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Comments on Docket #2020-P-A-0019 (Congo Funeral Home)

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### Comments:

NOT the place to have a Crematory! A business such as this or at least their crematorium should be in a designated distance from homes and other businesses. Emissions from crematoriums contain some of the most toxic substances known – mercury, fine particulate matter, NOx, dioxin, VOCs and heavy metals. Emissions, which have been linked to increase birth defects, neural tube defects and Spina Bifida. The risk of stillbirth and the life threatening brain abnormality Anencephalies have proven to be higher among babies whose mothers lived close to a crematorium. Respiratory and nervous systems (particularly in children's developing bodies) are also at risk even from low levels of these crematoria carcinogens - especially when exposed continuously near homes, schools and playgrounds. There are NO SAFE LEVELS of exposure to mercury, PM2.5, dioxin and certain VOCs. Furthermore, very little is known about the long term effects of prolonged low dose exposure. The following are approximately a quarter mile radius from Congo Funeral Home DAYCARE: Bright Beginnings Learning Academy 111 N. Cleveland Ave. [Directly across from Congo Funeral Home] A maximum capacity of 103 children. Children ages range from 6 weeks through 12 years. Toddlers Tech Childcare 2704 W. 4thSt Childcare for infants 6 weeks of age up to preschool. After-school care for children of schooling age up to 5th grade Little Destiny II Early Learning Center 2516 W. 4th St Maximum capacity of 62 children. Children ages range of 6 weeks through 12 years. Little Scholars Learning Center 2511 W. 4th Street Children ages range from 6 weeks to 12 years. Capacity 93 children Small Wonders Daycare 100 Greenhill Ave Maximum capacity of 128 children ages range from 6 weeks through 12 years. CHARTER SCHOOL: Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School 4403 Lancaster Ave Cab Calloway School of Arts Wilmington High School 100 N. DuPont Road Odyssey Charter School 4319 Lancaster Ave Children age range from K2-12th grade Current enrollment is over 1000 students NURSING HOME: Parkview Nursing Home and Rehab Center 2801 W. 6th St MACK PARK: 3001-3099 W 5th St Another major concern is how this will affect property value. Congo stands to profit while the community will be the losers Put our safety and community first and reject the crematorium for neighborhood.