

# AGENDA

East Oakland AB 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meeting #6  
Date & Time: Thursday, March 9th, 2023, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm PDT  
Virtual Facilitator: Aiyahna Johnson and Charles Reed, CSC Co-Chairs  
Note-taker: Amy Chu, Just Cities (JC)  
Co-Chairs: Aiyahna Johnson and Charles Reed  
CBE: Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)  
Air District: Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)  
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85787941453>

Website with Meeting Materials and Meeting Video Recording:  
<https://www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/community-health-protection-program/east-oakland-community-emissions-reduction-plan>

Time	Topic
6:00 pm	<b>Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda</b> (14 mins; 6:00-6:14 PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Interpretation and Welcome (9 mins)</li><li>● Initial Meeting Agreement (4 mins)</li><li>● CERP Timeline (1 min)</li></ul>
6:14 pm	<b>Charter Overview and Potential Vote</b> (90 mins; 6:14-7:44PM)
7:45 pm	<b>East Oakland Environmental Justice (EJ) Announcements and Updates</b> (12 mins; 7:45-7:57 PM)
7:58pm	<b>Next Steps and Close Out</b> (2 mins; 7:58-8:00 PM)

# MEETING NOTES

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6:14 pm	<p><b>Charter Overview and Potential Vote</b> (90 mins; 6:14-7:44PM)</p>	<p><b>VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:14:55 - 01:44:39</b></p> <p>Karissa White from AD presented on <i>Charter Overview and Potential Vote</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The agenda included an overview of each</li> </ul>

		<p>charter section incorporating feedback from CSC #5, pausing for questions after each section, followed by allocated discussion time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The sections covered in the charter are: Statement of Purpose and Committee Objectives, Membership, Roles and Responsibilities, Standard Committee Meeting Procedures, Amendments, and Participation Principles.</li> <li>● Once passed, amendments to the charter are possible with a majority vote (50%+1 of the votes) at a CSC meeting.</li> </ul> <p>CSC Charter Discussion:</p> <p><b>Statement of Purpose and Committee Objectives, and Membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CSC members discussed the topic of no stipends for non-voting CSC members, including 3 industry and government representatives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A CSC member stated that members should be compensated for their participation, whether they are community members receiving a stipend from the Air District or government/industry staff paid by their employers to attend meetings.</li> <li>○ An industry representative CSC member stated they would be willing to return past stipends.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● CSC members proposed for the CSC funds that would have gone to member stipends to be reallocated to community efforts. Ideas included funds to expand community participation opportunities to surveys and interviews, increase youth engagement, and support recruiting local businesses.</li> <li>● A CSC member suggested that charter language include youth and seniors in East Oakland. A CSC member suggested frame language for people who <i>breathe the air in East Oakland or live, work, play, or go to school in East Oakland</i>.</li> <li>● A CSC member brought up concerns about the phrasing “quantifiable emissions reduction</li> </ul>
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targets” as a sufficient goal to address the “community’s air pollution challenges,” and was skeptical that the CERP process will achieve a tangible impact and reach different outcomes than past regulations.

- Multiple CSC members expressed concerns about the budget uncertainties and reallocating unused CSC stipend funds. The topic of using funds to recruit additional paid CSC members from the community was discussed.
  - A CSC member stated that the current number of CSC members, 25, can be difficult to manage and reach a group consensus.
  - Another CSC member stated that engaging a broader group of community members was the priority.
  - Multiple CSC members stated wanting to know more about the CSC budget before moving forward with the charter process.
  - Anna Lee, from the Air District, responded that the budget can be a separate conversation and that funds can also go towards other items, not just member stipends.

Diana Benitez, from Just Cities, facilitated a temperature check to see whether CSC members agreed with making government and industry CSC members non-voting members. A majority of present voting CSC members, 14 out of 20 agreed.

CSC Charter Discussion Continued:

**Roles and Responsibilities and Standard Committee Meeting Procedures**

- Multiple CSC members brought up COVID protocols and mask expectations.
- Multiple CSC members brought up transportation stipends and ride-share logistics.
  - Anna Lee, from the Air District, responded that they will include a transportation reimbursement process

and follow up on the Air District end for policies.

- Multiple CSC members brought up stipends for childcare and promoting reproductive justice values and rephrasing “childwatch” to “childcare”.
  - A CSC member offered to stop receiving DoorDash gift cards to reallocate towards childcare and other needs, though expressing concerns for the limited budget.
- A CSC member suggested using open language in the accessibility section (transportation and childcare) that does not include every detail or example but covers CSC member needs.
- A CSC member suggested changing individual contact emails in the charter to a general email for long-term accuracy.
  - Anna Lee, from the Air District, responded to implement the general AB 617 Air District email inbox for future contacts.
- A Spanish-speaking CSC member brought up interpretation logistics and whether there would be interpretative services at smaller meetings, particularly with Co-Chairs.
  - A Co-Chair expressed that interpretative services will be available at monthly CSC meetings and other meetings with Co-chairs.
- A CSC member mentioned that this CSC can learn from other CERP charters and can pull from those.
  - Karissa White, from the Air District, responded that the East Oakland charter draft was created from other CERP charters and charter requirements, then presented to the CSC for modifications.
  - A CSC member mentioned the West Oakland Community Action Plan and Community Action Committee.
- A CSC member asked if the process could extend past the initial 12-month deadline.
  - Anna Lee, from the Air District,

