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Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners:

"They paved Paradise and put up a parking lot!"
Who did? Ted Wheeler and the other city councilors. We trusted them with our city and they screwed it up.

Is this to be your legacy?

Be a good ancestor. Vote NO on the South Park Blocks "Master Plan"
Remove the Green Loop Plan from the Master Plan and give it a separate hearing
Stop cutting down trees! They might save the city.

I go to PSU to consult each week, and I asked some young cyclists what they thought. First, most of them didn't know that there was a plan to cut the trees down from the Park Blocks, and it was being done "in their name" And second, they thought it a stupid idea, because any serious cycling would be impeded by the heavily trafficked bus streets that intersect Park Avenue.

We moved to the SW Portland region largely because of the tree canopy on the Park blocks, the pedestrian allees between First Avenue and Market. This is a beautiful area, and it's yours to destroy.

Make the Park Blocks a Portland Heritage site. We trust you with them. Vote NO on the SPBP!

Sincerely,

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