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Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission
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J. Scott Andrews
Commission Chair

Subject: Education Urban Renewal Area Plan

Aneshka Dickson
Commissioner

Members of the Planning and Sustainability Commission:

John C. Mohlis
Commissioner

On April 11, 2012 the Portland Development Commission Board held a public hearing on the proposed the Education Urban Renewal Plan (Plan). The Board is scheduled to vote on this URA on April 30, 2012.

Steven Straus
Commissioner

This URA is an essential element for accelerating the growth and associated partnerships of Portland State University and its goal of becoming a world class research university. Through this achievement the City of Portland will also be better positioned to advance goals in its Five-Year Economic Development Strategy as well as the Portland Plan.

Charles A. Wilhoite
Commissioner

The Plan features real estate development and educational partnerships with Portland Public Schools and Multnomah County which could not have otherwise occurred. The strategic purpose of the Plan has been positively received in presentations to neighborhood associations, residents and community groups who are affected by the outcomes and investments.

Sam Adams
Mayor

The PDC Board is proud of the composition of this Plan which is narrow in focus, yet regional in benefit.

Patrick Quinton
Executive Director

PDC hereby forwards the Education Urban Renewal Plan and Report to the Planning and Sustainability Commission for review and recommendation. A City Council public hearing on ordinances approving these documents is scheduled for May 9, 2012.

Sincerely,



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Portland Development Commission

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