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VIA EMAIL psc@portlandoregon.gov

Planning and Sustainability Commission
Miscellaneous Zoning Amendments
1900 SW 4th Ave., Suite 7100
Portland, OR 97201

Re: Lewis & Clark College

Dear Members of the Commission:

This office represents Lewis & Clark College. The college has only recently learned that the proposed Miscellaneous Zoning Project (June 2016) has vastly increased its scope of proposed changes from the earlier draft issued by the City in April 2016. The new draft includes provisions which have a direct impact upon Lewis & Clark, its students and faculty.

Attached to this letter is a map showing the proposed path of the trail right through the middle of both the law school campus and the undergraduate campus. As you know Lewis & Clark College is a private educational institution privileged to be located in Portland, and very lucky to be located in such a beautiful part of the city. It acknowledges that there are trails through Tryon State Park, and the former cemetery land to its north, which naturally lead users to cross its property. The College does not object to this practice and generally welcomes visitors to our campus. However, because of security issues at colleges, it is simply imprudent for the City to require a public trail through a college campus. It creates safety concerns for faculty, students and members of the public far in excess of the kinds of impacts that might occur in trail segments located in other locations. Colleges must exclude those who the college believes constitutes a threat to the college community or its property. The security issue is accompanied by other issues related to liability, maintenance, and the like that must be resolved. This is a significant issue for colleges as evidenced by recent events on college campuses, including those in Oregon.

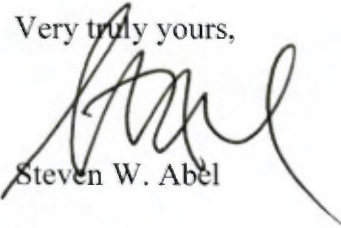
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The College requests that you suspend consideration of the adoption of a public trail segment through its campus until a more deliberate process takes place and all the relevant issues can be identified and considered.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Abel', written over the typed name 'Steven W. Abel'.

Steven W. Abel

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Enclosure

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David Ellis, V.P. and General Counsel, Lewis & Clark College

