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1	3/17/2022	D K	<p>The owner has lived in the community for approximately 15 years. Currently pays \$900 per year in real estate tax. Anywhere else he would live, he feels that the amount would be covered by tax differential. <b>(REDACTED)</b> Property owner went home and thought more about the mitigation and provided the following email: I had a thought about the Property Tax Mitigation-- I understand the formula you explained to me. It makes sense--BUT if they are going to consider it taxable that throws the whole formula out the window. In other words, they do the (what i consider fair) fair calculation-- and say you will get \$52,000 -- BUT the state will go ahead and KEEP and NEVER PAY \$20,000 of that amount-- so the original number of \$52,000 would possibly cover the actual tax differential we will have to pay over the next years ---\$32,000 we actually get would be WAY short. So my question is would they consider paying the \$52,000 over a period of 4 or 5 years in equal payments to lower the tax burden? I hope they would consider this as common sense tells us that to do a calculation of the actual amount of money it will cost us over time in higher taxes and then turn around and say BUT WE WILL KEEP \$20,000 and NEVER pay it to you is wrong--in other words they say we fairly owe you \$52K but since we are the powerful state we will only pay you \$32K even though we KNOW you are owed more.</p> <p>Resident stated that historically IDOT has been awful in maintaining their property, recommends commitment for maintaining green space and recourse if they do not keep it up. Suggests a contract between the community and IDOT. Money to Joliet should be set towards to maintaining the green space.</p> <p>Property owner would need a service to assist with packing and moving home, cannot do on own, URA explained. <b>(REDACTED)</b> Property owner would like to request that the current outreach team remain on the project for consistency purposes and ease of communication.</p>	<p>See response #1, 2, 9, 10, 11. The Uniform Relocation Act (URA) will provide assistance for packing and moving. Your specific needs for relocation will be coordinated as part of determining adequate replacement housing under the URA. As part of environmental justice outreach efforts, all noted needs for replacement housing have been captured into a database for use by IDOT Bureau of Land Acquisition staff in understanding your specific acquisition and relocation needs.</p>
2	3/17/2022	A.M.	<p>Lived in community for 40 years. <b>(REDACTED)</b> The \$52,000 will be considered as income. Would like to speak with a financial planner. May need to request disbursement over several years. Pays \$1700 in real estate taxes currently.</p>	<p>See response #1, 2, 3, 4 11. Your specific needs for relocation will be coordinated as part of determining adequate replacement housing under the URA. As part of environmental justice outreach efforts, all noted needs for</p>

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			<p>Property owner feels that the calculation should be based on length of time living in the community. If owner has been down under bridge years, why should someone who is new to the area receive the same benefit. This owner has been dealing with power outages/shortages, vibrations from bridge, noise from traffic construction all while living on Lucas St. Property owner over years has had to replace roof and windows due to bridge and traffic.</p> <p>IDOT needs to be more communicative to the community and members. They have not taken care of the community over the years.</p> <p><b>(REDACTED)</b></p> <p>The current outreach team has cared about the community and understands their needs. Property owner is fearful about the unknown and wants to remain with the current team</p>	replacement housing have been captured into a database for use by IDOT Bureau of Land Acquisition staff in understanding your specific acquisition and relocation needs.
3	3/17/2022	J.B.	3 years in community. It's a blessing and ready to move. Was hesitant at first and now will be OK to move. Would like referral to financial planner. Property owners want to keep outreach team in place as there is a level of trust.	See response #3, 11.
4	3/17/2022	E	Has lived in the community 2 years. Because owner occupied community members are receiving additional benefits, as tenants they would like to receive 84 months of supplemental rent (double of 42 months offered in URA). They feel this would be equable since others in the community are receiving additional benefits.	See response #7.
5	3/17/2022	G.V.	6 years in home. <b>(REDACTED)</b> Wants to use financial planner, doesn't want to move in winter. Suggest \$72,000 to be able to keep approximately \$50,000 as a benefit based on tax deductions. Property owner wants commitments to remain in place as well as the outreach team as there is a lack of trust with IDOT that they won't fulfill what they have stated they will do, property owner feels that if IDOT has a mediator/consultant they will adhere to what they are supposed to do and keep their word. It's like having a union in a place for employment.	See response #1, 3, 11.
6	3/17/2022	M.B.	Property owner has lived 66 years in community. There's a lack of trust with IDOT. Property owner has asked that under bridge be cleaned up and they have done nothing. Was there before bridge was built, afraid to go to sleep at night due to traffic and accidents on bridge. Was	See response #1, 9, 11.

