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What do you want us to know about your neighborhood?

Whittier is a diverse and vibrant neighborhood. I love that I can easily walk to a park, grocery store or medical appointment. Our neighborhood borders I-35W, which creates pollution and noise issues.

Do you experience specific types of pollution, environmental stressors, or health stressors in your neighborhood?

I-35W contributes to air and noise pollution in the neighborhood, as well as heavily trafficked streets like Lyndale and Lake Street. Sometimes the noise can make it difficult to sleep, and I know the pollution isn't good for my household's health.

What other things should we consider in a community benefit agreement?

I think there should be an opportunity for direct payments to residents, including checks, scholarships, and home purchase down payment assistance. I also think other benefits like an e-bike rebate should be considered.

What do you think is missing?

I think it is very important that applicants are required to pay for door-to-door canvassing to ensure that everyone in the neighborhood is engaged about the community benefits agreement.