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Sauvie Island Multnomah Channel Rural Area Plan

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I am writing in strong support of the recommended Sauvie Island Multnomah Channel Rural Area Plan. My work schedule regrettably prevents me from attending the public hearing Thursday.

A phrase that continually surfaced during the many island meetings with the Planning Commission was "Sauvie Island is being loved to death". The very qualities that make Sauvie Island so very special- the quiet, the rural character, the magnificent landscape and wildlife, the beaches, the farm activities, have attracted so many people that the rural quality is itself threatened.

I support the restrictions and limits to mass gatherings and events on the island. This is an agricultural island and the continual growth of events and mass gatherings is threatening to turn the island into a giant Theme Park. I think we need to recognize and address a fundamental safety issue, that the island becomes so crowded at times that an emergency vehicle's access becomes dangerously restricted. When this is the case, clearly there are too many people for the existing infrastructure which, as we know, is limited to one bridge and many areas with no road shoulder.

I support the restrictions on liveaboards and houseboat moorages and in particular support sanitation requirements. I live on a houseboat at Mayfair Moorage, downstream from a sailboat moorage and a large houseboat moorage. My neighbors and I periodically see human waste in the water, certainly a health hazard for humans, not to mention the contamination to the river and aquatic life. It would be unthinkable on land to permit sewage to be spilled into the streets, and yet it happens as a matter of course in the river.

Many of my neighbors on the island have spent an enormous amount of time thinking about, debating, presenting testimony, and contributing to this plan. It is a good one and a sensible one. We know we live in paradise here, and we wish to share it, and protect the island appropriately as well, so that it remains the gem that it is. Please support this plan.

Sincerely,

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