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City of Salem
Planning Division
Case # SUB21-09

Dear Sir,

I'm writing this letter in opposition to a proposed subdivision on the property at 4540 Pringle Rd SE. Known as the Meyer Farm. There are several reasons why I'm against this development. I'm not an environmentalist but I don't like the idea of several hundred trees being cut down to make room for 138 houses. That is way too many houses for this 30 acre property. If any more houses are allowed to be built on this property there should be a limit of 4 houses. This property probably is the home for wild life such as deer which will become displaced. There will also be a big increase in traffic on Pringle Road & the other roads in the area. Roads in the area are not able to handle that much extra traffic. When Costco south of this property opens there will be worse traffic backups on Kubler Blvd than there are now and this subdivision traffic will only make it worse. Kubler Blvd isn't able to handle that much extra traffic. This subdivision will also require water, sewer, & electric hookups & the other utilities that developments require. Another subdivision project just got underway on Battle Creek Rd. where 60 houses are going to be built on 11 acres. This is also going to add lots of extra traffic in the area.

I think that the best use for this property is to keep it as farm property or for it to be made into a park with sensible tree thinning done as needed to maintain a healthy stand of timber. This property is the last remaining parcel of the Joseph Waldo Donation Land Claim of 1852 and should be preserved. I'm tired of these property developers getting good land, much of it farm land and

putting as many houses or apartments on it that will fit on it. They don't care about how this will impact the neighborhoods. All they care about is how much money they can put in their pockets!

I would urge you to honor the wishes of the Morningside Neighborhood Association & all of the people like myself who are against this subdivision and turn down the request of Kehoe Northwest Properties.

Sincerely,

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