

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

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Cc: cao@portlandoregon.gov; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Eudaly; Commissioner Saltzman; Greg Block; Paul Vanderford
Subject: Support for City of Portland Sustainable Procurement Policy Update
Attachments: Sustainable Northwest Portland Sustainable Procurement Policy Letter 8-21-18.pdf

Dear Mr. Rinehart,

Please see the attached comment letter from Sustainable Northwest in support of the City of Portland's Sustainable Procurement Policy Update. This letter corresponds to Program Council Agenda Item [#880] on August 22, 2018.

Please feel free to contact Dylan Kruse at dkruse@sustainablenorthwest.org if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Dylan

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August 21, 2018

Tom Rinehart
City of Portland
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**RE: Support for the City of Portland Sustainable Procurement Policy Update
Program Council Agenda Item [#880], August 22, 2018.**

Dear Mr. Rinehart:

Sustainable Northwest supports the 2018 update to the City of Portland's Sustainable Procurement Policy and the City's commitment to defining the environmental, social, and economic life-cycle impacts of its purchasing actions. In particular, the updates regarding wood products sourcing have strong potential to meet the City's greenhouse gas reduction and climate action planning goals, as well as protect human health and safety in Oregon's communities.

The role of wood in delivering present and future positive carbon, water quality, and conservation benefits stands in stark contrast to materials that require permanent landscape altering activities and energy intensive manufacturing processes. Forests are one of Oregon's greatest assets, and the City of Portland should create mechanisms to encourage increased wood use (wood that is legally harvested from forestland that has not been converted to a non-forest use) as part of the City's broader sustainability strategy.

However, not all wood is created equal and not all wood sourcing makes comparable contributions toward achieving the City of Portland's sustainability goals. The proposed updates to the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy make important strides to avoid conversion of forests, maximize carbon sequestration in forestlands and long-lived wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, and protect communities at risk of exposure to toxic chemicals.

Despite excellent progress, these criteria and procedural updates do not mean that our work is done. To ensure effective adoption and evaluation of these policies, educational and administrative actions must also be taken. The City and bureaus should do the following to ensure that new policies are meeting their intended purposes and achieving the City's sustainability goals for permanent adoption and long-term benefit:

- a) Include sustainably sourced wood procurement objectives in contract specifications for all projects that use wood or have the potential to use wood.
- b) Create educational tools to make contractors aware of sustainable wood sourcing requirements.

- c) Require contractors to submit receipts for all wood purchased for fulfillment of contracts.
- d) Require contractors to generate a brief report at the end of each project that provides the dollar value of all wood purchased and value of wood sourced that meets the sustainably sourced wood procurement objectives.
- e) Identify and implement incentives city bureaus can use to motivate contractors to achieve conformance with sustainable sourcing policy requirements.
- f) Require bureaus to summarize and submit annual reports on the total amount of wood purchased by contractors during the year (in dollar amount), the value of wood sourced that achieved the sustainable wood procurement requirements, and how wood purchases contributed to the greenhouse gas reduction target impact area in the updated Sustainable Procurement Program.
- g) Put in place procedures, resources, and monitoring tools to ensure the percent of wood purchased from sustainable wood sources increases over time.

The City of Portland's purchasing power has considerable impact, and we commend efforts to ensure that an updated sustainable procurement policy maximizes benefits for Oregon's landscapes and communities. We look forward to working with the City to ensure successful adoption of this policy and a continued commitment to the values it represents.

Sincerely,



Greg Block
President
Sustainable Northwest

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Subject: Sustainable Procurement Policy, Council Agenda Item #788, July 25, 2018
Attachments: SC comments on sustainable procurement, 7-24-18.pdf

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Members of the Portland City Council,

Please find attached a pdf of comments from the Sierra Club on tomorrow's agenda item on the sustainable procurement policy. Please let me know if you have any questions or any problems with the document. Thanks very much for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Rhett Lawrence

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July 24, 2018

Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland
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RE: Portland Sustainable Procurement Policy Update and Program
Council Agenda Item #788, July 25, 2018

Dear Mayor Wheeler:

On behalf of the Sierra Club, we are writing to express our support for the 2018 update to the City of Portland's Sustainable Procurement Policy – and to strongly encourage the City to adopt additional updates and/or implementation measures, to address serious gaps in the Policy and enable the City to join the ranks of other sustainable procurement leaders.

