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Dear City Councilors,

Thank you for holding this hearing.

We live on State Street three houses up from the gas station site.

For us, the corner of State and High has become a safety concern each winter. Once the snow and ice are on the ground, there are weeks, and sometimes months, at a time during which there is no safe way for us to walk to and from downtown. We have no choice other than walking in the street, which is usually busy with auto traffic. That is because once we pass the last residence before the station site, the sidewalks and corner-to-street access are not shoveled and cleared for safe pedestrian use.

We are also deeply concerned about the potential environmental issues at the site. No one knows what pollutants are under the ground there. A thorough environmental vetting, with the appropriate governmental agencies involved, is required to ensure all of our safety in this regard.

Please vote to declare the site a public nuisance and move forward with whatever steps are necessary to get it cleaned up.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Gene and Sharon Wintner