea. Let's not blow it.

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