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**To:** [City Auditor, Mary Hull Caballero](#)  
**Subject:** PUSH PAUSE on renewing the Downtown Clean & Safe ESD  
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City Auditor Mary Hull-Caballero,

Dear Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners and Office of Management and Finance,

On September 29 you will vote on an amendment to the “Downtown Clean & Safe” contract put forward by Commissioner Hardesty. The amendment would simply extend the current contract until Council and our community has thoroughly and thoughtfully responded to recommendations made by the City Auditor.

We urge you to vote YES on this amendment.

An equitable, inclusive public process with collaborative outreach—especially to our most marginalized community members—is the only way to generate the informed, quality input we need to plan for a prosperous and revitalized Portland we can all be proud of.

Respectfully,  
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