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Joy Place

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I am unable to attend the planning board meeting tonight but have been to numerous previous meetings about this same proposal. So I would like to state in writing yet again my concerns. While Portland keeps reiterating the need for affordable housing this proposal gives us only 1 out of 12 units of so-called "affordable" housing, the understanding is that 11 will be "unaffordable" housing. Our neighborhood doesn't need that we already have one of those buildings on the corner. The builders/ profiteers are providing 4 parking spaces for these 12 units! Is this a joke? where are the the potential 8 plus cars parking? On the roof? Most likely neither the planning board nor the builders have ever had to find parking on Brackett Street. We are already at over capacity. Then the thought of these said 8-12 cars entering Brackett St from Joy Place at anytime of the day , let alone in the morning when school is in session is a frightening thought. Once again has any of you looked at the chaos that is now Brackett St in the morning ? We have 2 popular grocery stores [Fresh Approach & Rosemont] with countless delivery trucks.all day, we have a dance and yoga studio with classes changing every hour, there are school busses , parents drop-offs 300 children, never mind ambulances [we are between 2 hospitals] The road is over used ,too narrow and filled to capacity. We have reached saturation in our neighborhood and on Brackett Street. Please consider these factors before you allow ANOTHER high -end apartment to be put in. The consequences of which affect the quality of our life here in Portland. Sincerely Nance Parker, 139 Brackett St. and director of Shoestring Theater 155 Brackett St