

Humboldt Neighborhood Association

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Andre Baugh, Chair
Planning and Sustainability Commission
1900 SW 4th Avenue Suite 7100
Portland, Oregon 97201

Re: Terminal 6 Environmental Overlay Zone Boundary and Code Amendment

The Humboldt Neighborhood Association (HNA), an active member of Portland's "neighborhood network" represents over 5,000 residents of inner North and Northeast Portland. As a non-profit organization we are engaged in a variety of work aimed at preserving the health, safety, livability and sustainability of our community.

The HNA Board urges the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) to reject the proposal to amend the environmental overlay zone boundary and zoning code at terminal 6 for the purpose of allowing the Pembina Propane export facility at this site. Based on the information currently made available at this time by Pembina and its consultants, we feel that the PSC can only make a recommendation to deny the amendment. Complete safety reports have not been submitted or adequately reviewed at this point; and we feel strongly that a decision to approve this code amendment at this time would be risky and foolish.

Specifically we feel the decision must be informed with outstanding issues not covered in Pembina's draft Quantitative Risk Assessment (QRA), presented to PSC and the public for the first time at the March 17th meeting. That draft of the QRA failed to consider several key issues regarding the safety of the facility and nearby communities. The most glaring omissions were the marine safety hazards and accessibility impacts of liquid propane tankers moving to and from the facility on the Columbia River, the safety implications of 100-car propane trains regularly moving through our communities, and the assessment of a worst case scenario for an accident at the facility that included a full 100-car train; all of which have not been adequately addressed or reviewed. These are all issues that could have grave repercussions on our community and need to be comprehensively analyzed before a decision is made.

Even without the uncertainty and incompleteness of the safety issues of the facility, this proposal was already highly problematic for the City and our community. The local and global climate implications of the added CO2 emissions from this facility are significant, and its construction would only add to the fossil fuel industries infrastructure that we know is detrimental to our Climate. Simply put, approval of this amendment which would enable construction of this project to go forward is counter to the City's own climate goals laid out in its Climate Action Plan. This alone could lead the PSC and the City to deny this zoning amendment and development of this facility.

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With such immense safety, economic, public access, and environmental implications for our community; this decision cannot be made with the current information available. This coupled with the incongruence of this project with Portland's Climate Action Plan, leads the Humboldt Neighborhood Association to urge the PSC to deny the proposed Terminal 6 environmental overlay zone boundary and code amendment.

We thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this proposal.



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