

**Comment 1 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Juan

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Affiliation:

Subject: Having San Ysidro (and Otay Mesa) selected as an AB617 community

Comment:

Hello,

My name is Juan Ochoa and am a resident of San Ysidro and have the honor of being the Social Equity Coordinator at Casa Familiar Inc, a nonprofit org serving South SD. I am writing in support of having the International Border Community in the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (San Diego APCD) selected as an AB617 community to develop both a community air monitoring plan and a community emissions reduction program.

The 905 highway works as a truck route from the Port of San Diego to the US-Mexico truck border crossing in Otay Mesa and has the highest volume of trucks of the US-Mex border in CA. Being included as an AB 617 community will allow focused efforts, additional funding opportunities for implementation and address the need of reducing air pollution within our often-underserved communities and together increase the quality of life and wellbeing. Thank you.

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**Comment 2 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
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Affiliation:

Subject: San Ysidro as AB617 Community

Comment:

Casa Familiar's community air quality study has provided a closer look at recent data during the pandemic. Recent mobile monitoring from San Diego's Air Pollution Control District demonstrated higher levels of PM and Black Carbon in San Ysidro than in the rest of the County. Casa Familiar supports the recommendation for San Ysidro and Otay Mesa to be selected as an AB617 community.

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**Comment 3 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
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First Name: Jasmin

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Affiliation:

Subject: Public Comment Letter for CARB Fourth Annual Community Selection  
Comment:

Please refer to the attached file for our comment letter signed by the Central Valley Air Quality Coalition, Central California Environmental Justice Network, Valley Improvement Projects, Little Manila Rising, Central California Asthma Collaborative, Clean Water Action, Madera Coalition for Community Justice, and Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability.

Attachment: 'www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/7-ab6172021selection-UiJSIVY1VWoKZQFi.pdf'

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**Comment 4 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
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Affiliation: Casa Familiar

Subject: San Diego's International Border Communities  
Comment:

Dear CARB Board,

My name is Alejandro Amador and I am a resident of San Ysidro and the Environmental Programs Supervisor at Casa Familiar. I want to express my support and the dire need for San Diego's International Border Communities to be selected for this round of AB617 communities.

The high amount of pollution that comes from the unique dynamic of hosting the largest land port of entry in the Northern Hemisphere needs to be monitored and regulated locally, at a community level, to appropriately address the issue and lessen the burden on the most vulnerable. Studies in San Ysidro have shown that there is a correlation between border wait times and the amount of pollution in the community, in addition to other sources that impact the air quality in the community. Both communities, San Ysidro and Otay Mesa, have the 905-highway bordering the North side of the communities as the designated truck route from the 5-interstate to the US-Mex border. Local strategies and enforcements will need to be set in place to address the large amount of heavy duty freight trucks caused by this corridor and prevent the rise in pollution the rapid expansion of Amazon and other companies' warehouses in the border communities are set to bring.

San Ysidro, a residency-heavy area, and Otay Mesa, heavily industrial but expanding in housing rapidly in the upcoming years, both need regulatory monitoring and the development of a Community Emission Reduction Plan to take a step towards environmental justice in this region.

Thank you,  
Alejandro Amador

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**Comment 5 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
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Affiliation:

Subject: San Ysidro - AB617 Selection  
Comment:

See attachment for comment.

Attachment: 'www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/9-ab6172021selection-  
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**Comment 6 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Brenda

Last Name: Garcia Millan

Email Address: [brenda@climateactioncampaign.org](mailto:brenda@climateactioncampaign.org)

Affiliation:

Subject: Support for San Diego's International Border Community Application

Comment:

My name is Brenda Garcia Millan and I'm a research and policy analyst at Climate Action Campaign, a nonprofit organization located in San Diego and Orange County. I am also a resident at Otay-Nestor, one of the many communities impacted by toxic air pollution coming from the international border.

I would like to express my support to include the International Border Community in the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (San Diego APCD) for the development of a community air monitoring plan and a community emissions reduction program. Air pollution particularly impacts low income minority communities on both sides of the border due to close proximity to one of the busiest border crossings in the world and to maquiladoras and energy plants. Many of these communities have been heavily impacted by COVID19 due to the high rate of respiratory conditions. It is time to implement strategies that can bring justice to our communities and protect the lives of our residents. Thank you.

