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To Whom it May Concern,

I am watching my neighborhood become slowly decimated by cheap homes that do not fit the age and architecture and feel of the neighborhood; I am watching the streets of downtown darken as more and more high rise buildings block the sun.

I grew up in Detroit, and can tell you from experience that the darkening of the downtown Detroit streets was one of the tangential causes for the decline of that great city. The darkened street corridors brought less patronage by residents because the 'feel' of downtown changed; then more crime moved in. Slowly, slowly, downtown Detroit became a wasteland after 6 pm. There are complex reasons for what happened in my home town, but losing the feel of a neighborhood, or a downtown, were contributors.

So in that spirit, I am writing to say that I oppose rezoning Portland Nursery to all commercial, and I oppose up-zoning the empty lot on the NE corner of SE 60th and Belmont to allow four story buildings.

In addition, I encourage you to think carefully about what you are creating downtown with the plethora of skyscrapers. Don't damage our downtown experience.

And I absolutely insist on something being done immediately to curb the shoddy, out of sync housing, apartments and condos that are being built in our beautiful, old neighborhoods!

Please represent, and act, on the citizen's wishes!

Thank you,

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