

East Oakland Community Emission Reduction Plan
(CERP)

Community Steering Committee Meeting #14

November 09, 2023



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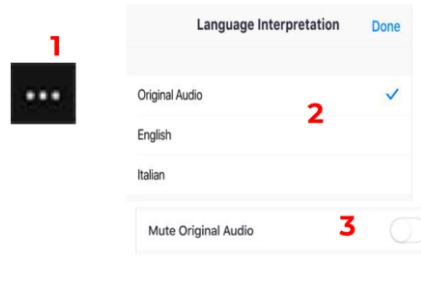
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Welcome

Co-Chairs: Aiyahna Johnson, Charles Reed, Mykela Patton

Meeting Objectives

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- The CSC hears an overview of:
 - **Where we have been** (Technical highlights & what we have heard from the CSC)
 - **Where we are now** (Community Mapping Presentation)
 - **Where we are going** (Clear next steps for Strategy Development)
- Attendees participate in an exercise that allows them to share what resonates with them and builds confidence for both the Co-leads and the CSC that we are moving towards shared Focus Areas and Strategy Development.
- The CSC leaves the meeting confident that the Co-leads have incorporated their lived experiences, while grounded in the technical information.

Meeting Agenda

Agenda:

- **Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda** (10 mins; 6:00-6:10 PM)
- **Where have we been?** Community Voices and Technical Highlights (20 mins; 6:10-6:30 PM)
- **Where are we now?** East Oakland Community Mapping Results (35 mins; 6:30 - 7:05 PM)
- **Break** (5 mins; 7:05 - 7:10 PM)
- **Where are we going?** Discussion and Next Steps (35 mins; 7:10 - 7:45 PM)
- **Environmental Justice (EJ) Announcements and Updates** (14 mins; 7:45-7:59 PM)
- **Next Steps and Close Out** (7:59 PM)

Initial Meeting Agreements or Notes for Participation

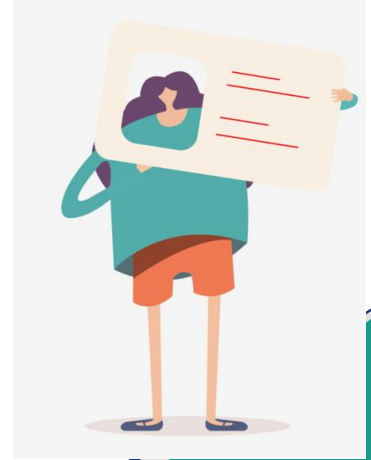
- One mic, one voice: use Raised Hand function under Reactions at the bottom of your screen
- Grace for ourselves and one another.
- Take care of yourself (Stretch, drink water and breathe)
- Community building on Zoom: use Chat and the Reaction emojis to inspire and encourage one another
- For any questions throughout the meeting: please use the Zoom Chat. CBE and BAAQMD staff will be responding to your questions.

