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Yamhill County Board of Commissioners
434 NE Evans Street
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Dear Commissioners:

On January 27, 2015, Commissioner Allen Springer and Waste Management representative Jackie Lang made a joint presentation to the City Council regarding Waste Management's and Grow Yamhill County's 2015 "Green4Growth" grant. After consideration, the Council determined that it was in the best interests of the City to decline the grant.

At the February 10, 2015 City Council meeting, there was discussion among those Councilors present regarding what was perceived as Commissioner Springer's marked partiality on the subject of Waste Management and the Riverbend expansion. This concern on the part of the Councilors arose not only from the presentation on January 27, but also from Commissioner Springer's recent KOIN interview. It was unanimously agreed by the Councilors present that it appeared Commissioner Springer had already formed an opinion about Waste Management and the proposed expansion of the Riverbend landfill. The reasoning for Waste Management's and Grow Yamhill County's cooperative development and timing of the "Green4Growth" grants to the cities of Yamhill County is suspect. The Councilors believe that Commissioner Springer will be unable to be objective in the Yamhill County's Commissioners deliberation and decision regarding the proposed expansion proposal when it is heard.

For this reason, and in the interest of keeping local government in Yamhill County transparent, fair, and equitable for all citizens of McMinnville and Yamhill County I am writing to each of you on behalf of the elected City officials that were present at the February 10 Council meeting. The Council is requesting that Commissioner Springer recuse himself from the decision making process for the landfill expansion.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" being the most prominent.

Richard L. "Rick" Olson
Mayor