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I strongly support SB949, because it is vital that affordable and mixed-use housing for families are available in North and Northeast Portland. This project will provide much needed housing for low-income residence, as well as community services and space for commercial businesses. Currently, due to the lack of affordable housing, underserved members of the community have been forced out of the Portland area. This project offers 644 affordable housing units and also supports Governor Kotek's mission to increase housing each year. It would provide former residents housing close to where they now work, shop, and enjoy entertainment. Also, it would alleviate the need for emergency housing and support victims of domestic violence, as well as provide childcare. SEI has had successful outcomes with previous projects for low-income residents providing 252 units at Alberta Alive: The Ronnie Herndon Building, The Paul and Geneva Knauls Building for Veterans, and The Darrell Milner Building. As a Portland resident I urge lawmakers to pass SB949 because affordable housing is critically needed in our city and state