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**Sent:** Monday, September 5, 2022 1:10 PM  
**To:** Safiya Omari;Risley, David  
**Cc:** Chokwe A. Lumumba;Louis Wright;Fidelis Malembeka;Tiffany Murray  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request (in person on Thur?)

Hi Safiya – I have a 4pm flight so I probably need to finish by 2pm to head to airport. We haven't scheduled anything else for me yet. So please pick your preferred time before 2pm and we will be there.

Radhika

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**Subject:** Re: Meeting Request (in person on Thur?)

Hi, Radhika

Meeting on Thursday is not a problem. We are available all Thursday afternoon and that works best for us as we have a Special Council Meeting that morning. However, we can meet prior to that Council meeting (which is 10 am Central) if needed to accommodate your schedule. Please let me know what works for you.

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Hi Safiya –

The Administrator will be in Jackson on Wednesday and I believe the team is working a time for a meeting with the Mayor. I will be with the Administrator.

I will also be staying in Jackson on Thursday. Why don't we schedule time for Thursday so that I can be with you in person? Is there a time that can work?

My best,  
Radhika

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Hi, David.

Thanks for your response. We have availability on Tuesday at 9 am, 10 am or 1 pm. Please let me know if those times work. If not I can move some other things around on our calendar.

Best,

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On Sep 3, 2022, at 9:28 PM, Risley, David <[Risley.David@epa.gov](mailto:Risley.David@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Safiya,

We will do everything we can to schedule the meeting between Assistant Administrator Fox and Mayor Lumumba. If Tuesday works on your end, please send over a few times and we'll get it on the calendar.

Best,  
David

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Good morning Safiya –

Thank you for reaching out and I would be happy to meet with the Mayor and his team. I can make time for this discussion on Tuesday. I also know that the Mayor spoke with Administrator Regan yesterday and we intend to come to Jackson soon. We can also meet in person while I am there.

I have copied my chief of staff to help facilitate scheduling.

My best,  
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**Subject:** Meeting Request

Good morning, Ms. Fox

Mayor Lumumba and his administrative team would like to request a meeting with you to discuss our funding needs and to request the need for direct grant funding from EPA to the City. We would love to have the opportunity to discuss with you firsthand the barriers we have experienced and continue to encounter when requesting assistance through the State to address our longstanding water infrastructure issues. We would like to have this discussion with you as soon as possible as our current emergency has certainly illuminated the urgency of our situation and the need for federal resources to implement a long term solution to our residents' drinking and wastewater woes. We will certainly adjust our schedule to accommodate your availability and we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Best

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