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Moore-Love, Karla

Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Saturday, May 12, 2012 12:28 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Vincent Alvarez <vincent.alvarez@burroughs.com>

Date: May 12, 2012 12:13:45 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "vincent.alvarez@burroughs.com" <vincent.alvarez@burroughs.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

I do not believe that this is the area of the city that needs this kind of attention. There is already considerable development happening in this area. The city does not need to offer mere incentives at the expense of other vital needs.

Vincent Alvarez

12671 SE Where Else Ln.

Portland, OR 97222

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Mult. Co. projects - \$19,150,000
PPS site development - \$10 million
Urban Innovation - \$13.6 million
Research and Technology Commercialization - \$13.5 million
Entrepreneurship - \$12.8 million
Cluster Development - \$21.2 million
Housing set aside - \$46.5 million
Administration (bond issuance fees, PDC direct staffing and overhead) - \$32 million

What I do know is that whatever the PDC ED URA rate charged to the Multnomah County property taxes will increase for the next-28 years -- extended five to seven years out to payoff insurance bonds. As for that interest %, I was clueless -- until I contacted Steve March, Multnomah County Oregon Auditor, and Thomas W. Linhares, Tax Supervisor & Conservation Commission.

On May 1, 2012, at 11:12 AM, Steve MARCH wrote:
This is from the PDC Report to their Board (#11-92 - updated 4/10/12 & presented 4/11/12):
"BUDGET AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Summary cash flow* for the Education URA over the 28 year life of the district:

Bond Issuance Costs - \$7,700,000
Housing Set-Aside - \$46,500,000
PDC Direct Staffing and Overhead - \$24,500,000
Multnomah County - \$19,150,000
Remaining for Projects - \$71,150,000
TOTAL - \$169,000,000
*Numbers rounded"

PDC website for EDURA: <http://vnmw.pdc.us/four/ccstudy/default.asp>

Report quoted above: [http://pdc.us/Libraries/Board_Reports/Board_Report_11-92 -
Education_District_URA_pdf.sflb.ashx](http://pdc.us/Libraries/Board_Reports/Board_Report_11-92_-_Education_District_URA_pdf.sflb.ashx)

Steve

From: Thomas LINHARES <thomas.w.linhares@multco.us>
Date: December 15, 2011 3:13:20 PM PST
To: e33maschwab@gmail.com
Subject: City of Portland GO Bonds

Mary Ann:

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You are certainly correct that interest charges will be added to the expense over the life of the plan area. The maximum indebtedness that can be issued refers to the principal amount that can be borrowed but the use of tax increment financing revenues (diverted from other taxing districts) is used to pay the principal and interest payments on that debt. The amount of interest depends on what interest rate the city is charged and how the payments are structured.

All I can do is provide data from two recent bond issues.

The city sold \$30,370,000 in bonds for the Downtown Waterfront URA in July 2011. Over 9 years (last payment due 6/30/2020) the city will pay \$30,370,000 in principal and \$8,097,020 in interest. True Interest Cost is 2.6735857%.

The city sold \$28,890,000 in bonds for the Interstate Corridor URA in July 2011. Over 15 years (last payment due 6/15/2026) the city will pay \$28,890,000 in principal and \$13,536,256 in interest. True Interest Cost is 5.5852217%.

The city sold \$29,685,000 in bonds for the Oregon Convention Center URA in July 2011. Over 9 years (last payment due 6/30/2020) the city will pay \$29,685 in principal and \$8,661,676 in interest. True Interest Cost is 2.6754748%.

As you can see the interest expense can vary by quite a bit. The Interstate URA bonds were federally taxable while the Oregon Convention Center bonds were exempt from Federal income taxes. Don't ask me why one is taxable and the other isn't. That is determined by the market and what buyer want and the city has a very sophisticated Treasury Department that determines what is in the best interest of the city when bonds are sold.

I hope this is helpful.

Tom

Parsons, Susan

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From: Uwagbae, Grace
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2012 1:27 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
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From: Martha Goetsch <goetsch@soapstone.org>
Date: May 12, 2012 9:27:15 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "goetsch@soapstone.org" <goetsch@soapstone.org>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Martha Goetsch
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From: MARYGAIL SULLIVAN <msully@gbpackersfan.com>

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To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "msully@gbpackersfan.com" <msully@gbpackersfan.com>

Thank you for all of your time & efforts that you for all of the time & effort that you put into our great city. With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using

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tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Urban Renewal is not intended for areas that are already attracting MAJOR private investment.

Please direct these funds to neighborhoods in great(er) need or to our school programs. Please do not be another PDX or State agency that mis-uses funds.

Blessings,
MaryGail Sullivan

MARYGAIL SULLIVAN
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FD to
Keith
Brock

From: tony@mlagrosboutique.com
Sent: Saturday, May 12, 2012 10:40 AM
To: Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Fritz; dan@ci.portland.or.us; Leonard, Randy; sam.adams@ci.portland.or.us
Cc: Moore-Love, Karla; Jeff COGEN; Finn, Brendan; lgunderson@oregonian.com
Subject: Formal Testimony - Proposed Central City URA
Importance: High
 May 11, 2012

The Honorable Mayor Adams and City Commissioners,

I am writing to you today to formally request that you do not approved the proposed Central City URA (i.e. the "education zone").

As you may have noticed, we are in challenging times with regard to city and school budgets. The march yesterday was the only the most recent public display of concern - even outrage - with the current state of our public funding priorities. In addition, I am certain that you are aware that Measures 5, 47 & 50 have made property tax revenue a precious funding source for local needs.

In light of the myriad of challenges we face in this city & the current state of our existing physical and social infrastructure, committing significant property tax revenue to real estate development via a new URA requires careful consideration.

So let's be clear. Public budgets are a zero sum game. Any property tax sequestered for the proposed URA does not create a new pot of money, it is just moving money from one pot to another or from the future to the present via debt. The bottom-line is that all these pots are in the same kitchen.

The proposed central city URA (marketed as an "education zone") will result in \$169 million in new city debt to fund real estate development in the PSU area. Although I appreciate that the county and PPS have negotiated aspects of the project list and funding to in a sense "keep them whole", at the end of the day this remains an action that is just moving pots around the kitchen. The overall size and scope of this proposal should be of great concern to every citizen of Portland is it continues the path of debt financing using a tool that (URA/TIF) hasn't resulted in long term job creation or significant new public funding.

We need to move our economic development focus away from subsidizing real estate via URAs, which has had no measurable impact on overall employment, and into small business development and long-term job creation. More importantly, we need to support our schools, our local safety net, and ensure that the streets and sidewalks, the sewer lines and public spaces we have paid for with our tax dollars aren't allowed to crumble.

I hope you will join me in opposing the proposed central city URA. Please contact me at 971-570-6930 if you have any questions.

I thank you for your time.

All the best,

Tony Fuentes
 6504 NE 22nd Avenue
 Portland, OR 97211

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EDUCATION URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL, PRINT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL.

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✓ Bob Wright	1221 SE 10th Ave, #505 Portland, OR 97205	wright-stuff@comcast.net
✓ Kenneth Thrasher	1001 NW Lovejoy St Unit 1301 Portland, OR 97209	Ken.Thrasher@compli.com
✓ Shelley Lorenzen	League of Women Voters of Portland	the info@pdx.org
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✓ ERIC FRUITS	4318 NE ROYAL CT 97213	ERIC.FRUIITS@GMAIL.COM
✓ Luis Brennan		

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Sent: Friday, May 11, 2012 11:53 AM
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Subject: FW: Schools vs Urban renewal

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From: Mianne Vaidya [mailto:m_009@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 9:18 AM
To: Adams, Mayor
Subject: Schools vs Urban renewal

Urban renewal draws new business, but new business needs educated workers, which Oregon will have fewer of if we keep trotting down the path we're on. It may be time to set urban renewal aside for a bit, until the economy improves, and instead concentrate on building up the ranks of the educated worker. Please reconsider the Urban Renewal plan.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

A concerned parent at Beverly Cleary School

Amelia d. Vaidya
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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2012 8:43 AM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District

Cevero C.G. Gonzalez

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From: Ann Romano [mailto:pdxwebrealty@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2012 8:24 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District

Mayor Adams

Regarding the PSU Urban Renewal District, please vote no on it so that the money can go to other much needed areas in our city. As much as I support PSU, it is hard to imagine it as a blighted, derelict area. There is more energy, vitality and growth in this area than any other area of the city. To tie up taxes on it would be a waste. It can make it on its own.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best
Ann Romano

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From: Robert and Veronika Stein <bstein@csusb.edu>

Date: May 11, 2012 7:32:00 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "bstein@csusb.edu" <bstein@csusb.edu>

"Urban renewal" is a good way to bring investment and life to an area that is decayed or undeveloped. Why would you even contemplate tax breaks (subsidized by the rest of the city's taxpayers) to stimulate an area that is already developed and does not lack for activity at present? An "urban renewal district" in the PSU area is a bad idea and should be stopped!

Robert and Veronika Stein
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Subject: FW: Proposed PSU Education Urban Renewal Area - Comments
Attachments: PSU-URA-May 2012 .pdf; PSU-URA-LIST .pdf

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2012 1:25 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: Proposed PSU Education Urban Renewal Area - Comments

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From: Cathy Galbraith [mailto:cathyg@visitahc.org]
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2012 1:24 PM
To: Adams, Sam; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Fritz; Leonard, Randy; Commissioner Saltzman
Cc: Witcosky, Keith J.; gregorym@pdx.edu; zalcowl@pdx.edu
Subject: Proposed PSU Education Urban Renewal Area - Comments

To Mayor Sam Adams and Portland City Council –

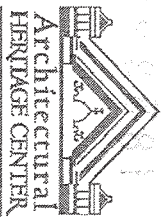
In anticipation of your May 16th deliberation on the Portland State Education Urban Renewal Area, please see comments that I have attached. Also attached is a preliminary list of historic and potentially historic buildings in the PSU area, dating back to early 2010. I'm happy to respond to any questions or comments you may have, in advance of the Council meeting.

Thanks very much for your attention to our public interests –
Cathy

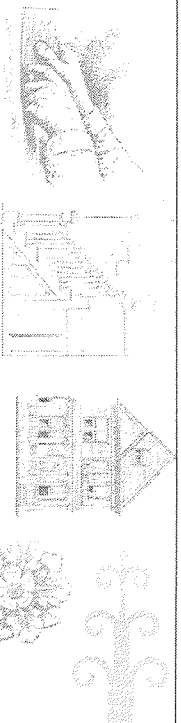
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COMMENTS TO: Mayor Sam Adams

Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Randy Leonard
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Keith Witcosky, Portland Development Commission
Mark Gregory, Executive Vice-President, and Dan Zalcow, Director of Planning,
Portland State University

FROM: Cathy Galbraith, Executive Director – Bosco-Milligan Foundation

RE: Proposed EDUCATON URBAN RENEWAL AREA

In December 2009, Landmarks Commission Chairman Art DeMuro appointed a committee to examine the proposed boundaries for a potential new Urban Renewal Area (URA) in Portland's inner west side. The Committee was asked to identify historic and potentially historic structures within those boundaries, to focus on preservation opportunities (potential rehab projects), and also identify other historic resources that should be preserved within the boundaries. This work was in response to a request from Portland Development Commission, highly welcomed as an unprecedented step to identify historic resources in advance of any URA district formation.

The Committee members were: **Richard Engeman** (historian, writer, Landmarks Commission member), **Linda Dods** (historian), **Paul Falsetto** (chairman, Portland AIA Historic Resources Committee), **Cathy Galbraith** (Executive Director, Bosco-Milligan Foundation/Architectural Heritage Center), **Bill Hawkins** (architect, architectural historian, writer), and **Tanya March** (PhD – PSU (2010); adjunct professor PSU 2006-08). Staffed by **Nicholas Starin** (BPS), the committee divided up the district study area and undertook an in-depth look at resources within six sub-areas. The committee's work resulted in a basic inventory of historic and potentially historic (high integrity, but no local landmarks designation) buildings in all sub-areas.

Now (May, 2012), the city of Portland is considering a reduced district, *the Education Urban Renewal Area*, focused on one of the areas in the earlier larger potential URA. A number of recommendations, points, and concerns included in the earlier URA report are especially relevant for the proposed Education URA. They are:

- Require a full Intensive Level Inventory of historic resources be conducted for the URA. This helps ensure that properties of historic importance that have not been formally designated will not be threatened with redevelopment. **Note:** we are pleased to see that PSU signed an MOA with the state Historic Preservation Office, during the

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Lincoln Hall project, committing to complete a Reconnaissance Level Survey (RLS) of the campus area. Again, the entire Education URA land area should be surveyed during this effort and we look forward to seeing that work completed.

- Identify and prioritize a list of significant preservation and rehabilitation projects for potential URA funding.
- **Prohibit the demolition of individually listed National Register properties and contributing properties in historic districts in projects receiving urban renewal funding.** No URA funding should be used in projects that demolish properties that are designated local landmarks or are included in the City of Portland's Historic Resources Inventory.

It is difficult to make a blanket determination that inclusion within an urban renewal area is advantageous or disadvantageous to historic resources from a preservation perspective. There are a number of variables and inherent uncertainties, and in the past, urban renewal has resulted both in notable preservation and rehabilitation projects, as well as the demolition and unsympathetic alteration of historic buildings. The earlier committee agreed on the following general principles that should guide decisions:

- Individually designated National Register properties and contributing resources in National Register districts are *more likely* than not to benefit from urban renewal. They have protections such as historic design and demolition review, access to other preservation incentives that can be combined with urban renewal preservation investments, and strong public support and advocacy.
- Vacant land is generally detrimental to historic districts, leaving holes in the urban fabric and reducing a district's vitality and sense of place. Including vacant historic district land within URA boundaries can help spur their redevelopment, while historic design review will help ensure that redevelopment is historically compatible. In addition, URA/PDC assistance for projects on these sites can be tied to additional requirements and public oversight to ensure appropriate designs, using applicable design guidelines adopted for established historic districts.
- Generally, urban renewal is more likely to benefit larger historic buildings, such as multi-story commercial structures. It is *less likely* to benefit smaller historic structures, such as single-story commercial and single-family residential buildings and structures that are significantly smaller than underlying zoning entitlements. Committee members expressed considerable concern regarding the future of these smaller-scale historic resources.

URA Boundary: Specific Recommendations (from the earlier report) -

- **South Portland:** The Committee is disinclined to support the crossing of the I-405 freeway, until and if there is a specific transportation project identified that would help rectify some of the damage done to the neighborhood in earlier transportation projects. Additionally, there are significant historic building resources in the blocks that are proposed to fall within the new boundary.

- **Goose Hollow:** The Committee is inclined to expand the boundaries *slightly*, for (1) properties on the south side of SW Columbia, centered on 16th Avenue; (2) the partial block surrounded by SW Alder, SW 16th, and Burnside; (3) the Kingston Hotel block, (surrounded by Burnside, SW Morrison, and SW 20th.) The Kingston Hotel is a significant preservation opportunity and URA funding could support utilizing the building's full potential. Other significant preservation opportunities include: Commodore Hotel (1609 SW Morrison), Raintree Apartments (924 SW 16th), Grandview Apartments (1329 SW 14th), Bronough Apartments (1424 SW Morrison, Burkhart's Florists (2280 W Burnside), and Hamilton Arms Apartments (709 SW 16th.) The ensemble of three Victorian-era houses at 1836-1824-1818 NW Couch is exceptionally significant and warrants preservation.
- **Portland State University:** PSU does not have an adopted master plan, and has yet to complete a comprehensive survey of campus-area historic resources. Given the recent and continuing demolition of historic buildings (house at SW 5th and College), apartments at SW 5th and College, building at 1633 SW 11th), the Committee is *disinclined* to be supportive of including the Fourth-to-Sixth Avenue area in a URA – *the entire proposed URA area south of Mill Street, unless preservation of existing non-designated but historic buildings are addressed as a priority*. This area, south of the present campus, contains a substantial concentration of some of Downtown's oldest surviving residential structures; these buildings provide affordable multi-family housing and warrant a careful look at their preservation needs and opportunities. Examples include: Apartments at 636 SW Jackson; 614 SW Jackson; 2001 - 05 SW 6th, apartments at corner of SW 5th and Hall; 516-18 SW College; 1984-86 SW 5th; 1974 SW 5th (house); 626 SW Jackson (fraternity.) *(See attached list, it should NOT be considered complete.)* The Committee also understands that if public-sector developments are undertaken and owned exclusively by PSU no TIF is generated, since publicly owned buildings are tax exempt.
- **Lincoln High School Area:** The committee understands that there are active plans for a partnership with Portland Public Schools to build a new Lincoln High School building, making the current site available for re-development. The surrounding area should be carefully investigated so that potentially significant historic buildings are not lost. One extremely important building is Portland Stable Number #1, at 1151 SW 16th Avenue.

URA Strategies and Planning: Preservation and Rehabilitation Priorities

The Committee defined Historic Properties as: National Register-listed or eligible, designated Portland Historic or Conservation Landmarks, buildings listed in the 1983 Historic Resources Inventory, buildings listed in later inventories, and buildings determined to be historic since the HRI.

The Committee understood the Portland Housing Bureau's 30% set-aside; our concern was that existing buildings (many of which are historic) that have long-provided affordable housing are preserved and retained, and not sacrificed for new housing projects.

The earlier Committee noted the important distinction between high quality new developments that incorporate historic buildings throughout the potential new URA district, rather than new development that erases all evidence of an area's building heritage over time. Portland's most successful commercial areas (Pearl District, Downtown, Hawthorne, etc.) are those that retain historic buildings that represent earlier periods of development, combined with new buildings that blend successfully with their older neighboring structures.

The Education URA documents specifically state (in the "*Report Accompanying the Education URA*") that "it is not anticipated that relocation will be necessary for businesses or residents in the Area". This leads us to believe that no demolitions are planned in the URA.

One final related question: What is the status of PSU's Master Facility Plan? These are required for all major institutions in Portland, including colleges and universities, and hospitals.

NOTE: The earlier Committee specifically did not express an opinion as to whether a new inner-west side URA should be created.

WEST SIDE POTENTIAL URA – AREA PSU-URA 1/3/10

1. 420 SW College
2. SW Corner, SW 5th & College (The Altamont Apartments)
3. SW 5th – No Address – 2 lots north of SW College – “No Trespassing”
4. 1974 SW 5th
5. 1984-86 SW 5th
6. 516-518 SW College
7. Corner, SW 5th & Hall (red wood frame Apartments)
8. 636 SW Jackson
9. 626 SW Jackson (Fraternity)
10. 624 SW Jackson (“P S Styles”)
11. 614 SW Jackson (Apartments)
12. 2001-05 SW 6th
13. 2013-15 SW 6th
14. 2021-23 SW 6th
15. SW Jackson, Inside Transit Turn-Around (“A” on house)
16. 1515 SW 10th
17. Corner, SW 10th & Market (Harder House – PSU)
18. 1632 SW 12th (University Honors program – PSU)
19. 1633 SW 12th (“To be Demolished” Sign, PSU) – 2 Photos
20. SW 4th & Mill – St. Michael’s Church

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Wendy Coulturst

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Subject: FW: Don't waste my money on an Urban Renewal District in an area that's not blighted

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Berg [mailto:laurakim7@gmail.com]

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To: Adams, Sam

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Take a trip out east, 82nd Ave or beyond, and you'll see areas that really need the help.

