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**Date:** 12/4/98 12:08am  
**Subject:** Delta Park Amphitheater

Dea Mayor and Commissioners,

I urge you to vote no on December 17th on what would be the demise of Portland International Raceway.

Members of my family helped start the sports car track at Delta Park more than 35 years ago and continue to support and work at the facility. I agree with their assessment that building an amphitheater on the infield would ultimately lead to the closing of the circuit. PIR gives the City of Portland national coverage during the Rose Festival for the CART races and may become a venue for NASCAR. The dollars generated are spent throughout Portland at many businesses throughout the year from increased tourism and from professional and amateur racers and spectators.

The race course cannot be re-sited in the metropolitan area, as evidenced by Metro's vote tonight expanding the urban growth boundary. There are, however, many other locations where an amphitheater could be built in Portland. Civic Stadium would be more valuable being renovated as a musical venue than spending tax dollars in a tight economy for an elusive professional sports franchise.

East Delta Park, just across I-5 from PIR, also has a lot of open space, but like PIR would create horrendous traffic jams.

I agree an amphitheater in Portland would be a good investment, I just think they chose the wrong place.

Sincerely  
Peter Pittock

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**Subject:** Amphitheater at PIR

Dear Ms. Katz,

Building this amphitheater at Portland International Raceway (PIR) will have a detrimental effect on the local motor sport enthusiasts, including my club the Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing Association and many others. While there are many venues for music and theater, PIR is the only track of it's type in our local area.

Please consider this when making the decision on the amphitheater. Because if there is no place to race, we will have no where to go fast except on public roads with you and your other constituents.

Sincerely,  
Peter Nielson - OMRRA #95 (member since '90)

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**Subject:** Stop the Ampitheater Project

Please save Portland International Raceway from the ampitheater project. I wish PIR to remain as a race track. I travel to Portland from Seattle at least five times a year to use these facilities as an amateur racer (go-karts), and feel sure that amateur motor sports would be edged out in competition with Paul allen's ampitheater.

Furthermore, the park seems a poor place environmentally for the ampitheater.

Steve Doty  
AFDE Project  
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"Speed costs money. How fast do you want to go?"  
- Graham Hill (Grand Prix, Indy 500 and LeMans  
Champion)

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**Subject:** Please DO NOT approve Paul Allen's amphitheater project.

December 4, 1998

City Hall  
1211 SW 5th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please DO NOT approve Paul Allen's amphitheater project at PIR.

Please do not approve the expanded amphitheater project at PIR. We use PIR regularly for SCCA racing functions. I do not see how the expanded project can exist without severely limiting current use of the facility.

We who use the facility have always been proud that PIR is self supporting. We work hard, donate our time, and pay our entry fees to keep the track profitable. Please do not reward all of our efforts by removing the raceway as the prime focus of the park. PIR is one of only a few public race tracks left in this country, please do not allow this project to be built!

Much Thanks and Hope,

Andrew E. King  
Sharon Rackham  
Jim Nosler  
Nanette Wallace  
Trip Turner  
Ben Shirley

King Racing Team  
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**Subject:** PIR Amphitheater Project

December 4, 1998

Mayor Vera Katz, Portland City Commissioners  
Portland City Hall  
1211 SW 5th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204

RE: Proposed Amphitheater at Portland International Raceway

Dear Mayor Katz, Portland City Commissioners:

This letter is to inform you of my opposition to the construction of an amphitheater at Portland International Raceway as proposed by the Aegean Development Corp.

This proposal has been presented as coexisting with PIR's current primary use as a motorsports park, when in fact, under the terms of this proposal, whichever club having the track reserved on a particular day or weekend could be denied use of the facility upon request by this group. This is not coexistence, but a shift in primary use from a motorsports facility to an amphitheater which is sometimes used as a race track.

I urgently request that you vote against this project for the following reasons:

1. There are many diverse groups which currently use PIR. PIR supports bicycle racing, sports car, go-kart and motorcycle road racing, motocross on the infield, drag racing, driver training, car club day events and of course, IndyCar which all generate revenue for the City. The Portland Speedway does not support these multiple uses.
2. On any given day throughout the season, the track and infield may be in use by multiple groups, creating additional revenue for the City of Portland. If the amphitheater is allowed to be built, many clubs and racing organizations will permanently lose use of the track.
3. Because of the massive investment by the Aegean Group, I believe that the City and PIR track users will no longer have a voice in the decisions affecting the future of PIR and, therefore, its viability as a major motorsports venue.

There are many places in and around the Portland Metro Area where one can find live entertainment of all kinds but we only have one PIR. This is the only one place where all of these groups can go to recreate. As a lifelong Portland area resident and amateur road racer, I take pride in the diversity of activities available in the Portland metro area. I believe this amphitheater project will have a negative impact on this diversity.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Randy Karambelas

**From:** "Karl R. Seeger" <karl@nwlink.com>  
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**Date:** 12/4/98 10:56am  
**Subject:** Portland International Raceway

Respected Mayor,

As a private, out of state competitor I would like you to consider the prospect of building an amphitheater at PIR a mistake for your city. PIR draws a significant group of people who use the facility many times a year adding to the economic stability of the area.

In general we spend money at the track, in local restaurants and at local hotels. We also spend money in your city for shopping and other related activities. The return to your city would be greater due to us "out of town" visitors than from locals attending activities at the amphitheater.

PIR is one of the top tracks in the country. It would be a shame to "handicap" such a facility with the restrictions that would be placed on

it due to an amphitheater.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Karl Seeger  
Redmond, Washington

BMW Automobile Club of America, Member  
BMW Car Club of America, Member

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**Date:** 12/4/98 11:05am  
**Subject:** PIR

Dear Sirs

I understand that approval is being asked for an Amphitheater to be built in the middle of Portland International Raceway by Paul Allen of Microsoft Allens. I am very upset to hear that the proposal includes the right to cancel any other event at PIR with only a 30 day notice. I feel that this would signal the end of all motorsports in this area. I and a large number of other motorsport enthusiasts find this very disturbing, we travel long distances, (I personally from Vancouver Canada) to attend & participate in these events. We bring a large cash flow into this area, which would be lost if the above was allowed to proceed.

Please think carefully about this proposal, your comments on the above would be much appreciated.

