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10 ISLAND STREET (TAX LOT 431 B002)

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Hello,

I am writing in regards to the plans for 10 Island Street (Tax lot 431 B002).

I have seen the plans and couldn't be more AGAINST this development.

This is a sliver of land that for the as long as anyone in the neighborhood can remember, was thought to be an unbuildable lot. One look at it and you asked yourself where a house could even go. To see what they're envisioning at the site is not only out-of-line, but also out of character with everything else around.

I used to rent 6 Island Street and know exactly how much space is there. When I first heard it was sold, I was shocked. At most, I figured they were planning on building a tiny house. It didn't make sense that anything else could fit there. Maybe a garage at max.

Now though, it's supposed to be a 3-story hulking structure that doesn't take into account the aesthetic of the neighborhood or its history as a unknown waterside gem in Portland. They seem to be blind to the fact that this neighborhood runs deep. The owners of many of the houses grew up in them, buying them from their parents.

And the proposed new building plans push setbacks to the max, (a) to the street, (b) to the ocean, (c) to the houses (not even just the property lines) on either side. It's less a house and more a giant building squeezed into a tiny lot.

I now live and own 7 Island Street, and couldn't be more AGAINST this development. Please advise.

-Luke Behrends