

August 10, 2015

Re: **The Urban Growth Boundary Amendment**

To: The Mayor and City Councilors of Medford

From: Robert Broadway, 2400 Star Lite Lane

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Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, having viewed on line the public hearing held in the evening of August 20th, I am grateful for the opportunity to send you what I believe you will consider pertinent testimony.

In consideration of the petition I submitted (exhibit J and the Appendix to it), Mr. Adam of the Planning Staff went to the trouble to show a detailed map of the Staff's willingness to omit Star Lite Lane, in its entirety, from the Urban Growth Boundary Expansion. Needless to say, I am happy that this suggestion is now on public record. I will keep the optimistic expectation that you will bear this in mind when you make your final decisions.

On the other hand, I am disappointed in one aspect of what promises to be this favorable outcome, and I feel it is my duty to bring this to your attention.

My petition to you represented not only the great majority of the property owners on Star Lite Lane, but also the great majority of property owners of the whole of MD 6; those on Reed Lane, Myers Lane, and the affected properties on South Stage Road. Mr. Adam, however, while being clearly willing to exempt Star Lite Lane from removal from the Urban Growth Reserve, was equally clear that this did not mean exemption for the rest of MD 6.

It is a matter of honor to me, respecting the good faith of the majority of property owners in these other areas who were ready and willing to sign my petition, that I emphasize at this juncture their own opposition to being removed from the Urban Growth Reserve.

Having discharged this duty then, and in admiration of your expressed intention to carefully make a just and lasting settlement of these issues, I am, sincerely yours,



Robert Broadway