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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

My name is CJ Koll and tonight I write to you as an individual. Due to prior commitments, I am unable to attend this meeting in person and appreciate the opportunity to have this letter read into the record during the meeting.

In reviewing agenda item 6.a (As it appears on the posted agenda), I would first like to thank the countless volunteer hours of the Planning Commission members and the city staff in preparing Agenda Bill 2023-09-08-02: Public Hearing: Clear and Objective Code Compliance Project. After sitting on the committee to review House Bill 2001/2003 requirements, these code updates are important for us to implement. Upon my review of the 523 page document, I have a few suggestions for clarity of the document and consideration.

**Section 02.040 – Acronyms and Abbreviations**

add “WRA – Water Resource Area”

**Section 55.190 “Shared Open Space”**

Additionally, I am wondering if this section needs to be removed at this time. In the Sunburst neighborhood plan, there is an open space that is part of the Sunburst 2 neighborhood association. At the time of the neighborhood plan, I am wondering how this provision in the CDC was implemented. Prior to striking this Section of the CDC, I believe there needs to be more research done by city staff to look into how in past practice this section has applied, even if “not in recent history”.

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There is a copy editing error on the word “Trails” being changed to “rails”

While this review of the CDC is very important and should be agreed to, there are still areas of the CDC that need to be improved in their clear and objective nature. As this council has been asked to judge on multiple Water Resource Area permits, there is significant work to be done to make Chapter 32 of the CDC clear and objective. The residents of the City of West Linn have made it clear that they expect our WRAs to be protected and due to unclear language in Chapter 32, the planning department has not preserved our WRAs. I ask the council and planning commission to prioritize the review of Chapter 32 to make the section more clear and objective.

Thank you very much for your continued service to our community.

CJ Koll

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