

Thank you for joining us!



Virtual Community Meeting: Updates on Continued Demolition at Crawford & City of Chicago Lack of Response

When: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 – 6pm to 7:30pm

Where: LVEJO's Facebook Page

This meeting will be interpreted in Spanish.

Join us in our third virtual community meeting to learn about updates regarding the continued demolition at the former Crawford Coal Plant and how to take action to address the City of Chicago lack of response. LVEJO will share updates on Cook County Assessor's Office to rescind the \$19.7 million dollar tax break, our goal to get Target Corporation to break their lease with Hilco, and the push for Hilco to vacate the Little Village community.

For more information, please contact: etovar@ljejo.org | 773.762.6991



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¡Gracias por estar con nosotros!

Para los que necesiten interpretación en español, por favor llame:
(605)313-6141 // Código de acceso, 88-72-09



Junta comunitaria virtual: Noticias sobre la Continua Demolición en Crawford y la Falta de Respuesta de la Ciudad de Chicago

Cuándo: miércoles, 17 de junio 2020 – 6pm a 7:30pm

Dónde: Página de Facebook de LVEJO

Esta junta será interpretada en Español.

Acompáñenos en nuestra tercera junta comunitaria virtual para conocer las reciente noticias sobre la continua demolición de la antigua Planta de Carbón Crawford y cómo tomar acción para abordar la falta de respuesta de la Ciudad de Chicago. LVEJO compartirá actualizaciones sobre la Oficina del Asesor del Condado de Cook para rescindir la exención de impuestos de \$19.7 millones de dólares, nuestro objetivo de lograr que Target Corporation rompa su contrato de arrendamiento con Hilco, y para que Hilco desocupe la comunidad de La Villita.

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LVEJO



Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO) / Organización de Justicia Ambiental de La Villita



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.

La misión de LVEJO es una organización con nuestra comunidad para lograr justicia ambiental en La Villita es lograr la autodeterminación de las familias inmigrantes, de bajos ingresos y de la clase trabajadora.

Who is Who? // ¿Quién es Quién?



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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



CHICAGO DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION



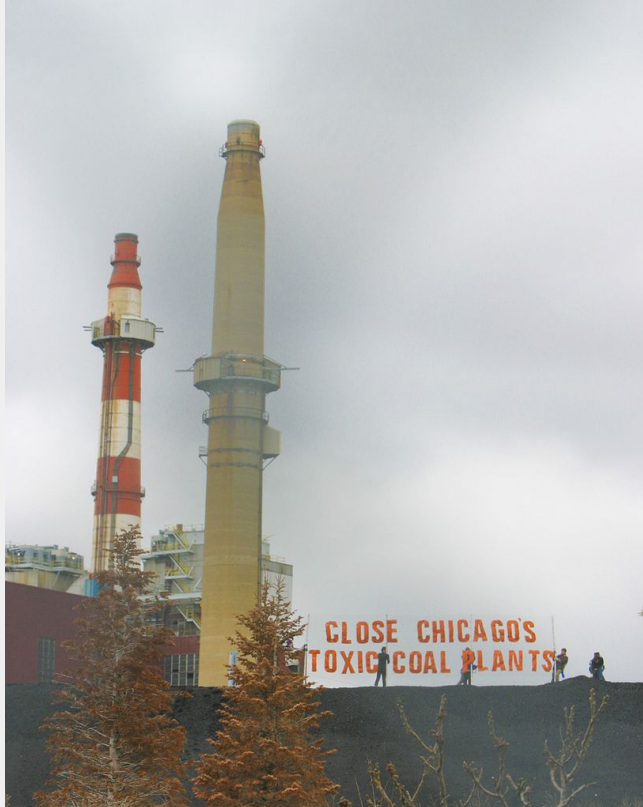
Illinois Environmental
Protection Agency



TARGET



Crawford + Fisk | Stations linked to // Estaciones vinculadas a:



40 premature deaths / muertes prematuras,

550 emergency room visits / muertes prematuras,

And / y **2,800** asthma attacks every year*
/ ataques de asthma cada año*

*Based on a 2002 Harvard School of Public Health Study

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Who is Hilco Global? // ¿Quién es Hilco Global?



Hilco Headquarters

5 Revere Dr Suite 206
Northbrook, IL 60062
> [Get Directions](#)

847-509-1100

Hilco Redevelopment Partners & Exchange 55 project // Hilco y el proyecto Exchange 55



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

<https://www.chicagobusiness.com/commercial-real-estate/target-open-huge-warehouse-little-village>

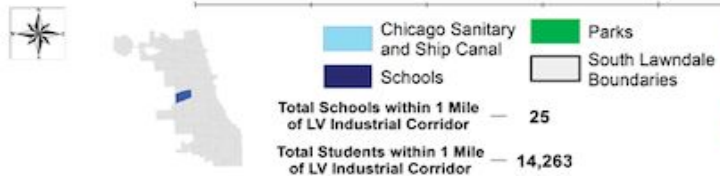
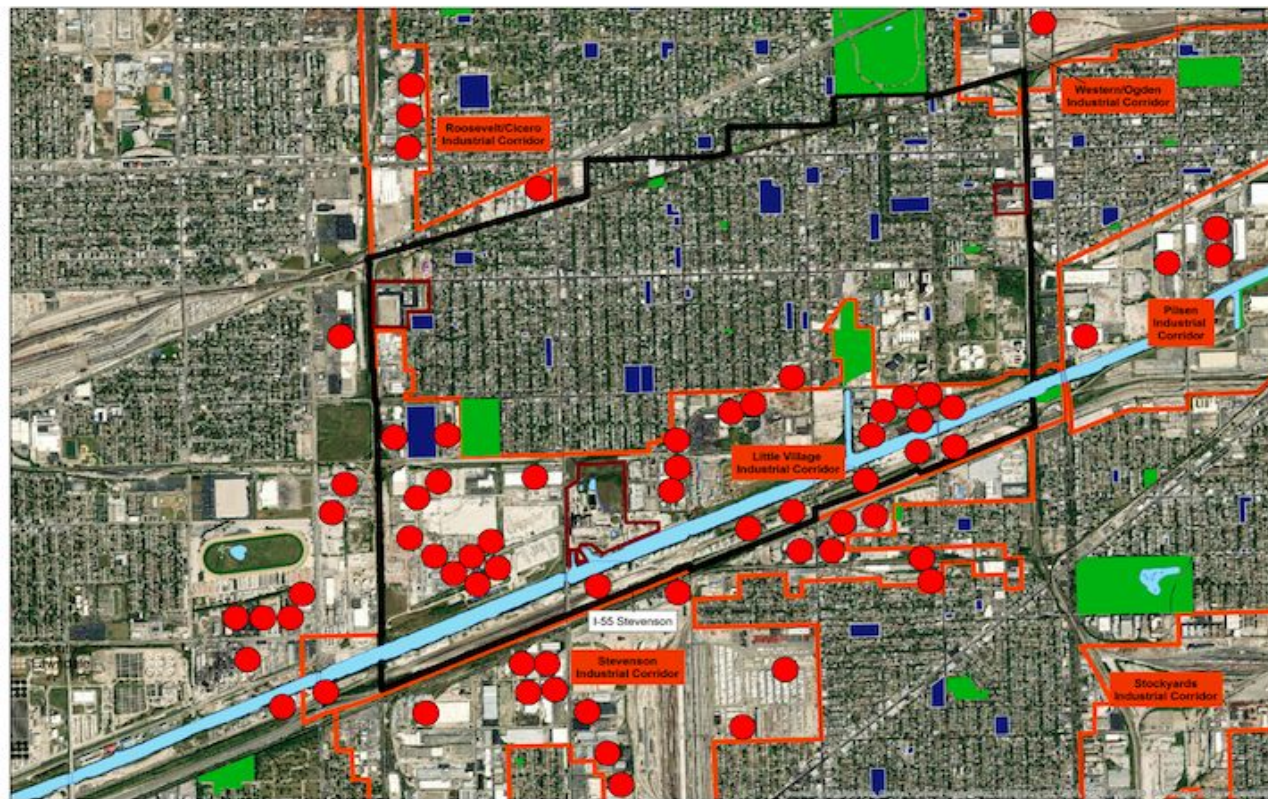
Hilco Timeline:



Línea de tiempo con Hilco:



Schools and Trucking, Distribution, and Logistics (TDL) in South Lawndale



● TDL Facilities, or Companies that use TDL Services



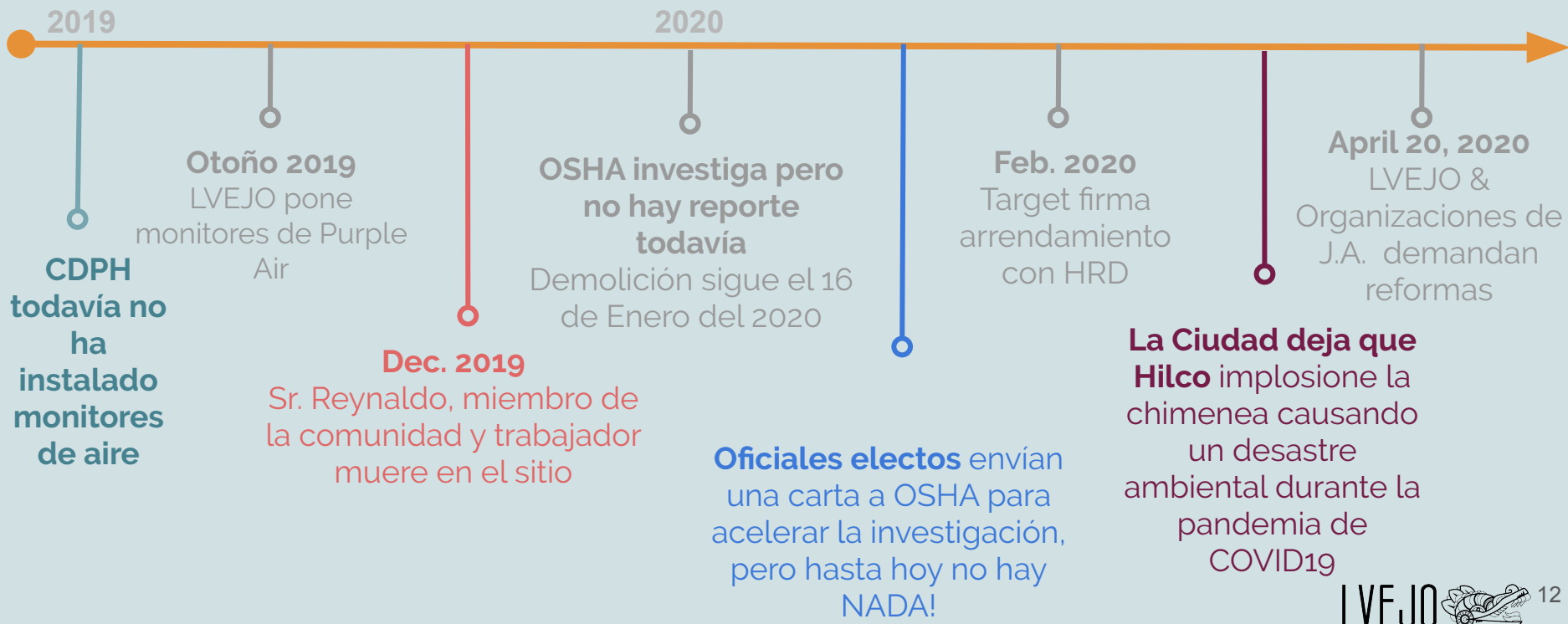
Mapa que incluye Escuelas, Camiones, Distribución y logística (TDL) en La Villita:

- 30 TDL's LV / 64 total
- 25 Schools / Escuelas
- 14, 263 students / estudiantes

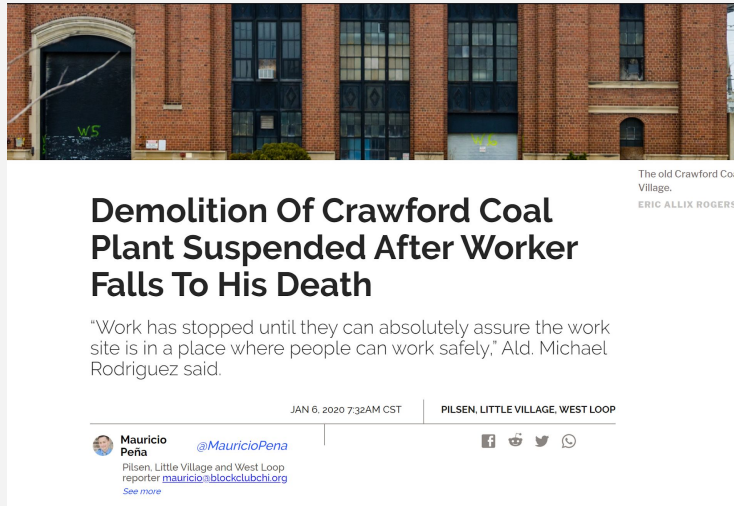
Con: Our Experience with Hilco



Continua: Nuestra Experiencias con Hilco



Mr. Reynaldo “Rey” Grimaldo’s Passing // Fallece el Señor Reynaldo “Rey” Grimaldo



Implosion of smokestack on April 11, 2020

Implosión de la pila de Crawford el 11 de abril de 2020



Photo Credit: Alejandro Reyes

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Passing of community elder // Fallece miembro de la comunidad

Don Fernando Cantú was a 78-year-old grandfather & homeowner who lived three blocks from the former Crawford Coal Plant in La Villita.

On Saturday, April 11, he went to his backyard to tend to his garden, and by Sunday, Don Cantú tragically passed away. He had asthma and COPD, but his kids say he lived a normal life.

Don Fernando Cantú era un abuelo y propietario de 78 años que vivía a tres cuerdas de la antigua Planta de Carbón Crawford en La Villita.

El sábado 11 de abril, fue a su patio trasero para cuidar su jardín, y para el domingo, Don Cantú falleció trágicamente. Tenía asma y EPOC, pero sus hijos dicen que vivió una vida normal.



Artist credit: Juliana Pino

Crawford Station Response

The health and safety of Chicago's communities, particularly our most vulnerable residents, is the City's highest priority. This is why the significant dust emission resulting from the scheduled implosion of the smokestack on the site of the former Crawford Generating Station by Hilco Redevelopment Partners and their subcontractors was completely unacceptable. Since the incident on April 11, 2020 the City of Chicago has responded rapidly and aggressively to remediate the situation, inform and engage residents in the surrounding community and hold the companies accountable.

On April 15, Mayor Lightfoot issued a letter to Hilco, demanding swift action to clean up the area around the Crawford site, including addressing any deposited dust from the implosion of the Stack.

Hilco has agreed to or already taken action on the following:

- Fully cooperate with City of Chicago inquiries for additional information regarding the demolition of the site;
- Conduct private street sweeping from 31st to 33rd, Pulaski Rd. to Lawndale St. following the implosion;
- Work in close coordination with Alderman Michael Rodriguez to drive through the residential streets around the perimeter to assess the damage and begin to compile a list of mitigation needs;
- Reimburse the City of Chicago for additional street sweeping measures;
- Send out personnel door to door to discuss clean up needs with residents, and perform remedial services, free of charge, including window and vehicle washing; and
- Distribute thousands of masks to the community.

We are working to conduct a full review and investigation into this matter and are demanding a detailed description not only of the events that occurred the morning of April 11, 2020, but leading up to that date and immediately following.

The City is committed to keeping its residents updated on new information related to this incident in the days and weeks to come. As such, we have posted a number of relevant materials here and will continue to update this site as our review moves forward.

