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TO: Portland City Council
FROM: Bayside Neighborhood Association
DATE: February 9, 2026
SUBJECT: Midtown Properties

Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

The Bayside Neighborhood Association respectfully requests that the Council pause any decisions regarding which portions of the Midtown property will be sold. Given the significance of this property to the future of our community and the potential long-term impacts of its development, it is essential that we proceed thoughtfully and with comprehensive public input.

We believe that the lots may need to be sub-divided before going to market, to engender a more diverse set of possible outcomes for this extraordinary piece of land. A delay in the decision-making process would allow for deeper engagement with residents, stakeholders, and urban planning experts to ensure that the choices made for Midtown reflect the best interests of Portland now and for generations to come.

Thank you for considering this request and for your continued dedication to our city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TB', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas Blackburn, President
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