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**Comment 7 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Alianna

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Affiliation: Coliseum College Prep Academy

Subject: AB 617 2021 Selection

Comment:

Please see the attached letter from Alianna Amaya, Emily Aguilar and Giovanni Alvarez, students at Coliseum College Prep Academy in East Oakland. The text is also copied below. Thank you

Alianna Amaya  
Emily Aguilar  
Giovanni Alvarez  
In care of Coliseum College Prep Academy  
1390 66th Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94621

January 31, 2022

California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Randolph and Boardmembers,

We, the undersigned, are a group of seniors at Coliseum College Prep Academy, a public highschool and middle school located at 1390 66th Avenue in East Oakland. We are participating in an air quality and climate internship through our school.

We are writing to support naming East Oakland a priority community for a Community Emission Reduction Plan, because, compared to the vast majority of California communities, East Oakland has higher rates of polluted air with higher risk of health conditions and health problems.

Pollution problems in East Oakland include diesel pollution from petroleum fuel burned by trucks and trains that go through the neighborhood. Our school is located in a neighborhood in the 78th Percentile on Calenviroscreen for diesel. Trains run along San Leandro Blvd; trucks are common on I 880 going to and from the Port of Oakland, and also going to the airport, which is right here in East Oakland. Other vehicles, besides trucks and trains, add to the pollution. Busy streets include International Blvd, Hegenberger Blvd. and others. People who live near schools are exposed to lots of car exhaust during school drop-offs and pick-ups.

Industrial pollution is also a problem. Hexavalent Chromium comes from the AB & I Foundry near San Leandro Blvd and 77th Avenue.



Even trash can be an air pollution problem in East Oakland. We see trash in our streets, especially when we walk home from school. Not only is it a source of odors, trash can be moldy, and send mold spores into the air, along with other possible contaminants.

Wildfires are becoming more frequent as well. And even though those fires aren't in East Oakland they affect East Oakland residents, and can be a big problem for kids and people who have asthma.

The consequences of air pollution are becoming more frequent because the air quality is getting worse with wildfires; we need to make sure that we don't make it even worse in East Oakland by adding more local air pollution.

The health effects of air pollution are already a real problem in East Oakland. These health effects include respiratory and cardiovascular problems. CCPA is located in a neighborhood in the 100th Percentile on CalEnviroScreen for asthma, and the 90th percentile for cardiovascular disease.  
<https://www.epa.gov/particle-pollution-and-your-patients-health/health-effects-pm-patients-lung-disease>

For many residents in East Oakland, who have asthma these problems hit home. One of the interns in our group, Emily Aguilar, knows that her mother and brother, who have asthma, have more trouble breathing when they go outside and there's a lot of trash. When the wildfires were bad in 2020 her mother and brother couldn't go outside for anything because they would have trouble breathing. The wildfires meant that her brother had to miss school until everything calmed down.

The pandemic has hit East Oakland particularly hard as well. Comparing case rates in Oakland zip codes:  
CCPA's zip code (94621) has seen 26040.1 reported cases per 100,000 residents.  
Deep East Oakland's zip code (94603) has seen 26105.4 cases per 100,000 residents  
Fruitvale zip codes have had 22527.8 cases per 10,000 residents.  
This compares to the more affluent Rockridge zip code, 94618, where there have been 8,934 cases reported per 100,000 residents.

East Oakland needs support to develop a Community Emission Reduction Plan that gives our residents the same chance to breathe clean, healthy air as wealthier Californians. That plan needs to lower the health risks we face. It also should help East Oakland residents stay safe in the face of climate change. We are all agreed that climate change is not prioritized as it should be. It's important that we talk about it and have more action, so that we can slow the impacts for the future. Climate protection and climate resilience are social justice questions because if you look at statistics you can see who is getting impacted more by climate change. That is clearly low income communities of color, which is tied to historic and ongoing racial and economic injustices that are happening every day.

