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We are extremely concerned about Republic Services' attempts to expand Coffin Butte landfill.

This proposal is not in accordance with the Principles as defined in the **2040 Thriving Communities Initiative** which values:

-Vibrant, Livable communities: A landfill makes a mockery of the "vibrant, safe and livable community" which we should "strive to ensure" and is not "forward thinking". We should be implementing more long-term solutions for waste, including reducing the production of single use items and the expanding of recycling and reuse programs.

-High Quality Environment and Access: The landfill will be a toxic, environmental hazard for decades to come. Even if the existing standards, as defined by DEQ and state and local requirements, were enforced, (which is currently not the case) the plans proposed by Republic Services (including no cap on annual tonnage brought in) will only make matters worse. The current and future air, soil and water quality issues will not be resolved without enforcing current standards and limiting future expansion.

-Community Resilience: "Recovering from human caused disasters, threats and changes" is of course critical. But should we not also be preventing, or at least minimizing human caused disasters such as this land fill and Republic Services' disregard for sited emissions violations, methane leaks, PFAS dangers and pollution of the Willamette River?

Violations of BCC 53.215.1- "Interference with uses of adjacent property "

The far-reaching odors from the landfill site and the noise and destruction of Coffin Butte are ruinous of property values and make the EE Wilson Wildlife Area virtually unusable for recreating on many days.

Violations of BCC 23.325.2 – "Imposition of undue burden on public improvements, facilities, utilities or services"

Heavy truck traffic to Coffin Butte drastically increases deterioration of our roads, leaves roadsides strewn with debris and creates more tailpipe emissions near homes and schools.

Leachate from Coffin Butte is dangerous to ground water and soil, creates even more truck traffic, burdens our water treatment facilities and pollutes a major recreational feature of the

area, the Willamette River.

Please DO NOT LET THIS EXPANSION PROCEED!

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