John Martin

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**Date:** 12/4/98 11:50am  
**Subject:** Music at a Motorsports Facility

Council Members:

I am opposed to the proposed amphitheater being located at the  
Portland  
International Raceway.

I would like to share my reasons for this opposition.

You should be well aware that P.I.R. already has a very busy  
schedule  
annually starting in February and winding down in November. JUST FOR  
MOTORSPORTS ACTIVITIES! Negotiations for use of the P.I.R. facility on  
any  
weekend between February and October start 6 to 12 months in advance.  
Many  
times there is a waiting list to schedule a weekend. The addition of an

amphitheater to the P.I.R. facility could only reduce the amount of  
time  
now available for MOTORSPORTS activities. The changes to the facility  
in

creating the amphitheater may well eliminate some motorsports  
activities  
completely(I understand the Motocross Track would be eliminated). I  
would

venture to suggest that fewer opportunities for motorsports  
enthusiasts, at  
a facility such as P.I.R., could spawn more incidents of "motorsports  
in  
the streets" in the entire Northern Oregon and Southwest Washington  
area.

This would likely be a thorn in the side for law enforcement and reduce  
safety on our streets.

There are the environmental issues to resolve as well. Wetlands,  
Game  
Preserve and of course the mosquitoes who will dine on any warm blooded  
source available.

Having been an active participant at motorsports events since 1981  
in  
Oregon, Washington, California, Colorado, Nevada, Ohio and British  
Columbia

I feel very strongly about P.I.R. and I am proud to call it my "home  
track". Portland should also be proud of the motorsports facility  
P.I.R.

has become and if development is to occur at P.I.R., please, don't  
reduce  
the usability of the facility for MOTORSPORTS.

Respectfully,  
Martin 'Tim' Stanley  
Oregon Region Sports Car Club of

America

**From:** <BLStanley@aol.com>  
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**Date:** 12/4/98 1:05pm  
**Subject:** PIR and Music

I am a race volunteer. I haven't much money so my entertainment is going out to Portland International to volunteer for the auto racing. It is sad to hear that there is a possibility that the motorsports community will have such a cut in their usual time at PIR. As a volunteer for the motorsport community, I need the availability of a place to stay (camping at the track) on those long weekends when we put in 10 to 12 hours. We have people who travel from all over the United States and Canada to be part of PIR's traditions (Rose Cup, CART, Vintage, SCCA, Conference). I love motorsports and I would love to see it stay full time at PIR. If I could earn a living "working" the track I would not do my present job. I would be at the track all the time.

Motorsports and Music do not really go together. Two different types of people can cause conflict for the use of an area which has demonstrated income for the city of Portland through motosports. Space for parking and paddocking would be the largest conflict. This could lower the amount of entries to the motorsports. As I have stated, people come from all over to use this facility for motorsports. I understand that the Motocross track would go. What a bummer for those who love the sport. We need the versatility or PIR for all motorsports.

I have learned that using the racing facilities for fast driving keeps the average driver from speeding on the street of Portland. Working the racing venues has taught me why we wear seat belts and my grand children have learned the same.

Motorsports are a way of life for some and PIR is the closest facility. Mission BC and Thunderhill, CA are a long way from Portland. Also, motorsports work well out of doors.

Please don't reduce the usability of PIR for MOTORSPORTS.

Sincerely, Bernice Stanley, Flagging and Communications, and Emergency

America

volunteer for Sports Car Club of

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**Subject:** Fwd: Vote NO on amphitheater

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**Date:** 12/4/98 3:21pm  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Proposed Amphitheater at PIR

Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Government of Portland:

I am writing to you to express my extreme opposition to the construction of the proposed Amphitheater at PIR.

I am an active racer at PIR and other Northwest tracks. I believe that granting the request to build this facility would do irreparable harm to the future of racing at PIR. I don't believe that you can begin to compromise the use of this park with a project like this one, without losing (eventually) the entire use of the race track for any purpose.

The impact will be gradual at first, affecting club racing and school days restricting their schedules, and soon eliminating some event dates. With enough difficulty in securing a sufficient number of race dates, clubs will be forced away from PIR entirely in the years ahead. This erosion in the use of the race track will eventually lead to the loss of the larger money making events like the CART races.

There are a large number of other reasons that I oppose the proposed plan, but my primary concern is that we preserve our great facility that is unique among virtually all major cities in the US. A first class race track located in a beautiful and unique setting is an asset. Doing commercial development such as the proposed amphitheater project is a short-sighted money grab in my opinion.

Thanks for you time and careful consideration on this topic.

John Miller  
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Aloha, OR

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**From:** "David Kimes" <dkimes@harborside.com>  
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**Date:** 12/5/98 8:21am  
**Subject:** Proposed amphitheater at Portland International Raceway

David Kimes  
621 Michigan Ave NE  
Bandon, Or. 97411

Ms Vera Katz  
Mayor  
City Of Portland

Madam Mayor:

In 1998 I left the beautiful environment of Bandon-By-The-Sea and traveled to your lovely city on ten separate occasions. I realize the exact opposite

is more normal where Portland residents spend a weekend or two at the beach but, for all it's beauty, Bandon does not have a racetrack. On each of those trips I spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Portland and on two of them stayed for Monday. I stayed at motels in the vicinity of PIR and ate

my meals at various Portland restaurants. (Downtown Ringside being my favorite)

I do race my car at PIR but I also am one of the track announcers. As an announcer, I usually try to mention the drivers sponsors and home town.

This

activity has shown that I am not the only out of city/state driver that travels

to Portland on a regular basis. Since a normal weekend at the track will attract around 200 entrants, plus several support people per entrant, the financial impact becomes significant. I would not travel to Portland for a

concert nor, I suspect, would many of my fellow racers.

As a tourist destination, Portland has many things going for it. I believe one

of them is PIR and I would urge you to take whatever steps are necessary to

ensure it maintains it's unique status as the finest motor racing facility in the Pacific Northwest.

Respectfully

David Kimes

cc: City Council

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**To:** Portland.SMTP1("erik@ci.portland.or.us", "chaes@ci...  
**Date:** 12/5/98 8:49am  
**Subject:** Rose City Amphitheatre

Dear Elected Officials,

Hello, my name is Greg LeDoux. I am writing to ask for your support in the development of the Rose City Amphitheater.

