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Planning and Sustainability Commission
Comprehensive Plan
1900 SW 4th Ave #7100
Portland, Or 97201

RE: Brentwood Darlington Neighborhood and the Green Thumb/Learning Gardens Lab

My concern for the community gardens, orchard and the Learning Gardens must go on record. The zoning of this area should be one given to "Open Space" There is recreation as well as food production and education occurring on this site.

I, myself have been gardening there for several years. This garden provides food for my family as well as for the Produce for People Program. That effort brings fresh grown vegetables and fruit to several organizations and soup kitchens in the Metro Area.

We gardeners get a good amount of exercise here in these gardens as well as mental well being. The human interaction is extremely valuable. It's a place where good health is maintained by the citizens from various socioeconomic backgrounds.

We can see and hear the young people who come on field-trips to the adjacent Learning Gardens, on any given day. Their exclamations and laughter punctuate the air, as they thrive and learn.

I speak for myself as well as for many others who share the green space, which you are considering for zoning change, and I implore you to continue to make the Portland Metro area a healthy place to live and work.

Sincerely,



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