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Please consider history and neighborhood life as well as economics!

Clearly, developers want to develop. Presumably there is also the idea that development creates jobs and that more people create more jobs and that all of that benefits our economy.

Maybe, however, that approach to economic well-being could be weighed against the quality of life exemplified by the historical legacy represented in buildings that attest to visions which have brought people to our city in the past; by the trees, flowers, green spaces and attention to ambience that make strolling downtown so wonderful; by the variety of people that inhabit the area and reflect the values of this city; and by the commitment to the uniqueness of this fair city that has so far anyway prevented it from turning into a big-city, high-rise metropolis which looks and feels like every other big-city, high-rise metropolis and has little character of its own.

Perhaps uniqueness and preservation of the qualities which define Portland also make for substantial economic well-being.

Sincerely,

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