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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Multnomah County Central Courthouse Project

Dear Sirs,

With regard to your notice of the Planning and Sustainability Commission's Hearing on this subject, I would like to submit the following comments:

1. In your notice it says "The need to replace existing, inefficient and under-sized facilities at 1021 SW 4th Avenue is urgent as the demand for justice services in Multnomah County is increasing." What difference does it make if we have more justice services if our jail capacity is not increasing? Is there a need to prosecute people faster so we can release them back on to the street faster? It seems that the existing courthouse is keeping up with the number of jail beds just fine at the moment. Please consider saving the money and creating and/or resurfacing more roads.

2. Why is it necessary to try to cram this building into the tiny sliver of space bounded by the Hawthorne Bridge and Naito Parkway when there are plenty of vacant and/or underutilized lots in NW and just across the river on the East side. Won't this site be a nightmare for parking and cause massive congestion? And if there are height limitations that close to the river, why would a courthouse supersede those? Wouldn't a larger lot in a different location allow for a shorter building and probably decrease construction costs? Looking at a satellite map, this appears to be the worst spot in the SW core to build. What about any of the underutilized 4 blocks between SW 2nd and SW 4th and Salmon and Yamhill? As long as you are kicking existing businesses to the curb, what difference does it make which ones they are? I don't imagine there are any height limitations in these 4 blocks either. Is this site important because of its proximity to gorgeous river and mountain views? That does not seem like a necessity worthy of superseding height limitations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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