

FROM THE HOME OF

KEITH HAMILTON

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a citizen of Robinwood.

I would not be such if suburban development were not permitted or encouraged.

I therefore am in support of development.

What I am not in support of, however, is intimidation, misinformation, and the rule of the junta when and where the safety of my family is concerned. In the case of the currently proposed development at the end of Upper Midhill Dr., in West Linn, I do believe that obfuscation is being used to paint a picture of relative safety and quietude where none would exist were the planned subdivision proceed as planned.

To describe the sort of traffic we should expect, as neighbors, as "typical" is comical at best, and flat-out false at worst. We don't *typically* endure hours on-end of heavy-load vehicles running up and down our streets. To assume that children, who currently frequent our neighborhood would safely be able to navigate the unmitigated influx of trucks is absurd, and to assume that, simply because they live and play a block off-site, they are not the concern of the bringer of heavy equipment is callous, and wrong.

We aren't ready, as a neighborhood, for 300 additional trips up and down Upper Midhill, Arbor, and Marylhurst Drives, neither from the standpoint of the modality of how current neighborhood residents treat our intersections (generally without regard for law or safety), nor from the legitimately realistic future that will occur should we begin construction of a 34-lot subdivision at the end of our street without the proper infrastructure to support it while providing safety for the men, women, and children of our neighborhood, who simply want to visit the park.

An independent study must be conducted (and is, as of the writing of this letter) to validate the claims of KIA in their generous assessment that our neighborhood will be just fine during construction—a time period that has no upper bound.

It is the duty of the city, as well as the planning commission, to consider an open, third-party investigation into the traffic and safety impacts of the proposed development, to such a degree that the citizens and city council of West Linn can make an open assessment of the situation that does not prey on ignorance, but information.

Any study that is performed without releasing its derived data is suspect. I simply want to be able to address my council and receive their word that the decision levied was made under the auspices of knowledge, not ignorance.

I am for development—it is the bedrock of our growing community. I stand firmly in opposition of development that is done without the transparent awareness of, security of, and consent of those whom it directly affects.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KH' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Keith Hamilton