

Good Morning.

I'm Brett Burmeister, a Portland native and I have been tracking and writing about the food carts in Portland for 10 years and have been recognized both nationally and internationally as a food cart expert.

Portland's food cart scene is the envy of the world.

In downtown Portland alone, there are 130 food carts available any given day throughout the year to feed both tourists and Portlanders alike.

In juxtaposition, there are 0 McDonald's and 0 Burger Kings

130 small businesses, family businesses and tax payers

Throughout the city and suburbs, there are almost 1000 food carts operating in the tri-county area

The largest food cart pod at 10th and Alder with 55 vendors may close within the year. 55 small businesses that will either soon close or be required to move.

Travel Portland notes that **food** is the #1 reason tourists visit Portland

and food carts are a large part of that according to yearly surveys

Every year, I personally provide food cart tours to tourist 3-5 times a week. Additionally, I partner with Travel Portland to show both national and international media the food carts both for print and other forms of media. This summer alone, I did media tours for Mexican, Japanese, British, French and Australian journalists.

The world knows about Portland's food cart scene and they know it well.

Food brings people together. During the summer months, around 10-12,000 people walk the sidewalks around the food cart lots. By comparison, 5000 is the average for other sidewalks in downtown.

Every Day, food carts in downtown bring people together and create community space.

Portland's food carts are as integral to the culture and fabric of the city as is Saturday Market, The Rose Festival, Portland Farmers Market and Pioneer Courthouse Square.

We need to affect change in order to preserve this important piece of what makes Portland Portland.

## Parsons, Susan

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**Subject:** FW: Communication = OCT 31

**From:** Food Carts Portland <foodcartsportland@gmail.com>

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**Subject:** Re: Communication = OCT 31

Susan,

I would like to request a spot.

Brett Burmeister, founder of Food Carts Portland blog, would like to address the commissioners on the threats to Portland's lively and internationally renowned food cart scene.

Brett Burmeister

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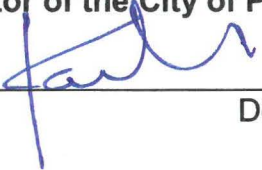
Request of Brett Burmeister to address Council regarding threats to  
Portland's lively and internationally renowned food cart scene  
(Communication)

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