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*Our mission: To support Lake Oswego's historic fabric through advocacy and education.*

A Seattle wedding and a Philadelphia funeral — what do these two ceremonies have in common? There's the woman who tried to save an abandoned Seattle warehouse by marrying it and the funeral held for a vernacular Philadelphia townhouse prior to demolition. Both of these ceremonies were intended to honor buildings that were an integral part of their communities.

Why are people willing to invest time and money in such unorthodox, and potentially useless, acts? The only answer is that buildings matter. Places matter. Humble, grand, and everything in between. Buildings house our personal and collective memories.

Structures that shaped these memories all too often meet an unfortunate end. Let's prevent these tragedies from being enacted on a statewide stage, in conflict with Oregon's planning Goal 5 as well as preservation efforts throughout our local communities.

Every current and future Oregonian should have the opportunity to experience, enjoy, and be enriched by these buildings. Main Street buildings are an integral part of our unique heritage. As Richard Moe, the former president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation put it, "There may have been a time when preservation was about saving an old building here and there, but those days are gone. Preservation is in the business of saving communities and the values they embody."

Please support the Revitalize Main Street Act, SB 565.

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*We see a future in our past.*