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Subject: old/new view

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 volunteer and frequent visitor of the Japanese Garden for the past fifteen years. The Garden is my favorite spot in Portland and represents pride of place. The Garden is a healing sanctuary and place of solace in an increasingly chaotic, fast paced world. I appeal to you to preserve the large 1963 panoramic view corridor, which is a unique feature of the Garden, that can only be found at the Garden.

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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