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Subject: Supporting Resolution No. 427 (Wilsonville Transit Oriented Development)!

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Dear members of the Development Review Board and City Council,

I'm excited to write today in support of Resolution No. 427 (Wilsonville Transit Oriented Development)! City staff has thoroughly analyzed this request and is proposing a recommendation of approval with conditions. The applicant's thorough team of architects, engineers, arborists, planners, and other experts has prepared an in-depth proposal that addresses all of my questions and concerns about the impact on the community and our goals.

This is an essential first step towards the further build-out of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) at the SMART transit center. It will not only provide essential housing to address our severe undersupply within the region, but it will also bolster our world-class SMART transit system, as well as enhance our argument to TriMet, the state, and region (Metro / JPACT) to increase WES service and extend transit to Salem (and beyond).

This development will not be on an island but will be the first step towards creating a residential mix-use node that connects the path between Villebois and the downtown through our future bridge over I-5.

Finally, the ground floor space will be a great location to locate small businesses and services that will complement our new neighbors, as well as the community.

I can't wait to have this development in our community. It has been a long time coming. Please pass this as soon as possible.

Thank you, Garet Prior

