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Community Resource Project, Inc. (CRP, Inc.) is a 47-year old non-profit organization based in Sacramento, founded in 1972 by three Latino community leaders, to provide much-needed services to low-income and disadvantaged communities. Community Resource Project's mission has evolved to provide a variety of programs in Energy Efficiency and Weatherization services, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) -Health programs and Education and help with information to savings on their utility bill which in turn provides additional income for other necessary items. We provide these services for the elderly, disabled, disadvantaged families, Veterans, low income and single parent households.

The needs of the families, individuals and communities that CRP serves on a daily basis are wide ranging. Many individuals especially children and elderly suffer from asthma due to living near freeways and in industrial areas with many large trucks passing by. There's a lack of grocery stores from which to purchase quality food for better health and nutrition. Quality medical services are difficult find in the neighborhood to conduct necessary screenings and prevent illness, and provide nutritional education for mother's and children. Multiple families live together in single family homes to offset the high cost of rent in the area and most of the homes are older, neglected and need upgrades which include heating and air conditioning, and weatherization. The older homes can contain mold and asbestos further complicating the health and wellness of the elderly, infants and children and breastfeeding mothers. Rent costs are high and apartment complexes are tough to locate. There is also the necessary requirements of first and last month's rent, security deposits and start-up costs for utilities for families without disposable income or savings. These are just of few of the many needs that must be addressed for our disadvantaged communities.

The impact that this committee can have is two-fold. The first is identifying a second distressed community besides South Sacramento. This new community area has been identified as the Northeast Natomas/I-80 Corridor near Northgate and Norwood Avenues. The second impact is providing Air Monitoring stations nearby and additional resources and monies for agencies such as CRP to expand upon the help we are providing. Community Resource Project has disbursed over \$6 Million dollars in energy efficiency benefits to 11,600 low income households in Sacramento, Sutter and Yuba Counties in 2018 alone. 83% of the recipient households have at least one vulnerable member in the home, 40% have persons 60 years of age or older, 31% have children under 6 years old, and 15% have a person living with a disability. Imagine the positive impact that could be made with additional funds and resources dedicated to improving the lives of those that are most vulnerable living in challenging circumstances. We are asking for the California Air Resources Board to provide the assistance where it is needed most. Thank you.

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