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On Behalf Of:
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Hello Committee,

I live and work near Hwy 30 in NE Portland, and in recent years have watched this area of land (which pre-colonization was a floodplain and wetland habitat for countless species, and is unceded Chinook ancestral land) fill up with distribution facilities.

These distribution facilities fill up neighborhoods and corridors with giant, loud diesel trucks and carcinogenic diesel exhaust.

The facilities are also made of concrete, asphalt, and warehouse buildings, which are all really bad at soaking up rain. As atmospheric rivers and heavy rain events become more and more common with the climate crisis, it's important to recognize the strain that impermeable surfaces put on our stormwater systems and waterways. Outcomes: Combined sewage overflow, stormwater pollution going to the Columbia Slough, flooding, and overwhelmed drainage infrastructure.

Concrete, asphalt, and warehouses are also major heat islands, absorbing and amplifying heat during our summer 95°+ heat waves, which are also increasing in duration and frequency with the climate crisis. Outcomes: increased fire & smoke risk, melting infrastructure, dying plants and animals, and human heat-related illness/death in surrounding communities.

At NE 122nd & Sandy, developers are targeting the old K-Mart property adjacent to the Argay Terrace neighborhood and Parkrose School District to become yet another Prologis distribution facility. Residents oppose this development and the negative outcomes associated with air pollution, noise, heat, stormwater, on top of other environmental injustices they currently endure.

I support the Parkrose/Argay Terrace community's request to consider this site as a semiconductor training site.

This option would

- remove diesel truck presence and pollution and lower the risk of kids breathing diesel and dodging giant trucks on the way to school
- increase access for community members to learn skills for family-wage jobs

75% of Parkrose Middle School's students are from low-income families, and 70% are students of color. This is a community that needs ACTION from local government

to make it a safer place to live.

In the interest of environmental justice and equity, please consider the potential that this site has for improving the community, rather than compounding the existing pollution, heat, flooding, and noise that residents currently experience.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Starkey