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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for extending the time frame for public comment on the Larkspur land rezoning request by COID. My house directly borders this parcel of land and for that reason I would like to share my thoughts on the request.

Our family has been in Bend for over 20 years, we have seen the explosive growth and development, some of this growth we have enjoyed, some not so much.

I'll start by addressing the traffic issue that plagues 27th St. As I pull out each morning for work, it is a scary game of cat and mouse. Trying to find a small opening to dart out into traffic each morning as it is a steady stream of cars moving in the Northern direction down 27th street. Forget wanting to turn left and head South, that isn't an option anymore. As additional homes and subdivisions have been built up and down 27th street, there has been no improvements to this street. There are NO bike lanes, sidewalks for walking, or turn lanes for turning. This is a one lane road and each evening when I try to turn left onto Darnel Ave to get to my home I risk being rear ended, as no turn lane means that traffic behind you must come to a dead stop while they wait for you to find an opening to turn left. It is a dangerous situation that has led to accidents on this street.

Adding additional housing without the infrastructure to support it doesn't seem wise.

I would love to see this parcel be 3-7 homes, although we know full well that this will not be the case after the land is sold, it will again be rezoned and sold to Pahlish or Hayden. Then it becomes a game of how many homes can we fit on this land to maximize profits. As my house is at the end of the street, my children play and ride bikes here in front of my home. We paid quite a bit extra to purchase the end lot so we would have no traffic for our little ones out front. Our community basketball hoop draws kids and families from all over the neighborhood as we don't have to constantly watch for cars. Our quality of life in this neighborhood is high, we enjoy being able to walk our dog on the canal trail meeting our neighbors as we do so. Please, consider the little people when you are looking at options for zoning this property. Please don't allow rezoning upon rezoning which would create hundreds of additional cars in and out of our small family neighborhood each and every day.

Sincerely,

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