

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE AND POLICY

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Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners.

My name is Sandy Polishuk. I live in NE Portland. I represent 350PDX .

350PDX strongly advocates that our city align its investments with its values, just as we advocate for everyone do.

Portland has made us proud with its landmark planning and actions on climate change and sustainability, most recently by banning new fossil fuel infrastructure and vowing to transition to 100% clean energy by 2050. Proud again when, at this year's C40 summit, Portland was recognized with an award for its 2015 Climate Action Plan.

Despite these bold actions, it took over two-years from our first ask for this council to place fossil fuels on its do-not-buy list. While we supported that action, our ask remained a straight-out resolution to permanently commit to divestment from fossil fuel investments, as Multnomah County, Metro, Eugene, Corvallis, Ashland, Seattle, San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, Fremont, Richmond, Palo Alto, Santa Monica and many other cities across our nation, have done.

The fossil fuel divestment campaign was launched in the fall of 2012 by 350.org, to cut off the financing and social license of the fossil fuel industry. In these six years, divestment commitments of over 7 trillion dollars have been made, 15% by governmental entities.

The urgency of keeping fossil fuels in the ground has only grown with time. 350PDX urges you to recognize this urgency and return to your offices and begin the process of drafting Portland's fossil fuel divestment resolution for quick passage. It will not be difficult; there are many models to draw from.

Jewish Voice for Peace – Portland, OR
Statement on Mayor Wheeler's Resolutions to Dissolve the Socially
Responsible Investments Committee and Adopt City of Portland Investment
Policy

Thank you for soliciting public comment today on the mayor's proposed investment policy. My name is _____, and I am speaking on behalf of the Portland chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace, a member of the Occupation-Free Portland coalition.

More than a year ago, in April 2017, the Council voted to end investments in corporate securities as they matured. One unfortunate result of that decision was the failure to call out nine corporations, the "worst of the worst", for their bad behavior. In particular, JVP believed it was important to specifically identify Caterpillar Inc. for egregious violations across multiple "social and values concerns" cited in the Socially Responsible Investments Committee (SRIC) September 30, 2016, report. These included Caterpillar's role in Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian lands, its violations of indigenous peoples' rights at Standing Rock, and its broad involvement in the extractive fossil fuel industry and direct contributions to catastrophic climate change.

JVP-Portland does not support the blanket ban on corporate securities; we support the targeted exclusion of investments in particular corporations based on clear and explicit criteria for socially responsible investments.

Our understanding of the Mayor's new resolution and the two accompanying exhibits is that Portland will return to investing in corporate securities but only those issued by the companies listed in the resolution. Those companies were apparently modeled after Multnomah County's investment portfolio. Unfortunately they were chosen without public input.

We in Jewish Voice for Peace find this unacceptable because the resolution returns the City to corporate investment without a socially responsible investment screen and without a Socially Responsible Investments Committee to review and make recommendations based on socially responsible investment criteria.

The resolution does omit the nine corporations recommended for the Do-Not-Buy list by the SRIC. This is a welcome development. However, we

believe that not including clear and explicit socially responsible investment criteria in this resolution virtually guarantees that Portland's corporate securities investments will not align with the values of Portlanders. Indeed, while those corporations listed in this resolution may not have sunk to the level of the "worst of the worst", there are well-grounded, reasonable ethical objections to investments limited even to this short, select list.

We believe the City Council needs to amend this resolution to restore all of the socially responsible investment criteria. We must not reward corporations that behave irresponsibly on issues ranging from human rights to unfair labor practices, monopoly dominance to predatory lending, environmental violations to tax avoidance, and corrupt corporate governance to catastrophic climate change.

We wish to thank Commissioners Eudaly and Fish who invited us to suggest amendments to the resolution. Here are our suggested amendments:

*Amendment a) formally restore the seven criteria that the City considers in making an investment so that the investment is evaluated on the basis of— Environmental concerns; Health concerns including weapons production; Concerns about abusive labor practices; Concerns about corrupt corporate ethics and governance; Concerns about extreme tax avoidance; Concerns about exercise of such a level of market dominance so as to disrupt normal competitive market forces; Concerns about impacts on human rights.

* Amendment b) formally restore the Socially Responsible Investments Committee so that it can receive public input on proposed corporate investments and make recommendations to the City Council

* Amendment c) Adopt and release to the media the report submitted by the SRIC dated September 30, 2016.

