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City of Portland
Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Commission

RE: Testimony Regarding Comprehensive Plan Designation for 6729 SE 162nd Avenue

Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding the Comprehensive Plan designation for the property at 6729 SE 162nd Avenue. This property is located at the southwest corner of the heavily traveled intersection of SE 162nd Avenue and SE Foster Road. This property is currently improved with a large commercial building and has been historically used for agricultural / commercial purposes. There are also currently approved conditional use permits in place allowing this property to be used commercial purposes such storage and maintenance of RV's, boats, trailers, and motor homes.

I am proposing that the Planning and Sustainability Commission consider placing a commercial or employment designation for this property. A commercial designation for this property would satisfy a public need for economic development in the East Portland area. It would also promote clearly identified goals for creating economic and employment opportunities. These goals have been clearly outlined in the East Portland Action Plan as well as the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Plan.

A change to a commercial designation would also be in line with key strategies of the proposed comprehensive plan to increase access to living wage jobs in East Portland. Doing this will also address the goal of providing essential goods and services to surrounding neighborhoods.

I respectfully ask that you closely consider my request for this change as I feel this would be the best use for this property and the surrounding area. Please feel free to contact me at 503-740-6824 should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you,



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