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Joint Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy and Health and Human Relations Monthly Rule 45 Report: October 2023

Pursuant to the Rule 45 of City of Chicago Rules and Order, the Committee on Environmental and Energy Protection and the Committee on Health and Human Relations submits the following monthly report for October, 2023.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting:

On October 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy and the Committee on Health and Human Relations held a joint meeting in City Hall Council Chambers, in Chicago, Illinois.

Roll Call:

The following committee members were present: Hadden (49), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Ramirez (12), Knudsen (43), LaSpata (1), Robinson (4), Yancy (5), Gutierrez (14), Coleman (16), Scott (24), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Fuentes (26), Cruz (30), Conway (34), Ramirez-Rosa (35), Reilly (42), Lawson (44), Martin (47), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48).

Remote participation: Clay (46)

Non-members present: Rodriguez (22), Burnett (27), Cardona (32), Vasquez (40)

The following members were absent: Lopez (15), Tabares (23)

Reports and Materials Received by Committee:

- 1) Cumulative Impact Assessment Executive Summary Report
- 2) Cumulative Impact Assessment slide deck

Public Comment:

There were **10** public speakers and **13** written comments.

Written Public Comment Submissions:

Brian McKeon with Lucha por la Villita Community Organization in Little Village Michael Harnett, resident of Little Village Baltazar Enriquez, Little Village Community Council Theresa Reyes McNamara, Southwest Environment Alliance & McKinley Park resident Greg Galluzzo, Pilsen resident Mary Gonzales, Pilsen Resident Chris White, Alliance for the Southeast (ASE)
Alliance for the Southeast (form email sent by 53 people)
Neighbors for Environmental Justice (N4EJ)
Illinois Environmental Council
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
Grow Greater Englewood (GGE)
Sustainable Englewood Initiatives (SEI)

Public comment speakers:

Rachel Williams
Isis Balzaldoa
George Blakemore
Baltazar Enriquez
Brian McKeon
Theresa McNamara
Anna Schibrowsky
Amalia Nieto Gomez
Mary Gonzalez
Greg Gallezzo

The Committee addressed the following items:

- 1. A subject matter hearing on the Cumulative Impact Assessment report findings and recommendations
 - **a.** Alfredo Romo from Neighbors for Environmental Justice (N4EJ) spoke about the laws that should be enacted and how to hold city departments and elected officials accountable.
 - **b.** Oscar Sanchez from Southeast Environmental Task Force (SETF) spoke about polluters and the importance of developing the Chicago EJ Index data dashboard and transparency as a whole.
 - **c.** Anna Solano, on behalf of Kimberly Wasserman, from LVEJO spoke about the Chicago EJ Index and how ground truthing was critical in this process.
 - **d.** Cheryl Johnson from People for Community Recovery spoke about her experience in environmental organizing and the long need for this cumulative impact assessment.
 - e. Angela Tovar (OCEE), Gabriella Sobrero-Wagener (OCEE), and Kate McMahon (CDPH) presented the Cumulative Impact Assessment report, the details of the results, and how those conclusions were reached.
 - f. Patrick Murphey (Department of Planning and Development) and Mary Nicol (Department of Transportation) attended the hearing to answer questions about recommendations impacting their respective departments.

Having no further business before the joint committee, Chairwoman Rodriguez-Sanchez requested a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Manaa-Hoppenworth so moved; hearing no objections, Chairwoman Rodriguez-Sanchez adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairwoman Maria E. Hadden (49)

Chairperson Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez (33)