

Old Town - Chinatown Visions

232 NW SIXTH AVENUE
PORTLAND, OR 97209

December 14, 2007

Commissioner Erik Sten
City of Portland
1221 SW Fourth Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Commissioner Sten:

The Old Town Chinatown Visions Committee is made up of a very diverse group of neighborhood stakeholders including businesses, property owners, developers, homeless providers, bars, restaurants, educational and public entities.

At the December 12, 2007 Visions Committee meeting, the committee approved a motion to request that development on Block 25 (including the proposed access center) stop immediately until the following have been accomplished:

1. Housing inventory by type in Old Town Chinatown
2. Plan for public involvement
3. How plans for Block 25 and the Grove Hotel fit into the neighborhood's no net gain/no net loss and 50/50 housing goals
4. Disclosure of how many units are planned for Block 25 and the Grove Hotel.

On behalf of the Old Town Chinatown Visions committee, I will be following up with you on the next steps in this process. Thank you for your consideration.

Howard Weiner

Co-chair, Old Town Chinatown Visions Committee

cc: Old Town Chinatown Visions Committee

City Bureau of Housing and Community Development: Director Will White and Homeless Programs Director Heather Lyons

Portland Development Commission: Board Chair Mark Rosenbaum, Director Bruce Warner, Downtown/Waterfront Development Manager Peter Englander

Housing Authority of Portland: Director Steve Rudman, Director of Development & Community Revitalization Mike Andrews

Transition Projects Inc, Executive Director Doreen Binder