Laura Berg
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Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 12:58 PM

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From: Annie Robb <a.rose.robbs@gmail.com>

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Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "a.rose.robbs@gmail.com" <a.rose.robbs@gmail.com>

Urban renewal is not intended to be used to improve areas that are attracting substantial private investment. As a resident of the Woodlawn neighborhood for years, I fail to see how the Park blocks warrant revitalization at this point. Full of tourists, students, shoppers, festivals, the Farmers' Market... I can't believe this is where we should dump out much-needed funding. Schools are struggling. Public health is waning. I find the "renewal" of the neighborhood in which both the University Club and Arlington Club sit to be distasteful and outrageous. If you have a solid and sensible rationale, I'd like to hear it. Thank you.

Annie Robb

1414 NE Morgan St

Portland, OR 97211

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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 12:08 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Wolfhard Almers <almersw@yahoo.com>
Date: May 10, 2012 11:17:48 AM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "almersw@yahoo.com" <almersw@yahoo.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

This PSU area is not unsafe, nor is it derelict, nor is it old or obsolete. Those who would like to change it should raise the necessary funds privately.

Wolfhard Almers
1320m SW Hessler Dr
Portland, OR 97239

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 7:43 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Tony Fuentes <tony@milagrosboutique.com>

Date: May 9, 2012 3:05:11 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**

Reply-To: "tony@milagrosboutique.com" <tony@milagrosboutique.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Tony Fuentes
6504 NE 22nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97211

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Moore-Love, Karla

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Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 6:55 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathleen Archer <kthln.archer@gmail.com>

Date: May 10, 2012 5:39:35 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "kthln.archer@gmail.com" <kthln.archer@gmail.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Kathleen Archer
621 SE HARRISON ST
Portland, OR 97214

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 8:20 AM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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From: Michael Parker [mailto:mikpar@prodigy.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 8:09 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Michael Parker
6825 N Fenwick
Portland, OR 97217

Moore-Love, Karla

From:	Adams, Sam
Sent:	Thursday, May 10, 2012 8:20 AM
To:	Uwagbae, Grace
Subject:	FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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From: marilyn owen [mailto:momail_o@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 8:08 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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marilyn owen
11124 NE Halsey St
Portland, OR 97220

Moore-Love, Karla

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Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 4:29 PM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kamari Aykes <kamaricaykes@gmail.com>

Date: May 9, 2012 3:04:29 PM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "kamaricaykes@gmail.com" <kamaricaykes@gmail.com>

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Kamari Aykes

sw Terri Ct

Portland, OR 97225

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Uwagbae, Grace
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 2:44 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: FW: Proposed PSU Urban Renewal District

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Grace Uwagbae
 Community Advocate
 Office of Mayor Sam Adams
 City of Portland
 1221 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 340
 Portland, OR 97204
 P: 503-823-4740
 E: grace.uwagbae@portlandoregon.gov
 T: @GracieO_says
 W: mayorsamadams.com

Want to learn about last year's transportation accomplishments? Check out our 2010 Progress Report: <http://bit.ly/PDXtisp>

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 2:33 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: Proposed PSU Urban Renewal District

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Sean Brown <mallachin@hotmail.com>
Date: May 9, 2012 2:24:08 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Proposed PSU Urban Renewal District
Reply-To: "mallachin@hotmail.com" <mallachin@hotmail.com>

As I understand it, the proposed PSU Urban Renewal District is designed and planned to renew a 'blighted' area of Portland.

The Park Blocks, PSU, Lincoln High School are adequately funded --- even including Streetcar and Tri-Met bus access and adjacent MAX stations. The Park Blocks itself includes the Portland Art Museum, well-maintained historical buildings, high-end restaurants and hotels, and manicured park areas. It's a gem!

Please. In this climate of austerity, reduced tax income of local, state, and federal

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governments, use public money and other investments more wisely. These monies could be used to fund public schools, which are already struggling to provide the real infrastructure of our future -- education and our children.

I advocate to stop pursuing the PSU Urban Renewal District and do not direct funds to it.

Perhaps at a later time, in a few years, when the country's economy is more healthy and is able to commit the resources to this project without sacrificing other necessities, then the Renewal district may be an investment. But, not now.

Sean Brown
4195 SW 185th Ave
Aloha, OR 97007

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Moore-Love, Karla

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Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 11:11 AM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Larry Ullman <ltullman@comcast.net>
Date: May 9, 2012 9:17:53 AM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "ltullman@comcast.net" <ltullman@comcast.net>

I am a concerned Portland resident wondering why a downtown Urban Renewal project should take financial precedent over education budgetary needs. Please consider spending the money properly and not at the expense of our public school already hampered by a decreasing tax base. Thank you for taking the time to invest in our city and all of our needs, especially our children.

Larry Ullman
1131 ne 108th ave
Portland, OR 97220

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 11:12 AM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: I'm opposed to the PSU Urban Renewal District

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Begin forwarded message:

From: David Shapiro <buypenasco@hotmail.com>
Date: May 9, 2012 8:44:32 AM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: I'm opposed to the PSU Urban Renewal District
Reply-To: "buypenasco@hotmail.com" <buypenasco@hotmail.com>

As a PSU employee, I fully support PSU's mission and public education in general. However, I don't think diverting tax receipts for downtown urban renewal is justifiable given the current budget crunch. PSU is in the most vibrant economic area of our city. Urban renewal funds, if used at all, should be used in areas where the economy and people are suffering.

David Shapiro
1403 SE Salmon
Portland, OR 97214

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To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: no yo PSU Urban Renewal District

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Lewis Sternberg <joe_tmp@star-mountain.com>
Date: May 9, 2012 8:08:41 AM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: no yo PSU Urban Renewal District
Reply-To: "joe_tmp@star-mountain.com" <joe_tmp@star-mountain.com>

I'm paying over \$11k in property taxes.
If I lived 1/2 mile west, it would be less than 1/2 that.
There has to be fairness and value for money.
This proposal provides neither.

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Lewis Sternberg
8005 NW Hawkins Blvd
Portland, OR 97229

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 11:21 AM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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From: Kathryn TenHoopen [mailto:lunamayah3@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 11:15 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Please, don't revert to the old "robbing of Peter to pay Paul" routine! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Keep the money where it is most needed... to keep our schools, parks and vital public services alive!

Using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around (the already thriving) PSU and the Park Blocks is not a productive, nor sustainable way of using precious resources.

PLEASE listen to the voices of the Portland people, and rethink this approach!

Kathryn TenHoopen
2419 SE 85th Ave
Portland, OR 97216

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 11:22 AM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: Public schools should be a priority right now

Cevero C.G. Gonzalez
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From: Susan Laarman [mailto:slaar@imagina.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 11:07 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Public schools should be a priority right now

The recent contribution from the city to PPS is admirable and a wise use of money as I have heard many, many parents talk about leaving due to the schools being so underfunded. This long-term effect on the city could be much, much more in lost revenues. But more needs to be done and the city has much to gain by improving schools.

That's why using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Urban renewal is a subjective term and it could be argued that all parts of the city could qualify for that designation. But clearly things are looking pretty good around PSU and the park blocks and this is the time to focus on where needs are greatest.

I think Portlanders support public schools and we all "get" that we're contributing to our future by educating our youth. Time to do things differently. Thanks for your work.

Susan Laarman
4059 N. Haight Ave.
Portland, OR 97227

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 12:21 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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From: Rachel Coulston [mailto:rachelcoulston@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 11:44 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

I used to live on the corner of Park and Clay, and can personally attest to the fact that it was already an extremely nice neighborhood, with lots of park space, light rail and cultural attractions; it does not need public funds for renewal. Its historic feel is part of its charm and those funds are much more needed elsewhere.

Rachel Coulston
18282 S Sam McGee Rd
Oregon City, OR 97045

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 2:56 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Pamela Webb <howidayinnor@aol.com>
Date: May 8, 2012 2:53:03 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "howidayinnor@aol.com" <howidayinnor@aol.com>

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Pamela Webb
5723 Se Washington St
Portland, OR 97215

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 3:14 PM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not needed for Portland.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Scott Teem <scott@craseteem.com>

Date: May 8, 2012 3:07:50 PM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not needed for Portland.**

Reply-To: "scott@craseteem.com" <scott@craseteem.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

I agree with the League of Women Voters that using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Urban renewal is not intended to be used to improve areas that are attracting substantial private investment.

Help to bring new businesses and jobs to Portland.

Scott Teem

2725 NE Bryant Street

Apt. 3B

Portland, OR 97211

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 4:26 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: Letter requesting extension on time to consider PSU URA
Attachments: letter re PSU URA.pdf, ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Anne Dufay" <anne@southeastuplift.org>
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>, "Commissioner Fish" <Commissioner.Fish@portlandoregon.gov>, "Commissioner Fritz" <amanda@portlandoregon.gov>, "Leonard, Randy" <Randy@portlandoregon.gov>, "Commissioner Saltzman" <dan@portlandoregon.gov>, "City Auditor Griffin-Valade" <LaVonne@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Letter requesting extension on time to consider PSU URA

Dear Mayor Adams, City Councilors and Auditor Griffin-Valade:

Attached is a letter from the SE Board of Directors, requesting an extension of time to consider the Portland State Urban Renewal Area proposal. Please let me know if you have any problems opening the document. A hard cover letter will follow, but please accept this document in its stead in the interim.

Thank you,
Anne

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Anne Dufay
Executive Director
SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition
3534 SE Main St.
Portland OR 97214
(503) 232-0010 x311
anne@southeastuplift.org <<mailto:anne@southeastuplift.org>>

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May 8th, 2012

Dear Mayor Adams,

The SE Uplift Board of Directors voted last night to request the timeline for a decision on the PSU Urban Renewal Area be extended for ninety days. This extension will allow all interested parties to have adequate time to become fully informed on this proposal while also demonstrating the City's commitment to a high standard of public involvement practices.

Yours Truly,



Jeff West
SE Uplift Board Chair
jeffrey.m.west@gmail.com

cc: City Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Leonard, Saltzman, Portland Plan Citizens Involvement Committee,
Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogan, County Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack,
Diane McKeel, Portland Public Schools Board of Directors, SE Uplift Board of Directors

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Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 5:16 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Wilford Long <wilfordlong@comcast.net>
Date: May 8, 2012 5:14:29 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "wilfordlong@comcast.net" <wilfordlong@comcast.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. In addition, I see the 5 million given by the City to the School District as a way to convince the District to close Lincoln High. This plan does not have an ethical smell that is anything but offensive.

Wilford Long
4005 SW Jerald Way
Portland, OR 97221

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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 6:11 PM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Patrick Ebbett <pebbett@gmail.com>

Date: May 8, 2012 6:10:17 PM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "pebbett@gmail.com" <pebbett@gmail.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Patrick Ebbett

1030 NW Johnson #518

Portland, OR 97209

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 7:22 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU will not have many local students if its Urban Renewal proceeds....

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Eloise Eccles <eloise97213@aol.com>
Date: May 8, 2012 6:56:52 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU will not have many local students if its Urban Renewal proceeds....
Reply-To: "eloise97213@aol.com" <eloise97213@aol.com>

...because this takes money from Portland Public Schools. As a late stage baby boomer I went through the public school system with crowded classrooms and skimpy resources. I remember fighting (literally!) with other students just to get supplies for physics labs because there weren't enough for everyone. We can do better than that. And don't we have evidence that Reagan's trickle down theory was flawed? We need to use the money at hand to fund the public works that benefit us all - - not just hope that it will come back to us after schmoozing the moneyed interests. With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Eloise Eccles
3219 NE 80th Ave
Portland, OR 97213

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:26 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is Tax Dollars Misspent.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Eric Sheets <eric.s.sheets@gmail.com>
Date: May 8, 2012 8:18:59 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is Tax Dollars Misspent.
Reply-To: "eric.s.sheets@gmail.com" <eric.s.sheets@gmail.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Let the private sector continue to build the property up and leave public funding for education and vital services.

Eric Sheets
2548 NE Hoyt St
Portland, OR 97232

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Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:26 PM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

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From: Leslie Cohen <pomegranatemoon@hotmail.com>

Date: May 8, 2012 8:17:34 PM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "pomegranatemoon@hotmail.com" <pomegranatemoon@hotmail.com>

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Leslie Cohen

2925 SE 50th Ave #23

Portland, OR 97206

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Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:09 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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From: Matt Rochlin <mrochlin@hotdog.com>
Date: May 8, 2012 9:06:16 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "mrochlin@hotdog.com" <mrochlin@hotdog.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

And this whole Lincoln High thing sounds like it's just money for developers at the expense of our schools and urban areas that genuinely need support.

Matt Rochlin
Savier
Portland, OR 97210

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Moore-Love, Karla

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Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:09 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
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From: Michael Chapman <mjd503@gmail.com>
Date: May 8, 2012 9:04:49 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "mjd503@gmail.com" <mjd503@gmail.com>

Now is not the right time to try to spur development in an already developed area. We need to focus on basic services and increasing our current tax base.

It should be mandatory that in order to begin a new UR disctrict, you must first permanently retire a current one.

Portlanders consider the following very important in terms of local government function: Libraries, Schools, Roads, Parks. The current abuse of Urban Renewal areas is draining the things that government does right locally.

Please refocus priorities: Schools, Libraries, Roads, basic services...

Regards,
Michael Chapman

Michael Chapman
9930 SE Reedway St
Portland, OR 97266

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:18 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Peg Caliendo <visioning@earthlink.net>
Date: May 8, 2012 9:14:49 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "visioning@earthlink.net" <visioning@earthlink.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Peg Caliendo
6500 SE Ivon St
Portland, OR 97206

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:45 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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From: Wendy Curtis <thewendyhall@gmail.com>
Date: May 8, 2012 9:19:10 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "thewendyhall@gmail.com" <thewendyhall@gmail.com>

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Wendy Curtis
3020 SW Spring Garden St.
Portland, OR 97219

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 11:22 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jerry Ward <wardarch@gmail.com>
Date: May 8, 2012 10:35:50 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "wardarch@gmail.com" <wardarch@gmail.com>

Commissioner, I serve on the North Macadam Urban Renewal Advisory Committee. I have represented South Portland in several diverse positions for over 40 years. I have direct knowledge of urban renewal. I've concluded that the proposed Education URA in several ways is illegal according to Urban Renewal State statutes. The League of Women Voters letter to Council best summarizes many concerns that I have. I believe that a LUBA appeal minimally is likely if Council moves forward with the URA.

If the Education URA is a "blighted" area then we are in trouble in this inappropriate redefinition of "blight".

Furthermore, with Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Since over 5/8ths of the URA will have non-tax paying properties (PSU, City, County, Non-Profits, etc.) who will pay down the URA debt? The rest of us citizens.

Please turn down this misuse of urban renewal. Education should be supported in all the other means we have. Since there is a strong movement of citizens feeling left out of major decisions of this City of several fronts, at minimum the Council should have voters of Portland determine if Council's support is appropriate before proceeding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jerry L. Ward
South Portland NA representative to North Macadam URAC
Architect/Planner

5/11/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 11:28 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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From: Grethe Larson <grethelarson@comcast.net>
Date: May 8, 2012 11:24:33 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "grethelarson@comcast.net" <grethelarson@comcast.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

We have a LO mailing address but we live in the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

Grethe Larson

Grethe Larson
12051 Orchard Hill Way
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

5/11/2012

Subject:

FW: Proposed Urban Renewal: VOTE No May 16

-----Original Message-----

From: Nuttigans [mailto:nuttigans@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 2:35 PM

To: Adams, Mayor; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Saltzman; Commissioner Fritz; Leonard, Randy

Subject: Proposed Urban Renewal: VOTE No May 16

STOP THE MADNESS

Vote NO on the URA May 16.

Stop the Excessive Spending when our inner city buildings are in disrepair.

Please continue to work on solving our PPS funding problem.

Please don't overlook the fact that we have schools without enough books for certain curriculum studies!!!

Commit to a larger strategic plan for K-12 education and infrastructure across the City.

Provide a reasoned cost-benefit analysis for this urban renewal.

PPS Parents will reject any further bond measures if PPS continues to inadequately distribute their funding sources (such as to Lincoln). We have had it.....

Thank you for your sincere consideration.

Laurelhurst Parents-

Kelly Flanigan and Andy Nuttbrock

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Mayor
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2012 10:35 AM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: FW: Please Oppose the Education Urban Renewal Area

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Grace Uwagbae
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 > Hear my name

From: JEAN LATENSER [mailto:jlatsenser@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:17 AM
To: Adams, Mayor
Cc: Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Saltzman; Leonard, Randy; csmith1@pps.k12.or.us; JEAN LATENSER
Subject: Please Oppose the Education Urban Renewal Area

Mayor Adams, Council Members, Superintendent Smith,

I would like to add my voice to the chorus of those opposing the Education Urban Renewal Area.

Now is not the time to initiate plans that further reduce funding streams for K-12 schools and other vital public services, especially when the proposed area doesn't meet the definition of blight as required by the regulation and the proposal lacks most of the required supporting documentation.

Specific to the inclusion of a \$10m rebuild of Lincoln High School, the area around Lincoln is not blighted and the school itself is not unique in the shoddy state of its physical plant. Every other school building in the city has serious physical plant flaws that not only hinder our students' learning environment but also present serious safety risks to everyone in the buildings. There is no valid reason to carve out one school for special treatment under this proposed plan, and doing so will not only generate huge amounts of ill-will toward the city and PPS, but will also significantly reduce the likelihood that a district-wide school bond will pass.

Please do not pass this Education Renewal Area. Encouraging development within city limits is important, but now is not the time to use this particular financing instrument.

Thank you.

5/11/2012

Sincerely,

Jean Latenser
Parent of three PPS students

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5/11/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 2:24 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: PSU's neighborhood needs no renewal - it's doing well

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-----Original Message-----

From: Judith Arcana [mailto:ja@juditharcana.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 1:54 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU's neighborhood needs no renewal - it's doing well

I agree with the League of Women Voters letter's estimate of the situation.

Developers and investors are already getting enough money out of the PSU district - and will no doubt get more without public assistance.

The Council should spend Portland's money in neighborhoods that need - literally - to be renewed, and need some help to make that happen.

Judith Arcana
2034 NE 40th #416
Portland, OR 97212

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Moore-Love, Karla

Subject: FW: Appropriate use of Urban Renewal dollars

From: Eric Smith [mailto:ericdoddsmith@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 5:11 PM**To:** Adams, Mayor; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Fish; Leonard, Randy; Commissioner Saltzman; City Auditor Griffin-Valade; schoolboard@pps.net; CaroleSmith@pps.net**Cc:** alice mckee**Subject:** Appropriate use of Urban Renewal dollars

I am concerned about the diversion of property tax dollars from city, county, and school services to fund urban renewal projects.

