

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

3/21/2019

RESOLUTION 2019.15

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to Lane County Glenwood Transfer Station

WHEREAS, the GTS is centrally located for users in Eugene, Springfield and areas of Lane County surrounding and is used daily, by citizens and businesses;

WHEREAS, the GTS accepts many appliances for responsible, legal recycling, many of which are not accepted elsewhere, including air conditioners, dishwashers, hot water heaters, microwaves, refrigerators and freezers, small appliances, stoves, washers and dryers ;

WHEREAS, the GTS accepts many other items for responsible, legal recycling, many of which are not accepted elsewhere, including asphalt, concrete, cell phones, lighting, computers and peripherals, stereos, televisions, bottles, jars and jugs, carpet, mattresses and box springs, small metal caps, can lids, tires, and non-reusable wood and yard debris ;

WHEREAS, the GTS accepts hazardous waste including rechargeable, car, watch and hearing aid batteries, pesticides herbicides and fertilizers, sharps, aerosol spray cans, propane tanks and wood treatment and paint stripping products ;

WHEREAS, many of the items which are responsibly handled at the GTS are environmentally damaging if not recycled properly;

WHEREAS, although there are some other businesses that accept certain recyclables, the GTS provides a "one stop" location and information center for responsible recycling in general;

WHEREAS, the closure of the GTS would inconvenience and increase costs to many users and businesses and increase illegal dumping in rural areas, on quiet roads and in neighborhoods and parks, wetlands and forested areas;

WHEREAS, the relocation of the GTS to another parcel that is not as centrally located as is the GTS would inconvenience and increase costs to many users and businesses and increase illegal dumping in rural areas, on quiet roads and in neighborhoods and parks, wetlands and forested areas;

WHEREAS, there are ongoing discussions at the City of Springfield and Lane County to close or move the operations at the GTS to some other area;

WHEREAS, the GTS is an essential community asset which serves a great many citizens and businesses in our area directly and indirectly through the responsible handling of waste products;

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

- I. To oppose closure of the Lane County Glenwood Transfer Station.
- II. To oppose relocation of the GTS to any parcel of land that is not as centrally located as the current location or that has other inferior access characteristics.
- III. To oppose the wasteful expenditure of public money to close or relocate this essential service.
- IV. To send copy of this resolution to Springfield City Councilors Leonard Stoehr and Sheri Moore, Lane County Commissioners Pete Sorenson, Heather Buch and Joe Berney and all Democratic State Representatives and Democratic State Senators representing areas Lane County, Oregon.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, March 21, 2019**

