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Subject: FW: Proposed next steps on Centreville EJ concerns
Attachments: Centreville 06.25.20 briefing v3.docx

Sorry, doesn't look like I cc-ed you on this.

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Best,
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Subject: Updates and Phone Call

Hi Alan,
I hope you are doing well. Our team is reaching out to provide you with a few updates and to determine your availability for a call.

When we last spoke we mentioned that we were close to filing litigation. On 6/5, two organizations from our team (mine and Kalila Jackson from EHOC) filed a Complaint for Injunctive Relief in the Southern District of Illinois. I have attached those pleadings for you and your team's review.

Since that filing, several newspapers have covered the filing, including the St. Louis Post Dispatch, Belleville News Democrat, St. Louis NPR, Madison St. Clair Record, and the Southern Illinoisan. We have received numerous phone calls, emails, emails received from these publications forwarded to us from residents in Centreville and many from Cahokia asking for help because of raw sewage in their homes and yards and stormwater flooding in their neighborhoods.

While our team is aware that these surrounding municipalities have been struggling with similar issues and would love to be able to dedicate resources and time to assist everyone, unfortunately, we do not have the resources available to do so. We barely have the resources needed (and often run into many barriers) to assist the Centreville residents.

We would like to schedule a call with you and any other members of your team you believe it would be helpful to have on the call to have a more substantive discussion with clear steps on what it would take to start building environmental justice partnerships and begin bringing in resources in the metro-east to include all of these predominantly black and/or low-income communities that are suffering from these flooding and raw sewage issues.

We are greatly appreciative of the interest you and your team have shown in wanting to help resolve the issues in Centreville and we hope we can all work together to resolve these conditions.

Thanks and we look forward to speaking with you.

-Nicole

Doc #1--Complaint.pdf

Doc #2- Motion for Injunctive Relief.pdf

Doc #3--Memorandum in Support of Plaintiffs' Co...

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