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Sent: To: Monday, November 26, 2018 3:52 PM Kevin Ferrasci O'Malley; City Recorder

Subject:

Testimony regarding the Aurora Airport runway extension

Dear Mayor Knapp and City Council Members,

I live in Charbonneau and would like to voice my opinion in favor of the Aurora airport runway extension. Since this issue has come to my attention, I've listened for aircraft overhead to see what affect the noise factor would have near our home. It seems to be a non-issue with only 15 seconds of sound - per take off - that actually reaches my ears when I have windows open.

We all know that the airport has been a resource to our area since well before Wilsonville became a City. The price of convenience typically comes with increased noise & traffic. Didn't we all rejoice when Costco, Target and Fred Meyers came to town? I'm willing to live with more traffic so that I don't have to drive to Tigard to conduct business. The same goes for the airport. It provides local businesses with a way to transport their executives without driving to Hillsboro. We have a great tax base in Wilsonville from the industry that has been attracted to our location with easy I-5 access. The airport is undoubtedly a factor in some businesses locating in Wilsonville and gives them a competitive edge when customers can be flown in close to the business. Now the runway needs to be extended to compliment the tower that took so long to get built so that corporate jets do not have to be diverted. It's a safety issue - plain and simple - well documented and discussed over many years.

It's time to put the discussion to rest and move forward.

Warmest Regards,

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