

Action Item 3.b: SacEJC Request for Support on Community Air Grant

October 22, 2024

Dear South Sacramento-Florin Steering Committee (CSC),

The Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition is seeking a letter of support from the South Sacramento-Florin Steering Committee in our quest to receive a California Air Resources Board (CARB) Air Grant (https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2024-09/CAG_Cycle5_RFA_090324-2_F.pdf).

As a consummate advocate for those who have been looked past (whether on purpose or not) as it relates to receiving equitable equality in reversing the purposeful placement of mass polluters in and around Low-Income to Moderate-Income (disproportionately with the majority of those residents being people of color more so Black and Brown folks) neighborhoods that result with severe detrimental health outcomes for those residents.

The Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition is seeking funding to monitor diesel emissions in and around targeted neighborhoods in Sacramento, to which many of these neighborhoods fall in the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) boundaries of the CSC.

We (Sac-EJC) will be appreciative if you find the quality of the advocacy, and result outcomes the Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition is doing and has accomplished commiserate with your expectations, and draft a letter of support, and forward it to us by Wednesday, October 30, 2024.

I have attached a sample letter of support, and a letter of support from the Latino Leadership Council for review, and guidance.

Thank you for your time, and effort that the South Sacramento-Florin Steering Committee exerts in seeking to clean the air in Sacramento.

Enclosing,

Barry F. Boyd

South Sacramento-Florin Steering Committee Member

Sac-EJC Board Member

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10/15/2024

To the California Air Resources Board – Community Air Grant Team,

On behalf of **(organization / Individual)**, I write this letter of **support/commitment** for the Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (Sac-ejc.org) air grant application. The regional Sacramento health needs assessment report by our local hospitals share the grave concern of the disproportionate damage poor air quality and PM 2.5 have on historically marginalized and low-income communities. Extreme weather and other precarious climate related situations require that more grassroots efforts be supported to build awareness and resilience.

The members of Sac-ejc.org deeply believe in the dignity and respect for all persons; Therefore, we encourage CARB to support Sac-EJC's community driven initiatives such as their already successful outreach and education programs, and their newly proposed air quality monitoring systems for emissions that cause severe harm on human health due to diesel exhaust emissions.

Sacramento County has approximately 600,000 people enrolled in public assistance programs, who earn less than \$2,000 per month, and where the average rent for a two-bedroom apartment is over \$2,000. Our most vulnerable community members are one paycheck away from chaos, and Sac-ejc.org's coalition building experience will be a great contribution to improving the health and wellbeing of the residents of this county.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at ----- . I appreciate your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

*Advancing the wellness
and leadership capacity
of Latino populations.*



*Avanzando el bienestar
y la capacidad de liderazgo
de la gente Latina.*

October 16, 2024

To the California Air Resources Board – Community Air Grant Team,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (Sac-EJC.org) air grant application. As the region's only Latino-focused organization whose team of promotores conduct home visits to our disadvantaged Latino populations, we see first-hand the pollutions in our poorer communities. The regional Sacramento health needs assessment by our local hospitals report disproportionate damage that poor air quality and PM 2.5 have on historically marginalized and low-income communities. Extreme weather and other precarious climate-related situations require that more grassroots efforts be supported to build awareness and resilience.

We have witnessed the dedication of the Sac-EJC partners in amplifying the voices of our marginalized communities and encourage CARB to support that Sac-EJC's community driven initiatives are the answer to doing this incredibly difficult work. They have the reach and the reputation: they are conducting successful outreach and education programs, and their newly proposed air quality monitoring systems for emissions that cause severe harm on human health due to diesel exhaust emissions will be crucial to these changes.

Our most vulnerable community members are one paycheck away from chaos, and Sac-EJC's coalition building experience will be a great contribution to bringing equity to the health and wellbeing of the residents of this county, regardless of the language they speak or other barriers they face.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about our experiences with Sac-EJC and our conviction that they have the capacity and trust of marginalized and multi-ethnic communities to make a difference. You may reach me at Elisa@LatinoLeadershipCouncil.org or via 530-333-3283.

Respectfully,

Elisa A. Herrera
Founding Executive Director