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PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
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RE: CODE RECONCILIATION PROJECT

Dear Chair Schultz and Commissioners:

The Richmond Neighborhood Association is concerned about the proliferation of self-storage buildings in SE Portland—especially one proposed near us at 62nd and SE Powell. We envision Powell Boulevard as a bustling traffic and transit street, with retail, employment and housing. We anticipate some current CM-2 zones becoming CM-3, especially at nodes like Cesar Chavez Boulevard. Self-storage buildings present large blank facades and more importantly they take away opportunities for folks to live and shop along major transit streets like SE Powell.

In the Code Reconciliation Project, the Commercial zones where self-storage buildings are allowed will be changed from the current CG, CX and EX to the new zones of CE, CX and CM-3.

We request self-storage be prohibited in CM-3 and have enhanced limits in CE. While the proposal requires Type II Design Review with Community Design Guidelines, we request self-storage buildings on lots 50' or wider in the CE zone be required to meet the Ground Floor Window requirements in the CM-2 zone and have a minimum 25' depth of retail or office space on the ground floor for 50% of the length of the façade.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erik Matthews'.

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