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City Commissioner  
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Commissioner Saltzman,

Thank you for joining the Development Review Advisory Committee (DRAC) at our monthly meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We appreciated the dialogue and discussion of topics as well as your updates on goals and initiatives.

The DRAC supports the nexus study proposal you are bringing to the City Council on October 28<sup>th</sup>. It is important to explore opportunities and best practices in other cities so that Portland can make the best decisions for low and moderated income housing, and find opportunities to mitigate the impact of the increased demand. Please accept this letter as support from the DRAC for your proposal to fund a nexus study for an affordable housing impact fee.

And while we support the proposal for a nexus study, DRAC members remain concerned about the combined effect of fees on development. We were encouraged that you supported the DRAC workplan item to establish a subcommittee which would look at the overall impact of fees and charges and how they are affecting development and permitting. We look forward to working with you and your staff on this effort.

We appreciate your effort to involve us in the discussions of key issues that relate to development in our City. Many DRAC members are involved in other bureau advisory groups and bring a great deal of wisdom and experience to the table. Working together with you and your staff we believe great things can happen.

We hope you will join us at future DRAC meetings.

Sincerely,

Maryhelen Kincaid  
DRAC Chair