Community Building

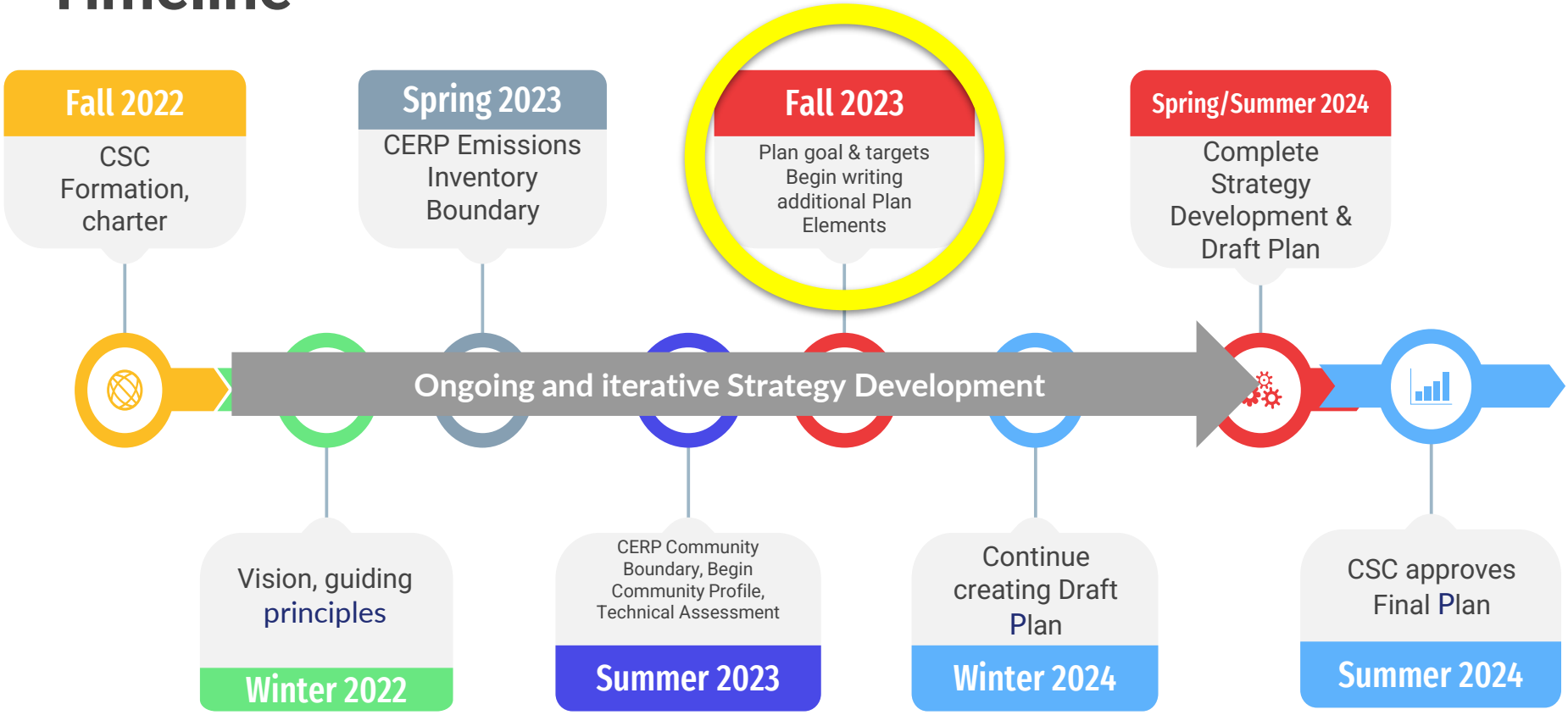
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- Name
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- Affiliated organizations