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			<p>unaware a bridge was coming through when it was built. Suggests a questionnaire of choices, ranges for mitigation. Spreading out the money it out to be fair based on duration in community/house. Suggests a range being more equitable. Asked questions about \$52,000 vs. more \$\$, what is the timeline for final mitigation decision? Playing politics, be fair, treat people like you want to be treated, is IDOT waiting for us all to die so they don't have pay us fairly. West vs. East taxes shouldn't be equal payment. This mitigation is disrespectful to people who live in the area. Wants \$52,000 minimum after taxes. People who do not live in the community should not have a voice in this mitigation nor what is right for this community. Property owner wants to make certain that IDOT knows she is available for any comments or input.</p>	
	3/22/2022	M.B.	<p>(Letter received) - <b>(REDACTED)</b> occupied my home for 66 years. I have raised my family there as well as been a haven for family, friends, and neighbors. I have watched my neighbors come and go, whether it be from age or by death. I have endured the noise from I-80 from the time of its inception. I have been a mainstay in this neighborhood before there was an I-80. My house has had 4 roofs replaced although there were no trees hanging over my house. The debris and objects that fell from the above highway managed to find a home in me and my neighbor's yards or roofs. I can only remember my street being paved twice in my 66 years and the third time, the complete street where I lived was not paved. When neighbors moved away, slum lords would buy the property and turn those family homes into rental property. They would find tenants and then abandon the property only appearing to collect rent. When houses were empty, squatters moved in and destroyed what value the homes had. When trees topped over and debris or stones fell from the highway, they stayed where they landed. Those of us who had invested in our community had to take the initiative to remove these eyesores. When people dumped their trash or unwanted items, I paid the garbage man to pick it up and remove it. Sometimes he would, other times he may not. My street and the immediate area around me were always the last streets to be plowed if at all. I lived this all while maintaining my square living area to keep my investment looking inviting and hold value. However, what</p>	See response # 9, 10, 11.

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			<p>I remember most about my 66 years on Kiep is that NO one ever took interest in my well-being. No one ever asked me to come to City Hall to address why my street wasn't paved. Why my street wasn't plowed. How can my home be protected from debris flying from the expressway? Sign a petition to board up these empty houses. Sign a petition to force landlords to maintain their property. Ask the city to fine landlords and homeowners to maintain their properties to prevent squatting or being a place where people sold drugs or use the houses for drug use. No one ever asked if I was getting a tax exemption for being a retired senior. There was NEVER anyone representing me for the space that I lived in to help maintain its tax value. As a matter of fact, I paid the taxes for taxes not being paid. Therefore, the facts are that no one represented me over the years can represent me now. Those who did not have a vested interest in me or helping me maintain the value of my home and the space around cannot represent me. You do not have the right or the ability. In addition, No one by no means have the right to demand a tax rebate granted to them when they only collected rents from run down properties that negatively affected my home value. As an individual who has invested 66 years, I have the right to have the voice to represent myself and decide how I move forward to serve my best interest.</p>	
7	3/22/2022	S.E.	<p><b>(REDACTED)</b>  <b>(REDACTED)</b>  <b>(REDACTED)</b>3 years in residence.                      I'm concerned about only receiving 42 months of supplemental rent under the URA. Other homes within Joliet similar to mine are renting for approximately \$1,800 per month.<b>(REDACTED)</b> , I would need more than 3.5 years of supplemental rent to be able to pay the difference once the 42 months expires. <b>(REDACTED)</b> I could not afford to live in another area of Joliet. <b>(REDACTED)</b> I feel that 60 months is more in line to what I need. <b>(REDACTED)</b></p>	See response #7.
8	3/22/2022	T.W.	<p><b>(REDACTED)</b>  <b>(REDACTED)</b>  <b>(REDACTED)</b>                      Suggests that IDOT begin coordinating with <b>(REDACTED)</b> Housing</p>	See response #7.