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From: Lynn-Marie Crider <lynnmarie.crider@gmail.com>
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Subject: Written testimony on Item 1263 - December 12
Attachments: Testimony of Lynn-Marie Crider.PDF

Please find attached written testimony on Item 1263, the proposed City of Portland Investment Policy. I plan to attend the council meeting and to speak briefly to the issue. I would appreciate it if my testimony were distributed in advance. Thank you!

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Testimony regarding proposed changes to City of Portland Investment Policy – FIN 2.14
Prepared for hearing scheduled for December 12, 2018

My name is Lynn-Marie Crider. I live in northeast Portland. I am a lawyer, retired from work in the public and private sectors.

While I applaud the work the drafters of the policy have done to re-organize the 2017 policy and include in the policy a clear discussion of the role of the Investment Advisory Committee, I testify to raise concerns about two aspects of the proposed new investment policy:

1. The choice not to incorporate into the policy the City's 2015 resolution forbidding investment in the world's largest fossil fuel-dependent corporations (Resolution No. 37153, attached), and
2. The choice to approve investment in a handful of massive corporations and to prohibit investment in all others, without reference to any articulated guidelines for selecting entities in which the City may invest.

My concerns are described in more detail below.

1. Failure to incorporate policy established in Resolution No. 37153

Background:

In September 2015, the City Council, following the lead of the Multnomah County Commission, adopted a policy to disinvest in fossil fuels as part of our City's contribution to addressing the urgent problem of global warming/climate change. The resolution, in addition to placing the world's largest fossil fuel companies on the City's Corporate Securities Do-Not-Buy List, stated that "the City shall not directly invest additional cash assets in the corporate debt securities issued by the companies on this list" and urged other organizations "to join the City in these climate protection efforts to stop investments in fossil fuel companies..."

The investment policies adopted by the Council in 2016 and 2017 did not incorporate these directives because the Council deleted all references to corporate indebtedness from the policies, in effect placing a moratorium on such investment until the Council could grapple in a more comprehensive way with the standards to be applied to selection of City investments in corporate securities. To my knowledge, the Council has at no time discussed repealing or repudiating Resolution No. 37153.

Nevertheless, the proposed investment policy before you fails to incorporate the City's fossil fuel divestment resolution; and, to make matters worse, the redline included with the Council Agenda for December 6 actually purported to delete fossil fuel language from the policy, by implication repudiating language which, while it remains City policy, to my knowledge has never been incorporated into FIN-2.14.

The new issue:

The structure of the proposed policy makes incorporation of the fossil fuel policy in the Investment Policy essential because, while allowing the City, once again, to invest in corporate securities (as it should), it does so without articulating any standards for selecting companies in which to invest. In the absence of any standards for selecting among the many companies selling commercial paper and corporate bonds (except those in state law), the proposed policy leaves City staff and advisory bodies without guidance as they propose changes to Appendix A, the list of companies in which the City may invest. The Council owes the staff and advisory bodies a clear statement that they should not propose inclusion of fossil fuel companies in future iterations of the list. And the Council owes citizens who fought and won the fossil fuel policy the confidence that they need not monitor ad hoc City investment decisions for compliance with a generally applicable standard that by all logic should be apparent from a reading of FIN 2.14.

It is incumbent on the Council to reaffirm its commitment not to invest in fossil fuel by inserting language in the Investment Policy incorporating the essence of Resolution No. 37153 or, at the very least, by clarifying, on the record today, that it does not intend, by adopting the proposed policy, to back away from its earlier resolution.

Proposed fix:

To incorporate the fossil fuel policy, the proposed policy in XIIG at page 6 of Exhibit A-2, should be amended as follows:

After "Maximum Percent of Portfolio Per Issuer: 5% (includes securities issued by parent company and all subsidiaries," insert:

"Direct investments are not to be made in debt securities issued by companies on the Carbon Underground 200 TM list (as updated)."

2. Approval of a handful of companies for City investment without reference to any general criteria for selecting corporations in which to invest

Background:

Historically, City investment policy anticipated investment in corporate indebtedness. Over time, however, the City recognized that decisions might be made to bar investment in some companies—just as the City may decline to contract with an entity it deems not to be a responsible contractor under the ordinances relating to procurement of goods and services.

