

October 11, 2023

Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC)
635 Capitol St. NE, Suite 150
Salem, OR, 97301-2540

RE: Marks v LCDC A175549

Dear Commission members,

As a long-time resident of the Stafford area, 123 years of Century family farm stewardship in area, I respectfully request that the Court of Appeals ruling be rejected and that a petition for review by the Oregon Supreme Court be pursued.

The Court's ruling did not resolve the merits of the allegations before LCDC and suggest the LCDC proceed with a review.

Clackamas County's misinterpretation of the urgency to "address and resolve quickly" is misguided. To quote a Metro Councilor, "with or without the decision Metro has a review of city readiness, and as of now there is no city working even towards the basic building blocks of a plan." One of the two Clackamas Commissioners that abstained from voting on their letter to accept stated, "I have spoken to two of the three mayors and as I understand it, their preference was to "NOT" send the County's letter", which I assume you have received.

Chair Smith's decision to pursue this was ill-conceived, even asking "and who is the 3-party agreement?" "Property owners have also asked if I would be willing to submit a letter that's pretty basic that actually says we are not going to be challenging it," (T. Smith) one of the "owners" most likely being David Marks, Chair Smith did not state who owners were.

Convinced by a few long-time land speculators in the region to draft and send a letter to you that stated "that a petition for review by the Oregon Supreme Court not be pursued" without any input from the Stafford Hamlet and CPO or other residents that have consistently voted in favor of "no to slow" development in the area.

Main reasons being livability and the over \$3 billion price tag for infrastructure. A region that is near “moratorium capacity” currently. A major reason why surrounding Mayors and City Council have no desire to pursue this area. They have NO MONEY!

These are just a few of the numerous reasons for allowing a petition for review by the Oregon Supreme Court.

Once again, I respectfully request that the Court of Appeals ruling be rejected and that a petition for review by the Oregon Supreme Court be pursued.

Appreciate your work,

RJ Cook –

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