According to a letter from the League of Women Voters of Portland that many of you received, (<http://wvpdx.org/issues-and-advocacy/action-committee-news/testimony/2012-04-psu-uraj>), last year **\$28.9 million in taxes were diverted from Portland Public Schools for urban renewal projects**. Carole Smith has stated that the gap between current services and the anticipated budget for Portland Public Schools next year is \$27.5 million. How can this money be diverted when our schools are suffering?

According to Sam Adams, the City is "looking under every rock" to come up with \$5 million dollars for Portland Public Schools to stave off massive teacher layoffs, possibly cutting funding to parks, infrastructure maintenance, and public safety. While I appreciate Adams' efforts to help prevent PPS' cuts, **shouldn't we be asking whether the proposed urban renewal projects truly are a higher priority than the city, county, and school services that this tax money otherwise would have funded?**

Why does the urban renewal plan include \$10 million to rebuild Lincoln High School when other schools are in much more dire need of repair? And why was \$4.5 million of the original amount (originally \$14.5 million) earmarked for Lincoln now earmarked for expansion of PSU? (<http://www.econinternational.com/blog/2012/05/millions-go-missing-from-education-earmarks-in-portlands-education-urban-renewal-area/>) Please explain to me how this the best and most fair use of our tax money when the Lincoln campus is in better repair than most other PPS buildings. Is it really honest to rebuild Lincoln and expand PSU using urban renewal dollars? The League's letter states that, "...each proposed urban renewal area must (show that) blight and the 'growing or total lack' of economic prosperity...justifies taking tax dollars from other taxing districts and their programs and dedicating such funds to an urban renewal area." **I do not understand how the areas around Lincoln High School and PSU could be considered blighted.**

I do not need to tell you that our schools' funding situation is dire. **Please stand up for what is right and return the urban renewal money to our schools where it is most needed and will do the most public good.**

Thank you,
Eric Todd Smith
Portland

5/11/2012

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Moore-Love, Karla**Subject:** FW: Urban Renewal Dollars-DO NOT DIVERT PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS**From:** Sarah Robertson [mailto:sarahstew@comcast.net]**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 4:57 PM**To:** Adams, Mayor; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Fish; Leonard, Randy; Commissioner Saltzman; City Auditor Griffin-Valade; schoolboard@pps.net; CaroleSmith@pps.net**Subject:** Urban Renewal Dollars-DO NOT DIVERT PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS

Dear Mayor Adams, City Council Members, and Ms. Smith,

Please do NOT divert property tax dollars from city, county, and school services to fund urban renewal projects.

According to a letter from the League of Women Voters of Portland that many of you received, (<http://wvvpdx.org/issues-and-advocacy/action-committee-news/testimony/2012-04-psu-ura>), last year **\$28.9 million in taxes were diverted from Portland Public Schools for urban renewal projects.** Carole Smith has stated that **the gap between current services and the anticipated budget for Portland Public Schools next year is \$27.5 million.** This money should NOT be diverted when our schools are suffering!

According to Sam Adams, the City is "looking under every rock" to come up with \$5 million dollars for Portland Public Schools to stave off massive teacher layoffs, possibly cutting funding to parks, infrastructure maintenance, and public safety. **The proposed urban renewal projects are not a higher priority than the city, county, and school services that this tax money otherwise would have funded.**

Why does the urban renewal plan include \$10 million to rebuild Lincoln High School when other schools are in much more dire need of repair? And why was \$4.5 million of the original amount (originally \$14.5 million) earmarked for Lincoln now earmarked for expansion of PSU?

(<http://www.econinternational.com/blog/2012/05/millions-go-missing-from-education-earmarks-in-portlands-education-urban-renewal-area/>) This is not the best and most fair use of our tax money when the Lincoln campus is in better repair than most other PPS buildings. It is dishonest to rebuild Lincoln and expand PSU using urban renewal dollars. The League's letter states that, "...each proposed urban renewal area must (show that) blight and the growing or total lack of economic prosperity...justifies taking tax dollars from other taxing districts and their programs and dedicating such funds to an urban renewal area."

The area surrounding Lincoln and PSU is not blighted! In fact, with the MAC, Jeld-Wen Field, and desirable high-end housing, **this area has some of the most coveted real estate in the city.**

Try going to Flavel Park, where my son had a soccer game last week. I was shocked at the unpaved roads, dilapidated housing, and unsafe conditions in that neighborhood. There, you would find blight. Not near Lincoln High School.

I do not need to tell you that our schools' funding situation is dire. Please stand up for what is right and return the urban renewal money to our schools where it is most needed and will do the most public good.

Thank you,

Sarah Rask Robertson
3632 NE Multnomah
Portland, OR 97232

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Moore-Love, Karla**185327****Subject:** FW: Education Urban Renewal Area**From:** Jeff Katz [mailto:ajkatz99@mindspring.com]**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 11:42 AM**To:** Adams, Mayor; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Fish; Leonard, Randy; Commissioner Saltzman**Subject:** Education Urban Renewal Area

Mayor Adams, Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Leonard and Saltzman

As a parent with two children in Portland Public Schools, I want to voice my opposition to the proposed Education Urban Renewal Area. There is no real legitimate reason for this URA that will continue to further divert tax dollars that could and should be used for schools, safety, parks and other core city and county services. The League of Women Voters of Portland is spot on with their assessment of this proposal (<http://lwpdx.org/issues-and-advocacy/action-committee-news/testimony/2012-04-psu-ura>).

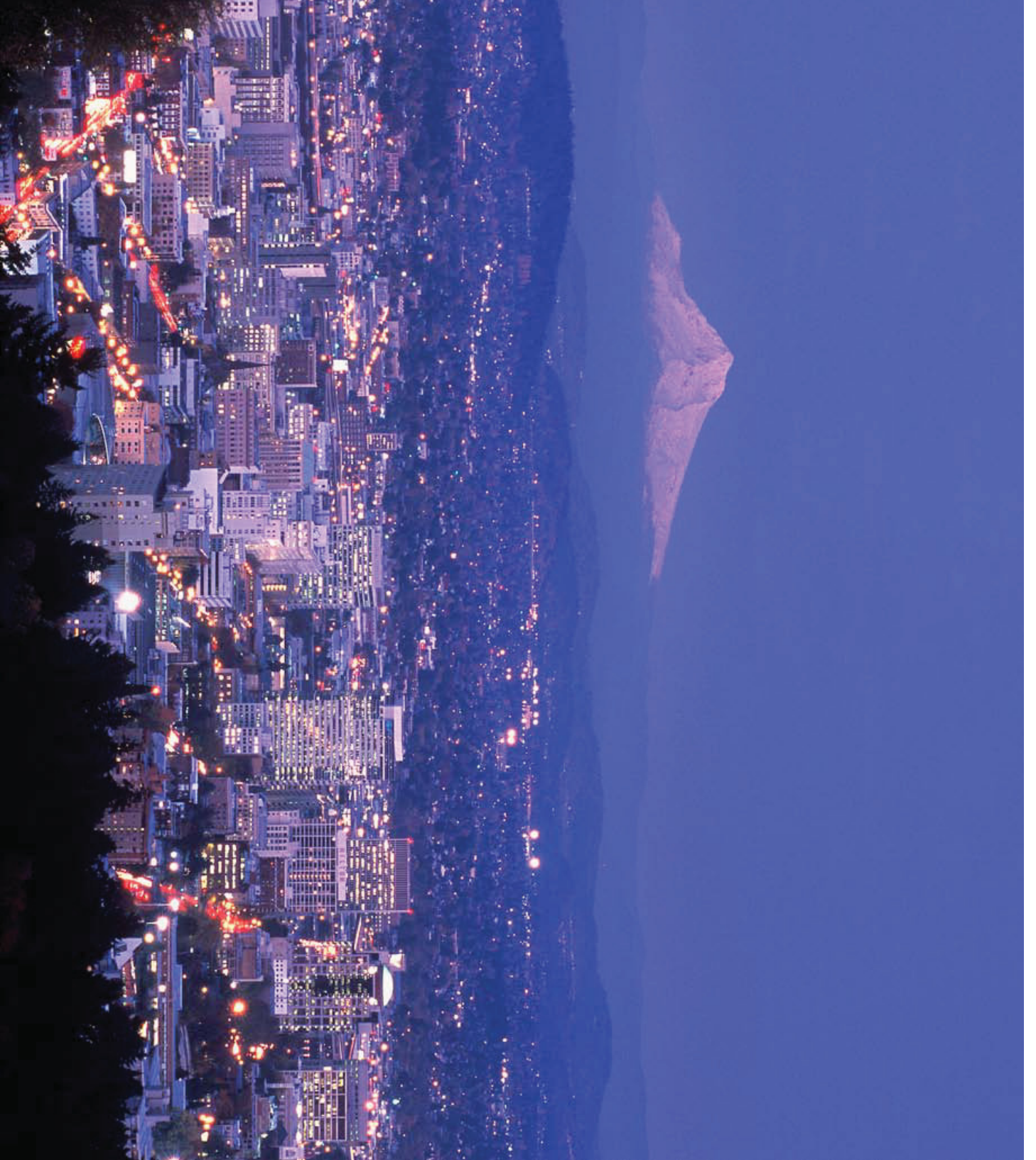
Again, where is the blight? Why does Lincoln and PPS need to be more or less bribed when Lincoln is really the last school in PPS that needs a new campus (come to my kids' school that was built for less than 500 students, currently has over 700 and is deemed one of, if not the least safest buildings in PPS)

The cynic in me believes that the majority of you have already made up your minds to continue down the road and approve this fiscally irresponsible proposal to the detriment of our city and county. I beg of you to show some fiscal restraint and vote against this severely flawed, expensive and fast-tracked proposal.

Sincerely,

Jeff Katz
NE Portland

5/11/2012



a GREAT CITY
needs a GREAT UNIVERSITY

A GREAT CITY NEEDS

What is urban renewal?

Urban renewal is a state-authorized tool to invest property tax revenues in projects that ultimately result in higher property values in a designated urban renewal area, and which draw private investment that stimulates economic growth, job creation, and broader prosperity throughout the city. In the proposed Education Urban Renewal Area, public and private partnerships will leverage resources to accelerate the growth of Portland State University, create jobs, attract investment, and bring long lasting benefit to the entire region.



For more info: pdc.us/edura

A GREAT UNIVERSITY

Portland State University (PSU) is Oregon's most diverse urban research university, located in the heart of one of America's most progressive cities. PSU's current 50-acre downtown campus places 30,000 students in the city center, providing close access to the city's business, technology, and cultural resources.

It is PSU's job to not only "let knowledge serve the city," but also to serve our greater community and region. PSU does this by generating a significant economic impact, which exceeded \$1.4 billion in 2010 and will continue to grow with PSU's expanding role as an employer, purchaser, researcher, real estate developer, and community partner.

Portland State worked closely with the city of Portland to develop the University District Framework Plan, a blueprint for the physical growth that is needed to meet our goals and commitments over the next 25 years. As state and federal funding continue to decrease, PSU will need the help of its partners to implement this plan.

The Education Urban Renewal Area (URA) is one of many long-term funding tools that will help PSU continue to accelerate the region's growth and excellence, partner with the city and business community, attract investment, and educate the region's workforce. It is projected to provide up to \$134 million for investment in educational facilities, affordable housing, and private taxable development, over a 25 year period.

This is a timely, unique opportunity for urban renewal to help grow a great urban university that will serve a great city. We hope you will take the time to consider the mutual benefits of the proposed URA.

Wim Wiewel, President
Portland State University

Sam Adams, Mayor
City of Portland

Accelerating the region's growth and excellence

PSU is experiencing a period of unparalleled growth. Since 1998, enrollment has increased more than 80% from 18,000 to 30,000. In the past five years, PSU has almost doubled sponsored research to \$65 million and positioned itself to be a national leader in urban sustainability with new research centers in green building technology and sustainable solutions.

And yet, to maintain and accelerate the university's growth and excellence, PSU must

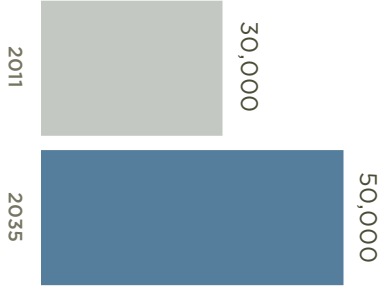
expand the campus and provide world class facilities that will attract top students and faculty. In the face of decreasing state support for the foreseeable future, this expansion will require investment from the city, county, and community. An urban renewal area will provide the funding necessary to help catalyze the growth of PSU.



PSU's 25-year Framework Plan calls for an expansion of 4.2 million square feet—an anticipated investment of more than \$1.26 billion.

DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY

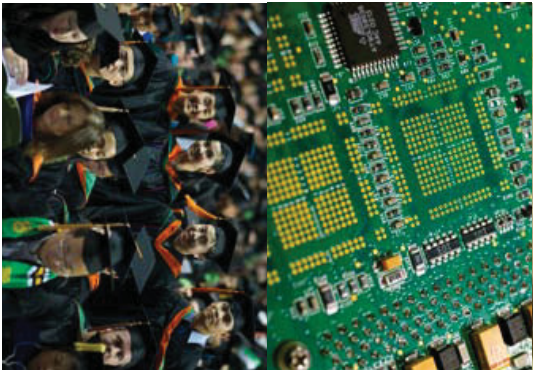
With 30,000 students, PSU is already exceeding available space.



PSU ENROLLMENT
Based on Governor's 40/40/20 plan



PSU SQUARE FOOTAGE



Over the next 10 years, enrollment will expand more than 28% in the School of Business, and 30% in the Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Partnering with the city and business community

Civic leadership and strong community collaboration are central to Portland State's mission. PSU's Economic Development Strategy was developed to create synergies with regional businesses and overlap with the city's economic development goals.

Significant benefits result from these partnerships, including technology transfer, business development, social service workforce, and volunteer labor. An urban renewal area will help PSU expand these benefits and opportunities to the city, business community, and the region.

PSU PARTNERSHIPS

Students have volunteered 1.54 million hours to more than 600 regional organizations annually, valued at \$29 million.

The School of Social Work has graduated more than 5,000 students who are integral to the state's social service infrastructure.

Business Outreach Program has helped 169 local businesses succeed over the last three years while providing opportunities for students to learn in real-world business environments.

Senior Capstone students have teamed up with 140 local organizations to tackle civic challenges. This program is one reason *U.S News & World Report* and *The Princeton Review* rank PSU among the nation's most engaged universities.



▶ Portland State business students worked with Portland Roasting Co. on a strategy to market the company as the top sustainable choice for socially and environmentally responsible consumers.



Design Medix is an early stage drug development company, initiated at PSU, focusing primarily on developing a cure for malaria. They have three drugs in preclinical studies with potential for low-cost production and have received extensive grant funding.

PORTLAND STATE BUSINESS ACCELERATOR (PSBA)

The PSBA provides office and lab space to companies in key industries such as software, biotech/bioscience, and clean technology. It is currently at capacity, housing 30 businesses, and has a consistent waiting list. Expansion of the PSBA would provide additional space, stronger support for Portland startups, and more opportunities for tech transfer of university initiated research.

IN 2010, THE PSBA...

Provided local jobs for about 160 people.

Drew 60% of the venture capital in Oregon, totaling \$68.5 million in private capital.

Developed a \$1.5 million bioscience facility through a partnership with the PDC and OHSU.

Secured \$6 million in grant money and \$5.2 million in sales.

Attracting investment

PSU has become a regional anchor for attracting investment over the past 60 years and now encompasses 50 acres at the southern end of downtown Portland. PSU's 25-year Framework Plan calls for an expansion of 4.2 million square feet—an anticipated investment of more than \$1.26 billion.

The URA will accelerate PSU's growth by leveraging public and private investment to expand residential, commercial, classroom, and research space within and surrounding the campus. It will help make PSU an increasingly attractive destination for talented students, faculty, and knowledge-based companies that want to be close to the source of innovation and ideas. Additionally, the investment that the URA will stimulate will nearly triple the size of the tax base from \$608 million to \$1.7 billion in 31 years.



Top: The Academic and Student Rec Center also houses the city's archives. **Bottom:** The Urban Plaza is a transportation hub for the city.

URBAN PLAZA



ACADEMIC AND STUDENT REC CENTER



UNIVERSITY POINTE RESIDENCE HALL



FUTURE RESIDENCE HALL



1993 PSU approached the city to plan the Urban Center Plaza that incorporated the Portland Streetcar and bus mall.

2003 students voted for a new Rec Center. PSU couldn't fund it alone and partnered with the city, TriMet and others.

2010 the Rec Center opening drew the attention of American Campus Communities (ACC) from Austin, TX, who chose to partner with PSU and invest private dollars in a new student residence hall.

ACC has already purchased a quarter block for a future project.



DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

Replacing an under-developed block with a mixed-use project incorporating residential and commercial uses could increase annual property tax revenue for the site from \$50,000 to \$740,000.

University Pointe, PSU's newest residence Hall, is being built with \$90 million in private money.

Educating the region’s workforce

The benefits of PSU’s growth extend well beyond neighborhood investments. In the long term, the University’s growth will lead to a regional population with higher levels of educational attainment in much needed industries. Oregon employment is expected to grow 18 percent by 2020, and PSU is integral in providing a qualified work force to meet this new demand.

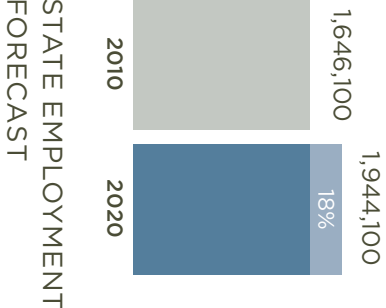


66% of PSU graduates stay in the Portland metro area. To meet the Governor’s 40/40/20 plan, PSU would have as many as 50,000 students by 2035.

PSU employs almost 4,000 people and has a total annual payroll of \$240 million. 2,000 new jobs will be needed over the next 25 years to accommodate PSU’s projected growth, increasing the annual payroll to almost \$350 million.

The Lincoln Hall renovation, an extensive upgrade of PSU’s public performance space, represents an investment of \$30.7 million and more than 100 construction jobs.

For the past seven years, every single graduate from the PSU Food Industry Leadership Center got a job after graduation. That’s a 100% job placement rate in the retail/food industry.

