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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**Mike Lindberg, Commissioner**  
1220 S.W. Fifth Ave.  
Portland, OR 97204  
(503) 248-4145

January 21, 1986

Kenneth E. Fender  
5921 S.E. Carlton St.  
Portland, OR 97206

Dear Mr. Fender:

Commissioner Lindberg is out of the office this week, so I am taking the liberty of answering your letter.

I have not been able to find out who in this office told you that the Street Department Supervisor would call you. Any of the permanent staff would have referred you to Commissioner Strachan who has administrative authority over streets. We did have some very temporary clerical help last December who may have given you inaccurate information.

I have asked the Street Tree Division of Parks to look into your concerns about the tree. Although the City will not trim this tree at taxpayers' expense, we can force the abutting property owner to correct a hazardous situation.

Your concerns about the street have been forwarded to Commissioner Strachan.

Thanks for taking the time to share your concerns.

Sincerely,

*Mary Sykes*  
Mary Sykes  
Assistant to Commissioner Lindberg

cc: Alex Wynstra, Street Tree Division w/a  
Commissioner Strachan w/a

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Kenneth E. Fender  
5921 S.E. Carlton St.  
Portland, OR 97206  
Jan. 15, 1986

Commissioner Mike Lindberg  
1220 S.W. 5th St.  
Portland, OR 97204

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Dear Commissioner Lindberg, Commissioner Lindberg's Office

No longer knowing how or where to find the Street Dept. in the phone book, in Dec., 1985, I called the mayor's office re. our street problem. Being re-directed to your office, I then spoke to a female (name?), who said that she would advise the Street Dept. Supervisor & I would receive a return call re. same. As I have not received said phone call, so am I making contact again, asking for your cooperation in handling said problem.

As of Nov. 13, 1985, my residence is on the N.W. corner of S.E. 60th St. & S.E. Carlton St., the latter being a narrow, ill-paved, one-car street which fronts my residence. Shortly after moving in, I learned (the hard way) that there is no solid base to the city's dirt-side strip, which parallels the street & is required for both passing & parking for my home on Carlton. It is a sea of heavy mud only, into which any car is easily stuck & held fast, impossible to use for parking & entry to my home. To multiply the problem, there is a large tree on the S.W. corner of 60th & Carlton (which appears to be on city property) with overhanging branches, which forces trucks with higher rear boxes back across the street (on the wrong side of the street) & into said parking-passing strip to avoid said branches, thereafter tracking the heavy mud off of their tires down each street, consistantly ill-affected by the postal-delivery vehicles too, all of which is continuing to further deepen the rutts, puddles & ice.

Again, I ask that there be an inspection of the area & a solution applied for same asap ... even a grading & spreading of gravel, along with a thorough pruning of said tree limbs, complete for all lower branches, which, when leafed out, totally blocks off all drivers' view South of 60th from Carlton.

Thank you for all considerations & action.

  
Sincerely,



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February 12, 1986

Mr. Herbert J. Silfies  
709 NE 32nd Avenue  
Portland OR 97232

Dear Mr. Silfies,

Thank you for your letter regarding the trees that you'd like to plant in your parking strip. I'm delighted to hear that you want to plant trees in front of your house, something that I wish more Portland homeowners would wish to become involved with.

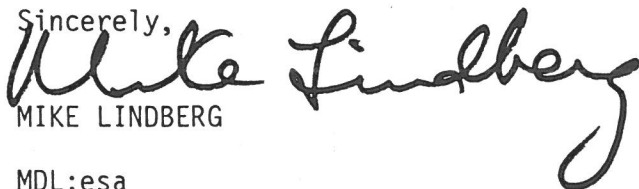
As Mr. Mosher explained, we would prefer that you plant Chanticleer Pear trees rather than flowering plums for the following reasons:

- 1) It would be consistent with other tree plantings on your street; and
- 2) The Chanticleer Pear is a superior "street" tree because of its growth form and because it requires virtually no maintenance. Unfortunately, the flowering plum is very susceptible to Aphid infestations, a condition that we cannot address presently because of the fiscal condition of the City.

However, my top priority, as I also assume is yours, is to see trees replanted, and if the flowering plum is the only tree that you'd consider planting, then I'd like to see you plant them. Again, from the standpoint of tree maintenance and continuity on your street, we'd appreciate it if you'd reconsider the species that you wish to plant. Both Alex Wynstra, City Forester, and Mike Mosher of the Forestry Division can assist you with information about species selection, planting, and planting permits. They can be reached at 248-4489.

Thanks again, for writing and for your willingness to consider other tree species besides the plum. Above all, thank you for helping us to beautify Portland by planting trees on your street!

