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**SWPA Resident-Led Air Quality Town Hall #12:
Allegheny County Executive Candidates Address Environmental Concerns (Or Not)**

Pittsburgh, Pa. – The 12th Southwest PA's Resident-Led Air Quality Town Hall (SWPATHS) will be held next week with invited guests Allegheny County Executive Candidates Sara Innamorato and Joe Rockey. Both have been asked to speak to their stance on air quality and the environment in Allegheny County, possibly the most defining issue in this upcoming election.

Unfortunately, while Sara Innamorato has accepted, Joe Rockey has failed to respond to eight invitations to attend or respond to a survey on his position on the region's historically poor air quality. You can read Sara Innamorato's responses to the [survey here](#).

The Town Hall will be held Oct. 10, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Register here: bit.ly/swpaths12-dollarsgone

There's no debate here. Scientific research shows that residents in Allegheny County residents, especially in the Mon Valley, continue to suffer from some of the worst air quality in the country. Allegheny County ranks among the top 2% of counties in the U.S. for cancer risk from air pollution.

In anticipation of the election for the next Allegheny County Executive, a person who will play a pivotal role in the shaping of the region's health department, SWPATHS sent a questionnaire to both candidates asking them to address residents' concerns about air pollution and repeated failures by Allegheny County Health Dept. leadership to address the problem, including meeting with residents to hear from them directly. Ms. Innamorato responded; Mr. Rockey declined to answer.

Join the Town Hall and hear from the candidate who has staked a position on our region's environmental shortcomings and what it says about the candidate running who has refused to speak on the issue.

About SWPATHS - We are a group of Allegheny County residents who have coalesced a racially, economically and geographically diverse constituency of more than 1,200 people including environmental justice communities. Together we seek to clean up the region's poor air quality into one that offers a healthier future for all.

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