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Greetings!

We are writing yet again in opposition to HB-2007. Rather than reacquaint you with the contents of the legislation (presumably, and hopefully, you are sufficiently familiar with its particulars), we are taking this opportunity to acquaint the State Legislature with a few facts.

Our neighborhood, Laurelhurst, submitted declarations in support of, and in opposition to, the Historic District proposed for our approval in late May, 2017. These were counted last week, and here are the results:

- 1,817 Laurelhurst residents and property owners submitted declarations.
- **83.4% supported the historic district,**
- 13.2% opposed, and
- 3.4% were undecided.

Both property owners, and residents who do not own property, participated:

- Of property owners, 82.5% supported,
- 13.8% opposed,
- 3.7% were undecided.

Of residents who do not own property:

- 92.9% supported,
- 7.1% opposed, and
- 0.0% were undecided.

What can the savvy politician conclude from these independently validated figures? The overwhelmingly favorable endorsement of historic district designation for Laurelhurst is an implicit repudiation of pending legislation (HB-2007) designed expressly to eviscerate protection for existing homes.

As has been expressly stated by numerous Portland residents (inside and outside existing historic districts and regardless of whether or not such an application is pending), there is a solid core of voters who can - and will - remember at the time of the next election how legislators' votes on the bill reflect the concerns and positions of their constituents: these are voters, not simply corporations with financial self-interest at stake. Bluntly stated, support for this anti-environmental bit of commercially sponsored legislation will provoke a voter backlash... from us, at least. We can -and we will - vote our interests at the next election and support of HB-2007 is directly counter to environmentalist and anti-corporate sponsored bills are counter

to our interests.

Sincerely,

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