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TO: OREGON CITY COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: APPEAL OF HRB APPROVAL (AP 17-04)

My home is adjacent to the subject Cottage Development property and I participated in the initial HRB proceedings orally and in writing. I have attended the hearings. The HRB process has been even-handed with members respectfully listening to a variety of opinions and asking the developer to make several significant changes and accommodations. The Chair noted more than once the limits of the range of authority of the HRB, specifically that other city departments and bodies oversee many of the issues raised--such as some of those raised in this appeal--and would be dealt with at those levels at appropriate times.

There has been no abuse of process by the HRB members who have behaved with patience and respect for those who have testified. All have been heard. This appeal should be denied. It is time for the Cottage Development proposal to move on to the next levels.