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Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Environmental Overlay Zone Map Correction Project, Recommended Draft**

Dear Mr. Soebbing and Ezone staff, I am writing to you as a Public Citizen only. Full Disclosure: I am also on the Land Use and Transportation Committee for the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association and have been for at least 6 years. I live one block to the west of the golf course on the northern ridge on Sacramento St. and have lived here since 1985. I am very familiar with the golf course and know many neighbors along the ridge whose front door scenic view is the beautiful open space golf course and captivating Mt. Hood. Currently the northern boundary street (Sacramento St.) of this property is undergoing a bikeways, slow streets, safe routes to school, greenways, natural area bluff restoration and who knows what else future types of changes to come. People from all over the city and many out of area visitors come to the northern ridge street daily DAILY to enjoy the open space and views of both the golf course and Mt. Hood. This area is so unique it was listed after very stringent long term vetting as a developable view point area and formally adopted by the City Council in the 1991 document called 'Scenic Views , Sites and Corridors- Scenic Resources Protection Plan'. I know you are well aware of everything related to Sacramento St. , the current overlay designations, the proposed Ezone changes, the 1991 document but perhaps not so much the past, current and future value of the golf course itself ,the view and the view point area to the entire city and out of area visitors. My reason for contacting you is to express that I can see no harm to leave the current overlay zones on the golf course. The area serves an important current and future site for the land , trees and water as regarding climate change and for the absolute value of it being a respite from the cement jungle we all live in or around. There is absolutely NO plan in sight or even a remote thought of building anything on this open space or in the scenic view corridor/ panorama in the future in fact , just the opposite is true by perhaps adding a better walking path around it thus enhancing its value for everyone even more. I view the golf course as a lung and I hope the tree count could be increased even more. I personally would like to see an very respectful and accessible landing on the northern bluff right at the scenic/ panoramic view point so even more people and stop and rest there. As a public citizen I have never been notified of the proposed Ezone changes nor has any of the 3 surrounding golf course neighborhood associations to my knowledge. This lack of notice ,including lack of public citizen's input , to the proposed changes is very concerning especially since the 1991 document so proudly and repeatedly touted citizen input. I ask you to submit this letter as testimony for the April 14th, 2022 City Council hearing and most sincerely ask you to keep the current valuable overlay designations on the golf course because to maintain those designations causes zero harm to the property yet perhaps, may prove to be of infinite value to the

citizens of Portland in the future. I left a long voicemail for the Ezone staff earlier today at 503-823-4225. Very truly yours, Sharron Fuchs Public Citizen NE Sacramento St., Portland, Oregon

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