

My wife and I oppose the arbitrary statewide upzoning of properties close to mass transit! We've watched as the neighborhoods around us (we are lifelong Oregonians, mostly here in SE Portland) have been overrun by greedy developers who have no sense of community or neighbor appeal and resist any input. They are destroying livability through profit motives that the City is condoning (not regulating properly). They both say this is supporting affordability but what I see being built primarily around us are much larger and more expensive homes than what previously existed and were torn down to increase profitability for the developer. This does nothing but to anger neighbors as large homes are being built to overshadow the existing homes around them. This is causing greater tensions among neighbors and causing us to seriously consider abandoning the city we once loved! The reason that the city and neighborhoods like ours are desirable are because of the thoughtful planning that has gone in to building them with citizen input! Stop mandating changes without adequate input from those it affects!

Sincerely,

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