

# AGENDA

**East Oakland AB 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meeting #16**

**Date & Time:** Thursday, February 8th, 2024, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm PDT

**Virtual Facilitators:** Aiyahna Johnson, Mr. Charles Reed, Mykela Patton, CSC Co-Chairs

**Note-taker:** Angie Fike, Just Cities (JC)

**Co-Chairs:** Aiyahna Johnson, Mr. Charles Reed, and Mykela Patton

**Co-Leads:**

*CBE: Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)*

*Air District: Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)*

**Location:** <https://zoom.us/j/98574358053>

**Website with Meeting Materials and Meeting Video Recording:**

<https://www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/community-health-protection-program/east-oakland-community-emissions-reduction-plan>

**Meeting Objectives:**

- CSC members will leave with an understanding of the Air District's complaint policy and how to submit air quality complaints to the Air District.
- CSC members will revisit Focus Areas presented at the December 2023 CSC meeting and work together to further define the Focus Areas.
- CSC members will learn the proposed strategy framework and take the first steps in crafting objectives of the Focus Areas and strategies.

Time	Topic
6:02 PM	Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda
6:10 PM	Compliance and Enforcement Presentation on Complaint Process
6:50 PM	Proposed Strategy Framework Presentation & Discussion
7:10 PM	Break
7:20 PM	Strategy Development Brainstorm
8:01 PM	Next Steps and Close Out

# MEETING NOTES

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Time	Topic	Transcribed Meeting Minutes/Summary
6:02 PM	<p><b>Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda (10 mins; 6:02-6:12 PM)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Interpretation (1 min)</li> <li>● Welcome (1 min)</li> <li>● Agenda (1 min)</li> <li>● Initial Meeting Agreements (2 mins)</li> <li>● New Youth Members Introduction (1.5 min)</li> <li>● Community Building (1 min)</li> <li>● CERP Timeline (1 min)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Steering Committee Members Present:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aiyahna Johnson</li> <li>○ Andrea Pineda</li> <li>○ Andria Blackmon</li> <li>○ Carol Corr</li> <li>○ Mr. Charles Reed</li> <li>○ Cynthia Gutierrez</li> <li>○ Erica Pascual</li> <li>○ Gabrielle Sloane-Law</li> <li>○ Jamaica Sowell</li> <li>○ Jamie Schecter</li> <li>○ Khalilha Haynes</li> <li>○ Tram Nguyen</li> <li>○ Marina Muñoz</li> <li>○ Merika Goolsby</li> <li>○ Ms. Cecilia Cunningham</li> <li>○ Mykela Patton</li> <li>○ Shamar Theus</li> <li>○ Susan Goolsby</li> <li>○ William Crotinger</li> <li>○ Kimi Watkins-Tartt</li> <li>○ Katie Liang</li> <li>○ Rebecca Bantum</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Mr. Charles Reed, CSC Co-Chair, facilitated the welcome. Carly Cabral (CBE), shared the meeting objectives. Mykela Patton, CSC Co-Chair, facilitated the agenda walkthrough and welcomed new youth members. Aiyahna Johnson, CSC Co-Chair, shared meeting agreements and encouraged both CSC members and members of the public to include their name, pronouns, and affiliated organizations in the Zoom chat, as well as to use the chat as a space to ask questions and respond to slides. CSC members introduced themselves via chat.</li> <li>● Alesia Hsiao (AD) walked through the CERP Timeline and the current stage of the CERP process, which is focused on continuing to create the draft plan, iterative development, and ongoing strategy development.</li> </ul>

