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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,

We are writing because we stongly oppose the expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill and urge you to uphold your Planning Commission's unanimous denial of LU-24-027, Republic Services' application to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill.

The proposed landfill will seriously interfere with the character of the surrounding area and impose an undue burden on public resources, in direct violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2).

We live at 28925 Blaze Drive, which is located on the backside of the proposed expansion. We built our house in 1994 and have lived here for 31 years. We have invested in our property both financially and through years of hard work. This is our home and life. If the expansion goes through, we would no longer be able to sell our house, which is a large portion of our retirement. That is an incredible undue burden that keeps me awake at nights.

We get our water from the well that is located on the north end of our property. We not only use the water for daily household use but we also have a small hazelnut orchard and garden that relies on regular irrigation throughout the summer months.

We are concerned about the sustainability of the well and the serious impact the expansion could have. There is a very real possibility of groundwater contamination that could do irreparable damage to our home and our financial well being. Monitoring can not bring back my well once it's destroyed. We also don't have a lot of faith about the landfill's site preparation phase and blasting that might affect groundwater levels and cause our well to go dry during the summer months or permanently. That would severely interfere with sustained livability.

The smell is so bad at times we have to stay inside, which interferes with the numerous chores that have to be done. It not only affects my property, but I was at Adair Park with my dog the other day and had to immediately return home due to the horrendous stench of landfill gases. It's a lovely park that should be shared by all, but it's not possible if you can't breathe and your eyes start watering.

The operational noise is already so loud and obnoxious and would only increase with the expansion. Since there would be no cap on how much garbage could be brought in, the traffic and noise would only increase, disturbing the rural community atmosphere and turning it into a heavily industrialized area.

We understand Republic Services' main goal is to make as much money as possible, regardless of the harmful consequences that may occur. You need only to look at the numerous unanswered code violations for this site and their other operations to know they are not acting in good faith.

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 not change this metric.

The consequences of your decision will have long term ramifications for the surrounding community for generations to come. Please deny/oppose LU-24-027.

Sincerely,

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