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All:

Attached, please find a letter from CREDC on the Rural Industrial Land Bank hearing tonight. Thanks

From: Mike Bomar [<mailto:MBomar@credc.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 9:34 AM
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Cc: steve@horensteinlawgroup.com; Elizabeth Scott; Olson, Julie (Councilor); Boldt, Marc
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Oliver,

Please see our attached letter supporting the Rural Industrial Land Bank applications on tonight's agenda

Thank you for your work on this and consideration of our input

Best,

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Tuesday, April 5, 2016

The Honorable Marc Boldt, Chair
The Honorable Julie Olson
The Honorable Jeanne Stewart
The Honorable David Madore
The Honorable Tom Mielke
Board of Clark County Councilors
P.O. Box 5000
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

Dear Clark County Councilors:

The Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) supports policy recommendations that ensure Clark County has an adequate supply of employment-ready land consistent with the strategies outlined in the 2011 Clark County Economic Development Plan.

To that end, CREDC supports the preservation and development of office- and industrial-zoned land in the County. In particular, rail-served industrial employment lands remain in high demand and short supply in the Greater Portland Metropolitan Statistical Area, resulting in lost opportunities to attract and retain regionally significant employers.

Particularly, the addition of the Lagler and Ackerland properties will represent a size and character of site not available elsewhere in Clark County. The designation will allow CREDC to provide a competitive response to inquiries that would provide significant job growth and other positive economic gains for the County. Over the past few years, the area has lost several specific opportunities within our target sector industries because large sites were not available to meet the development-ready timelines necessary to make the investment.

The designation of a rural industrial land bank will help to support the development of industrial and rail-served land in the County and is consistent with CREDC's employment land policy. We appreciate your attention to this important economic development matter and appreciated the opportunity to weigh in on this issue.

Sincerely,

Mike Bomar
President, CREDC