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January 23, 2013

Portland City Council
City Hall
1221 SW 4th
Portland, OR. 97204

Mr. Mayor and City Council Members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the David Douglas Historical Society I am submitting this letter in support of the proposed Gilbert Place development. I need not repeat the "Concept Paper" items for the proposal but will briefly identify the Historical Society's interest and encouragement for this and other future similar developments which may come before the Council and the Portland Development Commission.

The David Douglas Historical Society was established in 1977 to engage in the," collection, preservation, exhibition, and publication of material of a historical character....relating to the history of Multnomah County School District No. 40"(David Douglas School District); and further the Society is given the responsibility, "to maintain a gallery; to publish; to otherwise diffuse information relative to the history of Multnomah County School District No. 40".

The Society is expanding its efforts to fulfill the purposes for which it was created by identifying, and seeking participation from the diversified multi-cultural populations now generating historical significance to the continued changing social and economic character of our community.

The Gilbert Place development with the proposed mixed use of residential and commercial socio-cultural emphases recognizes the growing diversity and economic nature of the Powellhurst-Gilbert neighborhood and the larger encompassing David Douglas community. The incorporation of a community place of social services, meeting, and activities is an additional and significant component identified in the development which is currently missing from our neighborhood area.

Our charge and responsibility to, "maintain a gallery" to collect, preserve, and exhibit items of historical significance has been severely limited over these thirty-seven years by the non-existence of a permanent location and exclusive use space for these purposes. The historical artifacts in our keeping have been moved twice from the original "one room school house museum" concept housed in the North Powellhurst School building. First to a smaller and less display friendly and shared room in the South Powellhurst School facility; and again a second move within the South Powellhurst facility requiring the artifacts to be dismantled and some placed in glass enclosed display cases while others were discarded, sold or placed in storage

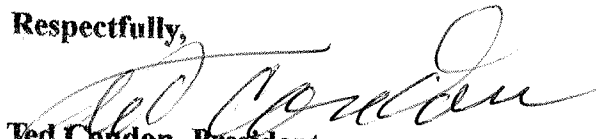
thus severely limiting the public's access for viewing or researching items of significance to the development of the David Douglas community.

We no longer have a "museum" but a display room, not suited to the intrinsic nature for which the David Douglas Historical Society was established. It appears quite evident to us that the Gilbert Place proposal has the potential for inclusion of a space dedicated for the permanent and exclusive display of current artifacts and those to be collected representing the growing cultural changing characteristics of our neighborhoods. Thus, the Society does without reservation supports, endorses and encourages the development concept for Gilbert Place

Thank you in advance for your attention to our submitted interest in this development. Should the Council members or others have questions or desire clarification with the issues identified please contact me at the following:

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Respectfully,



Ted Condon, President
David Douglas Historical Society

Neighborhood Development Concept Paper

MARK WHITE

1/23/13

Executive Summary

- Project Description:** Mixed use development with senior and veteran housing above retail and business spaces
- Tentative Project Name:** Gilbert Place
- Developer:** Human Solutions and ROSE CDC
- Project Details:** Approximately 50-80 senior housing units; 5-10 ground floor businesses (direct-to-consumer retail and services and other business — tentative anchor tenant, Human Solutions); international marketplace with opportunities for business start-ups, outdoor and indoor seating options, and commercial kitchen. A community meeting space will be available through Human Solutions.
- Proposed Location:** SE 122nd Avenue, near SE Steele Street
- Sustainability Features:** Extensive area for solar array, unique water salvage and mitigation, 2 multi-purpose rooftop gardens (food production, outdoor gathering space, and dining area)

Project Information

Gilbert Place will create a much needed catalytic development that will demonstrate the viability of mixed-use development on SE 122nd Avenue. The project is also intended to be an incubator for small businesses with a targeted effort to incorporate residents from the numerous cultural groups represented in the area. It will also be able to take advantage of a significant infrastructure development — a complete green street along SE 122nd Avenue from SE Ramona Street to SE Holgate Boulevard — that was just awarded a Flexible Funding grant.

