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Dear Portland PSC

Within days of moving to Portland in 2012, I found myself standing on the Vista Bridge marveling at the iconic views of Mt. Hood. Since that time, the temporary suicide barriers have obstructed that iconic view.

And now, this most recent proposal to remove that protected view corridor not only from the bridge but to the bridge is yet another degradation of our standing commitment to “elevate the presence, character and role of significant public view corridors (e.g. Vista Bridge, West Hills) which define the district.” No building should ever block the view of the arched of the bridge, the architecturally significant feature.

Developers seeking to maximize their profits in the name of job creation is a marketing ploy which Portlanders are continually asked to accept. Where were these same developers during the great recession? Certainly not concerned about job creation. Square footage does not equal jobs. Just as density does not equate to affordability. Don't succumb to these pressures.

Proposed building heights must be much lower for at least 4 blocks east of the bridge in order to allow views of the arches of the bridge to be seen from many vantage points in the city. I advocate maintaining the current heights (30', 35', 40', and 45'--from the bridge to SW 17<sup>th</sup>), but request that the lowered heights be expanded to include the entirety of the block fronting Jefferson (Jefferson to SW Howards Way to the south and Jefferson to SW Madison to the north). This will prevent any building from ever blocking views of the arches of the bridge. Further I ask that you lower the proposed building heights so that 1000' below the timberline of Mt. Hood remain visible in contrast to the snowcap.

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