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In Riverside County, we have one of the highest rates of ozone and particle pollution in the nation. What we have here is poor air quality and bad jobs - a combination that is taking a toll on our community's health. A report by the CA Dept of Public Health confirmed that in Riverside county, up to 30% of asthma cases in adults was caused by exposure to pollutants in the workplace. The only people benefitting from these conditions are those that profit from the fossil fuel and goods movement industries - industries that excessively contaminate our communities.

This problem will only worsen if we continue to build large freight facilities like the new warehouses and distribution facilities in Perris and Moreno Valley without taking action and establishing policies that prevent further deterioration of our air quality →

Zero Emissions truck rule, for example would be a good first step to protecting our environment and our families. We are asking that the ARB step up to the plate to protect our community and support a zero-emissions truck rule.