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Timeline

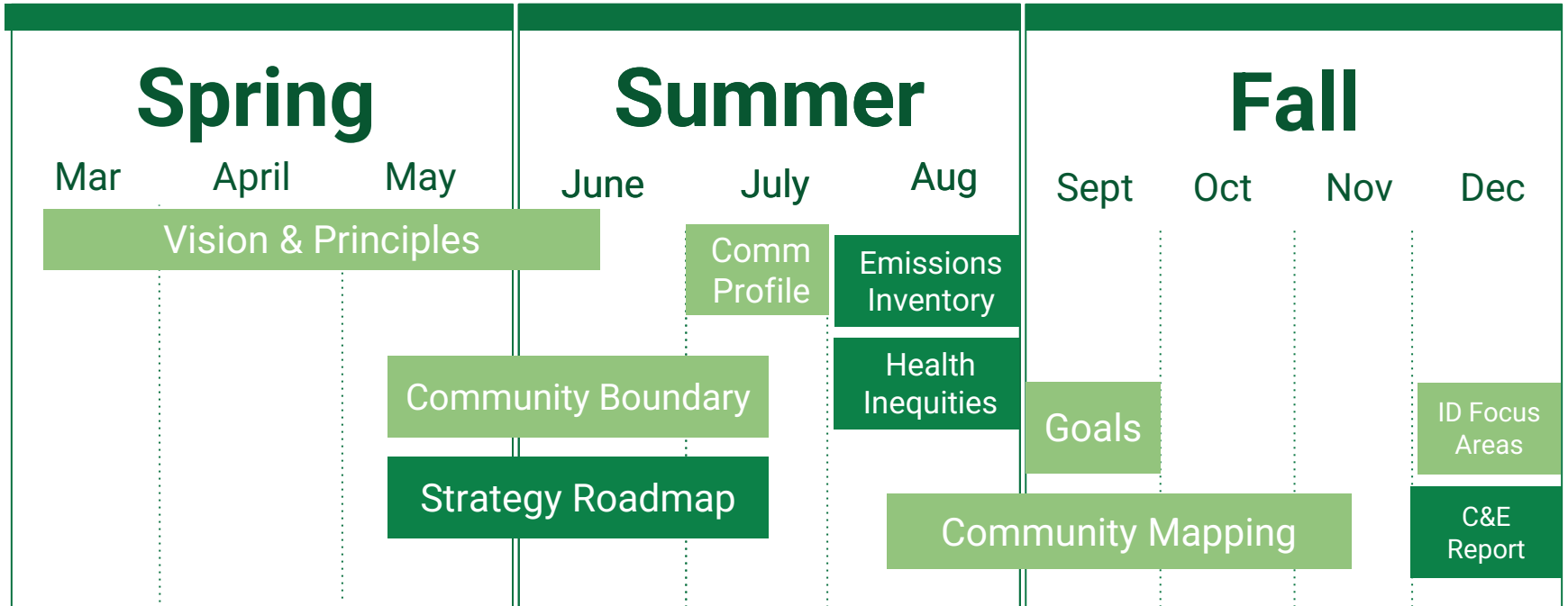


Where have we been?

Community Voices and Technical Highlights

Alison Kirk, BAAQMD
Kim Ryan, CBE

Where have we been?



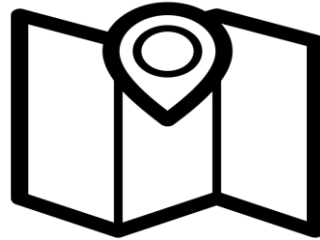
Light-green represents points of direct CSC & community input
C&E is BAAQMD's Compliance & Enforcement Division

Community Voices



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**Vision &
Principles**
([May](#) slides)



Created by: Arthur Shlain from Noun Project

**Community
Boundary:**
([June](#) slides)



Created by: Cuputo from Noun Project

**Community
Profile:**
([July](#) slides)



Created by: Wan Ikhsan from Noun Project

**Goals
Discussion**
([Oct](#) slides)

Highlights: Health Inequities in East Oakland

Alameda County Public Health Department reported that East Oakland experiences:

- The effects of decades of disinvestment
 - Poverty, unemployment and health impacts
- The effects of pollution from highways & industrial facilities in close proximity to residents
 - Asthma, mortality from cancer and heart disease

Highlights: Emissions Inventory

An emissions inventory:

- Estimates the amount of air pollution from stationary & mobile sources within the community boundary
- Tells us what the pollutants are and where they are coming from
- Provides critical information about pollution and pollution sources

Highlights: Emissions Inventory

Bay Area Air Quality Management District reported for East Oakland:

- High levels of:
 - Nitrous oxides (such as NO_2) & $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ (including diesel particulate matter) which are associated with the burning of fossil fuels
- Sources included transportation (e.g. airport, trucks), industrial facilities (e.g. Davis Street Transfer Station, Gallagher & Burk), and residential fuel combustion
- More info in the CSC August Meeting #11 Presentation [here](#)

Where are we now?

East Oakland Community Mapping Results

Grantee Organizations: East Oakland Collective, Higher Ground NDC, Lifers Leaving a Legacy, RECESS FUN INC.

Aneesh Rana, BAAQMD
Dr. Charisma Acey, UC Berkeley
Carly Cabral, CBE

Introduction

- East Oakland Collective
- Higher Ground Neighborhood Development Corporation
- Lifers Leaving a Legacy
- RECESS FUN, INC.



East Oakland Collective

Project Activities

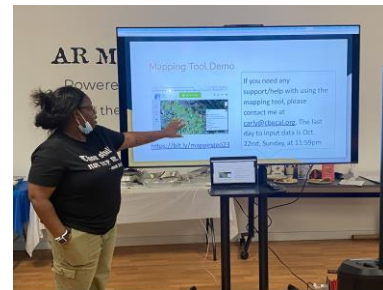
- **Preparation:** Integration of existing resilience hub programming and activities, hired three stipend workers
- **Three in-person community events:** EOC Community Visioning & Mapping Gathering, Real Love Clinic, Older Adult Coffee Hour
- **We administered Surveys** during our regular food distribution programming.
- **We coordinated digital outreach with EOC community and partners:** listservs & newsletters
- Staff and stipend workers conducted mapping activities through driving and walking.