Sincerely,

  
MIKE LINDBERG

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cc: Alex Wynstra, City Forester  
Mike Mosher, Forestry Division

Herbert J. Silfies  
709 N. E. 32nd Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97232

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February 10, 1986

Commissioner Lindberg's Office

Commissioner Mike Lindberg  
City of Portland  
1220 S. W. Fifth Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Subject: Tree Planting

Commissioner Lindberg:

I have resided at the above address for the past fifteen + years and have recently removed trees from the parking strip on the 32nd Avenue side of the property. I am now informed by the "Park and Street Tree Division" of the City that I cannot replace the area in question with the same trees that I removed, instead I must follow the planting system which the City has put together.

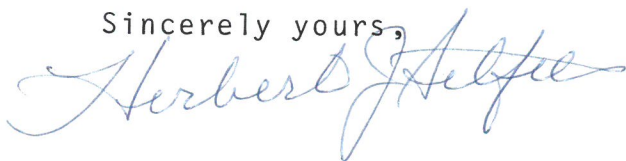
I am now asking for relief from having to plant trees other than those I removed for the following reasons:

1. I live on a corner parcel (32nd & Irving) and on the Irving Street side I now have two flowering plums trees. The trees removed were also flowering plum.
2. The block in which we live is very short and has only three homes on the west side of the street and two on the east side. There have been flowering plum trees on this property since the home has been built.
3. It is also my understanding that the property owner is responsible for the cost of replacing trees in the area in question. If this is true then I feel that the property owner should have some input as to what trees should be replaced.

I am awaiting a reply from your office so that these trees can be replaced before it is too late to do anything this year.

I would appreciate your kind attention to this matter and should you wish to discuss this matter further please contact me at the above address or by phone at 236-5419.

Sincerely yours,



cc: Mike Mosher



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March 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM

TO: Alex Wynstra

FROM: Commissioner Mike Lindberg *MDL*

RE: Attachment

Just a note to let you know how much the work of you and your crews is appreciated, both by me and others in Portland. Keep it up!

MDL:esb

cc: Bill Owens  
Mike Farley

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Ed —  
Mike —

DON S. WILLNER & ASSOCIATES

ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
111 S. W. FRONT AVENUE  
SUITE 303  
PORTLAND, OREGON 97204-3512

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MAR 12 1986

DON S. WILLNER  
LEAH M. SHEARIN

TELEPHONE  
Commissioner Lindberg's Office (503) 220-0328

March 11, 1986

Commissioner Mike Lindberg  
City Hall  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mike:

I greatly appreciate the kindness of your staff in  
triming the trees in front of my office building. They were  
most thoughtful and the trees look much better.

Sincerely,



Don S. Willner

DW:jk



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April 16, 1986

Mrs. June Meek  
2044 SE Grant  
Portland OR 97214

Dear Mrs. Meek:

Thank you for your letter regarding the problem of insect infestations in your trees. I agree: we are faced with a "buggy mess" associated with many of our trees in Portland.

However, we are also faced with another problem. Due to cuts in federal funding, and shrinking revenue sources in general, many of the services that we previously were able to offer are now beyond our reach, including the spraying of trees in parking strips throughout the city. We are continuing our elm spraying program; it's the other spray programs that we simply cannot afford at this time.

Nonetheless, I believe that City government does need to attempt to find a way to come up with some sort of solution to the tree spray problem. In the coming year, I expect the Tree Advisory Committee to address this issue, and other funding issues confronting our forestry program. I will keep you informed as proposals come forward.

In the meantime, I'm sorry that we cannot offer you a better solution. The City Forester (248-4489) can help you contact a reputable spray company, should you be willing to address the problem yourself this spring.

Thanks, again, for writing.

Sincerely,

  
MIKE LINDBERG  
Commissioner  
Office of Public Affairs

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cc: Mayor J.E. Bud Clark  
City Council Members  
Alex Wynstra

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To Commissioner  
Mike Lindberg

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Dear Sir,

I have spent a <sup>Commissioner Lindberg's Office</sup> good part  
of the day calling different  
city offices to handle a  
problem

I am told this comes under  
your office. Green, crawling  
aphids from a birch tree  
in the parking strip out  
in front of our house.

Really one hates to step  
out side into the millions  
of those green crawling bugs.  
All over the porch, + windows.  
Its a nasty situation.

I understand there wasnt any  
money allocated for the  
spraying + trimming of city  
trees. (only elm)

But I am asking as a tax  
payer, senior citizen, + a concerned  
person - To find some way,  
& to please! consider putting  
the spraying & trimming service  
of our trees back into the city



2- of Portland's Budget.

We like to keep up our property. But being on some what of a limited income, it poses a worry to us, to have to take care of this problem. maybe the tree should be removed. Thus ending this Puggie situation.

