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City of Lake Oswego
Community Development Dept.

Memo

To: Lake Oswego Planning Commission

From: Derrick Coder

Date: 4/23/2012

Re: Support for Removal of tree grove TG – 17 from the Sensitive Lands Atlas

I am writing this letter in support of the amendment to the Sensitive Lands Overlay on the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map, to remove tree grove TG – 17 from the RC District designation.

I had the unfortunate opportunity of going through an enforcement action on my property at 950 Terrace Drive, which TG – 17 currently affects. Though the enforcement action was later overturned, the process was enlightening, as we were not aware of the RC District designation on our property, nor the restrictions that go along with this designation.

After learning that our property was a designated RC District under the Sensitive Lands Program, we looked into why our particular property had met the designation of an RC District. We quite frankly struggled with how it was that TG – 17 and our property in particular, had come to be designated an RC District, as we read through the criteria in the applicable Lake Oswego (LO) Code. I appreciate the approach that the City's Planning Commission has taken on the evaluation of "isolated" tree groves and the subsequent evaluation of whether any of these "isolated" tree groves should be removed from the RC District. I have read through the Staff Report on this File (LU 12-0011), and it is reassuring that they have come to the same conclusion that we came to, albeit with much less background from ourselves.

So, I write this letter in support of the removal of TG – 17 from the RC District designation, thanking the Staff for their analysis and application of the relevant Lake Oswego Code as it relates to the RC District designation, and the recognition that a mistake was made in the original designation.

Sincerely,

Derrick Coder

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