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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing here today to request that the Portland Japanese Garden's 1963 panoramic view be added to the Central City Scenic Resources Inventory of protected views.

The Portland Japanese Garden should be allowed to restore and then protect its original panoramic view. The Garden is designed specifically around an expansive panoramic view encompassing the Rose Gardens in the foreground, the downtown skyline in the middle-ground and the Cascades in the far-ground. This borrowed scenery is considered as an integral part of the Japanese Garden to make the Garden a whole.

I was born in Japan but spent 25 years at the University of Hawaii where my husband taught. Soon after we moved to Portland in 1986, we found the Portland Japanese Garden to be a very valuable asset for the City of Portland. I immediately became a volunteer guide, a committee member and now a board member, to help in such a way that we would keep the Garden as authentic as possible.

In order to keep the Japanese Garden as authentic as possible, this "Borrowed Scenery" is a very important part of it. Please protect the view not only for us but also for the future generations to enjoy the authentic Japanese Garden. After all, this is an important asset for the City of Portland.

Sincerely yours,

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