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To: Medford Planning Commission

Medford City Council

Planning Department Staff

Re: Urban Growth Boundary Amendment

After viewing the UGBA update supplied by the Planning Department and the presentation at the GLUP meeting on March 12, 2015 it is abundantly clear that the properties identified as MD9 meet all the requirements and needs that have been identified in the Regional Plan for the Medford Urban Growth Boundary Amendment.

The scores in the criteria identified as Proximity, Water, Sewer, and Transportation all place MD 9 among the highest ranked categories with scores of 5. The only ESA Scoring that was ranked lower than 5 was parcel size. However the lower ranked parts of MD9 were in areas along Oak Grove and Stewart Ave. that already have residential and some business development. The remaining parcels are generally larger and all the owners of those parcels are willing to work together and develop a conceptual plan in accordance with the developmental plans of the City.

As can be observed by viewing the maps, MD 9 is surrounded by either the city or the present UGB and already developed parcels. The property is close to both South Medford High School and Oak Grove Elementary School. It is my understanding that Oak Grove Elementary

is not overcrowded and could handle an increase in elementary school age children.

It is also obvious, by viewing maps that Oak Grove Avenue is a logical western boundary for this area of the City of Medford. This area is also a location very suitable for affordable housing which should be a high priority for the City. The property can also be developed easily due to the existing infrastructure identified by the ESA Scoring and the fact that the land is level and located close to services.

We realize that both the Commission and the Council have many factors to review but we feel that if this is done carefully and properly that it is clear that MD 9 is an area that should be included in the Urban Growth Boundary Amendment.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

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