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Subject: Loss of a City Asset

Dear Mayor, City Councilors and City Manager,

As the discussion about boat ramp issues continue I would, once again, attempt to be heard. Especially after recent events.

A week ago, while simply standing in his front yard my husband was verbally accosted by neighbors from a different street. He was asked if he had "harassed" anyone as well as other inappropriate comments yelled across the street and yard. Anyone who knows Arne knows he would never engage in that behavior. It is simply not in his character to be "harassing". He was deeply upset and said "I'm done with public service".

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Let me add some to that resignation. With the exception of Heather, Arne has done more for this city than anyone else. Public service has always been in his heart and soul. We previously lived in Tualatin where he served on their city council for a decade. He further volunteered to numerous committees in the city and throughout Washington County. He attempted a run for State Legislature so dedicated to the public. He was awarded "Man of the Year" from Tualatin for his commitment to public service. When we moved to this city, he resumed his dedication to service and served on the city council for 18 years. Among many activities he spent energy even down to cleaning up streets and the parks. He helped spear head enhancements such as the climbing structure and Heritage Park. And much more. So let it sink in.

Arne Nyberg is done with public service.

I never dreamed I'd hear my husband say those words.

And why? I feel it is in huge part because of the city's support and empowerment of the aggressive, and insulting voices in this city. I've questioned before the accuracy of accusations of our neighborhood. And even after no neighbor has spoken to a visitor for months, the city continues its negative post on the website, untruths about us. We did our part, where is the acknowledgement from a city so quick to criticize our one neighborhood. Creating us as bad guys, as threatening and selfish, not just neighbors wanting to preserve our neighborhood from large crowds and excessive noise. I doubt any other neighborhood would not protest 60 cars through their neighborhood because it's a hot day.

It is one thing to lose the quality of life we have previously enjoyed in our beautiful forever home of 25 years. But it is a completely different thing to be accosted in our own front yard, in our own space.

When we moved in, we lived by a community river access. We are still the same neighborhood and deserve to be treated as such and shown the respect any other neighborhood experiences. But most importantly, in my eyes, my husband does not deserve to be disrespected, especially standing in his own front yard. This has to stop. The city needs to step up and show support for our neighborhood as in any other neighborhood.

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