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Sent: Friday, November 23, 2018 7:05 PM
To: City Recorder
Subject: Testimony in favor of Aurora State Airport Expansion
Attachments: 2018 November 23 Written Testimony in favor of Aurora State Airport Expansion.pdf

Hello,

Please see attached, and enter into the record as testimony at the Public Hearing on Aurora State Airport Expansion being held at City Hall on November 27, 2018.

Thank you,
Gail

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November 23, 2018,

To: Wilsonville City Council
Via: Email to cityrecorder@ci.wilsonville.or.us
Re: Nov. 27, 2018 Public Hearing on Aurora State Airport Expansion

Written Testimony in favor of Aurora State Airport Expansion

Wilsonville City Council,

As a business with four locations in close proximity to Aurora State Airport, (Wilsonville, Canby, Aurora, Woodburn) we are truly fortunate to have more than \$1.5 million in annual sales from companies that use or are headquartered at the airport. We work hard to earn that business. Many other businesses throughout the City of Wilsonville also benefit economically from these same companies and others located at or utilizing the airport for business needs.

The City of Wilsonville website claims to support local businesses, yet the opposition by the City Council to this runway expansion does NOT support us. The business taxes we pay to the City of Wilsonville helps keep the SMART bus system going at no cost to the riders. The Annual Real Estate and Personal Property taxes we pay helps keep the City of Wilsonville government/library/public safety/urban renewal/school district operating. We deserve to be heard and to be valued, not only for what we pay directly to our local government, but because we employ people who count on our continued success.

It is disappointing to me that this much opposition is coming from The City Council. On January 22 of this year I sent a letter to every council member expressing my support of the runway extension after reading in the Wilsonville Spokesman that the City Council opposed it. In this letter I asked if there was more information that the paper missed that would help me understand why it was being opposed. I did not receive one reply.

The Wilsonville business community should have been considered when weighing the pros and cons of opposing this runway expansion. I don't think we were.

The fact that the Aurora State Airport isn't in the City of Wilsonville- or-Clackamas County should be considered in the big picture of important Wilsonville city issues that need attention. I don't believe there should be this high level of opposition to the matter when the City has a much larger issue of traffic congestion within our city limits.

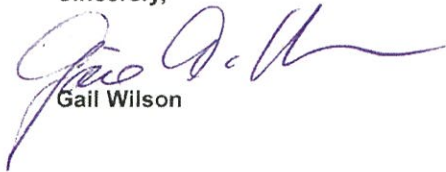
On a personal note, I have been a resident of Charbonneau for the last 14 ½ years. Everyone who lives there moved there after the airport was in place. By purchasing a home there, each and every one of us accepted the fact that the airport was operating, that planes were taking off and landing, and that they were flying over Charbonneau. We had a choice to accept that or to purchase a home

somewhere not near the airport. We chose to purchase our home there and knew we would hear planes. We also knew we would hear the landscape and golf course maintenance equipment, which is loud and lasts longer than a jet taking off. That noise does not bother us either.

As a citizen of and business owner in Wilsonville, and a resident of Charbonneau, I am confident in the regulations that are in place to protect the environment and our living conditions if the expansion process moves forward. I am confident in the air traffic controller in the tower directing flights to minimize the impact on neighborhoods near the airport. I am confident that moving the antenna onto EFU zoned land (this being the only impact on the EFU piece of land involved) will not stop the land from being farmed. I wonder how many people who oppose this have gone out to Kiel Road to see in person what would actually be affected land-wise. Finally, I am confident that the traffic impact to Boone Bridge and the City of Wilsonville would be marginal- especially compared to the traffic impacts Villebois, The Grove, and now the future Frogpond developments have on our daily lives.

Finally, I would feel much better knowing that pilots using the Aurora airport can have access to a safer, more efficient runway. There isn't a logical argument that anyone can raise that opposes safety; it is much more important than our business interest, and much more important than any jurisdictional interest in the project. Every pilot, in every size plane, will have a much better margin of safety if the runway is extended. Therefore, I support the ODA applying for a potential FAA grant- most importantly because it improves the safety of the airport.

Sincerely,



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