Along SE 122nd Avenue, and within the urban renewal boundary, is a block of contiguous parcels that would be ideal for a mixed use development. Four of these properties are especially ideal candidates for development as they would cost the least to purchase and assemble for a mixed-use project because they have no structures on them. These 4 properties total 1.5 acres (65,488 square feet) and would provide a 315.67' frontage along SE 122nd Avenue. More than 3/4 of the properties have a depth of just over 210'. These dimensions would allow for a sizable development as well as a significant amount of off-street parking for residents and business patrons. The total real market value of the 4 properties is \$750,000 (2010).

The housing, retail, and office uses will complement each other and create a new anchor public space at the southern end of 122nd Avenue. Senior and veteran housing is proposed, mainly because of its reduced impact on schools. Every school in the David Douglas School District is currently at or over capacity. Gilbert Place would fill the demand for appropriate housing for the aging baby boomer population without burdening the school district.

Two elements are proposed for Gilbert Place's commercial uses: ground floor office and retail space, including offices for Human Solutions; and an international marketplace.

Pending Board approval, Gilbert Place will be the new home for Human Solutions. They have outgrown their current space on SE Powell Boulevard and the landlord — the Portland Water Bureau — is requiring the organization to vacate by June 2015. The building would include conference rooms and multi-purpose space Human Solutions could share for community meetings, educational workshops, and other events.

Human Solutions served 30,000 individuals last year, in East Portland, with programs that support families, prevent homelessness, create economic opportunities, and provide a safety net for East Portland's most vulnerable people. Gilbert Place would create a welcoming, active place that brings people together across all cultures and income levels.

The international marketplace would emphasize food and handmade craft work. It would provide space configured for small vendors. Our goal is to showcase and capitalize on the incredible diversity and sheer number of different cultural groups that now make up the Neighborhood. Both Human Solutions and ROSE operate micro-enterprise/economic development programs. Both organizations are engaged in the Project Advisory Committee for PDC's Neighborhood Economic Development Action Plan. Gilbert Place would create a natural venue for collaboration and increased efforts toward creating employment and business development opportunities.

Several business ideas have been generated that will be backed up with market research to identify the most promising directions. These include small international food vendors, co-ops, bakery and delicatessen, handmade crafts, a small grocery, and a community bank.

Benefits and opportunities for the development include:

- An opportunity to leverage multiple housing and economic development funding sources including grants, subsidized loans, and tax credits.
- Creation of a vital community gathering space for the Neighborhood. There are very few in the neighborhood despite having the highest population in the city. Gilbert Place will provide an opportunity for a space to accommodate at least 50 to 100 or more for use by not only on-site residents and other local residents 55 and older, but all community residents.
- Powellhurst-Gilbert was identified as one of the most car-dependent neighborhoods in the City of Portland in a study conducted by PSU students. This high carbon footprint will be reduced and health outcomes improved if we are able to create employment and retail opportunities that are nearby where people live.
- Human Solutions and ROSE have hundreds of housing units nearby and their residents can be engaged in the retail, micro-enterprise, and human services offered in the development. Senior housing creates a special opportunity for inter-generational programs, working with other partners such as the David Douglas School District.

The site has excellent transit connections — both north and south and east and west, which is a rarity in East Portland — via the #71 on SE 122nd Avenue and the #10 Harold bus lines.

The Project Team will fully engage and incorporate local residents in this effort. By doing so, we increase the ability of neighborhood low income residents to increase their economic prospects and to become personally invested and fully engaged in their community. Stronger families, healthier kids, improved academic scores, and numerous collateral damages will be diminished as a result of not having to be uprooted one more time and forced to move to more affordable housing.

