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Mr. Centola:

Our testimony for the Public Hearing and additional comments are attached for inclusion in the public record of the proceedings. I look forward to participating in the hearing at 1:00 pm Monday, 31 January 2022.

Thank you for facilitating this public input process.

Sincerely,
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**Statement for County Commissioners Public Hearing on
Residential Recycling, January 31, 2022
Ed & Patty Pitera**

Good afternoon Commissioners. Thank you for holding this Public Hearing regarding Residential Recycling. My name is Ed Pitera. My wife and I have owned a home at 25 Quelah Lane in Sunriver for ten years.

The County is to be congratulated for considering expanding Residential Recycling and doing it in ways that meet the needs of the communities served.

For some, the collection of Yard Wastes is a positive step for public safety by helping us remove combustible fuels from our yards. For others, home collection of recyclables will improve the quality of materials recycled, and reduce or eliminate dependency on an overwhelmed, out of date, uncontrolled, unsafe, drop-off depot at the Sunriver Owners Association property on Sun Eagle Lane.

In Sunriver, it is important to adopt home recycling as a side-yard pickup service in the same way trash pickup has been for years.

As important as improving recycling services is managing growth. The popularity, growth, and inadequacies of the Sunriver recycling depot are well documented in Sunriver Owners Association records and publications. The County Solid Waste

Staff Report cites: “It is very popular, and is woefully inadequate to handle the volumes of materials coming in.”

From my perspective, the growth of the Sunriver depot is not in harmony with the adjacent, residential neighborhood, generates considerable noise, promotes unlimited private vehicle and truck traffic, and allows illegal dumping of household trash. Its current use is inconsistent with the County’s 2002 Site Plan Approval for the property. Operations exceed even a new staff interpretation (with which I do not agree) of the limitations the County placed on the property with that land use decision. County Code Enforcement/Planning staff gave permission for this excess, in effect, putting a County Department in the position of directing additional violations of an Approved Site Plan. It would be best to accommodate growth through open and normal land use amendment processes, rather than ad-hoc, code enforcement interpretations. Additionally, quickly implementing side-yard pickup should avoid the overuse situation the depot currently faces.

In closing, we appreciate the County improving the environment and enhancing Deschutes County’s “green” image through actions such as expanding Residential Recycling.

Thank you for your time.

Ed & Patty Pitera

30 January 2022

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RE: Deschutes County Public Hearing on Residential Recycling, 31 January 2022
– Additional Comments

In addition to the statement for presentation at the Public Hearing (sent separately), please consider the following:

- 1) Sunriver's recycling depot is uncontrolled and a nuisance. There is no oversight of what is deposited, how much, nor limitations on access. Its operation is inconsistent with other depots the County appears to have oversight responsibilities for including depots at Black Butte, City of Sisters, the LaPine (Wilderness firm's yard) depot as well as County facilities on Highway 97 and at Knott Road. If the Sunriver depot continues to operate, the County should ensure it meets operational standards that are protective of public health.
- 2) Continuing to take the initiative to improve recyclables collection to improve the environment by communicating to the public what the state solid waste management goals are and how we as a County are meeting them. Data is needed to make sound decisions, e.g. how much is being collected, from how many residences, how well are we capturing visitors' recycling, how much material is diverted from landfills, transported elsewhere, etc. Much of the information should be available from the franchise holders. One would expect firms like Waste Connections, a \$5B+ market cap corporation, could provide the information through their normal operations monitoring systems.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment at the Public Hearing and with this written supplement. I look forward to listening to the testimony given by others and providing additional information in response.

Signed Edward & Patricia Pitera