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**Dear Planning and Sustainability Commission:**

As a volunteer Tour Guide, Event Docent, and Arts volunteer for the past six years, I have been fortunate to share the exquisite beauty of our Portland Japanese Garden with students of all ages, adult individuals and groups from around the world, and many special clubs and organizations. For many of these visitors, a visit to the Portland Japanese Garden is a "once in a lifetime" experience.

In Japan, some famous gardens are known for their spectacular "borrowed scenery" or "shakkei". This can also be translated as "scenery captured alive". The special scene that is viewed from within a Japanese garden is considered an important part of the garden design.

Long before the current pavilion was constructed in the Portland Garden ..... our original garden designer, Professor Takuma Tono first laid eyes on Mount Hood from this East facing viewpoint where the future Pavilion would someday stand. We are told that he exclaimed with delight "Ah.....Fuji Sama!". For him-- Mount Hood was a breathtaking reminder of his own Mount Fuji at home in Japan. For our visitors this view is a refreshing and dramatic reward at the end of every 45 minute tour through the Garden. For those visiting our city for the first time, it's a bird's eye panorama of the city below. For our regular local visitors it's a reminder of the great natural beauty that surrounds our city and how lucky we are to live here. For our thousands of Garden members, this is the view that we enjoy on crisp September evenings each year as we sit below the Pavilion veranda to view with our friends and families, the rising of the full moon over the city.

**I am writing you today to request that the Portland Japanese Garden's historic panoramic view be added to the Central City Scenic Resources Inventory of protected views.** As someone who meets our visitors personally each week, year after year, I can see no better way to enhance the experience of Portland than to restore and protect this most venerable viewpoint.

Kind Regards,

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