Ultimately, the project seeks to do many things — lay the foundation for revitalizing the Neighborhood; not add children to the struggling school district; provide housing for both seniors and veterans; produce a community gathering space where none effectively exists, create not only numerous jobs, but jumping off entrepreneurial opportunities for some of our most vulnerable citizens; take proactive measures to prevent gentrification; and launch a strategy to brand the area as a multicultural destination for the City. This project, in collaboration with other community building efforts in the area, will be the initial catalyst necessary for building a thriving community.

JEFF REARDON
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 48



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 21, 2013

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

The outer southeast Portland area near the southern end of 122nd Avenue is beginning to bloom. Zenger Farms is thriving and educates over 5000 students each year, Leach Botanical Gardens has become immensely popular for special events, and the recent completion of the Lents Floodplain Restoration Project drastically improved the entrance to this area. Years of planning and hard work are beginning to bear fruit.

What this area lacks, however, are decent locations for residents and visitors to shop. Service stations and quicky marts abound, but there are few other shopping options. This area would benefit greatly from a new development such as Gilbert Place near 122nd and Holgate. Hopefully, Gilbert Place would signal other developers that our area offers excellent prospects for future business success.

I won't repeat everything that's in the Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association's proposal to the PDC, but I think the association members have been very thorough in their efforts to locate buildable property and to define uses that are consistent with the neighborhood's desire and need for certain housing stock and commercial properties. I encourage you to do what's right and help Gilbert Place become an anchor for future development and job creation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Reardon".

Jeff Reardon
State Representative, District 48
503-986-1448



January 22, 2013

Dear Mayor Hales and Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick, and Saltzman,

The intent of this letter is to encourage you to support investment in "Gilbert Place" a mixed-use development that incorporates a community center, commercial kitchen, low income housing, support services, and business incubation opportunities. As a long time resident of the Powellhurst-Gilbert neighborhood, I've witnessed our area be both unsupported and undermined during the last couple decades, turning a bucolic semi-rural area into one of the most dense and infrastructure-lacking neighborhoods in our city. I believe that those who supported the Outer Southeast Community Development Plan and associated zoning and investment were well-intended and acted without malice, yet there are many unintended consequences of this plan, leaving our Powellhurst-Gilbert neighborhood hurting. Although a development such as Gilbert Place might not "pencil out" immediately in terms of return on investment using PDC's formulas, a mixed use development on the south end of 122nd would be pivotal in creating community and would catalyze long-term social and economic opportunities in a blighted section of town.

The undermining of Outer East Portland is well documented by Pein's 2011 Willamette Week article about "The Other Portland", Schmidt's 2012 four-part Oregonian expose about low-income housing being concentrated in our area, and most recently by Law's January 10th Portland Tribune piece about how we are paying much higher taxes on our property value than most of the rest of Portland. Those of us living in this area see these problems daily, and while not intentional, they are a byproduct of a system that is not fair. You have the opportunity to be intentional in helping us reverse this trend by supporting funding for Gilbert Place.

During the last two decades we've seen the combination of increased density and a lack of infrastructure cause the dissolution of neighborly relationships and what Parker Palmer would call the "associational life" of our neighborhood. In the few years after we moved our home on 137th and Ellis, neighbors driving down the street would wave to me as they past me in my front garden; school children are now lucky if they don't get run over by reckless cars at our nearby intersection, in part because there are no sidewalks. The newfound cultural diversity in our area has the potential of being an incredible asset if we have the time and ability to communicate, share, and honor each of our respective traditions. A development such as Gilbert Place would offer the opportunity for those in our neighborhood to interact with each other on a personal level, and build the social fabric of our community.

We appreciate the new sidewalks going in on 122nd, 136th, Ramona, and Holgate, especially since this will help provide safe passage for children walking to schools. But this is not enough. Our area has long paid the price of increased density, and it is apparent that we are continuing to pay through higher taxes than many in our city. Please understand that only deliberate funding for projects such as Gilbert Place can address the unintended consequences of other policies and systems we have put in place. Thanks in advance for your consideration and time!

