John Deodato - Candidate for NE Quad Rep

Why Do I Want To Serve? After living in Laurelhurst for over 24 years, I have a passion for this neighborhood and have developed friendships with many neighbors. Over the past decade Laurelhurst has seen an increase in complete and partial demolitions of moderately sized original homes. This has been most noticeable in the NE & NW quadrants where smaller bungalow homes are the predominant style. As these homes come on the

market, they are being purchased by developers who infill with the largest house the lot can accept. This is effectively eliminating the remaining inventory of affordable or median-priced homes in Laurelhurst.

Seeing this trend several years ago, I got involved in the effort to get the neighborhood listed as a Historic District. With many of my neighbors in the Historic Laurelhurst Group, we raised the money required and worked

on the nomination with Peter Meijer Architect. We finally reached the goal of being listed in March of 2019, with the Laurelhurst Historic District being officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
This is a great legacy we're leaving for future generations in this neighborhood, and the entire city of Portland.

And while this is an amazing accomplishment, and only possible due to many dedicated neighborhood volunteers, there is still much work to be done to preserve the character of this neighborhood. Much of that work will need to be done in the coming year. Working with the LNA, I hope to contribute to this effort.

My Qualifications. I am a professional engineer (PE) involved in product development and technical management.

What Are The Most Important LNA Issues? With the recent listing of Laurelhurst on the National Register of

Historic Places, there's work to be done with the City to establish historic review guidelines, and insure the historic preservation of the neighborhood.

What Do I Like Most/Least About Living In Laurelhurst? I love the diversity of Laurelhurst's homes and residents, walkability and the east side location, proximity to other neighborhoods, and the neighborhood character.