

Thank you Mayor and City Commissioners – My name is Jan Campbell, I work for Multnomah County ADRC and also have a non-profit at the Gateway Center that focuses on Persons with disabilities who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault or other victimization. I reside at The Douglas which is the apartment house in this area designated to be torn down. I have been living there for 20 years and it is my home as well as others that live there. How many of you have been displaced because of Urban renewal. It is a terrible feeling because this is our home and our neighborhood. Also it makes it more difficult when you have a disability and need accessible, affordable housing. As most of you know I was the Disability Project Coordinator for the City of Portland and Multnomah County for many years. One of my responsibilities was to work with architects in getting permits when it was regarding accessibility. I actually worked on this apartment complex to ensure it was accessible. That is why I moved into it, the accessibility and the affordability along with the location and access to public transit. People like myself don't have options that others may have. I need to be near services, public transportation, sidewalks, and I can go on and on. My unit needs to be large enough to accommodate my wheelchair and my specific needs due to the disability and that is very hard to find. Individual apartments only have a few accessible units in their total, many of the old ones are not accessible, and the new ones are too expensive. Because I do not meet the criteria of low income or affordable housing, I fall into the market rate units that can be very costly and still not meet my needs. I am NOT the only one that faces these obstacles. I work on the ADRC and we get calls everyday from people who are low income and even medium income like myself, whose housing is being displaced with high rises and other high income apartments, that can't afford them and have no place to go. I recently attended a transportation conference in Vancouver B.C. Commissioner Eudaly

was there, and there was a developer there who stated he was no longer going to do developments that displaced people from their homes and neighborhoods. I wish we would see more of that here and nationally. RiverPlace is a neighborhood. We have shops, restaurants, a variety of housing and many people living in that area. Some people living in The Douglas have lived since it was built, some are disabled, and older adults. In my time we have gone through major remodels, and the most recent one, I want to say around 4 years ago, hardwood flooring, new counter tops and painted. Accessible neighborhoods are hard to find. Accessible and moderate income housing is very difficult to find and can take months to find one that meets your individual needs. I really don't expect you to understand how difficult it is to find accessible, affordable housing. You need to experience it. I get it. Let me give you an example. As some of you know I worked here when Vera Katz was Mayor. After she retired, she became quite frail and I saw her on the street car. She said Jan I now understand why you advocate tirelessly because I now need those accessible features – she got it. I hope though you can understand that displacing people from their homes and neighborhoods can leave them without any housing or housing that does not accommodates their needs in order for them to live independently. I recently went on a tour with Multnomah County on what over the years has happened with urban renewal and how low income and communities of color lost their homes, businesses and neighborhoods. It is a wonderful tour put on by the Fair Housing Council, you might want to go on it if you haven't already. It is entitled "A tour of Portland's Hidden Discriminatory History." People who went through those times, actually experienced them, spoke and how it affected them personally. This is what is happening at RiverPlace. We now have in that area, low income and affordable housing that was built on land that was not developed. That is good, no one was displaced.

However with this block being torn down, we are moving businesses and individuals who are medium income out of this area and losing a neighborhood. People on medium income have a very difficult time finding rentals here in Portland. They cannot stay in this area and must move out to the suburbs. I myself don't have that option, and others living here also because of age or disability. We need access to services, sidewalks and to public transportation. So please when making your decisions you realize how many people you are impacting and changing their lives in a negative way. Even people who live in the condos with change in the make-up and character of the neighborhood, some could feel a reduced sense of belonging or feeling out of place in the home they own. There have been studies done on how high rises affect people's moods, and because limited sun comes through more people are experiencing depression and/or mental health issues. Walk downtown when it is sunny and you will see there is very little sunlight anymore because of all the high rises being developed. Everything is so dense. I am not advocating against development, but I am advocating against displacement.

Thank you so much and it is great seeing you all.

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**From:** [Jan Campbell](#)  
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**Subject:** [User Approved] Re: Communications slots for December 4  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 9, 2019 3:44:19 PM

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Karla, this is Jan Campbell and I would like to speak on Dec. 4th at 9:30 am regarding the Riverplace Master Plan.

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2019, at 7:42 PM, Wendy Rahm <[wwrahm@aol.com](mailto:wwrahm@aol.com)> wrote:

Hi Karla,  
Thank you for holding the 2 spots for Wednesday, 9:30 am, December 4.

Could you sign up

1. **Campbell**, 0320 SW Montgomery Street #416, PDX, 503-504-1254 and me
2. **Wendy Rahm**, 1221 SW 10th Avenue, #1001, PDX, 503-227-8527

We both will be speaking on Riverplace Master Plan.

Jan will send a confirmation email verifying this as her request.  
Thanks.

Wendy Rahm  
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In a message dated 10/4/2019 4:46:30 PM Pacific Standard Time, [Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov) writes:

Hi Wendy,

I only have 2 spots left on December 4th. Note that Commissioner Hardesty will be absent on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the month is booked as well.

Let me know if you would like these spots and yes, please send the names of the speakers.

Each speaker has to send in their own request including their name, address,  
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phone, date they wish to speak (Dec. 4 ), and topic. **I can only hold them until October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you,

Karla

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**From:** Wendy Rahm <[wwrahm@aol.com](mailto:wwrahm@aol.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, October 4, 2019 4:31 PM

**To:** Moore-Love, Karla <[Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov)>

**Subject:** Communications slots for December 4

Hi Karla,

I writing to see if 3 or 4 of the Communications time slots for Wednesday, December 4 might be available. If so, I will provide you the names of the people coming, who would all be speaking about a master plan area called RiverPlace.

If those dates aren't available, could you let me know when the first openings are?

Thank you so much!

Wendy Rahm

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Request of Jan Campbell to address Council regarding the Riverplace Master Plan (Communication)

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