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Mr. André Baugh, Chair  
Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission  
Comprehensive Plan Update  
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Reference: *Comments on Comprehensive Plan Proposed Draft*

Dear Chair Baugh and Fellow Commissioners:


Reed College appreciates this opportunity to comment on the City of Portland's Comprehensive Plan Proposed Draft. Reed College is supportive of the proposed change in zoning of its properties to a Campus Institution Zone; however, our support must remain conditional until wording of the ordinance is finalized and is acceptable to us. In our Campus Master Plan that was approved by City Council in October 2008 (page 3-19), we identified growth boundaries for future expansion. We would seek some assurance that all of the properties identified in our current Campus Master Plan, including the potential growth boundaries, would be included in the Campus Institution Zone.

We support a process that recognizes the inherent nature of change within our campus environments and agree that the current Conditional Use Master Plan (CUMP) process is cumbersome and misaligned with the realities of what our institutions represent in the neighborhoods where we exist. We are interested to know how the Reed College campus would transition to the new designation. We would support allowance of extensions on our current CUMP to avoid unnecessary expense of revisions until the City's new Comprehensive Plan is fully implemented. We would like to see the City rezone all existing institutional campuses when the new Comprehensive Plan is adopted, allowing for reasonable implementation exemptions to allow institutions to transition from current CUMP's to the new designation.

The proposed Campus Institution Zone will resolve a longstanding anomaly: Reed College was established long before land use zones were imposed, but College property has been treated as if it were an outlying condition, requiring a conditional use permit for most facility improvements on campus. Addressing the necessity to simplify the permit process and allowing for continued interior growth and change is a major step forward.

We look forward to continued involvement through the College Coalition as details of the Campus Institution Zone ordinance are refined and finalized.

Sincerely,

  
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