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An Open Letter to Governor J.B. Pritzker, Mayor Brandon Johnson, Related Midwest, PsiQuantum, University Related Organizations, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), the Chicago Department of Planning and Development, the Chicago Park District, Clayco, educational institutions, and all other entities involved in the creation of the South Works Quantum campus (a.k.a. Illinois Quantum Microelectronics Park - IQMP).

We want to thank the representatives of organizations involved in developing the South Works Quantum campus who came to meet with a robust turnout of community members on August 28, 2024. As a follow up, we submit this letter to suggest next steps.

Before proceeding with the City of Chicago Planned Development process and other permits or approvals for the South Works Quantum campus, the Coalition for a South Works CBA, Chicago's Citywide Equitable Development Roundtable, and other organizations listed below demand adequate notice of ongoing public meetings, in the spirit of Open Meetings policy, for the purpose of establishing a committee of community leaders to engage in good faith, legally binding negotiations around the following items as addressed in the Redevelopment Agreement (RDA) and/or other appropriate documents:

- A public transparent **environmental impact** study and environmental impact plan that includes topics such as effects on water, noise, emissions, chemical use, and a clear transparent assessment of site contamination as well as remediation plans and risk mitigations.
- **Competitive jobs** with living or prevailing wages for local neighborhood residents, both before and after construction, as well as training that creates a jobs pipeline, career pathways, and opportunities for advancement, for community residents.
- Funding for **measures to prevent displacement,** such as affordable housing construction, property tax relief, maintenance programs, technical assistance, community wealth building, small business assistance, and others.
- A **robust technology infrastructure** for the existing communities, as well as the development.

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- A clear transparent assessment and plan to avoid any **other effects on the neighborhood, such as traffic, noise, emissions, heightened security, or other issues.**
- **A clear** line of **communication and problem resolution** process between IQMP and neighboring community leaders.
- Continued access to and improved amenities for the l**akefront and neighboring parks and athletic facilities,** such as Steelworkers Park, the South end of Rainbow Beach Park, the undeveloped Park 566 along the lakefront, and the mouth of the Calumet
- **Investment in our neighborhood schools and the education of southeast side students** to train the next generation to work at facilities like these as per the third component of the National Quantum Strategy https://www.quantum.gov/people/#K-12-EDUCATION
- **Fiscal accountability** for government funding that prioritizes those investment returns for local residents over private investors.
- **Community representatives** on the Governance committee.

Too often, neighbors in this area and other parts of Chicago are not invited and are left in the dark in the planning stages of planned developments impacting our communities, or a sham of public engagement is made after all the decisions have been made behind closed doors. Most residents, unless they are members of organized groups, still don't know that big changes are coming. The lack of information about the project has not been reassuring.

The Coalition for a South Works CBA has been convening representative stakeholders to discuss the future of South Works for over a decade. Please contact our organizer Amalia NietoGomez, amalia@asechicago.org or 773-800-0322.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Amalia NietoGomez, Executive Director, Alliance of the SouthEast
Coalition for a South Works CBA
Citywide Equitable Development Roundtable

Signatories from supporting organizations, local residents, and concerned citizens:

- Iliana Haven, Housing Community Organizer, Access Living under Disability Rights Action Coalition for Housing
- Kirk Fleming, Organizing Fellow, Alliance of the SouthEast (ASE)
- Sam Corona, Organizer, Alliance of the SouthEast (ASE) and community resident
- ASE Youth Leadership Council
- Isis Bazaluda, Co-Founder, Bridges//Puentes: Justice Collective of the Southeast
- Karina De La Cruz, Economic Justice Organizer, Centro de Trabajadores Unidos
- Judy Pollock, President, Chicago Bird Alliance
- Stephen Brown, Board Member, Chicago Rewilding Society

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- Beatrice Scescke, Chicago Rewilding Society
- Anna Johnson, Community Resident and Community Advocate, Coalition for a South Works CBA / South Deering Manor Community Association
- Peggy Salazar, Coalition of Concerned Neighbors
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- DaLisa Barnes, Community member
- Valentina Gamboa-Turner, Community member
- Adella Bass, Community resident
- Amanda Ybarra, Community resident, South Chicago
- Ms. Beatrice Lumpkin, Community resident
- Colleen McNichols, Community resident, South Chicago
- Kate Koval, Community resident- 10th Ward, and Speech Language Pathologist
- Sandra Herrera, Community resident, South Chicago
- Suzanne Armstrong, Community resident
- Ari Mejia, Concerned citizen
- Cynthia Godines-Escobedo, Concerned citizen
- Frances Ramirez, Concerned citizen
- Hector Delgado, Concerned citizen and Home Owner
- Theodore Pendleton, Concerned citizen
- Ms. Yonnie Anderson, Concerned citizen
- Cynthia Cade, President, Concepts In Quality LLC
- Arnold Bradford, Executive Director, Crossroads Collaborative
- Willa Shegog-Neely, Managing Broker, D&W Management #1 Inc.
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- Heather Smith, Adjunct Faculty, DePaul University
- Owner/CEO, Enterprise of Destiny/ TEAM Enterprise MInistries
- Philip Fairweather, CEO, Entrepreneurs Academy
- Anne Holcomb, co-chair, ETHOS (Environment, Transportation, Health, Open Spaces)
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- Ylanda Wilhite, Youth and Community Partnership Organizer, Field Museum
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- Celia Colon, CEO-President, Giving Others Dreams G.O.D Inc.
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- Jaime di Paulo, President & CEO, Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Liliana Gonzalez, Property owner, Individual
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- Jobs to Move America Midwest
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- Vanessa Schwartz, Executive Director, Metropolitan Family Services- Southeast Center
- Marc Kaplan, Northside Action for Justice
- Lonette Sims, Chairwoman, People's Response Network
- Kingsley Clarke, Private retired attorney
- Yvette P Moyo, CEO, Real Men Charities, Inc.
- Basia Brown, Director of Development, SkyART
- Dan Durkin, Development Manager, SkyART, NFP
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- Oscar Sanchez, Co-Executive Director, Southeast Environmental Task Force
- Marcelina Pedraza, Southeast Environmental Task Force
- Felicia Minley, Coordinator of Nature and Healing , Southeast Environmental Task Force
- Alex Goldenberg, Executive Director, Southside Together Organizing for Power
- Marilyn Harper, Community Activist, Southside Together Organizing for Power
- Clifton Muhammad, Co-Founder, The Record Track
- Connie Anderson, Co-Founder, The Record Track
- Troy Bryant, Administrator, UCCS
- Ujimaa Medics
- Victor Storino, retired, USW
- Walter Kindred, UWF
- Pablo Mendoza, Co-Creator/Director of Programming, Walls Turned Sideways (a community partner of East Side org G.O.D)
- Deloris Lucas, Founder, We Keep You Rollin' (Bike & Wellness Group)
- Kevin Johnson , Lead Organizer, Working Family Solidarity
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