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Written testimony for Board Meeting of May 4 2017

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To: District 1 <district1@multco.us>, Board Clerk <boardclerk@multco.us>, mult.chair@multco.us, district2@multco.us, district3@multco.us, district4@multco.us, michael.cerbone@multco.us

Dear Ms. Meieran

To characterize the Oregon Court of Appeals mandate to the LCDC as "a request for more information" is symptomatic of the attitude adopted by Multnomah County towards its legal obligations under SB-1011.

The Court ruled that the LCDC had "acted illegally" in accepting Multnomah County's Reserves submission, citing Multnomah County's almost complete lack of factual evidence supporting its decisions.

In spite of years of manipulation by a CAC that was seeded from the beginning with 1000 Friends supporters, the Multnomah County Land Use Planning Staff recommended that Area 9B should receive 'Undesignated' status.

That recommendation was overruled at literally the last minute by the Multnomah County Board, with Commissioner Kafoury saying that she had received "1000 emails on this subject".

Why was it so important to the people of Multnomah County that Area 9B receive a Rural designation rather than an Undesignated status?

I have lived on NW Springville Road for over fifty years and I can tell you that less than fifty people live in Area 9B.

Metro President David Bragdon resigned after three years of Reserve hearings, saying that land use planning in Oregon was "a popularity contest".

The 1000 Friends of Oregon 'watchdog' group was responsible for those emails through a coordinated effort by their members.

Attached find a screen shot of Area 9B from a satellite mapping app - can you find the County line?



The purpose of SB-1011 was to use terrain features to establish Reserves boundaries, not political 'lines'. How can anyone look at the attached map and conclude that Multnomah County has acted in good faith?

This is the view from my kitchen window:



It is unfair to establish an individual's property line as the Urban Growth Boundary. To do so flies in the face of the intention and substance of SB-1011.

I urge you to reconsider your intention to vote for the ordinance in question.

Thank you,
Carl Keseric

On Tue, May 9, 2017 at 4:28 PM, District 1 <district1@multco.us> wrote:

Dear Carl,

Thank you for message about Multnomah County's urban and rural reserves designation; I appreciate you taking the time to communicate your thoughts and concerns to me.

As you are likely aware, designations pertaining to the urban/rural reserves in Multnomah County have been before the Board of County Commissioners several times since the beginning of the decade. On Thursday, May 4, the County Board met for a public hearing about proposed supplemental findings to respond to the Oregon Court of Appeals and State Land Conservation and Development Commission, which remanded the County's designations with a request that the County provide additional information. A second second public hearing and final vote of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, May 11.

I believe the County's urban and rural reserves designations, which have received substantial review and input from the public, protect natural features and farm and forestland. During the hearing last week, I listened carefully to testimony and have followed up with staff about questions that came up for me. Unless I hear new information, I expect to support the proposed supplemental findings when the Board votes on Thursday.

I encourage you to come to this next meeting, which will be held in the Multnomah County Building at 501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard in Portland and continue to make your voice heard. Thank you again for contacting me.

Sincerely,

Sharon Meieran
Commissioner, Multnomah County District 1

On Wed, May 3, 2017 at 10:14 AM, Anne Sigrun <annesigrunpdx@gmail.com> wrote:

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