Youth & Oakland’s Air Quality

Presented by New Voices Are Rising

Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion
Meeting
December 14, 2020
Who We Are

- Environmental justice program for Oakland high school students
- Develop youth EJ leadership and knowledge
- Youth designed transformative change
- Fellowship and Internship Program
- Summer Academy
- Leadership Track
AB 617 in East Oakland

- Designated East Oakland Air Quality Fellow
  - 2020 Fellow: Parker, 10th Grader at Coliseum College Prep Academy
- Attending BAAQMD and CARB board/processes meetings
- Providing letters and comments
- Connecting with East Oakland residents
  - Focus groups, surveys, community gatherings, coalition building, presentations
- Youth air monitoring
- The impacts of COVID-19 and air pollution (Zip codes: 94601, 94621, 94603)
Vocabulary Words

AB 67- A bill that will help the community make their own rules surrounding the air quality in West Oakland.

Particulate Matter- Matter that is present in the air and affects health.

West Oakland Steering Committee- A group of people that come together to discuss AB 67.

Sound Pollution- Noise with harmful impact on human-animal activity. (For: Highway/ Odor Pollution- Bad smell in the air that is a noticeable change from the ordinary (Sewage).)
Air Quality Survey

This survey is being conducted by the Rose Foundation’s New Voices Are Rising program. New Voices is an environmental justice program for Oakland high school students. We would like to know CCPA students’ understanding of the air quality around you and its impact on you/your community. Please only fill this survey out if you currently attend CCPA. The survey will be completely anonymous, but if you would like to share your contact information to be entered in a gift card raffle or receive New Voices updates, please do so at the end of this survey (we will still not associate your contact info with your results).

The survey will be open till December 4th; please complete by then or before then.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarai Parker at this email: s_sarai.parker@cusd.org

COVID-19 Cases in Oakland

Source: Alameda County Public Health Department, as of 4/25/2020
The original goal was to identify locations for 100 trees in West Oakland and a location for a demonstration planting, as apart of AB 617.

This project was supported by the California Climate Investments program and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.
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Path to Clean Air Action Items

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Path to Clean Air Timeline and History

- In March 2020, a 10-member Community Design Team (CDT) was convened to design, recruit and select a diverse Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) Community Steering Committee.
- In July 2020, the Community Air Monitoring Plan was finalized (monitoring projects are underway).
- In October 2020, the Air District Board recommended Richmond/San Pablo for designation to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Board.
- On November 17, 2020, the CDT voted to recommend to the Air District Board that the Board appoint a Steering Committee to ensure the Brown Act is required.
- On January 1, 2021, the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) Community Steering Committee Applications and Conflict of Interest (COI) forms are due.
Community Design Team Concerns and Issues

• In April 2020, email correspondences were sent to the Air District and among CDT members over the use of surveys to rank agreements on edits and identifying issues regarding the Steering Committee Application, COI, and Charter

• In June 2020, multiple issues were raised by CDT members regarding meeting transparency and process

• In July 2020, the Air District paused meetings to conduct one-on-one interviews with the CDT members to solicit ideas on how to improve the CDT process

• In December 2020, a CDT member sent a letter on behalf of three Richmond neighborhood councils to elected officials, expressing frustration with the CDT process

• Given the concerns and issues expressed by CDT members, meetings have been postponed until after today's Committee Meeting
Timeline to a Steering Committee

- December 14, 2020 – Equity, Access, and Inclusion Board Committee recommends Board Appointed Steering Committee
- December 16, 2020 - Board of Directors approve recommendation for a Board Appointed Steering Committee
- January 1, 2021 - Steering Committee Applications and COI form due
- January 2021 - Steering Committee applicant review process
- February (TBD) – Appropriate Board Committee selects slate of Steering Committee Members to recommend to the Board of Directors
- February (TBD) - Board of Directors selects Steering Committee members
- March (TBD) - Steering Committee seated
Recommend the Board of Directors:

• Accept the CDT recommendation that the Board create the Community Steering Committee and appoint the Steering Committee members;

• Air District staff recommend the Community Steering Committee has a Community Co-chair and an Air District Executive Co-chair who have equal authority over planning and facilitating meetings; and

• To avoid conflicts of interest, the Co-chairs would be non-voting members of the Community Steering Committee.
Air District Staff recommends the role of the Community Steering Committee include:

• Identify the scope of issues to be considered
• Inform the technical analysis to understand these issues
• Co-develop the strategies to solve the issues identified
• Ensure continued accountability for plan implementation

- The People's Plan Guidance for CERP Development Process
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Path to Clean Air Discussion Items

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The purpose of this discussion is for the Committee to advise on contentious topics related to the composition of the Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Community Steering Committee.

The Committee will discuss the definition of community representative and the role of industry and business in the Community Steering Committee.
Recommended Discussion Item

Definition of Community Representative:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB), Blueprint states the Community Steering Committee should reflect the diverse makeup across the selected community.
Community Steering Committee Membership

CARB Blueprint recommends:

• Steering Committee members should be people who live, work, or own businesses in the community
• Most members should be persons who live in the study area
• Membership should reflect the diverse makeup of the community
• Business perspectives should be reflected (i.e. owners of small businesses, locally based business associations, larger industrial sources)
CARB Blueprint recommends:

- Additional members may include local community-based environmental justice organizations; local public health organizations; schools; city/county officials; land use planning agencies; transportation agencies; local health departments; academic researchers; and labor organizations
Input collected during Community Design Team Meetings:

- A broad selection of applicants
- Representative of community
- Everyone in our community is represented
- People of Color
- Low-income Households
- Youth
- Neighborhood Councils
- People Suffering from health conditions impacted by air quality
- Respiratory Health Care Providers
- Seniors
Population by Jurisdiction

POPULATION BY JURISDICTION IN RICHMOND-SAN PABLO INITIAL STUDY AREA (2020)

- Contra Costa: 67%
- Richmond: 20%
- San Pablo: 13%

2020 Total Population: ~159,500

Source: Esri® Demographics, 2020
Racial Composition

Source: 5-year ACS estimate, 2013-2017
Linguistically Isolated Households

Language Spoken at Home (Ages 5 to 65+)

- Spanish & English Not Well
- Asian-Pacific Isl & English Not well
- Indo-European & English Not Well
- Other Language & English Not Well
The role of Industry and Business

The AB 617 Statute states...the district encompassing any location selected...shall adopt, in consultation with the state board, individuals, community-based organizations, affected sources, and local governmental bodies in the affected community, a community emissions reduction program to achieve emissions reductions for the location selected using cost-effective measures identified pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (b).

The CARB Blueprint recommends business perspectives are reflected (i.e. owners of small businesses, locally based business associations, larger industrial sources) on the Community Steering Committee.