



Updates on Hilco

Sept. 23, 2019



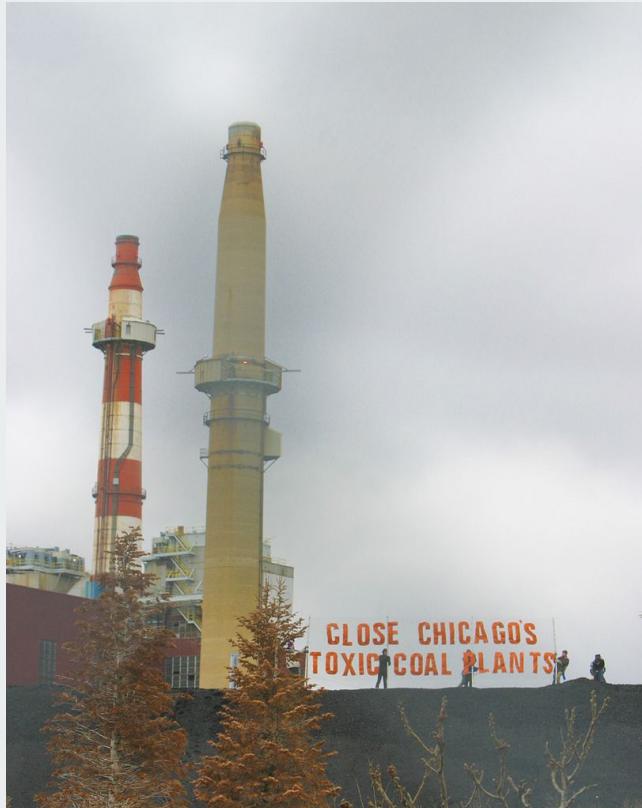
LVEJO 

Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO)



The mission of LVEJO is to organize with our community to accomplish environmental justice in Little Village and achieve the self-determination of immigrant, low-income, and working-class families.

Crawford + Fisk Stations linked to:



40 premature deaths,
550 emergency room visits,
and **2,800** asthma attacks
every year*

*Based on a 2002 Harvard School of Public Health Study

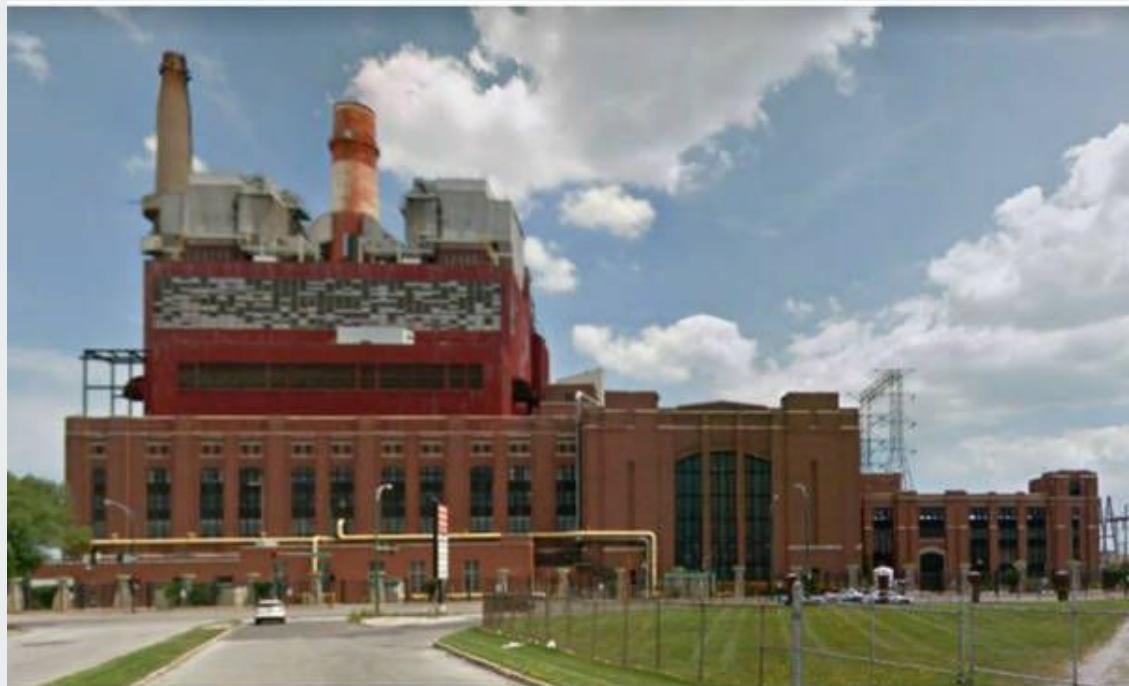
Our Fight Against Crawford



- **12 year** community struggle
- Crawford and Fisk officially stopped burning coal in 2012!

Demolition & Remediation of Plant

Ensure that the state site remediation process must include Active Public Participation, a full and complete characterization of site contamination and a remediation that is protective of human health and the environment, now and in the future.



Who is Who?



Construction Group

Who is Hilco Global?



Our Experience with Hilco

HELLO
my name is

SELL OUT



Exchange 55



<https://www.hilcoredev.com/projects/exchange-55>

IEPA Report Back

City Tells Worried Little Village Residents To 'Limit Outdoor Activities' As Crews Demolish Old Coal Plant

Neighbors want the air quality monitored as a developer works to remediate and demolish the site to make way for a controversial one-million-square-foot warehouse. But the city says monitoring isn't required.

AUG 7, 2019 9:49AM CDT

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After Little Village Residents Told To Stay Inside During Coal Plant Demolition, City Says It Will Inspect The Crawford Site Every Week

The agency has asked the developer whether they plan to monitor air quality and it is "under evaluation," a city spokesman said.

