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Planning and Sustainability Chair

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SUBJ: PSC Mixed Use Zones Testimony

DATE: May 17, 2016

Dear Ms Schultz:

This will be very short. We oppose the downsizing from CM-2 to CM-1 proposed in the "Low Rise Commercial Storefront Areas" in the blocks SE 33rd-SE 38th along SE Division.

We own a home just off Division and have lived here for about 20 years. The changes we have seen along Division in the past few years have been extraordinary, needed, and wonderful. The area is beginning to be the vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, easy to access community we want to live in. There needs to be an increase in density and this area along Division is the ideal location.

We are not a "streetcar suburb." We are in the heart of Portland where people want to live with access to all kinds of transportation. The area, the street needs the ability to build high for the benefit of the community, the future people who will come here and for the city of Portland.

Thank you.