



**Commissioner Nick Fish**  
City of Portland

February 22, 2017

Elizabeth Aaby  
Board President  
NW Neighborhood Cultural Center  
1819 NW Everett St.  
Portland, OR 97209

Dear Ms. Aaby,

I write to express my support for preserving the NW Neighborhood Cultural Center as a center for the arts and the community.

I wear three hats: resident of the Goose Hollow neighborhood, Arts Commissioner for the City of Portland, and parent of two children.

I appreciate the important role played by the Northwest Children's Theater and its many programs to support art and culture in our city. Medium-sized arts organizations like the Children's Theater help to strengthen community, inspire our youth, and expand access to the arts.

I also recognize the importance of saving historic places in a rapidly changing city.

In the next few weeks, you and the NWNCC board will be making important decisions about the future of the Center, of the Children's Theater, and of our neighborhood. I understand options under consideration include selling the Center to the Children's Theater, demolishing and/or developing the building, or taking no action at this time.

As you carefully evaluate the options, I urge you to consider the long-term benefits to our community of preserving historic architecture and supporting community-based arts organizations. They are both part of what make Portland a special place to live, work and play.

Thank you for considering my views, and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Nick Fish  
Commissioner