

October 24,2017

To: PSC Commissioners

From: Mike Houck

Re: Code Reconciliation Project, Title 11

I've read the Code Reconciliation document and the Urban Forestry Commission testimony regarding removing exemptions from CS and CM zones. I will be Skyping in from Cuenca, Ecuador tonight and based on previous Skyping experiences felt it was wise to send you my thoughts on the Title 11 proposal.

Bottom line, I support the staff recommendation and the Urban Forestry Commission's testimony.....as the minimum action the PSC should endorse at tonight's hearing. That said, in my opinion this does not address the need to remove exemptions from **all** commercial and industrial zones if the city is serious regarding increasing urban forest canopy city-wide; accomplishing actions outline in the Climate Action Plan and Climate Preparation Strategies; and a host of other objectives in the Portland Plan and Comprehensive Plan. I do understand the bureau's purview for the Code Reconciliation Project is limited, which is why exemptions other than CS and CM were not tackled at this time.

However, I feel strongly that there should be future action on additional exemptions and am interested in working with BPS staff and the city's Urban Forestry Staff and BES staff to determine how we might proceed on that front. I don't want to debate the larger issue tonight but do want to raise it for future consideration.

Respectfully,  
Mike Houck, Commissioner