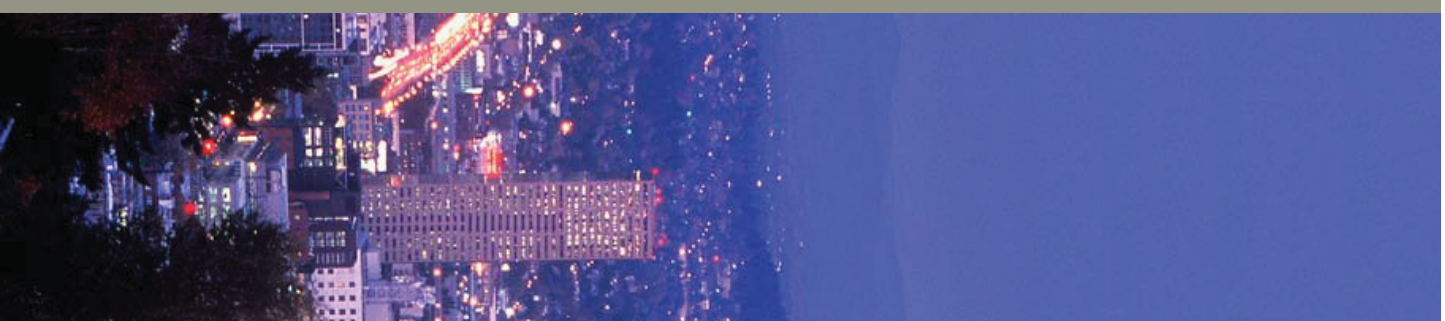


“We all benefit by having Portland State ascend into the ranks of being a world class university. Accelerating that rise through a partnership with the Portland Development Commission will bring the dream of premier educational opportunities to all Portlanders.”

VERA KATZ, FORMER MAYOR OF PORTLAND

“As a Portland State University graduate, I understand the essential role education plays in empowering diverse communities.”

**NICHOLE JUNE MAHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NAYA, MPH,
MARK HATFIELD SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT**



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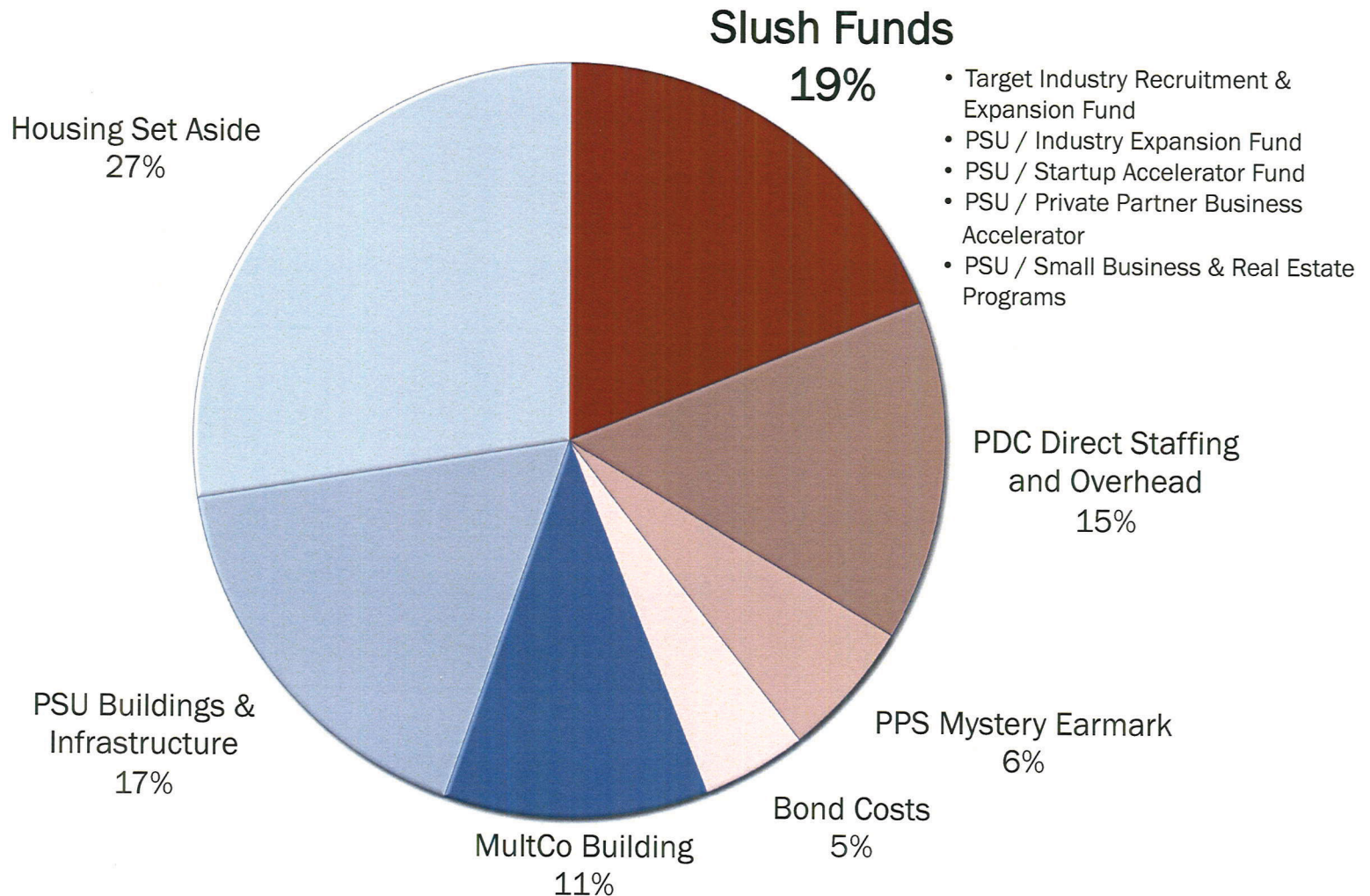
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Where's the urban renewal?

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Almost half the money is spent on slush, staffing, and bond costs





The League of Women Voters of Portland

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 2012

TO: Mayor Sam Adams
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Randy Leonard
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

FROM: League of Women Voters of Portland

CC: Keith Witcosky, Portland Development Commission

PROPOSED EDUCATION URBAN RENEWAL AREA

Introduction

These are challenging economic times. Teacher layoffs, school closures, cuts to public safety, parks and infrastructure maintenance are in the news on a regular basis. When considering using urban renewal as a financing tool, it is important to:

- Appreciate the impact urban renewal has on basic city, county and school services; and
- Evaluate whether the proposed urban renewal projects truly are a higher priority than the city, county and school services that will be adversely affected by the diversion of property tax dollars over the life of the district.

Statewide approximately \$180 million in property taxes were diverted from city, county and school services in 2011 alone. Instead of being spent on city, county and school services, those taxes were spent on urban renewal projects at the expense of:

Portland City Services: \$34.4 million
Multnomah County Services: \$24 million
Schools: \$70 million statewide (Portland Public Schools - \$28.9 million)

Due to its impact on basic services and its perceived misuse, there has been a recent groundswell of concern and opposition to urban renewal:

- The Portland City Auditor cautioned the city that increasing urban renewal liabilities and debt levels are weakening the ability to provide basic services.
- Extension and expansion of the River District Urban Renewal Area was challenged at the Land Use Board of Appeals and delayed the return of over \$1 billion in new assessed value to the normal taxing jurisdictions.
- Clackamas County voters passed an initiative requiring voter approval of future urban renewal districts.
- The large lobster shaped urban renewal district proposed in the downtown area was challenged and withdrawn.
- Tualatin defeated expansion of an existing urban renewal area.
- States from California to Vermont are significantly modifying or eliminating the use of urban renewal.
- ORS 457 was amended recently to require among other things
 - Successful districts to share revenue earlier;
 - Taxing jurisdictions that account for 75 percent of taxes diverted to an urban renewal district approve increased debt and other substantial amendments.

In light of the impact creation of the proposed urban renewal district will have on the other taxing bodies in Multnomah County and increasing public concern about its use, we ask City Council to carefully consider whether urban renewal is the appropriate financing tool for the proposed projects. Council also should ask whether the proposed urban renewal projects are a higher priority than the city, county and school services that the property taxes otherwise would have funded.

Where is the blight as defined by ORS 457?

The Urban Renewal Law (ORS 457) provides a mechanism for local governments to address areas within their boundaries that are in serious decline. Under ORS 457, each proposed urban renewal area must meet a “blight test” to determine whether the area in question merits the “excessive and disproportionate expenditures of public funds.” It is this blight and the “growing or total lack” of economic prosperity that justifies taking tax dollars from other taxing districts and their programs and dedicating such funds to an urban renewal area.

Urban renewal is not intended to be used to improve areas that are attracting substantial private investment, whose property values are increasing and simply need thoughtful public investment to achieve desired ends. It is difficult to understand how an area with a relatively new light rail line and an extension in the works, the street car, picturesque Park Blocks, and buildings under construction or recently completed could be considered blighted. The purported blighting conditions described in the urban renewal report do not

exhibit a “growing or total lack” of economic prosperity that warrants an urban renewal designation.

Recycling urban renewal areas

At the time an urban renewal district is created, affected taxing jurisdictions and the communities they serve are told that, although property taxes will be diverted to expenditures in the urban renewal area over its life, in the end they will reap the rewards of tax increment financing through substantially increased property values and tax revenues. About half the acres included within the boundaries of the proposed urban renewal area come from two other urban renewal areas, South Park Blocks and the South Auditorium District. South Park Blocks has outstanding debt so the taxing jurisdictions have yet to realize the full benefit. South Auditorium, which was established in 1958 and retired its debt in 1988, should be providing a consistent and growing source of revenue at this time.

Council should question why it is necessary to include areas that already have benefited from urban renewal investments into a new urban renewal area. It appears that the properties that previously benefited from urban renewal are being tapped to pay for public improvements on public property.

More specifics required by ORS 457

PSU projects: ORS 457 requires that urban renewal plans include a “description of each urban renewal project to be undertaken,” “the estimated total cost of each project and the sources of moneys to pay such costs” and the “anticipated completion date for each project.” The draft plan lacks these elements. At the PDC- and PSU-sponsored open house, a spreadsheet with more detail was distributed. The draft Plan must be revised to include the specific projects, their costs and timing.

The public also needs more concrete information on the track record for research and technology commercialization, entrepreneurship and cluster development efforts and what realistic return on investment we can expect. Moreover, if you remove the urban renewal resources devoted to Lincoln High School, the county health building, affordable housing and overhead costs and arrive at the core purpose of this proposal, assistance for PSU, the rationale for using urban renewal financing is vague, does not generate TIF or eliminate blight.

Lincoln High School: According to the Plan, \$10 million will be spent on Lincoln High School redevelopment. There is no explanation of what is envisioned for the redeveloped site. We understand there are proposals for reconfiguring the school facilities to allow for possible condominium and commercial development. As noted above, ORS 457 requires that the Plan include descriptions of the projects, timing, costs and source of moneys.

Council should insist that Portland Public Schools provides that information for inclusion in the Plan before adoption.

Assuming condominium development is part of the Lincoln High School plan, we urge City Council to consider whether subsidizing market rate housing is appropriate at this time given the state of the real estate market. Furthermore, an analysis should be done evaluating what effect eliminating the \$10 million dedicated to Lincoln High School (and the \$19 million for the county building) would have on the district's debt retirement date and overall impact on the taxing jurisdictions. Reducing the maximum indebtedness and retiring the debt at an earlier date may better serve the schools and county in the long run.

Affordable housing set aside: Should the Plan be adopted, the League strongly supports the 30 percent set aside for affordable housing and the current guidelines that call for set aside money to be spent on rental housing affordable to households earning 0 – 60 percent of median family income and homeownership units affordable to households earning 0 – 100 percent of median family income. The Portland Housing Bureau under Commissioner Fish's leadership has placed a priority on development of units for those at the lowest end of the income spectrum where there is the greatest need, a strategy the League supports wholeheartedly.

If adopted, this Plan will not be complete until 2044; over the life of the district different elected officials and bureau staff will be implementing the projects and expenditures outlined in it. Currently the Plan includes no specifics on affordable housing expenditures. The League urges that the Plan adoption be delayed so that income guidelines governing the expenditure of set aside dollars, unit production projections and affordability be included in the Plan. This will give the public some assurance that the Plan will be executed as envisioned in the decades to come. If Council is unwilling to delay the approval process, we recommend that it direct the Housing Bureau to use the amendment process outlined in the Plan and return to the Portland Development Commission Board in the near future with the specific information needed to comply with ORS 457.

Conclusion

Much of the civic debate from the Occupy Wall Street movement to the urban renewal arena is about how resources should be allocated among us and who should be making those decisions. The League understands the benefits of a successful public university in Downtown Portland, but thinks urban renewal is the wrong financing tool and that the proposal does not meet the prerequisites or plan requirements of ORS 457. Even if the plan met the requirements of ORS 457, the proposed projects, while laudable, do not warrant diverting money in this economy from city, county and school services. In light of growing public concern, it is imperative that Council use urban renewal appropriately. To do otherwise will place at risk this powerful financing tool.

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Boosting Rigor and Equitable College Access/ Workforce Training Across PPS

Well-designed high school consolidations are critical to maintaining robust educational programs and electives, as we face a \$27.5M budget shortfall with declining high school enrollment. PPS is spread too thin across 9 campuses to offer core curriculum, let alone enrichment programs that keep students engaged in school. Consolidating to 6 large comprehensive high schools + reinvigorating Benson's successful vocational-technical program would conserve costs, allow for AP/IB/ Dual Credit across the City with broad electives, raise graduation rates, improve socio-economic diversity, and allow equitable access to college prep and workforce training.

With smart planning, all comprehensive high schools could have equal access to PSU and Dual Credit Options with PCC. PCC campuses offer introductory courses that lead to apprenticeship programs and two-year licenses, linking less traditional students with affordable college access and job training. Franklin and Wilson are both located near PCC campuses with nursing, dental, radiology, computer technology, manufacturing and technical training. Campuses of 1600+ students will enable PPS to offer broad and rich curriculum with engaging electives like band, choir, journalism, theatre, Constitution Team, robotics, and athletic programs.

Beaverton School District provides a model for robust programs at larger campuses, with similar demographics to PPS. Beaverton HS offers both AP/IB and PCC Dual Credit Courses for \$15 per term and PSU Challenge courses for \$174 term. Beaverton HS has an enrollment of 1,623 students (similar to Grant HS). Approximately 37% of the student body are "minority students" Hispanic (20%), Black (5%), Asian Pacific Islander (10%), American Indian (2%). English Language Learners are 10% of the student body, SPED is 10% and Free and Reduced Lunch is 34%. Beaverton's Westview High has 2,629 students, robust programs, and an 82% grad rate.

	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>FCI</u>	<u>Per Student Funding</u>	<u>Class Size</u>	<u>Free & Reduced Lunch</u>	<u>Graduation Rate</u>
Benson	889 (reduced from 1,501)	40%	\$5,780	23.1	63%	80%
Cleveland	1,520 (@1900 w/Madison)	50%	\$4,660	27.9	28%	77%
Franklin	1,480 (@1900 w/ Madison)	50%	\$4,531	24.8	56%	64%
Grant	1,565 (@2000 w/ Madison)	55%	\$4,707	29.2	23%	78%
Jefferson	413 – to Lincoln/Benson/Grant	41%	\$7,277	19.8	76%	51%
Lincoln	1,476 (1,889 w/ Jefferson)	40%	\$4,587	27.9	15%	84%
Madison	1,161 (200 Marshall students)	39%	\$6,132	24.8	68%	57%
Roosevelt	748	48%	\$7,739	14.3	74%	50%
Wilson	1,387	39%	\$4,496	27.8	24%	75%

Sources: http://www.pps.k12.or.us/files/data-analysis/2011-12_Profiles_Enrollment_Data.pdf; <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/files/news/Grad-Rate-All-Students.pdf>

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/files/schoolmodernization/FCI_v2_2.pdf

Fix K-8 Inequities. Under-enrolled K-8s lack advanced algebra, geometry, science labs, technology, and world languages, leaving students unprepared for high school. http://www.wweek.com/portland/article-11193-left_out.html. For example, Irvington K-8 and Sabin K-8 lose about 70% of students at middle grades. North Portland is dotted with under-enrolled K-8s without the numbers to support full middle grade education. Putting science labs, computer labs, band teachers, foreign language teachers, etc, in under-enrolled K-8s is expensive. There are 16 K-8s in N/NE Portland and 1 middle school (excluding DaVinci). In SE Portland, there are 9 K-8s, 3 middle schools. The west-side has only 1 K-8, all other students attend Middle School. Under-enrolled K-8s should be considered for consolidation or revert back to Middle School to provide a sufficient and equitable middle grade education. PPS can support larger K-8s by sharing technology, advanced math and science, music, and world language teachers within clusters.

PPS states that a K-8 should have a 500 student minimum to offer a robust program. In September 2011, it identified seven K-8 schools to be evaluated for consolidation: Skyline (276), Sabin (362), Ockley Green (269), King (292), Humboldt (219), Creative Science (305), Creston (345). http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2011/09/portland_public_schools_to_con.html. In addition to the seven schools identified by PPS, these small poorly performing schools could be evaluated for consolidation: Marysville K-8 (363), Faubion PK-8 (401), Peninsula K-8 (358). KPMG's 1998 audit of PPS recommended closing the equivalent of 11 elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/projects-c/aisc/audit.pdf> At that time, PPS had 90 schools and 56,000 students. We now have a \$27M shortfall, 9,000 less students, and new legislation will make it easier for students to attend better performing surrounding districts. Consolidating small poorly performing K-8s, or reverting back to Middle School would conserve personnel and operational costs and give students equitable access to science labs, technology, world languages, library, music, and enrichment programs.

Cut Bureaucracy and Wasteful Spending. To regain voter confidence for a new bond and restore classroom education, PPS should cut the thick tier of mid-level managers unique to PPS as identified by the Oregonian and confirmed by Hillsboro's former Superintendent. http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2011/11/portland_public_schools_out_of.html. The 1998 KPMG Audit of PPS recommended reducing management layers <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/projects-c/aisc/audit.pdf>, but PPS has grown its top-heavy bureaucracy. This org chart shows layers of bureaucracy not contributing to academic achievement (Communications, Family Engagement, Public Affairs, System Planning & Performance, Workforce Diversity & Development, HR, Equity & Partnerships, Research & Evaluation) http://www.pps.k12.or.us/files/about-us/PPS_Org_Chart_2011-12.pdf. See database of PPS salaries with layers of unnecessary admin <http://oregoncapitolnews.com/govdocs/portland/portland-public-schools/> while our classrooms lack teachers and curriculum. PPS should focus on delivering core educational services, given that PPS is out of compliance on ESL, Special Ed, TAG, instructional hours. Outside contracts with unproven and expensive programs like Open Meadows, SEI, Courageous Conversations, etc., should not meet "priority-based budgeting" as we face a \$27M shortfall. SUN after-school and summer programs, AVID targeted reading interventions, and Head Start have been far more cost-effective at serving disadvantaged populations.

