



May 15, 2024

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Columbia County Board of Commissioners  
**From:** Laurie Joseph, AICP, CFM, City of Scappoose Community Development Director  
**Re:** Proposed Vacation of Luma Vista Drive and Skyline Terrace

Commissioners –

I am writing to express opposition to the petition to vacate Luma Vista Drive and Skyline Terrace. I understand that at least one City of Scappoose Council member (Councilor Holmes) and the City's Public Works Director have also provided written comment opposing the vacation and I have read and agree with the points they have both raised, so I will keep my comment brief and specific to the land use perspective.

As discussed in the memo from Public Works Director and Roadmaster, Mike Russell, to the County Board of Commissioners dated April 11, 2024, there are specific Columbia County zoning ordinances that apply to partitions of land that must be met in order to allow a partition to occur. Most notably, CCZO (Columbia County Zoning Ordinance) 604.5(A) states, in part, *"All lots or parcels legally recorded on or after June 4, 1991 shall have a minimum of 50 feet of usable frontage on a public right of way"*.

As stated in the April 11, 2024 memo, if this public right of way were to be vacated, it would result in parcels which do not conform to the standards of CCZO 604.5(A). This public right of way, therefore, should not be vacated since it was created in order to justify the approval of Partition Plat 2003-27, which the Board of Commissioners approved.

*Laurie Joseph*