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			<p>Authority to help find replacement housing. It is very difficult for residents in this neighborhood to get in touch with <b>(REDACTED)</b> case managers and office is by appointments only. This has been challenging and resident knows that <b>(REDACTED)</b> needs to inspect replacement house prior to relocation.</p>	
9	3/22/2022	S	<p><b>(REDACTED)</b> 4 years in residence <b>(REDACTED)</b> <b>(REDACTED)</b> Tenants are on a fixed income <b>(REDACTED)</b> They need to stay within Joliet for the healthcare. <b>(REDACTED)</b> <b>(REDACTED)</b> They are very concerned that 42 months of rent differential will not be sufficient to supplement the years of rent they will have beyond those 42 months. They know they will not be able to survive on only 42 months and are very afraid and plea that IDOT hear their story and understand the challenges and help them. They would like to ask IDOT for at least 84 months of supplemental rent instead of 42 months.</p>	See response #7.
10	3/22/2022	A.S.A.	<p><b>(REDACTED)</b> 67 years living at property <b>(REDACTED)</b> Resident feels that she has invested more into the community than someone who has only been in the community for a few years. Calculations should be based on the length of time an individual has lived in the community. It's not fair to someone who has spent their entire life in this community to receive the same as someone who just moved in. The individuals who just moved into the community do not have roots, they were just planted. Destroying camaraderie by making people move and in this community, neighbors are like family, this is not acceptable. Resident wants to continue to have a "shepherd" in the outreach team that continues to look out for the community and its residents. They depend on the current outreach team. IDOT could bring in someone that might potentially pillage and plunder because they may work for IDOT. They feel they are protected and that the current team with ensure they protected and going to be OK.</p>	See response #1, 11.

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			Resident is also concerned that the tax differential will be insufficient since she has a house with a separate lot/yard. She recognizes that if she were to go anywhere else in Joliet, the taxes for a house with large yard would be much more than the \$1,800 she would receive as a tax differential what is currently paid.	
11	3/22/2022	C.E.	<p><b>(REDACTED)</b> 35 years living in house.</p> <p>Resident believes that the tax differential should be based on number of years in the community. If you have lived 2, it should 2 years x \$1800. If IDOT is going to do it that way, they should give resident 35 years x \$1800.</p> <p>Joliet is going to have their hands in the money that IDOT will give, does not believe Joliet will spend it well.</p> <p>Joliet will not do the right thing. Look what they did at the water treatment plant, they fixed up around the plant but left the neighborhood neglected. Joliet is not known for their transparency. Wishes that the area be beautified even though resident will not live in the community anymore.</p> <p>Slap in the face that IDOT went silent for so long. Not the way to do business and doesn't trust IDOT.</p> <p>Community members states that IDOT lost a whole year when residents could have been relocating. Saw surveyors in area, 3 times or more. Wants to know what company will be do appraisals due to lack of trust resident has for IDOT. New timeline now has added a year because of IDOT delays. Like being on death row, waiting and waiting, resident wants to be released from prison. Properties that have clear title should be offered to relocate first to avoid unnecessary delays.</p>	<p>See response #1, 9, 10, 11. Independent appraisals will be conducted in determining the price of homes. All processes will follow requirements outlined in the Uniform Relocation Act (URA). An outreach specialist has been available to help explain URA benefits throughout this outreach effort.</p> <p>The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs is codified as 49 CFR 24. Due to the length of the legislation, a pdf version is not available, however, the full codified electronic version is available at <a href="https://www.ecfr.gov/">https://www.ecfr.gov/</a> under title 49 subtitle A part 24.</p>
12	3/22/2022	A.M. & E.G.	<p><b>(REDACTED)</b> 3 years in home</p> <p>Residents have looked at replacement houses similar to theirs (4 bed/3 bath) and taxes are approximately \$8000-\$9000 (average) per year. The supplemental tax differential will not be sufficient as they are currently paying \$2,000 per year in real estate taxes. They are very concerned that for 30 years they will need to have additional money</p>	See response #1.

