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Hello:

I'd like to share info on the proposed City of Salem plan to build a trail from Joplin Court to Sprague High School.

I live on Joplin Court, after discussion with those living on this street we are strongly opposed to this plan.

Here are a few of the reasons this trail is not a good idea and should be halted, please share this during the meeting:

- 1) Use of the secluded trail will produce large quantities of trash and litter. This will accumulate as no one will take responsibility for the trail's cleaning.
- 2) Cost of maintenance will add debt to an already strained city budget.
- 3) This hidden trail will be non-monitored, fostering an atmosphere conducive to teenage drinking and drugs with little to no chance of being caught.
- 4) This secluded area could be used for sexual assault against high school girls, and violent group bullying towards high school boys.
- 5) The Salem Keizer School District and the City of Salem possibly would be liable for any assaults occurring on this trail that was created against public opinion.
- 6) The trail would provide a perfect, out of sight location for SHS students to skip class and have a place to hang out.
- 7) Joplin Court, not a thru street, would become a major drop off area increasing traffic 50-fold causing traffic jams, congestion, noise, and pollution for those of us living there.
- 8) Creation of a trail would endanger wildlife habitat current living in this area.

Please drop all plans for this ill-advised trail.

Myself and the committee thank you-

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