

January 21, 2015

Dear Mayor Hales, and Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick and Saltzman

Re: Open Reservoirs Resolution

In 2004 Mayor Katz appointed citizen representatives of the community to the Open Reservoirs Independent Review Panel. After six months of review the Panel voted by majority to retain our open reservoirs at Mount Tabor and Washington Park.

The EPA LT2 drinking water regulation is being reviewed into 2016 so there is time to stop the destruction and disconnecting of our open reservoirs. New York City and other utilities in New York, along with New Jersey are now in discussion with EPA.

The City of Portland has received scientific evidence to support an EPA LT2 waiver. The Board of Directors of SE Uplift requests that the City of Portland invite Senators Merkley and Wyden, along with the rest of the Oregon Congressional delegation, to work with New York and New Jersey in requesting an open reservoir EPA waiver – stopping the costly and unnecessary removal of the open reservoirs, saving money and keeping our water safe.

Sincerely,



Robert McCullough

President

SE Uplift Board of Directors

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