

4 August 2010

Portland Mayor and City Council
1221 SW Fourth Ave.
Portland, Oregon

Re: Merging of the Planning and Sustainability Commissions

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I am in complete support of creating a Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) for the city of Portland. Citizens support the strong efforts of both the Portland Planning Commission and the Portland/Multnomah County Sustainable Development Commission and this is a logical outcome. It will enable greater integration of planning and sustainability.

The Oregon Statewide Planning Goals and Guidelines, whether directly through conservation of land (Goals 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14) or indirectly through actions arising out of citizen initiatives in greening the local economy (local Farmer's Markets, personal lifestyle change of less dependence on non-renewable resources, the City's Climate Action Plan, etc.), set the state and city on the road of sustainability into land use planning and development, as well as in program and policy implementation.

Thank you for your consideration,

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