Please! consider my suggestion, + act on it immediately.

Thank you.

Mrs June Meek  
2044 SE Grant st  
97214

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April 28, 1986

Dr. E. G. Chuinard  
15537 SW Summerfield Lane  
Tigard OR 97223

Dear Dr. Chuinard:

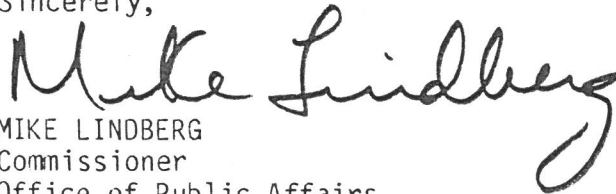
Thank you for your dedicated service to the Tree Advisory Committee and for your willingness to serve another term. A sound tree program is a high priority for me, and I've appreciated your contributions towards maintaining and enhancing the quality of our urban forestry effort here in Portland. This letter shall constitute official notice of your reappointment to the Tree Advisory Committee.

The next few months will be important ones for the tree program. The new tree ordinance will be coming before Council, and maintaining continuity on the Tree Committee during this period will be important.

Although the current code gives me the authority to appoint the membership of the Tree Advisory Committee, the new ordinance will require a new appointment process upon its adoption. I look forward to working with you and the other members of the Tree Advisory Committee as we work out the details of the transition from the Committee to the Urban Forestry Commission!

Thanks, again, for the many hours that you've contributed towards the success of the program in Portland.

Sincerely,



MIKE LINDBERG  
Commissioner  
Office of Public Affairs

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cc: Bill Owens



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AA1 Hampson  
707 SW Washington, Suite 300  
Portland OR 97205  
Marie Deatherage-Newsom  
2432 SE Madison St.  
Portland OR 97214  
Dr. E. G. Chuinard  
15537 SW Summerfield Lane  
Tigard OR 97223  
David P. Van Bossuyt  
14655 SW Old Scholls Ferry Rd.  
Beaverton OR 97007



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May 14, 1986

Ms. Edris E. Becker  
2527 N.E. Dunckley St.  
Portland, Oregon 97212

Dear Ms. Becker:

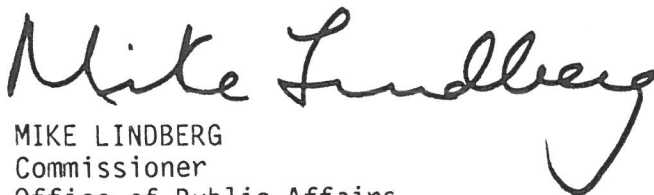
Thank you for taking the time to write to me regarding your trees. Unfortunately, the City no longer has the funds available to spray trees other than elms located in the parking strips. Although the City did have those funds at one time, it has always been the case that the adjacent property owners are responsible for the maintenance of those trees.

Your letter implies that the reason we lack money for spraying is inefficiency. However, I'd like to draw your attention to the fact that the budget for the Bureau of Parks has decreased, not increased over the last five years. In fact, since the mid-1970's we've cut our parks maintenance force by almost one third, while accepting and maintaining over 500 additional acres of parkland. To me this represents a striking gain in efficiency, rather than the inefficiency that you seem to imply.

If it was up to me, and me alone, we'd have the money to continue the spray program today. However, cuts in federal funds coming to Portland has forced the Council to come to grips with funding services that we must have, in new ways, meaning in many cases that programs like tree spraying come out on the short end of the stick. We simply do not have the luxury of resources that we had only a few short years ago; to promise you otherwise would not be fair or truthful.

I hope this answers your questions. Please feel free to contact my office should you have any additional questions about our forestry program.

Sincerely,



MIKE LINDBERG  
Commissioner  
Office of Public Affairs

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cc: Bill Owens  
Alex Wynstra

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Commissioner Lindberg's Office

Mr. Mike Lindberg

Dear Sir:

I called the tree service department about a bad fungus on our London Plane trees in our parking strip. I'm told your department has control of these trees.

One of your employees came out, inspected the old trees, admitted they were in bad shape, and said "We have no money to spray them".

I don't accept that. We are supposed to be 'tree city' USA. Am I right?

The pay large amounts of tax dollars to take care of our city. If you can not do your share in taking care of your department, why are you there?

More and more, our citizens are being patient with the whole Council, from Mayor on down. How long before we get ahead of your inefficiency?

Yours Truly,

Edis E. Becker

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Portland, Ore. 97212

May 3, 1986



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June 10, 1986

Ms. Sienkiewicz  
2305 S.E. 16th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Ms. Sienkiewicz:

Thank you for writing to inform me of the problems that you are experiencing with your street trees. Although the Park Bureau has had funds in the past to spray infested street trees, for the past two years we have only been allocated funds to spray elm trees in order to protect them from Dutch Elm disease. This year, like last, the City Council felt that there were higher priorities, like restoring police walking beats, for the use of scarce budget dollars.

