



To: Commissioner Dan Ryan and Mayor Ted Wheeler  
From: Central Eastside Industrial Council (CEIC)

Re: Central Eastside C3PO Villages

June 21, 2021

The Central Eastside Industrial Council welcomed the C3PO Villages into the Central Eastside when the City needed to provide this emergency shelter with the onset of COVID. Our understanding was that the villages would remain open during the COVID crisis and moved thereafter to allow Prosper Portland to develop the “ODOT block” parcels. The City did not want to enter into a Good Neighbor Agreement with the business association at that time because of the predicted short term stay of the villages.

In the Fall of 2020, the CEIC was told that the villages would move by June 30, 2021. We now understand that neither of the villages will be moved by the aforementioned date. We have been involved in the discussion about the move and understand how difficult it can be to find a suitable alternative.

The CEIC asks the City of Portland and Right 2 Dream Too (R2D2), the shelter sponsor, to enter into a Good Neighbor Agreement with our organization in the case that either or both of the villages remain past August 31, 2021. This would establish a clearer line of communication between our business association and the villages. It would also set expectations for maintenance of the area around the shelters, set a cadence for regular check in meetings, and establish pathways for the business community to support the villages, just as the Good Neighborhood Agreement has done for R2D2 in the Lloyd.

Should the City should find a new location for both villages immediately, this agreement could serve as a template for the planned outdoor shelters recently announced by Commissioner Ryan’s office.

Finally, we ask that the City set a hard move date for the C3PO villages. The zoning on this property doesn’t not allow for outdoor shelters, and, furthermore, the ODOT blocks are to be dedicated to the development of a major job center for the Central Eastside, supported by our area’s tax increment financing funds. We continue to be your partner in searching for other property in the Central Eastside for the relocation of the villages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deane Funk".

Deane Funk  
CEIC Board President

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Kate Merrill  
CEIC Executive Director