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Land Conservation and Development Commission
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Subject: **Objection to Metro's exclusion of Area 9B from designation as Urban Reserve**

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a written objection to the recent recommendation that the Commission **deny all objections** and approve the submittal of the Portland Metro area Urban and Rural Reserve designations.

There are several reasons for this objection. First of all, the "L" within Area 9B is an area that legally should have been included in the Urban Reserve designation. This area is readily serviceable and could be easily accommodated into current and future plans for sewer, transportation, fire, and other infrastructure such as water. The water towers are within 500 yards from the end of our driveway. A middle school is planned on the western boundary of our property. The "L" is relatively flat to gently sloping and it's very close to Bethany Village Town Center. It is a logical fit for urban reserve designation. Pictures are attached of our 40 acres on 14421 NW Springville Rd, Portland, OR 97229 that show this gently sloping land. **This land has been defined as conflicted agricultural land, it is not suitable as agricultural foundation land.**

The decision that was made appears to be political, following political boundaries. It was not based on factors defined in the statutes for making these types of decisions. There appears to be no discrimination on the part of the staff when the entire designation packet was endorsed, and they didn't look sections of the areas covered such as the lower portion of area 9B that should have been a shoe-in for urban reserves. They just bought the entire package. Legal action will be considered as it is clear our governing agencies are responsibly following the statutes.

The L in Area 9B doesn't meet the guidelines established by SB 1011 for rural reserves and it does meet the criteria for establishing Urban Reserves.

Sincerely,



Kathy Blumenkron









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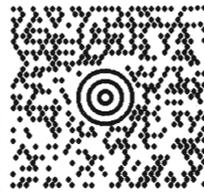
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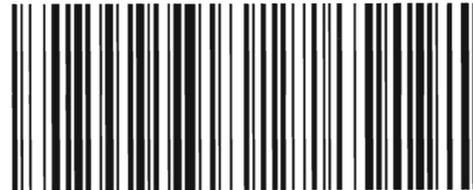


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