

# ***Overlook Neighborhood Association***

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Noise Control Program  
City of Portland  
Attention: Paul van Orden  
Re: 2019-120363-000-00-NV

Dear Mr. van Orden and the rest of the Noise Control Program,

At the Feb. 19, 2019 Overlook Neighborhood Association meeting, the OKNA Board heard from many neighbors concerned about the application for a noise variance (2019-120363-000-00-NV) for construction on the adidas campus at 5020 N Greeley Ave. After considering the merits, need and impacts of the variance, the OKNA Board voted unanimously to oppose it.

This variance would allow work that would be unacceptably disruptive to the residential neighborhood around the construction site. While we understand the challenges inherent in a project of this scope, the noise ordinance limits construction noise hours specifically to afford neighbors predictable peace and quiet and at least one day off each week.

The applicant asks for expanded work hours on Saturdays from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for five consecutive weekends beginning Feb. 23, 2019. Normal construction work hours are Saturdays 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays not at all.

Although the construction property is zoned EG2, the surrounding properties are zoned R5. The nearby neighborhood is single-family homes that have working families living in them. Loud trucks idling and construction work at 5:30 a.m. and into the evening would interfere with their weekend sleep and other relaxing activities. This could be most acute for children and infants who live nearby. Meanwhile, Sundays are the only day of the week when neighbors can count on some quiet time. That should not be taken away from them for even one week.

Limiting work hours to those prescribed by city rules might be an inconvenience to one large employer, but expanded construction hours would be even more disruptive to dozens of neighbors.

OKNA also would like to share its disappointment with adidas' outreach about this variance. Letters were inconsistently posted on neighbors' doors late in the afternoon on Friday before a holiday weekend. That limited opportunity for input and discussion. Good communication is essential to good relations between neighbors.

This project has been extremely disruptive to the neighborhood and will continue to be disruptive for years. Please do not add to neighbors' construction burden. **The Overlook Neighborhood Association asks that you deny the variance.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christian J. Trejbal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christian J. Trejbal

Overlook Neighborhood Association, Chair