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/hilco/home.html>

Concerns regarding testing done by City and US Environmental Protection Agency

ough the City of Chicago asserts that the dust is safe, the data on the city's Crawford web site does not de a full elemental composition breakdown of the 50+ metals of the dust. Given the fact that the site was a er coal-powered power plant, heavy metals (e.g., Lead, Arsenic, Mercury), higher molecular-weight persistent nic chemicals such as Polyaromatic Nuclear Hydrocarbons (PAHs) and Dioxins may be of concern.

Soil samples were collected on the 13th of April, two days after the implosion on the 11th and after a rainstorm. None of the soil samples were taken outside of the site.

Dust samples did not include Mercury as there was not enough samples to use

- The analysis shows only one sample was taken from each location.

Why were two samples, minimal requirement for sampling, not taken, per site? Having two samples allows you to compare to each other and gives a screening level assessment.

What is the background data that was used to compare soil levels with specific levels elsewhere in the city? **media (air, dust, soil) pollutant concentrations and associated community exposures, and health risks.**

Preocupaciones con respecto a las pruebas realizadas por la Ciudad y la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de EE. UU.

Aunque la ciudad de Chicago afirma que el polvo es seguro, los datos en el sitio web Crawford de la ciudad no proporcionan un desglose completo de la composición elemental de los más de 50 metales del polvo. Dado que el sitio era una antigua planta de energía a carbón, los metales pesados (por ejemplo, plomo, arsénico, mercurio), los químicos orgánicos persistentes de mayor peso molecular como los hidrocarburos nucleares poliaromáticos (HAP) y las dioxinas pueden ser motivo de preocupación.

- **Se recogieron muestras de suelo el 13 de abril, dos días después de la implosión el 11 y después de una tormenta. Ninguna de las muestras de suelo se tomó fuera del sitio.**
- Las muestras de polvo no incluían mercurio ya que no había suficientes muestras para usar
 - El análisis muestra que solo se tomó una muestra de cada ubicación.
- ¿Por qué dos muestras, requisito mínimo para muestreo, no tomadas, por sitio? Tener dos muestras le permite comparar entre sí y ofrece una evaluación del nivel de detección.
- ¿Cuáles son los datos de fondo que se utilizaron para comparar los niveles de suelo con niveles específicos en otras partes de la ciudad? **Concentraciones de contaminantes de los medios de comunicación (aire, polvo, suelo) y exposiciones comunitarias asociadas, y riesgos para la salud.**

Lightfoot halts demolitions citywide after “unacceptable” implosion blankets Little Village in dust

By Alex Nitkin, April 13, 2020

Mayor Lori Lightfoot ordered a citywide moratorium on demolition permits while the Chicago Department of Buildings conducts a “**top-to-bottom city review**” of how its **permitting policy** may have led to a coal plant demolition that blanketed the Little Village neighborhood in a cloud of dust on Saturday. (thedailyline.net)

A six-month moratorium on implosion demolitions citywide, pending the creation of a specific implosion permitting process with updated guidelines, is **NOT ENOUGH**. The complete disregard for human life in Little Village during a pandemic speaks to the rampant environmental racism conditions the Departments within the City of Chicago processes continue to exacerbate. **A complete overhaul of city policies and procedures to include Environmental Justice considerations must be done.**

Lightfoot detiene las demoliciones en toda la ciudad después de una implosión "inaceptable" que cubre La Villita en polvo

Por: Alex Nitkin, 13 de abril de 2020

La alcaldesa Lori Lightfoot ordenó una moratoria en toda la ciudad sobre los permisos de demolición, mientras que el Departamento de Edificios de Chicago lleva a cabo una "revisión completo de la ciudad" de cómo su política de permisos puede haber llevado a una demolición de una planta de carbón que cubrió el vecindario de La Villita en una nube de polvo el sábado (thedailyline.net)

Una moratoria de seis meses sobre demoliciones de implosiones en toda la ciudad, a la espera de la creación de un proceso específico de permisos de implosión con pautas actualizadas, **NO ES SUFICIENTE**. El completo desprecio por la vida humana en La Villita durante una pandemia habla de las condiciones de racismo ambiental que los departamentos dentro de los procesos de la ciudad de Chicago continúan exacerbando. **Se debe hacer una revisión completa de las políticas y procedimientos de la ciudad para incluir consideraciones de justicia ambiental.**



FORMER CRAWFORD COAL POWER PLANT SITE VIRTUAL TOWNHALL Saturday, May 23 | 10:00 - 11:30 AM

WHAT:

The City of Chicago will host a **virtual townhall** to provide the residents of the Little Village Community with an overview of the necessary emergency demolition of the turbine building, one of two remaining structures on the former Crawford Coal Power Plant, located at 3501 South Pulaski Road. Information will be provided in English and Spanish.

Following a lengthy evaluation and structural analysis of the remaining buildings on the site, the Department of Buildings has determined, in the interest of public safety, that the turbine structure is unsound and will need to be removed as soon as possible.

The Chicago Department of Buildings will provide an overview of the turbine building status, the demolition process and dust mitigation measures. The Chicago Department of Public Health will be available to discuss air quality and soil sampling data collected from the community.

WHO:

Judith Frydland, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Buildings

Dr. Allison Arwady, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Public Health

WHEN:

Saturday, May 23, 2020; 10:00 - 11:30 AM.

Report Back:

- No professional spanish speaking interpreter.
- Demolition Moratorium 6 months - 1 month later demolition of WInd Turbine was allowed.
- No information on plan to protect health of community during the Shelter in Place for the Respiratory Pandemic.
- Lack if information on potential development along Canal and on Site.
- There was no statement if there were going to be other "town halls" to inform residents.
- The meeting ended and did not allow participants that had been waiting to ask their questions.



ANTIGUA PLANTA DE CARBÓN CRAWFORD

CONVERSACION VIRTUAL

Sábado, 23 de mayo | 10:00 -11:30 AM

QUE:

La Ciudad de Chicago organizará una conversación virtual para compartir con los residentes de la Villita información sobre la demolición de emergencia necesaria de la estructura de turbina que es una de dos estructuras restantes en la antigua planta de carbón Crawford, ubicada en 3501 S Pulaski Rd. La información será compartida en inglés y en español.

Tras una larga evaluación y análisis estructural de los edificios restantes en la planta, el Departamento de Edificios ha determinado que, en el interés de la seguridad pública, la estructura de la turbina no está estable y es necesario derribarla lo más pronto posible.

El Departamento de Edificios de Chicago compartirá una descripción del estado de la turbina, el proceso de demolición y medidas de mitigación de polvo. El Departamento de Salud Pública estará disponible para analizar la calidad del aire y los análisis de tierra en la comunidad.

QUIEN:

Judith Frydland, Comisionada del Departamento de Edificios de Chicago

Dra. Allison Arwady, Comisionada del Departamento de Salud Pública de Chicago

CUANDO:

Sábado, 23 de mayo, 2020; 10-11:30 a.m.

Nuestro reporte sobre la junta:

- No hay intérprete profesional de habla hispana.
- Moratoria de demolición 6 meses - 1 mes después se permitió la demolición de la turbina de viento.
- No hay información sobre el plan para proteger la salud de la comunidad durante el Refugio en el lugar para la pandemia respiratoria.
- Falta información sobre el desarrollo potencial a lo largo del Canal y en el Sitio.
- No hubo declaración si habría otros "ayuntamientos" para informar a los residentes.
- La reunión terminó y no permitió que los participantes que habían estado esperando hicieran sus preguntas.



Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (CSSC)

Is within the Little Village Industrial Corridor

- No Housing or Open Space
- Water Quality - efforts to improve
- Rivers projects developed without guidance on Health and Environmental concerns (i.e. being next to Industrial businesses)
- Ex: Southeast side, outdoor Manganese piles

What's in the air?

- Aggregate, Particulate Matter, Soot, oil and recycling of metal and food based product

What's in the water?

- Legacy of Industrial and Transportation Use (i.e. Coal Plant)

Who's using the water way?

