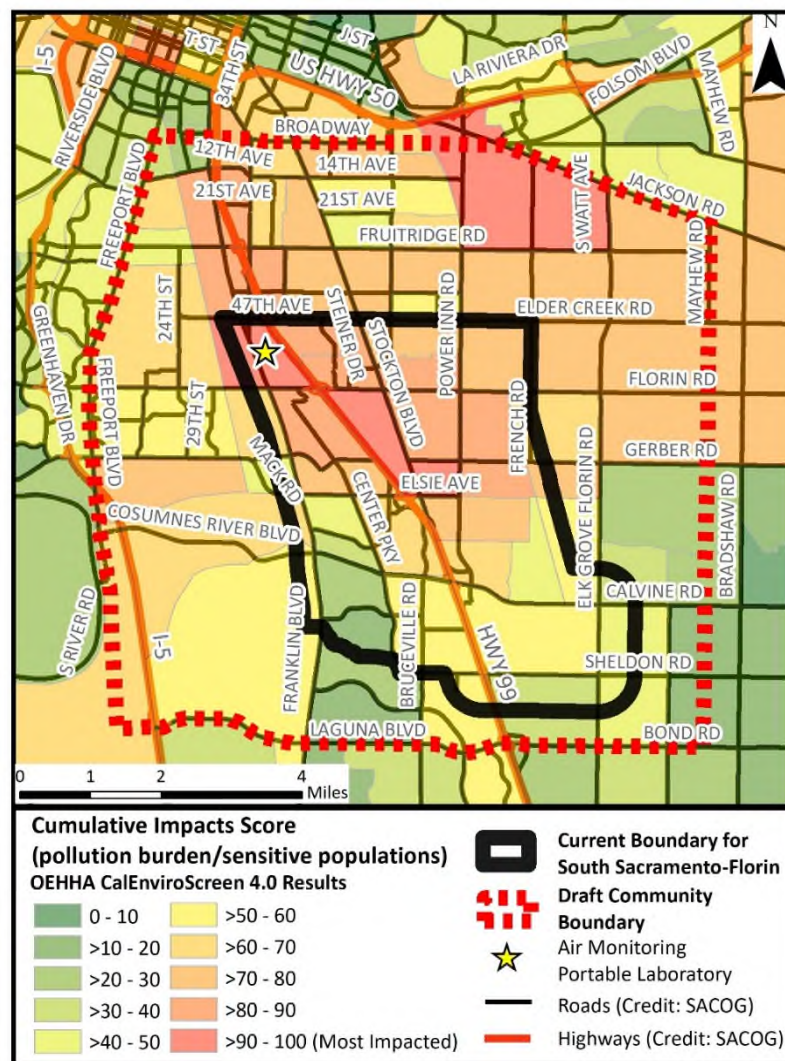


# Comments and Feedback Received on Draft Boundaries

July 18, 2024

The AB 617 South Sacramento-Florin Community Steering Committee voted to transition to develop a Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) at its March 25, 2024 meeting. As part of this transition and preparation, the AB 617 Steering Committee is revisiting the community boundaries and has developed the following proposed boundaries at its June 4, 2024 meeting. The Steering Committee took written public comments on the proposed boundaries until 5:00pm on July 12, 2024. Attached are all written comments and feedback received between June 4, 2024 and July 12, 2024. The AB 617 Steering Committee will consider all public comments and feedback before the vote on the final boundaries on July 22, 2024.



Written comments received via email from Jennifer Holden, Mangan Park  
Neighborhood Association lead on June 4, 2024

To the AB 617 Steering Committee,

Please consider including Mangan Park within the AB617 Study Boundaries.

Consider that the CalEnviroScreen 4.0 (included in the Supplemental Materials for this meeting) gives Mangan Park:

- **94% for asthma;** and
- **84% in 'lead from housing'.**

This neighborhood has been treated for toxic levels of lead in our soil in the past 10 years, and recent air monitoring (since the lead treatment) indicated there were higher levels of lead in Mangan Park than a control monitor on the industrial corridor of Franklin Blvd. around 1 mile away. These levels are still within the FedEPA standards, but nevertheless, this does indicate the need for additional air testing in Mangan Park for the health of the taxpayers and voters living here.