Then, as noted above, the Council placed a moratorium on all investment in corporate indebtedness until it could develop a policy for choosing what corporations might be off-limits for investment.

The new issue:

Instead of enunciating a set of standards for deciding what corporations should be off-limits, this proposal blesses investment in a collection of mammoth companies and forbids investing in any other companies without, apparently, approval of the Council. There are no criteria in the proposed policy for choosing investment opportunities.

In this regard, the proposed “investment policy” is not a policy at all but rather a statement that the Council will make investment policy on an ad hoc basis. The lack of criteria invites private deal-making and even, I fear, corruption.

The fix:

I urge the Council to return the proposed policy to staff with directions to prepare standards for permitting or declining investment opportunities; to review the draft at a future meeting; and to commit itself to ensuring that the City makes investment decisions based upon those criteria—not via an ad hoc and standard-less political process.

RESOLUTION No. 37153

Add fossil fuel companies to the City of Portland's Corporate Securities Do-Not-Buy list (Resolution).

WHEREAS, scientific evidence is increasingly clear that human activities are the primary cause of the accelerating changes to the global climate; and

WHEREAS, climate change poses a significant threat to Oregon's forestry, fisheries, water supplies, and coastal resources; impacts are likely to include winter flooding, summer droughts, loss of shoreline, forest fires, diminished fish and wildlife habitat, retreating glaciers, decreased snowpack, increased disease vectors and invasive species, and species extinction; and

WHEREAS, over the past 30 years, average temperatures in the Pacific Northwest have generally exceeded the 20th-century average, and the region has seen an increase in temperature of about 1.3 degrees Fahrenheit. Over the past 50 years, increases in winter temperatures have contributed to the decline in snowpack in the Pacific Northwest, and the trend of glaciers shrinking is expected to continue through the next 100 years; and

WHEREAS, climate change will impact human health and systems. Hotter, drier summers will increase heat-related illness and exacerbate existing medical conditions; increase demand for cooling centers, especially for populations most vulnerable to heat; extend allergy seasons and increase exposure to wildfire smoke; and cause higher electricity bills due to less hydropower production and increased use of air conditioning. Warmer winters with more intense precipitation events will increase demands on emergency response services during flooding events; change mosquito populations, requiring additional vector control efforts; and increase mold spores, potentially triggering asthma and other chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, climate change will impact natural systems. Hotter, drier summers will decrease summer stream flows; reduce water quality due to higher water temperatures; increase risk of wildfire; cause the fragmentation and death of vegetation, habitat, and wildlife; and increase invasive species. Warmer winters with more intense precipitation events will increase flooding and groundwater levels; increase river levels; increase erosion and the potential for channel migration and sedimentation; increase landslide risks; and cause the loss of native fish habitat; and

WHEREAS, climate change will impact infrastructure and our built environment. Hotter, drier summers will increase wastewater temperatures, causing water quality changes, treatment process impacts and increased odors; cause pavement to buckle and rails to warp; increase water demand for landscape irrigation; shift demand for indoor and outdoor recreation activities at parks; and stress green infrastructure facilities. Warmer winters with more intense precipitation

events will increase erosion and the potential for turbidity events in the Bull Run water supply system; increase the change of landslides that destroy or damage transportation and pipe infrastructure; increase bridge scour and damage to docks, boat ramps, and floats; increase flooding of roads, sidewalks, bikeways, and trails and green infrastructure; and increase pumping of treated wastewater; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change will create new costs for families, businesses, and governments. A 2012 study about Washington State estimated the average annual economic impacts of climate change would total \$1,250 per household in 2020, and a 2005 analysis of the potential costs of climate change in Oregon suggests additional cost burdens in several sectors, including power generation, agriculture, forestry, salmon recovery, snow-based recreation, coastal tourism and infrastructure, and public health; and