I want you to know that I am excited about the opportunities the amphitheater presents to my neighborhood, Portland and the greater metropolitan area. I believe the project would bring us some of the finest artists the world has to offer and increased revenue to the Piedmont Neighborhood and Portland.

I would like to see the City of Portland go forward with the planning process.

Thank You for your time and commitment

Greg LeDoux

**From:** james duston <jlorend@juno.com>  
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**Date:** 12/5/98 10:03am  
**Subject:** Objection

Mayor Vera Katz

Do not build an amphitheater at Portland International Raceway.  
The future of motor sports in Portland depends on it.

Do not let Paul Allen run Portland.

Thank You James D

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**Date:** 12/5/98 11:02am  
**Subject:** Don't give PIR to Paul Allen.

You already know that PIR is a city park, in use every weekend , and most week days from March thru October. It is used by the ordinary people of the region. It should not be given away to Paul Allen.

Would you even entertain the thought if it was Forest Park was in the title?

**From:** <HOWARDH64@aol.com>  
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**Date:** 12/5/98 11:28am  
**Subject:** Rose city Amphitheatre

Council men/women,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I am excited about the oppoptunities the Rose City Amphitheatre presents to our community..I would like to see the City Council and the City of Portland go forward with the planning process. I would like to see the city of Portland bring in the kind of entertainment that I feel this Amphitheatre will bring to our city. I feel it is long overdue.

Sincerely,  
JoAnne Hogg

**From:** Rudy Avalon <avalon4@compuserve.com>  
**To:** Mayor Vera Katz <mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us>  
**Date:** 12/5/98 5:21pm  
**Subject:** Against portland public parks Amphitheater

Dear Mayor,  
I would like you to know that I'm Against the amphitheater in Portland International Raceway. This is a city park and we need all the green space and less development. The park is used for races at present. and I feel with a amphitheater in the middle it would require pavement for more parking and destory the grass and trees that make this a great place in Oregon. Thank you  
For your time to read this coment. Rudy Avalon (503)297-7248 E-Mail avalon4@compuserve.com

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**Date:** 12/5/98 11:19pm  
**Subject:** PIR Amphitheatre

DEAR MAYOR KATZ & COMMISSIONERS:

I have been bombarded of late by Paul Allen's spin-machine regarding the proposed amphitheatre out at PIR. It has been annoying at times, repeated phone calls, letters the like.

I have followed this issue in the paper and I urge you to reject further study of this project. I want to reiterate my displeasure with how the Allen group has gone about in pursuing this, especially after they were rejected by the city and then tried to forge a back-door deal with Clark County.

These people deal in bad faith and mock the system thinking that they can buy their way into any deal as they see fit. The sad fact is that they often do and have success to boot, i.e. the new Seattle Stadiums.

Please VOTE NO!

Sincerely,

Sam & Debora Capper  
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Portland, Or

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**Date:** 12/6/98 11:59am  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed amphitheater at PIR

I want to register my opposition the Paul Allen development company's proposal to put an amphitheater at PIR. There are many reasons for my opposition to this proposal. I think that the race track will be adversely effected. The noise to the surrounding area will also be a factor. Paul Allen would like to take control of the Portland area recreational facilities and I think this would be bad for the citizens of our area in the long run. We should not let one group get control of so much of our facilities, such as the coliseum, Rose Garden and the civic stadium.

We have a very nice race track that pays it's own way and is used extensively by our population for their recreation. Once Paul Allen's group gets control, I feel that we will loose the flexibility of that facility.

I know that politicians usually do what the groups with money want them to do, but I am hoping that you can see the adverse consequences of allowing this action to happen

Tom Jewett  
2625 E Burnside  
Portland, OR 97214

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**Date:** 12/6/98 1:43pm  
**Subject:** PIR Amphitheatre

I am strongly opposed to the amphitheatre for several reasons:

1. Environmentally, I think the space should be preserved, if not enhanced, for wildlife and wetlands use.
2. Soundwise -- I don't believe for a minute, even if acceptable sound levels could be agreed upon, that once a concert series is in full swing, the Blazers Empire would respect those guidelines. I think that given their vast financial resources, they would even willingly pay fines and still abuse the limits. And the residents are the ones to lose. And how many of those profiting from this ampitheatre live here?

We have enough noise to contend with: the airport, PIR raceway. Soundwalls are irrelevant, as weather conditions often negate their effects.

3. How were traffic issues were discussed and mediated regarding the Rose Garden? It is a congested mess during events. I don't believe even the best laid plans would protect us from traffic havoc when there were concerts in progress.

4. What about the raceway enthusiasts? Isn't this going to interfere with their rights to use PIR and cut into their events? Why should a big business interest interfere with what is already established? Where are those car enthusiasts going to go? Isn't PIR the only venue for this type of sport in the entire Northwest?

5. I also understand that the Rose Festival's budget would be seriously undermined if the raceway events were limited because of the amphitheatre. This would interfere with longstanding arrangements solely for the purpose of fattening the wallets of already obscenely rich individuals. Hardly fair.

**CONCLUSION:** North Portland already contends with the traffic and noise from the car races, horse races, heavy airport traffic, etc. Let somebody else take this. We have been dumped on enough.

Why don't you put it in YOUR neighborhood, Mr. Allen, if it's such a good thing?

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**From:** <Yortlee@aol.com>  
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**Date:** 12/6/98 2:51pm  
**Subject:** Rose City Amphitheatre

After the defeat of the North side light rail we need this to bring more development to North Portland.

I would like to see the City of Portland go forward with the planning process

Sincerely  
Troy Parke  
Native North Portland Resident

**From:** "Judy Lynn" <rampant83@integrityonline.com>  
**To:** "Charles Hales" <chales@ci.portland.or.us>, "Vera ...  
**Date:** 12/6/98 5:48pm  
**Subject:** Save Portland Parks

I am concerned about the impending loss of Portland International Raceway (PIR) as a place to race and recreate. With the pressure in the Metro area to buy greenspace and provide families with activities to enjoy in good weather and bad I believe it would be a great loss to the Metro area to allow Paul Allen to build an amphitheatre at PIR.

