

**SAVANNA OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 4, 2015 MEETING
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Metro’s Chief Operating Officer’s recent recommendation is that, for the first time in nearly 40 years, the Urban Growth Boundary **not** be expanded because there is no need to do so for either expected new housing or job growth; and

WHEREAS, the System Development Charges (SDCs) paid for by developers will actually go down (see Addendum Planning Commission Staff Report for the public hearing July 29, 2015 Exhibit 1, Goal 1, Policy 10) and the citizens will pay the difference if the proposed amendments to Goal 9 of the West Linn Comprehensive Plan, including the adoption of the Economic Opportunities Analysis (“EOA”), pass; and

WHEREAS, the White Oak Savanna is listed on four maps in Appendix D of the Outreach Summary of above referenced amendments as “Other Employment Zoned Parcels,” “Buildable Employment Lands,” and “Vacant Buildable” even though staff was directed to, and agreed to, remove this land from these maps at the April 6, 2015 Joint Work Session of the Planning Commission and City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Stakeholder Groups listed in the EOA do not include the people of West Linn, although they include a special interest group of developers which goes by the name of “Clackamas County Business and Economic Development” (see Exhibit B, page 1); and

WHEREAS, it does not serve the best interests of the people of West Linn to streamline permitting processes and development fees as is proposed in Exhibit 1, Goal 1, Policy 6 of the above referenced Addendum document; and

WHEREAS, the rate of unemployment in Clackamas County listed in Exhibit B, page 4, under the title ‘Unemployment Rates’ of the above reference document does not reflect the current rate of 5% but a 2013 rate of 6.8% which is 36% higher than the current rate and which, therefore, undermines the entire economic analysis in the EOA for West Linn,

NOW, THEREFORE, SAVANNA OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. The Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association requests the Planning Commission to recommend denial of the changes in the proposed text amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and recommend denial of adoption of the Economic Opportunities Analysis (“EOA”) prepared by Cogen Owens Greene dated July 2015.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

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