April 28, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to urge your support for the proposed building project to house the Multnomah County Health Department Headquarters next to the Bud Clark Commons near Union Station on NW 6th Ave.

PNCA has recently moved into its new home in the Arlene and Harold Schnitzer Center for Art and Design, located across from Bud Clark Commons at 511 NW Broadway. Our strategic decision to rehabilitate this magnificent historic asset included the hope that outside investments would be made to further revitalize the district.

PNCA views the intersection of Old Town/Chinatown and Pearl District neighborhoods as a vital creative corridor for the City of Portland and is excited to add another institutional anchor to the neighborhood. The College fully supports efforts by planners and developers to increase the employment base in the community and welcomes investments that will leverage and nurture a strong cultural and economically diverse district.

I hope you can join me in supporting the Multnomah County Health project in its plans to locate along the northwest Broadway corridor. Like PNCA, we believe its use and employment base will help bridge a neighborhood together and contribute to the creative and vibrant future of this district.

Sincerely,

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