My family and I have spent the past 15 years enjoying racing in Portland. Portland has a great facility at PIR and this facility is booked for more than 365 days a year due to the ability it has to book more than one event at a time. It also hosts the biggest sporting event in Oregon, the Indy Car Race in June. We have met a diverse group of people at the race track through both SCCA and Conference Race Groups. I have seen bicycle racing, motorcycle racing, people flying all kinds of kites, wildlife from rabbits to birds, and spent many hours enjoying the park. We spend up to 20 weekends a year in this park and it would be a significant loss to us personally and to the area in general.

There are many improvements that could be done at the track to provide race enthusiasts additional reasons to attend races at PIR. Additional bookings of National and International race groups like IMSA and Nascar would not only bring additional revenue to the City but would provide additional spectators to the area increasing the economy of the North Portland area.

I would also like to question the information on the ads about the amphitheatre as not costing the taxpayer any money. Who is going to pay for needed road improvements to handle the number of people the amphitheatre will hold? Will Portland taxpayers have to pay? Will Federal TEA-21 gas tax money pay for it? Will Paul Allen pay for offsite improvements? Also, why should Paul Allen be able to build on City park property instead of having to purchase his own property with better access and traffic management? Also, what if the area floods again as it has already done in our lifetime. Will FEMA bail out Mr. Allen at the taxpayers expense?

Will this amphitheatre increase the amount of arts available for Portland area residents or dilute what we already have?

Who stands to gain the most from this venture? Portland or Paul Allen?

In addition, the phone number for comments about the amphitheatre that are advertised by Mr. Allen go into an answering machine. My calls and questions to this number were never answered. Is he really looking for public comment or only if it is positive to his position?

What about his demands to give only 30 days notice of a scheduled event which would supercede prior scheduling? How can any group or activity be planned, which we currently do almost a year in advance, to prevent scheduling conflicts. In addition, some of the Rose Festival scheduling hurts the number of spectators at the yearly Rose Cup Races (biggest amateur racing event in the Northwest). This has been scheduled on the same weekend at the Rose Festival Airshow.

The original amphitheatre plan would have been to add improvements to the track, a new pedestrian bridge to the interior of the track and safety improvements so that racing and music could be scheduled on the same weekends. We would not be bumped clear out of the track to make room for the music event and we would have been done with racing in time to have the concerts begin on time with no competing noise.

An amphitheatre in the Metro area would be a nice addition in the Portland area. However, as you know it is much wetter in this area than in the gorge. How many times would it get rained out and become a ticketing nightmare? As it is now, racing is an all weather event. We do not cancel due to rain, in fact we do not mind the rain.

I would like to encourage all you to vote no to his proposal in the upcoming vote. Please leave our green space intact. Continue to schedule and enhance the park to make it useable to additional groups that are willing to share the facility not take over and destroy this facility and overrun the groups that currently use the park.

Thank you for your attention to the very controversial matter.

Judy Lynn  
Dennis Lynn  
Travis Lynn  
640-8363

**From:** <Rdhaan@aol.com>  
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**Date:** 12/6/98 6:45pm  
**Subject:** Delta Park Amphitheater

Madam Mayor and Distinguished Council members..

My name is Robert A DeHaan. I am a lifetime resident of the portland metropolitan area. born in Portland and raised in Aloha . I am currently a resident of Tigard.

I am very concerned with the current proposal from Paul Allen and the Trail Blazer organization to build an amphitheater on the Portland International Raceway complex!

This facility is owned by the city and has served the city and people from around the world well . This facility draws some of the most prestigious events of the motor racing community.As well as some of the the more obscure racing events.

I personally have been attending events at P.I.R since the late 60's, beginning with drag races. In the 70's I was active at the motocross track and won the Innagural summer series event in 1974. I have raced sports cars in the 90's and am currently using this Great facility racing Karts. Delta park has been a part of most of my life and i would hate to see anything contribute to it's demise. This facility has served the city well and continues to do so ..

I would hope that the city and council would realize that with a proposed 17 to 20 million dollar outlay of capital to build this facility , three dates of scheduled events would not make the investors happy !! nor would it anyone (Paul Allen ). I fear that when they approach the council with their woes there would be more and more events scheduled at the complex that would esentially kill the P.I.R racing complex

The writing is on the wall ,this organization wants to gain control of this property that has generated income to the city for many years and eventually would remove the city and commisioners from control of this facility.

PLEASE do not vote or allow this to happen to this world class facility

I just now heard a comercial on the radio that is pumping Several major entertainers that would appear at the "proposed amphitheater" .They had about ten entertainers listed , does that sound like 3 dates that they would use this complex?????

VOTE AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL

Thank you

Robert A DeHaan

**From:** <DONNSNY@aol.com>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("jfrancesconi@ci.portland.or.us")  
**Date:** 12/6/98 6:51pm  
**Subject:** PIR amphitheater

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed amphitheater at PIR. Over the last 35 years I have personally participated in motocross, CART races, vintage races, kart races, SCCA , ICSCC races, PCA races and track days, motorcycle enduros, and swap meets. I have spectated at motorcycle road races and drag races. I plan on sending my daughter through the skid car school next summer before she gets her license. I am also an avid bicyclist and would like someday to participate in races on Monday and Tuesday nights. In short, PIR is at the center of my recreational activities. I consider it to be the most valuable parks resource the city of Portland has. Don't jeopardize the future of this unique facility. I am one of the little guys that will be displaced if the amphitheater is built. With one of these just up the road in Clark county being built, I do not see the urgency to build another at PIR. There are all sorts of venues for concerts around but only one PIR.  
Thanks for listening,  
Donn Snyder

I can be reached during the day at 286-4956.

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**From:** "Gosselin/werre" <rosalie@moscow.com>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us")  
**Date:** 12/6/98 8:31pm  
**Subject:** Proposed amphitheater

Greetings Mayor,

My name is Kevin Werre and I'm resident of Moscow Idaho, home of the University of Idaho. Several times a year I load up the van and hitch up the sports car and leave this small progressive 'town' and head to your progressive 'city'. These weekends are filled with friends, relaxation and competition at PIR. I look forward not only to the racing and the companionship but also the chance to visit a city that I love spending time in.

I'm writing this letter in opposition to the proposed amphitheater that is slated for PIR. As I understand, it could very easily reduce, if not eliminate, my chance to drive and race on the Northwest's premier circuit and greatly reduce the number of my visits to your city. Thank you for your time and I'll certainly keep abreast of upcoming developments. Oh yes, one more thing, how can an area be 'removed' from flood-plain designation?