		<p>responded affirmatively that this is expected to be a 2-year process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple CSC members stated that the discussion and suggestions from the last CSC meeting were not fully carried over to this charter version, making it difficult to vote.</li> <li>Karissa White, from the Air District, presented the two options to 1) vote to adopt the charter today with pending edits to the accessibility section or 2) wait to vote at a future meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Items brought up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple CSC members inquired about a contact organization process and suggested a CSC directory where emails are shared only with other CSC members, or a communication group such as Google Group. A CSC member expressed that having the co-chair emails was necessary for communication. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The co-chairs give consent to share their emails.</li> <li>The Air District will create a CSC contact spreadsheet to share with the CSC members.</li> </ul> </li> <li>CSC members brought up methods for youth engagement, including having East Oakland high school campus representatives.</li> </ul> <p>Diana Benitez, from Just Cities, facilitated a temperature check to see if CSC members were not ready for a charter vote today. A majority of the present voting CSC members, 12 out of 20, indicated they were not ready to vote on the charter at the moment.</p>
7:45 pm	<p><b>East Oakland Environmental Justice (EJ) Announcements and Updates</b> (12 mins; 7:45-7:57 PM)</p>	<p><a href="#">VIDEO TIME STAMP: 01:44:39 - 01:58:20</a></p> <p>Aiyahna Johnson, CSC Co-Chair, presented on <i>East Oakland Environmental Justice (EJ) Announcements and Updates</i></p> <p>Ratha Lai, from Critical Impact Consulting, presented on the <a href="#">Spare the Air Resources Team</a></p>

- Spare the Air Resources Team is a program from the AD from the 1990s, serving Bay Area communities to expand alternative modes of transportation. A couple of years ago, AD made the decision to shift to EJ communities. As lead consultant, Ratha is helping restart the resource teams, discontinuing the previous 9 research teams and going with 4 research teams that parallel the AB 617 communities.
- Contact Ratha Lai, Founder & Director of Critical Impact Consulting at [Ratha@CriticalImpactConsulting.com](mailto:Ratha@CriticalImpactConsulting.com)

Brandon Kitagawa, from Regional Asthma Management Prevention, presented about the partnership with Healthy Housing Champions out of La Clinica

- The Healthy Housing Champions have a campaign to address the lack of movement in Oakland around lead settlement funds. The settlement funds, gained by the City of Oakland in the past decade, are meant to be used for lead remediation, home hazards, and other matters such as soil contamination.
- The Healthy Housing Champions are reaching out to community members to gauge their interest, share their letter to the Mayor, and gather petition signatures.
  - English Letter to the Mayor: <http://www.rampasthma.org/D:Web%20Siteswww.rampasthma.orgwp-content/uploads/2023/02/HH-Champions-Letter-to-Mayor-English.pdf>
  - Spanish Letter to the Mayor: <http://www.rampasthma.org/D:Web%20Siteswww.rampasthma.orgwp-content/uploads/2023/02/HH-Champions-Letter-to-Mayor-Spanish.pdf>
  - Petition (English): <https://forms.gle/kR7zSDq9sp436KSt5>
  - Petition (Spanish): <https://forms.gle/7ntFrhttW496dgmRA>
- A CSC member stated this was the first they were hearing about the asthma program and that there is a big issue with paint on the street, lead, asthma, and allergies. The member emphasizes the importance of telling the City of Oakland that the funds are needed.

Other EJ announcements included in the presentation slides

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health Summit at Castlemont High School, Friday, April 28th from 9:30am-12:30pm. Contact: Emily Frank, <a href="mailto:emily.frank@ousd.org">emily.frank@ousd.org</a>. If interested, fill out <a href="#">this form</a> no later than April 1st.</li> <li>Community Steering Committee profiles featured on CBE’s East Oakland website. Contact: Lujain Al-Saleh, <a href="mailto:lujain@cbeocal.org">lujain@cbeocal.org</a></li> </ul> <p>CSC members and members of the public shared information on upcoming events and programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A CSC member shared information about The New Voices are Rising Summer Academy with an open application period. The Academy is a 6-week environmental justice summer academy from June - July focused on air quality, housing justice, food justice, and more. Youth ages 14 - 18 are able to apply and will be compensated. For more information, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/2023nvrsummer">https://bit.ly/2023nvrsummer</a> or contact Mykela Patton at <a href="mailto:mpatton@rosefdn.org">mpatton@rosefdn.org</a>.</li> <li>A CSC member shared that the first draft of the Oakland General Plan Environmental Justice Element will be released at the end of March for a 60-day public comment period. The CSC member will share the official date of release with the CSC co-leads.</li> </ul> <p>Following the CSC meetings, all EJ announcements will be included in the EJ updates and announcements document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Sc6RGIFWuNkZpK3oqgVCB8-MyTScHBtY7KFnClnjaAo/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Sc6RGIFWuNkZpK3oqgVCB8-MyTScHBtY7KFnClnjaAo/edit?usp=sharing</a></li> <li>Spanish: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c8FDBovySq0kdSTazi1wefEisUwZjZnXsxoTIZ8PgHc/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c8FDBovySq0kdSTazi1wefEisUwZjZnXsxoTIZ8PgHc/edit?usp=sharing</a></li> </ul>
7:58pm	<b>Next steps and Close Out</b> (2 mins; 7:58-8:00 PM)	<p>VIDEO TIME STAMP: 01:58:20 - 01:59:59</p> <p>Next CSC meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 6-8pm.</p>