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This document is a working list of research related to the Amtrak Rail Yard move, maintained and developed by Bridgeport Environmentalists, the Coalition for Better Chinese American Community, and Bridgeport Alliance. The list aims to help inform our community members and allies about this issue. If you have a resource you believe should be added to this document, please email it to bridgeportenvironmentalists@gmail.com.

To learn more about our coalition's work, visit <https://linktr.ee/stoptherailyard>.

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