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Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners,

The Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) is pleased to unanimously recommend that City Council adopt the proposed *Cully Tax Increment Finance District Plan and Report*. We believe the Cully TIF Plan conforms to Portland's *2035 Comprehensive Plan* as a whole and will significantly advance City priorities for equitable development and anti-displacement in NE Portland.

The Plan's emphasis on providing resources for preserving existing affordable housing and economic opportunities and preventing involuntary residential and business displacement supports and implements key housing and economic development policies of the Comprehensive Plan. In addition, the co-creation process used in the development of the plan and the envisioned community governance model sets a new and higher bar for urban renewal planning in Portland by centering historically underserved, marginalized and under-represented communities and needs. We hope this plan can serve as a model for future TIF planning projects.

The PSC provides the following additional recommendations:

- The PSC heard testimony requesting funding for community-based staff to support the new Community Leadership Committee, community engagement, and TIF Plan implementation. The PSC supports this request and believes that community-based staff is critical to connecting TIF resources to Priority Community members and those most at risk of displacement.
- The Commission requests that Prosper Portland and Portland Housing Bureau continue to collaborate closely with the community organizations and leaders that helped craft the Cully TIF Plan. Long term success will rely on true partnership and trust between the City and community partners. City Council should monitor plan implementation and ensure that the City is mindful of the co-creation process and held accountable to community needs, desires and input.



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Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed *Cully Tax Increment Finance District Plan* and *Report* and for considering our recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steph Routh', written in a cursive style.

Steph Routh
Chair