Thanks again,  
Kevin L. Werre  
Moscow ID

**From:** bob sherman <oolie22@juno.com>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us")  
**Date:** 12/6/98 9:03pm  
**Subject:** Ampitheatre at PIR

I am mailing you to voice my opposition to the plan of the Paul Allen empire to build an ampitheatre at the PIR location. We of the Portland area have a rare jewel in the form of Portland International Raceway. It is a facility not commonly found anywhere else in the USA. Concert theaters are plentiful. In fact, the City possesses an underused facility in the form of the Civic Stadium which has many advantages, especially light rail convenience. The beginning concessions to the Allen empire in the form of cancellation rights, etc., are, I fear, merely the "nose of the camel under the tent." Portland has been proud of its diversity. May I submit that diversity in entertainment is also important. There are enough facilities for concerts as is. Please oppose any efforts to build any ampitheatre in our beautiful PIR area and diminish the sport of motor racing.. Thank you for your consideration.  
Bob Sherman

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**Date:** 12/6/98 9:16pm  
**Subject:** objections to proposed amphitheater

Mayor Katz,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed amphitheater at PIR. I am a Mechanical Engineer who works in Portland and have spent many wonderful days at Portland International Raceway participating in locally run club racing events. If Paul Allen's proposal is supported, many of the local clubs race weekends would be cancelled. I know that we are just local citizens with no power of wealth behind us, be what we do at PIR has a very positive impact on many young people in the community and also supports many businesses. If you have never been to a local club racing event, I urge you to. These events are family oriented and have the atmosphere of a State Park with many hard working people spending the night.

With the latest news that Clark County, Washington is already moving forward on an amphitheater at the Clark County Fairgrounds should be even more incentive to oppose Paul Allen's proposed project. Why support a project with an identical one so nearby that is already further along and in a much less used location? Why do we need to choose a site that is already in such heavy demand for a project that will monopolize 5 cream of the calendar weekends to break even?

The Portland planning commission has already shown they are aware of these problems and turned down the proposal. I hope that you will agree with their findings and turn down this proposal also.

Thank you for your time,

Most Sincerely,

David C. Barton

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**From:** "peter" <png@dircon.co.uk>  
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**Date:** 12/7/98 5:43am  
**Subject:** Portland International Raceway

Dear Sir

I am writing to you with reference to the news of the possible closure of Portland International Raceway. although not a resident of Portland (in fact I live in London, England) I would still like to add my concerns about the closure.

In England my friend and I are a race marshalls (known as corner workers in the US) and have officiated at meetings throughout the world. During this time we have met numerous workers from throughout the U.S. but have struck up a particular friendship with a couple from Portland, hence our affinity with PIR.

My friend has already worked at PIR for a couple of meetings (including the Indycar race) but this September we were lucky enough to participate in the Dornbecher Dash. We can both honestly say that it was one of the most enjoyable race meetings that we have ever attended. One of the major highlights for us was the friendship shown to us by all the workers and all of the circuit staff, and we were very struck by their loyalty and dedication. The loss of this circuit would deprive the Oregon region of its only major raceway and as a result detract from the quality of life for the many workers, track employees, and also the many racers from throughout the U.S.A. who come to the circuit.

I would also like to draw to your attention that P.I.R. is internationally known as a result of its Indycar race which receives a fair degree of publicity within the U.K. especially within the motorsport community. It is an extremely exciting circuit that produces close racing, and its loss would be a major blow to racing internationally.

I appreciate that it may be a good thing for Portland to have a major league basketball team but I am sure that some other site can be found within the city. Please take this as a plea from 2 English corner workers to throw out these proposals and let P.I.R. continue.

Yours faithfully

Peter Goodbody

(also on behalf of Stuart Hamilton)

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**From:** <NASWANSON@aol.com>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us")  
**Date:** 12/7/98 8:28am  
**Subject:** Amphitheater

**From:** "Buechler, Greg" <GTB@FEICO.com>  
**To:** "mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us" <mayorkatz@ci.port...>  
**Date:** 12/7/98 9:07am  
**Subject:** Concerns over amphitheater at PIR

Madam Mayor,

I am writing you this letter to express my concerns over the proposal to build an outdoor concert amphitheater in the infield at Portland International Raceway. As a regular motorsports enthusiast who is active in the Sports Car Club of America and the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, I am deeply troubled by the proposal to place a concert venue at the racetrack.

My first concern is that the unique nature of PIR is being overshadowed by Mr. Allen's proposal. As the only municipal raceway in the country, and a world class facility at that, I believe that PIR as it stands is just one more item on the list of unique and wonderful things that make Portland such a wonderful place to live. No other city in the county has a dedicated facility like this, and we should be proud of it.

Secondly, and more troubling, is the nature of the scheduling arrangements that would be included with this deal. Simply put, the contractual ability of the proposed amphitheater to cancel any motorsports event on 30 days notice would make it impossible for local and national car clubs to schedule events. For example, the Mercedes-Benz club is planning an event next summer that will draw dozens of cars to Portland to race at PIR. Of course, each of those cars has at least one person visiting our fair city to stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants, and leave their money circulating in our economy. This event, and many others like it, would not be possible if a cancellation could wipe out the event on 30 days notice. You may think that this is a small thing, but I assure you it is not. These sorts of events draw people from across the country. I myself drove to Savannah, Georgia last summer to race in just such an event and left over \$3500 in merchants' pockets in fifteen states along the way over a three week period. Portland International Raceway is the only facility in the region that can draw these kinds of events and their dollars to this city.

I realize that the above personal example is not the largest in terms of economic impact, but there are many such events by many organizations held throughout the year. The city stands to lose a great deal if the track is compromised as a race venue.

I am not opposed to the idea of an amphitheater per se (although with the Memorial Coliseum, the Rose Garden, I think we have enough seats), I do not think that the racetrack is the appropriate location for such a facility. Please consider this matter carefully, and I urge you to vote no on this proposal.

Sincerely,  
Greg Buechler,  
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Director, Portland Section, Mercedes-Benz Club of America

**From:** <JForres213@aol.com>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("gkafoury@ci.portland.or.us", "chale...  
**Date:** 12/7/98 9:29am  
**Subject:** Support the Amphitheater

I encourage you to support the proposal to build and amphitheater at the portland raceway location. My family and friends current support many of the events offered in our area and feel that the amphitheater would add not only to our quality of life but to the life of our community at large. I believe that you have been doing an excellent job in the leadership you have provided for our city and trust that you will continue to make a positive impact for our citizens.

