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Subject Contest the inclusion of Parcel 130047-000
Message

County Councilor,

I am writing this to you to contest the inclusion of "Parcel 130047-000 and Case #PLD2015-00021 into the City of Washougal. The following are some situational facts that you may want to be aware of for your vote regarding this matter. As you may be aware of these items of concern I would encourage you to read my last paragraph in this document as it would explain my narrative.

A Environment

- Wetlands
- Streams
- Over 50% of WA forests exist on parcels of 5A or less. The decision on this parcel potentially deletes this environmental resource, and discourages its further regional development
- This is a critical natural area
- Riparian and wildlife refuge (removing the rest of the forest would eliminate the existing deer, red tail hawks and owl families from the area)
- Existing Clark County Environmental Goals and Policies state that, "Urban growth areas shall be established consistent with the protection of the environment and the enhancement of the county's high quality of life, including air and water quality, and the availability of water." We wish to maintain this quality of life, in this environment, for ourselves, for our children, and for others who choose to preserve this approach to our habitat. The proposed project compromises that opportunity. Multiple properties, within existing city boundaries, are readily available for any needed R1-7.5 development

B Existing preferences personal/family preferences for location and nature of family housing

- We have moved here, purchased, built and grown in this open environment
- Away from city
- Streams and trees abound

- Rural habitat for raising children.
- Riparian and wildlife refuge for involvement on a daily basis
- Able to have and use horses, to keep farm animals
- Opportunities for farming
- Opportunities for 4H and rural traditions, for our children and for ourselves
- Economics i.e. decreased property values

C There are conflicts relating to the proposal for incorporating this area into the growth plan.

- The parcel would be an island of dense development, well away from any existing similar Washougal site, and incongruous with extensive surrounding predominate 5+ acre parcels
- Washougal sites appropriate for such development, inside Washougal's existing city limits, are not being developed
- Dramatic expansion of Washougal city sewer and protective services would be required
- Adjacent roads are inadequate, narrow, steep and in some cases not paved
- The incorporation of this parcel into Washougal does not appear to represent an orderly or efficient use of city resources
- Those affected by this change have not been informed/involved by the City of Washougal or by the County
- The Clark County Planning Commission recommended against the incorporation of this parcel in Clark county Urban Growth Boundary Map
- An accelerated application time was used to submit the inclusion of this subdivision into the Washougal and County plans
- The land beneath cut timber has now been recontoured
- As one effect of the previously completed clear cutting on this elevated parcel, surface water is reported to now flow downhill to adjacent properties perhaps the expected down-hill effect of clear cutting

In the end after reviewing these items of interest, I am highly disappointed in the counties oversight in this current situation. The county originally went through a significant process to accommodate a "cluster subdivision" on the 40 acres and yet during this process with the county, the developer and the city planner for Washougal were already planning to incorporate this 40 acres into the city of Washougal. The reason the neighbors did not object further was that the county stated that the rest of the 40 acres would remain as is "in perpetuity". My suggestion to resolve this current situation would be to allow the existing cluster division to continue as planned and allow the natural progression of the urban growth boundary/annexation to take place in due time versus "cherry picking" certain areas to accommodate a few

Sincerely,

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