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Jacyn Normine
Board Office Administrator
Board of Commissioners for Columbia County

Dear Jacyn,

I am writing this letter to express my strong opposition to the petition recently received by Columbia County, which proposes the vacating of Luma Vista and its subsequent transfer to private ownership. As a City Councilor representing the interests of Scappoose residents, I firmly believe that such an action would be detrimental to our community.

Vista Park is a cherished natural space that provides valuable recreational opportunities for our residents. With its 71 acres of park access, it serves as a vital green space where families can enjoy outdoor activities, connect with nature, and foster a sense of community. Vacating the property and turning it over to private ownership would not only deprive our residents of a precious resource but also undermine the well-being and cohesion of our community.

Furthermore, granting the petition to vacate Luma Vista would set a concerning precedent for the future management of public spaces within our county. It is essential that we prioritize the preservation and accessibility of such areas for the benefit of all residents, both present and future. Any decision regarding the fate of Luma Vista should be made with careful consideration of its long-term implications and in consultation with the affected community. Therefore, I urge you to reject the petition to vacate Luma Vista.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I trust that you will consider the concerns raised by myself and other stakeholders in Scappoose.

Sincerely,

Jeannet Santiago

City Councilor, City of Scappoose