

Aaron Panko

From: Christine Kidd <ckidd@outlook.com>
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To: Aaron Panko
Subject: Subdivision Case No. SUB21-09

City of Salem
Planning Division
555 Liberty Street SE
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Application for 2 Phase, 138-Lot Single Family Residential Subdivision at 4540 Pringle Rd SE
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Attention: Aaron Panko, City of Salem Planning Division

Dear Mr. Panko,

This is the third time in the past decade that I've written to your office in an attempt to preserve trees, wildlife and habitat from destructive subdivision expansion projects in South Salem. Each time, your office approved the project with only minor amendments. Hundreds of white oaks and Douglas firs have been destroyed on your watch. It is clear that your department does not take environmental concerns seriously. You go where the money goes and that's why our planet is in the mess it's now in.

As the author Richard Powers states:

"What has to break down is our sense that we can deform and force the living world to confirm to our sense of maximum efficiency, maximum return on investment."

Status quo thinking will ensure the continued destruction of species, habitat and ultimately humanity. We are living in a climate crisis. Each of us must bear witness to the life forms that we depend on for balanced weather cycles, clean air and clean water. Every tree matters. Every pollinator matters.

I urge you to deny this project approval. The developer can resubmit better plans that take into account traffic safety, land stewardship, and tree preservation. Until that time, this project should be put on hold. We only have one chance to get it right. Let's not rush into a short sighted, ill conceived, money grabbing plan. We can do better. We must do better.

Sincerely,
Christine Kidd
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