

Written Testimony - Agenda Item 1070/1050

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Testimony to the Portland City Council
Provided by Yasmin Ibarra
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Re: Support for Agenda items #1050 and 1051

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Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

The Service Employees International Union, Local 49, represents nearly 3,000 janitors and security officers in the central city, including the janitors and security officers that clean and secure the majority of commercial real estate in the Lloyd District. Our members take great pride in the work that they do to make the district one of the most important commercial centers of our region. They have shown up for work – in person – providing essential services to protect public and the private commercial investments, and in turn these workers and their families rely on the fair wages and strong benefits provided by their union contracts.

Local 49 shares the City and business community's goals of revitalizing and renewing public confidence in our commercial centers. Accordingly, we support the continued investment of public and private resources via the Lloyd Business District property management license. We feel strongly, however, that public/private partnerships should prioritize investments in good jobs that include living wages, affordable family healthcare, and provide workers with a voice on the job through a union.

Local 49 looks forward to our continued partnership with the City and the business community on solutions that include working families as we navigate the challenges posed by this post-Covid recovery.

Thank you.

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