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City Council Members,

I am a resident at 544 Portland Avenue, adjacent to the proposed 540 Portland project, and I strongly support Appeal #AHPC 20-2 (Hargens-Thompson) concerning the HPC decision on 540 Portland Avenue.

I feel the 540 Portland project will undoubtedly have a negative impact on our neighborhood in the following ways;

- The parking situation is currently extremely challenging and adding more density at this block will only exacerbate parking issues
- Proposed design does not comply with neighborhood design guidelines as to massing, orientation to the street, window design or materials—it would stand out as a very sore thumb in this lovely and authentic and well maintained historic district
- The building footprint does not appear to fit within the site; too much hard surface with the building and parking lot
- The same property owner of the existing triplex on the site does not maintain the site or make any effort toward contributing to the streetscape by actually landscaping the site, which does not send a good message to us about new landscaping.

For these reasons I support Appeal #AHPC 20-2.

Thank you for your consideration.

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