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To Whom It May Concern:

Sellwood is today a "hot" neighborhood. We are attracting a lot of attention from people looking to make money from developing our landscape and common space. Most of the people buying up property here do not live here, do not know our neighborhood, nor do they seem to care. We are seeing very ugly buildings going up (maximize profit, I guess) that not only do not blend with the neighborhood, they CLASH WITH EACH OTHER. We live here and we should not be subjected to the bad taste and carelessness of developers. These buildings will be here for the rest of my life and the lives of my children. We should be able to have a say AT LEAST on how these buildings look and function in OUR landscape.

Sellwood was founded in 1883 with SE 13th at its center. SE Milwaukie has served Portland since the 1840s when settlers made their homes after their long journey on the Oregon Trail. These two streets make up the town center which has been cherished as a pedestrian centered community for over a hundred years. It is a distinct walkable community and in the future should continue to be a distinct walkable community as our city grows. It deserves a design overlay. This is a unique and historic center of town, not one that investors with no stake in the community should be blot with cookie cutter development unsuited to the neighborhood without acknowledging the architectural and communal living history of Sellwood Moreland. Other neighborhoods such as St. Johns, Kenton, Mississippi have a design overlay and SE 13th and Se Milwaukie have earned the same respect.

Best Regards,

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