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Dear Melanie,

Here is our answer to interrogatory number 5.

Sincerely,

Joe Provey

5. Were SVHA's concerns shared with City officials? If so, when and with whom?

Yes. During March, April, and May of 2021, we have communicated with numerous city officials about our opposition the proposed fuel cell tower. For example:

In March and April, we shared our concerns with our City Council representatives for the South End, Denese Taylor-Moye and Jorge Cruz. On May 2, we received a letter from Denese and Jorge supporting our opposition (attached).

We have also spoken to Dan Roach, Director, Government Operations for Bridgeport, by phone and in person about the project. Mr. Roach, a longtime supporter of Seaside Village, listened to our concerns and acknowledged that the proposed site was unfortunate given its prominence as a gateway to Seaside Park and the University of Bridgeport.

We have emailed several city officials, including State Representatives Steve Stafstrom and State Senator Dennis Bradley several times. Representative Stafstrom responded stating, "To be clear, I have supported legislation in the past to help move the Downtown thermal loop along but I have not thrown my support behind the siting of this particular fuel cell location." (Senator Bradley apparently had more pressing concerns given his recent arrest.)

State representatives Antonio Felipe and Christopher Rosario, as well as Joseph Gresco, Bridgeport's Green Energy Coordinator have also been notified of our opposition via email.

Our concerns were also shared with the South End NRZ board member Frank Basler. He shared them with the South End NRZ at its April monthly meeting.

We have also expressed our opposition to In letters to Dennis Buckley, Bridgeport's Director of Planning and Zoning.

Furthermore, our position about the fuel cell tower was also published in a CT Post letter to the editors <https://www.ctpost.com/opinion/article/Letter-Say-no-to-power-plant-in-Bridgeport-16138784.php>



CITY COUNCIL BRIDGEPORT

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131ST CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT*

April 23, 2021

Connecticut Siting Council

To whom it may concern,

We as the council members for 131st district are writing this letter to support our residents and constituents of the Bridgeport's South End. The residents are in opposition of the fuel cell plant being place at 600 Iranistan Ave.

One concern is that the facility is very close to the railroad tracks and I-95. Another is that the plant will emit greenhouse gases in an area already subject to high levels of ground-level ozone. Further, the site is at the entrance way to Seaside Village, Seaside Park, the new Windward housing complex, as well as one entrance way to The University of Bridgeport.

The residents are worried about livability and health concerns which are overwhelming to the residents in the South End community. For further information please feel free to contact either of us anytime at denese.taylor-moye@bridgeportct.gov / ph. (203) 275-6420 or jorge.cruz@bridgeportct.gov / ph. (203) 690-2400.

Sincerely,

Denese Taylor- Moye
Councilmember

Jorge Cruz
Councilmember