

**Comments to Medford City Council - August 6, 2015**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak briefly with you.

My name is Jim Stocker. My wife and I have been residents of Medford and of Rogue Valley Manor for six years. For the past 2 1/2 years I've had the privilege of representing our residents on the RVM Board of Directors. One of my responsibilities has been working with our Centennial Committee, made up of my fellow resident director, Fred Willms, four of our community directors, PRS executives and Attorney Greg Hathaway.

My fellow Manor residents and I value very highly our relationship with this valley and with the City of Medford. We are deeply immersed in the community: as supporters of cultural activities, civic clubs, education of our young people, worship in our churches, volunteering in health facilities, shopping in growers' markets, hiking our hills, playing golf. We take great pride in contributing to the quality of life in this valley. We have been extraordinarily well-treated by our fellow Medford citizens, particularly the 450 employees at the Manor. We cherish our lives and our life styles in your midst.

Some people have remarked that we may not be as interested in the future of this valley because of our relatively briefer actuarial life span. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are deeply interested and seriously engaged in looking ahead - not only for the successful continuation of Rogue Valley Manor in future generations, but for the development of this city and its neighbors. We can envision how its many geographical, cultural, recreational and human attractions are synthesized into well thought out plans.

We draw great confidence from the thorough and extensive planning process which you are engaged in. In the detailed work of your Planning Staff, the thorough interactive review by your Planning Commission, the communications to alert us to meetings, availability of supporting materials. But most importantly for the opportunity, to present our case to you for inclusion of the Centennial property in the proposed Urban Growth Boundary as part of Medford's design for the future.

As many of us look out to the East, across the valley to Roxie Ann, Baldy, and beyond, we take great pride in knowing that our immediate adjacent area, the Centennial Golf Course, and its surrounding spaces can and will contribute significantly, and responsively, to the forecast needs of this city, and to the future of this valley. With your support for our proposal we look forward to working together with you to make this happen. Thank you.

Jim Stocker