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Councilmember Parker to Introduce Environmental Justice Legislation Monday, November 6, 1:00 p.m.

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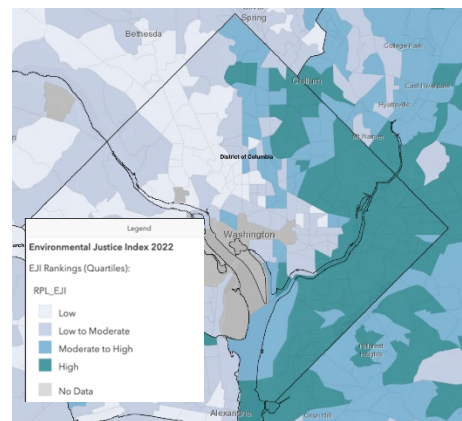
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WASHINGTON, DC – On Monday, November 6, at 1:00 p.m., Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker will hold a media availability regarding new legislation targeting environmental injustices across the District. The media availability will take place in front of National Engineering Products, Inc. (1950 Capitol Ave NE).

Councilmember Parker will introduce and share details about The Environmental Justice Amendment Act of 2023, and will be joined by local Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, neighbors, and community advocates. The location of the media availability in the Ivy City neighborhood is significant, as the community has faced generations of compounding environmental injustices.

The Environmental Justice Amendment Act of 2023 will:

- Require the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) to adopt the **CDC's Environmental Justice Index** to determine communities overburdened by pollution, with the ability to develop their own index to be updated every five years. The CDC's index is informed by a host of cumulative factors including air pollution concentration, hazardous and toxic sites, transportation infrastructure, socio-economic vulnerabilities, and pre-existing health characteristics of the population.
- Create a process that DOEE will oversee to evaluate new and existing sources of pollution in overburdened communities to understand how they contribute to the cumulative impact experienced.



- Leverage a process to stop entities from operating in overburdened communities if DOEE analysis reveals those entities' actions disproportionately impact the environmental health of communities.
- Build cumulative impact analysis into the District's major planning processes so that our local government acknowledges and reduces its contribution to the environmental burdens experienced by these communities.
- Establish an Energy and Environmental Justice Division within DOEE.

Councilmember Parker looks forward to sharing more with the community on Monday.

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