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Planning and Sustainability Commission 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100 Portland, OR 97201-5380

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Eliot Neighborhood Association (ENA), I am writing to reaffirm that our proposal to down-zone properties in residential Eliot from R2 to R2.5 is based on the assurances that we have received about the properties not being wholly reassessed as a part of this process. It is our understanding that properties that are being down-zoned from R2 to R2.5 will be taxed as if no change has occurred. If this is not the case, The ENA is opposed to the rezoning and this effort should revert to the existing conditions for these affected properties.

If the Multnomah County cannot guarantee that the zone change from R2 to R2.5 to properties in the Eliot Neighborhood will not trigger reassessments of properties then the ENA Land Use Committee withdraws its support of the change in zoning and wishes that all of these properties would remain in the R2 zone. The ENA is strongly opposed to wholesale reassessment and are concerned that this would cause displacement of existing residents.

Sincerely,

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