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Washington County Board of Commissioners
155 N. First Avenue
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Re: Support of Feasibility Study for "Cedar Creek" Study Area

Dear Commissioners,

As a participating government in the Urbanization Forum process the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District is well aware of the lack of interest expressed by citizens during outreach efforts to annexation or incorporation of their unincorporated communities. THPRD itself has realized little citizen interest to its overtures to those areas outside the District to annex. Nevertheless, we do not interpret the outcome of the Urbanization Forum process to be an indication that there should be no further discussion of annexation or incorporation of urban unincorporated areas. Rather, we think that efforts by citizen groups to further explore those governance options should be encouraged.

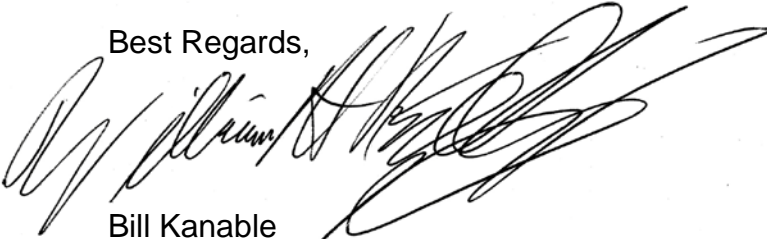
To that end, on behalf of THPRD I urge you to support the feasibility study proposal offered by A City By Choice for residents north of Highway 26. The process outlined in that proposal can be used as a guide by the residents of other unincorporated areas interested in further exploring governance options. THPRD urges the County to provide staff and financial support for the feasibility study proposed by A City By Choice.

Residents in the unincorporated areas are rapidly approaching a crossroads where the status quo will no longer be feasible. The current path is not sustainable due to expected population growth with an increased demand for additional municipal services (including park and recreation services), a desire for local representation and more local control over fiscal resources. As stated in the County's 2020 plan, Washington County does not have the policies or financial tools to meet the increasing need for the additional municipal services to the urban unincorporated area. All governance options should be studied, including incorporation into a new city, annexation to an existing city, and expanded service districts. THPRD does not take a position on which governance

choice is appropriate but without a feasibility study as a basis for further discussion it is impossible for anyone to objectively weigh the options.

With a feasibility study all interested parties -- the County, the City of Beaverton, affected special districts and the local residents -- will have the information needed to make choices now for a sustainable future.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Kanable", written over a large, stylized scribble or flourish.

Bill Kanable
President, Board of Directors