**From:** "Norman Rindal" <nrindal@hotmail.com>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("pkcharle@ci.portland.or.us", "gkafo...  
**Date:** 12/7/98 11:58am  
**Subject:** Use of Portland International Raceway for amphitheatre

(I have attached a MS Word document and .TXT format document for your use.)

To the City of Portland:

My name is Norm Rindal. I am a recreational user of Portland International Raceway.

Over the past 10 years I have participated with weekend users Cascade Sports Car Club and Team Continental, member clubs of the International Conference of Sports Car Clubs, the Oregon Motorcycle RoadRacing Association, Sports Car Club of America, Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART), IMSA and Formula USA. Every week from April to October bicyclists, skaters, motocrossers and NHRA drag racers use the track in addition to the daytime use by drivers schools, manufacturers test programs, race team test programs and manufacturers promotional and advertising sessions.

To cancel one of the 4 to 6 events each of the weekend users get throughout the year with no chance of a reasonable reschedule date is a slap in the face to the organizations which created the facility. Moving the recreational users dates from weekend days to week days will create a hardship not only on the user clubs but also on their participants who will have to use more of their vacation time. This will inevitably reduce participation which will, in turn, create fiscal hardships for the parks regular clients. The quality of life includes recreation and this is our recreation. It is a family activity for many.

Portland has many indoor and outdoor venues for music and theater. We have only two options for road racing venues: Portland International Raceway or the street. The amphitheater will redistribute the arts and entertainment dollars within Portland. The various racing venues bring in international moneys.

Please understand that the community impacts include the lost revenue from out of state participants and lost quality of life for the participants and spectators. The city parks need to receive millions of dollars per year rent for the use of the area of the amphitheater to offset the losses it will create for those who were instrumental in taking a

disaster area and created a key revenue and recreational facility which serves the community interest not a singular interest.

I enforce standards and codes for a local government. I have dealt with Phil

Knight and Nike, Tektronix, Intel and other major players in the real world. They and their attorneys have a singular and self-centered goal when they do business and they do not consider the community unless the community will have a negative effect on their ability to do business.

Please do not allow Portland International Raceway use to deviate from its original mission of supporting motorsports and racing.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** <Rhillbury@aol.com>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("gkafoury@ci.portland.or.us","esten...  
**Date:** 12/7/98 12:20pm  
**Subject:** Amphitheater at PIR

I am opposed to the development of an amphitheater at PIR. IPR is a valuable public resource. It is a world-class autosports facility that hosts a wide variety of local amateur, semi-pro, professional, national and international events. It makes profitable use of an environmentally sensitive area and is a good neighbor of North Portland residents.

If it even remotely follows Mr. Allen's development of The Rose Garden it will not bring growth in compatible businesses but, by it's very presence, eliminate many of the present activities at PIR.

Please listen to your constituents and force Mr. Allen to find another place for his amphitheater where it will not treaten a valuable public resource.

**From:** Bob Stegall <bstegall@community.net>  
**To:** Mayor Katz <mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us>  
**Date:** 12/7/98 1:02pm  
**Subject:** Re: DELTA PARK -Reply

THANK YOU FOR THE RECENT REPLY.

YOUR DILIGENCE IN THE MATTER IS NOW WELL KNOWN  
AND RESPECTED IN MY PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDS  
WORLD.

PLEASE KEEP MOTORSPORTS ACTIVE IN DELTA PARK.

BOB

**From:** Mark Kenworthy <kenworth@MICROSOFT.com>  
**To:** "Mayor Katz" <mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us>  
**Date:** 12/7/98 1:23pm  
**Subject:** RE: Amphitheater project at PIR -Reply

Dear Mayor Katz

Thank you for your kind reply. One point I did not make in my earlier email is that the Amphitheater could be located in many places within the greater Portland area, and be successful. If the PIR racing facility is lost to racing, at the amateur or professional level, there is no alternate venue available within the state of Oregon. In fact, Seattle International Raceway has been decertified due to safety reasons, making PIR the only professional-level road racing facility in Oregon or Washington. Losing this facility could lead to the end of amateur road racing in both states, which would be a great tragedy.

Thank you again for your attention to this important issue.

- Mark -

**From:** Matt Cranadall <rtgt@teleport.com>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us")  
**Date:** 12/7/98 1:43pm  
**Subject:** ampitheater project

Dear Mayor Katz:

I am concerned that a Paul Allen theater project could be placed at PIR. I am concerned for two reasons. First of all I live in the Hayden Island area which is already congested from I-5 traffic and can be very noisy. I do commute in and out of the city and at rush hour it is completely clogged now. I could not imagine it much worse than it is. Plus how useful is outdoor amphitheater in Oregon with the rain we have. When was the last time you sat through a concert in the cold rain. Does Paul Allen really think that he could fill such a place when the Rose garden doesn't even fill up for major performers. I really do believe that we have enough venues for large drawing performers. Second and very important to myself is that we now have and operate successfully a truly world class racing venue. PIR is known throughout the world as one of the best tracks to race for its safety and excellent layout. I know that you are saying "but yes it stays there" except for the reality that lots of race dates and events would be canceled due to concert conflicts. PIR as a race track has existed for many years and I have enjoyed many dates out at the track with my father as a child growing up and would look forward to taking my kids to the races. Nowadays I am very involved with OMRRA. I have been racing on the track for four years and it is the highlight of my summer along with all my friends. It would be a shame to lose dates to the coming of Garth Brooks or Metallica. The people that would use the amphitheater just once a year maybe, but where the racers and fans use it several times a year, and most road racing events it does not matter if it rains. I hope I have expressed myself that we do not need this amphitheater here in Portland. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** Pete Kunzler <pck@gte.net>  
**To:** Mayor Katz <mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us>  
**Date:** 12/7/98 4:03pm  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed theater at PIR -Reply

Mayor Katz wrote:

> Dear Mr. Kunzler:  
>  
> Our goal as a city is not just to maintain a liveable and vibrant  
> community but also to allow development which fosters increased  
> oppourtunities for our neighborhoods and for the City of Portland at  
> large.  
>  
> With warm regards,  
>  
> Vera Katz  
> Mayor

Mayor, I agree whole heartedly with the above, just keep in mind not to allow development at a location that already has a high usage rate and is known as one of the top racing facilities in the country. It would be extremely sad to lose this track.