Before the failed bond, 62% of voters polled believed PPS wasted money. Creating a new pay scale for senior teachers in exchange for a bond endorsement, and paying for that raise by cutting 70 teaching positions was irresponsible and sacrificed high school education. Without teachers, high school students are now warehoused in 90-minute "study halls" with security guards, a loss of three-weeks instructional time. Creating a new CFO position for former board member, David Wynde, who approved years of such mismanagement and underperformance is ethically questionable and shows lack of true oversight. Agreeing to an independent audit would repair PPS' credibility and streamline scarce resources into our classrooms.

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Commissioner Dan Saltzman
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Dear Commissioner Saltzman:

I am writing to encourage you and the Portland City Council to support the proposed Urban Renewal Area in the South downtown area around Portland State University. As you know, tax increment financing has played a significant role in the development of our City and the University District. Since the 1960's Portland leaders have selectively used urban renewal resources to leverage other public and private resources toward investments that have grown the University. As a result, today we have a campus that serves, enriches, and enhances our City.

Looking forward, our University intends to make considerable new investments in academic and research facilities, housing, transportation infrastructure and urban public spaces. Our planning suggests that, in the next three decades, our research and enrollment growth will require over four million added square feet. This means we will be almost doubling the scale of our current campus. We expect this growth will stimulate considerable private investment and partnership also. We will need the City to be our close partner in realizing this vision, and Urban Renewal will be an essential part of this partnership.

The proposed URA is appropriately focused on the University District and the promotion of educational, research and economic development goals. Given the budget constraints that many public bodies are facing a broader URA might not be possible, while a smaller URA might not have the capacity to support potential growth. As you know, the Education URA will also address very real needs for affordable housing and improved human services through collaboration with the County.

Please give careful thought to this opportunity and make this long term investment in the future of our City, its university and its citizens. I would be happy to speak to you about this further if you would like.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nohad A. Toulan,
Dean Emeritus of the College of Urban and Public Affairs
Portland State University

Testimony presented before the Portland City Council at the Public Hearing on the proposed Education Urban Renewal Area, May 9, 2012.

I'm Bob Wright, a Portland native and a six-year resident in the West End.

Oregon tax law and the economy are severely impacting the statewide funding of public schools. In districts serving people with the least financial resources, this impact is critical.

The Education Urban Renewal Area plan does forecast a dynamic public-private business partnership involving the expansion of Portland State University. However, if approved, it will also divert millions of property tax dollars over a 32-year period from funds that finance our public schools statewide. Unless there is a change in Oregon tax laws and the economy, the two factors that are negatively affecting the statewide funding of public schools, the outlook is grim.

If this EDURA plan approved, tax increment finances for over 37 square blocks of Downtown Portland will have been denied to County and State taxing authorities for 59 years; I repeat, 59 years! This disturbing fact is absolutely contrary to the basic intent of Oregon's Urban Renewal statute.

The EDURA plan must be delayed until a sane revenue system is firmly in place to fund K through 12 public education. At a minimum, a balanced, easily-understood public accounting about which County and State funds will be impacted, and by how much, is mandatory before a City Council vote can be taken. The impact on public school districts across the State must be made known to counties from Malheur to Clatsop. The school districts serving the parents and students with the least economic resources will suffer the most. Despite "education" being in its name, this urban renewal plan puts educational equity at risk across the state.

Children must live with the education provided or denied now.

May 9, 2012

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Mayor Sam Adams
Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Commissioner Randy Leonard
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz

I am writing in support of the proposed Education Urban Renewal Area around the Portland State University campus. As one the nation's largest developers and operators of student housing, American Campus Communities has many options about where and how to build out our real estate portfolio. We recently made a significant investment in student housing at Portland State University because we can see this institution's growing excellence and long term potential to become a world-class urban university.

With the help of Portland firms Walsh Construction and SERA architects we are proud to say that we will open a \$90M and 980-bed project this fall. This will be a significant expansion of the housing available on campus and will create a more vibrant urban campus neighborhood for the City. Our investment has created jobs and indirect economic activity for Portland and this taxable development will soon be providing needed housing, active retail, and new transit stations for Portland State University.

Clearly the growth of the student population drove our decision to invest in Portland. Therefore we are very encouraged at the opportunity to leverage urban renewal and tax increment financing as an additional tool that can help institutions like Portland State best serve their communities despite limited resources. The Education URA will also help the City and the University work together to shape the growth of the University District and achieve a good balance between private and public investment.

We have really enjoyed the opportunity to become part of the Portland community and we have been impressed by the partnerships we have seen between the City and the University. We strongly urge you to approve the ED URA to create opportunities for more public/private partnerships in the future.

Bill Bayless, CEO
American Campus Communities

May 9, 2012

Mayor Sam Adams
City Council Commissioners Leonard, Fritz, Saltzman, & Fish
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Re: Written testimony for hearing on proposed Education Urban Renewal Plan

Dear Mayor Adams and City Council Commissioners,

I will begin by saying that the proposed Education Urban Renewal Plan has much to recommend it. Portland would benefit from a stronger PSU; great cities usually have world-class research universities. We need more affordable housing. And I commend the City for working with the County and the school district to limit the impact of this proposal on their finances, by using some urban renewal funds directly to benefit them.

I ask, however, that before you cast a final vote on this proposal, you address the following questions:

(1) If you had to find several million dollars in this year's General Fund budget to help fund these projects, where would you find the money? What cuts would you make elsewhere to find money for PSU, housing, and the other projects in the proposal?

I think it is important to ask that question, because if you adopt this proposal, you will be reducing City General Fund revenues for a number of years in the future. You will be giving future Councils less money for police, fire, parks and other General Fund services. I believe that if you expect **future** Councils to live with less money for police, fire and parks, you should be prepared to demonstrate that **this** Council could do the same.

I recognize that the hope is that strengthening PSU will ultimately lead to a stronger economy and more General Fund revenues. I hope that theory is correct. But even if it is, it will not happen overnight. For some years to come, the adoption of this urban renewal area will reduce city General Fund revenues by millions of dollars every year. I have always been troubled when legislative bodies "phase in" tax cuts or new spending; it is too easy to give away money in the future, without fully contemplating the impact on future budgets. I ask that you consider the trade-offs up front -- and I think the only way to meaningfully do that is for you to explain, if you had to make room for a year's worth of spending on these projects in today's budget, where and how you would make that room.

(2) Would it be possible and, if so, would it be preferable for the City to simply commit \$50 million of its own funds to PSU, rather than creating an urban renewal area to generate \$169 million, of which PSU will receive less than a third?

I ask this question because I think it will seem strange to Portlanders that a proposal that has been billed primarily as a way to strengthen PSU gives less than a third of the relevant pot of

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money to PSU. I understand, of course, the history of the "30% set-aside" for housing; if you are going to use the urban renewal tool - which has led to gentrification and displacement of low-income people - you should indeed set aside a lot of the money for affordable housing. I also agree that if you are using a tool that takes money away from the County and school districts, you should give them a piece of the action.

But it is an odd and clunky process that gets us from "the City wants to help PSU" to "the City gives up about \$60 million from its general fund, the County gives up about \$60 million from its general fund, and the State school fund gives up about \$60 million so that PSU can get \$50 million and other worthy causes get all the rest." So I am curious - is there any way that the City, rather than using the urban renewal process, could simply arrange to transfer \$50 million of its own funds to PSU? If so, is the current proposal still preferable to that alternative?

(3) How exactly will PDC's \$24 million share of the pot be spent?

It is worth noting, I believe, that the proposal allocates to PDC itself an amount equal to almost half of PSU's share of the total. I suppose one way of looking at it is that 'administration' for almost anything usually represents about 15% of the anything, so you reserve 15% of the pot for the 'administrating' entity. Still, \$24 million is a lot of money. Does PSU not have the administrative capacity to manage its \$50 million itself? How much help from PDC will the affordable housing projects need? Again, this \$24 million is in effect General Fund money, and should be carefully justified.

Thank you very much for considering these questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Novick

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
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I'm paying over \$11k in property taxes.
If I lived 1/2 mile west, it would be less than 1/2 that.
There has to be fairness and value for money.
This proposal provides neither.

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Lewis Sternberg
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As a PSU employee, I fully support PSU's mission and public education in general. However, I don't think diverting tax receipts for downtown urban renewal is justifiable given the current budget crunch. PSU is in the most vibrant economic area of our city. Urban renewal funds, if used at all, should be used in areas where the economy and people are suffering.

David Shapiro
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I am a concerned Portland resident wondering why a downtown Urban Renewal project should take financial precedent over education budgetary needs. Please consider spending the money properly and not at the expense of our public school already hampered by a decreasing tax base. Thank you for taking the time to invest in our city and all of our needs, especially our children.

Larry Ullman
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With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Tony Fuentes
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With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

We have a LO mailing address but we live in the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

Grethe Larson

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Commissioner, I serve on the North Macadam Urban Renewal Advisory Committee. I have represented South Portland in several diverse positions for over 40 years. I have direct knowledge of urban renewal. I've concluded that the proposed Education URA in several ways is illegal according to Urban Renewal State statutes. The League of Women Voters letter to Council best summarizes many concerns that I have. I believe that a LUBA appeal minimally is likely if Council moves forward with the URA.

If the Education URA is a "blighted" area then we are in trouble in this inappropriate redefinition of "blight".

Furthermore, with Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Since over 5/8ths of the URA will have non-tax paying properties (PSU, City, County, Non-Profits, etc.) who will pay down the URA debt? The rest of us citizens.

Please turn down this misuse of urban renewal. Education should be supported in all the other means we have. Since there is a strong movement of citizens feeling left out of major decisions of this City of several fronts, at minimum the Council should have voters of Portland determine if Council's support is appropriate before proceeding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jerry L. Ward
South Portland NA representative to North Macadam URAC
Architect/Planner

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With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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From: Michael Chapman <mjd503@gmail.com>
Date: May 8, 2012 9:04:49 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "mjd503@gmail.com" <mjd503@gmail.com>

Now is not the right time to try to spur development in an already developed area.
We need to focus on basic services and increasing our current tax base.

It should be mandatory that in order to begin a new UR district, you must first permanently retire a current one.

Portlanders consider the following very important in terms of local government function: Libraries, Schools, Roads, Parks. The current abuse of Urban Renewal areas is draining the things that government does right locally.

Please refocus priorities: Schools, Libraries, Roads, basic services...

Regards,
Michael Chapman

Michael Chapman
9930 SE Reedway St
Portland, OR 97266

5/9/2012

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:09 PM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Matt Rochlin <mrochlin@hotdog.com>

Date: May 8, 2012 9:06:16 PM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**

Reply-To: "mrochlin@hotdog.com" <mrochlin@hotdog.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

And this whole Lincoln High thing sounds like it's just money for developers at the expense of our schools and urban areas that genuinely need support.

Matt Rochlin

Savier

Portland, OR 97210

5/9/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:26 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Leslie Cohen <pomegranatemoon@hotmail.com>
Date: May 8, 2012 8:17:34 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "pomegranatemoon@hotmail.com" <pomegranatemoon@hotmail.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Leslie Cohen
2925 SE 50th Ave #23
Portland, OR 97206

5/9/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:26 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is Tax Dollars Misspent.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Eric Sheets <eric.s.sheets@gmail.com>
Date: May 8, 2012 8:18:59 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is Tax Dollars Misspent.**
Reply-To: "eric.s.sheets@gmail.com" <eric.s.sheets@gmail.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Let the private sector continue to build the property up and leave public funding for education and vital services.

Eric Sheets
2548 NE Hoyt St
Portland, OR 97232

5/9/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2012 7:22 PM**To:** Uwagbae, Grace**Subject:** Fwd: PSU will not have many local students if its Urban Renewal proceeds....

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Eloise Eccles <eloise97213@aol.com>**Date:** May 8, 2012 6:56:52 PM PDT**To:** "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>**Subject:** PSU will not have many local students if its Urban Renewal proceeds....**Reply-To:** "eloise97213@aol.com" <eloise97213@aol.com>

...because this takes money from Portland Public Schools. As a late stage baby boomer I went through the public school system with crowded classrooms and skimpy resources. I remember fighting (literally!) with other students just to get supplies for physics labs because there weren't enough for everyone. We can do better than that. And don't we have evidence that Reagan's trickle down theory was flawed? We need to use the money at hand to fund the public works that benefit us all - - not just hope that it will come back to us after schmoozing the moneyed interests. With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Eloise Eccles
3219 NE 80th Ave
Portland, OR 97213

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 6:11 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Patrick Ebbett <pebbett@gmail.com>
Date: May 8, 2012 6:10:17 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "pebbett@gmail.com" <pebbett@gmail.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Patrick Ebbett
1030 NW Johnson #518
Portland, OR 97209

5/9/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 5:16 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Wilford Long <wilfordlong@comcast.net>
Date: May 8, 2012 5:14:29 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "wilfordlong@comcast.net" <wilfordlong@comcast.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. In addition, I see the 5 million given by the City to the School District as a way to convince the District to close Lincoln High. This plan does not have an ethical smell that is anything but offensive.

Wilford Long
4005 SW Jerald Way
Portland, OR 97221

5/9/2012

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AUDITOR 05/08/12 AM 11:59

Education Urban Renewal Area

City Council item # 496

May 9, 2012

Council;

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This is the wrong gerrymandered Urban Renewal District at the wrong time. The creative definition for the term "blighted" to the disregard for future tax monies for schools and county continues the use of the Urban Renewal tool in a manner Portland residents never intended. The new Urban Renewal District is once again on the West side and in downtown.

I am addressing the portion south of the I-405 freeway since we have owned mixed use properties in the area for over fifty years. PDC talks of enhancing blighted properties and reducing blight, but the proposed boundaries "exclude" the areas most commonly considered blighted, and includes newer buildings owned by OHSU and no one else. I guess PDC's concern of lead-based paint, PCB's and asbestos applies only to OHSU property. PDC goes on to extol the

virtues of supporting vibrant neighborhood hubs. I am pretty sure that surface parking lots, not even meeting city codes, and low density properties older than those buildings included in the new district do not meet the criteria of supporting neighborhood and area plans for improvement of residential neighborhoods. This area was once residential and small business oriented before the I-405 freeway was built forming a man made barrier for what appears to be a no man's land next to downtown.

Urban Renewal Districts were meant to improve blighted areas, create development and improve the quality and efficiency of buildings. It also helped position small businesses to prosper and grow with access to storefront grants, green feature grants, and business finance programs. These tools are unavailable since the adjacent small businesses are outside of the boundaries. This is an example of PDC's callousness to small business and rewarding big institutions. A most interesting PDC

interpretation was about the
PSU Business Accelerator. Presently
it is located in another Urban
Renewal District, North Macadam.
Unless the rules have changed one
district can not use resources from
another district. This appears to
contradict PDC's contention that funds
will be available from the new
district to help in another district,
but I guess rules can be changed
to help a beloved benefactor.

The portion of the district
included south of the I-405 freeway
definitely is not blighted. The new
district will divert approximately
\$50 million from county coffers and
\$60 million from public school coffers
over the 30 years of the life of
the district. The short term buy
off of the county for \$19 million and
Portland Public Schools of \$10 million for
Lincoln High School property and \$5 million
for teachers is incredibly short sighted.
This appears to be a callous attempt
for current politicians to look good
at the expense of services and
students in the future.

185327

Respectfully,
William Danneman
623 SW. Caruthers St.
Portland, Oregon
97201

503-228-9868

Subject:

FW: Proposed Urban Renewal: VOTE No May 16

-----Original Message-----

From: Nuttigans [mailto:nuttigans@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 2:35 PM

To: Adams, Mayor; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Saltzman; Commissioner Fritz; Leonard, Randy

Subject: Proposed Urban Renewal: VOTE No May 16

STOP THE MADNESS

Vote NO on the URA May 16.

Stop the Excessive Spending when our inner city buildings are in disrepair.

Please continue to work on solving our PPS funding problem.

Please don't overlook the fact that we have schools without enough books for certain curriculum studies!!

Commit to a larger strategic plan for K-12 education and infrastructure across the City.

Provide a reasoned cost-benefit analysis for this urban renewal.

PPS Parents will reject any further bond measures if PPS continues to inadequately distribute their funding sources (such as to Lincoln). We have had it.....

Thank you for your sincere consideration.

Laurelhurst Parents-

Kelly Flanigan and Andy Nuttbrock

185327

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 12:07 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Martha Perez <marthaoperez@yahoo.com>

Date: May 8, 2012 12:05:12 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**

Reply-To: "marthaoperez@yahoo.com" <marthaoperez@yahoo.com>

In a perfectly taxed world, we would be able to afford to have BOTH schools, AND an urban boundary at PSU. Apparently, this is NOT the case.

So, I would have to challenge whether or not the resources being used to fund these projects, are legally permissible to do so. I thought our limited funding from the City, was supposed to keep utility prices low (such as municipal water, for example).

There are projects needing to be funded, even before schools can be provided for, so this is going to be pretty tricky, and the outcome, is not going to make anyone happy, to say the least.

I wish you the best of success in making these well meaning projects a reality for our region. Take care.

Martha Perez

920 NW Kearney ST APT # 110

Portland, OR 97209

5/8/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:10 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Caroline Miller <cmiller@hevanet.com>

Date: May 8, 2012 7:36:41 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**

Reply-To: "cmiller@hevanet.com" <cmiller@hevanet.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Caroline Miller
2616 SE Pine St.
Portland, OR 97214

5/8/2012

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Moore-Love, Karla

Subject: FW: There are greater needs for our money! PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:10 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: There are greater needs for our money! PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jessie Thompson <Pertpixie@gmail.com>

Date: May 8, 2012 7:30:03 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: There are greater needs for our money! PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "Pertpixie@gmail.com" <Pertpixie@gmail.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Jessie Thompson

5803 se woodstock #2

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Portland, OR 97206

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Moore-Love, Karla

Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**From:** Adams, Sam**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:11 AM**To:** Uwagbae, Grace**Subject:** Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Michele Riley <purseonality@yahoo.com>**Date:** May 8, 2012 7:28:44 AM PDT**To:** "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>**Subject:** **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city****Reply-To:** "purseonality@yahoo.com" <purseonality@yahoo.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

What is wrong with our city? First we decide that trees are expendable, thank you PSU and the City of Portland for being so green (think money not trees here!)! First it was an expansion for PSU which removed dozens of trees in the name of progress and expansion then it was more tree removal for light rail with more mature trees axed.

Why is Portland always on the greenest lists yet trees seem to be cut down at whim? I am embarrassed and ashamed of what is being done with tax-payer dollars.

Why aren't these same funds earmarked for the troubled and perpetually short-funded public schools? Once again taxpayers bailed out the schools last year and face years of increased taxes to pay for those levies. And here it is a year later and some money gets "found" and we immediately want to squander it on someone's pet project that benefits a select few (read OHSU tram here too) and all at the taxpayers expense.

Before another bike lane gets built and funded I say make riders pay a nominal \$10 a year licensing fee to use the public roads. Before another dollar gets spent in downtown Portland again lets examine where that money could best be used to help all of Portland and schools should be at the very top of that list. And, why are none of these things brought to a public vote? I know voters rejected light rail expansion and I would have strongly opposed this misuse of funds for urban renewal in the downtown area merely to benefit PSU.

