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Subject: Uphold Planning Commission Denial of LU-24-027
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Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd,

My name is Andrew Broz, and I live at 165 SW Wake Robin Ave in Corvallis. I have lived in the area for 2 years now, and plan on living here long term.

I am writing to strongly oppose any expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill and sincerely urge you to uphold the Planning Commission's unanimous denial of LU-24-027 (Republic Services' application to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill). The Planning Commission already went through the process of carefully considering all evidence, as well as a considerable number of testimonies, and unanimously decided that the application did not meet the required Burden of Proof. This appeal is simply an extended effort by a corporation to try and get their way against the will of Benton County residents.

The proposed expansion will absolutely interfere significantly with the character of the surrounding area and impose a sizable burden on our public resources, in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2). The applicant does not adequately address major concerns about uncontrolled landfill gas leaks containing methane and PFAS that threaten local ecosystems and community health, the massive quantities of leachate trucked offsite (40 million gallons in 2024) containing PFAS and other toxic industrial chemicals that end up in our waterways, potential fire danger from ignition sources inside and outside the landfill from after-hours/unmonitored hot loads and equipment fires. They also have not adequately accounted for the undue burden on local fire department health and safety to fight any of these landfill fires, and the community which will have to step up and monitor/report fires after hours. The traffic increases that pose safety risks on nearby highways/roads/bike paths, the odor/noise issues will degrade quality of life for residents and visitors alike, and there will be litter on roadsides and private property including our local food farms. There will be long term negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values as well as long-term climate environmental consequences for future generations of Corvallis.

The proposed expansion also does not align with Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative core values. The existing landfill already undermines our shared goals for responsible environmental stewardship, prioritizing public health, and sustainable waste management; an expanded landfill would impede this goal even further.

I believe Benton County should invest in protecting its reputation for outdoor recreation, clean air and water, and higher education, not expand a landfill that is already a huge blight, perpetuates pollution and places a long-term burden on local communities!

Please reject LU-24-027. Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the health and future of Benton County.

Sincerely,

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