

## **Draft Ideas for CERP Priority Goals**

### **South Sacramento–Florin AB 617 Steering Committee**

#### **1. Urban Planning**

##### **Quick Win (2025-2026):**

Improve transparency and community oversight of land-use decisions that contribute to air pollution.

##### **Supporting Strategies (examples):**

- Create a multilingual permit tracker for industrial and commercial developments.
- Host workshops on how land-use affects emissions.

##### **Why this matters:**

- Empowers communities to advocate for cleaner land-use practices.

##### **Suggested Partners:**

- County Planning, City Planning, Sac Metro Air District, Valley Vision, CARB, ECOS.

##### **Medium-Term (2026–2028):**

Reduce the approval and siting of high-emission facilities near residential areas, schools, and parks.

##### **Supporting Strategies (examples):**

- Advocate for updated zoning codes to limit new gas stations, truck fueling stations, and auto body shops in close proximity to residential neighborhoods.
- Encourage local jurisdictions to require air quality impact reviews for large commercial developments and new transportation corridors.

**Why this matters:**

- Proximity of small but numerous pollution sources (gas stations, commercial kitchens, heavy-traffic roads) compounds health risks in already burdened areas.

**Suggested Partners:**

- Local elected officials, Sacramento County Planning, ECOS, Sacramento Tree Foundation, neighborhood associations, American Lung Association.

**Long-Term (Ambitious But Doable) (2028–2031):**

Prevent further concentration of industrial pollution and heavy diesel traffic in environmental justice communities in South Sacramento–Florin.

**Supporting Strategies (examples):**

- Campaign for a temporary moratorium on new industrial or warehousing facilities within designated EJ neighborhoods until cumulative emissions impacts are evaluated.
- Build a coalition of neighborhood associations, environmental advocates, and public health leaders to push for systemic land-use reforms.

**Why this matters:**

- Communities already exposed to diesel, particulate matter, and cumulative pollution need policy protections to avoid worsening health impacts.

**Suggested Partners:**

- Local elected officials, CARB, Valley Vision, Breathe California, Public Health Advocates, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

## 2. Residential Sources

### Quick Win (2025-2026):

Reduce residential exposure to indoor air pollutants.

#### **Supporting Strategies (examples):**

- Launch public education campaigns on indoor air quality.
- Distribute indoor air filters to vulnerable households.

#### **Why this matters:**

- Protects community health by improving home environments.

#### **Suggested Partners:**

- SMUD, Sac County Public Health, neighborhood associations, local schools.

### Medium-Term (2026–2028):

Reduce wood-burning emissions and promote residential electrification in overburdened neighborhoods.

#### **Supporting Strategies (examples):**

- Advocate for increased incentives to help households transition from wood-burning stoves to electric heating.
- Conduct outreach in multiple languages to raise awareness of residential fuel-switching rebates and programs.

#### **Why this matters:**

- Residential wood burning remains a significant local source of particulate pollution, particularly in winter.

#### **Suggested Partners:**

- CARB, SMUD, Sac Metro Air District, Valley Vision, neighborhood associations.

**Long-Term (Ambitious but Doable) (2028–2031):**

Improve air quality in multi-family housing located near major freeways and trucking corridors.

**Supporting Strategies (examples):**

- Secure funding for large-scale installation of indoor filtration systems in apartment complexes located near Hwy 99, I-5, and Stockton Blvd.
- Collaborate with property owners and tenants to improve ventilation standards and reduce exposure to PM2.5 and diesel pollution.

**Why this matters:**

- Low-income families living closest to major roadways face the highest levels of indoor and outdoor pollution, compounding health risks.

**Suggested Partners:**

- Sacramento Housing Alliance, SMUD, Sacramento Tree Foundation, Sac Metro Air District, affordable housing developers.

### 3. Mobile Sources

#### Quick Win Go(2025-2026):

Reduce air pollution emissions near schools and residential areas, including diesel emissions.

#### **Supporting Strategies (examples):**

- Conduct a campaign on truck idling laws.
- Establish 'No Idling' zones near schools.

#### **Why this matters:**

- Directly improves health outcomes by reducing exposure to diesel pollution.

#### **Suggested Partners:**

- Sac Metro Air District, local schools, CHP, Valley Vision, local distribution centers.

#### Medium-Term Goal (2026–2028):

Decrease truck traffic through residential corridors and school zones, including diesel trucks.

#### **Supporting Strategies (examples):**

- Advocate for re-routing heavy truck traffic away from known residential hotspots (e.g., Franklin Blvd, Power Inn Rd).
- Work with city transportation planners to design and implement alternative freight routes.

#### **Why this matters:**

- Reducing truck volume through densely populated neighborhoods lowers daily exposure to diesel particulate matter.

**Suggested Partners:**

- Sacramento City DOT, SACOG, Sac Metro Air District, Valley Vision, neighborhood associations, local trucking companies.

**Long-Term (Ambitious But Doable) Goal (2028–2031):**

Increase the adoption of zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) and charging infrastructure in South Sacramento–Florin.

**Supporting Strategies (examples):**

- Secure funding for 10+ public EV charging stations in apartment complexes, shopping centers, and parks by 2027.
- Host education events on ZEV incentives targeting low- and moderate-income residents and small business owners.

**Why this matters:**

- Transitioning to cleaner vehicles is critical to reducing mobile source pollution and ensuring long-term community health.

**Suggested Partners:**

- SMUD, California Energy Commission, Sacramento Tree Foundation (for shade structures), Valley Vision, auto dealers, local elected officials.

## 4. Commercial Sources

**Draft Goal:** Encourage small businesses to adopt pollution reduction practices.

**Supporting Strategies (examples):**

- Provide targeted education and outreach on best practices.
- Connect businesses to grant and incentive programs.

**Why this matters:**

- Supports businesses in reducing cumulative emissions.

**Suggested Partners:**

- Business Improvement Districts, Sac Metro Air District, CARB, and Small Business Development Centers.

## 5. Health and Education

**Draft Goal:** Expand community awareness of air pollution and protective actions.

**Supporting Strategies (examples):**

- Introduce air quality curriculum in local elementary schools.
- Organize community Clean Air events.

**Why this matters:**

- Educates residents, building community resilience against air quality impacts.

**Suggested Partners:**

- Sacramento County Office of Education, Breathe California, local sports teams, and libraries.



## 6. Industrial Sources

**Draft Goal:** Enhance transparency around industrial emissions and enforcement.

**Supporting Strategies (examples):**

- Request annual public reports on industrial violations.
- Host forums for community dialogue on enforcement actions.

**Why this matters:**

- Increases accountability and encourages compliance with air quality standards.

**Suggested Partners:**

- Sac Metro Air District, ECOS, neighborhood associations, local media.