Response Themes

- We discovered a plethora of places where people gather for cultural & non formal events
- Participants felt that illegal dumping & trash is abundant and contributes to feelings of despair and that the City has abandoned their neighborhoods and community spaces.
- Participants found that while air pollution is ever present, pinpointing specific polluting businesses & locales was difficult.

Highlights

- We were able to gather community members in EOC's space to hear people's concerns about the community. They did want to know "what is next" after voicing their concerns.
- We were able to share this survey with people who appreciated the opportunity to document the challenges that they see everyday in their community.
- EOC was able to complement this work with our existing work to develop our space as a resilience hub.



Higher Ground Neighborhood Development Corporation

Project Activities

- Tabled at five community events: Bay Area Technology Academy & East Oakland Pride Elementary, Black Cowboy Parade, Live life Festival, Council Member Treva Reid community clean up in District 7

Response Themes

- We discovered through discussing concerns with individuals many East Oakland residents were very knowledgeable about emissions and the various forms of air pollution produced by trash, abandoned cars, and the toxic conditions of homeless encampments.
- We also discovered that just as many East Oakland Residents were not aware of all the other various forms of air pollution outside of emissions.

Highlights

- We were able to understand that there is a cultural crisis among long time African American residents who live or use to live within who are concerned about the diminishing presence of cultural places and basic essential service like grocery stores and Banks, as well as safe places for Black people to gather. In the targeted area.
- We were able to engage our peer leadership youth in working with our after school parents and attending outreach events to learn how to engage with community around important issues.
- We were able to get the opinions of fifty people from all over the city to comment on air pollution concerns in East Oakland
- We were able to educate some residents of other forms of air pollution and validate their concerns about what they see daily in their neighborhoods.



Lifers Leaving a Legacy Block Party

Project Activities

- 3 weeks before our event (developed and began electronically sharing flyers w/ QR code through email/social media).
- Accumulated 30-40 surveys from direct outreach to schools and libraries.
- Door-knocked and left flyers in surrounding event neighborhood
- Collected approx. 50 signatures to our East Oakland Emergency Alert list.
- Environmental pamphlets w/QR code Co-created (by Carly and myself) were passed out to the attendee's



Response Themes

- People are tired of East Oakland looking and smelling like a garbage dump!
- Agency, Community, and city need to genuinely work in partnership more closely to clean and protect the health of Communities of Concern.

Highlights

- BAAQMD staff including Dr. Phil Fine attended and interacted with Community.
- We gave away 12 bikes donated by the 81st library, We gave away pounds of food, and household and hygiene products donated by Miss Candi from the parole department, and we fed a total of 300 Community members
- Finally we gave a disenfranchised and neglected Community a reason to appreciate their environment as we made contact with between 150-200 survey participants over the planning and event

RECESS FUN, INC.

Project Activities

- Community Outreach in neighborhoods, events, local schools.
- Informational Sessions for youth and families
- Education on types of air pollution and emissions.
- Reached approximately 200 survey participants.

Response Themes

- Participants are concerned about nothing being done to address adverse community spaces.
- Participants are concerned about the high prevalence of poor health conditions related to air pollution.

Highlights

- Survey Participants appreciated the opportunity to voice their concerns.
- Participants want more opportunities to address environmental and other community concerns.
- Participants would like to have the follow-up as to “what will be done”.



Mapping Analysis: Data Summary

The Air District launched the East Oakland Community Mapping Project with community grantees in September 2023 to gather information to help understand the air pollution concerns that are most important to the community. East Oakland community members were able to visit the East Oakland Community Map online and add information that will help inform strategies to reduce air pollution and protect public health in East Oakland.

