

Planning and Sustainability Commission members,

I urge you to vote against the environmental overlay change that would enable the proposed propane terminal in north Portland. A change to zoning should encompass a wider community discussion and be based on broader needs rather simply enabling a particular project. Also, spot zoning should not lead planning according to the 1973 Oregon Supreme Court decision in *Fasano v. Washington County Board of Commissioners* that was codified in Senate Bill 100.

Also, according to chief scientists Ian Madin and Yumai Wang with the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, the existing tanks of volatile fuels on the Willamette riverbank already pose a significant safety problem for both the north Portland and Linnton communities. If there is a flood or earthquake event, and we have no way to fully predict the severity of the next earthquake, we could see failures and problems with the tanks and connecting mechanics that could further expose our communities to danger. There is no way to truly stabilize the proposed tanks at T6 because bedrock lies so far underground.

Also, propane is a fossil fuel. It is not an intermediate fuel. We should not continue to invest in fossil fuel infrastructure when we know with certainty that there is an immediate need to move toward clean energy sources.

Please vote to keep the environmental overlay at the proposed site.

Thank you sincerely,
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