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City of La Pine Oregon letter of Support -- March 13, 2013

Support of HB 3130
La Pine Industrial Land

This letter is written in support of HB 3130, a legislative solution that provides Deschutes County latitude to spend accumulated La Pine Industrial land revenues for purposes of signaling an intersection located at the confluence of First Street /Reed Street and Highway 97 in La Pine, Oregon.

This noted intersection is amongst the worst street intersections in Central Oregon, located on Highway 97, due to its high traffic volumes, offset roadways, complex traffic turning movements, considerable commingling of vehicles and pedestrians, visibility issues and rapid speed reductions and accelerations.

It is just a matter of time before a fatality occurs at this intersection - without proper signalization resolution. Yet, the 1.3 Million dollar cost to signalize this intersection is beyond the financial bounds of ODOT, the City of La Pine and Deschutes County to collectively resolve without legislative assistance in the near term.

Approval of LC 3770 provides Deschutes County the ability to use accumulated industrial development funds for the installation of this much needed traffic control device, whose construction is otherwise constrained by language limitations inherent in ORS 275.318.

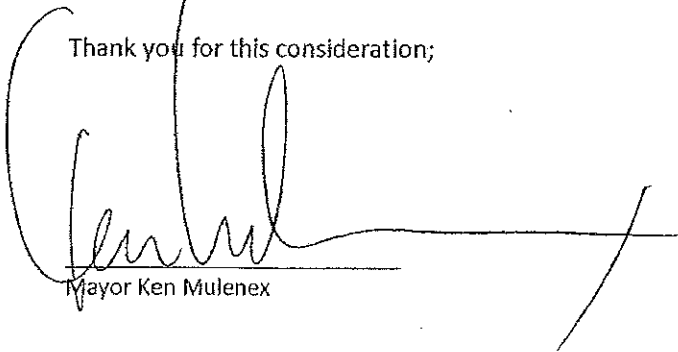
More specific, passage of this bill affords Deschutes County the ability to use approximately \$200,000 of La Pine Industrial Development Fund proceeds to match funds from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for purposes of signaling this dangerous intersection. A transportation project that would otherwise lie dormant for several years, while financial proceeds accumulate from other funding resources has the capacity to be resolved by passage of this bill, to the extent, the signalization and associated improvements could be installed within the next couple years.

Without the County's discretion to use these proceeds in this manner -- the pursuit of industrial development applications associated with the nearby 327 acre La Pine Industrial Park becomes a futile exercise because the traffic generated by industrial proposals [even small industrial projects] exceed this intersection's transportation carrying capacity. This traffic limitation causes land use safeguards to kick in resulting in denial of industrial land use applications. This negative outcome is reflected in a recent grocery store installation proposal that was denied due to the anticipated transportation impact of the project on this intersection.

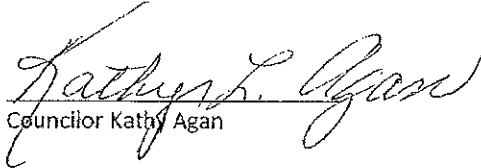
If the industrial park cannot be developed due to intersection constraints that are not resolvable in the foreseeable future, without this proposed legislative remedy, then the community's ability to create jobs, wealth and independence is severely curtailed.

La Pine is Oregon's newest City and desperately needs safety devices and economic development opportunities to flourish. HB 3103 has the capacity to help in this regard and therefore the City of La Pine offers its wholehearted support toward this legislative remedy.

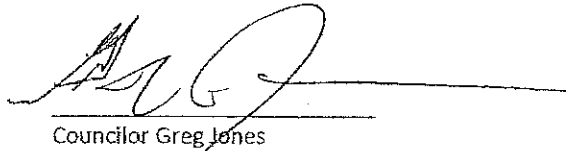
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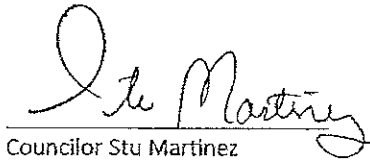
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