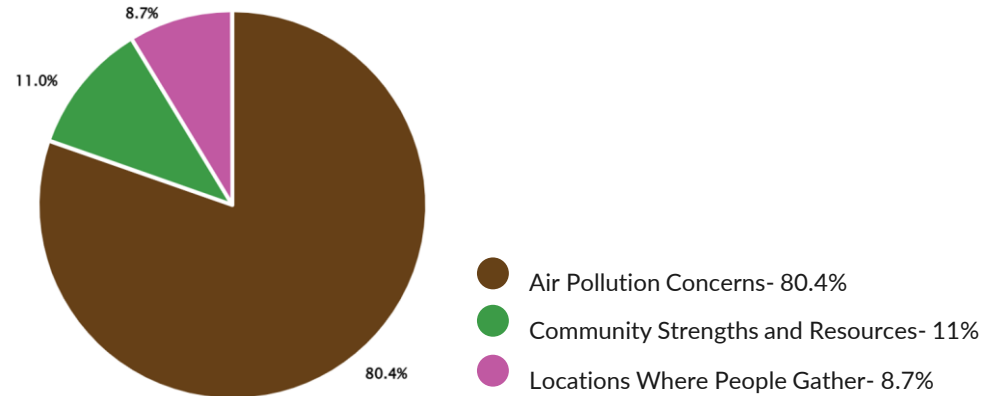
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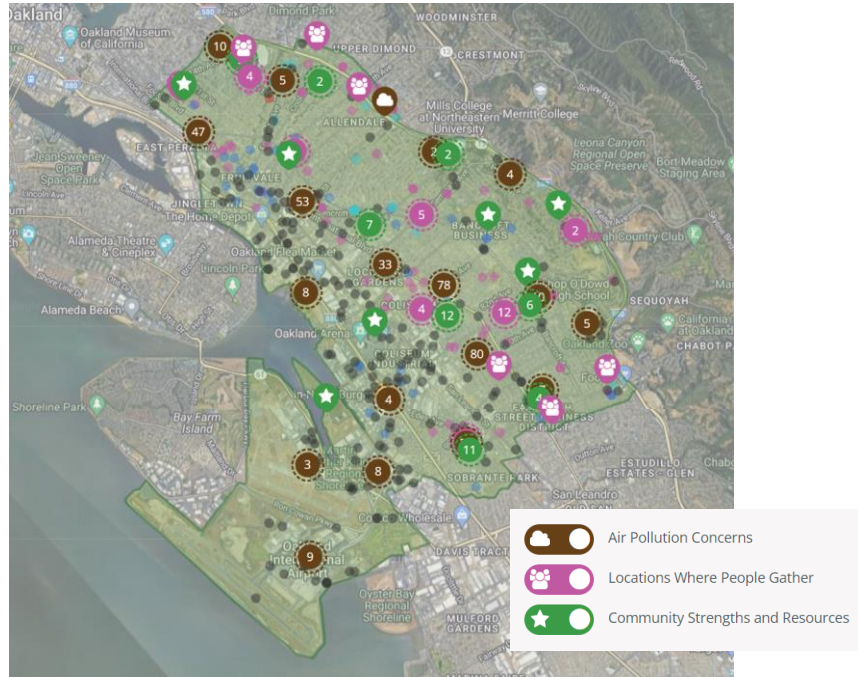
Air Pollution Concerns: 394

