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Good evening Planning Commissioners, city staff, and citizens of West Linn,

My name is Roberta Schwarz and I live at 2206 Tannler Dr. West Linn. I am

Speaking tonight with reference to the proposed Bland Cr Booster Pumping Station.

CDC 99.038(B) states that the applicant shall contact by letter all recognized neighborhood associations whose boundaries contain all or part of the site of the proposed development and all property owners within 500 feet of the site. This was not done when the **Water Master Plan** was changed. No notification was given to the people who would be so adversely affected by the changes in our neighborhood. What this means is that no public notice was given of the intention of the city to add an industrial facility into the middle of our neighborhood which would include a booster pumping station and a 300,000 gallon reservoir to add the to 500,000 gallon reservoir already in place. This lack of notification is a serious concern and the intent of the code was not met.

Other CDC codes that were not met and involve the taking out of trees include: 01.020 which states that the purpose of the code is to improve and maintain the existing character and quality of West Linn. This application does not comply with the very definition of the purpose.

55.010 which states that the purpose and intent of design review is to conserve

and enhance the appearance of the city is not met. 54.020 (A) Approval Criteria states that every reasonable attempt shall be made to preserve and protect existing trees. This code is not met with this application. 54.020 (E) (3) which states that above ground utilities shall be buffered and screened to obscure their view and reduce noise levels and this application does not meet that code.

I have given you a couple of pictures to show you the ash trees and fir trees at the site. I conducted a survey of my neighbors and out of the 41 people who responded all of them want the trees on the location saved. The trees were not going to be removed and that is what the neighbors had initially been told. Then after the pre app meeting on this application, that was changed. "Bait and switch" is the term that is sometimes used.

Trees have a tremendous effect on our air quality. They absorb harmful pollutants including nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, ozone and carbon monoxide. Please deny this application and then ask the city to start from the beginning and let the neighbors have input on first the Water Master Plan that this is a part of and then this specific application. Transparency is a word used often by the city. This Water Master Plan and subsequent application are sorely lacking in it.

Thank you