In the U.S. alone, institutional purchasing represents over \$10 trillion in economic demand, or approximately two-thirds of U.S. gross domestic product.¹ This spend represents a tremendous opportunity. The City of Portland can and should adopt sustainable purchasing criteria for paper, wood, and other forest products that give preference to products from climate-smart, environmentally and socially responsible forestry, and that avoid products from highly controversial and damaging practices that still harm many forests and communities globally and domestically. Adopting such criteria can not only reduce the City's environmental and social footprint, but also foster increased supply chain transparency and improved conditions for forest ecosystems and communities.

While there may be room for further improvement, we applaud the updated Policy's requirements for the sourcing of paper products as being quite solid overall. By including clear objectives and metrics for minimizing paper use and giving preference to papers with recycled, agricultural waste, and/or Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified content, the Policy should minimize the City's paper-related climate, ecological, and social footprint. Equally important, the Policy begins to specify minimum sourcing requirements when the most preferred papers are unavailable, to help ensure that environmentally and socially controversial sources are still avoided.

With its pilot project approach, the Policy also begins to move the City in a positive direction for the purchase of solid wood products (e.g., building materials, office furnishings, landscaping material). We applaud this shift.

¹ Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council, www.sustainablepurchasing.org, accessed 6/28/18

However, the Policy is completely silent about the sourcing of wood products outside of the limited pilots, and we strongly encourage the City to prioritize the adoption of sustainable sourcing criteria for all wood purchases. A city that prides itself on sustainability as much as Portland can – and should – state a clear preference for all solid wood products to be from FSC certified forests and/or be reclaimed (recycled or “salvaged”) wood. Stating such a preference will direct the City’s purchasing to the most climate, ecologically, and socially responsible forest products, leave the City with flexibility where such products may be unavailable or have cost implications, and help encourage producers and the market to make more such products available.

Equally important, the City can – and should – clearly specify that where FSC or reclaimed products are not chosen, wood products are screened to avoid those from forestry practices that are especially harmful to the climate, ecosystems, and communities. Examples include wood from: old growth forests, other intact natural forest ecosystems, threatened and endangered species’ habitats, conversion of natural forests to plantations, logging that violates Indigenous Peoples’ or local communities’ rights, GMO trees, illegal logging, public lands deserving of protection, etc. Ideally, wood from existing chemically intensive, short-rotation forest plantations would also be avoided, given their impacts on carbon stores, habitats, and watersheds.

As the City implements the Policy, we also hope that staff will exercise care with the definition of Sustainably Sourced Wood. The intent of its provisions for ecological restoration appears sound, and we agree there are absolutely forests that would benefit from restoration and thinning, including both public and especially private commercial forests. However, the concepts are open to interpretation, including by forest managers who wish to re-brand problematic logging operations. The suitability of specific restoration and thinning practices can vary dramatically, and in addition to beneficial projects, we also see cases of inappropriate ones on public forests, such as post-fire salvage logging in sensitive areas, and thinning projects that target naturally fire-resistant old growth trees.

Thank you for considering these recommendations – both now and as you implement and further update the Policy. A number of major companies and other institutions in the U.S. and globally have well established procurement policies addressing these topics. Portland’s purchasing power and public brand is also powerful, and we hope the City will not only move forward with the proposed Policy update, but also embark on a more visionary path along with these other leaders.

Respectfully,



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Subject: Support for the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy Update
Attachments: Support for the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy Update.docx

Please see attached.

July 24, 2018

RE: Support for the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy Update and Program
Council Agenda Item [#], July 25, 2018

Dear Mayor Wheeler:

I am writing to express my support for the 2018 update to the City of Portland's Sustainable Procurement Policy. The potential impact of supporting sustainable forest practices can influence markets and help improve the health of forest ecosystems, the viability of watersheds, and help to ensure clean air and water for our rural communities.

A group of local citizens that I work with, the Rockaway Beach Citizens for Watershed Protection, partners with other north coast communities and organizations to support clean air and water and advocate for sustainable forestry practices in Oregon on public and private lands.

The Oregon Forest Practices Act is not enough. Washington and California have better regulations in place to protect streams from the negative impact of aerial herbicide/pesticide spray on clearcuts in industrial forests. The potential for downstream contamination from the chemicals is affecting water treatment plants on the North Coast. Some communities have had to upgrade water treatment plants at considerable expense to local taxpayers. Our rivers, streams, bays, water and ocean offshore ecosystems are also at risk.

