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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB4

For several months, Neighbors for Clean Air (NCA) has been working with residents of Parkrose and Argay Terrace to collectively find solutions that would protect the neighborhoods from a large distribution center.

Neighbors have multiple concerns about the proposed development. As you may remember, the distribution center would be sited in an already-overburdened community, one that is next to pollution sources like the airport, transportation routes, and other industrial facilities. In particular, the center would be built across the street from Parkrose High School and close to Parkrose Middle School as well as being immediately adjacent to a residential neighborhood. This would be put the health of students, the elderly and other residents at risk.

Given how the permitting process is moving forward, it appeared that the community has few options, but now there is a viable one!

The Oregon State Legislature is considering SB 4, which could allocate millions to make ready and enhance sites for semiconductor facilities. These could include education centers to promote jobs and training in the field.

Currently, the committee has only been hearing from people advocating for sites outside the urban growth boundary, in areas designated for farming and other uses.

NCA and the impacted communities are asking legislators to consider the potential for the site currently planned for the distribution center. Instead of a polluting distribution center, the neighborhood could potentially have an education center that could work with local schools and train people for family wage jobs. Without dozens of trucks coming in and out every day, the risk of pollution would be slashed.

NCA is emphasizing the importance of

- Bringing cleaner job and education opportunities to a neighborhood with a median income lower than the Portland average.
 - Averting the severe health and climate effects of the currently proposed distribution center in a neighborhood already suffering the effects of pollution.
 - In addition, we are currently asking people to either oppose the bill or indicate that they are neutral. If the changes are made, we will switch to supporting the bill.
- Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Yee