But does the lead level alone explain the 94% in asthma? See the attached screenshot #847.

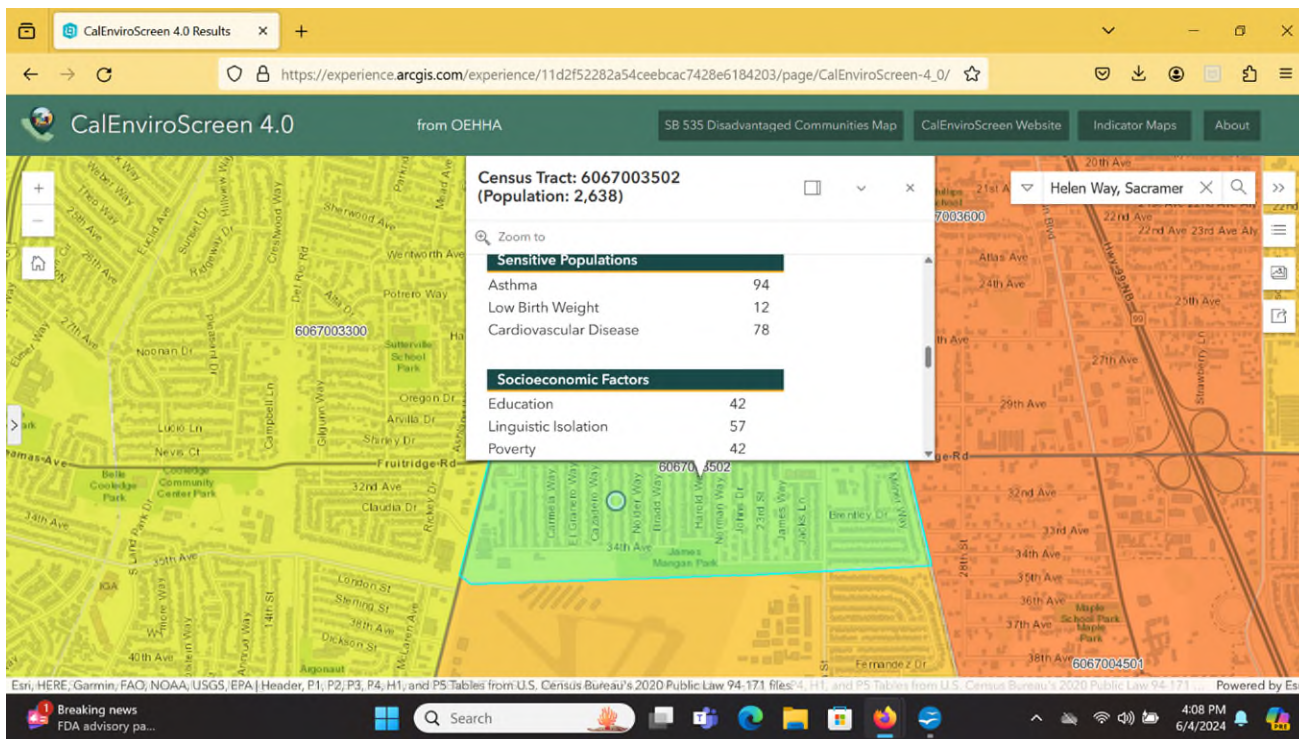
The Federal EJScreen gives Mangan Park a 90-95% for Air Toxics Respiratory HI, and places Mangan Park around the 70-80% for general air quality, which gets us closer to an explanation for being in the 94% for asthma. See attached screenshot #857. The EJScreen map shows half of very small Mangan Park listed in the 50th% and half is listed in the 90%, while surrounded by 80-95th% and with an asthma rate of 94%. So perhaps all of Mangan Park should be considered as above 80%, and none of Mangan Park is in the 50-60 percentile compared to the nation as a whole.