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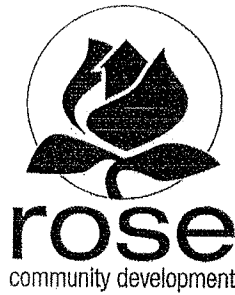
Dear Mayor Hales and Council Members Fish, Fritz, Novick, and Salzman:

Please approve the purchase of the property proposed for Gilbert Place. This project is very carefully planned on many levels and deserves your careful consideration.

As thirty-four year residents and taxpayers in this neighborhood, we believe we are long overdue for a show of support from our city officials.

Sincerely yours,

Arden and Fran Collins



October 16, 2012

To: Mayor Sam Adams
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Randy Leonard
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

RE: Proposed Gilbert Place Development

I am writing to encourage you to support a new mixed-use development on SE 122nd Avenue, Gilbert Place. The Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association and other partners believe this is an important step toward the revitalization of this part of East Portland.

When the Outer Southeast Community Plan was adopted in the mid-1990s, the neighborhoods around 122nd Avenue were upzoned for higher density residential largely without provision for businesses and services required by the growing population. City Council's recent adoption of the 122nd Avenue rezoning plan is a great first step. The necessary second step is for the Portland Development Commission to support and finance new developments to meet both commercial and residential demand at the south end of 122nd Avenue.

Gilbert Place is exactly what Powellhurst-Gilbert needs. New sidewalks are about to be constructed nearby. The East Portland Action Plan has focused community activism and attention here. I understand that key property in the project area is currently for sale. Now is the time to act. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to support this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Nick Sauvie
Executive Director

cc: Patrick Quinton, Portland Development Commission

Sarah Frumkin
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Portland City Council Members
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Dear Mayor Hales and Members of the Portland City Council,

I am writing in support of the proposal for Gilbert Place mixed-use development on Southeast 122nd Avenue. I am a resident of the Powellhurst Gilbert neighborhood and a teacher in the David Douglas School District. I enjoy living and working in a culturally diverse neighborhood and have found the Powellhurst Gilbert neighborhood to be a welcoming community for my family. However, having lived in other parts of Portland, I have come to realize some of the disparities in service between East Portland and other parts of town.

As I'm sure City Council is aware, our neighborhood has the highest population in the city, yet lacks sufficient basic resources like sidewalks, paved roads, parks, and community centers. Although there are some established small businesses that currently enrich our neighborhood, many vacant lots sit unused. As I pass vacant lots, I envision a more prosperous business district with access to the kinds of vibrant places I have frequented in other parts of towns.

The proposal for the Gilbert Place development, if fulfilled, would greatly enrich the neighborhood and would offer resources that would fill some of the existing gaps—community gathering places, local retail and food vendors, and affordable housing for seniors and veterans. This sort of development would contribute greatly to the revitalization that our neighborhood needs. The project celebrates the cultural diversity of our neighborhood and would provide access to services for all our neighbors.

I hope that you, as leaders of our city, will urge the Portland Development Commission to reconsider purchasing the property on Southeast 122nd near Southeast Harold as a future home for the Gilbert Place project. Your support of this project would demonstrate your commitment to resolving the inequities in our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Frumkin

January 21st, 2013

Dear Mayor Hales, and City Commissioners,

Greetings, my name is Barb Klinger, and I the Secretary for Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood (PGN) Association. I have lived in PGN for the past 17 years, and prior to that in the Lents Neighborhood (LN) for 19 years. Throughout the 19 years I lived in LN, I have seen many improvements made and since moving to PGN have been witness to this neighborhood going downhill with little or no attention paid, to the point where myself and my husband have discussed moving from this neighborhood that we once loved. Instead of improvements being made in the PGN, we have had to endure many strip clubs, hock shops, no sidewalks in which to maneuver, unimproved roads, and lots of infill that only created more traffic and crime.

