

11. S. Prescott St  
Gould Fisher  
to City Council

I am against the change  
you want to do to Echo.  
The change is not needed

July 22, 2025

To: Echo City Mayor and City Council  
Members

I will be out of town, when you  
are having your meeting Monday night.  
I believe that there needs to be more  
thought on all the zoning changes.

These changes could effect the city of  
Echo for years down the road.

I don't agree or someone that don't  
live here in Echo can tell us this is  
the way changes will be.

I am against the zoning changes.

Jerry Gaunt

July 20, 2025

Echo City Mayor and City Council Members

Subject: Rezoning Package for Echo

I am 100 percent against the changes that will be made if this is passed.

The People of Echo should be considered. Many people signed a petition for their concerns NOT Wanting the changes.

How can someone that doesn't reside in our town write a plan that will impact the way we live. She does not know our community and the people. She is totally wrong and has not listened to the citizens of Echo.

I will be unable to attend the meeting on Monday, but please consider the majority of the citizens of Echo, a small town, and vote NO on 1211 the changes.

Thank you,

Vote NO-Save our  
individuality

July 24, 2025

Dear Council Members,

I hope you have taken the time to read what Carla has written. It is hard to believe the citizens of Echo ask for all the new ideas and ordinances.

I asked about an HOA and was assured that a city cannot have one. However, with all the new ordinances for when a house burns down sure sounds like one. I feel if you want the city to look nice then somebody should be enforcing the current ordinances, not making a new list.

Our town has its own history of individuals who understand the independent nature of the Pioneers. We don't want to be a cookie cutter town.

My advice, opinion, is to update the current comprehensive plan and throw out the changed one.

Sincerely  
E. Hampton



To Eno City Council

8/6/25

When I moved here 8 years ago I fell in love with the small town feel. I came from Oregon city with hopes of relocating to a smaller town. I love the deer in the morning & the calls from coyotes at night. When I heard about expansion I can only think about messes from construction & a town losing its small town feel. ~~It is a fear~~  
~~of the loss of the small town~~

My fear with building over the ditch banks is trading profit for animals homes.

Pandora Richardson  
120 N Dupont St.

6:30 pm

To Whom it May Concern,

July 26, 2025

The Entire Schultze family who resides at 201 W Thielson Echo, OR. 97826, we do not want to see anything added or destroyed anywhere near the ditch. We do not need anymore homes built in Echo, for the simple reason Echo can not support it, our sewer system couldn't support it. The water system is already undrinkable, and smells horrible, also turns brown alot more. We do not agree with Echo changing, Not until Echo can prove it's Capable of maintaining the Economical growth with what buildings and homes that's already here.

Bobbie Schultze (homeowner)  
~~Bobbie Schultze~~

Pamela Schultze  
Pamela Schultze

Kasey Schultze

K  
Charles Schultze  
Charles Schultze

city hall - city counsel

yes this is Mel Crist and family  
we have lived here in Echo, for  
27 years, what I love is all the (wild-  
life) we have on the hill side between  
the (~~ditches~~) ditches) Deer-quail-Pheasants  
and especially the owl's from the back of  
the Cemetery to the school it is all habitat  
please do not destroy our wildlife

Area and habitat for a few House's

one more thing right now Echo has a lot  
of migrate bird's in Echo the finch's  
right now are here gold-purple that is  
nesting area for them I Mel Crist  
have (built a Bird Sanctuary for migrate  
bird's

thank you

Mel Crist and family

7-24-25

To the City Council

My name is Trista Wade I live at 110 S. Prescott, My concerns with the changes of the rezoning of the open space (ditch) above my property.

1.) Flooding. (Baseball - Football fields already have issues with sub water from ditch they have a pump that runs constant.



Dear Echo City Council,

I respectfully ask that you do not proceed with rezoning the entire town at this time. I am concerned that developing the area behind the winery, especially near the ditch bank, could compromise its integrity. This may result in damage to the ditch, potentially causing flooding on nearby properties and the main road into Echo.

