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I am a 59 year old Portland Native and have lived, and wished in Portland my whole life. I've seen my community go through drastic changes some tragic, some terrific. But have always stood together and that's not about to change now. The need for affordable housing is evident by what we clearly see on the streets. There are whole families and homeless teens that have been historically houseless that want and need a place of their own. Not a hand out but a hand up. I hear my city ALWAYS talking about how important the family is and when families thrive, the city thrives. It's time to prove that, that's actually what you believe. Because Tents in the streets, full homeless shelters and camps say something completely different. The proof is in the projects approve and don't approve. Thank you for your time and your consideration in this matter.