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Dear County Commissioners:

Re: Salishan

We are writing as concerned local residents. We have lived in Lincoln City since 1979. We have always considered Salishan to be the jewel of our central Oregon Coast. It has been sad and disappointing to see it slowly lose status as it has transitioned away from the original John Gray ownership and vision. We realize the current holding company is planning to "flip" the property after increasing its revenue. We don't have a problem with that per se, but we are concerned that their proposals are ill-conceived.

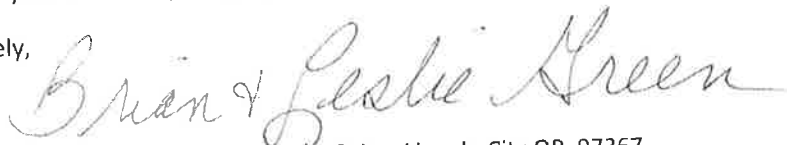
We both play golf and tennis at Salishan and consider it an important part of our satisfaction with living at the coast. We have reservations that people swinging in trees or ziplining through a golf course or bike riding on golf trails will not increase "heads in beds" and feel such activities that detract from the golf experience may actually result in reduced occupancy. Tennis and golf was part of the promise made to homeowners and locals when the Salishan development was approved. Incorporating activities that undermine golf and tennis violates the promise made by Salishan to the local community and especially to surrounding homeowners. We do not object to occasional use of the driving range for activities such as Frisbee golf events or concerts on the lawn, but do think a driving range is an amenity that should remain with the golf course.

Bringing younger visitors to the coast is a laudable goal and I wish them success. However, in our experience, retirees are the glue that keep the coastal economy going when visitors return home. We hope Salishan will seriously study how retirees contribute to their bottom line and spend some advertising dollars to entice traditional golfers and tennis players to the existing facilities that they already own.

On the issue of employee housing we think the proposal to convert retail space to worker housing is a good example of creative thinking. Retail is becoming harder and harder in these days of online shopping, and the college dormitory style housing solution could be just right for seasonal workers. That being said, it would be ideal if they could also sign a few more retail leases, perhaps for stores that would pair with Salishan guests' interests (sports equipment? toy store for kids and grandkids? Upscale café? Book store?).

We are counting on the Lincoln County Planning Commission to safeguard our coastal interests. Thank you for your time and your good work.

Sincerely,



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