Backing this up, the SMUD Sustainable Communities Resource Map in the Supplemental Materials places much of Mangan Park in the 'orange' - around the medium to high medium range of 'sensitivity'. See attached screenshot #849.

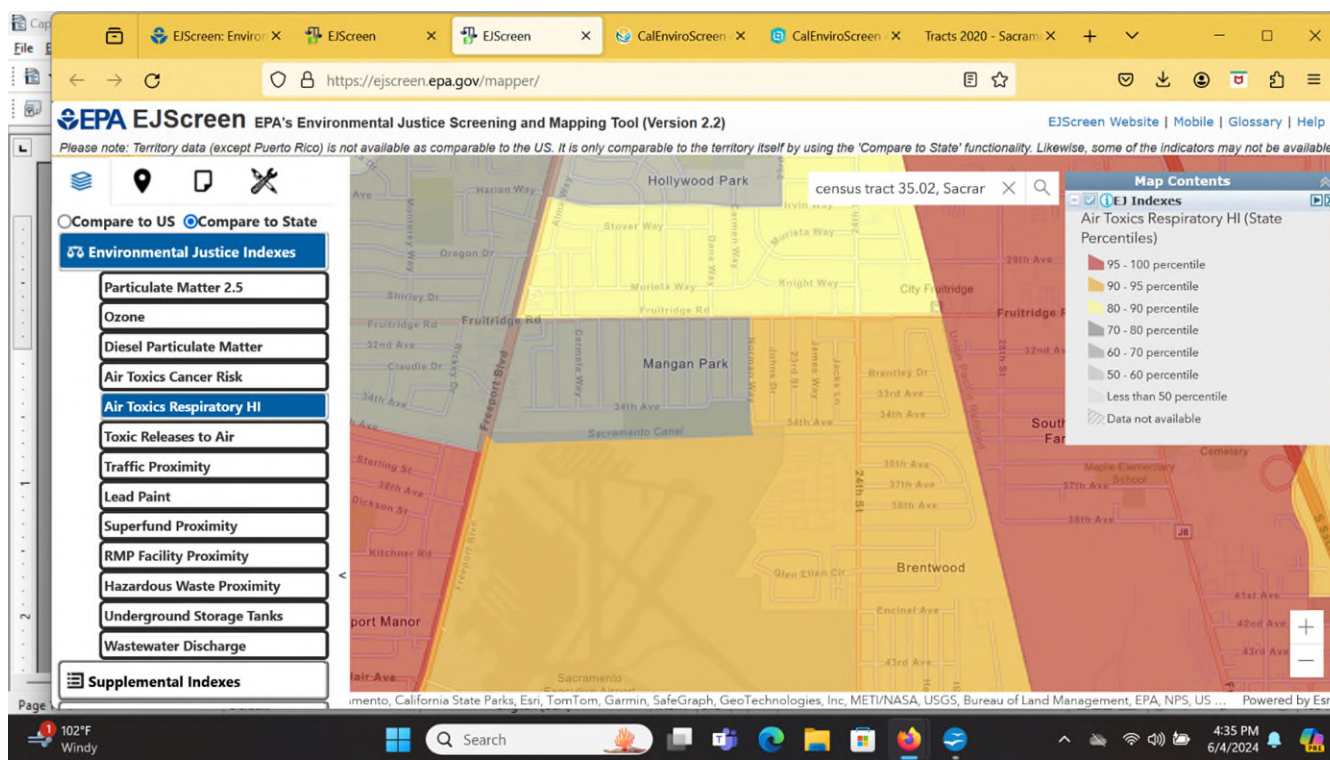
While the CalEnviroScreen 4.0 shows a very bland overall yellow score around 50% for Mangan Park in comparison to the rest of the State of California, closer inspection of the CalEnviroScreen 4.0 and other supplemental materials for tonight's meeting indicates Mangan Park residents need more publicly reported air quality monitoring to help us reduce our levels of asthma from our current 94th percentile levels.