<p>6:12 PM</p>	<p><b>Compliance and Enforcement Presentation on Complaint Process</b>  <i>(39 minutes; 6:12 - 6:51 PM)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Almira Van (AD) reviewed complaint policy procedures and investigation processes, including helpful information to provide when reporting a complaint, factors that influence a response, and how complaints are prioritized. She provided phone numbers and an online link for reporting air quality complaints. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A CSC Member asked if there was an app for the complaint process.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A CSC member asked for the definition of “ongoing emissions” in the chat. Aneesh Rana (AD) said that AD members in the chat had been collecting questions and would address them later in the meeting or in a follow-up at a later date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● At the end of Almira’s presentation, Aneesh opened up the space for verbal questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A CSC member asked for clarification on why asbestos is a lower priority item. Almira responded that they prioritize all ongoing complaints, so if there is an asbestos complaint that is ongoing, it would be prioritized.</li> <li>○ A CSC member asked why the number of complaints that were not investigated was 40%. Almira responded that this 40% reflects the number of complaints that are not currently occurring, making it more difficult for investigations to be carried out and to locate the source of emissions.</li> <li>○ A CSC member asked about the difference in numbers of complaints received via phone versus online. Almira responded that they would follow up with the answer at a later date.</li> <li>○ A CSC member asked if the AD was working with the health department to find data around hospital visits in historically high complaint areas such as East Oakland. They asked what the AD is doing to provide answers to why Black people die at higher rates in E.O than in anywhere else in the county. Almira replied that members of the AD would look into this further.</li> <li>○ A CSC member said in the chat that around 1,000 Notice of Violation (NOV) complaints per year seemed like a small number for a nine-county agency. They asked for clarification on why the number was low. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ This CSC member followed up and asked about the separation between complaints submitted and the number of complaints actually filed as a NOV, questioning if it was due to staffing or resources issues. They expressed dissatisfaction at the data-collecting process and wondered</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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6:51 PM	<b>Proposed Strategy Framework Presentation &amp; Discussion (19 Minutes; 6:51 - 7:10 PM)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Carly Cabral (CBE) introduced the strategy development framework and breakout activity, discussing ways that CSC members could define focus areas.</li> </ul>

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7:20 PM	<b>Strategy Development Brainstorm</b> (41 minutes; 7:20 - 8:01 PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alesia and Carly give instructions on breakout room activity, explaining that small groups would fill out MadLib statements to brainstorm strategy and focus area statements.</li> <li>● After 30 minutes in breakout rooms, teams reported back, with one CSC member sharing for each.</li> </ul> <p><i>Jamboard links for breakout rooms can be found below:</i></p> <p><a href="#">Built Environment &amp; Land Use Focus Area Jamboard</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A CSC member reported that lack of affordable housing causes stress in the community and that people cannot access services that do exist.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Commercial &amp; Industrial Sources Focus Area Jamboard</a></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A CSC member shared that Oakland airport was a large polluter with compounding negative health outcomes. Group wanted to see increased health metrics across the board, particularly in E.O.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Illegal Dumping, Trash &amp; Odors Focus Area Jamboard</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A CSC member shared that a big concern is solid waste that turns into mold. They added that the focus should be on workforce development where people can be paid to clean up areas. They also suggested a possible solution around local CBOs doing the work of tracking health care visits in highly impacted areas, and training people to do it.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Public Health &amp; Community Wellness Focus Area Jamboard</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A CSC member shared their group’s concern with outdoor air quality, factors like redlining and freeway traffic leading to consequences of people dying at higher rates, having increased asthma and heart disease rates. Solutions suggested included moving polluting stations farther away and working to find immediate solutions that can save people’s lives.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Transportation &amp; Mobile Sources Focus Area Jamboard</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A CSC member shared the group’s concern of abandoned cars that take up too much space and are lit on fire. They also highlighted a backlog of 311 complaints.</li> </ul>
8:01 pm	<p><b>Next Steps and Close Out (3 minutes; 8:01 - 8:04 pm)</b></p>	<p>Co-Chairs Aiyhanna Johnson and Mr. Charles Reed facilitated the closing, reminding everyone to fill out the feedback form.</p> <p>Next CSC meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14th, 2024 from 6 - 8 PM.</p>