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Subject: 122 Anderson Street

Dear Jean,

I'm writing in response to a written notice that I received about a Level 2 Site plan application to Portland Planning for the property located at 122 Anderson Street. I understand that the request is to allow Nova Star Ferry to stage trucks and freight at this site. I trust that you will be reviewing this application carefully to ensure public safety in light of the increasing development in the area.

I am very interested in learning more about this application/proposal and have the following thoughts that I would like you to consider with your review:

There has been a considerable amount of vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the corner of Fox and Anderson Street. The likelihood of these further increasing is great in light of two current residential development proposals (Washington Ave/Fox St and Anderson/ Fox Street).

There are many children who live in the neighborhood who ride bikes, sometimes play in the streets, and cross the intersection of Fox and Anderson Street. Due to the vicinity of the basketball courts and Fox Field there are a considerable amount of minors at play in the area which could be potential safety concerns, especially due to the height of trucks and limited lower visibility.

For the last 2 to 3 years funding has been secured to have a pedestrian crosswalk at the corner of Fox and Anderson St. Proposed plans included narrowing this intersection to prioritize pedestrian crossing for safety purposes. In addition to this there were plans to put sidewalks in on Anderson St. and traffic calming measures. It will be vital to ensure that the appropriate City personnel (i.e., Bruce Hyman) are consulted with this proposal.

The vehicle and pedestrian traffic has also increased in front of this property with the addition of the Muslim Community Center, Tadem Coffee, and Bunker Brewery. I hope that you will ensure that any plans or proposals for additional vehicle traffic, especially to large tractor trailer trucks, will prioritize public safety.

I would be grateful for opportunity to meet with you to discuss this further. I have also spoken to a few neighbors who shared similar thoughts to those above.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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