



**Consideration of Appointment of Members to the AB  
32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC)  
and Consideration of Adoption of the EJAC Charter**

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# Background

- Assembly Bill (AB) 32 directed CARB to convene an Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC or Committee) to advise the Board in the development of the Scoping Plan and any other pertinent matter in implementing AB 32.
- It requires that the Committee be comprised of “representatives from communities in the State with the most significant exposure to air pollution, including, but not limited to, communities with minority populations or low-income populations, or both.”

# Background (cont.)

- On January 25, 2007, the Board appointed the first EJAC to advise it on the Initial Scoping Plan and other climate change programs.
- The Committee was reconvened in 2013 to advise on the development of the First Scoping Plan Update, in 2015 to advise on the Board on the development of the 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan, and in 2021 to advise on the 2022 Scoping Plan.

# Background (cont.)

- In 2021, the Chair committed to active engagement with the EJAC following the adoption of the 2022 Scoping Plan.
- In 2022, CARB is now moving forward with an Ongoing EJAC, which will advise the Board on the development of the Scoping Plan and any other pertinent matter in implementing AB 32.

# Proposed Members

- A subset of the members from the 2021-2022 EJAC are being proposing to serve on the ongoing EJAC.
- The members represent communities in the State with the most significant exposure to air pollution, including, but not limited to, communities with minority populations or low-income populations, or both.
- The members reflect geographic diversity and representation from non-profit organizations and a California Native American Tribe.

# Proposed Charter Process

- The EJAC and CARB worked together to develop the Proposed EJAC Charter.
  - The Charter was drafted by a sub quorum of EJAC members including Board member Kracov, EJAC Co-Chairs, CARB staff.
  - The draft Charter was discussed at two public EJAC meetings held this year and approved by the EJAC at the second meeting.

# EJAC Mission Statement

- Current language:
  - The mission of the EJAC is to advise the Board on environmental justice considerations, prioritizing racial equity, related to implementation of AB 32, via input to CARB on the Scoping Plan Updates and any other pertinent matter related to the implementation of AB 32. EJAC will engage with community members to ensure that communities impacted by the climate crisis are engaged in CARB's climate programs.



# Proposed Charter Goals

- The EJAC Charter sets clear goals for CARB and EJAC members, as well as provides accountability, transparency, and outlines the working relationship as it relates to governance.
- The Charter contains multiple goals for the EJAC and CARB:
  - First EJAC Goal: Inform CARB of environmental justice needs and concerns.
  - First CARB Goal: Seek to ensure that all divisions working on climate programs engage with the EJAC to inform the development of the Scoping Plan and its implementation...

# Proposed Charter Sections

- The Proposed EJAC Charter includes:
  - Introduction, background, definitions, disclaimers, AB 32 Statutory Language
  - EJAC Mission Statement, CARB and EJAC Goals
  - EJAC Meetings, Membership, Roles and Responsibilities, Decision-Making
  - Transparency Requirements, Records
  - Principles for Collaboration and Meeting Agreements

# EJAC Members

# Recommendation

- Staff recommends that the Board approve the proposed Resolution which includes:
  - Members and alternates to serve on the AB 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC)
  - EJAC Charter