WHEREAS, climate preparedness must be routinely integrated in virtually all aspects of the City's work, including setting policy, making budget decisions, updating zoning and other codes, investing in infrastructure, and preparing for and managing emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the world's leading international body for the assessment of climate change, estimates that to avoid catastrophic disruption from climate change requires limiting global warming to 2° Celsius above pre-industrial levels; and to maintain this limit, humans can only pour about 565 more gigatons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, at the current rate of fossil fuel burning, humans will surpass 565 gigatons of carbon dioxide emissions in about 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the Fossil Fuel Index's 200 Coal, Oil and Gas Companies in 2015, produced by The Carbon Underground and attached hereto as Exhibit A, identifies two hundred publicly-traded companies with the largest coal, oil, and gas reserves ("fossil fuel companies") whose reserves if extracted and burned would emit approximately 2,795 gigatons of carbon dioxide which would be five times the human output limit identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and thus would result in much more than 2° Celsius global temperature change; and

WHEREAS, given the increasingly catastrophic impacts of burning fossil fuels outlined above, there is a growing domestic and international move toward regulating and reducing carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, regulation of the industry, such as through a carbon tax and/or subsidy removal, would make fossil fuel extraction and production more expensive, potentially resulting in a "carbon" asset bubble from "unburnable" reserves; and

WHEREAS, investments in fossil fuel companies are also at risk from increased vehicle fuel efficiency, higher adoption and lower cost of renewable energy, and increased extraction costs due to limited water resources; and

WHEREAS, more than 20 cities in the United States have stopped investing in fossil fuel companies and more than two hundred colleges and universities in the United States have launched campaigns to have their institutions stop investing in fossil fuel companies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland 1990 Energy Policy (Ordinance No. 162975), 1993 Carbon Dioxide Reduction Strategy (Resolution No. 35207), 2001 Local Action Plan on Global Warming (Resolution No. 35995), 2009 Climate Action Plan (Resolution No. 36748), and the 2015 Climate Action Plan (Resolution 37135) established plans to reduce carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, City investments should support the City's climate protection policies and a future where all citizens can live healthy lives without the negative impacts of runaway climate change; and

WHEREAS, climate change is a critical environmental justice issues because the impacts of climate change will disproportionately impact already vulnerable populations, including communities of color, older adults, children, and low income individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the City has shown that climate action and a thriving economy are concomitant. The City believes that its investments should support its mission of a healthy and prosperous community for all, and efforts to reduce carbon emissions are an opportunity to address community health and socio-economic inequities; and

WHEREAS, the City through Resolutions 37036 and 37101 aims to invest its cash assets in a socially responsible manner through the creation of a Corporate Securities Do-Not-Buy List; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that fossil fuel companies identified in Exhibit A are added to the City's Corporate Securities Do-Not-Buy List; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council provides to the City Treasurer the list of specific companies included in this resolution and directs that the City shall not directly invest additional cash assets in the corporate debt securities issued by the companies on this list; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City urges other governments, universities, foundations, and other for profit and non-profit organizations to join the City in these climate protection efforts to stop investments in fossil fuel companies by appropriate actions including adding fossil fuel companies' corporate debt securities to those entities' respective "Do Not Buy" lists.

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Mayor Charlie Hales

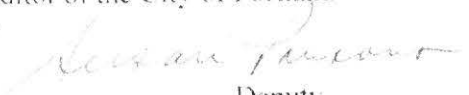
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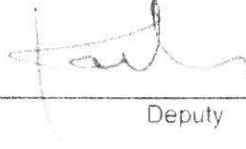
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Add Fossil Fuel Companies to the City of Portland's Corporate Securities Do-Not-Buy List (Resolution)

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To Mayor Wheeler and Councilpersons Dan Saltzman, Amanda Fritz, Nick Fish, and Chloe Eudaly:

I am a resident of Portland and a member of Lutherans for Justice in the Holy Land and the Social Justice Coalition at Central Lutheran Church. I am also a member of several community groups that you will be hearing testimony from when the above items come before you.

We witness daily the power moves of the POTUS who appears to have little concern for those who value justice and those who are in dire need of it from their government. Here in Portland, we can be thankful that we tend to have a much more representative city government. But discontinuing the Socially Responsible Investment Committee does not reflect that value of representation.

The Investment screen used by the SRIC reflects the recognition of the overarching intersectionality of human rights and social justice issues faced by many in our community. And though due diligence takes time, it is vital to making choices based on fact rather than prospectus. (Democracy generally works best when the voters have all the information and we all know how difficult it is to get that these days.).

Please restore the SRIC. The people of Portland deserve a voice in the choice!

Respectfully.

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Sent from my iPad