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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 volunteer tour guide in the Japanese Garden. At the end of each tour I bring our guests to the panoramic view. I emphasize the importance of the view. This final stop is a wonderful finish of the tour. Without the view our garden will have lost a great deal.

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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