Additionally, I worry that rezoning could lead to increased property taxes, which many residents are already struggling with. No one wants to face higher taxes of any kind.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Enright

431 Kennedy Street

Echo, Oregon 97826

Duplicate TO Be Read

I am writing this letter to some on the the city council and the mayor and administrator. They seem to have no regard for a number of people in town. My wife and I have lived here for several years and seen some things that weren't right. We knew most of the older people and I know that they would be sorrly troubled by what is being done. My concern is what you are trying to do along the ditches. To try and mess up wildlife habitat.. The main reason most people are on the Eastside of town below the ditches is quiet and being able to look out and see the hillside and know there are animals and birds up there . You want to make it unsafe which is what could very well happen. None of the people below the ditches want someone looking down in their backyards.

William Douglas

215 Prescott EchoOregon

I am writing this letter to some  
on the city council and the mayor  
and administrator. They seem to have no  
regard for a number of people in  
town. My wife and I have lived here  
for several years and seen some things  
that weren't right. We knew most of  
the older people and I know that  
they would be sorely troubled by what  
is being done. My concern is what you  
are trying to do along the ditches.  
To try and mess up wildlife habitat.  
The main reason most people are on  
the east side of town ~~below~~ the ditches  
is quiet and being able to look out and  
see the hillside and ~~how~~ know there are  
animals and birds up there. You want  
to make it unsafe which is what could  
very well happen. None of the people ~~below~~  
the ditches want someone looking down at their  
back yard.

William Douglas 215. Prescott.

Echo Rezoning 08/6/2025

Dear City Council;

I would like to reiterate my opposition to the proposed rezoning of Permanent Open Space land in Echo to Residential or any other zone. Changing the land between the ditches, the Golf Course, or any of the areas currently zoned Permanent Open Space in Echo reduces the livability of our community, which we love so much and take pride in. Further in many cases the development of these lands can pose a community liability. I not only oppose the rezoning of the current Permanent Open Space , but encourage the council to add the parks, Arboretum, and Athletic field to either Permanent Open Space Zone or create a Public Use Zone to protect these lands in perpetuity. Further, regarding the siting of the Fort Henrietta Park and Skate Park, the council and I were quite aware we were using street right of way (ROW). In fact the current comp plan/zoning states that before the council considers vacating any ROW they should consider whether or not there is public use for it. For this reason you will see the lift station on Bonanza is on a ROW. The former Tennis Courts and the mini parks behind them are on ROWs. Well House #1 dated c, 1904 is on the edge of Bridge Street ROW. Well House #4 is on the edge of Golf Course Rd. ROW and the booster station is at least partially on ROW. This does not mean the council cannot zone the Fort Henrietta Park and Skate Park either Permanent Open Space or Public Use.

Sincerely,

Diane Berry  
Retired Echo  
City Administrator-  
Recorder



Echo City Council:

I would like to say I am against the rezoning of the property between the upper and lower ditches. I enjoy the wildlife, the scenery, and do not want to worry about the ditch breaking. I bought my property knowing the property behind me was zoned Permanent Open Space and that is what it should stay.

Thank You

*Chris Holguin*  
*Matilde Leal.*

*7/27/2025*

*131 PRESENT*

city hall - city counsel

yes this is Mel Crist and family  
we have lived here in Echo, for  
27 years, what I love is all the (wild-  
life) we have on the hill side between  
the (~~ditches~~) ditches) Deer-quail-Pheasants  
and especially the Owl's from the back of  
the Cemetery to the school it is all habitat  
please do not destroy our wildlife

Area and habitat for a few House's

one more thing right now Echo has a lot  
of migrate bird's in Echo the finch's  
right now are here gold-purple that is  
nesting area for them I Mel Crist  
have (built a Bird Sanctuary for migrate  
bird's

thank you

Mel Crist and family

7-24-25

To the City Council

My name is Kim Fife I live at 301 W. Dupont.

As I've said before I have Great Concerns with any of the rezoning.

First with rezoning of Residential property to Commercial down town. This could make a lot of issues for owners of those property.

2) The rezoning of the open space: my husband & I own property that ~~will~~ be affected by this change.

I worry about Flooding, Flood insurance and all the wild life.

My position on most of this Comprehensive Plan is to leave as is. Change what Oregon law requires you to.

To mayor Chad Ray + City ~~Council~~ <sup>Council</sup>,

Rezoning to residential between the ditches is not a good idea. That area is unstable, and would cause a lot of problems for people living below that area. We like the privacy we have we don't want to walk out and have people staring in our backyard.

