

April 2, 2012

Dear Mayor, City Council and URD Agency,

This email is to voice our disappointment that you are considering moving all of the city offices to the new police building. I recently watched the URD meeting of March 21 (?) on OCT Channel 5. Mr. Ellis presented a plan to move the city offices to the basement or main floor of the new police building. The impression I had is that most of you support this move. I was really disappointed that you seem to need to make this decision in the next few weeks. This does not allow much time for community input and discussion.

As a downtown property owner and a citizen of Canby, I object to the move. I think it is very likely that if the city leaves the real core of the downtown, you will take a portion of the heart of the community. It will take years to bring new buildings to the core and in the meantime, the center will look vacated, empty and sad.

When our family invested and built in downtown Canby in recent years, we were told that the City was committed to a vibrant, historic downtown. I have attended many meetings and was a board member of Canby Revitalization and Development with Catherine Comer. I was there when we taxed all of the downtown properties with the EID. Moving the city to what you call the bookend, is against everything we were working for.

Consolidating city government in one building is a great idea. Spending \$2.5 million to be on the second floor of the library seems like a much better deal for the community. Spending \$700,000-900,000 plus to move to the police building and then move again at a later date does not seem wise. These are the numbers heard in your meeting. Perhaps there is still the possibility of being part of the library's building project.

All of the restaurants and coffee shops downtown, as well as the retail stores, will suffer from the City's departure. Ist Avenue will be torn up for 7-8 months, the City will be moving and the downtown core will look like a disaster zone, and may not survive. There is already a challenging business climate. The Chamber Director said in your meeting that, the Chamber does not support the City's move. The Chamber represents business owners who are committed to serving the community.

We presently own three business properties by Wait Park, and our family has owned and operated business in Canby for almost 90 years. We want the struggling downtown core to succeed. Canby's compact central downtown area, with the jewel of Wait Park as part of it, has history and potential on its side - but it is fragile. Please do not take away the liveliness, presence-on-the-street, foot and vehicular traffic that the downtown core-located city offices attract.

Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,

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To all City Council Members and Staff,

The idea of moving various municipalities out of the downtown core has been a topic that has been discussed more than once. We have believed in downtown and that is why we stayed in the downtown over the decades. Cutsforth's Thriftway is one of the anchors of the downtown and any loss, or relocation, of businesses or municipalities to Canby's Downtown would be detrimental to the growth and the future of downtown.

The stability of downtown is the most important part of Canby's Future. We believe that the city council should reconsider the thought of moving any other municipalities or city offices out of the downtown core.

Thank you

Brooks Cutsforth

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