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Letter to Portland City Council

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THE CITY OF
PORTLAND



OREGON

July 29, 1980

City Council
Portland, Oregon

Members of the Council:

On July 22, 1980, the Design Committee members reviewed the design proposals for the Pioneer Courthouse Square, submitted by the five consulting firms selected to participate in the Pioneer Square Design Competition. It was the concensus of the Design Committee members that the Jury of Awards' selection of the design concept prepared by Martin, Macy, Kelly, O'Donnell, Gill, Reynolds was appropriate because this design best fulfilled design criteria previously recommended by the Design Committee. These included:

1. That the present program may be interpreted by the participants as a highly active multi-use space in the midst of an already highly active area. The Committee supports those elements of the program that suggest a more passive, calming solution.
2. That special attention be given to the proposed design standards that relate, and specifically to standard 1.6, Parks and Plazas.
3. That special attention be given to the historic importance of the Pioneer Courthouse and the City in general.
4. That there be a commitment to leaving the finalists free to interpret the program requirements in an artistic manner not restricting creativity.
5. That the functional aspects of the solution be kept simple and allow for flexibility of use.
6. That the solution be of an enduring aesthetic character.

Further, Committee members indicated their support of any Council action necessary to help assure development of this important Downtown place at an early date.

Sincerely,

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Acting Planning Bureau Director

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