

APPEAL OF ERICA CEDER-DLR GROUP AND APPEAL OF PETER MEIJER

THE PORTLAND BUILDING REHAB 1120 SW 5TH AVE. LU 17-153413 HRM AD

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Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Testimony re. Portland Building Appeal
Attachments: 2017-8-24 - City Council Appeal Testimony v2.pdf

Importance: High

Hello, Karla,
Please include the attached letter of testimony at today's hearing.
Thank you.

Peggy

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August 24, 2017

Mayor and City Commissioners
City of Portland
1221 SW Fourth Avenue
Portland, OR 97201

**RE: 1120 SW 5th Ave.
LU 17-153413 HRM AD**

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners,

Restore Oregon urges you to grant Peter Meijer (Peter Meijer Architect PC)'s appeal of a decision made regarding the National Register-listed Portland Building by the City of Portland's Historic Landmarks Commission.

Restore Oregon acknowledges and values the extensive efforts undertaken by the City and its consultants to analyze the needs of the Portland Building, solicit input from the public, and draw conclusions in this very complex project. Our review of the project is limited to our understanding of historic preservation practices and accepted standards. We cannot evaluate the structural and technical needs of the building.

As noted in our testimony before the Landmarks Commission, Restore Oregon shares the concern of others in the historic preservation community. **Our joint concern centers around the potential loss of the building's National Register eligibility and listing.** An initial review of an earlier version of the project by the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the National Park Service (NPS) resulted in a preliminary determination by those agencies that the proposal would produce an adverse effect to the characteristics which make the Portland Building eligible for listing in the National Register. Furthermore, the NPS noted that these changes might result in a loss of the building's National Register listing.

This initial review considered the impacts of an earlier iteration of the project's design. To our knowledge neither the state nor federal agency has been given the opportunity to review the current proposal as submitted by the City and reviewed by the Landmarks Commission. Due to the international significance of the Portland Building and its global status as a symbol of Post Modern design, **Restore Oregon believes the City of Portland should pause its process to solicit a reevaluation of the project and its impacts by the SHPO and the NPS.** This atypical delay in the City's review and approval process is warranted by the iconic status of the Portland Building in American architectural history.

As stated above, the potential loss of National Register listing for the Portland Building necessitates reconsideration as to whether or not it meets the justifiably high standards of the City of Portland and its Historic Landmarks Commission. We know the City cares for its historic places. It is likely the Portland Building will serve as an example across the nation and its proposed alteration deserves careful consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: Joseph Schaefer <joseph.schaefer@jordanramis.com>
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To: Moore-Love, Karla
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Karla:

Yesterday the council denied the appeals for this project, and I'm writing to request notice of the decision when it is published.

Can you please put me on the notice list?

Thanks

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