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I OPPOSE REMOVING DESIGN REVIEW as proposed in the SB974-1 Amendment, Section 12(5) on page 10 of the bill and Section 13(5) on page 11.

As critical as the need for housing is at this moment, housing exists in a community context and across a span of time. Design Review is critical to ensure the use of appropriate materials, energy efficiency, cost effectiveness, affordability and long-term livability, as well as coherent neighborhoods which promote neighborliness, responsibility, financial and cultural investment, and a sense of pride and place and connection to the larger community. Keep Design Review and keep the quality of life Portland has been known for.