

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

11/19/2015

RESOLUTION 2015.16

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to Proposed Zoning and Plan Amendments in Eugene

WHEREAS, the Eugene City Council passed a motion on October 21, 2015 that has sections 2a & 3 of which would negatively impact the City of Eugene's ability to facilitate the development of new housing within the current Urban Growth Boundary to accommodate population growth as projected by Envision Eugene and the Population Research Center at Portland State University; and

WHEREAS, the motion passed on October 21 was first submitted to the council by Councilor Clark less than 24 hours before the meeting at which it was passed without opportunity for public comment or oversight.

WHEREAS, the Eugene City Council passed a motion on November 9, 2015 proposed by Councilor Greg Evans which suspended the negative impacts of the October 21 motion in favor of a more inclusive and deliberate community conversation; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Democratic Party of Lane County, according to its 2014-2015 platform, to "protect Oregon's farmlands from the encroachment of urban sprawl;" and

WHEREAS, the policy ramifications of Sections 2 & 3 of the October 21 motion would have greatly increased the need for a sprawl-inducing urban growth boundary expansion, to the detriment of livability and the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Democratic Party of Lane County, according to its 2014-2015 platform, to "promote fairness for underrepresented communities in our county;" and

WHEREAS, the policy ramifications of Sections 2 & 3 of the October 21 motion would have push new construction of affordable housing to the outskirts of Eugene, to the detriment

of seniors and low-income families in our community.

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County Resolves:

SECTION 1. To thank Councilor Evans, along with Councilors Zelenka, Syrett, and Pryor, and Mayor Piercy for their votes on November 9 in favor of responsible planning that is both respectful to the concerns of neighbors and reflective of Oregon Statewide Planning Goals.

SECTION 2. To encourage Eugene City Councilors who are members of the Democratic Party of Lane County to consider the environmental and equity ramifications that would result from Sections 2 & 3 of the October 21 motion.

SECTION 3. To work with community partners—such as the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce, 1000 Friends of Oregon, the planning commission, and the Eugene Sustainability Commission—to advocate for responsible planning goals and outcomes.

SECTION 4. To mail this Resolution to Mayor Piercy, Councilor Brown, Councilor Taylor, Councilor Zelenka, Councilor Poling, Councilor Evans, Councilor Syrett, Councilor Pryor, and City Manager Ruiz.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, November 19, 2015**

Signed:

X _____.

Chris Wig

Chair

X _____.

Celine Swenson-Harris

Secretary

CITY COUNCIL MOTION PASSED ON OCTOBER 21, 2015

The Eugene City Council voted 5-3 on the following motion by Councilor Mike Clark.

I move to direct the city manager to:

- 1) Reschedule the public hearing on the South Willamette Special Area Zone to January 19, 2016.
- 2) Engage the affected neighbors and property owners and bring back revised zoning and plan amendments for public hearing on January 19th that will accomplish the following:
 - a) Does not change the plan designation or rezone any property currently zoned R-1 or immediately adjacent to a property zoned R-1, unless none of the adjacent properties have an existing single-family home or duplex and the owner agrees to the rezoning.
 - b) Ensures that use and development standards for all properties that are not zoned R-1 will protect R-1 property residents' livability, including:
 - i) Protecting residents' visual privacy in their homes and backyards, especially from significant intrusion from occupants of structures that are two or more stories; and
 - ii) "protecting residents from significant negative impacts from structures that block solar access or reasonable sight lines; and
 - iii) protecting residents from significant negative impacts arising from vehicle use and loading.
- 3) Follow the direction above with respect to all future planning and proposals for the new comprehensive plan, code and plan amendments on (previously identified by staff) transit corridors that may impact R-1 properties.