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Dear Honorable Mayor

Sylvester Turner,

This is Donna Thomas, as we where talking after the Environmental Forum on Saturday. I explained to you, Bakeyah Nelson, and Cory Williams with Air Alliance who have been working closely with me and Fort Bend/Houston SN-41 to educate Fort Bend/Houston stakeholders on Environmental issues in our area.

As a concerned homeowner living by two Landfills, one in front of my community (which is Green Valley Estates located off McHard Road and Hiram Clarke Road [BFI/Rep]), and the other behind my community (at the dead end near Beltway 8 between South Post Oak and Almenda Road (Delta/Lonestar); I feel that environmental justice is well over due in our community.

Green Valley Estates and others within a 10 mile radius of Blue Ridge/Replica Landfill and Delta West/Lone Star are suffering and affected by the smells, sick birds, and false promises from TCEQ and some of our elected officials. Our communities were sold out years ago and the affect is even worse today.

Mayor, I am asking that you take a tour from downtown to our area. Coming from Almeda Road to McHard Road, you will see all the industrial businesses, Chemical Plants, Landfills, Crush Concrete, Pipelines, Gas wells etc...  From Almeda Road to Fort Bend Toll.

Now we have nothing but Warehouses and Gas Stations here since the road expansion.  But like you said Mayor you don't want Developers/Investors to place communities near Landfills and other harmful industries.

Blue Ridge/Replica Landfill and Delta Waist /Lone Star Landfill claim they are following the guidelines of TECQ, but this is far from the truth. We know TCEQ guidelines are not enough to protect homeowners from the toxic odors and other violation because they do not enforce them. Both Landfills have been fined numerous times.

Mayor you also said City of Houston have placed Air Monitors in the city.

Fort Bend/Houston have None!!!  We need the 3 Air Monitors promised to us by Blue Ridge Landfill from the Cabrle Coalition settlement. Mayor I hope you can help make this happen by working with Air Alliance, Fort Bend/Houston SN41 Environmental Committee, Fort Bend Environmental Task Force, and other organizations with Fort Bend Houston.

Cabrle Coalition that include Fort Bend Houston stakeholders fought against the Blue Ridge Landfill expansion years ago, along with Fresno, Pearland, and others within 10 miles of the BFI Blueridge Landfill with a Lawsuit. We lost that fight TO NOT expand, but we did get something out of it. Dirt coverage three times a week, 3 Air Monitors and Tipping fees to be used to improve communities affected by landfill.

To my knowledge, the only thing being done is the Dirt coverage and the Tipping fees been going to Fort Bend Arcola. Our Communities in Fort Bend Houston have not seen any funds used for improvements to this day.

Why...  we need to address our Fort Bend Pct 2 Commissioner about these tipping fees and we never got our Air Monitors.

Just as we did years ago, new residents in Fort Bend Pearland been fighting Blue Ridge /Replica Landfill and filed lawsuit against them. Part of the settlement agreement directs them to cover the area with dirt every night.

Imelda storm rain waters photos of run off from BRL into Clear Lake. Follow this link below:

https://m.facebook.com/groups/249318135416398?view=permalink&id=1009697402711797

Mayor will you and your staff please help protect us and our children to live a healthy life? Now that we are a Complete Community, maybe we can collectively get more resources and resolve environmental issues in all our Fort Bend Houston communities. Bakeyah Nelson mention since Fort Bend Houston is now a Complete Community we need to have our Environmental Survey done.

Let’s all work together for equity and Environmental Justice for all!

Best Regards,

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