Community Strengths and Resources: 54

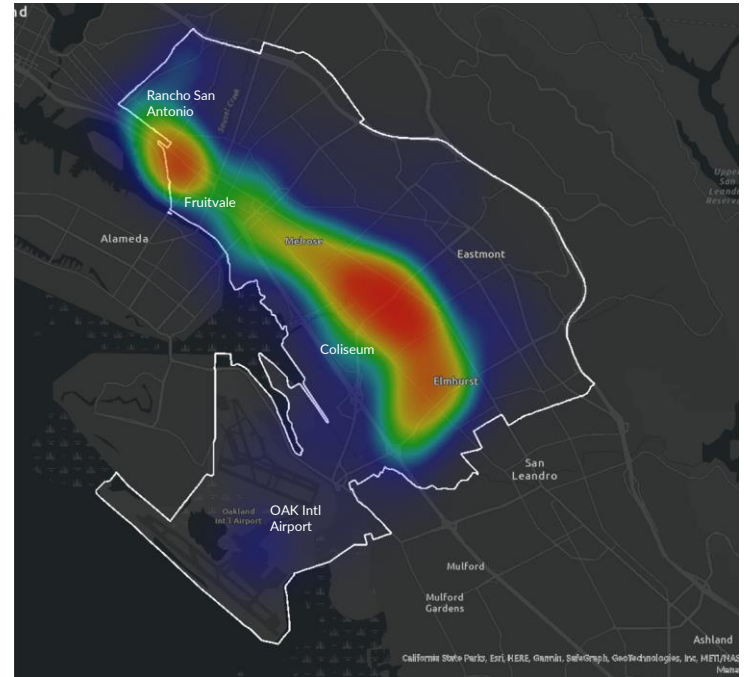
Locations of Gathering: 45



Mapping Analysis: Data Summary



Distribution of Pins: <https://rspcerp.mysocialpinpoint.com/east-oak/community-map#/>

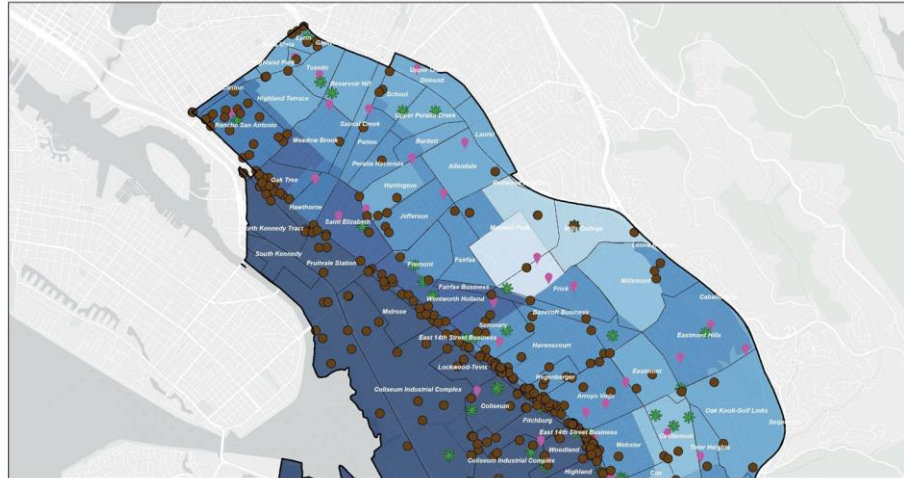


Density of Air Pollution Concerns

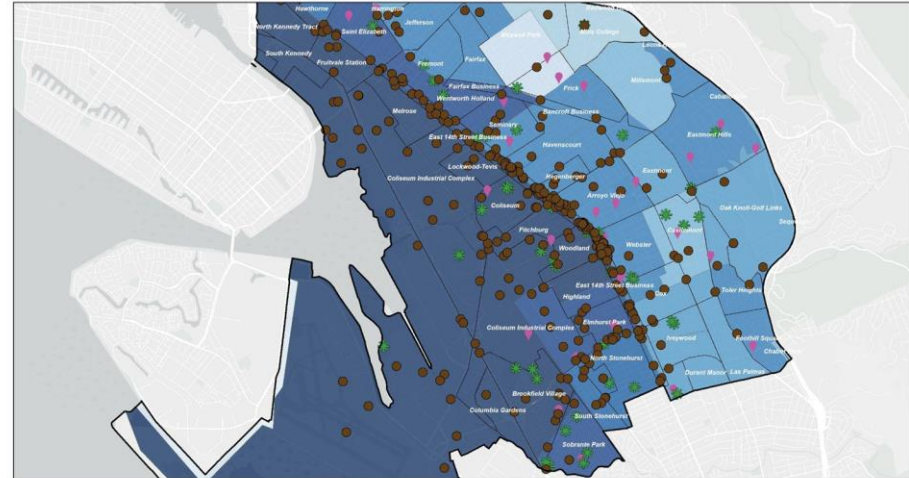
Community Mapping Results with Overburdened Areas