Can you imagine the impact on coastal communities and the local economies if water quality or insufficient water supply during the summer devastated tourism, recreation, and fisheries along the North Coast?

The city's procurement policy and practices would reinforce the use of public funds to sustain and protect our forest lands, clean air, and water quality in a responsible way.

Our forests should be managed to conserve and restore air and water quality, maintain local economies, sustain viable ecosystems and reduce human exposure to harmful chemicals. Portland's Sustainable Procurement Policy is a human health issue and environmental issue.

Thank you for taking action by voting for the Sustainable Procurement Policy update. This update to the Sustainable Procurement Policy sets a good foundation for the City utilize its market power to tackle serious threats to the livability of our communities and function of our environment from climate change.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Commissioner Eudaly, Commissioner Fish, Commissioner Fritz, Commissioner Saltzma

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Subject: Support for Agenda Item #788, Council Meeting Wed July 25th, 2018
Attachments: Martin's Testimony.pdf

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Council Members

I have attached a written testimony for tomorrow's council meeting related to agenda item number 788. Martin and I look forward to the council's approval of the draft Sustainable Procurement Policy.

Sincerely

Paul

on behalf of Martin Goebel

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7-17-2018

RE: Support for the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy Update
July 25, 2018 Council Agenda Item #788

Dear Mayor Wheeler:

I am writing to you today to express my support for the 2018 update to the City of Portland's Sustainable Procurement Policy and the City's work to take responsibility for the life-cycle environmental, social, and economic impacts of the City's purchasing.

In the U.S. alone, institutional purchasing represents over \$10 trillion in economic demand, or approximately two-thirds of U.S. gross domestic product.¹ This spend represents a tremendous opportunity. The City of Portland and other large purchasers are uniquely positioned to demand transparency into the upstream and downstream impacts of goods and services. Most importantly, they are capable of incorporating sustainability criteria for climate smart forestry.

Purchasing wood from forests that are being managed to retain carbon, reduce chemical use, protect drinking water, workers, and fish, and restore ecological function to forests is a responsibility. The city's commitment achieves a scale that can shift markets and plants a flag in the sand that citizens can use to encourage responsible wood procurement in private projects.

This update to the Sustainable Procurement Policy sets a good foundation for the City utilize its market power to tackle serious threats to the livability of our communities, from climate change to labor exploitation to chemical body burden. But there is more to do. Beyond your approval of the Sustainable Procurement Policy update today, I urge you to consider how else you and bureau leaders can integrate sustainable procurement and holistic, life-cycle thinking into everyday decision making.

The City's purchasing power has considerable impact. Let's make sure we maximize it for making things better, together.

Respectfully,



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Subject: Portland Sustainable Procurement Policy - Testimony
Attachments: PortlandSustainableProcurement_BeyondToxics_7-23-2018.pdf

Please see the attached testimony submitted in support of the City of Portland Sustainable Procurement Policy, also copied below. Could this please be included in the public record?

Sincerely,

Lisa Arkin, Executive Director

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7/23/2018

RE: Support for the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy Update and Program

Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners:

On behalf of Beyond Toxics, I am writing to you today to express our support for the 2018 update to the City of Portland's Sustainable Procurement Policy. Beyond Toxics is a statewide, grassroots environmental justice and environmental protection advocacy organization founded in 2000. We represent dozens of impacted rural communities and thousands of members who are concerned about forest management and its impacts on climate resilience, drinking water quality and community health. In particular, our research has demonstrated that reliance on herbicide applications as a forest management tool is harmful to the environment, wildlife and human health.

That is why we applaud the City's work to take responsibility for the life-cycle environmental, social, and economic impacts of the City's purchasing. We hope to help other Oregon cities emulate the model you are setting for accountability in procurement.

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Beyond Toxics supports the City's policy to purchase wood from forests that are being managed to retain carbon, reduce chemical use, protect drinking water, workers, and fish, and restore ecological function to forests. We wish to call out the positive benefits of the City of Portland placing a priority on obtaining wood sourced in the Pacific Northwest that is FSC certified, recycled or urban salvage. The City can also express its intention to the timber industry that they prioritize "non-synthetic pesticides" or "non-petroleum-based" in their forest management practices when chemical intervention is necessary.

