

Why I stay in downtown Portland (and nothing to do with the stock market)....

Tuesday I had an investment conference at El Gaucho in downtown Portland attended by other financial advisors at various firms. As we shared stories, the subject of leaving downtown and moving to Lake Oswego came up. Most at my table were taking advantage of their firms giving them options to move and the reasons for leaving the city varied. One attendee shared she didn't feel safe downtown and cited an example of a threat to her associate's personal safety. When pressed, she shared that this event happened more than a year but she still felt the need to send our political leaders a message. I am committed to staying downtown. Most selfishly, I can now walk to the office from my apartment. This morning I strolled through the Park blocks, the roses were in bloom and while Teddy Roosevelt's statue has been removed, so has the graffiti and garbage. It was a lovely walk. On my way to El Gaucho, I stopped and listed to Noon Tunes at Pioneer Square and enjoyed a beautiful jazz band participating in the summer concert series. I feel strongly that a strong downtown leads to vibrant surrounding communities. Our city has much work ahead of it and we won't all agree on what the solutions are and who should spearhead the future, but I firmly believe that abandoning our city won't provide a foundation for success. Cameron Wealth Planning will maintain its downtown office. But as Charlie said, "the best ability is availability" and we will meet you (or zoom call) when and where you are most comfortable.

Be well.

Lyn Cameron

"The life of a nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous." -Frederick Douglass

"The best ability is availability. When you work with and for the best people in the business and you love what you do, showing up every day is a joy, but more than that, it is a privilege." -Charlie Cameron

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