I have lived here 20 years, and I do not know of a household that has lived here 10 years that does not have a family member with asthma or other severe respiratory disease. Some of us are gasping for air - literally. We need help! We would very much appreciate the help of AB617.

Attachment #1: Attached Screenshot #847

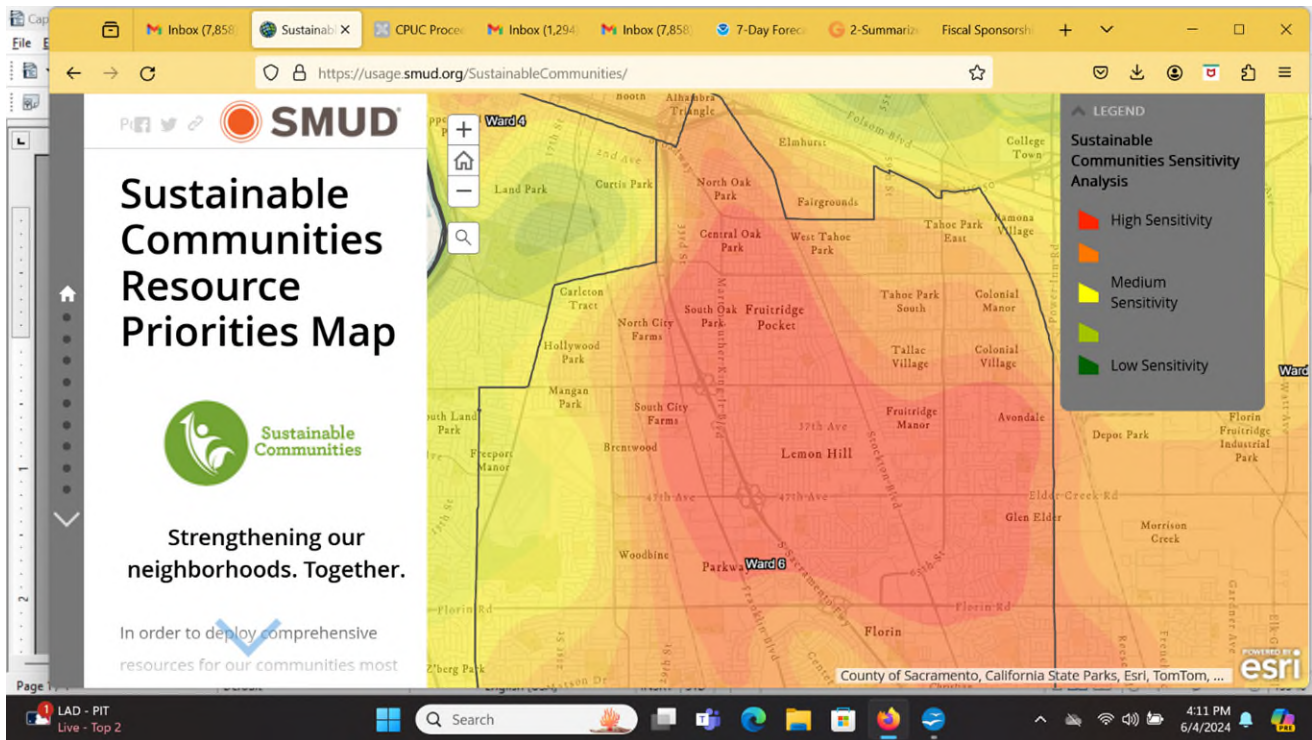


Attachment #2: Attached Screenshot #857





Attachment #3: Attached Screenshot #849



Written comments received via email from Adrian Rehn, Senior Project Manager of Valley Vision on July 12, 2024

Good afternoon,

On behalf of Sacramento Neighborhoods Activating on Air Quality (SNAAQ) – a coalition of community-based organizations and residents which includes Valley Vision, Civic Thread, Breathe CA Sacramento Region, and Green Tech Education & Employment who are working to advance air quality and environmental justice efforts in Sacramento's underserved communities – we are writing to provide comments about the need to expand the South Sacramento-Florin AB 617 community boundary.

