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Why Privacy?

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2. Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, speaking at a recent AARP convention, strongly encouraged older adults to not only keep their personal data off the Internet, but also to not give out this information over the phone – that, because of the high number of fraud cases victimizing older Oregonians.
3. The City of Portland likes the convenience of the Internet, but the Internet is not a small town and the information is not being shared in the context of a small town. Rather, the Internet is a modern global community. The city is failing in its responsibility to protect citizens from those who harvest personal data off the Internet to push causes not supported by those citizens.
4. The practices of other governmental bodies should be instructive here, like those who don't publish anything more than a citizen's name and, if applicable, the name of the group the citizen is affiliated with. For example, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has

found a way to balance the values of transparency while, at the same time, protecting the privacy of citizens from those who would use personal information to advance their own pet causes.

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There needs to be a better balance between public and private on the internet. These two elements – public and private – are not totally separate or opposed to each other. Rather, they are on a continuum where we must sometimes emphasize more openness (public) and at other times favor more privacy.

When I gave written testimony on the Comprehensive Plan, my name, address and phone number were included with my consent, though I didn't think it necessary. However, the same information was placed on the Google Search page in a search bar. The city didn't ask my permission for this, nor did I consent. I did not want my information placed on the Internet so openly. It took a year to have that data removed, finally having to employ an Elders in Action personal advocate to bring it about.

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1. Many Portland citizens hesitate to submit public testimony because they are required to furnish personal information. Many of them have been crime victims, as I have been. Many folks, for other reasons, simply don't want their personal data published – which is their right. Not everything about a person needs to be out in the open for public consumption.

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#### Alternatives to Current Practice

If the city doesn't use my information responsibly on the Internet, then I don't want to give it that information if the result puts me at risk. The city should adopt a practice similar to that of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, which requires only a person's name and group affiliation, if any. A BOEM employee told me they collected more personal information, but don't publish it on the Internet to protect citizens from harm. To verify my personal data, I was contacted by someone with [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov).

Regarding citizen addresses, instead of publishing a citizen's actual address, the city should follow the practice by the Letters to the Editor in *The Oregonian* and use only the section of the city where the citizen resides or does business, for example, "North Portland" or "Southwest Portland." I also propose that the city do not archive names, addresses and phone numbers on the Google Search page.

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**Comment:**

My name is Eileen Kennedy and I live in the Pacific Northwest. I AM OPPOSED TO OFFSHORE DRILLING along the Pacific coastline.

As an Oregonian, my coastline is just as precious and important and unique as anything in Florida. Our Republican governor, Tom McCall, in the 1970's made the Oregon coast a priority and he gave the coast to the people of Oregon. We do not allow anyone to own beaches or build too close to the coast. The beaches and the coastline belong to us, the people of Oregon. We own it.

You may not be aware of a projected earthquake but Oregonians are preparing for an earthquake even here in Portland. The earthquake is expected along a coastal faultline right where oil rigs would be constructed. Apparently, this faultline is slipping under the North American continent causing earthquakes of substantial proportions. Hope you plan to construct oil rigs to withstand the earthquake force which could be as high as a 9. Can't see how money will be well-spent when construction can be wiped out so easily and lives on the rigs lost.

You should be worried about spillage, not only for the ocean environment but also because my fellow Oregonians will sue you in every court if any oil leaks into the ocean. We take our coastline seriously.

**STAY OUT OF OUR OCEAN WATERS!**

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**To:** Davis, Meghaan  
**Subject:** [Approved Sender] Re: [Approved Sender] Re: testimony before Communications Council

My topic: citizens privacy issues, contact information, and transparency.

My name Eileen Kennedy  
Date May 23rd, 2018 at 9:30 am at City Hall 2nd floor

Eileen Kennedy

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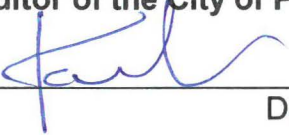
Request of Eileen Kennedy to address Council regarding citizens privacy issues, contact information and transparency (Communication)

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