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Date: March 11, 2022

To: Barry Manning, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability  
Julia Reed, Portland Bureau of Transportation

From: League of Women Voters of Portland  
Debbie Kaye, president  
Debbie Aiona, Action Committee chair

RE: Montgomery Park to Hollywood Strategy – NW Plan

The League of Women Voters of Portland has been tracking the Economic Opportunity Analysis (EOA) process for over a year and has come to appreciate the importance of having sufficient industrial lands in the city from both an equity and environmental perspective. The EOA analysis provided by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff makes a clear case that jobs located in Portland’s industrial areas are disproportionately filled by people of color. Those jobs offer the opportunity for workers without college educations to hold middle-wage jobs and achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Furthermore, a tight industrial land supply is a barrier to adding critical fish and wildlife habitat in areas such as the Willamette River’s North Reach and to implementing other environmental protections essential to combating the effects of a warming planet.

We have seen the city time and again squander precious industrial land when more enticing redevelopment projects are proposed. The city should prioritize preservation of the industrial land we have and the restoration of brownfields located in industrial zones.

The League has very serious reservations regarding the Montgomery Park to Hollywood Project. The city cannot afford to lose the 30 acres of prime industrial land that will be converted to mixed use if this plan is adopted and implemented.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

Debbie Kaye, president

Debbie Aiona, Action Committee chair

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*To promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government.*