March 17, 2022

Washington County Board of Commissioners % Andy Back, Planning and Development Services Manager Department of Land Use and Transportation 155 N First Avenue, Suite 450 Hillsboro, OR 97124

RE: 2022-23 Long Range Planning Work Program

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Back,

The Committee for Community Involvement (CCI) would like to recommend the following for inclusion in the 2022-23 Work Program:

## **Updates to the Neighborhood Meeting Rules**

With the option of holding these meetings electronically and the widespread use of email for communications, it is time for a critical look at the dated Neighborhood Meeting Rules. CCI is ready to partner with LUT staff and the development community to update the current rules to meet the needs of the public, staff and the developers.

## Update to the CDC to limit gas station locations

We request the Community Development Code be updated to require all new gas stations or expansion of existing gas stations be located a minimum of 1,500 feet from any public park or playground, school, hospital, church, theater, dwelling unit, public library or building for public assembly; or any wetland, stream, river floodplain, water quality facility, or environmentally sensitive area. This code change should be applied to all zones in unincorporated Washington County without an option for variance to ensure equitable and objective application of this requirement.

## 1% for Art

We request LUT to study the possibility of a plan to create a "1% for Art" option for commercial / industrial / institutional development over a certain size in unincorporated Washington County. Use other jurisdictions as a model. Work with Arts organizations and possibly include a focus on equity as a theme for some projects. Work with developers to create a program they'll support. Incentives TBD.

## Requests from our 2021-22 CCI letter dated November 17, 2020

Understandably, Long Range Planning staff's time during 2021-22 has been focused on Middle Housing, as well as having been hampered by the pandemic. Our requests from our November 17, 2020 letter remain valid. We continue to recommend these issues be included in the 2022-23 Work Program. A copy of our November 17, 2020 Work Program letter is attached.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input into the 2022-23 Work Program.

Sincerely,

Bruce Bartlett for CCI membership CCI Secretary

Letter Approved 3/15/2022, 13 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains

Attachment: Copy of our CCI letter on the 2021-22 Long Range Planning Work Program, dated 3/17/2020

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