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Dear Benton County Planning Commission,
My name is Janet Lee and I write in opposition to Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte landfill. I urge the Planning Commission to deny this application.

Although there are so many reasons to oppose this application (health and safety violations; long term liability issues; environmental pollution; impacts on wildlife; loss of recreation opportunities, etc. to name just a few), I would like to comment on the issue of community image and liveability and the ways an expansion would seriously interfere with the character of the area I call home. My understanding is that Republic Services have to prove that their proposed expansion does not (again among many other things) interfere with the character of an area (Benton Co. Code 53.215 (1) and that any proposed mitigation measures are effective. Obviously, this is laughable (if it weren't so serious) given the consequences of a potential expansion, and especially because this company has a very poor track record of effective mitigation measures. This expansion will drastically transform this once beautiful area that is home to a thriving Adair and northwest Corvallis community, farming, forest and wildlife into a gigantic dump that accepts trash and toxic waste from far beyond its borders.

In addition, I have recently read about the core values articulated in BC 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative and, again, it is obvious that this expansion is absolutely contrary to this. Please vote against this proposal and help sustain this community. Thank you for your service

on this commission.

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