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Leslie:

I will not be able to attend this evening but I would appreciate if this email could be entered into the record.

To the Lake Oswego Planning Commission:

In response to the current re-review of the Flag Lot Access Lane / Private Street Standard currently before the commission, I offer the following comments. I do not have any particular issue with the proposed standards. However, I do think allowing private streets within otherwise public neighborhoods will have a significant and negative impact on the cohesiveness of the neighbor. Private drives serving 1 and perhaps 2 flag lots may have minimal impact, but a private street serving 4-8 lots could be devastating to a neighborhood. Private streets smack of “gated communities” and placing a gated community in otherwise publically accessible neighborhood fabric will likely have an ill effect on the overall neighborhood character.

I offer two possible alternatives. First, any street or lane serving more than 2 lots must be dedicated to city for public access. Or as a second option, any street or lane serving more than 2 lots must have a public access easement. That street or lane must be allowed to remain in the public access realm. Neighbors have a hard enough time meeting and communicating without adding another layer of “us” and “them” with private streets.

Thank you for your consideration.

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