

East Oakland Community Steering Committee

Vision Statement

We seek to create a future East Oakland that includes health, accountability, transparency, and justice. Our vision includes healthy and clean air, streets, schools, industries, and parks. In this vision, industry and other polluters are held accountable for their actions, and are committed to reducing the harm they have caused to impacted and neglected East Oakland neighborhoods. Government agencies are accountable to us and transparent in their actions by enforcing health-protective laws and collaborating with us to remove existing pollution and future pollution sources from our neighborhoods. We prioritize justice and equity in our community by working to end structural racism, such as the impacts of redlining, and to create a more equitable society where everyone benefits from progress and environmental justice. Ultimately, we envision a future where transparency, trust, and mutual responsibility is realized, and where every resident can live, work, and play in a healthy and sustainable East Oakland.

Principles

The East Oakland Community Steering Committee is committed to these Principles as a foundation for our work together and building an East Oakland Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) that expresses:

1. **Justice and Equity:** We believe in the [Principles of Environmental Justice](#), our right to raise our children in a healthy environment, and support those who have been harmed by pollution in East Oakland. We seek equitable investment in communities and respect for East Oakland neighborhood identity and culture. We recognize what we do now affects future generations.
2. **Collaboration and Communication:** We are stronger when we work together. Our partners include all members of the East Oakland community, government agencies, and industry. The CERP is a community-driven decision making process. We are working together to define equity and build a cleaner and healthier future for all.
3. **Information Sharing and Transparency:** We are committed to building trust and understanding through education, transparency, and information sharing. We value the different experiences and perspectives of our fellow community members. To build our CERP, we strive to have clear communication about timelines, resources, and logistics that are effectively communicated and relayed back to community members.
4. **Accountability and Solutions:** We believe in holding individuals, government, and industries accountable for their actions. By promoting transparency and mutual responsibility, we can move towards our shared goals and a CERP that addresses community concerns and identifies strategies that reduce pollution in East Oakland.