Nonetheless, I share your frustration with the sticky aphid infestations brought on by the hot weather. My car is also a sticky mess as a result. It is my hope that in the next year, the Tree Advisory Committee will propose a number of funding mechanisms to put our tree program on firm fiscal ground. Although I can't promise that the program will be restored soon, I can promise to seek a solution that makes our street trees a joy for all.

Thanks, again, for writing.

Sincerely,

MIKE LINDBERG  
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Dear Com., **Commissioner Lindberg's Office**

I live in the Sald addition  
and have notice our trees are  
dripping very bad and I think we  
need them sprayed very bad  
our sidewalks and cars are  
getting full of the sticky stuff

I have had two stoke in seven  
month and unable to keep our  
sidewalk washed, Please see  
if you can get our trees sprayed

Thank you

Theresa Sinkiewicz

Theresa Sienkiewicz  
2305 SE 16  
Portland, OR 97214



City ~~7~~ Commissioner M. Sinsky  
1220 - S.W. 5<sup>th</sup>  
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June 10, 1986

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shreve  
2111 S.E. Orange  
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Shreve:

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I am writing regarding tree spraying of trees out by the curbs in our neighborhood. We have two birch trees that the city used to spray to eliminate aphids. This year the city is not going to spray, and our cars are a sticky mess.

We called to ask the City how much we could cut them and were told we could only do minimal trimming. Next we called private sprayers to get estimates on spray and it averaged about \$100. Not many people can afford to do that each year.

Please, can something be done to help us? All the neighbors with maple trees are complaining also!

Sincerely,

Carol J. Shreve, 230-2313

CAROL + Bill Shreve  
2111 SE Orange, 97214



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June 16, 1986

Ms. Margaret Moore  
2211 S.E. Orange Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Ms. Moore:

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June 9, 1986

Commissioner Mike Lindberg  
1220 SW Fifth Ave  
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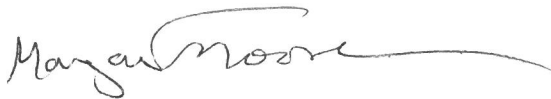
I'm writing to find out if anything can be done to stop the street trees from dripping their "honey dew"! I live in the Ladd Addition and the maple trees are really making a mess for us all. It started as soon as the trees got their leaves, and now the sticky stuff is actually falling in drops, coating cars, sidewalks, lawns with the goo.

Apparently the trees must be sprayed, and I understand that the city allocated no money for any spraying except for elms because of the danger of Dutch elm disease.

My question is: if the city can't come up with the funds to maintain its street trees, then why did it spend more money to plant young maples which will only add to the problem? The Norway maple the city planted in front of my house has some stickiness already.

Whatever the bug is that is causing the problem, it is most unpleasant for those of us living in this area, and really makes the area a less desirable place to live, though the trees themselves are magnificent.

Anything you can do to help in this area would be greatly appreciated.



Margaret Moore  
2211 SE Orange Ave  
Portland Or 97214

PS A neighbor got an estimate from a private firm for spraying one maple tree: \$150. And it would have to be done twice! Since the city retains the right to decide what trees on parking strips can be removed or planted, clearly it is the city's responsibility to maintain the trees it controls.



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June 16, 1986

Ms. Elizabeth Wong  
2117 S. E. Orange Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Ms. Wong:

Thank you for writing to inform me of the problems that you are experiencing with your street trees. Although the Park Bureau has had funds in the past to spray infested street trees, for the past two years we have only been allocated funds to spray elm trees in order to protect them from Dutch Elm disease. This year, like last, the City Council felt that there were higher priorities, like restoring police walking beats, for the use of scarce budget dollars.

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Commissioner Lindberg's Office

Commissioner Mike Lindberg  
1120 S. W. Fifth Avenue, Room 414  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Commissioner Lindberg:

There is a problem of aphid bugs on the trees (in particular maples) that cause the sap to drip from the trees in the Ladd's Addition area. It is my understanding that the budget did not contain an allowance for the spraying of the trees. I think funds should be found to spray these trees.

The problems that this has caused from the sap drippings from the trees are:

1. The drippings fall on the streets and sidewalks which because of the number of trees in this area you cannot walk around or dodge all of this. As a matter of fact, one day when I walking to the bus stop one of my shoes got stuck to the sidewalk.
2. The drippings fall constantly and you can actually see some of it falling. You try to dodge it also, but sometimes it hits you. Some morning, it feels like a dew coming down, but it is a hot summer morning.
3. The droppings cause damage to anything under the trees, like car paint, clothing and shoes. If you walk several blocks as I do to get to and from the bus stop it is even, of course, stuck on the bottom of your shoes and you can feel the stickiness for some time before it wears out. If you are going toward home, you must take off your shoes and then wash the bottoms later.

