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Jesykah,

Thanks for the message. Improving the health and environment in these communities will take a lot of hard work on all sides. It was great to have a local business present for the workshop and we will definitely keep you posted on things as we move forward. If you don't mind, I would like to submit your message as a comment for the report.

Thanks again,

Arsenio

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Hi Arsenio,

Nice meeting you on 9/6 in Oakland. I wanted to send an email to you with my contact information and a quick 'thank you' for taking the time to listen to different perspectives and clearly having an open mind about a very sensitive issue effecting so many. As a business owner of an industrial property in close proximity to a residential neighborhood, I am of course concerned about the effects my company has on the residents close-by but it's also important to consider different company's individual impacts and that boilerplate legislation may in the end have a greater negative effect on the neighborhood when one considers jobs created by companies like mine and because we provide a customer service wherein someone brings recycling to us for a monetary pay-out, when one relies on the supplemental income recycling provides, in an already low-income neighborhood where jobs are scarce and poverty extreme, one must consider the full impact of branding industry "harmful". I truly believe there is a way to compromise, that people can be cared for and live healthy lives and that companies won't have to go to absolute extreme measures - that will no doubt have such a monumental monetary impact on them they won't be able to conduct business the same again - to operate their businesses, that residential neighborhoods and industrial sites can coexist not to the detriment of

either population.

I would love to stay informed about the goings-on around Cal-EPA and the Environmental Justice program and am happy to provide my input as needed.

Thanks again,

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