



Welcome to the Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Consultation Group Meeting

June 28, 2023

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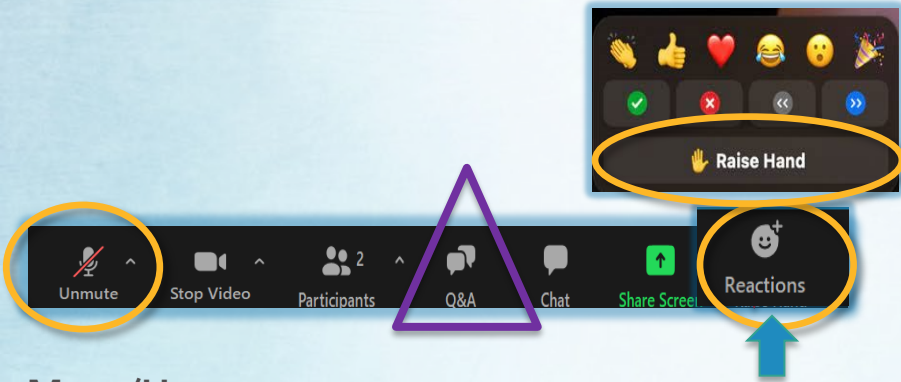
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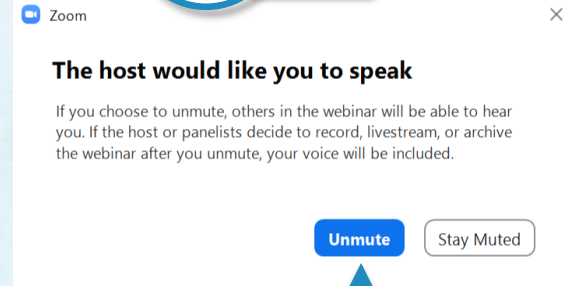
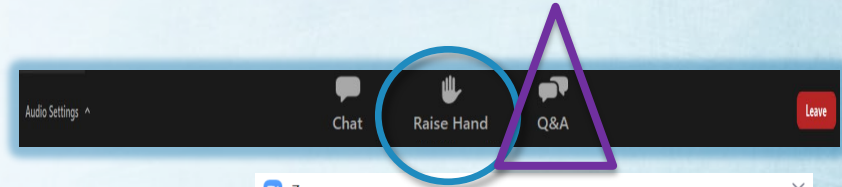
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Attendees View (Public)



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Consultation Group Member Roll Call

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2. John Balmes, CARB Board Member
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Meeting Objectives and Agenda

Objective: *CARB consult with a range of stakeholders in developing the statewide strategy to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden.*

1. EJ and the Safety of our Community
2. Public comment
3. Consultation Group Membership Update
4. Office of Community Air Protection (OCAP) General Updates
5. Draft Blueprint 2.0 - Introduction and discussion of Part II
6. *Public Comment*
7. Wrap up and Next Meeting

Meeting Agreements

- Keep comments short and focused on agenda topics
- All perspectives are welcome
- Support a respectful environment
 - We can respect others even when we disagree
 - Please refrain from accusations, innuendo, personal attacks, or maligning others'
- Be comfortable
 - Take personal breaks as needed
 - Use video as desired
 - Please stay muted until ready to speak



CG Membership Update

No longer on the Consultation Group/Not Participating:

- EJ Organization - Martha Dina Arguello, PSR-LA / Paula Torrado, OEHHA
- Local Govt - Erica Manuel, Exec Director, Institute for Local Government
- Academia - Michael Jerrett, Ph.D., UCLA
- Business/Industry – Roger Isom – CA Cotton Ginners and Growers Association
- Business/Industry – Deidre Sanders, Ph.D, Illume Advising
- Academia - Penelope (Jenny) Quintana, PhD – San Diego State University

Change in Representation

- Gustavo Aguirre, Jr. – CCEJN (replaced by Nayamin Martinez, CCEJN)

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Consultation Group Members (Quorum = 18 members, 10 quorum)

