

Karla Moore-Love  
Portland City Council Clerk  
1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup>  
Room 140  
Portland, OR 97204

Re: Council Consideration of Rezoning Colwood National Golf Course

Dear Ms. Moore-Love:

I formally request that the City Council deny the request to rezone any part of Colwood Golf Course from open space to industrial.

Colwood is one of the last parts of the environmentally sensitive and diverse Columbia Slough area that has not been lost to industrial development and abuse. As noted by the Hearings Officer, "...the Colwood site open space is unique, is a practically irreplaceable asset." Our region cannot afford to lose a single inch of open space in this unique natural area.

The area surrounding Colwood is extremely deficient in parkland, natural areas, and other open space. The Cully neighborhood access rate is 2,780 people per park acre, compared with a citywide average of 40 people per park acre. Loss of the last significant open space in this area would mean that this deficiency will never be adequately addressed.

Transition of this area from open space to industrial will result in new air, water, and noise pollution sources and will have a pronounced impact on the health of local residents. North and Northeast Portland already suffer from the long-term effects of existing and historic industrial uses in the area. These human health concerns are in addition to the impact that industrial development will have on the local habitat and environment - such as affecting threatened native species that reside in this area and losing the nearly 500 mature trees that are on the property now.

For all of these reasons, I strongly encourage the Mayor and Commissioners to vote against the proposed change in zoning for any part of Colwood.

Sincerely,

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Signature

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Printed Name

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