Sustainable timber harvesting methods are also important to define. We highly recommend that the City adopt a definition of Sustainable Sourced Wood that includes the following specifications for forest management:

- Harvest rotation s of no less than 60 years to protect the integrity of forest soils, riparian areas and increased carbon sequestration.
- Promotes biodiversity in forest management by supporting forest communities of diverse native tree species, wildlife habitat and rich, healthy forest soils.
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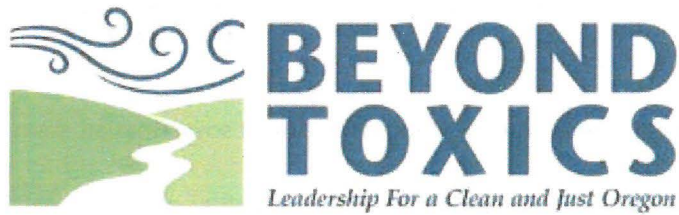
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Arkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Arkin".

Lisa Arkin, Executive Director

Cc: Commissioner Eudaly
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Testimony to Portland City Council
Provided by Felisa Hagins
Political Director, SEIU Local 49
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August 22nd, 2018

RE: City Sustainable Procurement Policy

Good morning Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

My name is Felisa Hagins and I am the Political Director for the Service Employees International Union, Local 49. SEIU Local 49 is an almost 14,000-member union comprised of healthcare and property service workers, most of whom live in the metro area. Our mission as a union is to improve the quality of life for our members, their families, and dependents by achieving a higher standard of living by elevating their social conditions and by striving to create a more just society.

Today the council is being asked to approve the updated Sustainable Procurement Policy with the intention of setting guidelines for city employees when designing projects and making purchasing and supplier decisions. With this procurement policy, the City strives to continue being a leader in sustainable procurement and to reduce adverse social, human health, and environmental impacts associated with City purchases, while maintaining fiscal health, both in the short and long-term.

We salute Stacey Foreman's efforts to coordinate this policy update. The City is lucky to have such a champion of sustainability. She has engaged us in a productive dialogue about how the City's purchasing decisions impact the jobs and well-being of service workers employed by the City's vendors.

The proposed policy sets us on a path to work on the issues we've raised, but it does not go far enough. The policy needs greater specificity and enforceable language to ensure equity and social and economic sustainability of contracted workers living in and around Portland. As it stands today, we cannot fully support this policy. But we look forward to working closely with the City to expand the policy to include considerations of economic justice such as addressing corporate responsibility disclosures, scoring for equity and economic sustainability, best practices in labor relations, and accountability, compliance, and monitoring.

The City needs to expand its sustainable procurement policy beyond environmental considerations to center economic justice via best values contracting and investing in responsible, union vendors. Unions provide fair wages, benefits, and important worker protections; union jobs give working families a fair shot. Strong unions contribute to a thriving community that works for all, and the City can demonstrate its commitment to union jobs through responsible procurement. Low-wage workers face a crisis of affordability in Portland, and this Council has a responsibility to ensure it is doing



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absolutely everything within its authority to raise standards and protect good jobs in our community.

In accordance with our mission, SEIU Local 49 strenuously defends the working standards our members have fought so hard to raise. We view the City, in line with the equity goals espoused in the newly-adopted Comprehensive Plan, as a partner in this effort to improve the quality of life for Portland's working families. Yet too often we have found ourselves fighting to hold the City to these same standards when it comes to policy-making and contracting decisions.

One recent example is Procurement Services' 2017 RFP process for laundry and uniform services. In this instance, despite the presence of three union-represented vendors in our area, the City chose to cancel its contract with a union-represented vendor and awarded the contract to Cintas, a non-union company with a troubling track record.

During the RFP process, we submitted an outline of Cintas' violations and alleged violations around the country related to wage theft, workplace fatalities and safety and health hazards, racial and sexual harassment and discrimination, and emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). (I am submitting a copy of this letter for the record.) Despite our outreach Purchasing Services awarded the contract to Cintas anyway. This had an effect of taking work away from the established vendor, Aramark, whose employees have a union contract.

Thankfully, Purchasing Services later reversed its decision. By renewing the contract with Aramark, the City continued its investment in protecting wages, working conditions, and respect on the job for the workers who clean City employees' uniforms.