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			<p>each month (because they escrow) just to pay for the \$4000-\$5000 extra (approximately) in taxes, for which they cannot afford. That is why they moved into this community and enjoy living here. They suggest that tax differential be calculated on replacement house and not an average of \$1,800.</p>	
13	3/25/2022	C.B.	<p><b>(REDACTED)</b>            Has owned property for in the community since 1983.</p> <p>Mitigation is good for owner occupied<b>(REDACTED)</b> Landlord offers low-income housing and any replacement property will have higher taxes, higher price tag and she will need to pass on to the renter. This is the <b>(REDACTED)</b> landlord's retirement money, needs steady income. Market is totally different than before. If they are giving incentives to owner occupied why not landlords? <b>(REDACTED)</b> Landlord says he/she wants something similar to owner occupied. They are going to have to come up with something, they have to replace properties and they still need to be afforded to the tenants. Landlord's attorney believes that mitigation should be for all individuals in the community, both landlords and owner occupied.</p> <p><b>(REDACTED)</b> Landlord states that 42 months under URA is insufficient for most tenants within the project area because they are low/fixed income. Section 8 is closed to new tenants and tenants in the community do not want to live in apartments as they currently live in single family homes.</p> <p><b>(REDACTED)</b> Landlord referenced an "Ottawa project" that they believe is an IDOT project. Noted that from the time they started the project to now there was compensation for residents who lived there.</p> <p><b>(REDACTED)</b> Landlord suggested that instead of bike paths, why not create a large garden to feed the community, perhaps it can be maintained by an organization or church.</p> <p>Landlord owns <b>(REDACTED)</b> which has been vacant for 7 months, never had property vacant that long due and it is due to the project. No one wants to live there. It is on the market currently</p>	See response #6, 7 10.

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14	3/25/2022	M.J.	<p><b>(REDACTED)</b>                      Has lived in home for 50 years. <b>(REDACTED)</b> Relative states community as a whole is being slated. So much history, more than just about money. It's all being uprooted, removing the past. <b>(REDACTED)</b> Cannot afford any additional taxes over the mitigation amount. <b>(REDACTED)</b> Suggests IDOT consider replacement dwelling taxes instead of the proposed \$1,800. Prefers to relocate in summer based on age of occupant. <b>(REDACTED)</b></p>	<p>See response #1, 2, 3, 4. Specific needs for relocation will be coordinated as part of determining adequate replacement housing under the URA. As part of environmental justice outreach efforts, all noted needs for replacement housing have been captured into a database for use by IDOT Bureau of Land Acquisition staff in understanding your specific acquisition and relocation needs. The Department cannot refer you to an attorney, and as part of final mitigation measures will provide financial advisory services or CPAs to assist owner-occupied displaced homeowners better understand their specific needs in acceptance of the mitigation measure payment (see response #3 for further details).</p>
15	3/29/2022	M.A.	<p><b>(REDACTED)</b>                      8 years living in home.                      Pays \$1,800 per year in real estate tax also mentioned <b>(REDACTED)</b> .                      Resident does not feel that \$1,800 is sufficient, based on size of both his home and lot. For property owner to replace a 4 bedroom home and the existing yard size in another area, property owner recognizes that taxes will be much higher. Property owner suggests that the tax differential be calculated on the replacement property. Property owner also indicated that they would like the outreach team to continue with the project as there is trust established.</p>	<p>See response #1, 11.</p>
16	3/29/2022	L.S. & A.S.	<p><b>(REDACTED)</b> 43 years in house  <b>(REDACTED)</b> have a tax advisor and would wish to use his/her services. They suggest that IDOT provide a consultation fee coupon for them to use of their own accountant. Owners have a very large lot and would like to replace it in like kind therefore \$1,800 for the tax differential is insufficient to supplement for a large lot and larger home. <b>(REDACTED)</b>                      IDOT should wait until property owner finds replacement home and then look at taxes and pays differential.                      Wants to make certain that IDOT will fulfill their commitment as property owners that were impacted by the water treatment plant were told that they City would pay their taxes and people relocated to</p>	<p>See response #1, 2, 3, 11.</p>

