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City Commission of Oregon City 625 Center St Oregon City, OR 97045

Notice: Statement For Public Record

Dear City Commission:

I felt it was relevant to make a public comment for tonight concerning the agenda and wetlands. Previously in my academic history, I considered a degree in environmental science. I took a few classes and dabbled with the idea. Even though I have a passion for environmental causes and affairs, I pursued another path. However, the issue of environmental sustainability is a passion for me. To continue our natural beauty, coexisting with natural habitats in development, make responsible discussions for our future generations, trees, native plants, geography, and clean water.

I am aware issues are being debated tonight concerning wetlands and in the future our city staff will be creating policy and planning for the future of Oregon City's development. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend due to a steering meeting for BHNA. I did want to mention that I think it is extremely important to preserve our wetlands, to promote clean water and maintain our natural ecosystems. We have a social responsibility to creatures, terrain, history, our residents, and future ones that we try to preserve our wetlands.

During the recent CIC meeting last week, Pete and Laura are trying to do right by preserving these areas. To add, I would love to see a future plan from our city staff on goals for environmental sustainability.

Thank you for listening and taking the time to read! I personally appreciate all of you and the time you volunteer to make our city a wonderful place to live.

Sincerely,

Karla Laws

Karla Laws Resident of Oregon City