For the City to realize its goals of economic prosperity and social equity, concrete policies – specific and measurable – are needed to guide how the City procures services and how service providers treat their employees. While the Sustainable Procurement policy before you today does not yet meet that standard, we look forward to working closely with the City on expanding the policy to include principles of best value contracting.

Thank you.

Felisa Hagins
Political Director
Service Employees International Union, Local 49

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Testimony to the City of Portland
Provided by Mark Jeffries
Executive Board Member, SEIU Local 49

Re: City Sustainable Procurement Policy

August 22nd, 2018

Good morning Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

My name is Mark Jefferies and I am an Executive Board member of the Service Employees International Union, Local 49. I am proud to be a part of a team of janitors that work here at Portland City Hall. I am here today on behalf of my fellow union janitors and the over 14,000 members of SEIU Local 49 to talk to you about supporting a sustainable procurement policy that takes into account people like us.

As union janitors, we get annual wage increases, have access to affordable quality healthcare, and have a voice on the job. I hear you have these conversations about procurement of services and how much the contracts cost but what you are really deciding is what our wages and benefits will be.

I take a lot of pride in my work and in being an active member of my union. I believe that we can work together to create a city that is not just for rich people, and I believe in your leadership to help do that for working families.

In conclusion, I am asking that the City of Portland make its procurement policies stronger to make sure that you are protecting our working families. Thank you.

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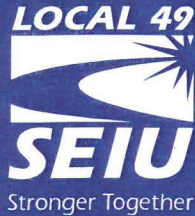
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Testimony to Portland City Council
Provided by Tammy Catabay
Member, SEIU Local 49

RE: City Sustainable Procurement Policy

July 25th, 2018



Good morning Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners. My name is Tammy Catabay and I am a member of SEIU, Local 49. I have worked for Aramark for over 26 years and I am proud to be part of the team of workers that provides the City of Portland with its laundry services.

I have served on the bargaining team for my contract and I am a current shop steward at my worksite on Airport Way. I am here today to ask that the City makes sure its policies are strong enough to protect working families.

The City gets a lot of benefits from using a union laundry service. My co-workers and I have good training and the protections from our union could contribute to lower turnover. Over the years, I have seen many benefits from fighting alongside my co-workers for our rights. Our wages go up every year, and we have affordable benefits. Thanks to our union contract, my co-workers and I earn at least \$14.70/hour, much more than the current minimum wage of \$12.00/hour.

But even with our union wages and benefits, it's getting harder and harder for my co-workers and I to make ends meet. We worry about what will happen to us and to our families if we didn't have our jobs and our union.

We need a City that is fair for everyone - not just for the rich. My co-workers and I have fought hard to raise standards in the laundry industry, and we look to the City Council to use its power to help us build a city where good jobs that provide adequate wages and benefits are supported and protected. The City could use its own policies to make a better place for all of us, by insisting that even the City's contracted and subcontracted workers have good jobs.

Portland should not just be for rich people. I am asking on behalf of working families throughout Portland that the City of Portland make its policies stronger to make sure that you are protecting working families. Thank you.

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RE: City of Portland Laundry RFP (Bid #510)

April 21, 2017

Dear Ms. Antisdel,

In my letter of March 24, 2017, regarding the City of Portland's RFP for laundry services, I spoke to the leadership the City of Portland has taken in sustainable procurement, including the choice to consider wages and benefits of service providers, and the positive impacts they have on the lives of employees, the health of our economy, the quality of service, and ultimately the best return on investment for taxpayers. I wish to provide additional information that may inform your choice of service providers, regarding a number of Cintas' alleged violations of rules and regulations related to civil rights, wages, environmental quality, and workplace safety and health.

Occupational Safety & Health

Cintas has been cited for 159 safety and health violations in 24 states since 2007.ⁱ In that year, a Cintas employee in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was killed after being pulled into an industrial drier.ⁱⁱ Addressing this fatality and five other cases, Cintas reportedly agreed to pay almost \$3 million in penalties and improve safety and health at all of its commercial laundry facilities regulated by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).ⁱⁱⁱ In 2011, another Cintas employee was killed on the job, in Kentucky, in an incident involving an industrial dryer.

