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Good evening city officials. My name is Cheryl Tallman 706 SW Mt Hood ave Boardman.

I have been a Boardman resident since 1978, My family chose Boardman when we moved to this area to do farm work, My husband and I came with one son at that time. Two other children came while we've been here. We chose Boardman because it was a young town, moved up when the John Day dam was built. We found it friendly and we got involved in the community. We participated in church and Terry was on the city, planning commission and was elected mayor before being elected as county judge in 1998. He served 18 years, the longest standing judge in Morrow County history and the first one from the north end of the county.

We raised our children here along with some of you. I was a nurse and worked at the Boardman clinic and then as a HH Hospice nurse for 24 years in the county.

We owned property on Laurel Lane that eventually became part of the city and we farmed lilies, then wholesale melons we shipped around the northwest. We felt we were a part of a community we were proud of and that we added in a positive way to the town of Boardman.

Then around 2015 a powerful company (the secret company it was called at that time) came to town. Eventually it enticed the city, the county and the Port of Morrow with its big plans. Not many people in town were aware of the deals that were offered to them to come and set up their business, A data center in the middle of our town, WOW. My first clue that this secret company was making the decisions for our elected

planners, was the stop sign on Wilson and Olson. Yep they showed their power.

Then in 2019, a month after we opened our little retirement project on Laurel Lane Rd, UEC asked us to sell and flatten everything in 6 months and move out. We did not sign a NDA and we thought we had property rights to say NO, this is our land and we want to continue to farm and run this small business during our retirement years, At that time we thought the City, the Port and County would step in and support our decision to stay. After all new electric lines for the city needed to go underground, But no....the codes were changed to accomodate the Amazon data center and supposedly the power was to be for the city too but to this day it only goes to that data center.

Onward to 2022 when Terrys dad died, his sister died and then Terry died this month 4 yrs ago. Terrys brother moved out of state and that left Jonathan and I to manage the property, It has been hard seeing your plans and then changing the plans. I've felt like I'm a tennis ball tossed back and forth.

We are weary and dissappointed and no longer feel like valued people in our own city.

The Farmer's Cup wants to move on. From our perspective, the plans around this property — including the City TSP, the Parks Master Plan, the IAMP-related work, and related access and transportation decisions — are often described as conceptual or long-range. But on the ground, they appear to be moving forward through funding, implementation, construction planning, access decisions, and property impacts. That uncertainty is delaying our business, our property, and our ability to move forward. If the City believes this property is needed for its plans, then The Farmer's Cup respectfully asks the City to make a written, legally binding offer so this can be resolved fairly, clearly, and without further delay.

Nothing in this statement waives any rights, appeals, claims, or objections unless and until a final written agreement is reached.

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