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September 14, 2017

Mayor Ted Wheeler

Portland City Commissioners

My name is Terry Chung, residing at 3056 N.E. Alameda Terrace, Portland. I am a 70 year old Chinese American native born in Portland, Oregon.

I and many others, Chinese-American, Chinese, and other Portlanders support the proposals put forth for the new design guidelines, to lower heights and structural materials/designs in the New Chinatown/Japantown National Historic District.

Old Town/(New Chinatown/Japantown is the site where many immigrant groups (Jewish, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Chinese and other groups, first arrived and worked in Portland. Old town is the last place where the city of Portland has the opportunity to preserve the feel of early Portland, with is low height structures and sight of light that improves our livability.

New Chinatown/Japantown is an area where most buildings were built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. It is imperative, if we are to preserve the feelings of a historic district, that the city and its officials limit the heights and nature of new construction to fit within the character of its existing historic buildings.

This is Portland chance to create a one time unique setting that reflects the sense of a historic district, as you see in other cities, such as Boston, Lower Manhattan, San Francisco, Seattle, San Antonio,. and many other cities across the United States with a historic district.

Please do not let this opportunity to preserve Portland's unique historic district pass under the onslaught of new glass, chrome and steel construction as we saw happen at the East end of the Burnside bridge. I urge you the support and pass the new guidelines for the New Chinatown/Japantown Historic District.

Sincerely,

Terry Chung