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Dear Dr. Heying,

The decision to secure the Mt. Tabor and Washington Park reservoirs, by burying them, has been called into question by several hundred Portland residents. As the commissioners in charge of the Water Bureau during the course of these deliberations, we recognize that the public dialogue has not satisfied all reasonable concerns. We want to honor the desire for more discussion and evaluation, and we want to give those with opposing, skeptical, or critical viewpoints more access to City Council as a whole.

We have scheduled a public hearing on the decision for the evening of February 19th, at 6:00 p.m. Portland Water Works will have 20 minutes to present their analysis and rationale for reservoir burial, the Friends of the Reservoirs will have 20 minutes for their presentation, and then we will open the hearing up to general testimony.

City Council has looked at alternatives for securing these facilities and understands that all solutions have their pros and cons. While we believe that the analysis to date argues in favor of burying the reservoirs as the most prudent option, offering a forum where different points of view can come to light can only benefit the public.

We look forward to hearing from you on the 19th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Saltzman'.

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