



**OFFICE OF MAYOR TED WHEELER
CITY OF PORTLAND**

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Eben Fodor
Fodor & Associates, LLC
394 East 32nd Avenue
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Re: Questions of PSC Membership made on behalf of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association

Dear Mr. Fodor,

We received your letter, written on behalf of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association, related to the membership of the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC). We are committed to ensuring that decision-making and recommending bodies follow State and City policy regarding conflicts of interest.

Your first question was related to the PSC membership. As allowed and directed by State law, the PSC has only two members who engage principally in the buying, selling, leasing or developing of real estate for profit. Teresa St. Martin is a professional realtor and Eli Spevak is president of a development company.

Architects, planners and attorneys are not developers for the purposes of determining PSC membership. Katherine Schultz is an architect employed by an architectural firm. Michelle Rudd and Jeff Bachrach are land use attorneys. They provide services to developers, but they do not engage principally in the buying, selling, or leasing or developing of real estate for profit, either as individuals, as members of a partnership, as officers of a corporation or as employees of a corporation.

Your second question is about PSC Commissioner Spevak's participation in middle housing policy. Mr. Spevak did not participate in advancing the middle housing policy as a member of the PSC because he was not a PSC member when the Commission made its Task 4 policy recommendations to City Council. In addition, the PSC did not propose the middle housing policy to City Council. City Council added that policy during their deliberations and vote.

Finally, Mr. Spevak was a member of the Residential Infill Project Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Like all Committee members, he disclosed the addresses of all the properties he or his business owned at the time. The PSC has not acted on the Residential Infill Project. When they do, all PSC Commissioners will evaluate whether they have potential conflicts of interest and will disclose any such conflicts at that time.

We take our responsibility for transparency in decision-making seriously. If you have further questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Wheeler', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ted Wheeler
Mayor

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