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			the southside of Joliet and now can't pay their taxes and are in trouble. No one in the community knew about the tanks that Joliet installed and the sewer smell is/was horrible. The City got away with this with no community involvement. This would have never been done in other communities within Joliet but because of demographics it was allowed in this community with no community involvement.	
17	3/29/2022	P.E.	<p><b>(REDACTED)</b>  <b>(REDACTED)</b> has been living there for 34 years.</p> <p>The calculation of \$1,800 is way off. Real Estate taxes are extremely miscalculated at \$1,800 differential.</p> <p>Believes that taxes should be approximately \$5,000 differential per year. <b>(REDACTED)</b> ay need amount divided over more than 3 years. Can't believe IDOT is going to tax the money of the tax differential. Based on input from a local banker (during meeting) taxes in Joliet could range from \$4,000-\$15,000 for a replacement dwelling. Tax rate changes every year so this shouldn't be locked in and should adjusted based on percentage of increase. Suggested 30 years of tax differential. This is stressful to the community and those who have to move. If tax differential runs out because it was based on \$1,800, people could lose their homes and they were just fine here in this community - without moving. They didn't ask to move!</p>	See response #1, 2, 3, 4.
18	3/29/2022	D.K.	Provided letter to IDOT	See response #1, 2, 3, 8, 11
19	3/30/2022	M.B.	Indicated does not understand why it would take until 2024 to complete acquisition and relocation. He wants to be well informed between now and when acquisition begins, rather than only hearing from the project team again in 2024.	See response #11.
20	3/30/2022	C.B.	Asked when are appraisers contacting home owners and will the State use quick take to acquire residences?	See response #11.
21	3/30/2022	A.S & L.S.	Asked for a copy of the URA from IDOT website	The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs is codified as 49 CFR 24. Due to the length of the legislation, a pdf version is not available, however, the full codified electronic version is available at <a href="https://www.ecfr.gov/">https://www.ecfr.gov/</a> under title 49 subtitle A part 24.

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22	3/30/2022	C.B.	Asked :When are appraisers going to start valuing the owner's property and will the state appraisers treat the market as seller's market which we are experiencing right now? Will the state's appraisers use comparable sales that are occurring within the seller's market? How will the state define the project area?	See response #11.
23	3/30/2022	G.U.	The additional property tax mitigation proposed by IDOT would be taxed. This would cause individuals to be placed in a higher tax bracket and the overall total would be insufficient because it would be taxed- it would not be whole.	See response #1.
24	3/30/2022	A.A.	Asked if the number of years used to determine the additional property tax mitigation was a set number? What happens for people who have lived in the community a much longer period of time?	See response #1.
25	3/30/2022	C.B.	We all need to know if all will be made whole when it comes to the taxes.	See response #1.
26	3/30/2022	D.K.	I just wanted to state for the record it is very unfair to tax us on what was calculated to make us whole--this is very wrong. The payment should be divided over a period of years to lower the tax burden.	See response #1, 4.
27	3/30/2022	A.S.	Because the tax mitigation is also taxed, the actual amount that people will receive is not whole.	See response #1.
28	3/30/2022	C.B.	If real estate tax mitigation is part of URA, isn't it tax exempt? Why can't the state treat tax mitigation as part of the URA package?	See response #1.
29	3/30/2022	A.A.	Will the money given to property owners for the property would also be taxed?	The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs is codified as 49 CFR 24. Due to the length of the legislation, a pdf version is not available, however, the full codified electronic version is available at <a href="https://www.ecfr.gov/">https://www.ecfr.gov/</a> under title 49 subtitle A part 24.
30	3/30/2022	A.S.	Will the additional tax mitigation would be used to cover housing purchases?	See response #1, 3.
31	3/30/2022	C.B.	The 3.5 million dollars given to the city of Joliet to benefit the residential community directly affected should be in writing by IDOT. We would like a commitment letter to be used for this community.	See response #10.

