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Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission Comprehensive Planning Update 1900 SE 4th Ave., Ste. 7100 Portland, OR 97201

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to express strong support of the proposed comprehensive plan designation change along Main Street between King Avenue and St. Clair Avenue. I am an Attorney and Real Estate Broker who has been renting office space at 2165 SW Main St. for three years, during which I have been honored to serve clients from within the neighborhood.

The proposed change would be good for my business as it gives me certainty about the future of my business in the neighborhood. My business has no retail component and has very few visitors as I often meet clients off site or at another office space. And, I believe that my business provides valuable services to parties in the neighborhood. Further, the proposed change merely affirms the use that I understand has been in place for over three decades.

The proposed change from "High Density Single-Dwelling" to "Mixed Use – Dispersed" would amount to a simple ratification of how the area is currently and successfully being used. I say successfully because I believe the mixed use designation is beneficial to all who live and work in the proposed area. Tenants in the office spaces provide a range services to the residents of the neighborhood including psychiatry, psychology, general counseling, massage therapy, accounting, financial planning, event planning, legal and real estate work (and much more). While this brings some additional traffic to the neighborhood the impact is minimal as every building being used as an office along the portion of Main St. mentioned has a parking lot for tenants and clients in the back of the buildings.

Additionally, the office tenants provide a certain level of security to the neighborhood by occupying buildings in the neighborhood during hours that residents are away at work. Similarly, the residents provide the same oversight to the office spaces in the evening hours. I think the combination of services and security illustrates a symbiotic relationship between the occupants of the proposed mixed use space that is exactly what building a community is about.

For these reasons and more I am in full support of the proposed change.

Sincerely,

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