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Hi Leslie,

I am a licensed realtor and I recently represented the Gibsons in the purchase of their new home on Alto Park Road. During the course of our transaction, we discovered that the city had the right to annex my clients' property and cause them to incur the expense to build a road for a through street. We were completely surprised by this. The seller was also surprised as they were told that the subject property was protected due to a protected tree. Upon further research, we discovered that this property was in fact not protected against this potential in the future. My clients proceeded with the transaction. However, this issue is still a significant concern.

We proceeded with the transaction knowing that this ordinance has not been used in Lake Oswego and that there was a process in place to have it removed from the city code. It makes no sense to me that the city can take a piece of property from a home owner and require them to build a through road. In this circumstance of my clients' property, Alto Park is a private road which acts more like a flag lot road. If the city were to annex this property, they would not also have to take over the maintenance of this road which is narrow and does not have fire access. So this scenario is not ideal both for the city, developers or for my clients.

So I am speaking in support of removing this ordinance for the removal of the connected access lane code.

Thanks,  
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