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Hi, my name is Eddie Ahn, and I work for an environmental justice nonprofit, Brightline, which is based in SoMa.

San Francisco's South of Market Street (SoMa) is bound by Market in the northwest, Interstate 80 to the southeast, and highway 101 to the west. Due to being lined by busy highways and surface streets for the Financial District, SoMa bears the region's worst vehicular congestion, related emissions and pollutants. Brightline has ongoing programs related to air quality monitoring and job training for the community as well.

While parts of SoMa are designated as Disadvantaged Communities, the state mapping excludes significant portions of the community that are also communities of interest with great needs. According to the American Community Survey, SoMa has approximately 19,180 residents with a 57% immigrant population. The median household income in SoMa is \$43,466 whereas the median household income for San Francisco is over \$112,000. The old housing stock in the area are often Single Room Occupancy (SRO) buildings that serve the low income and disadvantaged community that is the core of the neighborhood. Consequently, we believe SoMa is a significant community of interest deserving appropriate representation.

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