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Mayor Sam Adams and Portland City Council
Portland City Hall
1121 SW 4th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Subject: Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative: Urban Renewal Areas

Dear Mayor Adams and City Commissioners,

At a public meeting held on March 13, 2012, the Planning and Sustainability Commission voted unanimously in support of six proposed Urban Renewal Plans as recommended in the following Portland Development Commission Resolutions:

- Resolution 6924 - 42nd Avenue Urban Renewal Area
- Resolution 6925 - Cully Boulevard Urban Renewal Area
- Resolution 6926 - Parkrose Urban Renewal Area
- Resolution 6927 - Rosewood Urban Renewal Area
- Resolution 6928 - Division-Midway Urban Renewal Area
- Resolution 6929 - 82nd Avenue and Division Urban Renewal Area

In reaching our decision, the Planning and Sustainability Commission finds that the proposed URAs conform to the Adopted City of Portland Comprehensive Plan and recommends that the Portland City Council adopt the URAs as presented.

The PSC further finds that the proposed URAs are supportive of the Equity Framework and Integrated Strategies of the Portland Plan and that they work to implement the City's Neighborhood Economic Development Strategy.

In considering the Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative Urban Renewal Areas, the Planning and Sustainability Commission heard testimony from six community members who have participated in the efforts to date to create these districts and the volunteer non-profits that will administer them. The testimony was compelling and an indication that the value of these districts will be derived not only from the tax increment revenues that will accrue but from the energy and imagination of the community members that will lead the efforts to improve their neighborhoods as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the review of this new use of urban renewal in the City and for considering our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Michelle Rudd

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