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Re: Belmont/Hawthorne/Division Town Center support

Planning and Sustainability Commission  
1900 SW Fourth Ave.  
Portland, OR 97210

Re: Comprehensive Plan Framework

To the Planning and Sustainability Commissioners:

I have reviewed the Staff Report for the January 27th work session, and would like to comment on the apparent demise of the Belmont/Hawthorne/Division Town Center.

While I am in fact a Board Member of the Richmond Neighborhood Association, I am not representing them, and speak solely for myself in these remarks.

The proposed Town Center should be retained. This is a well-thought-out idea, supported by the statistics of the area: number of residents, number of jobs, and other metrics.

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association at their January 9 meeting (which I attended) voted to support many of the zoning concepts inherent in the Town Center concept. They did not oppose the Town Center, but assumed it would proceed. There was a motion introduced to oppose the Town Center designation, but it was voted down, 7-1. So I think it fair to say that Sunnyside supports the Town Center.

As you know, the Richmond Neighborhood Association opposes the town center designation.

Balancing the two points of view, it is up to the Planning and Sustainability Commission to decide which is the better course. To meet the many goals that are embedded in the Comprehensive Plan Proposed Draft, including reducing carbon emissions and building complete neighborhoods, I urge you to support the Belmont/Hawthorne/Division Town Center.

If it turns out that the Inner Ring concept is a better means to achieve these goals, and will allow the same intensity along corridors, as far east as 50th, I would also support that concept.

Thank you for your dedicated, exhaustive work on this important plan.

Sincerely,

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