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I am writing to say that I support increasing building height limits in the Central City. I think 460 feet is not high enough in some areas. As long as effort is made to keep a compact urban form and street level retail and mixed uses to keep the Central City vibrant, I see no reason that taller building heights would detract from our quality of life here. Downtown should have an exciting skyline and not just a hodge-podge of mid-rise buildings punctuated by 3-4 taller towers built decades earlier that are considered "non conforming" under the current scheme. As far as maintaining views, a dynamic skyline is a significant part of our views that frame Mt. Hood. Thank you for adopting policy that encourages greater building heights in the Central City 2035 Plan and not limiting them.

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