Some of the solutions that need to be talked about:  
Keeping our communities safe and healthy in the face of wildfire smoke and other climate change impacts without adding to the air quality burden or adding more greenhouse gasses

(Example air filtration systems,with clean energy and backup storage to keep the power on during wildfire season)  
Better, eco-friendly technology in lower income communities  
(combining water and heat to use less fuel, solar power with back-up storage,  
Ensuring that communities near schools aren't exposed to unfair amounts of pollution from cars

All in all, we think these reasons and plans are important for the betterment of our communities. We hope to see noticeable change in east Oakland.

We thank you for your careful consideration of these crucial matters. We look forward to receiving information on the plan in the future. You can reach us at:  
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alianna.amaya04@gmail.com  
giovannialvarez142@gmail.com

Best,

Alianna Amaya, Emily Aguilar and Giovanni Alvarez

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**Comment 8 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
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First Name: Heather

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Affiliation:

Subject: Letter of Support for Selection of Border Communities for next CERP - City of San Diego

Comment:

Please find attached a letter of support for the International Border Community in the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD) to be selected to develop both a community air monitoring plan and a community emissions reduction program.

Attachment: 'www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/13-ab6172021selection-WzcBaFEjVihRNAdm.pdf'

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**Comment 9 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Kenya  
Last Name: Sevilla  
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Affiliation: Casa Familiar

Subject: AB617- San Ysidro  
Comment:

Dear CARB Board,

My name is Kenya Sevilla and I am the San Diego Promise Neighborhood Supervisor at Casa Familiar. I am to express my support and the dire need for San Diego's International Border Communities to be selected for this round of AB617 communities. San Ysidro is greatly impacted by high pollution levels and should be selected as an AB617 community. As a community organizer, residents are constantly mentioning how the high levels of pollution have impacted their children academic performance. When inhaled, the smog irritates our airways and increases the risk of heart and lung disease. These health risks are one of the reasons for chronic absenteeism in the San Ysidro School District. In order to have healthier children, we need to be selected as an AB617 Community and prioritize their health.

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**Comment 10 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Monica

Last Name: Hernandez

Email Address: monicah@casafamiliar.org

Affiliation: Casa Familiar/SD Parks Foundation

Subject: Selection of San Ysidro as an AB617 community

Comment:

Dear CARB Board,

My name is Monica. I am life-long San Ysidro resident, a board member of the San Diego Parks Foundation and the Development & Social Impact Officer for Casa Familiar.

I want to express my support and the dire need for San Diego's international border communities to be selected for this round of AB617 communities.

San Ysidro is the border community directly adjacent to the Tijuana, Mexico border. Our community is greatly impacted by high levels of air pollution directly linked to the long border waiting lines at the busiest land port of entry to and from the United States. People from our community suffer from a disproportionate amount of asthma cases and other breathing-related issues. That's why it is crucial for border communities to be selected for AB617.

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**Comment 11 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Gregorio

Last Name: Ortiz

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Affiliation:

Subject: San Diego borders communities inclusion into AB617

Comment:

My Name is Goyo Ortiz,

I am the community development choreographer at Casa Familiar in San Ysidro.

I wanted to comment on the necessary to select and incorporate the San Diego border communities into the current round of AB617 communities.

San Ysidro is surrounded by 3 freeways, and is adjacent to the busiest land border entry in North America. The San Ysidro/ Tijuana border has wait times for vehicles north and southbound with a load of 60,000 vehicles crossing each way on a daily basis, having a severe impact on the local community.  
Thank you for your consideration.

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## **Comment 12 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program – Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Jill

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Affiliation: Rose Foundation for Communities & the En

Subject: AB 617 2021 Selection

Comment:

Chair Liane M. Randolph  
Members of the Board  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95812

Support: AB 627 Selection of East Oakland as a Priority Community  
for Community Emission Reduction Planning

January 31, 2022

Dear Chair Randolph and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment, I write to express our strong support for the selection of East Oakland as a priority community to develop a Community Emission Reduction Plan under Assembly Bill 617.

