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My name is Ken Kenaston and I live at 2870 SW Morris Ave, Corvallis, OR 97333. I am opposed to the Landfill Expansion, LU-24-027. I am a past Benton County Planning Commissioner and spoke and voted against the expansion proposal voted on in 2021 and this one.

i write as a believer that the Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners speak for our community; helping to guide our community in the direction we want it to develop. We want our public representatives to help us achieve the vision we want, not the vision of Republic Services as proposed in this first (of many) expansion proposals. The push for continued landfill expansion will never end as long as we want let it happen. We not only need to stop the landfill expansion proposal now but move to adopt a county comprehensive policy prohibiting landfill operation in the future.

This proposal does not meet the criteria for approval in 53.215 (1) and (2) even with the weak or ineffective proposed Conditions of Approval and must be denied.

The previous expansion proposal (LU-21-047) was unanimously denied by the Planning Commission. That was a different proposal that was larger in scope and involved a controversial road closure. The road closure is not in this proposal but the 2021 denial was based on numerous testimony with other violations of the conditional use criteria. Those impacts have not changed with this proposal and you cannot make those concerns go away with the proposed conditions of approval. If the conditions of approval don't solve the problem, you must make findings to deny this application.

Enough is enough Nearby neighbors have been living through the nuisance concerns of odor and noise. These nuisances have become **serious interference** with their use of their property as it has expanded operations over the many years, The **character of the area has certainly changed** as the rural countryside has become an industrial site of noise, odors, visually impacts, and traffic. This proposal is only the first of many more to come. This proposal must be denied.

The Risk is too Great The risk of groundwater contamination is too great and we have barely avoided catastrophe up to this point. A leak from a tear in the liner under one garbage cell was captured by a backup liner. When and where will the next leak happen?

The gaseous releases of noxious fumes and particulates with their potential for human harm, has become unacceptable and will only continue to increase. The public airshed is impacted by operations at the dump. Those toxic releases may already be responsible for the high frequency of cancers documented in area residents.

The concentration and volume of toxic leachate released untreated threatens people enjoying our public waterways and impacts our public fish and wildlife resources. Our community desires for the protection of these public services are laid out in Benton

County Comprehensive Plan policies 5.1.2, 5.2.1, 5.7.4, 5.9.4, and 6.5.5. This proposal must be denied.

There is adequate evidence that the proposal cannot meet the criteria for approval and I ask the Board of Commissioners to deny the application. I suggest the Board of Commissioners summarize the findings for the decision with sufficient detail to convey the rationale for the denial. Further I think the Board of Commissioners should request the staff to initiate sufficient draft policies for consideration in the update of the Benton County Comprehensive Plan to prohibit future expansion and develop of landfills in Benton County.

Thank you for your service to make our community better.