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**To:** Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposition of PPS Requests for 14th and Morrison site...RH to CM 3

Dear Chair Baugh and Fellow Planning and Sustainability Commissioners,

I write in response to Portland Public Schools desire to effect a zoning change and large scale build out at a piece of property in the Buckman Neighborhood in the Washington High site.

I ask you to deny this request.

The City of Portland holds an option to buy for this 1.33 acre parcel and it is needed as available and very valuable open space in an area rapidly changing and will tremendous allowable infill potential.

The neighborhood and nearby neighbors have had no contact from PPS about their interest to develop this open area with the exception of a brief and only attendance last year at a neighborhood association land use meeting which came about only at the behest of BPS. They presented an rough and gross drawing of a large monolithic structure, and stated they did not intend to own the property or use it when developed.

Other than that brief appearance, there has been no contact or effort on the part of PPS to connect with anyone about this parcel.

During the work on the Inner SE Portland Community Center, this parcel was always identified as a valuable space that could be used with the center. With the recent total destruction of St. Francis Park and the building of over 700 new housing units in the immediate area, open space is critical to acquire and maintain for the next generations.

In time, much of the existing EXD of 11th and 12th Avenues, as well as on parts of Morrison and Belmont will contain new multi-floored, multi-family structures. We need this space for parks and open space, in an area that no longer has any room to spare for recreation.

Please deny this request and let the City act of acquiring it for the future.

Thank you,

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