Subject of Testimony: Proposed landfill expansion

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Written Testimony:

Dear Commissioners:

I've been a resident of NE Corvallis for twenty years and very occasionally get a whiff of the landfill when the atmospheric conditions are right to waft the aroma our way. Since Republic Services has started the process to get a permit to expand the landfill, I've gotten more than a whiff of all the reasons it's not a good idea to pile ever more waste there.

Here's what I understand: that landfill takes in way, way more waste than Corvallis generates, and it's not in a good place for a landfill. Given that we're on the wet side of the Cascades, a lot of water leaches through the trash and makes its way into the groundwater or gets trucked to the water treatment plant, and that water contains lots of icky chemicals. Plus the heap of garbage generates a whole lot of methane, more than RS was aware of before more sophisticated monitoring methods were available.

Republic Services needs to figure out some other way to serve its customers far and wide whose garbage is ending up in our landfill. Being denied a permit here will force the corporation to do that. It has the resources and now it just needs a reason.

I devoutly hope you commissioners will uphold the unanimous NO issued by our planning commission, which was the end result of a painstaking process of gathering information and public testimony. It's time to draw a line. Please stand firm and honor the will of the majority of people in Corvallis.

Thank you sincerely,
Lorraine Anderson

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