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### **SWPA Grassroots Town Hall Challenges AHN, UPMC Leaders to Address Unhealthy Air Pollution in Allegheny County**

Pittsburgh, Pa. – SWPA residents are taking the fight for clean air to the region’s healthcare establishment with “AHN and UPMC – Prevention is Preferable to Cure,” the fourth in a series of Resident-Led Town Halls that demands that local leaders take decisive action to address the region’s harmful air quality.

#### **Media is invited to join the Zoom Call at NOON Today**

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<https://bluelens.zoom.us/j/85101960643?pwd=ajFLRWRLVkfF1ZW00WkRUZU5US3RIQT09>

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“It is long past time for our massive healthcare establishment to fulfill the goal that prevention is preferable to cure!” says Howard Rieger, one of several leaders of the grassroots movement. “Our fourth Town Hall will back up these realities through the voices of those who suffer the most. In doing so, we invite you to join us in a plea for the healthcare leaders in our region to be the catalyst for the changes that will transform Pittsburgh from one of the unhealthiest places to live in America, to one built on a healthier vision for the 21st century and beyond!”

A sign-on petition will be made available after the Town Hall.

The diverse citizen coalition includes residents from Clairton, Braddock, Uptown, Squirrel Hill, Shadyside, Bellevue, Northside, Franklin Park and Sewickley. Residents concerned about future emissions from the Shell Petrochemical Plant will also be represented. Speakers will share their personal stories of what it is like to live with the constant assault of polluted air and the impact it has taken on loved ones and their communities.

**Speakers/ Presenters**

**Letter to AHN and UPMC -- Howard Rieger**

**The health impact of air pollution -- Dr. Deborah Gentile, MD**

**A view from the ground in Clairton -- Germaine Patterson**

**How might a timely warning have helped? -- Thaddeus Popovich**