Shame on you Portland leaders, shame on you.

Michele Riley
2829 SE 62nd Ave
Portland, OR 97206

5/8/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:11 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeanne Fratto <jeffatt@comcast.net>

Date: May 8, 2012 7:23:43 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "jeffatt@comcast.net" <jeffatt@comcast.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Jeanne Fratto

3823 SE Crystal Springs Blvd

Portland, OR 97202

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:11 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Iainie block wilker <Iainie.block.wilker@comcast.net>

Date: May 8, 2012 7:20:55 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "Iainie.block.wilker@comcast.net" <Iainie.block.wilker@comcast.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Iainie block wilker
3823 NE Flanders St
Portland, OR 97232

5/8/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District = WHAT?

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:11 AM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District = WHAT?

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Teresa Jones <hoodberry@juno.com>
Date: May 8, 2012 6:54:56 AM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District = WHAT?
Reply-To: "hoodberry@juno.com" <hoodberry@juno.com>

What's going on? With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, it's hard to see the value in using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks. Sounds like a sellout to me, and I don't want my tax dollars used for it.

Teresa Jones
8833 SW 30th Ave Apt 407
Portland, OR 97219

5/8/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

Subject: FW: Rethink PSU Urban Renewal District

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:11 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: Rethink PSU Urban Renewal District

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: M.Susan Dean <deansusan@gmail.com>

Date: May 8, 2012 6:33:17 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: **Rethink PSU Urban Renewal District**

Reply-To: "deansusan@gmail.com" <deansusan@gmail.com>

An educated workforce is out ticket to a successful and profitable future. Educating our young is the only way for us to be able to compete in the world market. We have been failing our children for years, thus failing ourselves and our future success.

As I understand it, in 2011 \$86 million was diverted from schools and basic services. Now that plan is to again divert funds from a strategy that protects our future, i.e., funding education and basic services.

I agree with both the League of Conservation Voters and Onward Oregon that with Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

While I fully support improvements in and around my Alma Mater, PSU, this is not the time for that use of dollars. The area around PSU is not a blighted area what with a new light rail line, the streetcar, the beautiful Park Blocks, Portland State University and Lincoln High School.

Please be sensible and protect our future by investing in the education of our children all over this City.

M.Susan Dean

2121 SE Belmont St, #125

Portland, OR 97214

5/8/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

Subject: FW: No Urban Renewal Distrist for PSU district!

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:12 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: No Urban Renewal Distrist for PSU district!

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Vicki Kolberg <missvickius@yahoo.com>

Date: May 8, 2012 5:36:59 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: No Urban Renewal Distrist for PSU district!

Reply-To: "missvickius@yahoo.com" <missvickius@yahoo.com>

An urban renewal districts is not needed for the PSU/Park Blocks area. We are losing too many tax dollars to urban renewal districts for the downtown area.

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

If any area needs urban renewal dollars it would be mid-county on the east side - not the PSU/Park block area. But with the distress our schools are in, we need to collect the taxes that are desperately needed for the schools.

Vicki Kolberg
3749 NE 23rd Ave.
Portland, OR 97212

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:12 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Judith Barrington <judith@judithbarrington.com>

Date: May 8, 2012 2:09:18 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "judith@judithbarrington.com" <judith@judithbarrington.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Judith Barrington

62 SE 29th

Portland, OR 97214

5/8/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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Subject: FW: Urban renewal district for PSU would hurt schools, city services

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:50 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: Urban renewal district for PSU would hurt schools, city services

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Elizabeth Decker <eggdecker@yahoo.com>

Date: May 8, 2012 8:37:51 AM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Urban renewal district for PSU would hurt schools, city services

Reply-To: "eggdecker@yahoo.com" <eggdecker@yahoo.com>

The proposal for a new urban renewal district encompassing PSU and the South Park Blocks is not the intended use of urban renewal districts, and would hurt city and county budgets for more vital services like schools and parks.

Urban renewal districts are intended to leverage local tax revenues and plow them back into a blighted neighborhood, in order to eventually develop a more vibrant, tax-producing neighborhood that contributes to the city. This district is not a good target for urban renewal because: 1) a large portion of the proposed district is in public ownership (PSU), and thus does not pay property taxes, so boosting property values will not increase future city revenues; and 2) almost half of the proposed district has already been part of an urban renewal district in the past 20 years. If urban renewal "worked" by providing local infrastructure improvements resulting in increased property values, there would be no need to include the areas in another urban renewal district. Urban renewal is meant to be a temporary investment for future prosperity, not a revolving door.

Please reconsider the use of urban renewal for the PSU area, with an eye towards its impact on future county and city budgets and ability to provide core services to Portlanders. PSU is an important city asset, but they should not be financed by an untimely urban renewal district.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Decker
2741 SE 28th Ave
Portland, OR 97202

5/8/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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Subject:

FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

-----Original Message-----

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:35 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Cevero C.G. Gonzalez

Executive Assistant to Mayor Sam Adams

City of Portland, Oregon

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Portland, Oregon 97204

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-----Original Message-----

From: Natanya Epstein [mailto:natanya_22@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:25 AM

To: Adams, Sam

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

As a native Portlander, the PSU park blocks are one of my favorite areas of Portland and while I believe in Portland's excellent city planning history, I do not believe that investing in changes to this district is the best use of money at this time.

I had a great time during my years in the Portland Public School System and I hope that future students will continue to say the same. To continue this record, PPS needs every dollar they can get. Please strongly consider where "urban renewal" tax dollars are coming from before using them for an already successful district.

Natanya Epstein
2207 SE 37th Ave
Portland, OR 97214

Moore-Love, Karla

Subject:

FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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-----Original Message-----

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:36 AM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Cevero C.G. Gonzalez

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-----Original Message-----

From: Maryellen Read [<mailto:maryellenread@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:09 AM

To: Adams, Sam

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Maryellen Read

125 sw collins st

portland

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:20 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dawn Menken <dmenken@igc.org>
Date: May 7, 2012 7:03:29 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "dmenken@igc.org" <dmenken@igc.org>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

I am so deeply upset about the lack of funds going to education. It is appalling and each year I supposedly vote for progressive candidates who value education and I do not see this valued in actions. We do not need meaningless standardized tests and measuring tools, we need programs, smaller class sizes and great teachers. Check out the curriculum of schools like Catlin Gable and NW Academy -- this is what public schools SHOULD look like!

With schools absolutely deteriorating and parents like me seeing the devastating effects this has on kids, and our future, I am so angry that funding for schools is not prioritized.

thanks for listening,
Dawn Menken

Dawn Menken
3734 NE 22nd Ave.
Portland, OR 97212

5/8/2012

185327

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:20 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace; Stover, Chad
Subject: Fwd: City of Portland Becoming a Model for Employing People with Disabilities
Attachments: Commissioner Letter.docx; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cynthia Owens <cowensocdd@gmail.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 7:00:49 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>, Commissioner Fritz <amanda@portlandoregon.gov>, Commissioner Saltzman <dan@portlandoregon.gov>, "Leonard, Randy" <Randy@portlandoregon.gov>, "Greisen, Milla" <Mila.Greisen@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **City of Portland Becoming a Model for Employing People with Disabilities**

Dear Mayor Adams and Council Members Fish, Fritz, Leonard and Saltzman,

Please see the attached letter for your May 9th hearing.

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*Cynthia Owens,
Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities
540 24th Place, NE,
Salem, OR. 97301
503-339-4758
cowensocdd@gmail.com*

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The Honorable Sam Adams, Mayor
The Honorable Nick Fish,
The Honorable Amanda Fritz
The Honorable Randy Leonard
The Honorable Dan Saltzman
City of Portland
City Hall
1221 SW Fourth Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Adams and Council Members Fish, Fritz, Leonard and Saltzman,

I am a parent of a 31 year old man who has been working for eleven years at Powell's Book Store. I have seen first-hand the value he brings to Powell's as a eager reliable employee for Powell's. Using assistive technology to help him do the same job as others in his department, Andy is expected and does meet the same standards of work as others.

He has added to the economy rather than been taking from it. This job has added to his self-esteem and allowed him to be more independent. I believe Portland can do more to become an example to other cities by help businesses become employers of individuals with disabilities. It can also gain the benefit of a motivated and productive workforce.

This resolution commits the City to developing and implementing a plan for increasing its employment of individuals with disabilities. It does not appear that the City's work force reflects the percentage and diversity of the approximately 18.5 percent of Portlanders (105,000 persons) who have disabilities. People with disabilities remain one of the most underemployed and unemployed groups. As a result, many persons with disabilities experience poverty, inadequate health care, social marginalization, the loss of dignity and self-worth, and dreams deferred and/or denied.

I write to urge you to adopt the resolution and proposal submitted by the Portland Commission on Disabilities (PCOD) for making the City a model employer of individuals with disabilities. It's my understanding that you will be considering the resolution and proposal at your May 9th meeting. Please help all people who want to work have the opportunity to become employed and contribute to their communities.

Sincerely yours,

Cynthia Owens

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:20 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District? NO

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ruth Weiss <ruthab@earthlink.net>
Date: May 7, 2012 6:59:44 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District? NO
Reply-To: "ruthab@earthlink.net" <ruthab@earthlink.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using ever dwindling resources.

This is hardly a blighted area in need of that kind of investment--at least not any time soon. Not until the schools are properly funded and basic services city-wide are back in place.

This Urban Renewal District is a bad idea all around, even if some of our wealthy would get wealthier from it. That's not what Portland is about.

Ruth Weiss
815 NE Davis
Portland, OR 97232

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Moore-Love, Karla

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Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:21 PM
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Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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From: Dianne LeRoy <nanfor@comcast.net>
Date: May 7, 2012 6:30:19 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "nanfor@comcast.net" <nanfor@comcast.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Dianne LeRoy
105 NE 70th Ave
Portland, OR 97213

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Moore-Love, Karla

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To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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From: Forrest Jennings <forriej@gmail.com>

Date: May 7, 2012 6:26:11 PM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "forriej@gmail.com" <forriej@gmail.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Forrest Jennings
105 NE 70th Ave.
Portland, OR 97213

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To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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From: Laura Reunert <reunert@comcast.net>

Date: May 7, 2012 5:38:22 PM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "reunert@comcast.net" <reunert@comcast.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Laura Reunert
885 SW Cheltenham st
Portland, OR 97239

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Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Scott Philips <scottp@aracnet.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 5:29:21 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "scottp@aracnet.com" <scottp@aracnet.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Scott Philips
620 SW Caruthers, #778
Portland, OR 97201

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From: Stephen Plourde <macoholic@earthlink.net>
Date: May 7, 2012 5:05:15 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "macoholic@earthlink.net" <macoholic@earthlink.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Stephen Plourde
2351 NE 57th Ave
Portland, OR 97213

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:24 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Eileen Hufana <ejhufana@msn.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 7:22:18 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "ejhufana@msn.com" <ejhufana@msn.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Our children deserve to have at least as good an education as we had. In Portland, schools are not equitable because wealthier neighborhoods subsidize their schools financially through fund raisers. Other neighborhoods do not have the same ability to raise money to retain programs and teachers. Good schools create jobs by retaining teachers and making students job ready. Why spend money on urban renewal which is not high on our list of needs while more and more people are living on the streets and our schools are becoming less than bare bones.

If urban renewal is needed, why the Park Blocks? Why not the East Side or St. John's? The whole idea reeks of the rich getting richer and insiders.

Eileen Hufana
217 NE 75th Ave.
Portland, OR 97213

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:19 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: glenda goldwater <gdemocrat@msn.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 10:14:46 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "gdemocrat@msn.com" <gdemocrat@msn.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

glenda goldwater
932 S.E. 12th Ave Apt D
Apt D
Portland, OR 97214

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:20 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: NO PSU Urban Renewal District

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Rik Masterson <rikmasterson@hotmail.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 10:10:04 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **NO PSU Urban Renewal District**
Reply-To: "rikmasterson@hotmail.com" <rikmasterson@hotmail.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Please consider the real needs of the people in our community, and use our resources wisely

Rik Masterson
4542 NE 27th Ave
Portland, OR 97211

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:20 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: Reconsider Education Urban Renewal District

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Margaret Delacy <margaretdelacy@comcast.net>
Date: May 7, 2012 9:56:55 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **Reconsider Education Urban Renewal District**
Reply-To: "margaretdelacy@comcast.net" <margaretdelacy@comcast.net>

Dear Council members:

Please reconsider the plan to create an education URD around Portland State. We need to stabilize our public schools before foregoing any additional tax dollars (including future tax dollars) on urban renewal.

Thank you,

Margaret Delacy

Margaret Delacy
7356 SE 30th Av
Portland, OR 97202

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:20 PM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Heather Bryse-Harvey <hb-h@comcast.net>

Date: May 7, 2012 9:49:28 PM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**

Reply-To: "hb-h@comcast.net" <hb-h@comcast.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Heather Bryse-Harvey
7485 SW Stewart st
7485 sw stewart st, tigard, or 97223
Tigard, OR 97223

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:20 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District needs to wait

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Lynne Urban <u_lynne@hotmail.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 9:35:40 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District needs to wait
Reply-To: "u_lynne@hotmail.com" <u_lynne@hotmail.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Our city is already beautiful, but let's please wait and rethink our priorities until our financial situation is more stable to do more "beautifying" and urban renewal. Instead let's fund our schools and infrastructure.

ALSO: NO MORE BIKE FUNDING unless we register and license bikes and riders for a FEE. They need to pay their fair share for the work done in their benefit.

Lynne Urban
6333 SE 52nd Ave.
Portland, OR 97206

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:20 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: Stop the PSU Urban Renewal boondoggle

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Cliff Lehman <cliff@spiritone.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 9:32:25 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Stop the PSU Urban Renewal boondoggle
Reply-To: "cliff@spiritone.com" <cliff@spiritone.com>

Portland is facing to many funding crises to afford what amounts to a gift to developers at the expense of our schools and other services.

Private developers are more than able to turn a profit and make any necessary improvements in the PSU/Park Blocks area with out government help.

Please, if you must develop a "blighted" area let it be in outer south east Portland. Otherwise save that money for schools, parks and other services.

Sincerely,

Cliff Lehman

Cliff Lehman
2897 SE Caruthers St.
Portland, OR 97214

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:20 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: No More Urban renewal districts.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kate Mytron <katenyt@gmail.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 9:19:04 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: No More Urban renewal districts.
Reply-To: "katenyt@gmail.com" <katenyt@gmail.com>

The area around PSU definitely doesn't need urban renewal money it is doing just fine. I live in Lents, and I honestly have to say that I don't think it has been very successful in my neighborhood. Too much overhead and way too many consultants. No more Urban Renewal districts anywhere, and definitely not in the fancy neighborhood around PSU.

Kate Mytron
Glenwood St.
Portland, OR 97266

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:21 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: No to PSU Urban Renewal District

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jones, Floy" <floy21@msn.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 9:17:55 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **No to PSU Urban Renewal District**
Reply-To: "Jones, Floy" <floy21@msn.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital basic services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Bottom line PSU is not in need of urban renewal, it is not a blighted area. I want my tax dollars spent on basic services such as road repair, police services, and to lower water and sewer bills, not used to create Urban Renewal Districts, particularly in a down economy.

Floy Jones
2204 S.E. 59th
Portland, OR 97215

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:21 PM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: Please Do Not Take Money From Portland Schools

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Deborah Waksman <waxsmans@msn.com>

Date: May 7, 2012 9:14:59 PM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: **Please Do Not Take Money From Portland Schools**

Reply-To: "waxsmans@msn.com" <waxsmans@msn.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Deborah Waksman

2302 NE Tillamook St.

2302 NE Tillamook St

Portland, OR 97212

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:21 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: Reject Education URA

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kim McGair <kmcgair@msn.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 8:51:34 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>, Commissioner Fritz <amanda@portlandoregon.gov>, Commissioner Fish <Commissioner.Fish@portlandoregon.gov>, Commissioner Saltzman <dan@portlandoregon.gov>, "Leonard, Randy" <Randy@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Reject Education URA

Mayor Adams, Commissioners Fritz, Fish, Saltzman and Leonard:

I am a parent of two PPS students, the PTA President of my local school and I work full time. You can imagine that I have little extra time to write letters to public officials. Yet, I am writing to urge you to reject the Education URA. As you know, the League of Women Voters has issued an objective criticism of the the URA. I agree with the LWV that the URA is a terrible idea for Portland and its public schools (as well as other agencies). I drive through the URA daily. It is not blighted, and certainly not as blighted as many other areas of our City. Not only is it unfair to keep dumping money into the downtown core, which has already benefitted from so many URAs, when much of the City doesn't even have paved streets, but the lack of specific plans, projects, costs, timing, etc. of this proposal violates ORS Chapter 457. This is clearly a URA designed to serve the privileged elite of Portland, further segregating Lincoln as the "rich" school that offers the only good education in PPS, while sucking more revenue from the rest of PPS and the other urban districts. It is not only wrong for Portland, but if you pass it, the City will likely be tied up in litigation for years over the illegality of the URA under Oregon law.

Not unimportantly, if you pass this URA and Lincoln alone gets its new high school - you will kill the bond effort designed to rebuild schools that are in desperate need all over the City. My girls go to Laurelhurst. It has one of the worst facility ratings in the entire district. We are bursting with kids and our facilities are an embarrassment. We have virtually no technology in our school (having had to cut our technology teacher last year). This is not a 21st Century education, but if you pass this URA, you will sentence PPS students across the district, with Lincoln being the sole exception, to this fate as we will never get a bond passed to rebuild school if Lincoln doesn't benefit.

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You must slow his process down and call for a reasoned cost-benefit analysis. If you have a desire to use City money and power to help PPS and the other urban districts, I applaud you, but use that power to support a larger strategic plan that improves access to equitable college prep and workforce training across PPS.

Urban renewal cost PPS \$9.3M this year based on the local option and gap levy contributions to tax increment financing. **Without that deduction, you wouldn't be looking at the general fund to prevent teacher layoffs.** This is REAL money and I beg you to stop spending it to help those who already have more than most, and turn your attention to the entire PPS system. The school districts and MESD together also forgo \$24 million from their permanent tax rates – money that would offset the State School Fund. (\$19.6 million of that is based on the PPS tax rate – as PPS has the most property in URAs.) The Multnomah County Tax Supervising Commission report is here: <http://tscmultco.com/graphics/11-12annualreport.pdf> and the "Allocation of Urban Renewal TIF Revenues, by Taxing District" is on page 57 of the report (which seems to be page 70 of the pdf).

- I plead with you to please stop the Education URA - slow down and understand the impact on all of Portland, and use your great resources and dedication to public education to design a better support for public schools that serves ALL of Portland, not just the privileged west side.

