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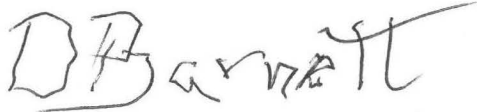
To the Council Clerk:

The South Park Blocks are an irreplaceable all-season treasure for the Portland community and visitors.

The luxuriant carpet of grass with a network of connected walkways and occasional benches offer quiet respite under towering deciduous trees. The canopy formed by these majestic trees provides comfortable shade of increasing density through spring and summer. That canopy offers a glorious sequential kaleidoscope of fall color before shedding leaves to allow penetration of bright warming winter sunlight. The all-season human pleasure is accomplished by clever utilization of nature. The stately trees arranged in five rows have gradually formed an awesome canopy of cathedral proportions and with basic maintenance will continue to support natural flora and fauna and human comfort for several future generations.

This incredible natural treasure grew into its current glory over the past century and must have our protection for the next century. Don't muck it up. Green Loop and Master Plan proposals for hardscape accommodation of wheeled vehicles must not encroach on the existing South Park Blocks.

A Concerned Portland Resident

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DBarnett". The letters are stylized and cursive.

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