

SB 10 is a poorly conceived and over-reaching housing policy which is clearly a giveaway to developers. The unique charm and livability of Portland is already disappearing before our eyes.

We have lived in Portland since 1989 and love it here. But during the past 5 years, the uptick in demolitions and the explosion of huge, cheap, unattractive apartments sandwiched onto small lots, has tarnished the appeal of many areas. Increased housing will be necessary. But just slapping up a torrent of buildings without regard to architectural integrity, environmental quality or longterm livability, is a fool's errand.

We must prioritize healthy community-centric neighborhoods. That means gradual growth which can adequately accommodate a reasonable number of new inhabitants (and places to park their vehicles!), without overcrowding and destroying the community that already lives there!

Please go forward with positive regard for the history of neighborhoods. Home-owners have invested their livelihoods in neighborhoods that appeal to them. SB 10 essentially changes the rules in a way that potentially undercuts homeowners property values by destroying the character of existing neighborhoods, allowing uncontrolled growth.

SB 10 is a destructive choice for Portland's future. Please do not support it.

Sincerely,
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