Dear City Councilors:

I like thousands before me came to Cannon Beach for its WILD PUBLIC BEACHES.

I bring my 3 year old to the North End to play in its dynamic dune system. It may not be in it is natural state without invasive grasses or without condominiums, but we can get lost in its grandeur, no longer seeing the development to the east. Just the waves, the birds, and one hell of a beach.

We never go to the beach at the Presidents. Why? Because it is trampled. It is cultivated, industrial….dare I say it? Ugly. Each grading has the feel and aesthetic of a clear cut. We would rather be in a forest. We are not alone. There are thousands of us that feel this way.

It is time for Cannon Beach’s short history of dune grading for views to end. One person’s obstacle is another’s view. In this time of climate uncertainty, our dunes are Cannon Beach’s greatest protection against increased wave activity, erosion and king tides.

Lets protect our community and Razor clams while we are at it. Lets keep the dunes WILD. Please vote no more dune grading for views!

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