



RABBI KENNETH BRODKIN

February 12, 2015

Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission
C/O Barry Manning
1900 SW 4th Ave
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Portland Planning and Sustainability commission,

My name is Rabbi Kenneth Brodtkin of Congregation Kesser Israel, located at 6698 SW Capitol Highway in Portland. Our congregation is aware of the proposed consolidation of zoning codes. I hereby testify via this correspondence that our organization wishes to see the current zone of CN2d converted to the new zone of CM2.

Congregation Kesser Israel is a critical institution for the local Jewish community and general community in SW Portland. The congregation serves a broad array of families and individuals through educational, spiritual and pastoral services. The congregation is a very important foundation of community not only for our 125 member families, but for many others in the local community as well. We would like to have a zone designation which is less restrictive. We hope to expand our building, possibly including an education facility which will benefit local children.

We believe that the higher zone designation will benefit our congregation as well as the community at large. Should you wish to be in contact with me, here is my information:

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Our neighbors also have the same desire as to the new zone designation, and some have submitted a letter of testimony to that affect. Thank you in advance for all considerations possible.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Ken Brodtkin