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**Subject :** Council Contact Form - Rod Palmieri - 8/29/2015**To :** council@ashland.or.us**Reply To :** rodpalmieri@prodigy.net**Name:** Rod Palmieri**Email:** rodpalmieri@prodigy.net**Subject:** Normal Neighborhood Plan

**Message:** I am writing to you again to express my concerns over the Normal Neighborhood Plan which will be voted on at this coming Council Meeting on Sept 1, 2015. I have had some correspondence with Pam Marsh, but feel that I need to inform the entire Council of my opposition to the Normal Neighborhood Plan. As currently written it does not take into consideration several extremely important issues. (Water, infrastructure, public safety, ecological, and congestion to name a few.)

We are a community that prides itself in promoting a sustainable lifestyle and this plan, as presented, is certainly NOT sustainable. Without a sustainable water resource and careful application of wildfire protection, this plan could be catastrophic to the City of Ashland.

The goals of the City should be to have:

1. A sustainable water supply for all current and future residents.
2. Minimal impact on ecosystems and wetlands.
3. Minimization of urban sprawl.
4. Reduction of dwelling numbers in this small area to reduce the potential of wildfire damage.
5. Adequate infrastructure without additional taxes on current residents.
6. Not to turn into another California with mandated water restrictions and uncontrolled growth.

I urge the city to table the current Plan and return it for additional research and community input on how to mitigate the additional costs that will be incurred if this plan is adopted as written. There are too many issues which are not addressed but are scheduled to be addressed, when there are applications for development. These must be addressed BEFORE the application so that everyone will know who will be responsible for the costs and what guidelines must be built into the construction plan.

If the City Council believes that this plan is adequate, I would recommend that additional wording be added which will mandate that any application include a sustainable water supply and adequate infrastructure BEFORE any homes are built. These costs should not be the responsibility of the current residents, but the responsibility of the developer.

More information needs to be provided to the residents of Ashland before approval. The recent article in the Daily Tidings should be the start of that information process and not just before the vote to go forward without additional input.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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