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I object to eliminating the design and review process. I live in the Mt Tabor neighborhood and I walk, a lot. There are many, many new and ugly buildings on the east side of Portland, where there is no design/review. By contrast, on the West side, with design/review, while not all building are beautiful, there seems to be a floor under how bad they can be: most are decent, some are exceptional, and very few are horrors. There are better ways to reduce the cost of new construction.
I also think there is an economic case that can be made for retaining our beautiful neighborhoods. How many Californians, New Yorkers, etc have moved to Portland because of the beauty of Portland.