

**NE 55<sup>TH</sup>-57<sup>TH</sup> AVES AND KILLINGSWORTH ST LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL, **PRINT** YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL.

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**CULLY ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORS**

Central Northeast Neighbors  
4415 NE 87th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97220

April 20, 2018

Mayor Ted Wheeler and City Commissioners  
1221 SW Fourth Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

RE: Letter of support for formation of a Local Improvement District on NE 55<sup>th</sup> & 57<sup>th</sup>  
Avenues and NE Killingsworth Street

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Members of Council:

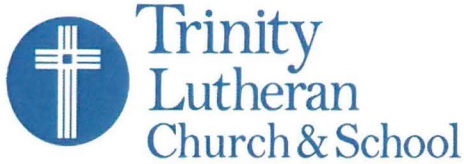
The Cully Association of Neighbors (CAN) seeks to improve the livability of our neighborhood, celebrate its diversity and ensure that all residents have opportunities to improve their lives so that Cully can remain a vibrant and healthy community into the future. On that basis CAN is pleased to offer our full support for the proposed NE 55th-57th Avenues & Killingsworth Street Local Improvement District.

It is difficult for Cully residents to navigate their neighborhood due to a lack of paved streets and sidewalks, and particularly north-south connectivity. The proposed LID will open two new north-south routes, and will greatly improve access to two crucial family destinations, Rigler Elementary School and Khunamokwst Park. It will also provide better connections to and from the Providence Elder Care Center and create additional emergency response routes.

We are grateful to PBOT staff for crafting a creative proposal for these improvements, and to Commissioner Saltzman for championing this LID. We look forward to these much-needed enhancements.

Sincerely,

David Sweet  
Land Use and Transportation Chair, and the CAN Board



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Trinity Lutheran Church was established in 1891 and moved to the location on Killingsworth in 1959 after the School out grew the site on Rodney Ave. Trinity is the founding organization for Concordia University. The Church and School is committed to be part of the Cully community.

Creating better north/south connections to the inter parts of our neighborhoods would make it easier for residents to access their homes by auto, bikes or walking to and from the bus stops. These avenues will only be used by locals and will not become a through route between Killingsworth St. and Prescott St., it will also create an easier access for emergency vehicles to the area. We have also had trouble with someone breaking down our back fence and crossing our ball field in cars, and the staff is uncomfortable with strangers crossing our playground during recess.

Trinity Lutheran Church and School is open to serve all the people in our community:

We make our facilities is available to the community neighborhood alliances and groups. We host the Annual Cully Neighborhood clean-up collection at our site, we participate in the Sunday Parkways Walk (the route will go through our parking lot in 2018, making a safer route across Killingsworth St.), and we partner with Albertsons Store with a community Easter egg hunt on our property.

Many neighbors use our playground, outdoor basketball courts, and run their dogs in our field. We also host the Cully community farm, growing and teaching modules.

Trinity is a designated Red Cross Disaster Center, prepared to open our facilities in an emergency.

Our Church and School has made the Latino contingency, which has been growing in our community a welcomed part of our organization. We operate an Oregon Food Bank distribution center on our site, offer weekly free ESL classes, with childcare, and make available a community garden for the Latino community.

The Church supplies Christmas gifts to community children, 65 Thanksgiving food boxes to community last year, and Valentine's food boxes to community.

Trinity School has an equal balance of Latino, Afro-Americans, and European Americans, and offers education for pre-school through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade children. The School is open to all – (Tuition required, but scholarships and financial assistance is available). After school care for public school children (fee basis, some years when there is an interest). The Trinity Tiger kids do many community service projects and Trinity is the home of Cub Scout Pack 440 (one of the first packs to include girls as members).

Lanny A Frank,  
Trinity Lutheran Properties Chair & Cully Resident