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McMinnville Planning Commission C/O Heather Richards, Planning Direct

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Our names are James and Cheryl Lambright. We live at 1130 SW Tall Oaks Dr. McMinnville. We purchased our home in 1995 for one reason- Location, location, location. Even though we paid more for this home than a similar type home elsewhere in town, we knew we wanted to be here. My husband is a retired small business owner and I am a retired McMinnville School District Teacher. We are both active members and supportive citizens in our McMinnville Community.

For the record, we would like you to know that we are strongly opposed to the approval of the MP 6-20 request as applied for by Steve and Mary Allen.

The Cozine is a very unique place in McMinnville. The trees are huge, nature abounds, and wildlife is abundant. We do not want to see this natural beauty destroyed by the building of homes in this area. The destruction of these trees (being cut down to make buildable lots/dwellings along with the driveway extension) could cause major safety issues for homes and people. These trees have protected each other for years from high winds, snow and ice. Removing a number of these trees could cause others to fall more easily without the protection they have had for years. I would never want the approval of anything that could potentially harm other human life or structures. Please feel free to visit the area that we are discussing so that you have a real-time picture of the safety concerns, and of this area in general.

Property Rights.... There is a 33' public right of way that provides public access for all. At the 5-13-21 zoom meeting, Heather R. proposed a question- "Would you rather have 30,000+ people accessing this area (vs. having a few additional lots/residences)?" Our answer is, "Yes!" Why would the city allow one property owner to supersede the rights of the many others who will be greatly and negatively impacted by the approval of the MP 6-20? Don't we all have the same property rights? I was told by a city employee that we do. Mr. Allen wants to build on this land in order to make money to pay his taxes, insurance, etc. (as stated in an earlier application), but we, on Tall Oaks Dr., would be losing money (decreased property values) and losing the quality of our neighborhood livability that we have loved for years.

We understand that this is a complex issue. We believe that the McMinnville Planning Commission will balance the need for growth with the need to maintain beauty and livability in our city.

Thank you for your time and attention. We appreciate it.

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