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I'm Jori Adkins, and I actually live in the Dome District, which we are in right now. The Dome District is where we live and own a city block of commercial buildings, and we've worked very hard on them for the last 20 years. And in that 20 years, we have embraced a large amount of transit in the Dome District, and we are very involved in the Dome District, neighborhood business, district and all that stuff. So I'm kind of representing them, too. So, the Dome District's vision is to become the densest, which means residential, neighborhood in the downtown. A true transit oriented district. We are also in the same zip code as the entire Tideflats. I think we're the only, other than the people who are in the detention center, the only other human beings that are within this zip code actually, and living here. We do not want to become a sacrificial neighborhood to an environmentally dirty port complex. The Department of Ecology seems not to have much support in protecting us, because of a lack of legislation controlling the industry in the port Tideflats. There is no legislation for the cumulative effects of the numbers and the expansion of the existing dirty industries that are in the Tideflats right now. Without looking at the cumulative impacts of refining, storing, burning, and making fuel on the Tideflats, whether it be electricity, or petroleum products, no one will have to be accountable for the negative impacts of these industries, that these industries, have on Tacoma. Tacoma is like a third-world city now. Like Bhopal, India. And we citizens are paying dearly for it. Please do—do whatever you can to say no to the WestRock expansion. Or, mitigate harshly. Thank you.