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Subject: Mixed Use Zones Testimony: PPS Request to Change Zoning for R150599 Near SE 14th and SE Morrison

To: The City of Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission

This email is in response to testimony submitted by Justin Dollard on behalf of Sara King / Portland Public Schools on May 10th, 2016 which states:

"Portland Public Schools (PPS) requests a legislative zoning change for its property (R150599) near SE 14th and SE Morrison from High-Density Residential (HR) to Commercial Mixed Use 3 (CM3) through the Mixed-Use Zones Project."

I am writing to express firm opposition to this request. **Parcel R150599 has been publicly owned for decades and should remain so.** The purpose of this up-zoning request is clearly to facilitate handing over this property to private ownership.

Southeast Uplift, of which I am a board member of, has voted in favor of a motion calling for the City of Portland (COP) to purchase parcel R150599 from Portland Public Schools (PPS) to supplement the COP holding R562970 for purposes of hosting the long planned Community Center as well as providing much needed open space for an area that will significantly urbanize in coming years.

Ordinance 185561 refers to an IGA whereby COP has an option to purchase property R150599 good until next year. In the meantime, parks director Mike Abbate has informed SE Uplift he would welcome a private-public partnership in regards to funding a new community center.

In light of the above, please reject the request by PPS to rezone parcel R150599.

Kind regards,

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