I am not one of the tree owners grown on the sidewalk strips, but this problem concerns me as the neighboring trees emit the sap and fall on my property. I cannot even park my car in front for a few minutes without the sap being on the car and in particular the windshield which does not come off that easy. Because of this problem I have been forced to park my car in the garbage as much as possible and not having a automatic garage owner it is more effort. I thought I needed the exercise to open and close the garage door, but not that much.

In the past these trees have been sprayed at least two times during the summer months. I think even if you were able to find funds for one spraying that might be of some help.

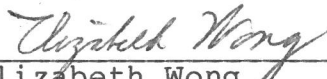
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Surely, with the sticky streets, you are going to have a lot of complaints to have the streets washed they are hardly ever washed down, but maybe once or twice a year.

I think if I was a tree owner, I would consider having the trees chopped down if the City was not going to spray them as they have in the past and be rid of the problem of drippy sap.

I would urge you to find a solution to this problem. Maybe some of the tree owners would be willing to pay the City part or all of the cost if it is not too expensive.

Yours truly,  
Sticky Shoes

  
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Elizabeth Wong  
2117 S. E. Orange Avenue  
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June 17, 1986

Ms. Frankie Snyder  
2808 S.W. Montgomery Drive  
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Ms. Snyder: *Frankie*

Thank you very much for your letter regarding Alex Wynstra's application for the position of City Forester. Alex has done a good job of pulling the crews together, and I'm confident that he'll do well in the application process.

The final selection for the position will be done based on the results of the Civil Service examination and interviews with our new Superintendent of Parks, Cleve Williams. In fact, the hiring of the City Forester is probably going to be the first major decision facing Cleve when he begins his new duties in July.

Just as I'm confident that Cleve will do an exceptional job for the people of Portland and their park and recreation system, I'm confident that he'll make a good decision on this hiring. I've taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to him, and I'll certainly be discussing the hiring and the forestry program with him in the next few weeks.

Thanks, again, for taking the time to write and to let me know of your support for Alex.

Sincerely,

MIKE LINDBERG  
Commissioner  
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cc: Cleve Williams





Frankie Snyder ☎ 2808 SW Montgomery Drive, Portland, OR 97201 ☎ (503) 228-2808

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Commissioner Mike Lindberg  
City Hall

Dear Mike,

Once again I wish to emphasize my support of Alex Wynstra as City Forester. The more I see and know of him, the more I realize this city has a treasure in him. I and others most anxiously await his reappointment!

Sincerely,

Frankie Snyder

Copies to Bill Naito  
Bill Owens



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Mr. Alfred Hampson  
Bank of California  
Suite 300  
407 S.W. Broadway  
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Mr. Hampson: *al*

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Thanks, again, for taking the time to write and to let me know of your support for Alex.

Sincerely,

MIKE LINDBERG  
Commissioner  
Office of Public Affairs

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cc: Cleve Williams

July 11, 1986 ES  
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Dear Commissioner Lindberg,

I am writing this letter to urge that you appoint Acting City Forester Alex Wynstra to the position of City Forester.

I have known Mr. Wynstra from the time when he first came to Portland from Columbus Ohio to fill the newly created position of City Forester. The Tree Advisory Committee, of which I have been a member since its formation, worked closely with Mr. Wynstra until he resigned to return to the Midwest where he owned a tree farm that needed his attention.

Some time later he returned to Portland because, I guess, that after living in Portland & Oregon Columbus Ohio had lost some of its charm. Later he was appointed Acting City Forester the position he now holds.

When he took that position the Forestry Division was in disarray. If you remember the elm trees by the Library were destroyed shortly before Mr. Wynstra was appointed.

Mr. Wynstra has brought back an esprit de corps to the Forestry Division. He has reestablished confidence between the Acting City Forester and the Tree Advisory Committee so that the committee is functioning well.

Mr. Wynstra works his crews hard & they respect him for it. He is firm with his crews but fair.

He meets the public well and has been active in explaining the

the tree program to various neighborhood associations and  
we working with groups which would like to beautify various  
parts of the city like the Ladd's Addition.

He has great knowledge of trees, their characteristics  
their care, their diseases and parasites.

Mr. Wynstra is an able and well educated arborist.  
He is a good representation of the Park Department. He is an  
able hardworking, caring honest man who should be  
appointed City Forester.

