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Subject: McKinley Park Air

Dear Ms. Jaramillo,

Thank you for meeting with the Residents for a Safer and Healthier Community last Thursday 8/22. It has been a week since the meeting. I understand that Theresa McNamara whom I have copied in this e-mail will be following up with you on behalf of the group, however, I wanted to share NLEI's experience today 8/29.

The fumes emitting from the asphalt plant have been extraordinarily strong today. It was difficult for me to walk from my car to inside our building without being physically affected by those fumes. I also learned later that my maintenance team had no choice, but to turn off the air conditioning system, because the fumes from the outside were so strong that they were affecting students and those inside the building. Before learning of this I experienced it first hand when I arrived.

We are a practical and reasonable organization transforming lives of thousands of families for over 45 years and I am not one quick to make unsubstantiated issues or complaints. We did proceed with notifying the IEPA regarding today's experience. I will follow-up again with our Alderman. Our adult students also sent their individual concerns separately.

I do hope the City of Chicago takes this issue very seriously and request to be notified of any further action or remedy that can be done in the best interest of the public.

Thank you in advance for your time, review and reply.

Sincerely,
Elba Aranda-Suh