

**From:** [Doug Fish](#)  
**To:** [Hamilton, Leslie](#)  
**Subject:** Wizer Block Support  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 10:44:23 AM

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Dear Planning Committee,

I wish to express my support for the current plan to develop the Wizer block #137. I think the current design is perfectly suited for the space and is not too big, too dense or too anything else. Lake Oswego is quickly getting a reputation as a place where "progress goes to die" and visionaries are no longer welcome. Please resist the change-is-bad voices in the crowd that always seem to gain volume when great ambitions are proposed. This development should be allowed to proceed.

Sincerely,

Doug Fish  
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**G-191**  
**LU 13-0046**

**From:** [Rosie Stephens](#)  
**To:** [Hamilton, Leslie](#)  
**Subject:** Support Wizer Development plan  
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I support the plan approved by Council last Fall. I believe our City needs to attract more people, young and old and more businesses. We can and should develop this downtown property to help increase our tax base, benefiting our schools & community as a whole. I find the position against development and increased density to be elitist and narrow-minded in thinking we are a "village." Please support the plan for development and for the future of our city. I would like my statement to be part if the record.

Thank you,  
Rosie Stephens  
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Sent from my iPhone

**G-192**  
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**From:** [PADEN and NORMA PRICHARD](#)  
**To:** [Hamilton, Leslie](#)  
**Subject:** Wizer  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 12:36:07 PM

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Dear Leslie,  
re: LU-13-0046

Following is my letter in support of the Wizer project. Please forward this to the Development Review Commission.

Dear Chairman Richards and Members of the DRC

I am in favor of the current application for the development of the Wizer Block. I live in the Evergreen Neighborhood, and I walk downtown daily and enjoy many of the restaurants and shops in the Lakeview Village center. But the current Wizer block is tired and dated, and mostly functions as easy parking for people who drive to shop at Lakeview Village. I am looking forward to the continued revitalization of our downtown center, and I believe the current proposed project will be a good addition to the start made with the Lakeview Village. I like the possibility of new residences there to attract young people, and perhaps provide a future home for retirees like my husband and me.

I am on the Evergreen Neighborhood Board and am well aware of the differences of opinion in our neighborhood regarding this project. Our board of 15 active members is split with 7 in favor of the project and 8 opposed. But there is always opposition to change. When Lakeview and Millenium Plaza were first proposed there was opposition to change.

Reading a poem by William Stafford, Lake Oswego's beloved poet, makes me realize that there has always been opposition to change. "...Our town is not the same.....and it's never been."

Please consider the proposed application on how it fulfills the code for the EC zone. The code was established some years ago after considerable discussion and planning. With the possible exception of the 5th floor I believe it does meet code requirements and therefore should be granted permission to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Norma Prichard  
204 6th Street, Lake Oswego

**G-193**  
**LU 13-0046**

I have reviewed the plans for the redevelopment of Block 137, and wholeheartedly support it. On a personal level, I believe that the project looks very appealing. My husband and I have lived in LO for over 20 years while raising our children, and are now considering downsizing our empty nest. We have looked in the Pearl District and the up-and-coming North Portland. But it would be nice to keep our ties to this community and live in a green and walkable neighborhood. We would seriously consider buying a well-designed condo in downtown LO.

I am impressed that the developers have responded to concerns voiced by some community members, although I am personally not troubled by urban-type development in downtown LO. I am also familiar with the work of ZGF and Ankrom Moisan from when I worked at OHSU. I feel confident that these design firms will create a project that is as attractive and functional as our community demands. Market-rate condos will support the retail and other small businesses that are so critical to having a viable downtown area. The development, which includes many pedestrian oriented features, and that abuts lovely public space at Millennium Park, is totally consistent with our goal for over 30 years to have a vital downtown. Let's do it!

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