

HOOD RIVER NEWS  
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR  
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**Not another Bend**

I was one of the many that wasn't able to speak at the Jan. 22 Planning Commission hearing on the proposed destination resort zoning hearing. I heard a lot of "economictalk" about Wasco County, and what great things destination resorts were doing for Bend. I wanted to cry out, "Whoever wants Hood River to become the next Bend please stand up and tell us WHY?" Is Highway 35 to become the next Highway 97? ("Sorry Orchard family, but today we need your land for the new bypass that is going to solve all our traffic woes.")

Speaking of Wasco County, those buses bought and paid for by our developer friend sure reminds me of the time when another corporation bused folks to their county to influence the commissioners over there. As we all know, Wasco County not only threw them out, they threw the bosses in the slammer! Of course, that was in the old'n days when people stood up for right rather than the Almighty Dollar.

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