

To all Members of the Capital Construction Committee:

I am writing to you as a resident of Washington County, but more importantly as a community member and full-time staff member of the Hillsboro Hops.

Our team is at a crucial turning point for the future of our time in Hillsboro. As an employee who started here as a Part-Time Team Shop employee on Opening Day 2013, to my current Full-Time role with the team as the Vice President of People and Culture, what happens next is going to impact my family and me strongly.

Before I came to the Hops, I was in elementary education and I came to the team not knowing I'd be here 10 years later. The team owners, Mike and Laura McMurray deeply care about community and are invested in their people. We all kept our jobs in 2020 when they could have easily furloughed all of us. Instead, we took that summer to run summer camps, deliver meals to essential workers, host drive through events to connect with our ticket holders and more innovative ways to stay a part of this community.

In my role I hire and train all staff. Since starting in 2015 in this capacity, I can say we have hired over 800 "HOPSpitality" members, ranging from first time job seekers to retired teachers and baseball fanatics of all ages.

We are more than baseball and in my efforts in our community engagement, I can tell you about all the volunteer outings, grants and scholarships, free clinics and more we've done in 10 years. Give me a call anytime (360.241.4725)

This is an investment but one that will pay off and supply jobs, professional growth for our developing citizens and all of this generates enough income tax to make this a no brainer investment.

Please vote in support to help this project move forward.

Jen Anderson