Sincerely,

Alfred A. Hampson

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Mike Lindberg, Commissioner  
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(503) 248-4145

June 17, 1986

Mr. Eldon G. Chuinard, M.D.  
15537 S.W. Summerfield Lane  
Tigard, Oregon 97223

Dear Dr. Chuinard:

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ELDON G. CHUINARD, M.D.  
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June 13, 1986

Commissioner Mike Lindberg  
Room 414  
City Hall  
1220 S. W. Fifth  
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Dear Commissioner Lindberg,

I am writing to you as a member of the Portland Tree Advisory Committee to state that I enthusiastically join with the unanimous vote of our committee in support of the FINAL draft of the proposed Portland Urban Forestry Commission.

I also wish to express enthusiastic support for Acting Arborist/Forrester Alex Wynstra for your consideration of his appointment as the permanent Forester for the City of Portland. I have had the privilege of observing Alex's performance when he had this position previously. He is knowledgeable of his profession, and particularly of its application to Portland. He gets along well with the citizens who he serves in accomplishing the goals of City Parks. His relationship with our committee has been one of mutual trust and compatibility. I earnestly commend him to your consideration for appointment to continue with permanent status.

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you for your support of our committee's effort to maintain Portland's continued designation as Tree City, USA, and for the opportunity of serving on the Tree Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,



E. G. Chuinard, M.D.

cc: William Owens, Superintendent of Parks



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July 22, 1986

Mr. David P. Van Bossuyt  
14655 S.W. Old Scholls Ferry Road  
Beaverton, Oregon 97007

Dear Mr. Van Bossuyt:

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know my reasons for giving the go-ahead, from my perspective as Commissioner of Parks, for the next phase of Waterfront Park improvements. The work that is being planned will take place between the Morrison and Hawthorne bridges, and as of this writing will require the removal of four Pin Oaks.

The recommendation of the Tree Committee was that the project should not proceed unless and until the four oaks could be saved. As Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, I have decided to allow the project to go forward as planned because:

- 1) The project is the result of over ten years of public review. The nature and scope of the project have been known quantities for some time, and further delay for more review is not justified.
- 2) The project will result in the planting of many more trees of large (8" - 10") caliper in the park. The net result for the urban forest, both in this park and citywide, is a tangible and impressive increase in the number of "right trees in the right places," one of the primary goals for our entire forestry program.
- 3) The cost of moving the trees, and the accompanying risk of their demise after the move, is excessive using any yardstick. It is a cost that should not be borne by the public, especially in light of the many new trees to be planted and the City's inability to fund programs of vital interest to the community in these lean budget times.

Accordingly, I felt that it was in the best interest of the community to allow this project to proceed, and have alerted the Portland Development Commission that I have decided not to accept your guidance in this instance. Some of you have noted that certain claims were made before other review bodies regarding the

Mr. Van Bossuyt  
July 22, 1986  
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trees, claims which some believe the Portland Development Commission is not living up to. However, my responsibility rests with the forestry program and the review of the Tree Committee, and any concerns about the actions of those other review bodies should be taken up with them directly.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about my action. Although I appreciate the effort that you've put into your recommendation regarding this project, based on the reasons cited above I felt that it was in the best interests of the citizens of Portland and of the urban forest to proceed with this project at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Lindberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

MIKE LINDBERG  
Commissioner  
Office of Public Affairs

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cc: Brian McCarl



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June 26, 1986

Mrs. Bertha K. Granato  
2222 SE Orange  
Portland OR 97214

Dear Mrs. Granato,

Thank you for your letter regarding the aphids in your trees. First, to set the record straight, we have not sent out any flyers to anyone regarding the city spray program. The flyer that you refer to was put together by someone in your neighborhood and not by the City of Portland. I'm sorry for any confusion that it might have caused.

Now, the spray program. The City Council has voted to fund our spray program for elm tree spraying only. The reason is that if the elms become infected with Dutch Elm Disease, they'll die. Aphid infestation of maples and birches, on the other hand, rarely prove to be fatal for those trees.

I wish that we had the \$100,000 needed for the full spray program. The fact of the matter is that the Council was faced with a range of other programs, like police walking beats, that also needed to be funded, and in the judgment of Council they were of a higher priority this year than the full spray program. It's not an ideal state of affairs, but it's the best that we could do under the circumstances.

I will try to restore the program again next year, although I can't promise that it will absolutely come to pass. In any event, our tree program needs to establish a better funding system than it currently enjoys, and I've asked the Tree Committee to look into that issue in the next year.

Thanks, again, for writing. My car, too, is a sticky mess, and with a little luck we'll be able to clear this problem up in the near future.

