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Subject: concerns about Port Westward



Hello,

I hope that the leaders in Columbia County are clear about their responsibility to the community and to the state. Our great Republican Governor Tom McCall once said, "...Oregon is demure and lovely, and it ought to play a little hard to get. And I think you'll be just as sick as I am if you find it is nothing but a hungry hussy, throwing herself at every stinking smokestack that's offered."

I grew up in Southern Illinois and watched the loss of prime farmland to strip mining. There is only reclamation after that process, no such thing as restoration. The prime resource of the area literally went up in smoke, and into someone else's pockets.

I worked for many years in Columbia County, and currently am affiliated with Great Vow Zen Monastery, a neighbor that would be directly affected by this decision.

The leaders of this project have some obviously extremely questionable ethics. It is deeply concerning. It would be a shame for the county to fall prey to swindlers taking such a jewel that is this land.

I hope that the leaders in Columbia county can be inspired by the example of Tom McCall "*Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say: This is my community, and it is my responsibility to make it better.*"

With much appreciation,
Laura Martin

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**"A person is a fluid process, not a fixed and static entity;
a flowing river of change, not a block of solid material;
a continually changing constellation of potentialities,
not a fixed quantity of traits."**

~Carl R. Rogers