



WE MATTER EIGHT MILE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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To:

Senator Vivian Figures

104 S Lawrence St.

Mobile, AL 36602

Honorable Senator Figures,

We Matter Eight Mile Community Association has been fighting in the community of Prichard since 2011. We are and have been engaged in numerous town halls, community meetings, and one on ones with local and state officials concerning the environmental injustice that has been going on here in the city. We have also been genuinely concerned about the financial maleficence that we feel has resulted in further neglect to the health and well being of the citizens here in the City of Prichard. It is for those reasons we are requesting that you come to Prichard on May the 8<sup>th</sup> to conduct a community engagement session. During the session we would like to request that the following topics are addressed.

The Prichard Water and Sewer board.

1. The possibility of changing from an appointed board to an elected board
2. The Explanation of who currently has oversight over the board.
3. With the Federal Infrastructure Bill that has passed, is there is a way to get Federal dollars to repair and replace our failed infrastructure? If so, can the money go to the County for oversight and management?
4. Will the State Earmark funds specifically for the upgrade to Prichard water infrastructure.
5. Can you find dollars to help get the water independently tested for contamination.

Community involvement or oversight committee

1. Can a citizen oversight committee be made aware of all money that comes in from the Federal and State to Prichard so that the spending of funds can be tracked.
2. Where can we find where all covid relief funds were spent and was there an application for the money? If there was an application, can that be provided so that Citizens know what the application said the money would be spent on.



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Public Safety Dollars

1. Are there Grant dollars that can be applied for to help improve Public Safety?

US HWY 45

1. With all the Federal Dollars coming down for Infrastructure can HWY 45 be improved (i.e., road widening, sidewalks, streetlights etc.)
2. Can lighting be fixed road is very dark and dangerous at night.

Thank you for your immediate attention to all these matters.

Yours in service,

Carletta Davis

President WMECA