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RE: DI2017-0003 Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) Beverage Container Redemption Center (BCRC) Director's Interpretation

Dear Ms. Slatinsky,

I attended the City Council Meeting on June 19th and appreciate being able to discuss our experiences we have had since the Bottle Drop has opened. I understand the difficulty in reviewing this issue but feel the correct action to take is to reverse the Director's Interpretation.

While I, like many others, appreciate the convenience of stores/businesses being close by, I don't think convenience outweighs those issues of personal safety, livability and what is appropriate in a commercial zone. Given that we border numerous businesses and have not had any issues until the Bottle Drop has opened is something that can not be ignored. This is impacting our life here and others in the neighborhood, and while the Bottle Drop representatives feel there is no noise or they mitigate what noise there is, that is simply not true. We live here and we know what we hear and smell on a daily basis, especially because we share a property line. What happens in the Bottle Drop, happens in my front and backyard.

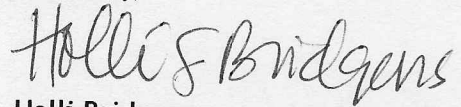
I am all for supporting recycling as are others. In fact, I don't think you would find someone in our neighborhood who doesn't support any recycling efforts. The question is where the Bottle Drop is located and how it came to be that the Bottle Drop would be viewed as a *service business rather than a recycling center*. The issue is *why weren't neighborhoods properly notified, both business and residential, of the Bottle Drop opening?* Why is it that other businesses in the area making any changes to their property, send out a notice to the neighborhood while the Bottle Drop did nothing?

The sounds of the Bottle Drop are extraordinary. Not only is there processing noise of bottles and cans being compacted and running on conveyor belts, we also have noise from the parking lot as patrons are moving the bottles and cans around, someone is always dropping a bag and then we listen to it rolling down the hill. The carts are loud, the patrons are loud and that is going on starting from 6:30 am some days till 7:00 pm. Then until 10:00 pm, we are listening to patrons dropping off the green bags. I have cleaned up garbage from both our front and back yard and have seen the garbage that is left in the parking lot. Brandon Bridgens, in his letter, will discuss a smoldering pile of bark dust that was found on Father's Day - last Sunday just on the other side of our fence. We deal with litter, noise and smells daily. I have had to bring my children indoors because patrons have been peering over our fence line making them uncomfortable. We have had people parking on our street claiming that there is no available parking in the Bottle Drop parking lot. The smells are not contained either. On warm days, the smell of stale alcohol and soft drinks is overwhelming. Why is it

that we have numerous businesses around us and the Bottle Drop is who we hear and smell daily?

This simply can not continue. The Bottle Drop needs to be relocated and sited in an appropriate location. The needs of other neighborhoods and businesses must be taken into account. Thank you for allowing us to comment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 503-348-0238.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holli Bridgens". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and phone number.

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