

September 14, 2011

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Metro Councilor Carl Hosticka
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Greetings Council,

At the September 14th board meeting of the Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA), our board voted unanimously to urge the Metro Council to include the Wilsonville Advance Area in the urban growth boundary. We understand this area is not currently slated for inclusion. We believe this is a mistake and urge you to bring this area into the urban growth boundary for the following reasons.

- The Advance area in Wilsonville is the only Clackamas County area under consideration with local city support.
- Including the Advance area in the urban growth boundary will help address the jobs/employment imbalance that currently exists in Wilsonville. With 90% of the people who work in Wilsonville driving from other cities, traffic congestion occurs throughout the metro area. This could be addressed in part with additional residential housing in the city.
- Including the Advance area in the UGB would allow the city of Wilsonville to move forward in planning for Advance and Frog Pond areas together. This would create an economy of scale and would allow for comprehensive planning for the area.

As the voice of businesses in Clackamas County, the CCBA supports job creation and economic growth. Creating opportunities for housing closer to employment hubs encourages economic activity and access to jobs.

We strongly urge your support to include the Advance area in the urban growth boundary.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Parker". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Kim Parker
Executive Director