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Subject: Vacation Hearing St. Johns Development on N Lombard

I am planning on coming to the hearing on Nov 17 but in case I do not make it I would like to send a statement.

I have lived in St Johns most of my life. I graduated from James Johns Elementary, Roosevelt High and Portland State University.

Up until 2 years ago I enjoyed walking into St Johns down N Lombard St. from my home on N Buchanan Ave. Now, for the trip I have an electric chair that was my father-in-laws. I call it my Mini-Prius.

I have very few options to cross N Lombard St. (I like to have a signal.) With "Ivy Island" installed, the crossing going across the "slip lane" became very dangerous. And going across at Charleston was not an alternative, it was more dangerous.

Also, I was involved in the cleaning and replanting of "ivy island" twice. This was a futile attempt to put lipstick on a pig. Between the trash and the dying plants it was/is an eyesore.

I am in favor of creating a stop and signal with a real intersection and cross walks. Vacating "ivy island" is the best idea to make a plaza (as promised by the developers) and a traffic/pedestrian signal at the east entrance to St. Johns.

Thank you for your consideration.

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