Environmental Quality

In 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reported a settlement with Cintas Corp. over alleged Clean Air Act violations at Cintas facilities in New England, according to *American Laundry News*. Under the reported settlement, Cintas was required to pay \$150,000 and follow a set of best practices regarding laundering of dirty shop towels to prevent the release volatile organic compounds (VOCs).^{iv}

Civil Rights

Cintas settled a lawsuit for alleged sexual and racial harassment in 2010 brought by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).^v The agency alleged that a supervisor in the company's fire protection unit, in Pennsylvania, subjected male African- American employees to egregious sexual and racial harassment, including

fondling, exposing himself, requesting sexual favors, and racist language. The company agreed to pay \$152,500 and institute anti-harassment training.^{vi} In 2015, Cintas settled another EEOC lawsuit, this time over alleged sex discrimination. According an EEOC news release, Cintas failed to hire women as Michigan service sales representatives over more than five years, in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Cintas agreed to pay \$1.5 million in back wages.

Wage & Hour

In January, the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division ruled that Cintas Fire Protection Services in San Jose, California allegedly failed to pay 81 employees for time spent writing reports, emails and timesheets.^{vii} The Division reported that Cintas had refused to pay for the time employees spent on these tasks because this work was not billable to their clients, and that the company had been cited several times in the past for similar violations at its locations across the nation. Now the company owes \$1.3 million in back pay from the period 2011-2015. Cintas settled another lawsuit in 2009, according to a *Los Angeles Times* report, and agreed to pay \$6.5 million, after hundreds of Southern California laundry workers alleged the company had violated Los Angeles' "living wage" laws.^{viii}

The importance of ensuring employees know they can report and correct workplace problems

An effective way for industrial laundries to avoid and correct problems such as these is to ensure that employees feel they can report problems without fear of retaliation. When industrial laundry workers are members of a union, they can be more likely to raise safety concerns rather than remain in silence. As noted in my previous letter, the following union laundry companies follow responsible contracting principles and provide quality jobs in our community while delivering exemplary laundry services:

- Aramark Uniform Services
- New System Laundry
- Alsco, Inc.

Please let us know if you have any further questions or if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Maggie Long
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ⁱ Occupational Safety and Health Administration, "Establishment Search,"

<https://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/establishment.search>, accessed April 21, 2017.

ⁱⁱ <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/News/dramatic-video-rare-death-job-america/story?id=10498713>

ⁱⁱⁱ http://ehstoday.com/standards/osha/cintas_worker_dies_dryer_1103

^{iv} <https://americanlaundrynews.com/articles/unifirst-cintas-fined-epa-settlements>

^v <https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/newsroom/release/11-30-15.cfm>

^{vi} <https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/newsroom/release/9-27-10e.cfm>

^{vii} <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/whd/whd20170118>

^{viii} <http://articles.latimes.com/2009/dec/18/local/la-me-settle18-2009dec18>

From: Peter Hayes <peter_hayes@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 12:01 PM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: Testimony for Agenda Item #788 on 7/25/2018
Attachments: Hayes Testimony .pdf; Untitled attachment 05012.txt

It is my pleasure to submit the attached testimony

Thank you - Peter Hayes

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*Peter S. Hayes
2330 NW Belgrave Ave.
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July 24, 2018

RE: Support for the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy Update and Program
Council Agenda Item #788, July 25, 2018

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Council Members:

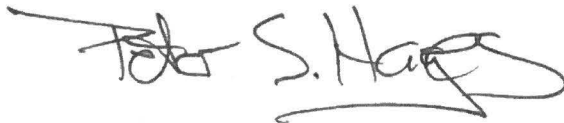
I write to strongly encourage you to update the city's wood procurement policy. My family has called Portland home since 1852 and for six generations we have owned and been sustained by forestlands and sawmills in the region. As a former member of the State Board of Forestry and as an owner and operator of a local forest business, I have first hand experience with the condition of our local forests and the need for market-driven incentives for better forestry. By too many measures, forest management that meets the minimum standards of state laws continues to result in loss of common good values – including degraded water quality, loss of important habitat, exposure to chemicals, and the release of CO2 into the atmosphere. There is a need and opportunity for the City of Portland to take leadership by using its purchasing power to support forestry that is rebuilding the health and wealth of local forests and forest-dependent communities. Positive innovation is happening in Oregon's forests and approval of this policy provides you the chance to be

Purchasing wood from forests that are being managed to retain carbon, reduce chemical use, protect drinking water, workers, and fish, and restore ecological function to forests is a responsibility. The city's commitment achieves a scale that can shift markets and shows citizens how they too can encourage responsible wood procurement in private projects.