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- Local Govt - Vacant

Office of Community Air Protection Updates

- **AB 617 Program Proposed Budget (SB 101 and AB 102)**
 - ❑ \$234M CAP Incentives
 - ❑ \$60M for local air district implementation
 - ❑ \$6M Community Air Grants
- **New Tools**
 - ❑ Draft Workbook of CERP Strategies and Actions
 - ❑ Air Quality Fundamental Video Series
 - ❑ Mapping tool for 65-plus places (in development)

Blueprint 2.0 Discussion

- What is the Blueprint and how is Blueprint 2.0 (BP2.0) structured?
- Part One of BP2.0
 - Discussion
- Part Two of BP2.0
 - 19 Community Steering Committees
 - Discussion
 - 65+ Consistently Nominated Communities
- Upcoming opportunities to engage on the Blueprint

Program Statutes and the Blueprint



AB 617 (2017)

AB 197 (2016)

AB 1749 (2022)

Program Statutes



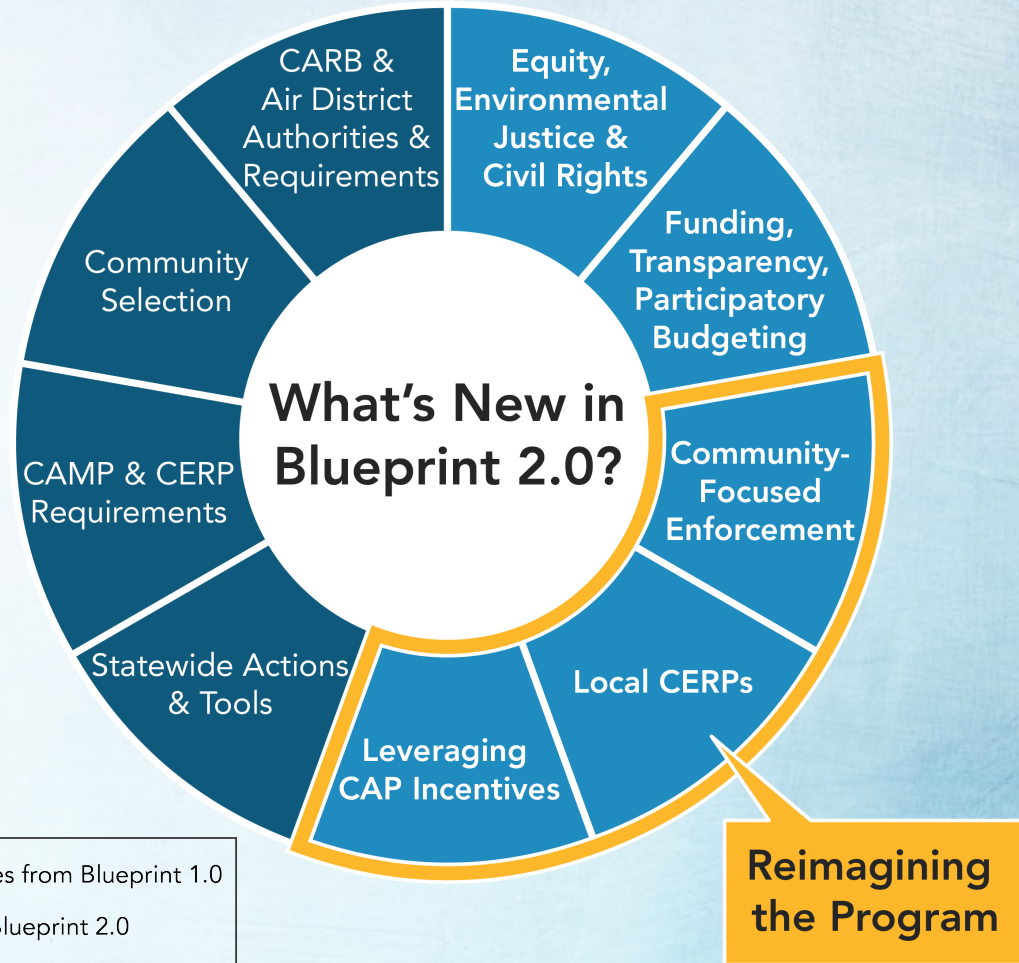
Statewide Strategy
Implementation Guidance

