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My name is Carolyn Perrin.

I'm representing North West Hillsboro Alliance.

I have 3 thoughts I'd like to share with you.

1. The best way to protect farmland is to plan ahead.

That is what the very novel concept of H.B. 1011 is about. HB 1011 recognized that some farmland would have to be used for urban purposes...not all of it could be protected.

The real challenge was to determine how much and where best to plan the urban footprint and thereby protect as much farmland as possible; and still make our urban footprint as functional as possible.

Thus after years of study, money, and debate Washington County, Metro, and LCDC all approved North Hillsboro as Urban Reserve.

2. Urbanization measures in Washington County are extreme

The pressures for logical urbanization in Washington County are considerable. Recent evidence of growth pressures is the fact that 4 of the 5 city requests to Metro for U.G.B. expansions submitted in January are in Washington County. Yet Washington County has about ½ of the Urban Reserves compared to Clackamas and Multnomah counties. The only city not in Washington County asking for a U.G.B. expansion is Wilsonville which is partially in Washington County.

3. Historical Perspective

- a. I conclude my remarks with a bit of history. Why urbanizing South Hillsboro required such costly transportation investments. The answer is pretty simple...we failed to plan ahead. Though South Hillsboro was proposed to be in the U.G.B. as far back as the 1980s it wasn't included until 2012. Groups seeking to protect farmland opposed its inclusion for decades. By not planning ahead the routes to South Hillsboro were blocked by development and now are both difficult and expensive to construct. Let's not make that mistake again.