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Agenda Item 186

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REGULAR AGENDA

**AUTHORIZE PBOT TO ACQUIRE RIGHTS FOR SPRINGWATER CONNECTOR PROJECT**

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**From:** Ellen Vanderslice <ellen@ellenvanderslice.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 8:47 AM  
**To:** Council Clerk – Testimony  
**Subject:** Please find written testimony for Item 133  
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Dear Council Clerk,  
Attached is written testimony regarding City Council Item 133 for today's morning agenda.  
Thank you,  
-Ellen Vanderslice

13 February 2019

Portland City Council  
1221 SW Fourth Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Mayor and Commissioners:

We are the owners of a small vacant lot at 7604 SE 87th Avenue, which we purchased in 2018 with the object of increasing the supply of low-cost, high-value housing in Portland.

We are writing this morning in support of Council item number 133, authorizing the Portland Bureau of Transportation to acquire temporary construction easements for the Springwater Connection Project.

We strongly support the Springwater Connection Project. On SE 87th Avenue this project will close a short gap in the Lents Green Ring, a loop of neighborhood streets and greenways for walking and bicycling in the Lents neighborhood, by paving the connection from the Springwater Trail to the improved crossing at SE Flavel Street. This block of SE 87th is currently an unimproved gravel street.

We are willing to grant the temporary easement on our lot in support of the Springwater Connection Project.

We hope the Springwater Connection Project can be persuaded to add a paved connection to the Malden Court Community Orchard as part of the improvements on SE 87th Avenue.

Sincerely yours,

*Ellen Vanderslice   Scott Parker*  
Ellen Vanderslice and J. Scott Parker  
Northwest Portland