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Subject: Public Comment on ZC 15-04: Zone Change
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City of Oregon City - Planning Division
Attn: Laura Terway
221 Molalla Ave, Ste. 200
Oregon City, OR 97045

Re: FILE NUMBER: ZC 15-04: Zone Change

Dear Laura,

Thank you for accepting electronic version of public comments. This is such a helpful way for us to participate!

I wanted to voice my support for the proposed zoning changes near Providence Willamette Falls Hospital campus. As a home owner just blocks from this site, I am sincerely pleased to see this proposal. While I understand that this fundamentally transforms this part of the neighborhood, I see much more positive impacts than potential drawbacks. The improvements to the area really are needed including sidewalks where there currently are not (I am a runner and really appreciate the safety sidewalks provide), expanded traffic controls and visibility, as well as lighting for safety.

Our neighborhood grew up around the hospital, really putting many constraints on their ability to meet the needs of the community. It is high time we answer their call for support. My husband and I wish to throw our voice of support behind their request.

We purchased our property on Division Street in 2004. Since that time, we have been hopeful to see investment in the hospital campus to expand it's offerings and provide a hub of healthcare that would draw in economic impacts for our community. I am hopeful that this step of expansion may allow for a community of businesses and services to surround the hospital, supporting families who are there. This may be a pie in the sky vision but wouldn't it be wonderful for kids to learn to ride their bike in the safety of an empty parking lot on weekends? A coffee shop/cafe in one of the great houses to serve families waiting for a new arrival or a destination to walk to, a gathering place as a resident in the area? Someone with a great business acumen could really make this a warm and inviting extension of our community!

Full disclosure here, we have purchased a second home in the Park Place neighborhood and currently reside there. We have another family living at the property on Division Street as their forever home.

Would you please include us when the decision has been made? Our email address is gill0488@yahoo.com and our mailing address: 15981 Leo Court, Oregon City, OR 97045. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Craig and Tiffany Gillespie
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