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Hello

I would like to express strong support for a design overlay in the Sellwood-Moreland area in SE Portland. We fell in love with this area of Portland in large part because of the clear roots and history of Portland that it held and still displayed and lived every day. We have never felt so very connected to a neighborhood as we do here. It is literally like a main street in an old town. There is so much awareness and involvement from the community. Because it is so walkable, familiarity amongs neighbors is not just those to 1-2 houses up or down the block...it is many people for many blocks. We worked extremely hard to get into this area because we have children and this is a place where we feel that children can be safe walking and biking with parents or friends. That is priceless these days. Soon after buying our house, we began watching houses be torn down and another three times it size being erected. And then as we take our normal walk we have come across 2 (soon to be three) new apartment complexes that bring many more residents and seemingly no parking or consideration for impact in terms of our community. I then heard of buyers buying homes to turn into rentals or Air B & Bs. Within months of buying are house we got request from investors with offers to buy it from us. It felt empty as does much of the new planning. I previously lived in north Portland, where certainly some of the new development work had some gentrification effects that are tough to accept. Still, there was a consideration for the communities in which development was occurring. We deserve that input here too...we deserve the consideration for an area of town founded so very long ago that has worked hard to retain it's historical character.

Thank you for your time, consideration and respect

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