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City of Portland Planning & Sustainability Commission 1900 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 7100 Portland, OR 97201-5380

Re: Zoning Change – 815 N Fremont St.

Dear Chair Baugh & Commissioners,

While the City of Portland is currently engaged in its public outreach period for the 2035 Comprehensive Plan Proposed Draft, I would like to bring to your attention a property that I currently own located at 815 N Fremont St. I have owned this real estate (which is zoned R2) for close to 20 years and taking into account the current and future trends of this area, I felt that it would be necessary to reach out to the commission in an effort to insist that my lot also be considered in the discussions around zoning change.

My request for the change of designation in zoning is primarily based on the zoning makeup of adjacent properties. This change would make this property more consistent with the other commercial space in the area as well as fulfill the values and aspirations of the neighborhood. I have had initial conversations with the Boise Neighborhood Association's Land Use & Transportation Committee about the zoning of my property and they have even suggested that a zoning change that accommodates commercial usage would be ideal for the site and neighborhood at large.

In summary, I would encourage the Planning and Sustainability Commission to consider adding my site into the conversation of proposed zoning changes for the City of Portland. I am interested in this change in order to add retail commercial usages to the site, as well as housing in order to accommodate the growing influx of residents to this neighborhood district. I will also be reaching back out to the Boise Neighborhood Association for official letters of support as well as support from our adjacent neighbor who is currently re-developing their site.

I appreciate the commissions' efforts in this process as well as allowing me the opportunity to voice my opinions, comments and suggestions in regards to zoning matters. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this further or have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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