East Oakland Community Mapping with CalEnviroScreen 4.0

San Antonio/Fruitvale



Deep East Oakland

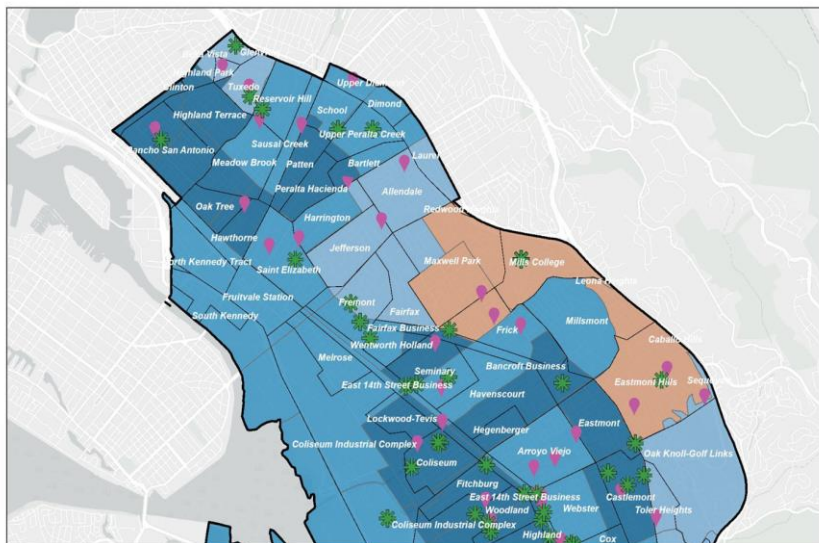


[Interactive Map](#)

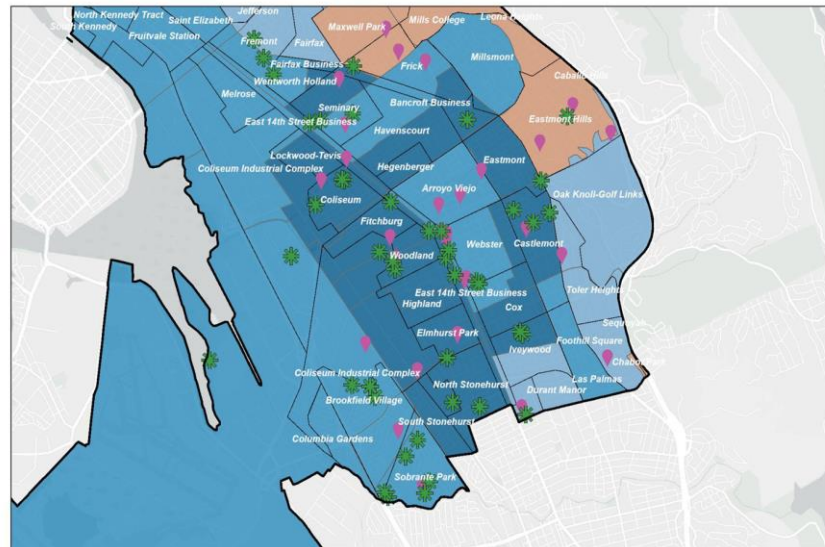
Community Mapping Results with City's Equity Areas

East Oakland Community Mapping of Community Resources and Locations Where People Gather with City of Oakland Priority Neighborhoods

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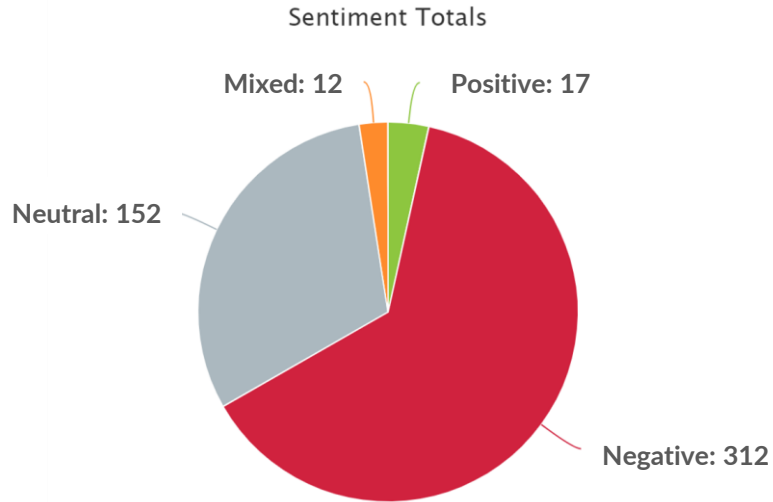


Deep East Oakland



[Interactive Map](#)

Key Themes: Air Pollution, Community Strengths, Locations Where People Gather



Key Themes related to Air Pollution Concerns

Emerging Themes

Examples of Quotes

Climate Impacts

Commercial and Industrial Activity Impacts

Emissions Sources (Mobile)

Emissions Sources (Stationary)

Emissions Sources (Other)

"I am impacted because there are a lot of auto shops and the emissions from cars that releases gases and other particles in the air that causes health problems."

