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**To:** [Matt Disbrow](#)  
**Cc:** [wisnerdan](#); [Bart Catching](#); [Jose Alvarez](#); [Oliver Orjiako](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Additional submission for Planning Commission hearing on 11/7  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024 8:45:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [WSUV ltr of support for 5616 NE Salmon Creek St. designate R-12 signed.pdf](#)

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Good day, Matt,

Thank you for submitting these additional items for consideration, for rezoning designation of a portion of parcel #196158000.

I am forwarding these to members of Staff and will enter your comments into the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record. They will also be sent to the Planning Commission prior to the 11/7 Hearing.

Regards,  
Jeff Delapena

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**From:** Matt Disbrow <matt@vpropdev.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024 8:32 AM  
**To:** Jeffrey Delapena <Jeffrey.Delapena@clark.wa.gov>  
**Cc:** wisnerdan <wisnerdan@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Additional submission for Planning Commission hearing on 11/7

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Good Morning Jeff,

In addition to my previous email submitted to the record regarding property identification number 196158000 (address 5616 NE Salmon Creek St. Vancouver WA 98686) I'd like to also submit the attached letter from Washington State University Vancouver in support of our request to consider R-12 / OR-15 zoning for a portion of the property.

Best regards,

Matt Disbrow



October 28, 2024

Clark County Planning Commission  
PO Box 9810  
Vancouver, WA 98666-9810

Dear Commissioners,

Washington State University's Vancouver campus was founded on May 10, 1989. Initially it served only graduate students and upper division undergraduates (juniors and seniors) who transferred from community college. In fact, WSU Vancouver began operations in Bauer Hall on the Clark College campus. The university moved to its current location on Salmon Creek Avenue in 1996 and began accepting lower division students (freshmen and sophomores) in 2006. Today there are more than 18,000 WSU Vancouver alumni, 95% of whom still reside in the area.

The WSU Vancouver's mission is to be a positive force in bettering the lives of the people of Southwest Washington and beyond by contributing outstanding research; expanding access to high quality education where student success is central; and engaging with community partners to address the needs of our changing world.

WSU Vancouver is a commuter campus, having no residence halls for students to live in. While this keeps cost low for those students who wish to remain living with their family, there are many students who prefer to live on their own. The average age of Vancouver students is 25. However, low vacancy rates for affordable housing have made it a significant challenge. This is particularly true of affordable housing options within a 10-mile radius of campus. Thus, more and more of our students are living further away from campus, which adds to their commute time. This is further compounded for those who have jobs off campus.

WSU Vancouver recently explored whether to build on-campus housing. A survey of students showed that those who enroll straight out of high school are most interested in living in residence halls while those who transfer from another institution or community college prefer to live nearby in the local community.

WSU Vancouver supports Mr. Disbrow's request to designate some portion of the property at 5616 NE Salmon Creek St. Vancouver, WA 98686 as R-12 which would allow for multi-family housing development thus adding to the supply of affordable housing in the area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jenny Chambers Taube".

Jenny Chambers Taube, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations

Cc: Matt Disbrow