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32	3/30/2022	C.B.	Will IDOT have an office here in Joliet while this project is going on? Because it's hard to get in touch with IDOT when you have questions.	See response #11.
33	3/30/2022	D.K.	For the record---The state is the very worst at maintaining any green space it is responsible for. What recourse will we have to enforce that the state will be held responsible to maintain green area including not to let the area to be overgrown with weeds like it does in all of the other green areas the state is supposed to maintain and never does. And this needs to be long term and not just for the few months after project is completed.	See response #9.
34	3/30/2022	C.W.	In reference to bridge demolition, in particular residences adjacent to the demolition (One Home will remain at River Street) 668 River Street will be in the demolition zone. What measures/documentation has been put in place to ensure protection to the Homes?	All work must be contained within the existing and\or proposed right of way. When the bridge demolition is performed, the contractor will need to prepare a demolition plan that will consider adjacent properties such as those noted in this comment.
35	3/30/2022	C.B.	Suggestion - Provide Volunteers to be a staff member at least once a week on <b>(REDACTED)</b> to answer any questions	See response #11.
36	3/30/2022	C.B.	Can you define the duties of relocation coordinators?	See response #11.
37	3/30/2022	G.U.	All Nation Church has already offered space for IDOT to use. I'm always available 20 hours weekly.	See response #11.
38	3/30/2022	A.S. & L.S.	I sure hope IDOT can keep up with cleaning. We have tried to pick up garbage for years. It's a mess.	See response #9.
39	3/30/2022	D.K.	So the actual person who will do the final relocation coordination will be a state worker? Not good-- I thought the idea of having a private outreach agency was for us to be able to avoid dealing with state workers directly --who have little to no people skills and are often poorly trained and not motivated to look out for our best interests - not good.	See response #11.
40	3/30/2022	M.B. & M.B.	The tax differential does not adequately account for those who have lived in the community for extended periods of time. <b>(REDACTED)</b> The tenant indicated he did not want to take away from anyone but thought that the way the tax mitigation was calculated was not adequate.	See response #1.

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41	3/30/2022	D.K.	I never knew we would end up dealing with a state working. I thought the point was to avoid dealing with state workers.	See response #11.
42	3/30/2022	A.A.	Concur with sentiments of unfairness of tax mitigation to longer-standing community members. Concerned with the tax implications of the tax mitigation. Noted accountants or attorneys, at IDOT's expense, should be provided to help people reduce any potential impacts. Perhaps a conveyance could be held.	See response #1, 3, 4.
43	3/30/2022	A.S. & L.S.	Just to be sure, the 27.4 years was based on average years not literal years. So maybe that could be addressed. I agree with (REDACTED) the other residents who have been here a number of years. It seems not fair.	See response #1.
44	3/30/2022	J.S.	Will there be any compensation for property close to the construction due to the inconvenience?	Compensation for inconveniences during construction is not provided. A number of mitigation measures and commitments that will be required of the contractor have been developed and are included in mitigation measures shared during community partner meetings and in the Community Impact Assessment Report. These measures were responsive to comments and concerns received by the community during the outreach process regarding construction related concerns.
45	3/30/2022	M.B.	The tenant does not think it should take until 2024 to make decisions on the tax mitigation. (REDACTED) noted he felt like IDOT was just waiting for people to make their transition – since this has started 7 people have died. This process should not take this long.	See response #11.
46	3/30/2022	T.J.	Requested more information - What's the average age of the homeowners who are noted for the acquisition and location?	The Community Impact Assessment (CIA) documented the age and other demographics about the community, including displaced residents, based on U.S. Census Data as well as through a community impact questionnaire that was conducted. The draft CIA was published and made available during the comment period and may be found online on the project website: <a href="http://i-80will.com/information/newsroom.html">http://i-80will.com/information/newsroom.html</a>
47	3/30/2022	M.B.	(REDACTED) noted he just wants to protect his mom and IDOT should focus on the people who are living there rather than landlords. The	See response #1.

