

Dear Mr. Mayor and Portland City Council Members,

Jan 20, 2010

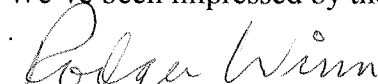
Thank you for the opportunity to address the City Council. My name is Rodger Winn and my wife and I moved to downtown Portland just last April. We were living in Orange County, California and had a five year plan to decide where to retire, and Portland was the clear winner. The mass transit and the walkable environment are obvious reasons, but the fact that senior citizens are respected was also important but not so obvious. Especially important for me was the free-tuition auditing program for seniors at PSU.

I want to applaud the City Council on its Climate Action Plan in general, and its support for closing down Boardman in particular. However, given Portland's reputation for forward planning, I would like to see the council support the Boardman closure in 2014 rather than in 2020. One of the options showed that 2014 was a feasible shutdown date, and it does not make sense to spend 500 million on pollution controls just to keep the plant open for an additional six years. Let's request that PGE work a little more creatively so they can shut down Boardman in 2014 and put that \$500 million towards efficiency and alternative sources of energy. That \$500 million could also be used to offset the potentially higher costs to low income rate payers during the transition to a sustainable energy source. That way the \$500 million stays in Oregon, rather than going out of state to buy the pollution control equipment.

I also support your continuing efforts to maintain the urban growth boundaries where they are already. We just moved here from Los Angeles, so we know what urban sprawl is. Once that land has been paved over, you never get it back.

As a retired salesman, I have some advice about Portland's mass transit, because many people think that the cost of mass transit is too costly for the number of people it serves. I think that this needs to be framed differently to explain that those who stay in their cars are benefiting just as much as those who are riding the rails. This insight came to me in Shanghai when my wife and I were walking the streets early in the morning in Shanghai several years ago, and I remember being amazed at a sight we saw. At one intersection there were about 50 bicyclists in a big bunch waiting for the light to turn green, and I thought, what will happen to the traffic in Shanghai when those 50 bicycles turn into 50 cars? The moral of the story is that all those people who drive cars in Portland should be thankful and willing to pay a few bucks towards the cost of mass transit to get all those other people off the road and out of the traffic pattern.

We've been impressed by the city and the city council, and hope that you keep up the good work.


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From: Rodger Winn [rodgerlwinn@gmail.com]
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Subject: Speaking at council meeting

Hi Karla,

I would like to be one of the speakers at the City Council meeting on January 20. I know that lots of people like Portland, but my wife and I are newcomers and I'd like to tell the council why we chose Portland. We've lived here since April and enjoy the city as much as we had expected to, and are more than happy to say so. I have been impressed by what I've seen of the mayor and the council so far, and I'm sure that they'd like to hear that.

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