

April 1, 2015



To Whom It May Concern:

As a rural landowner who would like to keep my five acres as rural as possible, I can understand that other people might also like to own a piece of land that they could farm. (Yes, we do consider it farming even on 5 acres as does the Department of Agriculture regardless of how some other county officials and residents may feel.) However if all the 5 acre and larger parcels are divided, where will all the water, sewer and other services come from to support those small farms? None of the small cities have the capacity to add them to their current facilities and the city of Yacolt where all the houses have septic systems is beginning to have drinking water quality issues. With the obvious climate change issues and possible drought conditions, everyone couldn't tap into the Public Utilities to water their gardens and farm plots and if everyone digs a well, the water table and local aquifers would definitely be overloaded.

As much as I like my small farm, I realize that large parcels must be available for industrial uses and if every current 20 to 50 acre farm is allowed to be subdivided for housing, the county isn't gaining much in the way of jobs.

It is my desire that the county councilors reject Alternative 4.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eloyce O'Connor".

Eloyce O'Connor
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