We believe that the boundaries must be expanded to **(1)** incorporate additional areas of concern raised by community members, and **(2)** better align with existing work, such as that of the SNAAQ coalition, in the South Area. We support the proposed expansion of the community boundaries which was made by the AB 617 South Sacramento-Florin Community Steering Committee at their meeting on June 4th, 2024.

Attachment #1: Public Comment Letter (next page)



**July 12, 2024**

**Stephanie Williams, Vincent Valdez & AB 617 Clerk**  
**South Sacramento-Florin AB 617 Steering Committee**  
**Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District**  
**777 12th Street, Suite 300**  
**Sacramento, CA 95814**

**RE: Expansion of the South Sac-Florin AB 617 Community Boundary**

Dear South Sacramento-Florin AB 617 Steering Committee Co-Chairs Williams and Valdez,

On behalf of Sacramento Neighborhoods Activating on Air Quality (SNAAQ) – a coalition of community-based organizations and residents which includes Valley Vision, Civic Thread, Breathe CA Sacramento Region, and Green Tech Education & Employment who are working to advance air quality and environmental justice efforts in Sacramento's underserved communities – we are writing to provide comments about the need to expand the South Sacramento-Florin AB 617 community boundary.

The SNAAQ coalition has been working together since 2019 to execute a series of three AB 617 Community Air Grants to build capacity for the work that your committee is doing in other impacted neighborhoods of Sacramento County. Our goal is to do the groundwork to secure additional AB 617 designations within the Sacramento region to address environmental inequities. Specifically, we have been working in North Sacramento (centering from Old North Sacramento north to I-80 along Norwood Ave), Oak Park/Fruitridge (including the Fruitridge Finger, Lawrence Park, and part of the Alhambra Triangle), and most recently Meadowview.

The Fruitridge Finger, South Oak Park, and Lawrence Park are inarguably the highest need areas within the Oak Park/Fruitridge project area. We have deployed air sensors at 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue and MLK (across the street from Oak Ridge Elementary and Christian Brothers High School), at the Fruitridge Community Collaborative garden, and at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and MLK (at the Oak Park Art Garden). All of these sensors, and particularly the one at 21<sup>st</sup> and MLK, have registered among the highest mean readings compared with the rest of the 19 monitors in our network. We have not conducted monitoring yet in Meadowview, but support its inclusion in the proposed boundaries.

Securing additional designations in Sacramento has proven difficult, with deserving neighborhoods across the state competing against one another for extremely limited designations in an annual process. As such, expanding the existing boundary to include more frontline neighborhoods is an important alternative strategy to address community needs. **We believe that the boundaries must be expanded to (1) incorporate additional areas of concern raised by community members, and (2) better align with existing work, such as that of the SNAAQ coalition, in the South Area. We support the**



**proposed expansion of the community boundaries which was made by the AB 617 South Sacramento-Florin Community Steering Committee at their meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

If you need further information or context regarding our support for this project, please do not hesitate to reach out to Adrian Rehn at [adrian.rehn@valleyvision.org](mailto:adrian.rehn@valleyvision.org). Thank you!

