



Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland

To: Tom Rinehart, CAO

From: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Date: November 8, 2018

Re: Portland Building Technology Investment

Thank you for updating me on the current budget status of the Portland Building Reconstruction Project and describing your proposal for Council to approve a separate technology investment for the future Portland Building, City Hall, and the 1900 Building. I appreciate the budget discipline to which the City's project team has adhered throughout the reconstruction effort. The City has clearly benefited from the team's laser focus on the scope, timeline, and budget.

On my request, the City Budget Office included language in the Fall BMP passed by City Council yesterday directing you to use your best judgement and the expertise of your team to invest in appropriate technology tools for the Portland Building with the contingency funds your team has successfully safeguarded thus far over the life of the project. I am convinced it is a responsible step to ask for this flexibility at this juncture, particularly with the healthy level of contingency funds you have retained. I trust that you will only spend what you believe is fiscally responsible and will not exceed the \$195 million budget cap.

Thanks to you and the project team for good work so far on this important effort. Please continue to keep me posted on your decisions on this and other salient issues as we prepare for employees to begin returning to the building next fall.