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The City's purchasing power has real and important impact.

Respectfully,



Cc: Commissioner Eudaly
Commissioner Fish
Commissioner Fritz
Commissioner Saltzman

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Ed Mays <ed@endurawood.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 11:29 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Cc: Paul Vanderford
Subject: Re: July 25 - Portland's Sustainable Procurement Policy Goes to City Council for Approval
Attachments: COP Sustainable Procurement Policy Letter of Support.pdf

Attention Council Clerk,

I am attaching a letter in support of language being added to the 2018 update to the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy

Thanks,

Ed Mays | CEO | Founder

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On Tue, Jul 17, 2018 at 2:28 PM, Paul Vanderford <paulv@sustainablenorthwest.org> wrote:

Hello

Reminder. Please get your written support into the city of Portland for their Sustainable Procurement Policy. The Policy is a great first step in getting wood procurement language that recognizes restorative forestry practices and responsible wood procurement in a meaningful way.

Let me know if you've already written in or plan to attend in person.

I will be attending the Council meeting next Wed.

Paul

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From: **Paul Vanderford** <paulv@sustainablenorthwest.org>

Date: Wed, Jun 27, 2018 at 1:46 PM

Subject: July 25 - Portland's Sustainable Procurement Policy Goes to City Council for Approval

To: Greg Block <gblock@sustainablenorthwest.org>

Hello Healthy Forest and Wood Advocates

Sustainable Northwest needs you to write in with your support (see attached letter of support template) or come on July 25th.

We have a great chance to get the city of Portland to adopt climate smart wood sourcing language for their formal City Sustainable Procurement Policy. The City Council will review for approval a draft with language Sustainable Northwest helped craft. This is the draft language they will be voting to approve in addition to the broader policy.

Sustainably Sourced Wood:

Wood that is Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified, recycled, salvage, or from an ecological restoration forestry project. Ecological restoration forestry refers to management activities that contribute to the recovery of ecosystems that have been degraded, damaged, or destroyed. Some examples of ecological restoration in forests are:

- *Harvesting small patches of trees to create compositional and special heterogeneity in uniform, single species plantations that developed after harvest of old-growth forests.*
- *Thinning forests that have become overgrown because of fire suppression*

We are really close to getting this language approved. I will be giving testimony at the **July 25th City Council meeting**. **Please show your support for the language in one of three ways:** 1) Show up to support the policy in person on July 25th, 2) provide written testimony, 3) provide a letter of support (**template letter attached**).

1. Testify in person before City Council on July 25th. While we should have a time certain for 10:30, that doesn't necessarily mean it will be heard exactly at that time – it could be later. So your schedule would need to be flexible that day. But in-person testimony is the most impactful.
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3. Write letters of support directly to any of the Council members and/or the City's Chief Administrative Officer, Tom Rinehart (cao@portlandoregon.gov). Contact info for Council members is on the home page: www.portlandoregon.gov. Our office, which is part of the Office of Management and Finance, reports to the Mayor.

Thank you for your support of climate smart forestry.

Sincerely
Paul

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From: **Foreman, Stacey** <Stacey.Foreman@portlandoregon.gov>

Date: Wed, Jun 27, 2018 at 12:55 PM

Subject: July 25 - City's Sustainable Procurement Policy update goes before City Council for Approval

To: "Foreman, Stacey" <Stacey.Foreman@portlandoregon.gov>

Greetings!

As someone who provided feedback on the update to the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy and who expressed an interest in supporting its approval by City Council, I want to let you know that we are scheduled to put the policy update before Council on Wednesday, July 25th. We tentatively have a 10:30am time certain on the agenda, meaning that the policy will not be heard prior to 10:30.

Ways you can express your support for the update to the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy:

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Please contact me with any questions. Also, if you do plan on testifying in person on the 25th, please let me know.

Thank you!

-Stacey

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RE: Support for the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy Update and Program
Council Agenda Item# 788, July 25, 2018

Dear Mayor Wheeler:

On behalf ENDURAWOOD LLC I am writing to you today to express my support for the 2018 update to the City of Portland's Sustainable Procurement Policy and the City's work to take responsibility for the life-cycle environmental, social, and economic impacts of the City's purchasing.

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ENDURAWOOD LLC has been promoting and selling wood products custom made from sustainably sourced (local, FSC, and reclaimed) for over 22 years. It is the responsibility for government agencies now to be more proactive in support of Procurement Policies to support this market. ENDURAWOOD LLC offers its help in support of this effort.

