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Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission
1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100
Portland, OR 97201

RE: Manufactured Dwelling Park Project

Dear Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission,

JOIN strongly encourages you to adopt the Manufactured Dwelling Park Project. This new zoning designation will contribute to the stability and longevity of 56 manufactured housing parks citywide, which provide affordable homes for over 3,000 Portland households.

Manufactured housing parks are home to older adults, people living with disabilities, veterans, people of color, immigrants, and families with young children. In many cases, these are the only homes accessible and affordable to those who would otherwise be priced out of the city or made homeless by rising housing costs. In other cases, manufactured homes provide an opportunity for Portlanders to escape homelessness and find stable housing.

For over two decades, our organization has been working to ensure that everyone in our community has a place to call home. Each week, we help 15-20 Portlanders leave homelessness for stable housing, and unfortunately our work is only getting more difficult as the rental market tightens. Too many of our neighbors – including families working full-time and seniors and people with disabilities living on fixed incomes - are finding it nearly impossible to afford rent.

It is time for urgent, innovative, and creative solutions, which is why initiatives like the Manufactured Dwelling Park Project are so critical. Our community simply cannot afford to lose the 3,000 homes that will be protected by this designation.

The loss of these manufactured homes would be counter-productive to our organization's and our community's efforts to end homelessness. For the

thousands of neighbors who call these parks home, the loss would be devastating. Thank you for your time and don't hesitate to reach out with questions.

Sincerely,

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Shannon Singleton, Executive Director

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Chris Bonner, Board President