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203 Fore St. Home 2 Development

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RE: 203 Fore St. Home 2 Development

Dear Ms. Cameron,

I am a Portland resident living at 207 Fore St. I have lived in a condominium above the Hampton Inn for more than 6 years and I consider the Hampton Inn to be a good neighbor. They keep the property neat and clean and noise level at a minimum. Because the proposed development is adjacent to the existing hotel and has the same owners, I assume that their priorities will remain the same.

Although the new development will bring more traffic to an already congested area, I am pleased that the proposed hotel will have adequate parking for all of their guests and will have valet parking which streamlines the in-and-out vehicle process. I have observed that hotel traffic occurs at a time different from typical rush hour traffic, and hotel traffic is heavier on weekends when many businesses are closed.

I also note that the plan will include a public/pedestrian walk-through from Middle St. to Fore St. for walkers to easily navigate the block. I appreciate that the design of the new hotel does not abut directly on the existing Hampton Inn as was originally planned many years ago. The separation of buildings will be more visually pleasing.

Finally, I am aware that some of my neighbors have opposed a rooftop bar at the proposed site. This neighborhood already has much outdoor seating at existing restaurants/bars, e.g., Sebago Brewing, Duckfat, and Eventide. We live in downtown Portland and thus should expect reasonable outdoor activities in the spring and summer.

I support the proposed project at 203 Fore St. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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