

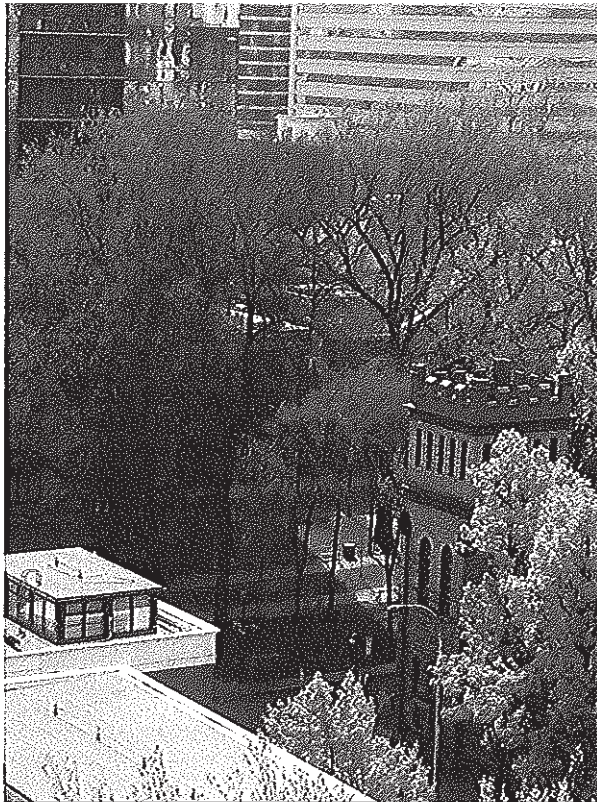
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I am writing this as a resident neighbor of the South Park Blocks.

I am a volunteer with the Friends of the South Park Blocks, as well as a horticultural volunteer at the Portland Japanese Garden. The natural green space of the South Park Blocks is very important to me as a downtown resident surrounded by concrete and buildings. If building height restrictions are not limited, the resulting shade would further compromise the plantings which we volunteers already struggle to maintain. We have seen additional shade resulting from the Ladd Tower building, east of the park. (See the photo.) More and taller buildings nearby would continue to negatively affect this. Sunlight, trees, and plants add an important element to the quality of life for all citizens and visitors who either reside or pass through the South Park Blocks.

It would be unfortunate if, in the name of "progress", a beautiful section of our city was degraded by the allowable building height allowances ranging from 180' to 370' . The trees and plants need a balance of sun, water and shade. Let's not compromise this any further. **Lower the maximum building heights along both sides of the South Park Blocks to 100'.**

Thank you.
Terry Dalsemer



Shadows from Ladd Tower. Photo taken looking east from above the Portland Art Museum across the Park Blocks at 11 AM in May 2016. To the right of the Ladd Tower is a mid-rise church.