



August 17, 2026

Via email to [council@hillsboro-oregon.gov](mailto:council@hillsboro-oregon.gov)

RE: Comments in support of the appeal of land use application DR-044-25

Dear Mayor Pace, Council President Harris, and Hillsboro City Council:

Willamette Riverkeeper is a nonprofit organization with thousands of members throughout the Willamette Basin and beyond. Willamette Riverkeeper works to protect and restore the Willamette River and its tributaries, and we are concerned about the environmental impacts of the Sky Harbour Project and it adding to the pollution the Willamette Basin is already facing. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Sky Harbour appeal.

Willamette Riverkeeper supports the appeal of land use application DR-044-25, Sky Harbour, and requests that the Council reverse the Planning Commission's approval decision. As appellants have outlined, the application doesn't meet City criteria, including sections of the City Development Code.

Appellants have correctly pointed out that the Planning Commission's decision approving the Sky Harbour application was improper and should be denied because: the application fails to meet the City's approval criteria, the applicant relied on false statements made to the Federal Aviation Administration, the applicant failed to carry their burden of proof, and there were procedural errors.

The proposed development would cause perpetual harm to the residents of Hillsboro and Washington County. The Community Development Code requires the negative impacts of the development to be fully evaluated, minimized, or mitigated, including noise pollution, air pollution, health impacts, reduced property values, and carbon emissions.

Because of these issues, Willamette Riverkeeper respectfully ask the City Council to reverse the Planning Commission's approval decision and deny DR-044-25.

Sincerely,

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