With that said, I am writing to implore you to examine the project that is badly needed in our community known as Gilbert Place. Gilbert Place will bring a much needed structure with development that will offer housing, commercial development, a place for the community to go for help, and a place where PGN can take pride back in their community. While I will not be able to attend the City Council meeting, I will definitely be there in mind and spirit.

In closing, I plead with you to take a look at this wonderful project for my community and bring Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood back to something we can take pride of and have a sense of community once again. With respect, Sincerely,

Barb Klinger
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To:
Mayor Hales
Commissioner Fish
Commissioner Fritz
Commissioner Novick
Commissioner Saltzman

RE: Support for the idea of "Gilbert Place" at SE 122nd and Harold

I support Gilbert Place, a development that incorporates sustainable housing, a community center, commercial kitchen, and small business incubation. I have lived in outer east Portland since 1990. When we bought a house here, it was rural.

In the late 90s we were asked to endorse the "outer Southeast Community Development Plan" that re-zoned our outer east neighborhoods to handle the influx of 40,000 new residents to Portland. The cute tree-lined streets and houses with front porches in the plans never materialized. Infill in the form of apartments was jammed in as little space as possible with no infrastructure such as sidewalks and street paving to accompany it. Now we have no infrastructure to support thousands of new neighbors. We live in a food desert, with few shopping opportunities. Local grocery stores such as Albertson's closed on Powell/182nd and Division/122nd. We have borne the brunt of graffiti, less bus service, and crime.

On January 10, 2013 I was chagrined to read in the Portland Tribune that "east of 82nd Ave homeowners pay more property taxes on their home value. East Portland pays taxes on 80-100% of their home's market value, while most other parts of Portland are paying property taxes on 5%-70% of the home's value. Willamette Week on 10/12/11 lead their front page with "The Other Portland – It's poor, it's dangerous, it's growing like crazy, and it's more important than ever". Locked out: the failure of Portland-area fair housing. The Oregonian, June 3-6, 2012 again described our area June 2-5, 2012 as the poorest and most disadvantaged neighborhood in Portland, describing how most of the subsidized housing was directed toward our part of town.

Here we are, paying a larger portion of our home value than most other places in Portland, and not receiving commensurate tax value for our extra contributions. We do appreciate the couple of miles of sidewalk being currently installed. It will make an enormous amount of difference to our kids to be able to walk safely to school. Yet this is not enough.

The property at Gilbert Place supports sustainable investment in so many areas: housing, business, creativity, and renewal. This is the type of subsidy we need: safe, supportive housing designed to strengthen community through connection and economic incubation. Please use our significant tax contributions to the city to invest in an area that truly needs it.

Thank you, Tamra (sent by e-mail)

Tamra Dickinson, committed neighbor to a diverse, poor, neighborhood with potential.
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January 20th, 2013

To whom it may concern:

Growing up in outer southeast Portland is not conducive to a sense of trust and loyalty in the governing bodies of the city. Portland beyond interstate 205—the Portland I grew up in—bears little resemblance to the hip inner eastern communities that make it on television, as it is largely forgotten and ignored by the city. Home to strip malls with box stores and streets without sidewalks, my neighborhood is one where children can't leave their bikes outside overnight. Obviously, there's no one magical fix for this. Bringing the community together, however, would surely make great strides toward brighter neighborhoods. It is with this goal in mind that I endorse the building of Gilbert Place on SE 122nd Ave.

The model put forth for Gilbert Place will include a meeting place for the community. Above all else, a place for people to gather is vital for creating a sense of togetherness within a neighborhood. Aside from schools, which can only act secondarily as meeting places, our area is devoid of community centers. The nearest one to my home (on 129th and Center) is the East Portland Community Center on 106th Ave., off of Stark Street. For the most populous area in Portland, I would hope that the city could afford more than one community center. A new center to accommodate community activities, like the one within the proposed Gilbert Place, will allow my neighbors and me to hold forums to increase awareness of problems within the community, to house activities that bring the community together, and to offer a place where members of the neighborhood can go to stay in touch with the people around them.

