LU-24-027 IN-PERSON TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL COVER SHEET

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Good Evening Commissioners, Faye Yoshihara, 37461 Soap Creek Rd. I oppose the expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill, due to its impacts on the character of the area. I have many grave concerns, however, I highlight just one, Odor. My October 3rd complaint demonstrates how the conditions of approval (COA) will NOT address the odor issues. Republic Services Environmental Manager Paul, got back to me and said their odor patrol did not detect any odors one hour **before** I smelled the stench. He even provided their data that showed the wind was not blowing in my direction, along with a diligent check list showing nothing amiss with their operations. CHECK. Senior Air Quality Specialist, Laura at DEQ said she questioned Paul about the unusual chemical odor mixed in, since multiple people reported the same thing at the same time, but Paul could not provide any additional information, other than to reiterate that they do not accept hazardous waste at Coffin Butte Landfill. CHECK. Paul did not respond to my follow-up question. From Laura, I gained an appreciation for how loopholes make it difficult for DEQ to enforce the State's nuisance odor law. One neighbor included wind direction evidence from her home, which Republic dismissed as inaccurate. Another, whose VOC monitor spiked, tried to report to DEQ, but the website was unavailable. Yet another knew she should report, but, well...it gets exhausting! So, boxes are checked, it is 'he said, she said' or 'he said/they (multiple neighbors) said'...all insufficient for action. **Case closed. But please keep reporting!**

In a former life, I was a sensory scientist working with human panels to discriminate odor profiles for the purposes of claim substantiation. I'm glad Mr. Winterowd acknowledged **smell blindness**. He saves me from explaining the obvious, **Republic Services' self-monitoring is unreliable**.

The Staff Report assumes COA P2-3 and OR4, with **periodic** H2S and Nasal Ranger monitoring and 3rd party verification will ensure compliance. They also imply we expect "no detectable odor", which is ridiculous. I experience the vagaries of dump stench more than occasionally on my daily jogs in the Valley, but only report when it is nauseating and only at my house. Hydrogen sulfide causes paralysis of the olfactory nerve, so no wonder they resort to blaming dead skunks, wastewater treatment plants and PRC for odor complaints. The EPA and the Applicant's own consultant state that the public recognizes H2S at **2 – 3 ppb**. We documented **250 – 500 ppb** when dump odors rose to truly obnoxious, nuisance levels, 4 miles south of the dump. Meanwhile, the Applicant uses an assumed value of **36,000 ppb** for their DEQ Title V permit. Are we expected to live with this when we may smell 3 ppb and are driven indoors by 250? **Time, location, elevation are critical, but not addressed.**

The Staff Report **dismisses the lived experiences of scores of neighbors** when it "places a high value on the technical review" yet admits that "weather systems produce different odor patterns". We have submitted images of trucks tipping their loads, creating swirling dark clouds drifting in multiple, shifting directions over time. Near neighbors know when a leachate truck is being filled. Far neighbors smell the smallest molecules, including hydrogen sulfide, that stay airborne for much, much longer. As the dump moves closer to homes, will more of us smell the stench inside, with windows closed, as some have already reported? The Applicant's lawyer described the process of adjudicating a noise pollution case. Twice through local processes and LUBA....7 years later, a revised COA.....is this the reality we will face to get odor compliance? For 6 years of expanded capacity? **The COA, even with County oversight, will NOT address the stench that seriously interferes with our daily lives.**

Please uphold the Planning Commission's unanimous denial of LU-24-027. Thank you.