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To: JWMNR Exhibits
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Hello

I am opposed to HB 2007 as currently written. It removes the last remaining tool for the Laurelhurst neighborhood to protect its architectural integrity. As the longest serving Board member serving today, I can tell you that the integrity of the physical assets is essential to the character not just of our neighborhood, but to the City and the State. This position has been expressed by the neighborhood repeatedly over several decades.

Thje LNA Board supports "Density without Demolition". We have so stated in communications to Portland on the Residential Infill Project (June, 2016) in support of both internal divisions and for ADUs. Accordingly, I believe the following edits to HB 2007 would provide the ability to increase density while not allowing for the destruction of the historical character of Laurelhurst.

Section 7(5)(a) ..... may not prohibit the building of a duplex, <u>which can be satisfied by either the new construction of a duplex or the internal division of an existing single family residential dwelling into a duplex</u>, or an accessory dwelling unit in an area.....

Delete Section 6 (4)(a)(B), or add language to ensure that no prohibitions on National Historic Districts would take effect until the City of Portland authorizes a Local Historic District option with requirements for local approval at no more than 50% of property owners.

Without these commonsense improvements, HB 2007 will miss the diversity of types of neighborhoods throughout the State of Oregon.

Sincerely
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