- Barges, Barges, Barges

Demanding testing and clean up of Sanitation and Ship Canal

Industrial Neighbors:

Crawford Manufactured Gas Plant

Reliable Asphalt Corporation

Lindahl Material

Prairie Material

Ameropan Oil

Transportation Companies

Logistics Companies

Container Companies

BNSF Corwith

I-55 Expressway



Canal Sanitario y de buques (CSSC)

Dentro del corredor industrial de La Villita, está:

- No hay casas o espacio abierto,
- Calidad del agua: esfuerzos para mejorar
- Los proyectos de "Rivers" se desarrollaron sin orientación sobre cuestiones ambientales y de salud (es decir, estar al lado de empresas industriales)
- Ex: Lado sureste, pilas de manganeso al aire libre

¿Qué hay en el aire?

- Agregados, partículas, hollín, aceite y reciclaje de productos metálicos y alimenticios.

¿Qué hay en el agua?

Legado de uso industrial y de transporte (es decir, planta de carbón)

¿Quién está usando el camino del agua?

Barcazas, barcazas, barcazas

Exigencia de pruebas y limpieza de saneamiento y canal de barcos

Industrias a nuestro alrededor:

Crawford Manufactured Gas Plant

Reliable Asphalt Corporation

Lindahl Material

Prairie Material

Ameropan Oil

Transportation Companies

Logistics Companies

Container Companies

BNSF Corwith

I-55 Expressway

Update on June 5th - Local Action // Actualización el 5 de junio - Acción local



- Both individuals assaulted are ok
- **Sunbelt** employee was suspended on Friday pending their review and the was **formally terminated** on Monday, following the incident.
- The **Chicago Fire Department's Internal Affairs Division (IAD)** opened a case into the actions of the fireman at the scene and a judgement was made. After further review, **IAD decided that the fireman seen in the video did not violate any procedures during the event and the case was subsequently closed.**
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- Ambas personas agredidas están bien
- El empleado de **Sunbelt** fue suspendido el viernes a la espera de su revisión y fue **despedido formalmente** el lunes, luego del incidente.
- La **División de Asuntos Internos (DIA) del Departamento de Bomberos de Chicago** abrió un caso sobre las acciones del bombero en el lugar y se emitió un juicio. Después de una revisión adicional, **IAD decidió que el bombero visto en el video no violó ningún procedimiento durante el evento y el caso se cerró posteriormente.**

Response from City to Commissioner Anaya and Community // Respuesta de la ciudad a la Comisionada Anaya y la comunidad:

Good Afternoon -

Thank you for reaching out to share your concerns about the demolition on the site of the former Crawford Generating Station located at 3501 S. Pulaski. We know that the past few months have renewed many environmental concerns in your community, and we want to let you know that we too share those concerns. We are aware of the issues that have taken place on site and the City remains committed to strict oversight of any work continuing to happen on site, as there is not greater priority than the health and safety of the local community members.

Most recently, as of last week, Heneghan Wrecking Company, a subcontractor of Hilco Redevelopment Partners, was authorized to demolish the turbine building located on the site. This came after a thorough inspection from the Chicago Department of Buildings (DOB) determined the building to be structurally unsound and presented an immediate public safety risk. Out of an abundance of caution, the City closed lanes of Pulaski road to protect from falling debris. This work is being conducted through a mechanical process that carefully breaks the structure down piece-by-piece and with the proper water mitigation tools in place to prevent dust from leaving the site.

It is important to note the City has implemented strict supervision of the site since April 13, through DOB and a third-party environmental consultant. The City worked to educate the community about the need for the current work through a community town hall and over 10,000 flyers were distributed to local community members in the area. The City remains committed to keeping community members informed moving forward and a robust community engagement process will take place in advance of any additional demolition work on the site.

Sincerely,
City of Chicago | Community Engagement



June 8th - 17th // 8 al 17 de Junio



<https://blockclubchicago.org/2020/06/15/as-little-village-demolition-restarts-dust-seen-blowing-off-hilco-site-in-new-video/>

Hilco Lease // Arrendamiento de Hilco:



- **Target** has a Lease with Hilco
- Alderman Rodriguez was reached out to by Target over a year ago
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- **Target** tiene un contrato de arrendamiento con Hilco
- El concejal Rodríguez fue contactado por Target hace más de un año

Target (TARGET) Warehouse

Like Amazon & Walmart warehouse workers, Target employees are also trying to unionize.

- **Target Warehouse Faces Its First Public Union Drive:** 'They treat us like robots and we feel like prisoners.' By **Lauren Kaori Gurley – Feb 19 2020**
 - A Target warehouse facility in northern New Jersey is set to become **the first** in the company's **nearly 60-year history** to face a public union campaign.
 - Union organizers wrote a letter to Target's CEO and chief human resources officer, demanding it enter a neutrality agreement with the union.
 - If the union drive is successful, it could reverberate beyond Target across the industry, emboldening workers at other large e-commerce companies to organize.
 - The company has a record of **circulating anti-union videos** during previous union campaigns, in particular, one in 2014 that told workers that **a union would change the company's "fast, fun, and friendly culture."**

Almacén de TARGET

Al igual que los trabajadores de almacenes de Amazon y Walmart, los empleados de Target también están tratando de sindicalizarse.

- Target Warehouse se enfrenta a su primera campaña sindical pública: "Nos tratan como robots y nos sentimos prisioneros". **Por Lauren Kaori Gurley - 19 de febrero de 2020**
 - Un almacén de Target en el norte de Nueva Jersey se convertirá en **el primero** en los casi **60 años de historia de la compañía** en enfrentar una campaña sindical pública.
 - Los organizadores del sindicato escribieron una carta al CEO y director de recursos humanos de Target, exigiéndole que firmara un acuerdo de neutralidad con el sindicato.
 - Si la campaña sindical es exitosa, podría repercutir más allá de Target en toda la industria, alentando a los trabajadores de otras grandes empresas de comercio electrónico a organizarse.
 - La compañía **tiene un historial de circular videos antisindicales durante campañas sindicales anteriores**, en particular, una en 2014 **que le dijo a los trabajadores que un sindicato cambiaría la cultura "rápida, divertida y amigable" de la compañía.**

WWJ Warehouse Facts: Working conditions

- **A "perma-temp" system**
 - Warehouse Workers for Justice estimates that 70% of Chicagoland warehouses employ temps rather than direct hires.
- **Poverty-Level jobs**
 - Although studies show a worker in the Chicagoland area needs to earn at least \$16/hr to sustain a family, most warehouse jobs pay less than \$10/hr, even after years on the job.
- **An epidemic of wage theft**
 - In surveying warehouse workers across the region, WWJ has seen many examples of short checks, unpaid overtime, workers forced to work off the clock and other abuses.
- **Discrimination and abuse**
 - Warehouse workers often battle discrimination based on gender, race and national origin.

Datos de Almacenes por WWJ Warehouse: Condiciones de Trabajo

- **Un sistema "perma-temp"**

- Warehouse Workers for Justice estima que el 70% de los depósitos de Chicagoland emplean trabajadores temporales en lugar de contrataciones directas.

- **Empleos de nivel de pobreza**

- Aunque los estudios muestran que un trabajador en el área de Chicago necesita ganar al menos \$ 16 / hora para mantener a una familia, la mayoría de los trabajos de almacén pagan menos de \$ 10 / hora, incluso después de años en el trabajo.

- **Una epidemia de robo de salarios**

- Al encuestar a los trabajadores de almacenes en toda la región, WWJ ha visto muchos ejemplos de cheques cortos, horas extras no pagadas, trabajadores forzados a trabajar fuera del reloj y otros abusos.

- **Discriminación y abuso**

- Los trabajadores del almacén a menudo luchan contra la discriminación por motivos de género, raza y origen nacional.



WWJ Warehouse Facts: Working conditions

- **Lack of basic benefits**
 - Access to affordable health insurance is limited. Sick days and vacations are almost unheard-of.
- **Unsafe working conditions**
 - Warehouse workers face workplace injuries and exposure to diesel fumes.
- **Violations of workers' rights**
 - When warehouse workers attempt to form unions or report illegal activity by their employer, they often suffer illegal retaliation.

