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Planning and Sustainability Commission,

I am writing to you today to request that the Portland Japanese Garden's 1963 panoramic view be added to the Central City Scenic Resources Inventory of protected views. The Portland Japanese Garden should be allowed to restore and then protect its original panoramic view. The Garden is designed specifically around an expansive panoramic view encompassing the rose gardens in the foreground, the downtown skyline in the middle-ground and the Cascades in the far-ground. This view is critical to the healing experience of beauty and tranquility that is at the heart of the Garden's value to our community.

As a long time member of the garden, now a Golden Crane Society Member and a tour guide at the garden I believe that it would be simply lovely to recapture the views that the garden had in 1971. Being a tour guide has given me the opportunity to speak with people from all over the US and many foreign countries and most of these people have simply loved their experience in the Japanese Garden and in the city as well. Why not give them the beautiful panorama of the entire skyline?

Also a tour guide I have seen the marvelous work that our gardeners and volunteers do to create, maintain and enhance what we have in the garden. This work now being extended to the Cultural Crossing project which will become a major draw for conferences and tourists alike. This skill and dedication to excellence would of course extend to the restoration and protection on the original panoramic view.

The Portland Japanese Garden is the best Japanese garden outside of Japan! It is a world-class treasure for our community. Our community is currently making a \$33,500,000 investment to make sure it continues to serve future generations as a world-class garden and cultural center. **Please protect the view that is so essential to its beauty and tranquility.**

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