

City of Sherwood, Oregon

Resolution No. 98-739

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF OREGON TO REJECT THE LOCATION OF A WOMEN'S PRISON AT ANY SITE THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACTS RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Sherwood has been called on to oppose the Day Road site as the potential location of the Women's Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sherwood was originally one of the sites considered for the location of the facility, and therefore appreciates the concern of those who believe a prison to have a debilitating impact upon a community, and

WHEREAS, a prison should not be located simply where the land is cheap and easy to develop, nor should it be located only where it is easily accessible, nor should it be governed simply by zoning or paper boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Wilsonville, Tualatin, and Sherwood, like so many communities across Oregon, are represented by many separate threads that are individual citizens. When these threads come together to form a community, we believe that the community should not be ripped apart by something as onerous and foreign as a prison, and

WHEREAS, we wish not to offend, for we appreciate the good faith efforts of the Governor of the State of Oregon to place this facility in a location that best meets the public interest. However, we humbly suggest that a mistake has been made, for we believe that in Oregon, a state correctional facility and a residential community should be, by definition, mutually exclusive and they cannot, and should not, be neighbors.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City of Sherwood respectfully requests the Governor of the State of Oregon and the Oregon Department of Corrections to withdraw the Dammasch and Day Road sites from consideration, and begin again in an effort to build consensus for a Women's Prison site in a location that meets the needs of the public interest, while not sacrificing the integrity of individual communities.

Section 2: The City of Sherwood calls on all communities in Oregon to become involved in this issue, for all of us who have dedicated ourselves to building strong and livable communities have

a stake in this matter. If the communities of Wilsonville or Tualatin must bear this unfair burden today, then all of us live under the threat that tomorrow, our community may be next.

Duly passed by the City Council on this 26th day of May 1998.


Bill Boyle, Mayor

Attest:


Jon Bormet, City Manager-Recorder