

# September 23, 2024 Steering Committee Meeting

## Recruitment Applicants

**Name:** Jamallah Green

**Type of Member:** Resident

**Nearest Cross Streets:** Encinal Ave and 24<sup>th</sup> Street

**How are you connected to the South Sacramento/Florin community?**

I live here.

**Why do you want to serve on the Air Quality Steering Committee?**

I will like to serve on this committee to learn what initiatives are being put in place regarding air quality in my community. I want to learn more about air quality and how it affects my community. I have lived in this area most of my life. I am wondering how the air quality has changed with factories closing on 47th avenue.

**Are you connected to any organizations, clubs, teams, or groups in the South Sac/Florin community, and are any of these youth oriented?**

I used to work for a non-profit to support Black Child Legacy. It was based in oak park, and youth oriented.

**What skills, experience, or knowledge will you bring to the Committee to help serve the community?**

I have been involved in social services for the last 7 years. I have lived in this area since the age of nine, and I am raising my own child in this area. I want to learn about what I can do to bring awareness to my community.

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**Name:** Sarina Rodriguez

**Type of Member:** Resident

**Nearest Cross Streets:** 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bradford Drive

**How are you connected to the South Sacramento/Florin community?**

I live here.

**Why do you want to serve on the Air Quality Steering Committee?**

Air is among the four sacred elements that all life forms get to share and enjoy. However, we are veering in the wrong direction - away from living in balance with our other living relatives, like the plant and animal kingdoms. What's worse - we are off-balance among ourselves. Some communities suffer from worse air quality than compared to others, but overall air quality for all communities has gotten severely worse in Sacramento County since I've been alive (almost three decades). Serving on this committee allows me to speak up and represent my neighborhood and some of the air issues we have around us. But beyond just air, my community suffers more from water pollution, trash and litter, noise pollution, and poverty. All of these things - while not directly about air - are important environmental justice issues that should be addressed alongside protecting our air quality. Finally, I am a grad student in public health, and I am aware of the important ramifications of poor air quality, particularly on young developing lungs and pregnant women. Healthy communities start with healthy environments that foster growth and harmony. By serving on this committee, I commit myself to advocate whenever and however possible, to hear my community's concerns about air, to share resources and information about what's going on with our air, and to uplift the voices of my fellow committee members who may or may not have the same shared experiences and background as me.

**Are you connected to any organizations, clubs, teams, or groups in the South Sac/Florin community, and are any of these youth oriented?**

I am an active member in a danza Azteca, or Aztec dancing, group here in Sacramento. Our organization hosts families and individuals from around the Greater Sacramento region, but our leaders and teachers all live in the South Sac/Florin area. This organization welcomes all members of the community to participate, but our group has many children and young adults. We foster an environment of learning and each adult takes their responsibility as a role model to the youth very seriously. We celebrate ceremonies in which the young boys and girls in our dance group transition to young men and women who are committed to serving their communities and representing their culture.

**What skills, experience, or knowledge will you bring to the Committee to help serve the community?**

I have an academic background in equitable health policy and community-engaged research, including methods like Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) and Community-Based Participatory Action Research (CBPAR). As a former staff researcher at UC Davis, I used to work for the Community Engagement Core at the Environmental Health Sciences Center, where I worked alongside Dr. Jonathan London and Dr. Irva Hertz-Picciotto. Here, I learned about AB 617 and supported some work in the Central Valley with some listening sessions with the TAG.