For more than a decade, the Rose Foundation's New Voices Are Rising program has worked with high school and college age youth who live in East Oakland and/or attend school in East Oakland. Over the years, many of our students have dealt with recurring asthma flare-ups, or have watched family members or friends deal with them. In that time, our East Oakland students have consistently expressed deep concern about the health impacts of air pollution in their community.

Our East Oakland students' concerns about poor air have grown over the past few years, when wildfire smoke has added to the ongoing pollution burdens they experience: from industrial sources like the AB & I Foundry and Nautilus Society Crematorium; from the nearby airport; from heavy truck traffic on the 880 freeway and on truck routes that run through the neighborhoods; and from freight trains paralleling the freeway that carry goods from all over the country. The COVID 19 pandemic has only added more reasons to be concerned. East Oakland has been hit particularly hard by the pandemic; the 28-day average test positivity rate for the East Oakland 94621 zip code currently exceeds 30% - considerably higher than the 22.5% 7-day average statewide positivity rate at the most recent peak.

The intense fire seasons of the past several years, and the choking smoke that has blanketed their community have also ramped up the

level of concern that our students express about climate change. They are committed to finding ways to protect their community from damage from heatwaves, power disruptions, and smoke events while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving local air quality. Their commitment needs to be reflected in a truly community-driven emission reduction plan as well.

East Oakland needs a community-driven emission reduction plan that will make it possible for East Oakland residents, including East Oakland youth, to chart a path to healthy air and a livable future.

We strongly endorse the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's nomination of East Oakland to be among the next round of California communities to develop a Community Emission Reduction Plan.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Jill Ratner  
Board President and Senior Program Adviser  
Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment.  
jratner@rosefdn.org / 510914-9229

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**Comment 13 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Mariano

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Affiliation: San Ysidro Resident

Subject: Consideration for San Ysidro/Otay Mesa as community in AB617 Air Protection Program

Comment:

I would like voice my support for the selection of the San Ysidro/Otay Mesa community region for addition into the AB617 programs. This border region is a significant and growing land port of entry for the state and country, for both commercial and industrial freight. The surrounding community of professional and working class residents need to have their health and safety considered for our region to continue to grow and thrive. CARBs programs have provided reliable and invaluable data to help measure and identify unseen risk to the region. My family has had the pleasure to be part of this community over several generations and we would all love to see an increased investment in measuring the effects pollution. With additional programs in place through CARB, we can assure the growth of our economy sustainably and improve the health of my community well into the future.

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**Comment 1 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Colleen

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Affiliation:

Subject: AB 617 Community Air Protection Program - International Border Community  
Comment:

Dear CARB Board,

My name is Colleen FitzSimons and I am a resident of San Diego. I want to express my support for San Diego's International Border Communities to be selected for this round of AB617 communities. The monitoring site in San Ysidro constantly reported higher levels of Black Carbon than the rest of the monitoring sites in San Diego during 2020. As a majority (92%) Latinx community with 21% of San Ysidro's population living below the federal poverty level - we must start the process of addressing these disparities by developing a community emissions reduction program. Therefore, San Diego's International Border Community should be selected as an AB617 community.

Thank you.

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**Comment 2 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program –  
Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection). (At Hearing)**

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Affiliation:

Subject: California Air Resources Board Meeting -- Public Comment (written)

Comment:

Please see attached.

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## **Comment 3 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program – Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Mauro

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Affiliation:

Subject: AB 617 4TH year selections

Comment:

Comments on AB 617 4TH year selections.

Congratulations on another year of AB 617, and associated funding. I'm sure the Board Hearing will be filled with praise for CARB's Success!

However, you should know that CARB is potentially incentivizing a Sewage to Power plant directly across the street from South Sacramento's AB 617 community boundaries. The community was not made aware of this, and it's CEQA exempt, despite trenching, and significant construction work there, so info is hard to get. Do you envision a scenario where they don't get LCFS or Cap & Trade credits? This is the same location as a Title V facility that managed to escape AB 617 scrutiny, because the boundaries stopped across the street from it. The air district fought for that.

