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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.

I am a member as well as a volunteer tour guide at the Portland Japanese Garden and can attest to the fact that most of the visitors that are on our tours are not from the Portland area, in fact most are not even from Oregon. We end our tours with the scenic overview of the city and Mt. Hood and visitors love it. We also guide numerous local school tours with kids of all ages from around the city. The kids love to see the view – many have never had seen our city and Mt. Hood from that perspective. There are frequently questions about how to get downtown, how far away is Mt. Hood etc... It is a very popular attraction in the Japanese Garden – and the Portland Japanese Garden is a very popular tourist attraction for the city.

The Portland Japanese Garden is considered 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.**

Many thanks for your support,  
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