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## **Clean air community dialogue meetings set for Bayview in July**

**SAN FRANCISCO** -- The Bay Area Air Quality Management District will hold two community dialogue meetings in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhoods of San Francisco on July 25 and July 30, 2009.

The purpose of the meetings is to seek input from local residents about their perceptions of air quality issues in their neighborhood and potential solutions.

"It is important for us to listen to residents regarding their perceptions and ideas about air quality," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. "Understanding what the community's questions and concerns are will help us direct programs to protect public health through improved air quality."

The District is prepared to begin funding clean air and air quality education projects in the Bayview neighborhood. As much as \$500,000 will be available to fund clean air and air quality education projects.

The community dialogue meetings will offer local residents an opportunity to actively contribute their ideas in a facilitated conversation with their neighbors. These events are open to the public and local residents and workers are encouraged to attend. RSVP's are requested via email to [jsmith@baaqmd.gov](mailto:jsmith@baaqmd.gov) or by phone at 415.749.4631. Both Cantonese and Spanish translators will be utilized to ensure all residents' voices are heard.

The discussion will be led by internationally recognized dialogue consultant Dr. David Campt, who will combine traditional dialogue techniques with audience polling computer technology through the use of handheld devices. This approach to public meetings is being increasingly adopted around the country in situations where an agency wants to hear and assess each person's individual opinion and also allow community members to discover their common ground. The information gathered will allow the Air District to refine its future plans to improve air quality in the area.

The meetings will be held at the following locations:

**Saturday, July 25, 2009**  
**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
**Bayview Hunters Point YMCA**  
**1601 Lane Street**

**Thursday, July 30, 2009**  
**6:30 pm to 9:00 pm**  
**Whitney Young Child Development Center**  
**100 Whitney Young Circle**

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Local residents who cannot attend one of the meetings are encouraged to fill out a survey that is designed to reflect many of the issues to be discussed at the community dialogue meetings. Surveys can be found on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's website: [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov) in the community outreach/meetings section. Surveys will also be made available at area community gatherings and events in the month leading up to these meetings.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is the regional, government agency that regulates sources of air pollution within the nine San Francisco Bay Area Counties. The Air District is committed to achieving clean air to protect the public's health and the environment. For more information, visit [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov).

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