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As co-chair of the Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association of Eugene, and also a member of the Eugene Sustainability Commission, writing today as an individual, I support affordable housing that is not to the detriment of the livability and historic character of Oregon R-1 neighborhoods.

This of course means preserving greenery – the shrubs, trees, grassy areas, and gardens which provide habitat for urban wildlife, clean the airshed, provide cooling in summer, and provide a break against fire.

New housing can be zoned in a way that utilizes existing inventory of lands and unimproved lots.

Whenever possible, smaller workforce housing units should be weatherized and modernized rather than torn down for new construction.

New construction requires an exorbitant amount of energy and a corresponding spike in greenhouse gases. Action that preserves our environment and reduces greenhouse gas expenditure is required to support future generations of Oregonians.

Best Regards,
Ralph McDonald



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