AUG 12, 2019 9:15AM CDT

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Hilco's Propaganda

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Dear Neighbor,

Two years ago, Hilco Redevelopment Partners acquired and started the demolition of the former Crawford power plant. We know how important it was to close the old power plant seven years ago which is why we are working hard to deliver a responsible new development to replace what still stands today. The new development will bring new jobs and opportunity to the Little Village neighborhood.

Today, we are excited to report that we are nearly finished removing all of the asbestos from the buildings. Over the next several months, demolition activities will continue to make progress on the remaining power plant buildings.

Protecting the health and safety of the Little Village community and local workers is very important and our top priority. That's why we have watering trucks, water cannons, misting systems, fence liners, and other efforts on site to help control dust generated by demolition or construction activities on site.

Our goal is to finish demolition this year making way for an environmentally friendly development that will feature improved community access along Pulaski Road, the planting of 680 new trees, naturalized landscaping improvements, a roof that accommodates solar panels, and infrastructure to support electric vehicles. We hope to secure a tenant for the building soon and will work with them and partners in the Little Village community to host job fairs.

We look forward to continuing to work with the community to bring opportunity back to this dormant section of Pulaski Road. For regular project updates, information about job fairs, construction progress, community events, or to ask any questions, please visit our project website at www.crawfordstation.com.

Thank you.



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For more information, visit www.crawfordstation.com

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Querido Vecino/a,

Hace dos años, Hilco Redevelopment Partners compró y comenzó la demolición de la antigua planta eléctrica llamada Crawford. Sabemos lo importante que fue cerrar la antigua planta de energía hace siete años, por eso estamos trabajando duro para ofrecer un nuevo desarrollo responsable para reemplazar lo que está hoy. El nuevo desarrollo traerá nuevos empleos y oportunidades al vecindario de La Villita.

Hoy, nos complace informar que casi hemos terminado de eliminar todo el asbestos de los edificios. Durante los próximos meses, las actividades de demolición continuarán progresando en los edificios restantes de la planta eléctrica.

Proteger la salud y la seguridad de la comunidad de La Villita y de los trabajadores locales es muy importante y nuestra prioridad principal. Es por eso que tenemos camiones de riego, cañones de agua, sistemas de nebulización, revestimientos de cercas y otros esfuerzos en el sitio para ayudar a controlar el polvo generado por las actividades de demolición o construcción en el sitio.

Nuestro objetivo es terminar la demolición este año, dando paso a un desarrollo respetuoso con el medio ambiente que contará con un mejor acceso comunitario a lo largo de la Calle Pulaski, la plantación de 680 árboles nuevos, mejorar el paisaje de naturaleza, un techo adecuado para paneles solares e infraestructura para cargar vehículos eléctricos. Esperamos asegurar un inquilino para el edificio pronto y trabajaremos con ellos y socios en la comunidad de La Villita para organizar ferias de empleo.

Esperamos continuar trabajando con la comunidad para traer oportunidades de regreso a esta sección inactiva de la Calle Pulaski. Para recibir información del proyecto, fechas de ferias de empleo, progreso de la construcción, eventos de la comunidad o para hacer preguntas, visite nuestro sitio web del proyecto en www.crawfordstation.com.

Gracias.



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Para más información, visita www.crawfordstation.com

Propaganda continues

- <https://www.instagram.com/p/B2R5u3znHFs/>



How to stay involved

Press Conference: Hilco's Attempt to Greenwash Exchange 55

When: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019 - 4pm to 5pm

Where: Parking lot of La Villita Laundromat - Corner of 31st and S. Pulaski Rd

Will be done in English and Spanish

We invite La Villita residents and allies to attend our upcoming press conference to address how Hilco's attempt to brand Exchange 55 as a "environmental friendly development" is misleading and dangerous.

For more information contact etovar@lvejo.org or 773.762.6991

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LITTLE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATION

LA ORGANIZACIÓN DE JUSTICIA AMBIENTAL DE LA VILLITA

Continued: How to Stay involved

- Sign and share Change.org petition
 - <http://chng.it/byyZzpvTSB>
- Report air pollution to CHI 311 and IEPA
- Volunteer with LVEJO to canvass / help residents report air pollution.

Petitioning Alison Arwady

La Villita Community Deserves Clean Air!

We are asking Little Village residents and allies to support our ongoing efforts to bring a just transition to our community by signing and sharing our petition. After twelve years of organizing which resulted... [Learn more](#)



Little Village Environmental Justice Or...



1,256 supporters

Who to contact if:

Air Pollution or Heavy Diesel Emissions are in Your Neighborhood

Easy tips to follow:



#1

Call 311 or submit
complaint to IEPA



#2

Provide as
many details



#3

Document
everything



#4

*Calls can be
anonymous

IL Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

Online:
<http://bit.ly/pollutioncomplaint>

City of Chicago

Call 311 or use
the CHI 311 app.

- Share as much detailed information: date and time of odor/nuisance/observed air or diesel emissions, location (intersection of streets);
- Take photos and videos and share any evidence, documentation, logs, etc. of pollution that you could provide;
- *Complaints can be anonymous but if you provide the IEPA with information on how to reach you, they can keep you updated on the investigation. In addition, they may need more information from you in order to conduct an adequate investigation.



#LaVillitaRespira



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Infographic inspired by Neighbors for Environmental Justice (N4EJ). Follow them on Facebook / Twitter @N4EJchicago

Why reporting is so important!

- “Little Village was hosting the freshmen games at our site on Saturday September, 14. It turns out there was this big cloud of smoke being released into the air. The soccer coordinator reach out to me with the following questions. This is the first time I seen this type of smoke cloud being release by the factory. Please advise.
- Soccer field of Little Village Lawndale High School



Questions Community have for IEPA





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