All this information is from Warehouse Workers for Justice:

<http://www.ww4j.org/crisis.html>



Continuando con Datos de Almacenes por WWJ Warehouse: Condiciones de Trabajo

- **Falta de beneficios básicos**
 - El acceso a un seguro médico asequible es limitado. Los días de enfermedad y las vacaciones son casi desconocidos.
- **Condiciones de trabajo inseguras**
 - Los trabajadores del almacén enfrentan lesiones en el lugar de trabajo y exposición a los gases del diesel.
- **Violaciones de los derechos de los trabajadores**
 - Cuando los trabajadores del almacén intentan formar sindicatos o denunciar actividades ilegales por parte de su empleador, a menudo sufren represalias ilegales.

Toda esta información es de Warehouse Workers for Justice:

<http://www.ww4j.org/crisis.html>

ng History With s Police

MAY 29, 2020 • 5:26 PM



Destroyed shelves at a Target in Minneapolis on Wednesday.

<https://slate.com/business/2020/05/targets-long-history-with-minneapolis-police.html>

Target has long been associated with police surveillance and MPD's treatment of black and low-income residents of the city.

In 2004, the company made a \$300,000 donation to the city to install CCTV throughout the downtown area.

Target also established the "SafeZone" program that same year to help the police department with surveillance logistics.

Target has a number of similar law enforcement programs in more than 20 cities in the U.S., though its first police partnership was in Minneapolis, where the retailer's headquarters are located.

City of Chicago Proposed Solutions: Implosion Resolution

“We hear you Little Village”

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 16, 2020

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MAYOR LIGHTFOOT INTRODUCES ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLSION DEMOLITIONS AS PART OF EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN CITY OVERSIGHT AND ENSURE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

New framework to establish multi-department approval process; Measures ensure moratorium on explosives in demolition until new department rules are in place

CHICAGO - Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and the Department of Buildings (DOB), together with Alderman George Cardenas, 12th Ward will introduce tomorrow an ordinance to establish a new regulatory framework for implosion demolitions in Chicago as part of a comprehensive effort to strengthen City oversight and further ensure extensive community engagement prior to this rare type of demolition activity. Based on national best practices, the proposed ordinance establishes a temporary moratorium on explosives in the demolition of buildings or other structures until City departments establish their own specific rules for an implosion permitting process. To ensure community members are a part of this process, residents will have an opportunity to provide input and recommendations on each department's proposed rules during a minimum 60-day public comment period.

“Our top priority is protecting the health and safety of residents in every community, and this is especially important where demolition-related activity is taking place,” said Mayor Lightfoot. “This new ordinance ensures that, going forward, the use of explosives in demolition follows the strictest and most up-to-date rules and regulations for this rare and potentially hazardous activity, and that the community is notified and wholly engaged before any such action is approved.”

“The ordinance would also require those seeking a demolition permit to **include a project timeline and plans for security, transportation, hazardous materials, dust mitigation, air quality monitoring and emergency response**. The Department of Buildings and the Business Affairs and Consumer Protection would **review** these materials.”

“In addition, the Chicago Fire Department, Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago Department of Transportation and Water Management and Office of Emergency Management and Communications **all will need to sign off on an applicant's plan.**”

**Lightfoot & Ald. George Cardenas - 12th Ward
Chair of Environment and Energy Committee**



Soluciones propuestas por la Ciudad de Chicago: resolución de implosiones

"Te escuchamos La Villita"

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MAYOR LIGHTFOOT INTRODUCES ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLSION DEMOLITIONS AS PART OF EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN CITY OVERSIGHT AND ENSURE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

New framework to establish multi-department approval process; Measures ensure moratorium on explosives in demolition until new department rules are in place

CHICAGO - Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and the Department of Buildings (DOB), together with Alderman George Cardenas, 12th Ward will introduce tomorrow an ordinance to establish a new regulatory framework for implosion demolitions in Chicago as part of a comprehensive effort to strengthen City oversight and further ensure extensive community engagement prior to this rare type of demolition activity. Based on national best practices, the proposed ordinance establishes a temporary moratorium on explosives in the demolition of buildings or other structures until City departments establish their own specific rules for an implosion permitting process. To ensure community members are a part of this process, residents will have an opportunity to provide input and recommendations on each department's proposed rules during a minimum 60-day public comment period.

"Our top priority is protecting the health and safety of residents in every community, and this is especially important where demolition-related activity is taking place," said Mayor Lightfoot. "This new ordinance ensures that, going forward, the use of explosives in demolition follows the strictest and most up-to-date rules and regulations for this rare and potentially hazardous activity, and that the community is notified and wholly engaged before any such action is approved."

"La ordenanza también requeriría que aquellos que buscan un permiso de demolición incluye un cronograma del proyecto y planes de seguridad, transporte, materiales peligrosos, mitigación de polvo, monitoreo de la calidad del aire y respuesta a emergencias. El Departamento de Edificios y Asuntos Comerciales y Protección al Consumidor revisará estos materiales".

"Además, el Departamento de Bomberos de Chicago, el Departamento de Salud Pública de Chicago, el Departamento de Transporte y Gestión del Agua de Chicago y la Oficina de Gestión y Comunicaciones de Emergencia deberán firmar el plan del solicitante".

Lightfoot y Concejal G. Cardenas - Distrito 12
Presidente del Comité de Medio Ambiente y Energía



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Left: Mayor Lori Lightfoot speaks at a press conference Monday. Right: Work continued at the Crawford coal plant site Friday.
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BLOCK CLUB CHICAGO

“While the ordinance requires public meetings, the city did not answer questions **on whether concerns from residents, aldermen or the Committee on Health and Environmental Protections would be enough to halt an implosion from moving forward.**”

<https://blockclubchicago.org/2020/06/16/after-little-village-coated-in-dust-cloud-city-pitches-new-ordinance-to-a-void-future-demolition-disasters/>



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"Si bien la ordenanza requiere reuniones públicas, la ciudad **no** respondió preguntas sobre si las preocupaciones de los residentes, los concejales o el Comité de Salud y Protección del Medio Ambiente serían suficientes para detener el avance de una implosión".

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- Implosion is **"rare" and "potentially hazardous,"** the regulatory process the city lays out seems to actually **walk back** the prior ordinance's presumption against implosion,
- Robert Taylor Homes implosion left open permit in the individual case, which **applicants have taken advantage of**
- **No mention of/ or commitment** to retain the presumed prohibition against implosion, -
 - Because they claim it's not a real prohibition as currently written. (Can continue to be exploited)
- There's **no discussion/acknowledgement of the hazards** from implosion except for PM short term spike. Short term PM can have potential impacts on health regardless of ongoing air quality impacts beyond the first day.
- There's **no discussion** of agencies needing to **adopt heightened standards** based on the vulnerability of the community in which the implosion is being proposed.

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- La implosión es "rara" y "potencialmente peligrosa", el proceso reglamentario que establece la ciudad parece anular la presunción de la ordenanza anterior contra la implosión,
- La implosión de Robert Taylor Homes dejó un permiso abierto en el caso individual, que los solicitantes se han aprovechado
- No se menciona / o se compromete a retener la presunta prohibición contra la implosión, -
 - Porque afirman que no es una prohibición real como se escribe actualmente. (Puede continuar siendo explotado)
- No hay discusión / reconocimiento de los peligros de la implosión, excepto por el pico de PM a corto plazo. El PM a corto plazo puede tener impactos potenciales en la salud, independientemente de los impactos continuos en la calidad del aire más allá del primer día.
- No se discute sobre las agencias que necesitan adoptar estándares elevados basados en la vulnerabilidad de la comunidad en la que se propone la implosión.

