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May 17, 2019

Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Council Members,

The Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) is writing to express our support for adoption of the Privacy and Information Protection Resolution coming before Portland City Council on May 22, 2019.

We commend the efforts of the Smart City PDX team in the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Office of Equity and Human Rights, and Mayor Ted Wheeler and his team, that has developed a set of privacy principles to ensure the use of digital services, data and information by the City of Portland and partners working on behalf of the City are guided by robust privacy and information protection values.

The Privacy and Information Protection Principles are an important first step for the City of Portland to become a more trusted data and information steward. The implementation next steps are important to develop this trust and promote more participatory, equitable, and transparent public processes in Portland. We support this initial work and the continued commitment from City of Portland for the next steps to implement the privacy principles and develop data governance processes and policies. We believe in coming years the City will need to focus on individual privacy rights in the light of evolving trends in this direction including those in the European Union (GDPR) and in California (CCPA).

Sincerely,

Chris Smith
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