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Subject: City Council meeting input.

My name is Marissa Lopez and I would like to put in my .2¢ on the proposal by Trans-CASCADIA and their plans for the Westfir corner lot.

As it is to be discussed in this upcoming City Council meeting.

I have been living here in Westfir/Oakridge for the last eight years. During that small amount of time I have seen people come and go, some with grand business plans, but with no true skin in the game. Some simply lacking investors or follow through.

So far, I am pleased to have seen the resourceful improvements Nikki and Jessi have done with a small plot of land that they have been charge of.

It is clear to me that not only are they financially and emotionally invested in the betterment of this community, but have the follow through as well.

I also feel like a local area for campers would be greatly beneficial. Not only would it allow a place for tourists to camp and keep 'outside money' readily available for our small community. But I also feel like it would make that possible in a SAFER and appropriate way.

Many times I see people camping in the woods or parked along the side of roads. Over nighters that could be potential fire hazards, or are just camping in inappropriate places. I would deeply encourage a maintained and safe campground in the area for those visitors to go. Even if this campground discourages a small amount of those misplaced campers from being in our woods.. it would be worth it for me.

As a local citizen and business owner I feel that if TransCascadia wants to head up this project and turn a long time abandoned lot into something of value, I vote yes!

We need more people to see this area as a potential place to come, to visit, to grow, and to invest their energy into.

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