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- Sounds like a **one-size-fits-all process** with consideration of context/ case-by-case (Ripe for gaming).
- Doesn't tackle the underlying **Zoning Issues**
- 7 sets of agency regs coming our way in 7 months that community will have to respond to
- The City should explicitly reserve the right to prohibit any implosion that cannot be done in a manner that is consistent with public health, safety and welfare.
- **Lack** of Accountability for Departments
- **No** conversation/ work with Environmental or Environmental Justice organizations

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- Suena **como un proceso único para todos**, teniendo en cuenta el contexto / caso por caso (Maduro para juegos).
- No aborda los problemas de **zonificación subyacentes**
- 7 conjuntos de registros de agencias que se nos presentan en 7 meses a los que la comunidad tendrá que responder
- La Ciudad debe reservarse explícitamente el derecho de prohibir cualquier implosión que no pueda realizarse de manera consistente con la salud pública, la seguridad y el bienestar.
- **Falta** de responsabilidad para los departamentos
- **Sin** conversación / trabajo con organizaciones ambientales o de justicia ambiental

Alderman Michael Rodriguez: 6B Resolution // Concejal Michael Rodríguez: Resolución 6B

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Commissioners has enacted the Cook County Tax Incentive Ordinance, Classification System for Assessment, as amended from time to time (the "County Ordinance"), which provides for, among other things, real estate tax incentives to property owners who build, rehabilitate, enhance, and occupy property that is located within Cook County, Illinois and that is used primarily for industrial purposes; and

WHEREAS, The County Ordinance requires that, in connection with the filing of a Class 6(b) eligibility application with the Assessor, the applicant must obtain from the municipality in which such real estate that is proposed for Class 6(b) designation is located a resolution expressly stating, among other things, that the municipality has determined that the incentive provided by Class 6(b) is necessary for development to occur on such real estate and that the municipality supports and consents to the Class 6(b) classification by the Assessor; and

WHEREAS, Section 74-73 of the County Ordinance permits the suspension, revocation, or cancellation of various tax incentives, including Class 6b tax incentive, in several circumstances, including by the Cook County Board at the request of the municipality in which the real estate is located by municipal resolution; and

WHEREAS, Section 74-73 of the County Ordinance includes a list of non-exhaustive factors that could form the basis of the suspension, revocation, or cancellation of a tax incentive, including violating provisions of the County Ordinance, delinquencies in payment of property taxes, and inaccuracies in economic disclosure statements; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the considerations outlined in the County Ordinance, the City is a home rule unit of local government by virtue of Section 6(a) of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois and, as such, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including valid exercises of the City's police power to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents; and

WHEREAS, As a home rule unit of government, the City should take into account public policy priorities, such as minority-owned business and women-owned business utilization goals and green building requirements, in deciding whether tax incentives should be approved or revoked; and

No community input on plan or strategy

Commissioner Anaya found out about the City Resolution **the week of** from a Co-Worker at the County

LVEJO **has not supported** this process due to the above.

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No hay aportes de la comunidad sobre el plan o la estrategia.

La comisionada Anaya se enteró de la resolución de la ciudad **la semana de** un compañero de trabajo en el condado

LVEJO **no ha apoyado este proceso** debido a lo anterior.



Alderman Michael Rodriguez: 6B Resolution



Michael Rodriguez

to me, Juliana, Nancy, Edith, Jose ▾

Jun 16, 2020, 4:15 PM (23 hours ago)



Kim and LVEJO Staff,

Thanks for reaching out. In short, our resolution setting a framework for the revocation of 6B's passed committee last week, and subsequently our hearing established a legislative record that will lead to an ordinance to be submitted at city council tomorrow. That ordinance will be a work in progress and I look forward to working with LVEJO and others on this ordinance, particularly our partners at the county.

To that extent, I am going to convene the 22nd Ward Little Village Economic Dev't Advisory Council next week to 1. give a briefing on our legislative strategy for input and 2. discuss how we as a community move forward with 35th and Pulaski and the entities involved there (potentially setup a meeting w/Target).

Mike



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Response from Alderman Rodriguez:

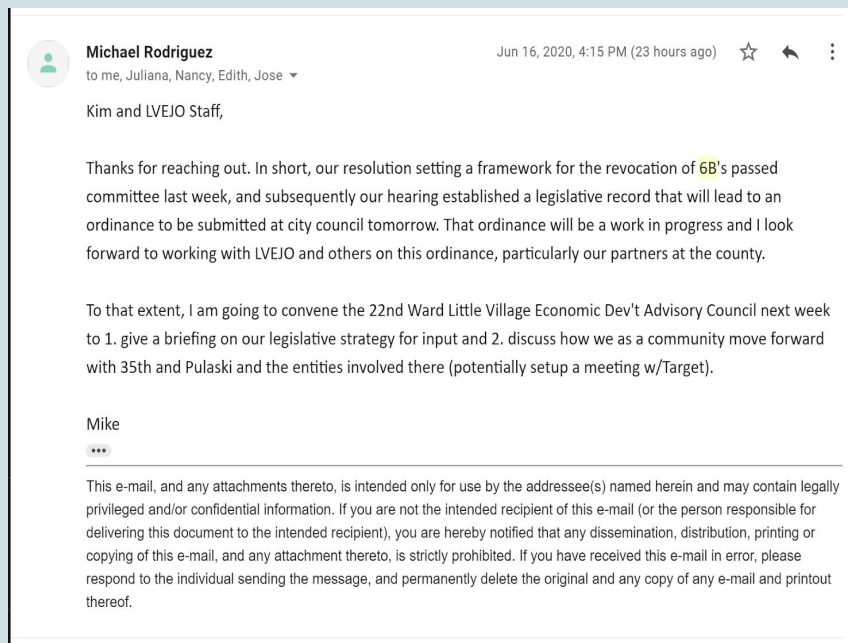
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Concejal Michael Rodríguez: Resolución 6B



Respuesta del concejal Rodríguez:

“... nuestra audiencia estableció un registro **legislativo que conducirá a una ordenanza que se presentará mañana en el ayuntamiento.** Esa ordenanza será un trabajo en progreso **y espero trabajar con LVEJO y otros en esta ordenanza, particularmente nuestros socios en el condado ”.**

"En esa medida, convocaré al **Consejo Asesor de Desarrollo Económico del distrito 22 de La Villita** la próxima semana para

- 1. dar una sesión informativa sobre nuestra estrategia legislativa para aportes y**
- 2. Discuta cómo nosotros, como comunidad, avanzamos con 35th y Pulaski y las entidades involucradas allí (potencialmente organizar una reunión con Target) ”.**



Community Actions: Science Advisory Board

- Demanding Transparency & Access to all technical data and reports
- Review the quality and relevance of the scientific and technical information being used by the City, State, Hilco and contractors and provide feedback
- Review the Cities, State, Hilco and Contractors research protocols and provide feedback
- Provide science advice to the City, State, Hilco and Contractors on actions on the site
- Collect community input on health and environmental protocols for site
- Demand expanded sampling of soil, water and air in and around surrounding community
- Share all information with community
- Share & receive feedback on ideas with community
- Demanding stopping all demolition on site

Potential Members:

- Local Youth
- Local Community Members
- Local Community Scientists
- Health & Environmental Science Professionals
- Local Teachers
- Health Professionals

Acciones comunitarias:

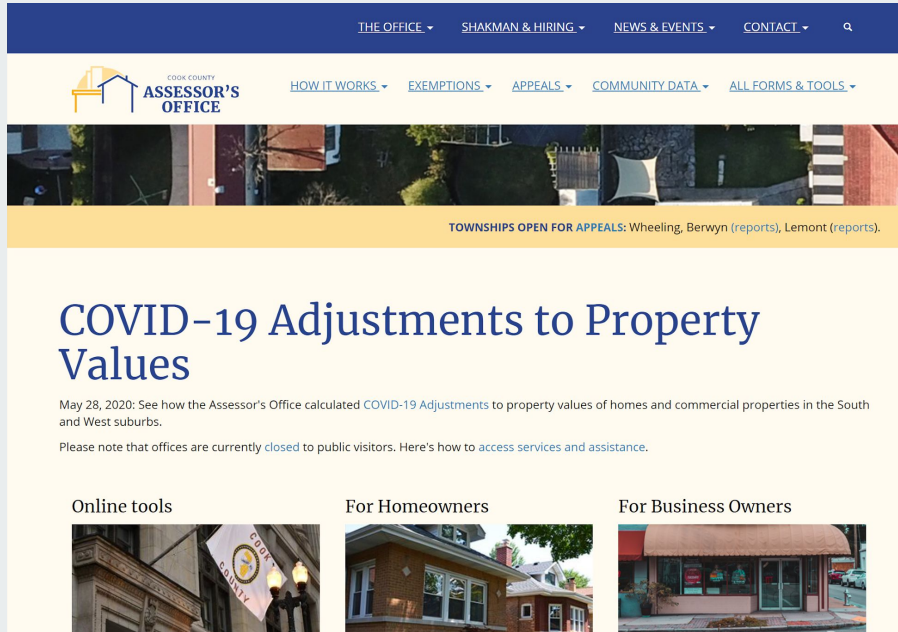
Consejo Asesor de Ciencias

- Exigiendo transparencia y acceso a todos los datos técnicos e informes
- Revise la calidad y relevancia de la información científica y técnica que utiliza la Ciudad, el Estado, Hilco y los contratistas y brinde comentarios
- Revise los protocolos de investigación de Ciudades, Estado, Hilco y Contratistas y proporcione comentarios
- Brindar asesoramiento científico a la Ciudad, el Estado, Hilco y los Contratistas sobre las acciones en el sitio.
- Recopilar aportes de la comunidad sobre protocolos ambientales y de salud para el sitio
- Exigir un muestreo ampliado de suelo, agua y aire en y alrededor de la comunidad circundante.
- Comparta toda la información con la comunidad.
- Comparta y reciba comentarios sobre ideas con la comunidad
- Exigir detener todas las demoliciones en el sitio

Miembros potenciales:

- Juventud local
- Miembros de la comunidad local
- Científicos comunitarios locales
- Profesionales de ciencias de la salud y el medio ambiente
- Maestros locales
- Profesionales de la salud

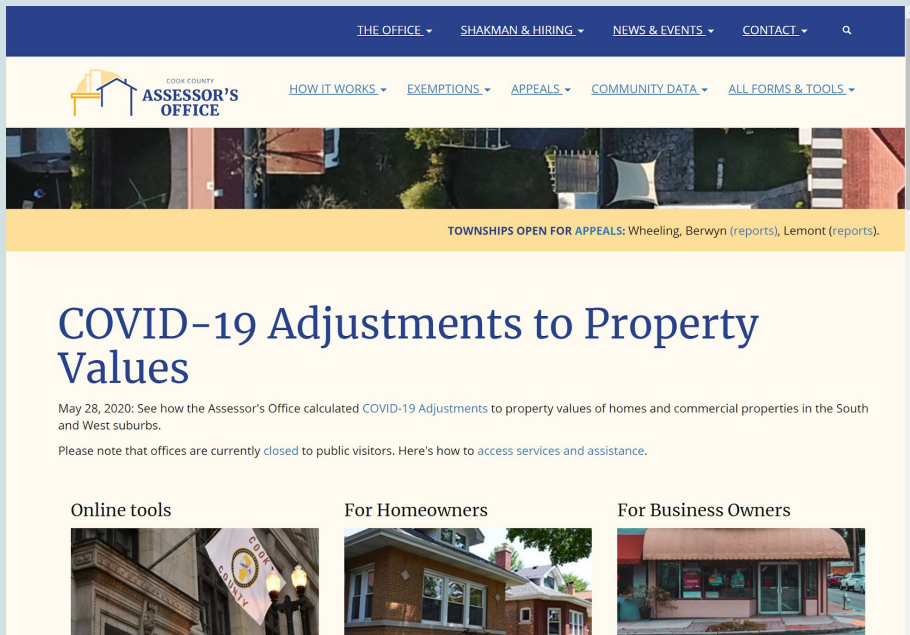
Community Actions: Cook County Assessor's Office



Actions:

- Hilco **submitted extension request** letter for Tax Incentive **May 14th**
- **Contact** the County Assessor's Office and **demand they DENY Hilco's extension**
- **Fritz Kaegi**, Cook County Assessor
118 North Clark Street - Third Floor,
Room #320 - Chicago, IL 60602
FKaegi@
- **Invite** Assessor's Office to come on a tour of the community and site

Acciones comunitarias: Oficina del asesor del condado de Cook



Acciones:

- Hilco presentó una carta de solicitud de extensión para el Incentivo Fiscal **el 14 de mayo**
- Póngase en contacto con la Oficina del Asesor del Condado y pídale que NIEGUEN la extensión de Hilco
- **Fritz Kaegi, asesor del condado de Cook 118 North Clark Street** - Tercer piso, habitación # 320 - Chicago, IL 60602
- Invite a la Oficina del Asesor a realizar un recorrido por la comunidad y el sitio.

Community Actions: Target

Demand Alderman Rodriguez host a meeting with Target on canceling lease

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Contact Target Investors:

Visit the **Investor Relations** website

Email Target at **InvestorRelations@target.com**

Call Target at **1.800.775.3110**

Contact Target Corporate responsibility

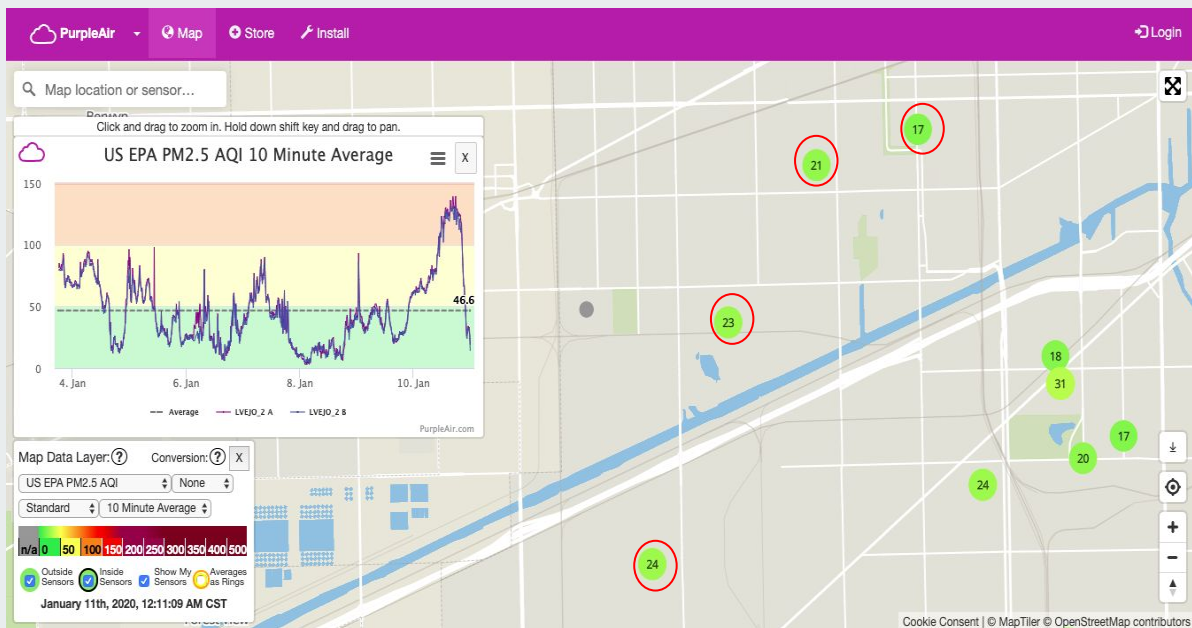
CorporateResponsibility@target.com



LVEJO doing Mobile Air monitoring



PurpleAir.com



We are finishing our air monitoring guidelines and will be announcing soon on our social media the sign up to host air monitors.

Estamos terminando nuestras guías de monitoreo del aire y pronto anunciaremos en nuestras redes sociales el registro para alojar monitores de aire.

NEW LIST OF DEMANDS!