The gentleman in the attached picture lives directly across, the railroad tracks, from the AB 617 boundaries. The boundaries stop about 150 feet short of his house. His house is, arguably, wracked by more pollution than 95% of the AB 617 area. He never heard of AB 617, or the sewage to power plant. No one in his neighborhood that I spoke with (about 15 people) heard about either. He said he has asthma, as do many around him. It's hard to get information outside of what the news reports.

Arguably, the communities surrounding the AB 617 boundaries are considerably more disadvantaged than the community within them.

Your Board includes many folks who also serve on Air District Boards, and as politicians tasked with bringing business to their community. That's part of the problem. As a Board paralyzed by the moderates' desire for a peace based on a lack tension, as described Dr. King, the rest of the Board will punt to a Board member if it's their area. Is that how justice works, or fiefdoms?

The South Sacramento Steering Community has still not taken the tour of permitted facilities. They took a tour that purposefully avoided them.

So, as you celebrate another year of success, know that the injustices inflicted on South Sacramento in the name of AB 617, have been swept under the rug. And every praise for future communities while the injustice continues South Sacramento, tarnishes that praise. And it makes the injustice against the most vulnerable that were left behind, even worse.

Albert Einstein once said, "It is better to be of value to society,  
than to be a success."

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## **Comment 4 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program – Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Janet

Last Name: Johnson

Email Address: sunflowerjsj@gmail.com

Affiliation: Sunflower Alliance

Subject: Sewage to Power Plant in South Sacramento

Comment:

I'm commenting for a South Sacramento advocate who fears retaliation if he speaks out.

"Congratulations on another year of AB 617 and associated funding. I'm sure this meeting will be filled with praise from CARB staff and Board for CARB's successes.

"CARB is potentially incentivizing a Sewage to Power plant across the street from South Sacramento's AB 617 community. The community was not informed about this; it's CEQA exempt, despite trenching and significant construction work that will occur there. Do you envision a scenario where they don't get LCFS or Cap & Trade credits? A Title V facility located there managed to escape AB 617 scrutiny because the boundary was drawn across the street. The Air District fought for that.

"We talked to a resident whose home is located about 150 feet short of the AB 617 boundaries. His neighborhood, home to logistics centers and large auto body shops, suffers from worse pollution than 95% of the AB 617 area. He's never heard of AB 617 or the Sewage to Power plant. We talked to about 15 of his neighbors, and none of them had heard about it either. This resident said he has asthma, as do many of his neighbors.

"Your Board includes folks who also serve on Air District Boards and are politicians tasked with bringing in business, which is part of the problem. The Board is paralyzed by its moderates' desire for a "peace based on lack of tension," as described Dr. King. The rest of the Board will defer to them if the issues lie in their area. Is that how justice works?

"To the best of our knowledge, the South Sacramento Steering Committee has still not taken the tour of permitted facilities. They took a tour that purposefully avoided them.

"So, as you celebrate another year of success, I hope you're aware that the injustices inflicted on this community in the name of AB 617 have been swept under the rug. And every praise for future communities, while the injustice continues in this community, tarnishes that praise, and it makes the injustice against the many disadvantaged even worse.

"South Sacramento is more of a sacrifice zone than a vibrant community at this point. I hope you will not add insult to injury and allow this project to move forward."

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## **Comment 5 for Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program – Fourth Annual Selection of Communities (ab6172021selection). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Nelson

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Affiliation:

Subject: Comment on AB 617 due on 2/10/22

Comment:

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background: white;">ab6172021selection</span></strong></p>
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the problem. As a Board paralyzed by the moderates' desire for a peace based on a lack tension, as described by Dr. King, the rest of the Board will punt to a Board member if it's their area. Is that how justice works, or fiefdoms?

To the best of my knowledge, the South Sacramento Steering Community has still not taken the tour of permitted facilities. They took a tour that purposefully avoided them. (see attached)

So, as you celebrate another year of success, know that the injustices inflicted on South Sacramento in the name of AB 617, have been swept under the rug. And every praise for future communities while the injustice continues south sacramento, tarnishes that praise. And it makes the injustice against the most vulnerable that were left behind, even worse.

Albert Einstein once said, "It is better to be of value to society, than to be a success."

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