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To: Members of the Land Development Hearings Board

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

Re: ADC-17-00004 Linn-Benton Center North Zone Change

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis was wholeheartedly behind the purchase of property near the Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) Benton Center so the expansion project, supported by the League and approved by voters in the November 2014 election, could proceed. Therefore, we recommend support for the necessary zone change from Mixed Use General Commercial (MUGC) to Mixed Use Community Shopping (MUCS) making it possible for the college to locate on the site.

At the beginning of the process, the League urged LBCC to explore possibilities for the new addition that did not involve Washington Park as we greatly value both the college and the park. Using the purchased commercially zoned site north of the current Center will allow for needed college expansion while preserving Washington Park for future generations.

Our interest in LBCC is based on League Principles and on positions arrived at after member study. Among these Principles is the responsibility of government to provide equality of opportunity and access to education for all members of society.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.