



To:

Mayor Ted Wheeler  
Commissioner Gonzalez  
Commissioner Mapps  
Commissioner Rubio  
Commissioner Ryan  
Andrew Fitzpatrick

**Subject:** Recommendation to Amend City Code Section 7.02.875 Downtown Business Incentive Credit

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The Central Eastside Industrial Council (CEIC) is aware that a recommendation will be presented to City Council on February 28 to amend City Code Section 7.02.875 concerning the expansion of the Downtown Business Incentive Credit Program into Central Eastside Industrial District. We value your attention to this program, which has already shown positive impacts on Portland's Central City.

As the Central Eastside's business association, the CEIC represents the interests of our members. Encompassing 22% of Central City's total acreage, our district is home to 1,200 businesses and 22,000 employees spanning diverse industries. Our advocacy for the program's expansion aligns with our mission of fostering a vibrant, prosperous, safe, and inclusive district.

Expansion to the Central Eastside Industrial District signifies an inclusive stride towards our collective objectives: supporting Central City's recovery through business expansion, reducing tax burdens, improving financial viability, and enhancing competitiveness for our eligible district businesses.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter and urge you to vote in support of the expansion to further strengthen our shared economic goals and revitalization endeavors in the Central City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CH", enclosed within a large, loopy oval.

Carolyne Holcomb  
Executive Director  
Central Eastside Industrial Council and Central Eastside Together