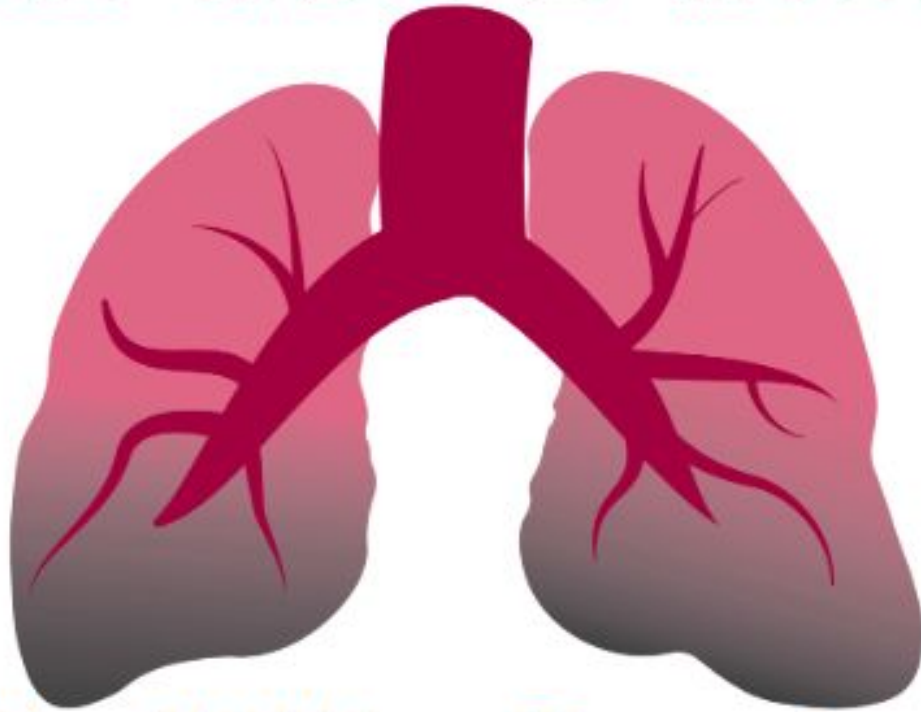
1. The City of Chicago must do soil sampling of homes and public areas closest to the site and host ongoing air monitoring of particulate matter.
2. The City of Chicago and participating departments must share and post all documentation in relation to the site in a timely manner.
3. The City of Chicago and involved departments must meet regularly with the Little Village Science Advisory Board to review all technical material and data that will be shared with the public.
4. The City of Chicago must host continual Community Meetings to inform and update community members on plans and actions on the site.
5. Hilco Redevelopment Partners must fully remediate the soil and waterways at the Crawford & Fisk Coal Power Plant to the highest standard possible, instead of using quick “solutions” like a concrete slab and leaving the contamination in the ground.
6. Hilco Redevelopment Partners must forgo the \$19.7 million in tax incentives.
7. Target Corporation MUST break their lease with HRP.
8. The City of Chicago should exercise its rights under Eminent Domain to secure the Crawford & Fisk from Hilco Redevelopment Partners.
9. The City of Chicago must work with Little Village residents to develop the Crawford Site in a community approved plan.



Nueva Lista de Demandas

1. La ciudad de Chicago debe hacer un muestreo del suelo de las casas y áreas públicas más cercanas al sitio y realizar un monitoreo continuo del aire de las partículas.
2. La ciudad de Chicago y los departamentos participantes deben compartir y publicar toda la documentación relacionada con el sitio de manera oportuna.
3. La ciudad de Chicago y los departamentos involucrados deben reunirse regularmente con la Junta Consultiva de Ciencias de La Villita para revisar todo el material técnico y los datos que se compartirán con el público.
4. La ciudad de Chicago debe organizar reuniones comunitarias continuas para informar y actualizar a los miembros de la comunidad sobre los planes y acciones en el sitio.
5. Los Socios de Reurbanización de Hilco deben remediar completamente el suelo y las vías fluviales en la Central de Carbón Crawford & Fisk al más alto nivel posible, en lugar de usar "soluciones" rápidas como una losa de concreto y dejar la contaminación en el suelo.
6. Hilco Redevelopment Partners debe renunciar a los \$ 19.7 millones en incentivos fiscales.
7. Target Corporation DEBE romper su contrato de arrendamiento con HRP.
8. La Ciudad de Chicago debe ejercer sus derechos bajo el Dominio Eminente para asegurar Crawford & Fisk de Hilco Redevelopment Partners.
9. La ciudad de Chicago debe trabajar con los residentes de La Villita para desarrollar el sitio Crawford en un plan aprobado por la comunidad.

HELL NO TO HILCO



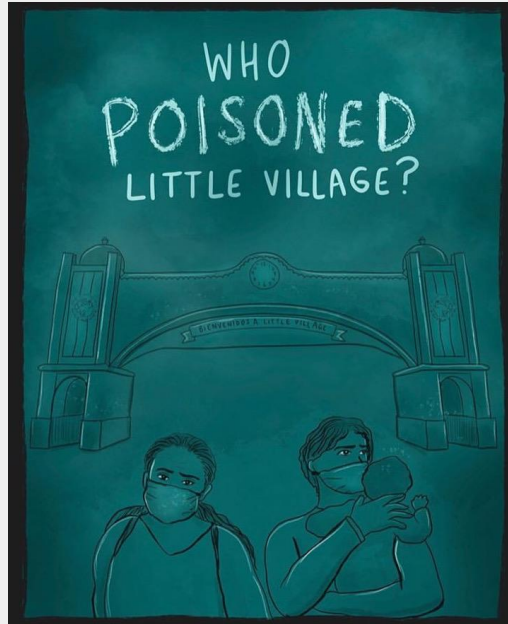
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pueden organizar
entregas de pósters!

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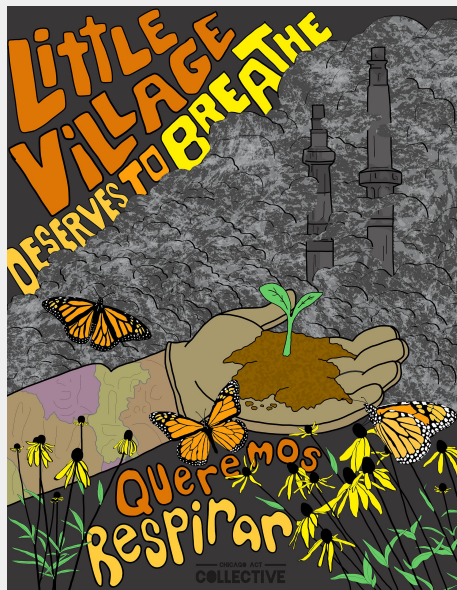
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Who to contact if:

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.



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Step by Step Guide on how to
submit complaints [available!](#)

Guía paso a paso sobre cómo
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Preventative actions for continued demolition

- Turn off ac/heater units
- Close windows and doors
- Close vents
- Limit outdoor exposure
- Let your neighbors and family know
- Wear a protective mask if you must go outside

Acciones Preventivas para Demoliciones:

- Aunque no es implosion, todavía es demolición
- Apague las unidades de aire acondicionado / calentador
- Cierre las ventanas y puertas
- Cierre los respiraderos
- Límite exposición al aire libre
- Déjales saber a sus vecinos y familia
- Use una mascarilla protectora si tiene que salir

Free Water Distribution for

- Homes whose water has been shut off
- The Elderly
- Women and Children
- Vulnerable Community Members



LVEJO in partnership with Elevate is distributing free water and water materials *limit 2 per house hold
*Priority is given to resident who live near the Old Crawford Coal Power Plant

For More information please contact Nancy Meza at nmeza@lvejo.org or call 1(708)689-9169



Distribucion de Agua Gratis para

- Hogares que no tienen agua corriendo
- Personas de la tercera edad
- Mujeres y Niños
- Miembros de la comunidad vulnerables



LVEJO en alianza con Elevate esta distribuyendo agua y materiales de agua
*limite 2 por Familia
*Prioridad se le esta dando a residentes que viven cerca de la antigua Planta de Carbon Crawford

Para mas informacion porfavor contacte a [Nancy Meza](mailto:nmeza@lvejo.org) en nmeza@lvejo.org o llame a 1(708)689-9169



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