The City's purchasing power has considerable impact. Let's make sure we maximize it for making things better, together.

Respectfully,
Ed Mays, CEO
ENDURAWOOD LLC

Cc: Commissioner Eudaly
Commissioner Fish
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Commissioner Saltzman

¹ Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council, www.sustainablepurchasing.org, accessed 6/28/18

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Amanda Ulrich <aulrich@tcnf.legal>
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 1:14 PM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Cc: Valderrama, Andrea; cao@portlandoregon.gov; Foreman, Stacey; Jim Coon; amandapdxrunforcongo@gmail.com; Lauren Fortgang; Marty Fromer
Subject: Written Testimony for July 25, 2018 City Council Meeting, Agenda Item 788
Attachments: I-TCNF Written Testimony ISO Sustainable Procurement Policy.pdf

Dear Council Clerk,

Attached is written testimony in reference to docket number 788 submitted by James Coon on behalf of Thomas, Coon, Newton and Frost for this coming Wednesday's City Council meeting.

Thank you,
Amanda

Amanda R. Ulrich

Paralegal to Jim Coon, Cynthia Newton, Ray Thomas,
Sydney Montanaro & Chris Thomas

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Attn: Council Clerk
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Portland, OR 97204

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In particular, I write in support of the parts of the policy that address conflict minerals (pages 4 and 8 respectively). In August 2015 the City Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 37150. Resolution 37150 is succinctly incorporated into the new Sustainable Procurement Policy in a way that will allow the City to continue to signal to companies the importance of compliance with international guidelines for conflict-free sourcing of minerals. In fact, the new policy encourages life-cycle thinking as to how the City does business, and provides an opportunity to hold bureau leaders accountable, thereby furthering the impact of the sustainable procurement policy.

Consumer activism is essential to ensure that companies and industries as a whole prioritize conflict-free sourcing. The City of Portland was the sixth city to pass a conflict mineral-free policy, and the first city to implement such a policy. City-level legislation is a powerful way to amplify individual consumer activism by institutionalizing the demand for conflict-free products. By passing the new Sustainable Procurement Policy, Portland will continue to be a leader when it comes to implementing sustainable procurement policies surrounding conflict minerals.

The City's purchasing power has considerable impact. Thank you for helping to maximize it for making things better, together.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS, COON, NEWTON & FROST



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Respectfully,
Lauren Fortgang

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Never Again Coalition <neveragaincoalition@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: [User Approved] RE: Support for the City’s Sustainable Procurement Policy Update and Program Council Session: July 25, 2018
Attachments: NAC Written Testimony for Portland Sustainable Procurement Policy.pdf

July 19, 2018

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Specifically, Never Again Coalition would like to call attention to the positive effects that the conflict-free mineral procurement portion of the bill (pages 4 and 8 respectively) will have in countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where conflict minerals (tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold) are mined. Since legislation was passed at the federal level to increase transparency in mineral supply chains, studies have shown that 79 percent of tin, tantalum and tungsten mines in the Congo are conflict-free^[1]. Despite this improvement, still 1 in 10 displaced people in the world are from the DRC^[2]. It is important that the City of Portland assert itself as a front-runner on human rights concerns like this by supporting conflict-free mineral procurement. The economic and social benefits of the policy would help to stabilize critical peace efforts in the DRC.

Additionally, there is strongly supported conflict-free mineral procurement legislation for the State of Oregon which will be introduced in the 2019 legislative session. Never Again Coalition was part of the inception of the bill and has secured bipartisan sponsorship. We are now working with State Legislators to garner support for this bill in advance of its introduction. Should both the City and State adopt the procurement policies which have been proposed, the efforts would be mutually strengthened and purchasing practices between the two would collectively benefit.



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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Benjamin Hayes <ben@springboardforestry.com>
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 9:38 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: Testimony on Sustainably Sourced Wood
Attachments: COP Sustainable Procurement Policy Letter of Support.pdf

Please see attached my support for the update on the city of portland wood procurement policy.

Thank you,

-Ben Hayes

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RE: Support for the City's Sustainable Procurement Policy Update
July 25, 2018

Dear Mayor Wheeler:

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We can provide this wood locally, supporting our regional economy, and regional producers, and seeing impacts of smart purchasing at a local level.

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