

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

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October 24, 2025

RE: Application File # LU-24-027

Dear Commissioners Malone, Shephard and Wyse,

I strongly oppose the expansion of the landfill. The Board of Commissioners must uphold the Planning Commission's UNANIMOUS denial of the landfill expansion.

I have lived in this area for 18 years. I shop at the farmer's markets and I support environmentally sustainable practices. I am a kayaker and very concerned about the water quality of Willamette River in regards to it being a great resource for recreational use by Oregon residents: swimming, boating and public use of the adjoining riparian areas. I am concerned about the affects on the air quality in Benton County as it is seasonally affected by toxic and unpleasant smelling drifts of airborne pollutants from the Coffin Butte landfill. This is hazardous to the health of all residents.

The current operation of the Coffin Butte Landfill is not sustainable. It was not well planned to begin with. It was used as a place to dispose of trash during the time that the U.S. Army used the Camp Adair site for training in the 1940's. It was never planned to be the location for all of Oregon to bring their trash. Now is the time to make plans for an environmentally and sustainable method of garbage treatment for our community. Expanding the landfill is not that.

The proposed expansion seriously interferes with neighboring properties. The air and noise pollution coming from the landfill is already at alarming levels. The landfill is no longer appropriate for our urban area. Corvallis and Albany are expanding. Hundreds of homes have been built in Adair and North Albany in the recent years. The pollution from the landfill adversely effects the property values in the north Corvallis and North Albany areas.

The issue with the leachate is unacceptable. The Corvallis Water Treatment plant does not take care of leachate. It passes through the treatments, is diluted, and goes into the Willamette River. The toxin soup coming from the landfill is also leaching into the groundwater. Republic Services does not treat the toxic by-products of the landfill, but passes it along to its neighbors. This is a violation of the Benton County Comprehensive Plan policy 6.5.5. I am concerned about the quality of water used for agriculture in areas around the landfill.

The water intake for Adair is very close to the location where the water from the landfill comes into the Willamette River. I am concerned about the safety of drinking water for all Oregon residents in areas dependent on the Willamette for their drinking water.

The landfill should not be located in the rainy Willamette Valley. There are dryer locations where the garbage can be more sustainably processed.

Sincerely,

Linda Edwards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Edwards". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first name "Linda" and last name "Edwards" clearly distinguishable.

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