Sincerely,

  
MIKE LINDBERG  
Commissioner  
Office of Public Affairs

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August 19, 1986

Susan Seyl, Chairperson  
Portland Historical Landmarks Commission  
Bureau of Planning  
1120 SW 5th Avenue  
Portland OR 97204

Dear Ms. Seyl:

Thank you for your letter regarding the four trees in Waterfront Park. As you probably know by now, the project has proceeded on schedule and the trees have been removed.

I, like many others, prefer to see trees saved in this city if at all possible. Portland is remarkable for a number of reasons, one of which is its commitment to retaining trees in what is the most urbanized part of a generally forested state. I have long felt that tree removal in Portland must occur only for very good reasons, and must certainly be accompanied by tree planting.

In this case, those four trees, though beautiful in their own right, did not conform to the thoughtful plan for Waterfront Park that was worked out through an extensive public process. In addition, even with considerable public expenditure, it appeared that the trees would enjoy no more than a 50% chance of survival after the move. The project will add many more trees to the park; in the near-term, we lose four trees, but long-term the city will realize a substantial gain in its population of trees. The net result of this project is a terrific addition to Portland's urban forest, making my decision to remove the trees perhaps more understandable, though no less difficult.

I hope that this responds to the concerns you raised in your letter. Thank you for taking the time to write, and for your hours of service to the city on this and other issues.

Sincerely,

  
MIKE LINDBERG  
Commissioner  
Office of Public Affairs

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cc: Brian McCarl  
Portland Development Commission



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August 19, 1986

Pat Jordan, Chairman  
Design Commission  
Bureau of Planning  
1120 SW 5th Avenue  
Portland OR 97204

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BUREAU OF PLANNING

Margaret D. Strachan, Commissioner  
Norman A. Abbott, AICP, Director  
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Commissioner Mike Lindberg  
City Hall  
1220 SW Fifth Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

Commissioner Lindberg's Office

Dear Commissioner Lindberg:

We are writing on behalf of the Landmarks and Design Commissions with regard to the four trees which are to be removed as part of the regrading of the Central Waterfront Park Project.

Both Commissions approved the project at a joint meeting on April 3, 1986, with the understanding that the four trees would be removed from their current location and, if possible, replanted elsewhere within the Park. However, we did not formalize this understanding, i.e., by making it a condition of project approval. Consequently, we understand that there is nothing in our actions on this project which would preclude cutting down the trees.

We do request that if the project gets delayed, and the trees are not to be removed until October or November, then you consider attempting to save the trees, i.e., by replanting them elsewhere. We understand that, were the trees to be replanted in the Fall, they would be more likely to survive than if they were replanted now.

As an alternative, we would suggest that you consider leaving the trees in their current location and filling around them. Our resident landscape architect informs us that this can be done by placing a system of tiles in a radiating pattern over the root system, and venting the tiles up to finish grade adjacent to the trunk. Fill material should be granular, such as river-washed gravel, over the entire surface within the drip zone. This material should be placed up to finish grade, except for the soil surface needed for planting.

We appreciate your taking our thoughts under consideration, and we welcome the opportunity to offer further input if requested.

Sincerely, *JWS*

*Susan Sey*  
Susan Sey, Chairperson  
Portland Historical Landmarks Commission

*Pat Jordan*

Pat Jordan, Chairman  
Design Commission

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cc: Norm Abbott, Planning Director  
Portland Development Commission

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Dear Sir:

This is in answer to  
the floyes you sent to our  
neighborhood, in regard to our  
Trees. It's too bad we can't  
say we can't afford to pay  
our taxes, I'm sure you'd be  
here in a hurry to find out  
why, our struts are sticky  
leaves are falling, stick to  
everything our cars are a mess  
can't hardly open a door they  
are mostly stuck shut.  
Please do something about the  
trees. Our lawns look awful

the sugar are just about ruined  
we try to keep our city beautiful  
but how can we.

Seniors citizens can't afford  
to spray the trees, I'm sure  
if you tried you'd find the  
money. Also the flyer you  
sent had a disconnected phone  
number on it I'd be calling every  
day if it had the right number.

Thank you.

Bertha K. Ganato



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November 4, 1986

Mrs. J. H. Van Duyn  
6307 SE 34th Avenue  
Portland OR 97202

Dear Mrs. Van Duyn,

Thank you for your letter regarding the trees on your street. I have done a number of things in response to your concerns: 1) The elms that you mention will be included in our citywide inventory of elms, and I've asked the City Forester to check his list to make sure that they will be evaluated for pruning and spraying. Unfortunately, we currently have no funds to prune or spray other species of trees. Consequently, we are unable to address the problems that you've noted with the maples. If the trees are threatening the wire above, they will be evaluated and pruned accordingly by the electric utility owning the lines. 2) Leaves are swept up and collected by the Bureau of Maintenance, currently under the supervision of Commissioner Strachan. I've forwarded a copy of your letter to her office and have asked that they investigate the concerns you've raised.

