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October 8, 2023

Dear Stayton City Council,

We are requesting the abandonment or vacation of the pedestrian access easement situated on our property of 1479 N Evergreen for public safety. With the path becoming a "dead end" as of summer 2022 the amount of unsavory activity has increased. This path shares the fence line of my home. The yard where my young son plays with his two dogs. Since the closure we are finding more trash, people jumping the fence, using the path as a hang out, urination and more recently articles of clothing and needles. This is unacceptable.

With homelessness and the drug epidemic getting worse by day, it is just a matter of time before this path becomes dangerous. Let's be proactive, stop a problem before it gets out of hand. A problem that could have been easily resolved if the city had helped its residents when a problem first occurred.

I come from a suburb of a major city and have watched my hometown change drastically, it is now crawling with transit camps, drugs and violence. Making a once pleasant town an unsettling place to walk around with my family. I don't want this for Stayton. I know Regis doesn't want this for their students, hence the fencing of their whole campus. This pedestrian access easement no longer allows access, its dead-end alley way that is just asking for trouble.

The partial shutdown of the pedestrian path on N Evergreen Ave to Regis High School has the potential to become a serious public issue, not just for the nearby homes, but for the students and faculty of Regis High School, as well as all residents of Stayton. We are asking the community to come together to help us fix a problem before it starts. Let's do what we can to keep our families and neighbors safe, healthy and happy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Luke and Carly Lunski

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Dear Julia,

September 5, 2023

We would like to request the pathway from Evergreen Avenue to the Regis High School parking lot be permanently closed. The pathway led pedestrians through the high school parking lot, which was unsafe for both the pedestrians and our students.

On October 21, 2022 I informed Dan Fleischman of the safety concern and that we wanted to vacate the easement.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Candi Hedrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Candi Hedrick, Principal

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Stayton City Council
362 N. Third AVE
Stayton, OR 97383

Re: Easement Vacation at 1479 N. Evergreen Avenue.



Stayton City Council,

We, Lyle and Laura Hollenbeck live at 493 W. Fir ST Stayton, Oregon. We have lived at this address since February 1989. Our property borders the easement at 1479 N. Evergreen AVE Stayton, Oregon.

The path was developed in 1989 to assist kids to get to and from school. Through the years we have witnessed the changes to the foot traffic and bike traffic that has utilized, vandalized and created an unsafe environment for the kids. We have experienced personally over the years an Increase in crime, damage to our property, garbage, drug use (needles), and people on the path at all hours of the day and night.

Our neighborhood is a good neighborhood and have people that have lived on this street for many years. We support Luke and Carly Lunski on their proposal to complete the closure on the easement vacation. The closure will help bring families in our neighborhood a piece of mind and provide safety to the community and most importantly the kids.

Thank you,

Lyle and Laura Hollenbeck

Cc: Luke and Carly Lunski