There's wildlife that live there like deer, quail, raccoons ect. If you build up there where are these animals suppose to go. That has been their home for many years. I love those animals and would rather have them up there than people. Echo is fine just the way it is. I say just leave it alone let it stay the way it is.

You don't care about what the citizens of the town want or the safety you care about how much money your going to get.

Karen Douglas

21 prescott



City Council

I would like to express my feelings about the rezoning of the property between the ditches. It would take away from the small town feel of our town and put some of our citizens at an increased risk of flooding. Please reconsider this rezoning. For that matter I see ~~no~~ reason for the rest of the rezoning at this time either.

Thank you

Tracie Broyles.

and  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jack Broyles,

77358 Joyce Way  
Echo Cal. 917826

Dear City Council,

My family has lived in Echo for generations and I am very concerned about the proposed rezoning. I do not want to see every part of our town built upon especially the hillsides. That would ruin the rural affect we have and make us feel more like a suburb. The ditch has broke in the past and flooded the east side of town. Obviously building between the ditches could increase the odds of that happening again. It caused chaos for the people that lived under the ditches and got flooded and also for the rest of the town when the road had to be closed. I respectfully ask that you do not change the zoning between the ditches. I believe all the zoning should be left as it is.

Patty Cisneros  
Box 96  
221 Garden St.  
Echo, OR 97826

**Savannah Whitaker and Dylan Enright**  
230 N Prescott St  
Echo, OR 97826

**7/24/2025**

Dear Members of the City Council,

We are writing to respectfully express concern regarding the potential development of homes along our town's canal. As a long-time residents who deeply values our community's natural heritage and environmental integrity, we urge you to reconsider any plans to allow residential construction along this vital and fragile stretch of land.

**1. Preserving the Natural Beauty of the Canal**

Our canal is one of the most picturesque and peaceful features of our town—a unique scenic corridor cherished by residents and central to the character that makes our community so special. Building homes along this space would permanently alter its visual appeal and erode a piece of what makes our community feel like home.

**2. Concerns About Soil Stability and Canal Integrity**

The structural integrity of the canal's dirt banks should be approached with great caution. These earthen banks were never intended to bear the weight and disruption caused by residential construction. Heavy machinery, excavation, and ongoing home maintenance could weaken these natural embankments, potentially leading to erosion, breaches, or flooding. The long-term risks to the canal's safety and function far outweigh any short-term gain from development.

**3. Protection of Local Wildlife Habitat**

The canal and its surrounding environment serve as a safe haven for numerous species of birds, amphibians, and small mammals. This quiet, undeveloped stretch provides essential habitat and migratory rest stops for local wildlife. Development in this area would disrupt breeding grounds, destroy nesting areas, and displace creatures that have long relied on this corridor for survival. Once disturbed, these habitats are extremely difficult—if not impossible—to restore.

**4. A Vision for Sustainable Growth**

Our town can and should grow, but not at the expense of our natural resources and

ecological balance. There are more sustainable and less invasive ways to support housing needs that don't risk permanent environmental damage. Protecting the canal sets a precedent that we value thoughtful development and are committed to preserving the unique elements of our town for future generations.

### **5. Recognizing the Economic Value of Natural Spaces**

Undeveloped areas like the canal hold more than just aesthetic or environmental value—they offer real economic benefits. Studies have shown that access to natural, scenic areas can increase nearby property values, attract visitors, and even reduce town infrastructure and maintenance costs. Preserving this space can be a long-term investment in the economic well-being and appeal of our town, rather than a short-sighted trade-off for a few additional housing units.

In closing, we ask that you carefully consider the lasting consequences of allowing development along the canal. Once that land is altered, it cannot be returned to its natural state. Please protect this vital space—for our community, for the environment, and for the generations yet to come.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our town.

Sincerely,

**Savannah Whitaker and Dylan Enright**



8/12/2025

Nedra J Albro

220 N Prescott St.

Echo OR 97826

Members of the City Council,

I have been a member of this community for 28 years. I have concerns about the building of homes on the canal. They are as follows:

1. Preserving the Natural beauty of the canal.
2. The stability of the soil and the integrity of the canal.
3. Protection of wildlife

Thank You for your time and serving our community.

Nedra J Albro