

This is the message I am sending to the Olympia city council about the Green Cove project.

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TO: Olympia City Council

FROM: Thurston League of Women Voters

On behalf of the Thurston League of Women Voters, I write to express our continued concern about the Green Cove Park application. It's our understanding that the applicant has refused to comply with legal and reasonable requirements the City has set up for all such requests.

Please note that the League has a long-standing position regarding Land Use:

The League of Women Voters of Washington believes that: LU-1: The effect on environmental quality must always be considered whenever state and local governments and their agencies make decisions. It should be mandatory that governmental bodies prepare and publicize environmental impact statements for all land use decisions. LU-2: All known factors should be considered in making land use decisions and first consideration should be given to the effect on natural elements. Those activities that are dependent upon natural elements must be balanced with the needs of people including recreation, employment, food, shelter, waste disposal, transportation, aesthetics and economics. Uniqueness or scarcity, importance to the community as a whole, promotion of health, safety and welfare as well as the irreversibility of the decisions should be considered in resolving conflicts in each case.

As a result, we believe the City must deny this project because it lacks the necessary requisite information to conduct a complete review. The City can ill afford to incur the substantial liabilities for potential future health, environmental, and engineering effects resulting from this lack of information about an environmentally sensitive location.

Consequently, we ask that you deny the permit for this project until the applicant complies with all relevant laws and the City's request for information.

Sandra L. Herndon, President, Thurston League of Women Voters