

Multnomah County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Members of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners:

Allow me to introduce myself. I'm a longtime freelance writer who has extolled the virtues of Portland and Portlanders in publications such as The Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, as well as various food and travel magazines. Also, I am the immediate past president of the Portland Culinary Alliance.

James Beard is one of the illustrious Portlanders I love to brag about in my articles. A few years ago I had the great pleasure of writing about attending a dinner at the James Beard House in Greenwich Village. It seems more than fitting that Beard's own hometown should have its own landmark building bearing his name and promoting his love of local foodstuffs and cuisine.

I urge you to approve the proposal submitted by Melvin Mark Development, SERA Architects and the Historic Portland Public Market Foundation to develop the West Morrison Bridgehead property as a site for the year-round James Beard Public Market.

If he were still among us, Beard himself would frequent such a market, encourage all his students and colleagues to do so, and tell every curious reporter of Portland's great achievement in building this market.

As for myself, I look forward to the day that I will not just brag about Portland's favorite culinary son, but also about the fabulous public market that proudly bears his name.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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