Sept 2018

Sept 2023

Reimagining the Program

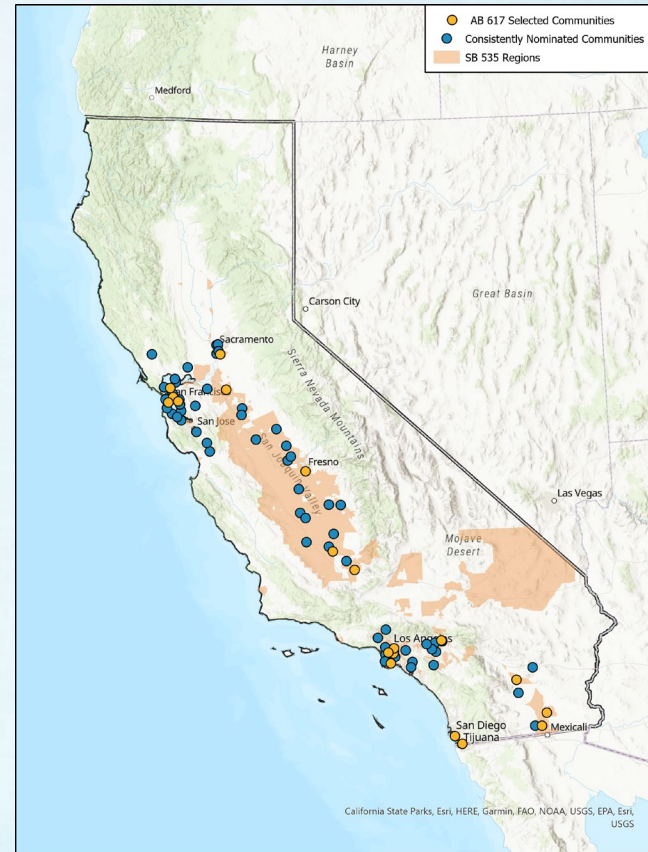
- Update required every 5 years (Sept 2023)
- Reimagine the Program *together* to identify new ways to support more communities



Consistently Nominated Communities

Over the next 5 years, we will focus resources in the 65 consistently nominated places.

- Engagement
- Outreach about Community Air Grants (CAGs)
- Community-Focused Enforcement
- Partnering with other agencies



What's in the draft BP 2.0?

Part One

5-Year Strategic Plan

- Vision
- Mission
- Guiding Principles
- Actions

Part Two – Implementation Guidance

Selected Communities

- Improve process for CERPs and CAMPs in 19 CSCs
- Significantly informed by People's Blueprint

Community-Led Action

- Target 65 consistently nominated communities
- Local CERPs via Community Air Grants
- More flexibility to tap Community Air Protection Incentives
- Community-Focused Enforcement

Foundation: People's Blueprint

- Equity-centered approach to pursue just implementation of the Community Air Protection Program
- Root BP 2.0 in environmental justice (EJ)
- Highlight lessons learned from a community-based and EJ perspective
- **Key Themes and Concepts:**
 - Operationalize equity and EJ
 - Participatory budgeting
 - Community readiness to engage in the program
 - Building technical capacity
 - Building agency capacity
 - Models of partnership and co-leadership
 - Meaningful engagement
 - Guidance on steering committee membership
 - CSC governance including charters and conflict resolution
 - Tracking results to support effective implementation and accountability

Defining the Problem

- **Communities near ports, rail yards, warehouses, and freeways that experience a higher air pollution concentration** from mobile source emissions from cars, trucks, locomotives, and ships.
- **Pollution impacts from**
 - **Large industrial facilities** such as oil refineries
 - **Cumulative impacts of smaller, but more numerous industrial facilities**
 - **In rural communities from pesticides, oil and gas development, and agricultural activities.**
- **Racial and ethnic disparities in air pollution burden and vulnerability** we see today are the result of structural racism.

PART ONE: Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles

Informed by
People's
BP and
CSCs

Vision

Commits To Just Social Change

to address environmental injustices
and advance racial equity

Works Toward A Future

where all Californians
breathe healthy and clean air,
benefit from actions to address climate change,
and race/racism no longer
predicts life outcomes



Mission

Reduce emissions of toxic air
contaminants and criteria air
pollutants in communities
affected by a high cumulative
exposure burden.

