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## Fwd: Munjoy Hill

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Munjoy Hill comment for the file.

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Jeff

I can't make the meeting tonight, but I am glad that something is being done about what is happening on Munjoy Hill. As a Realtor and a lifelong Portland resident (who grew up on India Street before it was fashionable), I am appalled at what is being done on India Street ("Little Italy" as we called it), and "the Hill". Many of the buildings being built have no architectural integrity at all - many look like shipping containers turned on their side. This might be the trend in New York, but it is not the New England architecture that we all love. These high rise condo buildings are ruining the neighborhood feel - and are displacing longtime Portland residents who can't afford the pricey homes and condos being built.

When the zone changes to the R-6 zone were implemented a few years ago, I voiced my objection to this to the City Council to no avail. How do you allow zero clearance? How does a homeowner even access the side of their building to do maintenance work without encroaching on the neighbor's land? The lot sizes are so small it forces the developer to build up to recoup the land cost. This has to stop. The zone restrictions need to be changed back to what they were a couple of years ago.

Thanks.

Jean Russo