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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 an essential part of the original design envisioned by Professor Tono more than 50 years ago and an essential part of the design principal of "borrowed scenery" present in many Japanese Gardens

As a member of the Garden for almost 40 years, and a current Board member, I a devoted advocate for the value of the Garden to our community. Its beauty and serenity are a very special asset and a major draw for visitors to our City. The photos included below show the affect of the encroaching vegetation.

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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**2016 view from Portland Japanese Garden:
400,000 visitors**



**1971 View from Portland Japanese Garden:
30,000 visitors**