Thank you.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:21 PM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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From: Nicole Jergovic <njergov@yahoo.com>

Date: May 7, 2012 8:49:16 PM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**

Reply-To: "njergov@yahoo.com" <njergov@yahoo.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Nicole Jergovic

1929 SW 13 Ave

Portland, OR 97201

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:21 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: Reallocate the money you plan to use for the Park Blocks and PSU

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Colleen Sullivan <sullcomm@earthlink.net>
Date: May 7, 2012 8:36:06 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portandoregon.gov>
Subject: Reallocate the money you plan to use for the Park Blocks and PSU
Reply-To: "sullcomm@earthlink.net" <sullcomm@earthlink.net>

Using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Schools and parks need the money more than an already well-developed, affluent and popular part of the city.

Thank you

Colleen Sullivan
3140 SE 45th Avenue
Portland, OR 97206

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:21 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District misguided

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From: Terry Griffiths <treterry@yahoo.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 8:29:09 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District misguided
Reply-To: "treterry@yahoo.com" <treterry@yahoo.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Urban renewal has done great things for downtown Portland, but, given the fact that the concept of equity is the keystone of the Portland Plan, it is difficult to understand how providing even more resources to the thriving PSU area, is in keeping with that goal.

Sincerely
Terry Griffiths

Terry Griffiths
4128 SE Reedway
Portland, OR 97202

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:28 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda Toenniesen <l.toenniesen@att.net>
Date: May 7, 2012 10:54:06 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "l.toenniesen@att.net" <l.toenniesen@att.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Linda Toenniesen
3344 NE Oregon Sr
Portland, OR 97232

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:54 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ruth Gundle <ruth@eighthmountain.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 11:43:22 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "ruth@eighthmountain.com" <ruth@eighthmountain.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Ruth Gundle
624 SE 29th Ave
Portland, OR 97214

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Sandra Joos [joosgalefamily@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 12:15 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way to deploy precious resources. Our schools and county and city services cannot afford to have revenue lost or diverted in this way.

Furthermore, urban renewal is not intended to be used to improve areas that are attracting substantial private investment and are not blighted.

I urge you to go slow and this process and carefully weigh costs and benefits before making a decision that may have harmful effects on our city and community.

Sandra Joos
4259 SW Patrick Pl
Portland, OR 97239

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Suzette DuCharme [suzette@resource-recycling.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 12:22 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Lets focus our resources on job creation.

Suzette DuCharme
1905 NE 38 AVE
Portland, OR 97212

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Abra Gwartney [vulpis@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 12:27 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: An unwise use of scarese money.

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources at this time. After this economic DEPRESSION has passed and we can again afford spending, yes, let's do it then.

Abra Gwartney
4104 s.e. Ash st.
Portland, OR 97214

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Ben Earle [ben.earle@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 12:27 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Urban renewal is not intended to be used to improve areas that are attracting substantial private investment. In 2011 alone over 86 million dollars was diverted from our schools and basic

Please do not approve this proposal.

Ben Earle
5524 NE 30th Ave.
Portland, OR 97211

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Frank Johnson [jedigene@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 12:32 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is a bad choice of priorities.

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Urban renewal districts are a short-term solution to our city's problems. Let's educate and support future generations to do some renewing in their own right.
With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Frank Johnson
910 SE 37 AVE
APT 203
Portland, OR 97214

Moore-Love, Karla

From: J Millynn James [magicrealtor@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 12:44 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

J Millynn James
4036 SE Francis St
Portland, OR 97202

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Duane Hunting [duane.hunting@zgf.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 12:46 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PPS Funding Before PSU Urban Renewal District

185327

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Investment in our Portland Public Schools must take first precedence over any other use of our tax money. While development is important, in today's economy educating the next generations of citizens is far more important for the future of Portland. The April 30, 2012 League of Women Voters letter very clearly identifies the basic faults with the PSU Urban Renewal District. Please pay attention to these points.

Duane Hunting
6703 SW 13th Avenue
Portland, OR 97219

Moore-Love, Karla

From:	Katharine Doel [katharine31@clearwire.net]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 12:58 PM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Katharine Doel
805 SW Green Ave.
Portland, OR 97205

Moore-Love, Karla

From: shannon kluever [shannonsays@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 1:04 PM

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To: Adams, Sam

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Urban renewal is not intended to be used to improve areas that are attracting substantial private investment.

The area around PSU is served by a new light rail line and will be supported by private funds to create a draw for business support.

Every community is best served by strong schools and excellent public education. We should be getting our priorities straight and supporting the schools, services and parks that are already established.

shannon kluever
6130 SE 18th St
Portland, OR 97202

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Cort Brumfield [ldamon64@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 1:12 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Your support is absolutely vital.

Cort Brumfield
9002 N. E. Webster St.
Portland, OR 97220

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Lenny Dee [ldeepdx@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 1:19 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District isn't blighted

The PSU District doesn't fit the definition of what we should be doing with Urban Renewal.

Lenny Dee
2580 NE 31 Ave
2580 NE 31 Ave
Portland, OR 97212

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Rebecca Luening [becky.pdx@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 1:22 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

I have spent a fair amount of time in that area of the city, and in my opinion, it is not even in need of "urban renewal"! Portland is a big city, and I encourage you to focus funds where they are truly needed.

Thank you for your reconsideration.

Rebecca Luening
5209 SE 60th Ave
5209 SE 60th Ave
Portland, OR 97206

Moore-Love, Karla

From:	Debra Rehn [BibleoGirl@aol.com]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 1:26 PM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Debra Rehn
5130 SE 30th Av. #9
#9
Portland, OR 97202

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Elizabeth Schwartz [schwartzelizabeth@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 1:30 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Don't use our tax dollars for a PSU Urban Renewal District

The area around PSU does not meet any common sense definition of "urban blight." Using precious tax dollars for this project, which would also divert funds from our schools, is wrong-headed. What are you people thinking?

Think again. I expect better from my mayor and city council leaders.

Elizabeth Schwartz
1604 NE Saratoga St.
Portland, OR 97211

Moore-Love, Karla

From:	John Springer [john@digitalmx.com]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 1:32 PM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

John Springer
7915 SE Hawthorne Blvd
Portland, OR 97215

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Laura Campos [midewin@juno.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 1:32 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Please use any available funds for areas less prosperous and needy. Public dollars should be used to serve the public good; not to line the pockets of the wealthy.

Thanks,

Laura Campos

Laura Campos
3419 SW First Ave
Portland, OR 97239

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Henry Bennett [hankusb@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 1:43 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Here are some of the most important reasons this project should be reconsidered:

- With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts I agree with the League of Women Voters that using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.
- Urban renewal is not intended to be used to improve areas that are attracting substantial private investment.
- In 2011 alone over 86 million dollars was diverted from our schools and basic

I urge you most strongly to reconsider this proposed urban renewal district and to postpone it.

Sincerely,

Henry Bennett
Portland, OR

Henry Bennett
4014 SE Grant Court
Portland, OR 97214

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: JOE TRIP1 [joe.trip1992@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 1:50 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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JOE TRIP1
0438 SW PALATINE HILL RD
portland, OR 97219

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Nancy Young [hopesnana2@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 2:11 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Urban renewal is not intended to be used to improve areas that are attracting substantial private investment.

Nancy Young
603 E Avenida Sevilla
Laguna Woods, CA 97222

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Barbara Tombleson [btl@coho.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 2:22 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Barbara Tombleson
7526 SW Capitol Hill Rd.
Portland, OR 97219

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 2:34 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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-----Original Message-----

From: Steven Culliton [mailto:stavros@agora.rdrop.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 2:32 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

While I generally hate using form letters, this is the quickest way to reach all the members of the city council. It seems to me with all the budget cuts the city faces, adding more expenses at this time is not the way to go.

Sincerely,

Steven K. Culliton
Registered voter

Steven Culliton
124 SE 127th
Portland, OR 97233

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 3:31 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Hathaway [mailto:lesandskip@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 3:29 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Mark Hathaway
2822 NE 32nd Pl
Portland, OR 97212

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 3:53 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: PSU should not be priority for urban renewal

Cevero C.G. Gonzalez
Executive Assistant to Mayor Sam Adams
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-----Original Message-----

From: Madeline Wilk [mailto:Madelinepdx@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 3:48 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU should not be priority for urban renewal

The westside of Portland has received it's fair share of attention in renewal of neighborhoods. With Portland schools again the focus of crisis politics, our precious and unstable resources should be used on vital services such as schools, basic safety nets, low income housing, and roads and unpaved streets.

We have a beautiful city, and PSU district is already a well developed area. Look at other areas that need attention in Portland instead.

Madeline Wilk
1046 SE 57th
Portland, OR 97215

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 3:54 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: Urban Renewal is to combat blight, not a handout for private interests

Cevero C.G. Gonzalez
Executive Assistant to Mayor Sam Adams
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-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick Story [mailto:p.story@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 3:48 PM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Urban Renewal is to combat blight, not a handout for private interests

To me "urban renewal" is used for blighted neighborhoods whose inhabitants desperately need development now with the costs being delayed into the future with the hopes that improving tax revenues in the area will help pay off the debt.. But PSU is already a thriving area and I don't want any of my tax dollars thrown to private interests there!

Patrick Story
4619 SE 44th Ave
Portland, OR 97206

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:10 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: Our Public Schools Should Come Before Urban Renewal

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Deborah Waksman <waksmans@msn.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 4:06:54 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **Our Public Schools Should Come Before Urban Renewal**
Reply-To: "waksmans@msn.com" <waksmans@msn.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Please re-think this idea and listen to the League of Women Voters. We agree with them that the urban renewal district around PSU and the park blocks is not the best way to use our resources now.

Deborah Waksman
2302 NE Tillamook St.
2302 NE Tillamook St
Portland, OR 97212

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:10 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Steve Bozzone <coffeeisnice@gmail.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 3:59:08 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "coffeeisnice@gmail.com" <coffeeisnice@gmail.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Steve Bozzone
4128 NE Cleveland Ave
Portland, OR 97211

5/8/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:40 PM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: E J Tillman <jtill@spiritone.com>

Date: May 7, 2012 4:16:57 PM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "jtill@spiritone.com" <jtill@spiritone.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

E J Tillman

3854 SW Cullen Blvd

Portland, OR 97221

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam

Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:40 PM

To: Uwagbae, Grace

Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Napoli <mikenapoli9@yahoo.com>

Date: May 7, 2012 4:10:46 PM PDT

To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Reply-To: "mikenapoli9@yahoo.com" <mikenapoli9@yahoo.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Sincerely,

Mike Napoli

Michael Napoli
5510 se 88th ave.
Portland, OR 97266

5/8/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 5:02 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Earline Thompson <pmp3x3256@yahoo.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 4:45:09 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "pmp3x3256@yahoo.com" <pmp3x3256@yahoo.com>

Citizens of Portland and Multanomah county cannot afford more "special bonds" to finance our services. With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. STOP with the urban renewal and give us all a rest for a few years til the bonds have been paid off or the economy picks up more.

Earline Thompson
10844 SE Market St.
Portland, OR 97216

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 5:02 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Carola Penn <carolapenn@earthlink.net>
Date: May 7, 2012 5:01:45 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "carolapenn@earthlink.net" <carolapenn@earthlink.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

What could the rationale for such a plan be? Who is profiting from it? Urban renewal is needed in so many outlying areas, why use this resource downtown? To raise rents for students? This doesn't make sense.

Carola Penn

Carola Penn
2806 13th ave
Portland, OR 97212

5/8/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 6:25 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District Unnecessary

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Marilyn Dunham <the_dunhams@yahoo.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 6:19:00 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District Unnecessary
Reply-To: "the_dunhams@yahoo.com" <the_dunhams@yahoo.com>

The area around PSU and the Park Blocks is not in need of public money! Over the past twenty years, that part of town has grown tremendously, and has become noticeably more developed and upscale. The area is thriving.

Public money would be better spent on public schools, parks, and social services, which are all struggling to meet increased service needs with fewer dollars.

PSU and the Park Blocks don't need the money. Public schools do. Please spend the money targeted for Urban Renewal on public education and services.

Marilyn Dunham
9757 SW Arborcrest Way
PORTLAND, OR 97225

5/8/2012

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 6:25 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Begin forwarded message:

From: michael schulte <ms97213@earthlink.net>
Date: May 7, 2012 6:11:05 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: **PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city**
Reply-To: "ms97213@earthlink.net" <ms97213@earthlink.net>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

michael schulte
3612 ne 44th
portland, OR 97213

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:20 PM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: Fwd: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Melanie Zea <melzea@yahoo.com>
Date: May 7, 2012 7:07:13 PM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <Sam.Adams@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city
Reply-To: "melzea@yahoo.com" <melzea@yahoo.com>

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Melanie Zea
16712 NE Hassalo Street
Portland, OR 97230

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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:02 AM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: Education more important than PSU Urban Renewal District

Cevero C.G. Gonzalez
Executive Assistant to Mayor Sam Adams
City of Portland, Oregon
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From: Margaret Quentin [mailto:peggy.quentin@redcross.org]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:49 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Education more important than PSU Urban Renewal District

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Margaret Quentin
3830 NE 64th Ave.
Portland, OR 97213

Moore-Love, Karla

From: GAIL MEREDITH [gailmeredith@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:09 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

GAIL MEREDITH
0216 SW Curry St
Portland, OR 97239

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Joel Kay [ljkoft@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:09 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Joel Kay
10707 SE Stanley Ave
none
Milwaukie, OR 97222

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Anna Rockhill [anna_rockhill@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:12 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: I oppose an urban renewal zone in the PSU Park Blocks.

There are better uses of scarce public dollars at the moment- and I work at PSU.
With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Anna Rockhill
4129 NE Couch
Portland, OR 97232

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Toni Filcraft [toni.filcraft@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:13 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Toni Filcraft
7907 SE 106th
Portland, OR 97266

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Mark Darienzo [markdari@pacifier.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:15 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Mark Darienzo
1634 N. Alberta St.
Portland, OR 97217

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Cassie Devenport [thedevenports@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:17 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal or education for our kids?

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Is this money supposed to be used to improve areas that are attracting mostly private investors? And does this make sense for the investment for our future? What about education???

Cassie Devenport
8510 NE Holladay
Portland, OR 97220

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Todd Sargent [tsargent@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:18 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts we agree with the League of Women Voters that using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Urban renewal is not intended to be used to improve areas that are attracting substantial private investment.

In 2011 alone over 86 million dollars was diverted from our schools and basic

Todd Sargent
4035 SE Reedway St.
Portland, OR 97202

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: joye camacho [camachoj@seiu503.org]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:18 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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joye camacho
fern st
portland, OR 97223

Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Steven Wheeler [swheeler@arrisi.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:18 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Get real! Enough of th epet projects! We have higher priorities to attend to. I'm filling out my ballot tonight and every one of you is out of a job as far as I'm concerned. Polish up that resume.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Ric Bernat [ric@brinydeep.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:03 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Ric Bernat
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Portland, OR 97212

Moore-Love, Karla

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Donald Ruff [ramruff@comcast.net]
Monday, May 07, 2012 10:06 AM
Adams, Sam
We need tax dollars for schools, parks and other critical services: slow down on urban renewal districts!

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Donald Ruff
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Moore-Love, Karla

From:	Norman Birthmark [nojam75@yahoo.com]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 10:10 AM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Norman Birthmark
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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Sarah Schneider [propagandista.pdx@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:10 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Please rethink the PSU Urban Renewal District project

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Urban renewal is not intended to be used to improve areas that are attracting substantial private investment.

In 2011 alone over 86 million dollars was diverted from our schools and basic services.

Sarah Schneider
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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Martha Shelley [marthaas43@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:10 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Martha Shelley
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Portland, OR 97203

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Penny Allen [allen.penny@wanadoo.fr]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:12 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU area does not need an Urban Renewal district

Why would you want to subsidize an area that is booming? There are other things to do in Portland with your money. Please re-think this and this time, think it through.

Regards,
Penny Allen

Penny Allen
1810 N.W. 28th
Portland, OR 97210

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Anna Symonds [annamae11@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:12 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Opposing PSU Urban Renewal District

It's ridiculous to think that the lovely area around PSU and the Park Blocks should be an Urban Renewal District - it should not! It's not blighted or even challenged.

Budgets are tight, and there are FAR better uses of funds, including schools and health care. Or basic transportation! How about some of MY tax money goes to finishing the "unimproved" roads in our SE neighborhoods? Family members visiting recently said, "Wow, it's hard to believe there are 'roads' like this is a first-world country."

Please consider this issue carefully.

Anna Symonds
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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Tina Murphy [irishtm@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:15 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

In my area near Tryon Creek State Park I see intersections that need cleaning up, trees and roads needing attention. And regarding schools, are high level administrative positions taking cuts in pay? Outdoor school was one of my most loved memories. No to say that there should not be cut backs due to declining enrollment. Being a Portland native and high school graduate from a SW school, I could have been better prepared for University life, and I was not. The standards for education and advising counselors need to be excellent. Educators and administrative managers are cleaning up poorly ran education system from 30 to 20 years ago. The snow ball is huge and the damage is done.

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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Aaron McKay [aarond1234@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:16 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Aaron McKay
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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Cathy Bledsoe [cblbledsoe@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:18 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Cathy Bledsoe
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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From:	Rick Yagle [rickp1td@aol.com]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 10:19 AM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Rick Yagle
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Portland, OR 97205

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Sharon Johnson [sjkeokuk@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:23 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is a major misuse of city funds

As a resident near the PSU area, I know it is a well-developed area already, and PSU continues to put more money into it. Urban renewal funds should be reserved for blighted areas. In addition, we cannot afford the diversion of city funds needed for urgent maintenance and possibly to help our K-12schools to fund the special interests of PSU. If PSU gets any money, it should be for scholarships, not capital "improvements" that aren't needed. Please do not create/fund a PSU Urban Renewal District!

Sharon Johnson
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Portland, OR 97201

Moore-Love, Karla

From:	Jesse Hunter [jessehuntr@yahoo.com]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 10:24 AM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Jesse Hunter
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Portland, OR 97214

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Heather Mayer [hmayer99@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:26 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: No Urban Renewal Money for PSU

As someone who has lived in Portland my entire life (and grew up in the outer east side), there are many more areas of Portland where urban renewal money could be more well-spent than PSU. Those funds are meant to go to areas in need of improvement that have been left out of the private investment and improvement that has happened downtown and in North Portland. The Foster-Powell area is in need of improvements in pedestrian safety, and crosswalks, bike lanes and general improvement is needed in many places east of 82nd.

Heather Mayer
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Portland, OR 97206

Moore-Love, Karla

From:	Amy Nist [mertzshops@comcast.net]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 10:32 AM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Amy Nist
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Portland, OR 97213

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Robert Miller [rbmiller@clark.edu]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:33 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Robert Miller
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Portland, OR 97219

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Jack Harvey [jack.harvey.pdx@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:35 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Bypass PSU Urban Renewal District

With schools, parks, and vital services facing cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way to use Portland's limited resources. Urban renewal dollars are intended to be used for areas that are blighted and in need of additional, substantial private investment. The PSU/Park Blocks district does not meet these requirements, and creation of the urban renewal district should not be approved.

