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May 10, 2018

Dr. Julie Morita
Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health
333 South State Street, Room 200
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: 4010 South Damen, Chicago
Hot Mix Asphalt Plant
Rock Crushing Recycling and Transfer Station

Dear Commissioner Morita and President Lopez:

I am writing to urge the Chicago Department of Public Health to immediately revoke any and all environmental permits issued to MAT Asphalt LLC for a hot mix asphalt plant at the captioned property and to reject any additional applications for operations – such as rock crushing or transfer stations – that would benefit the asphalt plant. In addition, I request that your Department begins to test air quality along the southern border of McKinley Park and that you make those test results available to the public at once.

There could not be a worse location for a hot mix asphalt plant than across the street from McKinley Park. Our community uses the Park intensively for softball, basketball, cheerleading, dodgeball, and fit kids initiatives. Now, an asphalt plant will create noxious odors and emissions that will tarnish use and enjoyment of our Park. The community is – understandably – up in arms.

Contrary to reports being circulated by the political insiders who profited from and were instrumental in keeping the hot mix asphalt plant project under the radar, I never received advance written notice from your office regarding the project, and I have yet to see a site plan or plan of operation for the facilities.

It is time to end the lack of transparency and communication that has marked the planning stages of this project and replace it with an open and fair process including input from the community.

I look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Antonio Muñoz".

Antonio Munoz
State Senator • 1st District
Assistant Majority Leader