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City's zoning change proposal

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Dear Mr. Dundon,

I live on Quebec Street on Munjoy Hill and I am appalled at the ugly, oversized buildings destroying the beauty, liveability and environment here. Trees, green spaces, and beautiful old buildings are being destroyed. My neighboring Merrill Street seems to be a "throw away" street! Have you walked the streets here? Do you see for yourself what is happening?

I completely agree with the Greater Portland Landmarks carefully, professionally examined points.

1. Begin the historic designation process.
2. Discourage demolitions - amend the dimensional standards so that the scale and mass of a project's context is taken into account when determining the maximum dimensions allowed (remembering that just because one building is tall does not mean that all the buildings in the area should be tall, and block out light and views!)
3. Have an alternative design option with the reviews conducted by the Historic Preservation Board.
4. Have an 18 month demolition delay that includes public notice and comment (which should be listened to and influential).
5. Remove language on non-conforming building extensions that would apply citywide from the discussion of R-6 zoning on Munjoy Hill to allow time for substantive review and comment by the public in other areas of the city.

Thank you for your consideration to these points. I know that the job before you is difficult and I appreciate your serious, thoughtful, and sensitive examination of the issues.

Sincerely
Elizabeth Streeter