"I always see big trucks and diesel trucks at this [75th and Hawley] stop sign. Sometimes, there are multiple at once and they'll be stuck there longer emitting pollution right next to homes."

"I am concerned about the air pollution from the planes that fly over my school."

Key Themes related to Air Pollution Concerns

Emerging Themes

Enforcement

Environmental Justice
and Racism

General Pollution

Health and
Infrastructure

Land Use and Zoning

Waste Management

Examples of Quotes

"The smell [Chronic intermittent chemical odor (similar to a tannery) reported to BAAQMD since 2018] is toxic, and the fact that it's been ongoing and not identified or solved for so long is disturbing."

"the air pollution is terrible I have never had respiratory issue until moved to east oakland"

"Pollution from debris and illegal dumping...."This is terrible all down this [Alameda Ave at E 8th St] street."

Key Themes related to Community Strengths/Resources

Emerging Themes

Examples of Quotes

Community Strengths, Resources, and Spaces

“Castlemont Garden is a great resource for students, family and community. I appreciate their community events.”

“East Oakland Youth Development Center is a place for youth to be creative. It's a huge asset to the community.”

“EOCP is a Very important shelter for the unhoused, includes one floor for families. The only large shelter in deep East Oakland.”

Waste Management

“Sobrante Park has a recurring dumpsite problem that also flows over into a concrete creek water source. This dumpsite is also next to an Urban garden.”

Key Themes related to Locations Where People Gather

Emerging Themes

Examples of Quotes

Community Strengths, Resources, and Spaces

"[Acts Full Gospel Church] I am a senior and like to attend church and fellowship on Sundays and Wednesdays"

Safety

[Tyrone Carney Park] "Potential green space, this park has been closed for YEARS by the city and the space is currently unoccupied...The park was briefly opened a few years ago but was quickly bordered again by the city because of the dangerous nighttime activities it was taking place. How can we reimagine this space to be a positive community asset to Sobrante Park?"

Land Use and Zoning

"There is also a recurring car burning site less than 100 yards from the Planting Justice urban farm."

How does the Community Mapping Project contribute to the CERP?

Results from the community mapping project:

- Will be combined with information gathered from the Facility Focus list and CSC meetings to help develop themes or “Focus Areas” for strategy development and the CERPs Plan-level goals
- Information from comments will be used to guide strategy and CERP chapter writing to ensure that strategies address community lived experiences



Questions?

Where are we going?

Discussion and Next Steps

Alison Kirk, BAAQMD
Kim Ryan, CBE

Discussion Questions for Community Voices focused Break Out Groups

See [shared Jamboard](#):

- What did you learn from the community mapping presentation?
- In thinking about the themes that were presented, what theme(s) resonate with you?
- What are important community issues that are not represented by the themes?

Where are we going?

- **Identify Focus Areas:** themes that represent community concerns identified during information gathering
- **Draft Strategies:** Co-leads to begin drafting strategies for review by CSC organized around Focus Areas
- **Review Strategies:** CSC will review strategies and provide input/feedback
- **Select Strategies:** CSC will select strategies for inclusion in the CERP



Questions?

**What else do you
need to feel
prepared for where
we are going next?**

East Oakland Environmental Justice Announcements and Updates

Co-Chairs: Aiyahna Johnson, Charles Reed, Mykela Patton

Feedback on Meeting & Next Steps

Fill out the post-meeting survey:

- English: <https://forms.gle/B2SYLBNg6aUorF5u6>
- Spanish: <https://forms.gle/Du8m9thM85jyCy7p7>

Fill out the In-person/ Hybrid Meeting Accessibility Poll

- English: <https://forms.gle/3q6EVTVMXkxA62R8>
- Spanish: <https://forms.gle/2VFfpxino9XzfZeU9>

Next Meeting will be held **Thursday, December 14th, 2023**

Thank You!

See You Soon!