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	Molalla
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What would you like to share with Metro about the WestRock Portland Recycle solid waste facility license application? *	This facility has supported our nonprofit since 2019 allowing up to assist the aging and disabled in the Lents Neighborhood. It has provided jobs and support for the community by keeping an active watch over the unhoused who attempt to move into the neighborhood. It has created living wages jobs for individuals who would not have had that opportunity. Please allow this facility to continuing operating in this location.

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What would you like to share with Metro about the WestRock Portland Recycle solid waste facility license application? \*

WestRock does its very best to be a good neighbor to Lents. It is the only one of their facilities located in a residential neighborhood, which is a huge challenge. They provide living wage blue collar jobs in a poor neighborhood. They work hard at mitigating the confetti that blows out of their facility on windy days into the neighborhood. They donate every month to the Lents Neighborhood Livability Association who cleans the streets and sidewalks surrounding their facility every Saturday. Their donations allow us to help keep elderly and disabled Lents residents in their homes. Furthermore, WestRock is a positive attribute for the surrounding neighborhood by their vigilance in monitoring the nefarious activities of the houseless community in the vicinity.

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What would you like to share with Metro about the WestRock Portland Recycle solid waste facility license application? *	If they absolutely have to renew, please be more mindful of the waste debris that blows out of your yard and into the neighborhood. Nearly everyday after work I have to collect trash from my front yard that has drifted out from the facility.

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What would you like to share with Metro about the WestRock Portland Recycle solid waste facility license application? \*

As West Rock continues to expand, it decreases the livability of this neighborhood, due to an increase in traffic. This neighborhood was not created with a huge recycling company in mind, and I believe that West Rock has far exceeded its limit of a "reasonable" number of vendors, as was stated by one employee, "we just keep getting more and more vendors". We have had to put up with the ever growing operations and deal with the noise daily, since 1993. When and where is the line to be drawn that continues to allow West Rock to keep getting new vendors, thereby increasing traffic, which is already very much of an inconvenience to the neighbors here, and traffic in general on SE Foster Road? I cannot help but believe that "greed" plays a huge part in the continued disrespect of the people who have lived here for decades. The facility has not had doors on the building for years, and we are continually being told that "the doors have been ordered", so that is supposed to suffice, as the crews continue to do their jobs, which echoes throughout the building and neighborhood, so what is the difference if the work is to be silenced outside at 10:00 p.m., when it may as well be allowed, if there are no doors? So, in my opinion, more product, more work, more noise, and more traffic. Where does it stop? No matter what the new suggested product is that West Rock wants to recycle, it still means all of the above. Since Freeway Land has supposedly been sold, how much more space will be available for West Rock to expand.....into the neighborhood? For what this is all worth, it seems that my opinion has no meaning, but sometimes I feel that someday, someone will take into consideration how "WE ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORS, have been forced to give up the quality of life and livability here, that we once knew. If those who do not understand, then why can't they put themselves in OUR place for a while, and see it from our perspective? So redundant, so tired, so disappointed to think that the "people" who run this business, are so out of touch with the humans, and their concerns. It seems that "money" makes the world spin, at ANY cost.