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To: Mayor Traber and Members of the Corvallis City Council

From: League of Women Voters of Corvallis, Laura Lahm Evenson, President

Re: Pre-notification Requirements - Land Development Code Amendments (LDT600001)
amending Chapter 2.0

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis strongly supports the proposed amendments to requirements for Pre-notification in Article 2.0 of the Corvallis Land Development Code (LDC). We very much appreciate Community Development Director Bilotta's initiation of these amendments. For many years, we have consistently asserted that the public needs more time to review large development proposals in advance of public hearings.

We understand that a development application may change significantly between this pre-notification and when it is completed, and we trust that the City will make this clear to all interested parties.

League also approves the other wording changes in Comp. Plan Section 2.0.50.03 regarding who is notified and what information is provided in the notice as they make the Section much clearer than before.

We notice that instead of requiring developers to hold informational meetings in affected neighborhoods, that they be "strongly urged" (Section 2.0.50) to do so. League would prefer that such meetings be mandatory, as information gathered could help avoid future contention as the project goes forward.

The League of Women Voters' position supports citizen participation in all decision-making processes to assure that land use planning maintains and enhances community livability and protects resource lands. Therefore, we urge you to approve the Land Development Code amendments before you tonight.