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To the Tualatin Planning Commission:

The Westside Economic Alliance (WEA) would like to express strong support for Lam Research and its proposed expansion in Tualatin. Lam Research is not only a global leader in wafer fabrication equipment and semiconductor manufacturing, but also one of the most significant employers and community partners in Washington County.

WEA represents a coalition of public sector jurisdictions, private sector employers and community benefit organizations, working collaboratively to advance balanced economic development and a thriving business community throughout the Tualatin Valley and the broader Westside of the Portland Metro Region.

Lam's story is well known with over four decades at the forefront of semiconductor innovation. Today, nearly every computer chip in the world is made with the use of Lam equipment. Here in Oregon, Lam has been an anchor employer in Tualatin since 2002, growing into the city's largest employer with more than 3,800 full-time employees and contractors. Beyond jobs, Lam has invested deeply in the community, supporting STEM education, advancing opportunities for underserved youth, and helping families access affordable housing.

The proposed Tualatin Expansion Project represents nearly a **\$1 billion investment in our region**. The benefits of this project will be felt across Tualatin, Washington County, and the state of Oregon. It will create hundreds of millions of dollars in new economic activity, generate high-paying jobs for an estimated 600 additional workers, and strengthen Oregon's economy in an uncertain time. This investment will directly support local schools, parks, public safety services, and libraries through significant property tax contributions. It will also provide resources for road maintenance and traffic improvements, helping the community keep pace with growth.

The multiplier effects cannot be overstated. These new employees will purchase homes, pay income and property taxes, shop in local stores, and volunteer in their neighborhoods. Local suppliers and vendors will benefit from Lam's presence, amplifying the positive economic impact throughout the region.

Lam has worked closely with staff and agencies to submit a thorough and compliant application that meets all relevant approval criteria. With the support of Governor Kotek and the state legislature, this project reflects Oregon's commitment to strengthening its leadership in the semiconductor industry.

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The Westside Economic Alliance respectfully urges your support and approval of Lam Research's Industrial Master Plan application. **This project is more than an expansion of a facility, it is an investment in the future of Tualatin, Washington County, and Oregon.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "elizabethmazzaramyers". The signature is written in a cursive, lowercase style.

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