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Historic homes are what give Portland it's unique character - we are a city of neighborhoods and those neighborhoods are defined by the history and architecture of its historic homes. There is no reason why we as a city cannot support affordable housing while also preserving historic homes. Demolition also impacts the quality of life of neighbors with noise.

Another point I want to make is that environmentalism and social issues such as fair housing and quality of life always go hand in hand. If we are going to create a future of fair housing we need a habitable planet to do so on. Preservation is, of course, the more environmentally friendly choice in comparison to demolition. And as mentioned before, the quality of life and character of this city are of utmost importance to its residents, myself obviously included. Communities are becoming harder to build and maintain, and the historic homes and the stories of the families who have lived there really matter