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I live two blocks from I-5, between 3:00 – 6:00 the air is thick with the smell of burning fossil fuels, I try to keep my kids inside even though I know they prefer to run around the backyard. I grew up in this neighborhood, I came back to raise my children and I wonder all the time if I made a mistake, because of the pollution. My 5-year-old-son has asthma. No one in our immediate families has asthma and I can't help but wonder if he would if I didn't come back. What are we saddling our children and ourselves with? We're talking about breathing, essential to living. Please don't expand freeways, please invest your dollars on mass transit, bike lanes/streets and pedestrian safe places. We have the chance to build the climate-resilient future we want, but our collective love affair with cars has to shift. Please, for all of us, for our children, for our planet, for our future, you have the power to do things differently than what has come before.