Even Application of the Law to Single Family Homeowners

The paragraph below was included our Appeal Section B1 – **Basis for Appeal**:

• EVEN APPLICATION OF THE LAW: When neighbors have requested to remove trees for reasons because they were literally threatening their homes' roofs and foundations, they have been told the could NOT cut the trees because of the Tree Ordinance. But the trees on this property are not even threatening homes and they are slated for removal with no clear plan for the buildings to be added or even the guarantee that buildings will be added. The developer is left to pick and choose what he desires to remove, based on his convenience and his profit.

Summary – The Appellant states that RZC 21.72.020 **Developed Single-Family Lots** as interpreted by Redmond Planning staff to homeowners concerned about hazardous landmark trees seemingly showed preference to developers and did not offer relief to individual community residents.

Attached Exhibits 6a and 6b from homeowners Duncan and Phillips respectively document responses from Redmond Planning staff they could not remove landmark trees from their property, despite hazards to the home and foundation. Other neighbors expressed similar concerns and responses from city staff to the Appellants verbally. The equity of this application of Redmond's tree code provisions lacks fairness when the Nouri Short Plat developers were easily able to use Tree Exception provisions to remove 35% of the significant trees on the project site.

The option for single-family homeowners to apply for tree exception approval is not readily found in public documents and was not offered as an avenue for community residents to use when wishing to protect their properties. Tree regulations should be applied fairly to all members of the community – developers and residents alike.