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Sara Wright
Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

Re: Discussion Draft of the Community Involvement Program

Dear Sara:

On March 15th the Multnomah Neighborhood Association sent you the attached letter, which expressed concerns identified in the neighborhood association's review of the Discussion Draft of the Community Involvement Program.

The SWNI Board of Directors at their March 23, 2016 meeting voted ten to eight (with two abstentions) to support the Multnomah Neighborhood Association letter. In general everyone agreed that there was inadequate time allotted for public review of the Discussion Draft of the Community Involvement Program document. The two points of concern, which the neighborhood identified as "Citizen Involvement" and "Recognized Organizations" had mixed reviews by board members.

Again, the board felt as did the Multnomah NA that there was a lack of opportunity to participate in the development of the Discussion Draft, and the schedule did not allow us sufficient time to review the document.

Thank you for your consideration of all comments.

Sincerely,

Sam Pearson
President
Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.