Sincerely,

Evan Schmidt, CEO, Valley Vision

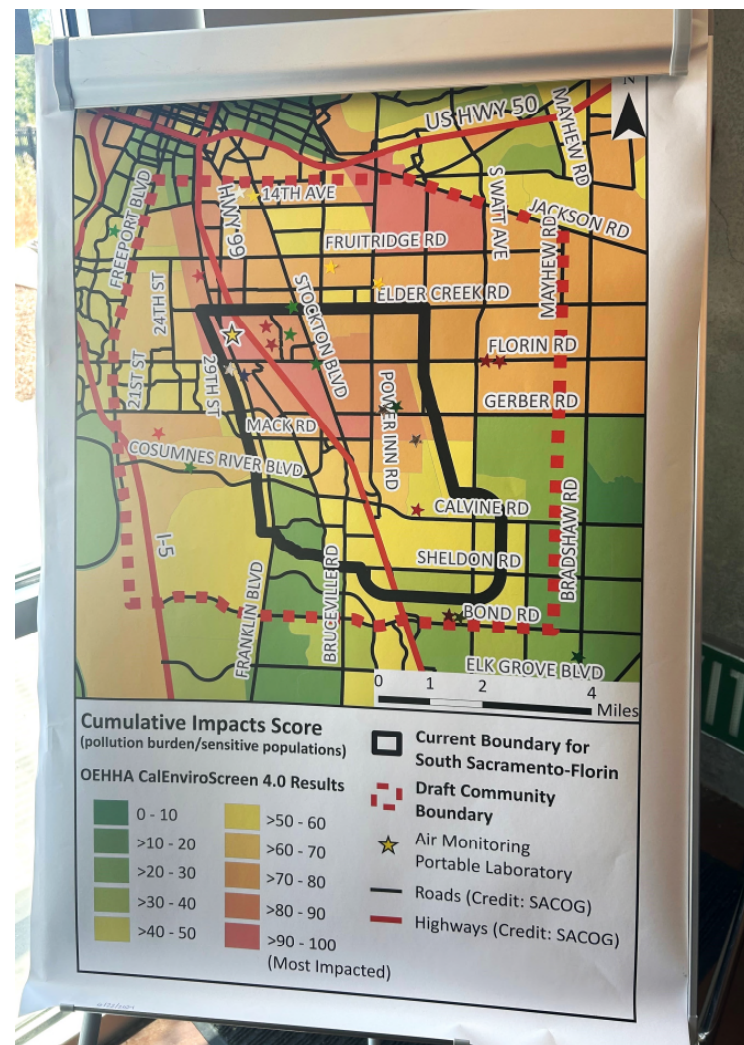
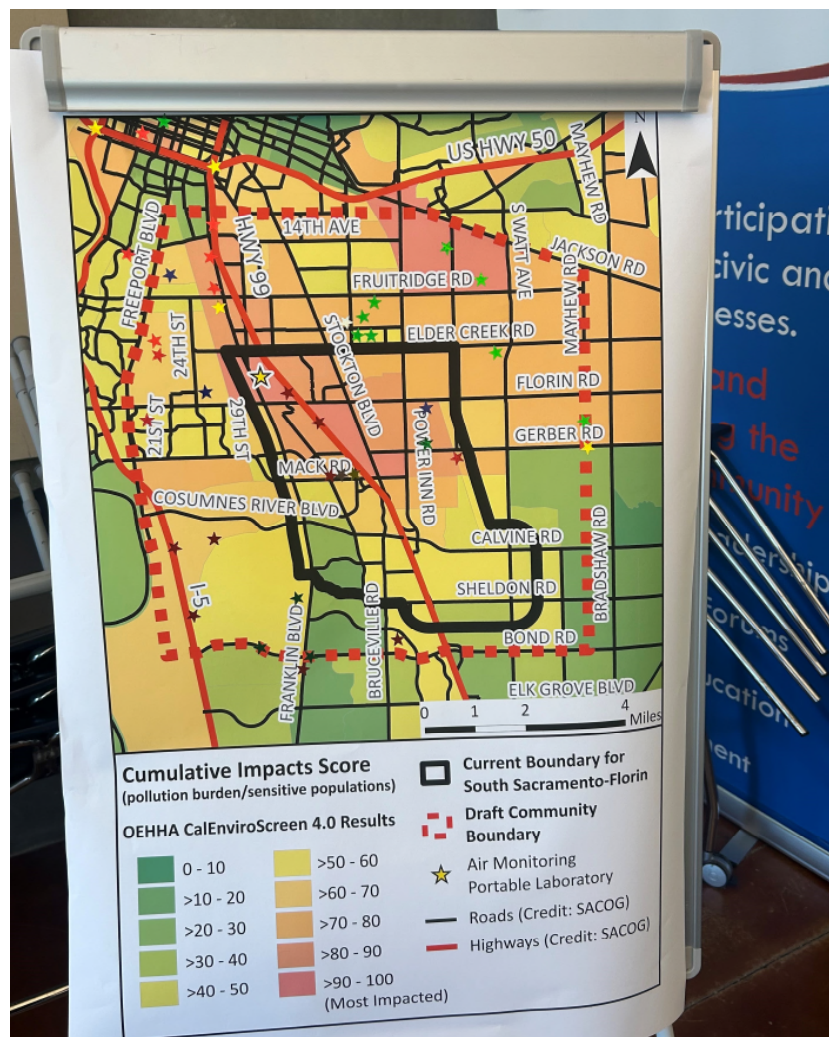
Kiara Reed, Executive Director, Civic Thread

