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Subject: Written testimony "Amend City Building Code Provisions to Clarify Permit Abandonment, Expiration, Extensions, and Reactivation".
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Dear Commissioners and Mr. Mayor

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

I would urge the Commissioners and Mr. Mayor to look at the proposed changes very carefully. Changes definitely need to be made, as the article on BDS, in The Oregonian Wednesday March 24, 2020 points out. As the article points out it is the novices (private home owners, citizens of Portland who are not in the building trade) that get the brunt of the madness that is the BDS. The changes made should make it easier to deal with BDS, not how to be more punitive and how to have more absolute control. The changes proposed do nothing but add to the punitive and controlling aspects of BDS. The Commissioners and the Mayor are complicit in allowing this to happen for far too long. It is far over due to bring this monster the BDS's building permit process under control. It is you the Commissioners and the Mayor that BDS should be beholden to, not the other way around. BDS snickered at me when I said I would file a complaint to the Commissioner in charge of BDS.

For private residents of Portland not in the building trade profession allow 3 to 5 years before being threatened with Expiration, Extensions, Reactivation, Abandonment. No, it is not an unreasonable time frame. I am 3 years into the permitting process as of today with still not a permit in hand. I would add, the cost to the nonprofessional who is a resident of Portland should be much lower also. Yes, it is a reasonable request and very much doable. If it means having a two tier system for nonprofessional (private home owner) and professional builders the Commissioners and the Mayor should seriously consider that idea. Listen to City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero not the punitive, controlling BDS.

To Commissioner Dan Ryan, I would say, BDS has to be reminded they are public servants not public masters. To stop using their technocratic language, process, and rules as tyranny over the lay-citizens of Portland. To help the lay-person understand what and how to achieve their goals on building projects and the most cost effective way of doing it. Not to add punitive fees once a request for permit has been filed for processing for a period of 3 to 5 years and no punitive fees for 3 years once the permit is obtained. The 180 days BDS is fixated on is a joke but the joke and the monetary cost of the joke is on the lay-citizens of Portland and BDS knows this all too well.

Thank you,

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