In addition to public space, the inclusion of retail space in Gilbert Place allows the neighborhood to come together and support diverse, local businesses. Because Gilbert Place is a community derived complex, the commercial portions of the building will be from the community itself. Giving the people of outer southeast Portland a choice to buy things that come from the neighbors around them will increase their pride in the area they live in. With so many different ethnicities represented in our community, we also have the unique opportunity to explore those cultures through food and craft. When the citizens of a community take pride in their neighborhood, they will be more inclined to get involved and to make the sacrifices necessary to take good care of the area around them. This will, somewhat circularly, raise attendance to the community center portion of Gilbert Place, which will, in turn, increase the awareness and the quality of life in outer southeast Portland.

Furthermore, Gilbert Place will be built sustainably. Solar power and rooftop gardens mean that electricity and food will be created and maintained within the complex; and housing for the elderly and for veterans means that, while offering living space for those who need it, no greater pressure will be placed on our over-populated schools. These kinds of considerations are important to keep Gilbert Place from being seen as just another building. Placing our community first in the design of this building is an attribute that will be noticed by the people of our neighborhood.

Forward thinking and well-designed, the Gilbert Place will be a monument to the possibilities and opportunities available in outer southeast Portland. Gilbert Place will be a building that ties the community together, and allows it to pick itself up by its bootstraps. The other day, I noticed about four City of Portland trucks on SE 60th and Lincoln, improving a gigantic garden that spans four blocks. It made me a little mad to think that we can't even get sidewalks on many of our streets in the outer southeast neighborhoods, but here they were, maybe ten men and four trucks, plowing away at a garden. We're not asking for a magic bullet—just a chance to tackle the problem ourselves.

Sincerely,

Casimir Covert-Keefe

To whom it may concern,

I would like to take a moment to endorse the idea and concept behind Gilbert Place.

I currently live in the Powellhurst Gilbert Neighborhood, and see such potential for the East side of Portland. Unfortunately, much of our Neighborhood is neglected. We have promoted Gilbert Place as an exemplary idea to solving the issues of East Portland. Unfortunately, this idea has been cast aside by the Development Commission. This unfortunate scenario has created a detriment to our neighborhood that is difficult to overcome.

To note:

- The amount of housing, retail and office development that Gilbert Place could provide is substantial.
- The amount of affordable senior housing facilities currently available in the David Douglas school district is minimal. This facility could be the saving grace for our community.
- The additional space for the Portland Water Bureau and Human Solutions could be a great possibility of affordable government facilities

Stronger families, community and businesses are the future of East Portland, please don't let Gilbert Place become an idea of the past; let it become our future!

Sincerely,

Stephen Udycz

Dear Portland City Commissioners and Mr. Mayor,

As an East Portland resident, and member of the Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association, I am really looking forward to your decision on Gilbert Place. As this past election showed, East Portland is lacking in many amenities that neighboring communities have. The opportunity being presented to you now is a chance for you to take a meaningful step towards bringing an equitable opportunity to the residents of East Portland. This is a mixed use facility that will provide needed benefits for an area of the city that has few amenities and your support will begin the processes of bringing us up to where we need to be in order to be a viable place for people to call home and feel good about doing so.

