

August 11, 2016

Planning and Sustainability Commission
c/o Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
1900 SW 4th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97201-5380

RE: Central City 2035 – Volume 2: Zoning Code & Map Amendments
June 20, 2016 – Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
Recommendation

Joseph Angel and his family have owned several blocks in the Goose Hollow area for many years. Angel owns an interest in several downtown hotels.

Goose Hollow is not a quiet cluster of historic houses in the shadow of downtown Portland as represented in Tuesday's night neighborhood testimony.

Goose Hollow is the primary and historic portal between Portland and the Tualatin Valley. The plank road built from our neighborhood over the west hills into the Tualatin Valley was a key connection that helped establish Portland on the west side Willamette river waterfront.

While we respect our neighbors with homes in our neighborhood; Goose Hollow is a very urban and diverse place. The neighborhood has three light rail stations; two more than any neighborhood outside of Portland's Central City.

The Major League Soccer stadium occupies the neighborhood's north side. Goose Hollow abuts the nationally recognized Washington Park with the Holocaust Memorial, Rose Garden, Japanese Garden, and Portland's zoo. The largest urban natural area in the United States is directly to the northwest.

The heights and floor to area ratios were carefully defined and discussed to take advantage of the amenities and public infra-structure of our neighborhood. We are a collection of very large and tall buildings such as the historic Envoy, Victorian houses, and large commercial complexes.

Joseph Angel and his family support the recommended Central City Plan.

Sincerely,



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