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Re: Subdivision Case No. SUB21-09 Address is: 4540 Pringle Rd SE, Salem OR 97302

Mr. Panko,

My husband and I have lived in the area for more than 40 years. When we moved here most of the area was still in the process of being developed and we were thrilled to be on the outskirts of Salem with a considerable amount of open land surrounding the area and an old orchard across Pringle where wildlife still flourished. We're now surrounded with a multitude of new homes with even more planned as part of the Fairview project and now the city is proposing that we add to that influx with more housing in the one area of open that this community still enjoys.

My husband taught at Leslie Middle School for 18 years. His classroom sizes were upwards of 40 students nineteen years ago and we doubt the situation has improved considering the new homes that have since been added in this neighborhood. Where is this new multitude of children going to attend school? Are there also plans for new middle and elementary schools to support the educational needs of the hundreds of children you plan to bring into the area?

Adding an intersection at this blind corner at Battlecreek and Pringle ... really? Granted the road has improved considerably since we moved to the area but I still remember the almost weekly accidents at that curve. Where would you suggest adding traffic control? Trying to safely get onto Pringle from our side street just north of that curve is already exciting. And since the city accessed our area to 12th Street some years ago we've had three pretty major accidents at the end of our driveway including one fatality. Once Hilficker is opened to Battlecreek we can only cringe at the impact the streets in our enclave are going to endure when people realize that access to Pringle can be obtained without having to deal with that intersection at all. The fact that this neighborhood is already anticipating a serious increase in traffic due to the approval of the building of a new Costco a mile away makes this proposal to add even more traffic more than upsetting.

I understand the attraction of adding to the tax rolls and increasing the revenue the city will enjoy but nevertheless I am compelled to tell you that this proposed addition will damage this Morningside community. Our property values will devalue, we will be dealing with a serious increase in traffic concerns, we will lose a significant portion of what little green space we still enjoy and despite all the promises to retain in part the things that make our area special those things will be at the bottom of the agenda and may, conveniently, never come to fruition. Please, don't approve this proposal.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

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