

EXHIBIT SS

August 6, 2015

Mayor Wheeler and Medford City Council

Re: File No.: CP 12-114, UGB Amendment
MD-9 (Rossanley Drive)

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Councilors:

I am writing to you in support of the inclusion of URA MD-9 in the Planning Commission recommendation for the Proposed Urban Growth Boundary Amendment. I am the Managing Member of Weldon Mobile Home Park, LLC, which owns most of the land that is included in the part of MD-9 that borders on Rossanley Drive. I have two points I would like to make in addition to those made in the Staff Report.

First, In the Coarse Filter and ESA Scoring results my land received top score in all categories except Parcel Size. I want to point out that we own 18 acres, which would give us a score of "3" if it was all one tax lot. In addition to the MD-9 property we also own the 18 acres to the south, which provides the connection to the current city limit. This makes the effective size of the annexable parcel 36 acres which would make the parcel size score a "4". MD-9 scored top marks in all other criteria in both the Coarse and Fine Filters, making it an excellent candidate for development.

There is a shortage of affordable housing in Medford. As has been noted in other testimony, average home prices on the East side of Medford are significantly higher than in URA's 8 and 9. It is important that the city accommodate middle class housing needs in its Urban Growth Boundary. I urge you to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to include URA-8 and URA-9 in the new Urban Growth Boundary.

Best Regards,
Joe Brooks
Weldon Mobile Home Park, LLC