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Years ago a friend of mine referred to 'the slums of tomorrow', poorly (often cheaply) designed and constructed buildings that were changing her neighborhood. Portland is predominately composed of neighborhoods that were built 1900-1970. Change is inevitable and necessary, but we ought to consider context in our design decisions. Portland has such reviews in place and these should be protected. We should ask who and why there are those who would remove these reviews. Do these reviews take more time? Sure. Do they result in better/complimentary construction? Likely. Better more attractive new construction can sell for more than cheap/max out the zoning projects.

We all deserve to live in pleasant neighborhoods. Obviously that isn't currently the case. Providing opportunities to degrade neighborhoods doesn't seem like the best way to improve our neighborhoods and cities.

Thank you.