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48	3/30/2022	M.B.	<b>(REDACTED)</b> thanked M. Carvajal for communicating all of this information and said she has been very helpful and he trusts her. He said: If you really want to talk to me and my mom, go through M. Carvajal.	See response #11.
49	3/30/2022	G.U.	M. Carvajal is always there to talk to me and has been truthful. She had made this project very comfortable for me and I will stand with her.	See response #11.
50	3/30/2022	T.J.	M. Carvajal is the only reason we are still sane....because there is a lot of mental anguish and stress that comes with thinking about this and planning.	See response #11.
51	3/30/2022	D.K.	M. Carvajal is great!! But she is dealing unfortunately with IDOT to get answers for us and dealing with IDOT is like talking to the wall-- this is seriously ruining a lot of people's lives and causing terrible stress	See response #11.
52	3/30/2022	C.E.	<b>(REDACTED)</b> he didn't want this to be like in the spring where IDOT is going to fall off the face of the earth. It should not be until next year until we are informed again. He noted that he wanted it logged that it should not take that long to hear back.	See response #11.
53	4/4/2022	C.E.	M. Carvajal received a call from <b>(REDACTED)</b> on 04/04/22. He has re-listened to the recordings of CP#4 and has given the tax mitigation some additional thought. He believes that the tax mitigation compensation should be based on the replacement dwelling and what he will be paying for taxes. He has looked at the real estate in the area and recognizes that the \$1,800 per year will not compensate sufficiently as his family requires a house/neighborhood that has yard size for an above ground pool and enough space to park several cars, etc.  He will continue to check in and hopes that IDOT will hear the community and expedite the approach and finalize the mitigation.	See response #1, 11.
54	4/8/2022	G.U.	<b>(REDACTED)</b> Thank you for your work on behalf of the Southside neighborhood residents. I understand that there are deadlines, but this project is too important to rush through. we need more time to come	Based on comments received during the comment period and to provide time for community-led meetings and organization to provide group responses in the community, the comment period was extended twice: once through

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			to a solution. On behalf of my fellow residents, I'm asking to extend the deadline by 30 days. <b>(REDACTED)</b>	4/30/22 and secondarily through 5/14/22. All extensions of comment period were noticed through email eblasts to community partners and through the project website.
55	4/15/2022	J.M.	On 04/15/22 M. Carvajal spoke with one of the property owners <b>(REDACTED)</b> . She requested an update on the project. An overview of the tax mitigation and Community Plan was provided. <b>(REDACTED)</b> indicated that she doesn't want to see the process prolonged any further. She wants to move forward, doesn't want this to take any longer and it's puts people in limbo.	See response #11.
56	4/13/2022	P.E.	Good afternoon, After reading this article, I am concerned about the levels of asbestos that may be released into the air. My property is located at Water and Sheridan Street and will definitely be subjected to dust and particles released during the demolition period. What steps are being taken to reduce the risk of asbestos exposure to the remaining homeowners? Thank you.	The existing bridges carrying I-80 over the Des Plaines River do not have asbestos present.
57	4/13/2022	E	Group owner-occupied letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.
58	4/13/2022	M.H.	Group owner-occupied letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.
59	4/13/2022	V.D.	Group owner-occupied letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.
60	4/13/2022	P.D.	Group owner-occupied letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.
61	4/13/2022	D.K.	Group owner-occupied letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.
62	4/13/2022	G.V.	Group owner-occupied letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.
63	4/13/2022	R.V.	Group owner-occupied letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.
64	4/13/2022	M.B. & M.B.	Group owner-occupied letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.
65	4/13/2022	A.M.	Group owner-occupied letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.
66	4/13/2022	L.S. & A.S.	Group owner-occupied letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.

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67	4/13/2022	T.J.	Group owner-occupied letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11.
68	4/26/2022	G.S.	On 4/26/22 M. Carvajal spoke with <b>(REDACTED)</b> regarding the project timeline, acquisition overview and proposed tax mitigation. <b>(REDACTED)</b> has lived in their home 70 years <b>(REDACTED)</b> . Property owner wants to make certain that the tax mitigation monies can be utilized for senior housing, his preference for replacement housing. While property owner is uncertain if real estate taxes will apply to a studio apartment in a senior community, he does not want to lose out on the opportunity of the monies. Owner did state that he cannot relocate to a single family home due to age <b>(REDACTED)</b> . Feels that would be a good fit for him.	See response #1, 5.
69	4/27/2022		Group landlord letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #6 , 7, 10.
70	4/27/2022	J.S.	Group landlord letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #6 , 7, 10.
71	4/27/2022	C.B.	Group landlord letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #6 , 7, 10.
72	4/27/2022	T.G.	Group landlord letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #6 , 7, 10.
73	4/27/2022	L.B.	Group landlord letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #6 , 7, 10.
74	4/27/2022	M.B.	Group landlord letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #6 , 7, 10.
75	4/27/2022	J.S.	Group landlord letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #6 , 7, 10.
76	4/30/2022	B.C.	<b>(REDACTED)</b> We need to extend the deadline on the IDOT project the tenants has some concerns and there voices need to be heard.	Based on comments received during the comment period and to provide time for community-led meetings and organization to provide group responses in the community, the comment period was extended twice: once through 4/30/22 and secondarily through 5/14/22. All extensions of comment period were noticed through email eblasts to community partners and through the project website, <a href="http://i80will.com">i80will.com</a> .

