

Subject: Planning Commission: low income housing and parks
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Dear Commissioners,

I'm a long time member of the Community Alliance of Tenants. They just informed their membership that there's a hearing tomorrow in the Planning and Sustainability Office. I'm not sure which Commissioners will be there, and, as I cannot attend myself, I am hereby submitting my comments.

Could you please submit these written comments as testimony to tomorrow's hearing?

Please be sure to include safe low-income housing, employment opportunities and training programs, and affordable grocery stores in Portland neighborhoods! Also, in my own North Tabor Neighborhood, there are no decent parks. There is a small bluff park which older people like myself cannot enjoy because it's almost vertical. There is about a 1/2 lot of level space there, right next to a house, so it's not a "real" park. There is a ballpark on Halsey & 57th, which is the closest park to me. But it's mostly ball fields and a dog park with a children's play area and a small picnic area. It's nearly a mile from where I live, too, so I almost never walk there. I do not have a car, and it takes me a MAX and a bus ride to get to

Laurelhurst Park, so I usually don't go there, either.

When I lived at 1705 SE Morrison, I could walk to Col. Summers Park. I would love a park similar to it, here in the North Tabor Neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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cc: Community Alliance of Tenants