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One of the great things that makes Oregon different in a positive way is our distinct land use planning laws. Visit other states and things look different here

One thing that is not different from our peer cities on the west coast is a housing crisis. If we compare results, we can easily see that our land use laws are not the explanation for affordable housing shortage. It is very tempting to think that just making more land available is the answer. I ask you to look at Seattle or Sacramento. San Francisco LA or San Diego. All communities that have reduced quality of life due to sprawl.

Let's us build smarter and smaller and embrace preservation of forest and farm land and open space for recreation. These are Oregon values

The pressure to end our unique land use planning laws has unfortunately come from do good liberals who feel they have found a magic solution to affordable housing and from profit motivated conservatives who care little about promoting real solutions

Think about it. We will never regret preserving open space. Once developed we will never see it as open space in the future

Scores of old retail spaces and shopping malls could be converted to housing without sprawl and adverse effects on our inadequate transportation infrastructure

Please vote no and preserve Oregon

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