

Submitter: Mary Anne Spradlin
On Behalf Of: 2
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure: HB3589

My name is Mary Anne Spradlin. I own and live in the beautiful home at 1547 Chemeketa Street NE in the heart of the Court-Chemeketa Residential Historic District. Prior to living in this house I owned and lived at 712 High Street SE, in the heart of the Gaiety Hill-Bush's Pasture Park Residential Historic District here in Salem. Both of these houses are registered historic properties. The residential historic districts were formed not just to protect the homes they contain but also to protect the neighborhoods them selves. A neighborhood is not just a group of houses, it's the people who live in these houses as well. Our neighbors are people we know and care about, in the best of situations they are our friends and people we enjoy spending time with. They're often like extended family. Every time a non-owner occupied short term rental is approved in the neighborhood the opportunity for a real neighbor to live in the house is lost. A piece of the fabric of community is eliminated. Both of these historic neighborhoods are small and highly desirable. We're close to downtown, the Capitol and the state offices, Salem Health and Willamette University. People want to be here. These neighborhoods need to be protected, they deserve to be protected. Please help to protect our neighborhoods by voting yes on HB 3589.