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Cary Johnson, Chair
Clatsop County Planning Commission
Suite 100
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re: Arcadia Beach property, tax lots 4-10-7CA-101, 202, 400, 500; James Smejkel

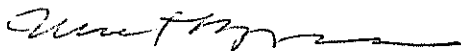
Dear Chair Johnson;

I am writing on behalf of my client Mr. James Smejkel, the applicant and property owner in the proposed Arcadia Beach map and text amendments currently pending before the Planning Commission.

After discussing the matter with his attorney and with me, Mr. Smejkel has decided to withdraw this request. The principal reasons for this decision are the threat of litigation by DLCDC and other opponents; opposition from County staff; and a desire to spare the County and himself from the high cost of an appeal.

Mr. Smejkel asked me to convey to you his appreciation for the time the Commission has spent on this proposal. I also thank the Commission for your consideration and patience on this matter.

Yours Sincerely,



Mark R. Barnes, AICP

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