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Portland City Council  
Portland City Hall  
1221 SW Fourth Ave  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Adams and City Council Commissioners:

On September 13, 2011, the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) held a hearing on the proposal to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan project list and Public Facilities Plan. The PSC voted 7 to 1 to approve the proposed amendment; one Commissioner abstained. We received written and oral testimony in opposition to the project from one Washington County resident.

The proposal outlined in the *Recommended Draft* amends the City of Portland Comprehensive Plan's List of Significant Projects, Public Facilities Plan and Sanitary Sewer Element to include additional sanitary sewer projects in the Fanno Creek Basin necessary to protect public health and safety. The projects, a new sewage pump station, diversion structure and sewer extension, are needed to address capacity deficiencies and ensure the City meets its regulatory obligations and agreements with Clean Water Services. The projects are in addition to an ongoing basin-wide program to address unintended infiltration and inflow into the sanitary sewer system.

The PSC recognizes the potential impacts of locating a sanitary sewer pump station in an existing neighborhood, including potential construction impacts and operational issues such as odor. The Bureau of Environmental Services must balance such impacts with the need to provide adequate sewer service and protect public and environmental safety. We encourage all City bureaus to be "good neighbors" and continue to exceed applicable land use and development standards for public involvement and facility design to minimize potential neighborhood impacts.

The Planning and Sustainability Commission recommends that City Council adopt the ordinance and amend the adopted Comprehensive Plan project list, Public Facilities Plan and Sanitary Sewer Element as specified in the *Recommended Draft*.

We appreciate the detailed work done through this project by staff of the Bureau of Environmental Services and the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.



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Thank you for considering our recommendation.

Sincerely,



Andre' Baugh, Chair  
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