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The solution to the current housing crisis is NOT to decrease the livability in our most populous city by removing one of the most critical sources of green infrastructure in the city! Not only do trees prevent heat islands (which is especially important with the worsening extreme heat events each summer), and remove air pollutants from the air, they also have a demonstrable positive effect on the emotional and mental health of community members. Furthermore, Portland is known for and has prided itself on being a "green city" in the lush, forest PNW. We need to protect our pride and sense of identity and invest in our values – including our wonderful trees and neighborhoods.