

# Linn-Benton

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Dear Mayor Manning and Councilors:

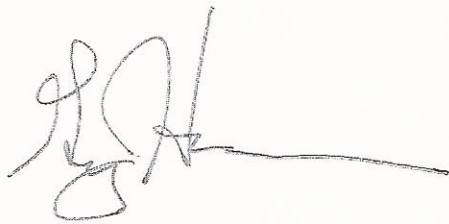
At LBCC, we deeply appreciate the consideration that you have given to our inquiry regarding Washington Park. The idea has sparked a lively conversation in the Corvallis community, and after listening to what Corvallis citizens have said, we are withdrawing our interest in purchasing a portion of the park.

Our commitment to serve the educational needs of Corvallis and Benton County remains as strong as ever. While the idea to purchase a portion of the park was a cost effective way of fulfilling that commitment, it is clear that it conflicts with other values that the Corvallis community holds dear. We pledge to develop other options that allow us to serve the educational need in your community, and to strengthen our long and positive relationship with Corvallis and its citizens. We are grateful to the citizens and leaders who are helping to guide our path forward in a different direction.

With the benefit of additional community feedback, we are beginning work on a number of exciting concepts that do not include Washington Park. Structured parking, either alone or in collaboration with Samaritan Health Services, as well as other good parking options are being researched and developed.

The Mission of Linn-Benton Community College is focused on helping to make our communities better places to live and to work, and our commitment to the expansion of the Benton Center is a key expression of this mission in Corvallis.

Sincerely,



Dr. Greg Hamann  
President, Linn-Benton Community College