



Health Impact Assessment: Southside Recycling Permit Application

Public Engagement Session #2: Breakout Session #2

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Parking Lot

**What is the City
doing to bring
businesses to the
Southeast Side?
Who will be
occupying these big
buildings being
built along Avenue
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1. Benefits - Based on what you have heard thus far, please share some of the potential benefits of this proposal on you and your community. Who specifically benefits?

There's a greater priority on businesses over the community.

Mayor Lightfoot recently passed an ordinance that requires traffic and environmental review before it grants any permits. What would experts think this will do?

Based on feedback from the community, many don't see benefits

It benefits the company only.

Don't discount expert advice (UIC and Harvard) and the city is not listening.

I am not against the permit. They are meeting all EPA requirements.

Will the dept take recommendations into series consideration moving forward for policies? In a recent letter to the mayor, the dean of the UIC School of Public Health, Dean Wayne Giles said, "The well

Jobs have already been promised to previous company employees.

2. Burdens - Based on what you have heard thus far, please share some of the potential burdens of this proposal on you and your community. Who specifically is burdened?

Increased
truck
traffic

Particulates ,
Pollution

Explosions
and fires from
shredders

Adding health
risk to already
burdened
community

Not monitoring
things that are
going to affect our
health in our
community

City not meeting
community needs in
terms of school
improvements

3. Lived Experience - Is there anything else that you want people who are working on this proposal to know or think about based on your experience as a community member?

They are focused on making money

Silence meant as a disagreement to the City

Company will operate facility that meets and exceeds all EPA standards

EPA air quality report was insufficient and did not use all monitors

single-payer healthcare

Disproportionate amount of industry in the area

Mental health clinics that were closed

More cases of rare cancer

existing standards are insufficient

Many health experts like UIC and Harvard University have indicted their expert opinions about denying the permit

CDPH's comparison to Lincoln Park was unfair. CDPH should be honest and compare with similar communities

4. Looking Forward - Beyond the permit decision, what should we be aware of as we embark on other policy or process change initiatives? Do you have any specific recommendations?

CPS not making improvements to Washington HS which has increased enrollment, even though we have a lack of space and athletic facilities. We should enhance our schools and not only focus on selective enrollment

Very concerned about the proposed limestone mining project ("the invert") which is against City ordinance and will have negative impacts on the neighborhood.