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I am disheartened to see the suggested rezoning for our property at 2333 SE 45th Ave., in addition to the surrounding neighborhood. The current zoning for the area is R5 and the proposed zoning is R2.5. The incidence of demolition and rebuilding that is occurring in the inner SE area is staggering. As it is currently, structurally sound homes are being torn down to make way for double or sometimes triple the number of homes on a single lot. Neighbors are losing sunlight, privacy and mature trees. Sometimes there are erosion issues. Neighborhood character is at risk. The proposed rezoning will only amplify the potential for growth. Part of what makes the city a desirable place to live is its distinct neighborhoods with their charm and quirks, but we are slowly (and sometimes somewhat rapidly) losing that. I understand that there is a finite amount of space in this city, but I also think it is short sided to rezone the area to allow for even more development.

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