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I strongly oppose the allowance of autonomous vehicles in Portland. not only are they a danger to our community, but they are the opposite direction our city needs to go when it comes to accessible transportation. The city needs to be funding more public transportation, rather than leaving it to the private sector, which notoriously comes with unregulated conditions and higher prices for the consumer. While I see others are happy about the benefits to seniors and those with medical transportation needs, this again is something that the city should be supporting. Private companies will exploit these groups, and their monopoly will allow for their own price settings and circumstances. It is wrong to consent on behalf of the entire city to have these cars on our streets. We need to be focusing on environmentally conscious and community focused solutions rather than this shiny new toy that does nothing for our city's progress.