No matter what is promised, if the theater is built, it will replace the track with in a few short years.

Pete Kunzler

**From:** <stan.g.miller@exgate.tek.com>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us")  
**Date:** 12/7/98 4:59pm  
**Subject:** PIR - Amphitheater

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December 7, 1998

Dear Mayor Katz,

I would like to discourage the construction and operation of an outdoor amphitheater at Portland International Raceway (PIR). I spent my first racing season at PIR before I turned one year old and have witnessed many positive changes in my 32 seasons at the facility.

I have three main reasons for rejecting the bid to build an amphitheater at PIR.

First, as a motor sports enthusiast and occasional participant, I want to avoid the dissipation of one of the finest motor sports parks in the nation. The primary goal of the racing community is not to lose any racing dates (i.e. use the motor sports facility for motor sports). On the extreme end, the moto-cross community will not even have a season at PIR if the amphitheater is built. In conjunction, knowing the schedule is key to allocating vacations, time, and money. The amphitheater's ability to cancel motor racing events within 30 days of the event date is fundamentally unjust.

The second reason for rejecting the bid to build an amphitheater at PIR is the additional paving that comes with the amphitheater. Although grass parking lots give little aesthetic pleasure, they provide an exponentially better rainwater run-off system.

Lastly, I see no need to significantly alter PIR when an amphitheater is being built in Vancouver, WA. I really doubt that the Portland/Vancouver area is in such need for amphitheater capacity that it has to build two amphitheatres at once. A wise approach may be to observe the Vancouver amphitheater and the demand for it, before building a second amphitheater only 20 minutes away.

In conclusion, a Portland amphitheater would hurt the motor sports community, hurt the environment, and may not even be necessary. Please vote "no" to the PIR amphitheater.

Thank you for your efforts,

Stan G. Miller

**From:** <downswallie@usa.net>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us")  
**Date:** 12/7/98 8:06pm  
**Subject:** PIR Amphitheater Concerns

As someone who has enjoyed various events at the PIR facility, I am concerned about Paul Allen's ill-conceived amphitheater idea at PIR.

Giving cancellation rights to this group, whether it is for 3 or 10 weekends a year, is unfair to the groups that have used and supported this facility for years.

There are ample available venues for outdoor concerts existing already - Civic Stadium, the Zoo, Waterfront Park, Fairgrounds in Clark, Washington and Clackamas Counties - not to mention the myriad of indoor opportunities.

Mr Allen has spent a lot of money to paint a very rosy picture of this project, but he neglects to mention the thorns behind the flower.

Please support the Planning Commission and residents who currently use PIR and say NO to Mr Allen's plan. It is not needed and gives him too much control! Thank you.

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**From:** Paul Schmidt <pdsbhs@earthlink.net>  
**To:** Charlie Hales <chales@ci.portland.or.us>, Eric Ste...  
**Date:** 12/7/98 9:20pm  
**Subject:** Proposed amphitheater

Dear Portland City Council,

I urge you to pursue the idea of an amphitheater at PIR further. Rather than shying away from the idea because of vocal opposition from some in the immediate area I urge you to consider the benefit to the Portland area as a whole.

As a music fan who has made the long trip the Gorge amphitheater or in town to Portland Meadows the idea is very attractive. It would reinforce our reputation as a stop for bands between San Francisco and Seattle. Our outdoor venue is preferable to being indoors when the weather is agreeable.

Here is one vocal "yes" to proceed with the planning process....I actually speak for a family of 4.

Yours truly,

Paul D. Schmidt  
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**From:** Michael Hemel <kb7wuk@pcez.com>  
**To:** Vera Katz <mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us>, Jim Franc...  
**Date:** 12/7/98 11:52pm  
**Subject:** Amphitheater at Delta Park

I believe good urban planning provides for non conflicting uses of properties. I'm a little concerned about the proposed project to create a new outdoor concert facility at Delta Park.

It does not seem reasonable to construct an outdoor concert venue directly under the approach/departure path to an International airport served by jet aircraft. And while Portland International Airport only has two runways lined up at the site now, the plan to add a third runway insures no shortage of aircraft noise for the future concert ticket buyers.

Is this really a good proposal on the best site in the area?

Wouldn't it fit better on the Zidell site near the Ross Island bridge, perhaps overlooking the Willamette River, with a station on the South-North Lightrail line?

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Mike

Experience is a hard teacher. First comes the test, then the lesson.

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**From:** "Vance Jackson" <VanceJackson@email.msn.com>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us")  
**Date:** 12/8/98 2:16am  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes to Portland International Raceway

It has come to my attention that Paul Allen wants to build an amphitheater on the grounds of the Raceway (PIR). My understanding is that this construction would eliminate among other things, the motocross track and the area used for SCCA pits. I also understand that Mr. Allen can with only 30 days notice comander the entire facility for a concert, thereby displacing various motorsport events including but not restricted to club lapping days and driving schools. It seems to me that these motorsport events which draw up to thousands and thousands of motel renting, restaurant eating, souvenir buying fans and participants over a 2-4 day period, should take precedence over 18,000 loud, littering, mostly local, one-night-only concert goers. The motorsport participants and fans come from outside the state in large numbers and spend large amounts of dollars. I count myself as a motorsport fan and a participant, and I find it disturbing that the City of Portland would cave in to the lure of Mr. Allen's dollars. You are stepping over a dollar to pick up a dime. Here in Seattle, Paul Allen has duped the local government into buying him a new stadium. The people really didn't want it, but the council was dazzled by his enormous wealth. Please don't follow suit. Thank you...

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**From:** <thomas\_a\_fetsko@national-city.com>  
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**Date:** 12/8/98 4:53am  
**Subject:** Re: Portland International Raceway Ampitheater -Reply

Dear Mayor Katz,

Thank you for personally responding to my previous e-mail. I appreciate your quick response and thank you for taking the matter seriously and reviewing all the factors before making a decision.

Again, if I can be of any assistance, don't hesitate to let me know.

