



Dear Portland City Council Members,

My name is Matthew Goodman from Downtown Development Group, a Portland-based family-owned real estate company (I represent the fourth generation). I am writing to encourage you to support the renewal of Downtown Portland Clean & Safe, one of the nation's oldest enhanced service districts. Clean & Safe provides vital cleaning and security functions benefiting people who visit, work, and live downtown. Given the challenges facing our city, now is the time to increase and augment basic services downtown, not reduce or eliminate them.

Clean & Safe's cleaners are employed through a wonderful partnership with Central City Concern to provide important trash collection & cleaning services. For more than 40 years, Central City Concern has helped over 13,000 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness with supportive housing, substance abuse treatment, and assistance finding a job; the cleaning positions provided by Clean & Safe constitute a valuable platform to help these people obtain employment and ultimately a home. Cleaners also respond to specific reported incidents, including graffiti abatement and removal of human waste; unfortunately, these issues are becoming more prevalent, and Clean & Safe workers are in higher demand now than ever. The program also provides basic security patrol work, a much-valued service by many who visit and frequent downtown Portland. With crime unfortunately increasing in our city, Clean & Safe's patrol helps minimize the number and severity of downtown disturbances, in many cases assisting those in need of essential services.

As a rate payer and board member, I encourage you to invest in the cleanliness and livability of downtown by renewing Downtown Clean & Safe. Thanks for your consideration.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Goodman", is written over a horizontal line.

Matthew Goodman

Vice President – Downtown Development Group