

19 January 2010

Mayor Kitty Piercy 777 Pearl Street Eugene OR 97401

Dear Mayor:

I write this letter to inform you of motion US09/10-11 passed by the University of Oregon Senate on January 13, 2010. The motion opposes the planned development of the first 4.3-acre increment of the Riverfront Research Park north of the railroad tracks on the South bank of the Willamette River until the University undergoes a student and faculty inclusive, open process for revising the Riverfront Research Park Master Plan. This motion, which closely resembles a 1999 University Senate resolution on the Riverfront Research Park (US98/99-4), was approved by the Senate by a vote of 29-8 with one abstention.

We hope that University Senate's opposition to developing the Riverfront Research Park area north of the railroad tracks without a full and open planning process will provide useful information to the City in its on-going deliberations on the Riverfront Research Park and the ORI project.

Respectfully.

Nathan Tublitz Professor of Biology

Member, Institute of Neuroscience President, University of Oregon Senate

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