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Subject: We have done our fair share... we vote for a plan to "share the burden" with the landfill expansion.
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Uphold Planning Commission Denial of LU-24-027

Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd,
Our names are Guy & Tami Heagney, and we live at 9094 NW Arboretum Rd in Corvallis.

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We have done our fair share and have lived with the existence, smells, gas emissions, nature impact, and traffic of the Coffin Butte landfill.

Our city needs to come up with a plan to expand this landfill service elsewhere (possibly south of town out by the airport) and share the burden.

With the neighborhood growing nearby this expansion will certainly discourage people from moving into the new homes in Adair. How does that help anyone? How is that fair? It is time for Corvallis to share the community burden.

We realize that these things usually comes down to money, that Coffin Butte might not have managed their investments well, and the city might not have available what they need to consider another location.

** But have you made any proposals for a small C.B. service fee increase to cover that loan cost, or a small tax that would make that south-town (or other) location project possible?

We writing because we strongly oppose any expansion of the current Coffin Butte landfill location in the north of town and urge you to uphold your Planning Commission's unanimous denial of LU-24-027, Republic Services' application to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill here.

Reminder: The Planning Commission carefully considered all evidence provided by the applicant, as well as considerable testimony, and concluded unanimously that the application did not meet the required Burden of Proof.

The proposed expansion will **seriously interfere with the character of the surrounding area** and impose **an undue burden on 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 and global ecosystems and community health
- **Massive quantities of leachate trucked offsite** (40 million gallons in 2024) containing PFAS and other toxic industrial chemicals that end up in our waterways and generate PFAS-laden biosolids which are spread on land
- **Potential catastrophic fire danger** from ignition sources inside and outside the landfill (after-hours/unmonitored hot loads, equipment fires) (windblown wildfire embers, lightning strikes) catching uncontrolled methane leaks on fire
- **Undue burden on local fire department** health and safety (to fight landfill fires) **and community** (to monitor and report fires after hours – even on red flag

days)

- **Traffic increases** that pose safety risks on nearby highways, roads and bike paths
- **Odor and noise issues** that degrade quality of life for residents and visitors alike
- **Litter** on roadsides, farmers fields, pastures and other private property
- **Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values**
- **Long-term climate and environmental consequences** for future generations

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 here would not change this metric.

Benton County should invest in protecting its property for tourism north of town, clean air for our hiking trails, ensure water safety, and not expand a landfill that is already a visual burden north of Corvallis, produces pollution, and places a long-term impact on our local community.

Please reject LU-24-027.

Instead, **share the burden**... and expand elsewhere outside of Corvallis.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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