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We need to make extant housing affordable&we need public housing as the failures of the market have proven with the scattered,shattered lives of millions upon millions of Americans here in the US.There is so much empty housing serving as financial assets in investment portfolios of hedge fund&permanent capital cretins who care nothing for our town instead of as direly needed shelter for Americans.These unnecessary anonymous office buildings&homogeneously hideous petrochemical yuppie kennel condos intentionally priced out of financial reach of the workforce aren't making housing more accessible by the developers of mediocrity(ever unhelpful and undesirable to the taxpayer residents by"adding to supply"or affordability,but to the contrary&our collective detriment,are directly causing housing to be more expensive and,of course,less attainable as they artificially inflate the market that then causes cost of living to skyrocket).Actual houses should be affordable for everyone as a societal standard with an economy that isn't allowed to rob people of it.Tasteful design is important for our psychological wellbeing.Supply&demand oversimplification is a false narrative frequently used as a disingenuous ploy of price gouging corporate slumlords&profiteering developers of blight who knock down our cherished structures&affordable housing stock to then exploit tenants mercilessly.Simply building more just isn't the answer whether the soft handed loons of unearned wealth that comprise the plutocracy like it or not.We cannot outbuild the greed of rentier capitalism.Allowing society to regress into another gilded age by allowing feudalism to exist in modern day America is pathetic&we need to evolve beyond an economy that cancerously consumes society.The entire city could be nothing but the tacky garbage housing being forced on us at infinite stories high&it'd still be unaffordable to most real people.Housing is supposed to shelter people,not exploitative profits.We need rent caps. We need council housing.Housing,in a humane,sane society,is for people having homes; the manifest purpose of housing is not for plutocratic investment.It's errant&always socially destructive to allow societal necessities to be commodified&exploited as consumerist products. Walkable spaces decluttered of cars w/ neighborhoods&thoroughfares decongested.Special places of unique character,precious space not wasted on parking,family and friends not dying behind the wheel or under them,citizens not being forced into car ownership just to have adequate transportation,communities not segregated&ironically cut off by streets,fostering a pleasant urban ambiance while being dutiful stewards of our environment,becoming better than the racist Robert Moses redlining that harms marginalized people every moment of every day w/o conscious awareness perniciously hiding in plain sight while serving as a physical structural barrier against meritorious equity of opportunity of an egalitarian society.It's unacceptable to

condone this tangibly oppressive manifestation of systemic bigotry shamefully inherent in the infrastructure which constitutes our city in an immediately impactful manner&will continue to w/ongoing perpetuity w/o our purposeful actions to end it and create something superior&sustainable,especially in a city that pretends to be exalted on such issues.The ruination of our electric interurban railways and streetcar/trolley routes,networks,grid&lines along w/ much of our best beloved structures for automobiles,then further annihilation of Portland for the sake of vulture investment profits is going to take real focused&enduring commitment to fix&making it easier for its continued ruination will only make it worse.Anyone advocating for policies towards further turning poortbland boregon into a dump of mediocrity should be removed from their position on the grounds of abdication of duty w/ prejudice.We need sociological knowledge&imagination at the forefront.Let's be heroes.