Thanks, again, for writing. I wish we could do more for our street trees, but our budget currently won't allow it.

Sincerely,

*Mike Lindberg*  
MIKE LINDBERG  
Commissioner  
Office of Public Affairs

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cc: Commissioner Margaret Strachan  
Alex Wynstra, City Forester

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Portland, Oregon  
October 30, 1986

Mr. M. Lindberg  
City Hall  
Portland, Oregon

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Dear Sir:

Commissioner Lindberg's Office

I would like to report some conditions of the ~~streets~~ streets and trees in the Eastmoreland district.

All the trees need pruning - in my case there are 3 Elms on Tolman Street, and 2 Maples on 34th avenue. I live at 6307 S. E. 34th Ave - which is the SW corner of the two streets. I understand the Elms might be diseased, but all the trees need (as they are overgrown - high over the street - in the wires above) drastic pruning. All the trees are in the parking strips.

The trees shed a lot of leaves, and the past two week-ends I hired a young man to rake them out on the street to be picked up by the city - cost of \$25.00 for me. Yesterday the men came to clear the streets in this district. When they got to me they did more damage than good. There were 4 men and 3 machines. Two men had rakes and stood by the big pile of leaves gathered up in the intersection to assist loading the truck. The machine with the catcher in front put most of my leaves back on the parking!! My driveway is covered with about 2 feet of wet leaves, and all along the curbs on Tolman and 34th mounds of wet leaves a foot or more high remain. The two men with rakes should have come over and pulled them back into the street when the pick-up machine came around several times to pick up the leaves--but no they made no effort. They were on the 34th street from about Henry up to Woodstock - here 50 minutes - arrived about 12:40PM and left at 1:30PM.

I called the plant and complained about the messy job to a Mr. Dial - Said they would come back. Which they did today - the 30th - cleaned the street a little better but all houses have stacks <sup>of leaves</sup> about 1 foot high on the curbs - and they never cleared my driveway - still a mass of wet leaves - 2 feet deep.

Think the street cleaners need some supervision, and that it's time the taxpayers get full days' <sup>of</sup> work for 8 hours pay. My neighbors are quite irate over the matter. *also*

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. J. A. Van Duyn*  
Mrs. J. A. Van Duyn  
6307 S.E. 34th Ave  
Portland, Oregon 97202

PS: I am handicapped - use a walker - and on a tight budget. Now I have to pay again to clear the leaves!



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November 12, 1986

Mr. James C. Shaw, M.D.  
511 S.W. Tenth, Suite 1206  
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Dr. Shaw:

Thank you for letting me know of your interest in the Tree Advisory Committee! Although there are no vacancies at the present time, the evolution of the Tree Committee into the Urban Forestry Commission could produce some vacancies in the near future. Consequently, I will add your name to a list of individuals who have shown an interest in appointment as positions become available.

It's always a delight to hear from members of the Portland community in love with this City's trees. Our urban forest here in Portland is a priceless resource, and a legacy which we must manage and steward carefully. I hope that we have the opportunity to work together on these issues in the days to come.

Sincerely,

MIKE LINDBERG  
Commissioner  
Office of Public Affairs

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# James C. Shaw, M.D.

Physician and Surgeon  
Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery

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Commissioner Lindberg's Office

Commissioner Mike Lindberg  
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Dear Commissioner Lindberg:

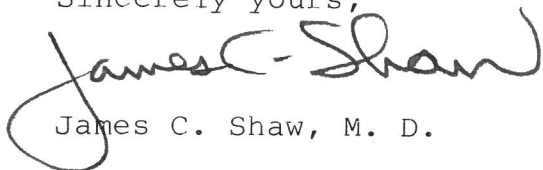
This letter concerns my interest in becoming a member of the Tree Advisory Committee. I spoke to Mr. William Naito in September to discuss the possibility of my participation on the committee, and he recommended that I direct a letter to you.

As a lifelong lover of trees, I have admired Portland's best specimens since moving here in 1977. I was recently inspired by the senseless cutting of a 95-year-old ginko tree in Northwest Portland, and have since been looking for a way to participate in an organization that could regulate this sort of tree cutting. To my knowledge, the tree advisory committee is the only such organization locally.

My interest in trees remains avocational since I am a practicing physician. I understand, however, that one of the committee members is also a physician, although retired. In addition to my private practice of dermatology in downtown Portland, I participate in community health projects, cancer screening clinics, and donate teaching time at several Portland hospitals.

It would be an honor to participate on the Tree Advisory Committee, and I would appreciate your consideration of this request if such help is needed in the future.

Sincerely yours,



James C. Shaw, M. D.

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