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Subject: Letter of Support the South Park Blocks' Trees and Monuments
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SUBJECT: Letter of Support the South Park Blocks' Trees and Monuments

Dear Portland City Council:

I write to urge you to support the retention of the historic South Park Blocks and its many trees. It is one of Portland's most distinctive, valued, and significant historic open spaces that has endured as the centerpiece for the city's educational and cultural institutions. Aside from having a beautiful tree canopy, it contains numerous historic sculptures including statues of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt as well as other historic figures and fountains. For example, a bronze statue of *Rebecca at the Well*, created by a University of Oregon art professor Oliver Laurence Barrett, completes the Shemanski Fountain.

I live downtown and at least once a week, and often more, I walk through the South Park Blocks. It is a peaceful place in the center of downtown. Please retain the beauty of this park.

Sincerely,

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