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Dear members of the Planning and Sustainability Commission,

Three icons of the Northwest: Portland's stunning skyline, the Cascade Mountains, and the Portland Japanese Garden. Please help us recover the wonderful vistas once enjoyed by visitors to the Japanese Garden. The beauty and experience of the garden will be enhanced when these views are restored and protected for future generations. As a trustee and long-time donor both personally and through the Walter Clay Hill and Family Foundation, I respectfully propose that the open sight-lines of past years be designated as protected views in the Central City Scenic Resources Inventory of protected views.

The Portland Japanese Garden, described by Japanese dignitaries as the best Japanese garden outside of Japan and even occasionally referred to as the best Japanese garden in the world, draws international visitors. With the current expansion project designed by world renowned architect, Kengo Kuma, who's approach is to respect the surroundings rather than dominate them, all who visit will delight in one of the most beautiful settings in the world.

Very truly yours,  
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