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> To: Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>

> Subject: CC2035 Testimony

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> Planning and Sustainability Commission,

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> As President of the Portland Japanese Garden, I am requesting that the panoramic view of the garden be added to the Central City Scenic Resources inventory.

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> Upon entering through the gate, you experience tranquility through the natural beauty surrounding you with the trees, the panoramic view of the downtown skyline, the Rose Garden and Mt. Hood in all its glory. In the 1960's you could enjoy views of Mt. St. Helens and sections of the Columbia River.

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> For me, it's as simple as seeing the many colors of the green moss, our rock garden, and the view of Portland, while walking out to look at Mt. Hood while a rabbit sits quietly watching. Walking across the ZigZag bridge to see the koi swimming with their brilliant colors or strolling quietly to a tea ceremony takes the daily pressures of life down to a peaceful satisfaction.

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> How lucky are we to have Portland's jewel, the Portland Japanese Garden in our own backyard.

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> Over 350,000 visitors visit annually to enjoy the Portland Japanese Garden, the most beautiful garden in the world, outside of Japan.

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> Let's not lose our beautiful backdrop, looking out to Portland, the City of Roses, our equally gorgeous Rose Garden or the majestic Mt. Hood.

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> Once it's gone...we will forever wish it back.

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> Thank you,

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