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77	5/2/2022	D.K.	<p>Hello</p> <p>I talked to my Mom about the lump sum tax situation unfortunately she is not well and I don't want her to do research to find out how to correctly make it tax exempt. I am sure that the state will make no effort to find out how to save the homeowners money when obviously it would cast the state hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax income--so we will see what they will do--nothing most likely.</p> <p>I would like you to forward something for me to IDOT or whoever would be responsible for the landscaping.</p> <p>Spending any more than maybe \$200 on the plaque they are talking about is a total waste of money -and spending ANY money on a eyesore "bike path" is a horrific waste of money Bike paths are the popular "Green new deal" thing --but in reality are a 1000% waste of money --as they are rarely used and NEVER NEEDED- For at least 150 years bikers did all of the biking they wanted without bike paths --and they don't need them as they are rarely if ever actually used. As they will be receiving 3.5 million dollars and trusted to maintain the landscaping -- my question is this WHY would City/IDOT be trusted and gifted 3.5 million to maintain the area when RIGHT NOW they are doing a horrible job--I am attaching pics(McDonough St and Market St) I took of IDOT/Joliet property in the past few days. It proves IDOT/Joliet are SLUM property owners. Why should IDOT/Joliet be trusted to maintain landscaping when they will have 100x more area to maintain? And note these are very very early spring photos--it gets much much worse and the noxious weeds get WAIST high in the summer. They cut the weed/trash patch(formerly grass) down only 2 times ALL LAST SUMMER -- So I suggest that they RIGHT now to show good will and even to demonstrate that they are even capable of maintaining the very small area they are now responsible for to get it cleaned up NOW and keep it maintained. If they do NOT clean it up now and plant grass to replace the 100% weed patch that will prove the effort they intend to put into the final project after the grand opening--after the politicians have their pictures taken by the area and leave.</p> <p><b>(REDACTED)</b></p>	See response #1, 3, 4, 9, 10.

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78	5/9/2022	K.F.	M. Carvajal spoke with the tenant( <b>REDACTED</b> ) MC provided a project timeline and indicated that we would raise the concern to IDOT as this mitigation measure was not intended to displace tenants for owners to occupy and receive the benefit. ( <b>REDACTED</b> ) Landlord told tenant that tenants would not be receiving anything and that IDOT would low ball the offer to the property owners.	See response #7 for information on renter/tenants that will be displaced as a result of the project. All displaced residents have been advised to stay at their current location and if displaced as result of the project, they will receive Uniform Relocation Act assistance. Rental agreements and terms within those agreements are a matter for renters and landlords and unfortunately cannot be addressed by the Department. Work with displaced owners and tenants will commence as soon as final environmental decision-making is completed with FHWA and is expected to be finalized later in 2022. Following that time, the Department will begin direct coordination with displaced residents on their relocation needs and to provide Uniform Relocation Act benefits.
79	5/11/2022	D.T.	Group tenant letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #7.
80	5/11/2022	A.H.	Group tenant letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #7.
81	5/11/2022	T.H.	Group tenant letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #7.
82	5/11/2022	E.H.	Group tenant letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #7.
83	5/11/2022	S.P.	Group tenant letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #7.
84	5/11/2022	T.H. & P.H.	Group tenant letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #7.
85	5/11/2022	E.S. & N.S.	Group tenant letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #7.
86	5/11/2022	B.C.	Group tenant letter submitted and posted on project website at <a href="http://i-80will.com">i-80will.com</a> .	See response #7.