To: Robert Maul, City of Camas

From: Physician homeowners of Grand Ridge and Knight's Pointe neighborhoods in Camas

Re: Development related road delays and physician on-call response time

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Dear Mr. Maul:

We are writing to you as residents of the Grand Ridge and Knight's Pointe neighborhoods in Camas. We are residents who love Southwest Washington and are invested in our community. It is not news that the Camas area is experiencing a surge in population and development. Our neighborhoods sit at the literal intersection of two major development projects, both of which are slated to kick off this spring/summer and will provide some significant traffic hassles and delays while they are in process. The Camas School District's Project Based High School campus on the former Sharp property and Vancouver's Columbia Palisades project on the Cemex Fisher Quarry are both significant projects in our area, parts of which have been many years in the making. We fully understand the need for expanded infrastructure, roads, schools, housing, corporate space, and retail. This letter comes with appreciation for the forward-looking view that the cities of Camas and Vancouver are taking with respect to traffic management and safety in the area as the roads surrounding our neighborhoods are expected to become much busier over the next several years.

It is the overlapping timing of these two projects and the fact that they lie within different municipal boundaries that is of concern to us. Road improvements for the school campus, coupled with school construction will make entering/exiting our neighborhoods from Payne/18th Ave slow and delayed. Quarry construction and the related road improvements will inevitably create delays along Brady Road. As these are the two possible ways out of our neighborhoods, we could find ourselves in a protracted "land-lock" situation with no non-delayed way out of the neighborhood. While this will be inconvenient for all of our neighbors, this is of particular concern to those of us who are physicians in these neighborhoods. Grand Ridge and Knight's Pointe are home to a large number of physicians, many of whom are often "on call" and are required to have an expeditious transit time to the hospital when we are called in. Proximity and reliable access to SR14 is a key reason that vascular surgeons, anesthesiologists, orthopedic surgeons, interventional cardiologists, and a host of other doctors and medical professionals who are required to have rapid on-call response times chose to purchase homes in Grand Ridge and Knight's Pointe, as opposed to living further north or east in Camas. In very real circumstances, unexpected traffic delays for a physician can mean a delay in care for a sick or injured patient. We ask that Vancouver, Camas, and their contractors please take this very-real concern into account when scheduling road work that will require lane closures and delays on Payne/18th Ave and/or Brady Road. It is not a safe or responsible plan to have both of these exits from Grand Ridge and Knight's Pointe delayed at the same times and days. Further, we would like to know your proposal for announcing delays on each these roads to our neighborhoods so drivers can make the efficient decision when exiting/entering the neighborhoods.

Please find our signatures and addresses on the following page. You may contact Grand Ridge HOA President Katie O'Donnell at 503-939-4454 or katieomy@gmail.com at any time to discuss these concerns. Thank you.

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