

To: Planning and Sustainability Commission
1900 SW Fourth Ave
Portland, Oregon 97201-5380

**Re: The Role of Neighborhood Associations
Proposed Draft 2035 Comprehensive Plan**

I am requesting that the following policies be added to Chapter 2, Community Involvement, in the Proposed Draft 2035 Comprehensive Plan:

<p>New Policy #1: <i>Neighborhood Associations are Portland's acknowledged Citizen Involvement Program.</i></p> <p>New Policy #2: <i>All of the policies adopted in the current comprehensive plan concerning neighborhood plans, area plans, neighborhood livability, neighborhood character, and neighborhood stability must be included in the proposed draft.</i></p>

I am also requesting the following changes to the glossary to be consistent with the City Code 3.96:

Neighborhood: *A geographically contiguous self-selected community. A Neighborhood is defined by the geographic boundary as established by the Neighborhood Association and as accepted by the City.*

Neighborhood Association: *A Neighborhood Association is the basis of Portland's acknowledged Citizen Involvement Program. It is an autonomous organization formed by people for the purpose of considering and acting on issues affecting the livability and quality of their Neighborhood, formally recognized by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, and subject to Portland Code Chapter 3.96.*

Both the Multnomah Neighborhood Association and Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. have made similar requests.

Please add this to the record.

Thank you,

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