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**Subject:** PSC Residential Zones Testimony

Hello,

March 23, 2016

My name is Mark Berreman, I live at 4350 SE 42nd avenue in Portland Oregon 97206.

**I oppose changing zoning from R5 to R2.5 within 2 blocks of SE 42nd avenue between SE Powell Blvd and SE Holgate Blvd.**

When I purchased my home I did not envision a crowded neighborhood since most properties are zoned R5, a primary reason I bought in this neighborhood. I sought my current home due to decent lots sizes so that I may enjoy a normal density neighborhood with easy available on street parking and good traffic patterns in my area.

With the proposed zoning change the density would eliminate easy on street parking availability, increase traffic and make the neighborhood busier, more crowded and certainly more unsafe.

A few years ago the city eliminated 50% of the parking on the street to put in a bike lane... this made parking availability the bare minimum for homes in this area

Currently, on street parking is only available on the East side of SE 42nd avenue in our area due to a bike lane... I fear any more changes to zoning will overwhelm parking, causing very cramped quarters and reduced visibility among other problems.

I believe that further increasing density will make it unsafe to bike, drive and walk in my neighborhood as the area will become too busy, especially on SE 42nd avenue as it will have increased traffic.

Higher density zoning changes will negatively impact my neighborhood in the following ways:

1. Increase vehicle, pedestrian and bike traffic
2. Greatly reduce available on street parking to the point of not having enough to accommodate basic needs
3. Change values of the existing lots/homes significantly
4. Cause additional congestion
5. Reduce safety and visibility of bikes, vehicles and pedestrians due to cramped on street parking and increased congestion

Please reconsider the zoning changes and keep it as-is within 2 blocks of SE 42nd avenue between Powell Blvd and SE Holgate Blvd, if re-zoning passes please consider blocking off access to SE Holgate Blvd from SE 42nd avenue to prevent unsafe conditions, congestion and increased noise.

Please keep Portland livable...

Thank you,

Mark Berreman