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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB974

I oppose removing Design Review as proposed in the SB974 –1 Amendment “Section 12 (5)” on page 10 and “Section 13 (5)” on page 11.

Design Review in Portland supports the goals and policies of Portland’s Comprehensive Plan, specifically Goals 3 and 4 which require the creation of complete, healthy and well-connected neighborhoods.

Design Review in Portland ensures development promotes a vibrant streetscape and waterfront, which is vital to Portland’s economic recovery that Portlanders desperately need and want, especially in downtown.

Design Review in Portland ensures development is resilient and will be lasting.

Design Review in Portland strengthens areas by guiding development to improve visibility, safety and access to and within the public realm, supporting vibrant places designed for people.

Design Review in Portland supports development that builds on context, contributes to the public realm, and provides high quality and resilient buildings and public spaces.