

**To:** Planning and Sustainability Commission

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**Subject:** Fix the Compromised CC2035 Draft

My name is Kal Toth, resident of Goose Hollow. Today I am expressing my personal opinions concerning the draft CC2035 plan.

As others have already confirmed, several members of the WestQuad Stakeholder's Advisory Committee did not declare their conflicts of interest and should have recused themselves from participation rather than promote their financial self-interests. These members thereby disproportionately biased recommendations delivered to the BDS and hence to City Council last year.

Despite numerous objections and requests expressed by central city residents, the current CC2035 draft continues to contain biased recommendations compromising Central City's unique character and iconic views. For example:

- Removing the residential overlay abutting Providence Park erodes street activation.
- Increasing certain height limits:
  - compromises historically protected views of Mt. Hood and Vista Bridge, and
  - incentivizes demolition of historic buildings in central city.
- Allowing bonus transfers from external neighborhoods exacerbates these problems.

Thankfully, thoughtful city administrations of the past established sound land-use policies and plans that protected and preserved the unique character of Portland. Their foresight should not now be corrupted by the financial self-interests of the top few percent. Our existing iconic views and historic character generate the highest possible benefit for Portland citizens. They attract skilled and knowledgeable people while boosting tourism thereby driving our economy and jobs. We must not underestimate these public benefits.

I hope that this commission will soon acknowledge the conflict of interest violations reported by the City Ombudsman and recognize their negative effects. This commission should review and adopt changes that will meaningfully fix the latent problems remaining in the current CC2035 draft.

Thank you for your time.

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