
Support for One Joy Place

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Jean,

I live at 30 Winter Street in Portland and am writing to voice my support for the proposed residential development at One Joy Place, for the public record. My support is based on the merits of the proposed project itself and the positive track record of the developer. The project will replace the structurally unsound remains of an old building with modern for-sale housing that is desperately needed in the West End. The proposed building is appropriately scaled for the neighborhood and will attract homeowners to the area. The proposed development also adequately addresses the City's parking requirements. The developer has worked closely with municipal leadership to propose improvements to the adjacent City-owned parking lot in exchange for parking access for One Joy Place residents. All aspects of the project have been thoughtfully designed, and the project would seem to adequately address all municipal requirements.

I have known the developer, Todd Alexander, professionally and personally for approximately 10 years. He has a successful track record of developing housing projects across the country. Additionally, he lives in the West End and has demonstrated a profound commitment to the improvement of the neighborhood. Todd recently-developed West Port Lofts on Tate Street, which like One Joy Place, replaced an underutilized parcel with much-needed modern for-sale housing. Todd has the experience and expertise to see One Joy Place through to successful completion.

As you know, the dilapidated structure that currently sits on the Joy Place site is both an eyesore and a physical hazard. Todd Alexander has patiently and persistently worked with the City to craft a plan that will finally redevelop the site. He took the proactive step of fencing the property once he had site control, but the neighborhood will still be best served by seeing this project be approved quickly, so that the existing structure can be demolished and replaced with new housing as quickly as possible.

Thank you very much.

-Peter

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