May 17, 2017

Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Portland City Council
1221 SW 4th Ave Ste 230
Portland, OR 97204

RE: Parking Management Toolkit

Dear Commissioner Saltzman,

The Sellwood-Moreland neighborhood is experiencing phenomenal growth with 1,438 residential units in the development pipeline, a 24% increase over the total number of units in our neighborhood in 2015. As a neighborhood, we are not equipped to deal with the parking issues caused by infill development and increased commercial activity. We urge you to approve the residential parking management toolkit and provide neighborhoods with the ability to manage parking demand.

In December 2016, Council heard a proposal from PBOT for a parking management toolkit that includes an option for a residential permit program which would provide neighborhoods and PBOT with the authority to develop and implement effective overnight permits. The program was based on the unanimous recommendation of a stakeholder advisory committee. Council did not vote on the proposal and has not considered the matter since.

The Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League (SMILE) is concerned at Council's lack of action on Residential Parking Permits. Parking is one of the top issues we hear about from our residents and business owners, and continues to be a controversial issue which we lack the tools to address. This issue has only worsened since Council voted to waive parking minimums for projects that contain affordable housing. We welcome affordable housing in our neighborhood, but we also understand why people are frustrated: Council has voted to limit parking supply, but has not given neighborhoods any solutions for managing parking demand. Without these solutions, we don't have an answer to residents' and businesses' concerns. Without an answer, we risk a major backlash against housing developments which contain affordable housing but do not contain parking.

We urge you to provide neighborhoods with a toolkit to manage parking demand, including the option for overnight residential permits.

Sincerely,

Joel Leib, President
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Board of Directors

Cc: Mayoral Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly