

Impact of Ronaldson Field on Community To Be Heard At Metro Council

By: Councilwoman Chauna Banks

Metro Councilwoman Chauna Banks is sponsoring an agenda item requesting the Metro Council support the Alsen and St. Irma Lee communities in asking the LA. Department of Environmental Quality to deny Ronaldson Field's 10-year renewal permit application to operate a Type III landfill.

A public hearing on the proposed request will be held on Wednesday, October 10th at the City Hall Building located at 222 St. Louis Street, 3rd Floor Council Chambers, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Chauna Banks has released the following statement:

Now called, "The Killing Field", Ronaldson Field is believed to be responsible for hazardous chemicals and pollutants that have seeped into the ground water. In addition, dangerous pollutants in the air, water, and soil are also responsible for numerous health issues including cancer, respiratory diseases, rashes, and depression. Undeniable is the fact that Ronaldson Field is aesthetically unpleasing, which has depreciated home values, killed all businesses, and ruined the quality of life. Residents report that 100% of their neighbors in St. Irma Lee have all died of some form of cancer. The landfill does not comply with a designated buffer zone and is less than 250 feet from most of the homes in the area.

The entire community is asked to come and provide supportive testimony for this agenda item. For more information, email cbanks@brla.gov.