I fully support those who are speaking to you today on behalf of this project, and can't wait to hear that you are committing to moving forward on the land acquisition, and getting to thank you at the photo-op/ground breaking, for giving us a facility to go with our new & contiguous sidewalks (also happening this year) that will help the people who can use Gilbert Place most, to get there safely.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Debby Smith/Rohmbock

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Public Testimony for Mark White
January 23, 2013

For the past few years, the Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association has been cultivating a mixed-use development project, currently named Gilbert Place, that would seek to bring much needed retail and commercial development along with housing for veterans to the southern end of SE 122nd Avenue. The project also includes a community kitchen, a community gathering space, and an international marketplace especially targeted to engage the numerous cultural newcomers in our neighborhood. The project is designed to be both a jumping off entrepreneurial opportunity for local residents as well as an attempt to prevent displacement through gentrification as the area finally begins to improve. A copy of the original concept paper is included with copies of written testimony from several residents in support of the project.

Late last Summer, a vacant piece of property perfectly situated for Gilbert Place and within the Lents Town Center Urban Renewal Area went up for sale. The Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association approved a request to ask the Portland Development Commission to purchase the property and secure it for future development. The Portland Development Commission refused that request.

Despite having 30% of the urban renewal area within the boundaries of the Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association, Powellhurst-Gilbert has benefitted very little from being a part of an urban renewal area. This project, along with the several other public investments in the area, has the potential to finally reverse the negative economic trends of the last several years so clearly illustrated by the change in our free or reduced lunch rates from around 39% to just over 80% in just 15 years.

We know from past history that Council has the ability to influence Portland Development Commission decisions as evidenced by the restoration of \$1.1 million in funding for Leach Botanical Garden. We hope Council will show the same interest and effort as it did for Leach Botanical Garden for Gilbert Place and assist in our efforts to to create a community-driven revitalization effort.

By doing so, Council will not only be addressing the unintended results of the Outer Southeast Community Plan, but also solidify the public investments that have already been made in the area in the form of public housing projects.

The City Charter states that the Portland Development Commission shall implement the vision and goals of the City and advance social equity in carrying out its duties, among other things. We feel Gilbert Place is a perfect illustration of Portland's vision and goals and clearly advances social equity and numerous other issues of critical importance to all Portlanders. Of note, it also emphasizes teaching people how to fish instead of just giving them fish. This will go far in creating long lasting sustainable economic viability for participants.

Lastly, it should be noted that the property in question is part of the streetscape improvement project along SE 122nd Avenue and will have sidewalks installed along its entire 125' of frontage. This will ensure that even if we are not successful in developing the project, and the Portland Housing Bureau does not use the property for housing after our attempt to do so, that the Portland Development Commission will still be able to sell the property at a fairly substantial profit.

We hope you will join us in our efforts to revitalize our community and advocate on our behalf with the Portland Development Commission and strongly encourage them to change their position to purchase this property to secure it for future development.

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Mark White [markpdx@spiritone.com]
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Karla,

Thanks for the information.

Please put me down for January 23 to speak about Community Development in Powellhurst-Gilbert. My additional information is below. I have copied the others on this so they can respond in turn. If we can't all make it for the 23rd, we will cancel and reschedule for the first available date.

Thanks!

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To: Mark White <markpdx@spiritone.com>

Hi Mark - thank you for the good New Year's wishes and the same to you!

Code requires Communication's speakers to submit their own request in writing. They can email their name, address, phone number, what it is they wish to speak about and the date they wish to speak to me at: Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov

They can also Fax, mail or hand deliver them as well.

Fax to: 503-823-4571

Mail to: City of Portland
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As of today, the next available dates are: one spot on Jan. 16th, four spots on Jan. 23rd, all five are available on Jan. 30th.

Regards,
Karla

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From: Mark White [mailto:markpdx@spiritone.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 30, 2012 6:48 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Cc: Mark White
Subject: Public Testimony

Karla,

I hope you had a wonderful New Years.

A few members of our neighborhood association would like to testify at City Council about an issue of importance to us. Is there a way I can provide you with the names of those who would like to testify during the public testimony slots before a Council session so we can all be on the same day, or do each need to contact you separately about testifying?

Mark White
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Request of Mark White to address Council regarding Community Development in Powellhurst-Gilbert (Communication)

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