

May 13, 2019

I am a long time Happy Valley resident, sending this letter in strong support of HB 3099A.

Our family actively uses the parks and trails around the area, both inside and outside of our city. We have always been very impressed with the quality of the parks and know that the city and the county have taken good care of these recreation areas.

The reason we support this bill is because of fairness. Happy Valley's residents have made it abundantly clear they do not wish to continue to be held captive by the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District. It seems that if Happy Valley residents were the ones who originally voted to get into the parks district, they should also be the ones who are able to vote to leave. This bill directly addresses that type of situation.

We have confidence that if Happy Valley residents choose to leave the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, the city will continue to manage the area with a high level of service without detracting from the rest of the district, and we will all benefit from that outcome. In fact, Clackamas County residents will continue to have full access to all these parks without having to pay for them.

More importantly, this bill provides a future fair and reasonable method for cities and service districts to be held accountable for delivering services to their constituents.

Please vote "yes" on HB 3099A.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "E".

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