

July 2, 2018

Anna Statinsky
Planning Division
City of Beaverton
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RE: City of Beaverton Notice re Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative Beverage Container Redemption Center,

Dear Ms. Statinsky:

I am a 15-year resident of the Royal Woodlands neighborhood, just south of the Bottle Drop recycling center. I am writing to bring your attention to how the siting of the Bottle Drop has affected my neighborhood and my family's quality of life.

First, I am very sympathetic to the low-income and homeless population. I am the board president of Farmers Market Fund, a non-profit that raises money to help low-income and underserved communities buy fresh fruits and vegetables at area farmers markets. I also contribute to various organizations throughout the year that assist the homeless. Also, I am a big fan of the Bottle Bill.

Since the Bottle Drop has opened, we have experienced car prowls, suspicious people drinking and loitering in our neighborhood, and trash and human feces on sidewalks. We have found needles in MacMillan Park, just three houses down from our home. Other neighbors have reported suspicious strangers ringing their doorbells late at night, going through their trash and intimidating them while out walking in the neighborhood. My husband noticed a homeless man with a shopping cart full of bottles and cans loitering in our neighbor's back yard while they were away at work. We recently had to install security and doorbell cameras because we simply do not feel safe.

My daughter is 17 and takes the public bus from Fred Meyer on Beaverton Hillsdale Highway to our house in the Royal Woodlands neighborhood. Several weeks ago, a homeless man with a sack full of cans and bottles intimidated her at the bus stop and she had to call my husband to pick her up.

I do not understand why the City and the ORBC failed to engage the community in the decision to site the Bottle Drop on Beaverton Hillsdale Highway. It appears to us that the lack of public transparency was intentional. We had no idea the center was going into the former Pier One location until the sign was installed. The Bottle Drop takes the place of approximately 19 former drop off locations. Having this amount of activity concentrated in a small location, near

residential neighborhoods, businesses and a high school, is a public safety concern for me, my family and my neighbors.

I hope that you will agree that Beaverton City code should be enforced and that the Bottle Drop Center should be relocated to Beaverton's industrial area.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karie Trujillo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'K'.

Karie Trujillo
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