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Here is a written copy of the testimony I gave at the meeting held on October 24, 2017:

Hello, I'm Roma Barman, and I will speak about the buffer zone on NW 33rd Street.

Livability in the Willamette Heights neighborhood is a very important issue to all of us who live there. We have a unique neighborhood which is within walking distance of both Forest Park and the NW Industrial area. Many of the homes are older, having been built before the industrial area existed. For the most part, the industries and the neighborhood near them have coexisted peacefully.

We have a small buffer consisting of trees and other vegetation. One area of this buffer is below NW 33rd and Wilson Streets, leading to St. Helen's Road. NW 33rd is a dead-end street.

Without this buffer, it would be very unpleasant, in terms of added noise, pollution, and possibly closer industrial activity, which would be very incompatible with our tranquil neighborhood.

This issue, I thought, was resolved in the 1990s, when the neighbors successfully prevented a 24-hour diesel fuel station from being built in that area. It took three years of hard work and attending many hearings to protect our neighborhood.

Please do not undo an issue which has already been dealt with and resolved.

Thank you.

In addition, I would suggest that anyone making a decision that impacts this buffer should visit the site. Any neighbor would be happy to give you a tour.

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