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Destroying historic districts is not the answer to Oregon's affordable housing problem. Developers who have gained a foothold in historic Eastmoreland in Portland have not used the residential 2.5 zoning to build affordable housing. They have used it to split existing lots, with large green spaces around historic homes, into narrow lots holding tall, narrow, million-plus dollar homes that are driving property values higher, demolition by demolition.

House Speaker Tina Kotek has criticized Eastmoreland residents as NIMBYs, but many of us who have lived in this area for years and are retired are now struggling with ever rising property taxes due to developer greed. HB 2007 should be rewritten to respect Oregon history, to protect aged residents from being displaced from the homes that they love by rising property taxes due to infill, and to force developers to build cottages that middle class families can afford, rather than many-storey mansions that only make areas like Eastmoreland less affordable to the average Oregonian.

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