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Multnomah County Board of Commissioners

I am writing in regards to a proposed environmental overlay being applied to the land west of the West Hills.

The problem with this well intentioned proposal is that it will have very negative consequences. Adding more, unnecessary regulations to our living conditions will further decrease our quality of living.

Housing costs in the county are sky high. Limited property supply and rising costs of construction have driven costs through the roof. Fixed income couples like me and my wife can barely afford our property taxes. We built our empty nester house with the intention of retiring and enjoying the bounty of the Northwest. The costs of living, driving and medical care have seriously altered our retirement. This proposal has the expected outcome of raising our property taxes further. This proposal will exasperate the already serious housing crisis in the county.

The first question I ask you to ask the Planning Department of their proposal is "What problem are you trying to solve?" Without the proper public process being followed, we did not have an opportunity to comment on this draconian proposal. There wasn't any public involvement at all. None! This is not the kind of transparency we expect of our elected Commission.

Do the right thing. Make living in Multnomah County more affordable, not less. Reject this environmental overlay proposal.

Besides, if the intent is to improve the view in the western area, then take this simple, inexpensive step: Install DO NOT LITTER signs on Cornell, Thompson, Springville, Germantown and West Union roads.

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