Jennifer Finton, Chief Executive Officer, Breathe CA Sacramento Region

Simeon Gant, Executive Director, Green Tech Education



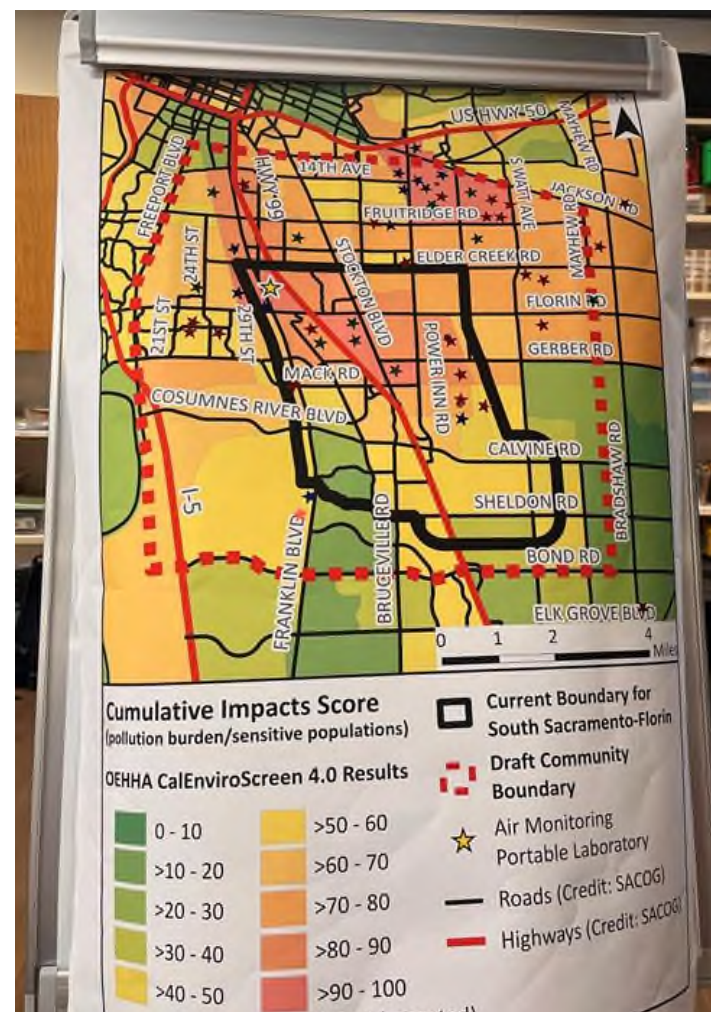
## Community Feedback Received from Sac County Public Health Air Quality Event on June 22, 2024



\*Note: community members placed star stickers on the map in areas of air quality concerns



## Community Feedback Received from La Familia Air Quality Event on July 2, 2024



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