

May 26, 2015

Chair Andre Baugh and Planning Commissioners
Planning and Sustainability Commission
1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 7100
Portland, OR 97201

Re: **Expansion of the Employment Opportunity Subarea – Central City 2035 SE
Quadrant Plan**

Mr. Baugh, et al.:

We are property owners, and also regularly work on projects in the Central Eastside. We support the March 2015 draft Southeast Quadrant Plan published by BPS staff, however, we strongly urge the Planning and Sustainability Commission to support the expansion of the Employment Opportunity Subarea (EOS) to all portions of the IG1 Zone within the boundaries of the Central Eastside Industrial District (CEID). Over the past 10 years, the EOS has catalyzed tremendous employment growth among emerging industrial sectors within the CEID, without the displacement of legacy industrial users in the District. These emerging industrial sectors include software, digital media, and industrial design. In keeping with the employment-focused history of the CEID, the further expansion of the EOS will position the CEID as one of the city's leading engines for dense job creation over next 20 years, and will provide the greatest benefit to the City.

We greatly appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this recommendation to expand EOS throughout the IG1 Zones in the CEID.

Very truly yours,



Ted K. Gilbert
President

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