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Attn: City Council Testimony <<https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/mapapp/proposals/#/s2hc>>
1221 SW Fourth Ave.
Portland, OR 97204

CC: Alison Stoll, Executive Director Central NE Neighbors
RCPNA Board of Directors

Subject: Shelter to Housing Testimony Item #183-Request Light Industrial lands be included in Temporary Housing Siting

Honorable Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners,

On March 18, 2021, the Land Use and Transportation Committee (LU & TC) for Rose City Park Neighborhood Association met to discuss the Shelter to Housing proposal. By a unanimous vote of the six members present the following was recommended:

“Include lands zoned Light Industrial in selecting Temporary Housing/Shelter sites”

This correlates to General Industrial 1(GI1) and General Industrial 2(GI2) on the Portland Zoning Map (<https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/zoning/#/map/>)

By including these Industrially zoned lands the city will greatly increase the opportunities for siting Temporary Shelters and facilitate a more rapid implementation of this critically needed program. Light Industrial lands (GI1 & GI2) typically only generate a low level of air pollution and are valued less per square foot than either Residential or Commercial lands. Many of these properties have immediate access to water, sewer, and public rights-of-way.

Temporary Shelters are to be temporary in nature and will have no long-term impact on the city’s job-building capacity in these areas.

This LU & TC recommendation is not yet approved by the RCPNA Board and is scheduled for their April 6th meeting. However; we understand that the March 24, 2021, City Council hearing may be our last opportunity for testimony on this topic. Therefore, this subject is time-sensitive. Therefore, based on the 2009 RCPNA Land Use Charter we submit this testimony on behalf of Rose City Park Neighborhood Association.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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