

Hi- I oppose HB2001. It will destroy the current quality of housing and quality of life in Portland and other cities. Owner occupied housing is a source of pride, community and the upkeep a driving force in our economy. Pride of owning in the house you live in changes neighborhoods for the better or keeps them good. If you own, you are there for the long haul and will participate and contribute to the neighborhood to make it and keep it good (not to mention the house itself)- you have a stake in the place. When you allow duplexes, triplexes and 4plexes – those are all rentals that are owned by someone else that just cares about “how much rent I can get”. If it doesn’t work out, they quickly sell the investment and go elsewhere. The next owner buys it based on the rent they think they can get and fixes it if money allows. The area (no longer can be considered a neighborhood) quickly declines and there is a flight to the suburbs, as what happened in the 60’s and 70’s in Portland. Home ownership declines and the whole area becomes nothing but rentals. With HB2001 you will get current housing demolished, rental multi-plexes built and the city will decline. The millennials may tell you they want to live in this kind of housing, but will move out as quickly as their parents did when it declines.

So the real question here is do you want to stay with what has made the place so desirable in the first place- Single Family Owner Occupied or change- deconstruct and build rental multiplexes. Seems a simple choice to me., Vote NO on HB2001.

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