

April 10, 2019

Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Hardesty and Eudaly.

I represent the Stadium District Business Association. I am also the owner of a building on the 1700 block of West Burnside which includes the Marathon Taverna and 35 housing units. This has been a family owned business since 1974, originally purchased by my parents, Greek immigrants. As one of the many small business owners whose building is labeled a URM, I want to thank you for taking a step back and further reviewing the policies around placarding our buildings. We are moving in the right direction correcting the mistake that left us segregated and targeted without due process. Unfortunately, we cannot fully undo what has been done by the online labeling that occurred.

Portland is made up of many small businesses and property owners. By taking buildings out of code compliance with a mandate to placard URM buildings you consolidate the building owner footprint, taking it from individual landowners and potentially only making it accessible to large corporations. This is not in the best interest for Portlanders.

The result: businesses close, underserved and low income residents are displaced and further gentrification of our most accessible, walkable and centric neighborhoods are further comprised.

I have personally felt the effects of the mandate to placard buildings since the inception of the online list of offenders was posted. Throughout the process there has been fear of being able to comply with repair and insurance needs, potential loss of business and an ongoing barrage of harassing solicitations from large developers and investors ready to steal my family's "American Dream" of owning their own property and business that would sustain generations. The thought of being forced into repairs and displacing low income tenants that have been in their units, some of which for 20-30 years, is heartbreaking. We want to comply and make repairs as needed but feel this should be expedited on a case by case basis, dependent on immediate needs and feasibility.

I am in support of the City Advisory Committee comprised of a variety of stakeholders to help the City devise a plan. The potential for pushing out individual property owners is high. Determining criteria for case by case basis analysis, for which buildings to fix and when, is important. We also need adequate support offered to all building owners in need, not just public buildings or non profits who in many instances can afford repairs easier than private owners.

I put my trust in you to lead and advocate for those who need it most. I urge you to listen to those who are most affected by your leadership decisions and when needed be willing to course correct for the best interest of the individual small business owner and the greater good of our city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Anestis Polizos

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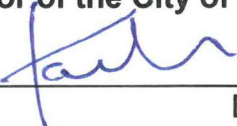
URM Placarding and Tenant Notification Ordinance

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Request of Anestis Polizos to address Council regarding Unreinforced Masonry  
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