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· People who live in a neighborhood deserve to be informed of imminent changes in their adjacent area. I oppose the language in HB 2138 with amendments to SECTION 20. ORS 197.365 that states, in part, (the City) shall provide notice of the decision to the applicant but may not require that notice be given to any other person. I support SB 737 as submitted by Senator Sara Gelser- Blouin, which expands the radius for giving neighbors notice of proposed Middle Housing land division. Note: Unless I'm mistaken, this "expansion" returns notice to 300 feet, where it was, prior to rules regarding Middle Housing. Incorporating changes made in SB 737 is important for both the Cities, which fear lawsuits if they keep residents informed, and residents who feel the State is paving over their rights. Where I live in North Albany, we've experienced firsthand the shock and betrayal of Not receiving notice, when a development proposing 22 homes was suddenly changed to 80 town-homes. (I would further submit that people deserve a good deal more than "notice" and ought not have such huge changes forced upon them without recourse). Thank you.