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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3921

My name is Ann Scheleen and I live in the Charter Oaks area. I oppose HB 3921 primarily for the following reasons:

1. The city, in it's desire to placate developers, has chosen this area despite other areas being more logical to develop. The DLCD agrees with the people of the neighborhood and has asked the city to reconsider other options.
2. There is only one narrow, winding road into the Charter Oaks neighborhood. The city has told us there are to be no improvements to the road until buildout is nearly complete, siting a desire for developers to help pay for said improvements. As buildout is to include over 600 homes and the road is already dangerous to walkers and bicyclists, I imagine a future catastrophe.
3. The city of Roseburg has been growing very slowly and according to the last Housing Needs Analysis, the city has plenty of land for low density housing, about right for medium density, and a great need for high density housing. The Charter Oaks area is being designated as a low density area so it's hard to understand how this can be the emergency the city is claiming.
4. House Bill 3921 is calling this an emergency, so much so that we need to usurp the authority of the DLCD. The claim that it will preserve our peace, health, and safety would be laughable if it were not the opposite for the majority of us who call Charter Oaks home.

Please reject HB 3921.

Thank you.

Ann Scheleen