Best wishes and Happy Holidays,

Tom

Reply Separator

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**Subject:** Portland International Raceway Amphitheater -Reply  
**Author:** Mayor Katz <mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us> at ~internet  
**Date:** 12/7/98 1:16 PM

Dear Mr. Fetsko:

Thank you very much for your e-mail regarding the proposed development of an amphitheatre at Portland International Raceway by Paul Allen and Aegean Development. My office has received many letters, e-mails and faxes concerning this proposal and I consider all of them individually and seriously. I have not yet made a decision to support or to oppose the amphitheatre project and will weigh relevant factors including community concerns and neighborhood impact.

I understand your concerns and value your contributions on the matter. The process is not yet complete and a final decision will not be made until all the relevant information has been collected and reviewed. It would be inappropriate for me to voice support or disapproval for the proposal at this time.

Our goal as a city is not just to maintain a liveable and vibrant community but also to allow development which fosters increased opportunities for our neighborhoods and for the City of Portland at large. These decisions are not easily made and it is important for affected citizens to voice their opinions in support and in opposition. The City Council will consider the amphitheatre proposal on Thursday, December 17th. I encourage you to remain involved in the process so that the final decision takes into account the concerns of those most directly affected.

With warm regards,

Vera Katz  
Mayor

**From:** Don Watson <dwatson@sequent.com>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us")  
**Date:** 12/8/98 7:19am  
**Subject:** Portland International Raceway

Good Morning,

I hope we're not about to lose one of the things that makes Portland unique. A lot of cities would kill to have PIR. It typifies to me the attitude that makes Portland special: go DO something (as opposed to go WATCH something). Thanks to the city of Portland and all the PIR volunteers, people like me can participate in an activity, not just watch.

Don't turn Portland into Seattle or Cincinnati--keep Portland unique.

Thanks,  
Don

**From:** "Schmidt, Michael" <MSchmidt@FEICO.com>  
**To:** "mayorkatz@ci.portland.or.us" <mayorkatz@ci.port...>  
**Date:** 12/8/98 7:21am  
**Subject:** Portland International Raceway

Dear Mayor Katz,

This email comes to you in concern about the possible plan to construct an 18,000 seat amphitheater in the infield of Portland International Raceway. As a member of the Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing Association (OMRRA), the one thing I look forward to every year is packing up all of the bikes and gear and going to the races. I do not want this passion of mine to get pushed by the wayside.

I have difficulties understanding the reasoning of Mr. Allen's proposal. The major difficulty that really effects me as a motorcycle racer, is the ability to cancel all motorsports events on 30 days notice. This is not right. In many cases this could cancel the only large event a club puts on in a year, or in my case up to three races! Would this not make the planning of motorsports events difficult or even impossible? Do we not have enough seats and open dates to use Memorial Coliseum, and the Rose Garden? Would Mr. Allen's amphitheater be exempt to the noise and time restrictions other clubs must abide by? The list goes on. These kinds of issues might not be big to some but they are to me and many other users of this facility. Let us keep PIR a raceway.

Do not let the big money and power of a man like Paul Allen cloud what is at stake for the future of PIR. By allowing an amphitheater to be built you would be removing a large chunk of the color that makes this area the great place it is. I urge you think carefully and vote no on this proposal.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** <JEdgar6108@aol.com>  
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**Date:** 12/8/98 8:02am  
**Subject:** amphitheater

Here we go again, last May a test was taken on the noise levels at PIR concerning the proposed amphitheater, and mailings were sent out to the N & N.E,neighborhoods with a phone number to call about the noise levels. That mailing arrived four days after the test took place. This time we were not even notified of the test and a small sampling "20 people" were called, give us a break. We are inundated with noise in the East Columbia Neighborhood from PIR,Portland speedway, Concerts at the horse race track, The Airport. enough is enough, Let Clark County have the one and only Amphitheather Jack Edgar  
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and Oregon 97211

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**From:** Ralph and Anna Welch <kingwelch@earthlink.net>  
**To:** Portland.SMTP1("letters@news.oregonian.com", "pmort...  
**Date:** 12/8/98 8:52am  
**Subject:** Letter to the Editor: Amphitheater at PIR

Anna and Ralph Welch  
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December 7, 1998

To the Editors:

Your editorial on the proposed amphitheater at the Portland International Raceway completely misses the point. While keeping options open is a commendable idea, an amphitheater at PIR is a bad idea, now or in the future.

The focus on the raceway and the racing community does a great disservice to residents in North/Northeast Portland who will be the most adversely affected by an amphitheater. Our extensive research shows that every amphitheater built in or adjoining urban areas has proven to be a bad neighbor. They create incredible noise, with concert music and obscenities hurled into neighborhoods up to three miles away. They also generate increased crime, from underage drinking and petty theft to assault. Promoters cannot or will not control artists, who bring in their own loudspeaker systems, and regularly exceed sound limitations by 50% and more.

What amphitheatres don't do is generate real money for cities. Aegean promises approximately half a million a year to the general fund, but will that even begin to compensate for loss in property values, increased crime, damage done to community livability, gridlock on I-5, and the myriad of lawsuits that will most certainly result from all these negative effects? Don't buy the claim that "no public money will be used." That might be true of the initial development cost, but is flatly not true when it comes to long term operations.

A prime example is Shoreline Amphitheater in Mountain View, CA. Every summer, this facility generates thousands of noise complaints. The adjoining city of Palo Alto is so fed up with it that they have considered filing suit against the City of Mountain View and the amphitheater managers. It's not a stretch to envision the City of Vancouver retaliating against amphitheater noise with a lawsuit against the City of Portland.

Does Portland need a "world-class amphitheater"? Not according to a study commissioned last year by Aegean and the City of Portland, which noted that Portland staged as many concerts as other cities of comparable size, and that many of those concerts were by musicians who normally perform outdoors in the summer. The idea that acts are passing us by for lack of an amphitheater is utter nonsense.

There have been no independent sound, traffic, or environmental impact studies conducted to determine the real effect of the amphitheater. There has been no economic impact report, or a highest and best use study for the public land. Vanport has been virtually ignored, despite it being an historic site unique to the nation.

Regarding the suggestion that the "door be left open" to the possibility of a mutually beneficial arrangement, we ask, "How sincere is Aegean about working with neighbors?" It's very difficult to trust them when