Jack Harvey
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Portland, OR 97213

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From:	Dave King [landd_2@q.com]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 10:36 AM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Dave King
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Portland, OR 97203

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Meryle A. Korn [meryle.korn@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:39 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is a very poor way of using precious resources.

Please focus expenditures on what Portland really needs: well-supported parks, schools, emergency services, as well as filling potholes in streets throughout the city.

Meryle A. Korn
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Portland, OR 97218

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Lynn Travis [Lynn.marie.travis@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:47 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District????

My 2 daughters are preparing to walk in the "Get UPSET" march this Friday. They are both PPS graduates and continue to recognize the importance of a vital public school system. My husband and I work with Portland's poorest and most vulnerable citizens and are constantly faced with the lack of basic human support services available in Portland. We are all interested to understand why you disagree with the League of Women Voters and choose to divert millions from schools and social services to create an urban renewal district in one of the most vital areas of our city.

On a more personal level, we would like to understand why it makes sense to create a special agreement to enhance Lincoln, the wealthiest public high school in our district, while schools in other parts of the city continue to deteriorate. On behalf of my family, I urge you to either defer your decision on this issue until our new mayor can assess the benefit to the city or simply vote no. Thank you, Lynn Travis

Lynn Travis
1746 NE 51st Ave
Portland, OR 97213

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:54 AM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District - a bad idea!

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-----Original Message-----

From: MaryLouise Ott [mailto:ottzero@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:51 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District - a bad idea!

I don't understand why the City would designate an urban renewal area around PSU because it is flourishing. I thought precious renewal dollars were for areas that are struggling.

Put your money where it is most needed throughout the city for schools, parks and vital services.

Give us the city we can be proud of instead of lining the pockets of developers.

MaryLouise Ott

MaryLouise Ott
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Portland, OR 97206

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:02 AM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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From: jeremy joseph [mailto:jumbojoseph@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:01 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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jeremy joseph
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apt 3
portland, OR 97214

Moore-Love, Karla

From:	Adams, Sam
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 11:02 AM
To:	Uwagbae, Grace
Subject:	FW: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Mackin [mailto:richmackin@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:00 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Richard Mackin
2539 SE Madison
Portland, OR 97214

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Adams, Sam
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:02 AM
To: Uwagbae, Grace
Subject: FW: I wish to oppose the proposed urban renewal project

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ray Wood [mailto:raywood@aracnet.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:58 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: I wish to oppose the proposed urban renewal project

I think we should pour maximum resources into our schools right now. The situation in the schools is getting dire. Long term, if our educational system continues to take hits due to lost revenue, our city will be in decline.

This area of town (around PSU), should not even be considered for an urban renewal project. It will further divert needed educational funding.

Ray Wood
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Portland, OR 97212

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Earl Johnson [earljohnson@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:08 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: It is time to stop giving PSU everything they want

PSU has received far more in the way of dollars from all sources then is appropriate given the situation with the City's infrastructure and education system.

An urban renewal district around the South Park blocks makes about as much sense as one in the west hills. Note, I live in the immediate neighborhood.

Earl Johnson
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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: David Harold [wskyholt@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:13 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

David Harold
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Portland, OR 97221

Moore-Love, Karla

From: jason warner [warnersanfran@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:14 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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jason warner
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portland, OR 97202

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From:	Marion Hansen [marionh@wescorhvac.com]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 11:15 AM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	The University District is not blighted

I don't understand the logic of spending money on an urban renewal district around PSU, an area that is anything but blighted. Instead, fix potholes, pave gravel streets, and build sidewalks. And it wouldn't hurt to spend a few millions on schools.

Marion Hansen
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Portland, RI 97201

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: helen burns [heli5b@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:16 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

helen burns
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portland, OR 97211

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From:	Sarah Cochran [cochrash@hotmail.com]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 11:16 AM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District Takes Resources from More Urgent Needs

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Living on the eastside and driving out to Gresham each day for work, I see areas that could really use renewal dollars. And with a daughter about to start school soon, I am disheartened to hear that more dollars might be pulled from schools for another Urban Renewal District that doesn't need the investment money. Her school is already struggling and this project could further divert precious resources away from areas that truly need the investment.

Sarah Cochran
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Portland, OR 97215

Moore-Love, Karla

From:	Timothy Ulrey [tulrey@yahoo.com]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 11:18 AM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Timothy Ulrey
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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Gail Streicker [gstreicker@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:21 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Gail Streicker
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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From:	Dunham Sage [dsage503@gmail.com]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 11:21 AM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Dunham Sage
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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Charles Seaton [aleph.charles@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:22 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Please reject the PSU Urban Renewal District

Dear Portland City Council Members,

At a time when the general fund is facing a shortfall of \$17 million dollars, it is particularly clear that the urban renewal districts have constrained the ability of the city to provide necessary services.

While the value of urban renewal districts are debatable in some cases, it is clear that they shouldn't be used to sequester the growing value of areas that are already receiving significant private and public non-PDC investment.

The area around PSU is not blighted and has been the recipient of substantial investment by PSU and the city. Creating a URD for that area now will take the benefits of that investment and hand it to the already wealthy (and unelected) PDC, ensuring future budget crisis and continued reduced services.

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, we need to be looking for ways to liberate land and money from the PDC to pay for essential services, not looking for ways to curtail revenue growth by handing over the revenue growth from a prosperous and growing area to the PDC.

Charles Seaton
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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Barbara Dudley [bdudleyb@pdx.edu]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:24 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Please Reject the PSU Urban Renewal District

As a member of the faculty at PSU as well as a member of the League of Women Voters, and more importantly, as a citizen of this City, I urge you to vote against the PSU Urban Renewal District. The letter from the League competently documents the reasons why it is not an appropriate use of urban renewal authority, and at this moment more than ever, with Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is clearly not the best way of using precious resources.

Best regards,
Barbara Dudley
Portland, OR

Barbara Dudley
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Portland, OR 97219

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Barbara Bernstein [mediapro@spiritone.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:27 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: We need funding for schools, parks and vital services, not another Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Barbara Bernstein
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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Phoebe Burns [luna_clara@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:30 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Phoebe Burns
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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Greg Margolis [lolismarg@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:31 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Save education, jobs and city services!

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

The money being taken out of support of existing poor communities to enhance existing wealthy communities is immoral and contrary to the best interests of Portland. This economic model must end. We need to raise revenues from the rich including the big financial institutions and corporations and use those funds to create local jobs repairing infrastructure and building a clean energy economy.

DO WHAT'S RIGHT!

Thank you,

Greg Margolis

Greg Margolis
Cleveland Ave.
Portland, OR 97211

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Marisa Schmidt [mschmidt@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:34 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District vs schools!!!

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Our school principal recently sent home a list of positions at the school and asked us to rank them in order of importance. Apparently, due to the cutbacks we'll have to tighten our belts once again. Some of the positions we may due without- librarian, security, janitorial-- are these non essential. Why are you spending money where it isn't needed?

How about some school renewal?

Marisa Schmidt

Marisa Schmidt
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Portland, OR 97213

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: John Cover [cvjk29@hevanet.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:37 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

John Cover
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Portland, OR 97201

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Rhesa Napoli [mealybug88@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:41 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

I think there are many other areas in Portland where urban renewal money can be put to greater needed improvements such as North Portland or Outer SE like Lents neighborhood.

The area around the park blocks is already a nice part of the city and if the money is flexible, funds should go towards schools and other vital services in the city. If the allocated money must be used for Urban Renewal, the money should be used in the areas that are actually derelict, of which there are, unfortunately, many in the city of Portland.

Thank you,
Rhesa Napoli

Rhesa Napoli
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Portland, OR 97266

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: dorinda kelley [dorindask@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:42 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. I agree whole-heartedly.

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portland, OR 97220

Moore-Love, Karla

From: James Tyree II [jamestyreii@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:44 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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James Tyree II
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Portland, OR 97225

Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Katherine Anne Stansbury [kathycallaway@whiz.to]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 11:45 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District: mispent dollars

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Katherine Anne Stansbury
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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: David Myers [opencommons@gmail.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Moore-Love, Karla

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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

It's disappointing that City funding is prioritizing development interests above public services. Our priorities should focus on serving the general population. I know it is important to Portland to have a thriving downtown area, but our resources are limited. An Urban Renewal District will take tax funding away from areas that have already seen a dramatic decline in funding. The PSU and Park Block areas can and should be developed by private interests. When assessing budgeting needs, I urge you to kindly consider working class Portlanders and fund schools, parks and vital services before investing in Urban Renewal areas.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Sara Goldman [golds@pdx.edu]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: The PSU Urban Renewal District is a waste!!

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Of course things can always get better, but by making the downtown area "better", we are making our schools FAR WORSE. Please reconsider how we go about spending our money Thank you Sara Goldman

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: DOROTHY WILLIAMS [kindred1236@hotmail.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Avery Leinova [averyleinova@gmail.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

This area of the city does not need an urban renewal. The last thing that the PSU district needs is to become another Pearl District or south waterfront complex. The dollars spent on a needless project would be better spent on our schools and essential services. Our kids deserve decent facilities, good teachers, and a small child to teacher ratio. Our citizens deserve adequate fire and police protection, and other essential services that are vital to our community,

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Jordan Thierry [jnthierry@gmail.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Please reconsider where to put those funds!

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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Tom Curtin [tcurtin5038@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:19 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Funding basic services before urban renewal

Hello:

I work with the less fortunate. I see suffering everyday. And the suffering is becoming more profound and endemic.

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

I strongly support the League of Women Voters summation that we shouldn't use urban renewal monies to improve areas that are attracting substantial private investment.

Tom Curtin

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Jennifer Langer [rivah@silverymists.net]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Delay the PSU Urban Renewal District

Portland's public schools are facing a crisis. Lack of supplies, high student to teacher ratios and shorter-than-average school days are negatively impacting the ability of our students to achieve at the high level we all hope for. Parks, which provide a critical space for these same children to play safely, fare no better, and other social services face similarly dire circumstances.

The Urban Renewal district program is designed to help develop and improve under-developed areas of the city. The area around PSU and the Park Blocks, on the other hand, already attracts substantial private investment.

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious and scarce resources.

Please delay the PSU Urban Renewal District until our schools and other social services are adequately funded.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Vanessa Lyon [Bumpyzoid@gmail.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Anne Trudeau [annet934@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:21 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Vote down the urban renewal district

With PSU professors are facing cuts, while PSU students get wage hikes. Portland schools, parks, and vital services are also facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. In addition the "Oregon Sustainability Center" is partnering with General Electric, one of the world's largest polluters and tax dodgers. This is not sustainable for anyone but the rich. I urge you to vote against this ill-conceived project.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From:	Howard Shapiro [howeird3@gmail.com]
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To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Squandering taxpayer money on areas that are already being upgraded and are already desirable locations is not a wise use of funds. Better to adequately fund schools and get the homeless off the streets and keep people with a roof over their heads and food in their bodies.

"Business as usual" is not an option is not an option for these troubling times.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: John neiheisel [j.neiheisel@comcast.net]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Robin Will [robin@robinwill.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU doesn't need urban renewal

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

Let private investment run its course in the South Park Blocks neighborhood.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Gary Swanson-Davies [gary@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:25 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: jake culver [rianal@clear.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:26 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: there are actual blighted areas in our fair city--

--this isn't among them.

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Stuart Levy [levy.stuart@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:26 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Please reconsider PSU Urban Renewal District

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Rob Justus [robjustus@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:27 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: All Urban Renewal Districts are not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

City should stop using URA money to fund PSU and CDC's. The so called "affordable" housing that CDC's build is a money grab by them and their development partners. There are alternatives funding models to build truly affordable housing without URA's dollars.

Stop PSU and all CDC's building projects that take money from schools and other vital services.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Joseph Jannuzzi MD [jdi@teleport.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Cui bonum

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

I think the real question is who is making the money on this boondoggle.

JDJ

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Nancy LaPaglia [lapaglia@q.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:30 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: The PSU Urban Renewal District is renewing on its own

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

This area is doing better than the Portland schools!

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Moore-Love, Karla

From:	JOHN PAISLEY [jpbj@johnpaisley.com]
Sent:	Monday, May 07, 2012 9:31 AM
To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District VOTE NO

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Jennifer Jasaitis [jennifer.jasaitis@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:31 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Urban Renewal Districts should be North Portland and Lents

I was appalled when I saw that within two blocks of Roosevelt High School there are unpaved streets. Areas such as North Portland and Lents desperately need infrastructure improvements. Using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks benefits monied interests, not the general public, and is insulting to the public by using public money where it is not most needed.

Jennifer Jasaitis

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Roz Roseman [rozroseman@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:31 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: STOP the PSU Urban Renewal District - it's more lopsided spening.

Portland politics are driving us to subsidizing only part of our population by proposing to use "blight" as a false excuse for creating an urban "renewal" district where private money can do the main part of the job. STOP depriving our schools because ultimately it deprives all Portlanders of a great future. PUT ALL THE MONEY POSSIBLE INTO Portland schools, parks, and vital services instead of cutting them. I won't support any candidate that is for this urban renewal district. Please do not use tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks. Thank you for considering my views.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Maarit Pulli [msmaris1972@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:35 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: No to PSU Urban Renewal District

In 2011 alone, over 86 million dollars was diverted from our schools and basic services to support Urban Renewal Districts: Portland Public Schools lost \$28.9 million, Multnomah County services lost \$24 million, and Portland City Services lost \$34.4 million. Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. The City Council needs to rethink the PSU/Park Blocks Urban Renewal Project.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Emerald Goldman [littlerose5555@yahoo.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Kevin Havice [kevhav@gmail.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District - nope

Dear City of Portland,

I attended PSU and spent a lot of time in that area, and I do not think it needs to be a URA! Considering the state of our schools and other URAs, the area around PSU and the South Park Blocks does not need city resources. Thanks,

-Kevin Havice

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Dorena Campbell [moiraexs@gmail.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From:	Nora Polk [nora.mattak@gmail.com]
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To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From:	Katherine Lyse [kclyse@yahoo.com]
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To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

Portland has needs more imperative than creating an urban renewal district in an area that is already attracting much private investment.

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From:	John Legry [jlegry@qq.com]
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To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

I agree with the League of Women Voters that using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources, particularly to improve areas that are attracting substantial private investment.

Get real. Spread the wealth. Empower the people to improve substandard living environments. People before profit.

It is well past time for the paradigm shift. Business as usual will not help or advance our civic and social condition. Protect the roots if you wish to maintain the health of the entire plant.

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Tracy Burkholder [tracyb.pdx@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:43 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Schools and services before Urban Renewal.

Our schools, parks, and vital services should be the top priority and not urban renewal. In these lean times we need to use our precious resources wisely by educating our children and supporting those in need. 86 million dollars was diverted away from schools and services in 2011 alone. Isn't that enough?

I agree with the League of Women Voters that our tax dollars should NOT be going to an urban renewal district around PSU and the park blocks, already one of the loveliest parts of the city.

Thank you,
Tracy Burkholder

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From:	Ralph Appoldt [ralphappoldt@gmail.com]
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To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Holly Cook [cookholly@gmail.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Urban Renewal District around PPS buildings

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts I agree with the League of Women Voters that using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

In 2011 alone over 86 million dollars was diverted from our schools and basic services. The schools need the money.

How about creating urban renewal at the schools? We could make the physical plants and grounds better. School grounds function as parks during non-school hours. Better schools will attract people and businesses to Portland.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Charles Heying [lheyinc@pdx.edu]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: Stop the PSU Urban Renewal District

As a Portland State University professor, there is nothing more I would like to do than support the PSU and Park Blocks urban renewal proposal, but I simply cannot do it.

Using urban renewal funds for development like this continues to distort the intentions of urban renewal to bring resources to areas of the city that are in decline and that could not attract investment in other ways.

The idea is good in theory. UR areas continue to pay taxes to the general fund at the pre-UR rate. However, after UR, all additional tax revenues are dedicated to paying off the investment in infrastructure. After the debt is paid, the additional revenues are paid into the general fund increasing the revenues for the entire tax base.

Sounds good, but there are many problems with the implementation. First, the natural increase in value of the areas (that which would have occurred without UR) never enters general revenue during the payoff period of the loans. This means that all other properties in the city are subsidizing the UR area during that period. Second, UR areas are seldom retired, so the increased revenues never enter the general revenue stream. So the subsidy continues.

All this would be OK if these were areas in need, but most areas of UR are not in need. They are simply areas that private investors have already targeted for reinvestment and places where they can use their connections with PDC and community leaders to secure subsidies for private redevelopment.

All this hurts all the other city and county services that rely on tax base.

Its time to really reassess what PDC is all about. It is one of our biggest public employers. It is not an elected body and much of its funding source is used to keep its own operations running.

Thanks, Charles Heying

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Tiffany Smith [trsmiit@pdx.edu]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Pete Schmanski [peteschmanski@aol.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: A proposed PSU Urban Renewal District would be gliding the lily

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

I don't follow the everyday workings of Portland City Council, or PDC, but if this is really a consideration it signals a serious disconnect between city leaders and city needs.

Now that I have been made aware of this proposal I will follow it closely.

Pete Schmanski
Portland precinct 4503

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From:	Klari Crabtree [klarikat37@yahoo.com]
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To:	Adams, Sam
Subject:	PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Please recisuder this action and instead use the money to support the PPS schools! Save teaching jobs and help maintain the buildings and grounds to make them safer for our kids.

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Sarah Carolus [Sarah.Carolus@cccconcern.org]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

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From: Christopher Naze [christophernaze@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:52 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not a good investment now

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

I'm normally the first person in line to support urban renewal efforts. This is just doesn't smell good right now given the economy.

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Moore-Love, Karla

185327

From: Megan Taylor [taylor3920@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:57 AM
To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources. Funding for schools and social services should be our first priority.

Thank you

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Jan O'Mara [janomara@gmail.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Althea Cullen [Althearodgers@gmail.com]
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To: Adams, Sam
Subject: PSU Urban Renewal District is not right for our city

With Portland schools, parks, and vital services facing drastic cuts, using tax dollars to create an urban renewal district around PSU and the Park Blocks is not the best way of using precious resources.

I feel fortunate enough to have grown up in Portland and graduated from PPS in the mid-late 90s. I attended Lincoln as an International Studies Center applicant, meaning I was out of district but could attend through the magnet program. This program, and the students in it, exemplified how great PPS were at that time. When in I graduated in '97 we had 12 National Merit Scholars and over 90% collage attendance rate. We were not an anomaly, rather, the products of a great school. Six languages were taught during school hours with more available after school. We had kids that were openly gay (this was before Glee mind you) and no one cared. It was more cool to be on the National Championship Constitution team was it was to be on the football team (many did both).

These same students that i graduated with are now becoming parents. I want my kids to have the same opportunities I had at PPS. Choosing to spend money on projects like the PSU Renewal district takes money from schools. For this, and other reasons, I ask that you reconsider funding the PSU Urban Renewal district.

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