

Houston City Council Member At-Large, Position 5

December 11, 2023

Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality PO Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

Re: Registration Number 173296

Dear TCEQ,

Last week I attended the informational meeting on Texas Coastal Materials, LLC's proposed Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration Number 173296, which would authorize construction of a permanent rock and concrete crusher.

During the meeting I listened to the applicant describe the location as "ideal," despite its proximity to Hutcheson Park and the Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) Hospital. LBJ Hospital is part of Harris Health and will be receiving significant improvements through the \$2.5 billion bond passed in November. This bond is part of ongoing reinvestment in Kashmere Gardens, a community with some of the worst health outcomes in Houston, in part due to the high number of pollutants they are exposed to through nearby industrial facilities like rock-crushing plants. LBJ Hospital also serves as an educational and faith facility, training new doctors and providing an on-site chapel.

At the meeting, I asked the applicant the expected decibel level of their facility and if it conformed with City of Houston noise ordinances. The applicant was not aware of the city's noise regulations or the decibel levels of their own machinery.

I am requesting a contested case hearing to determine if this facility's negative impact on the surrounding community is too for a standard permit.

Sincerely,

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