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To Whom it May Concern

Thank you for your involvement and presentation at City Council's February 19th hearing. It was a lively and informative hearing that helped Council understand the importance of this project and the importance these facilities hold in the community.

As you know, I am convinced that reservoir burial is the most prudent and responsible action this City Council can take in protecting our drinking water and preparing us for future regulations. The City Council remains committed to the project it approved last year, and we are moving forward.

I urge all members of the Friends of the Reservoirs to engage in the public process currently underway and assist our community in developing a world-class design plan for Portland Water Work's property at Mt. Tabor Park.

To that end, I am requesting that Friends of Reservoirs nominate four members who would be willing to sit on the Mt. Tabor Park Open Reservoir Replacement Project Public Advisory Committee (PAC). Please provide me this list with contact information and I will then appoint one of these nominees to the PAC. I trust that the Friends' nominee understand and respect that the PAC is charged with developing a design concept for what will happen once the reservoirs are buried. It is not a forum for protesting or lobbying a halt in the burial decision.

Your perspectives will be valuable to the PAC and I urge you to nominate citizens who work well with a large group and add value to the outcomes. Thank you again for your energy and advocacy. It is heartening to know that Portland's residents are passionate about their parks.

Sincerely,

Dan Saltzman