Guiding Principles

- Use an Equity Lens
- Be Transparent and Accountable
- Support Power Sharing

Blueprint 2.0 Guiding Principles

Use an Equity Lens

- Apply racial equity lens to community engagement and decision-making
- Integrate EJ and civil rights into processes
- Spaces free from discrimination

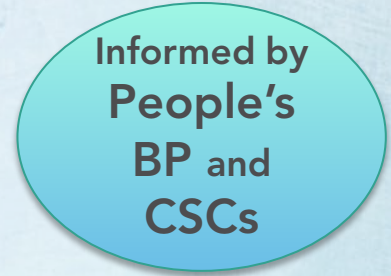
Support Power Sharing

- Support community self-direction of governance
- Intentional agency capacity building
- Peer Exchange

Transparency and Accountability

- Communication around funding
- Increased accessibility to data and information

Proposed Blueprint 2.0 Goals



1. Engage and Partner in Evolving the Program
2. Apply Regulatory Authorities to Reduce Exposures and Emissions
3. Center Non-Discrimination Laws and Protections
4. Ensure Completion of CERPs
5. Focus on Consistently Nominated Communities
6. Use Community Air Grants to Build Community Capacity and Local CERPs
7. Make Program and Air Quality Information and Tools More Accessible to Communities

Discussion Questions

- What actions do you support?
- What actions should be added?
- What goals are missing?
- What priority actions are missing?

PART TWO: Implementation Guidance



19 Community Steering Committees

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- 14 BLM National Conservation Lands
1. Pacific Northwest Forest
2. North Cascades
3. Three Sisters
4. West Cascade
5. North Cascade
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Consistently Nominated Communities

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- Map of California showing the distribution of 100+ and 10-99 US Marine Corps military units. The map includes labels for major cities (San Francisco, Sacramento, Fresno, Los Angeles, San Diego), mountain ranges (Sierra Nevada, Coast Range), and the Pacific Ocean. A legend indicates that blue dots represent 100+ US Marine Corps units and orange dots represent 10-99 US Marine Corps units. The distribution shows a high concentration of units in the Central Valley and Southern California, with fewer units in the North and along the coast.

Community Emission Reduction Programs

- Supporting the 18 communities that have committed to develop and implement a CERP
 - Governance
 - Tracking and accountability
 - Peer Exchange
 - Evaluation
 - Streamlined CERP approval
- Supporting the 19th community in moving from a CAMP to a CERP

CSC Governance

How to Structure a CSC

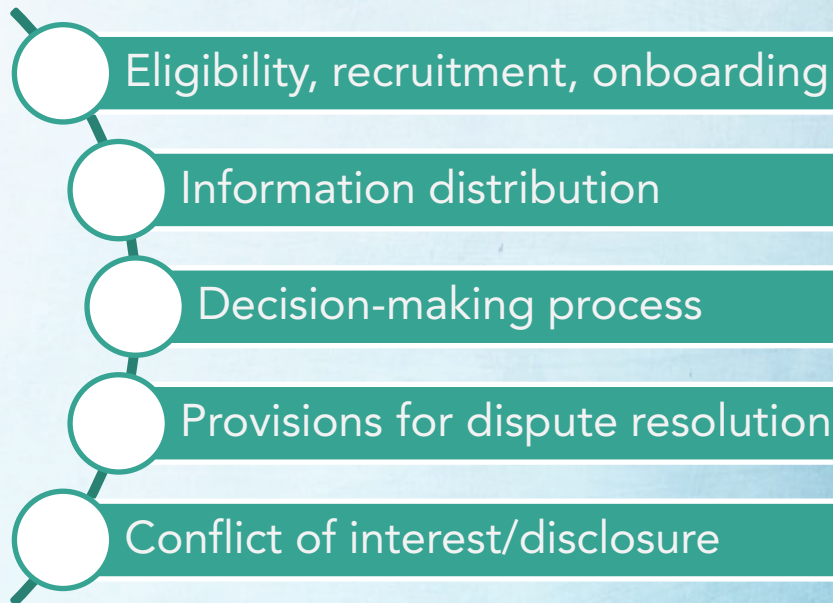
Community-
centered

Skilled
Facilitation

Co-
developed
charter

Accessible

Charter Elements – What's New?



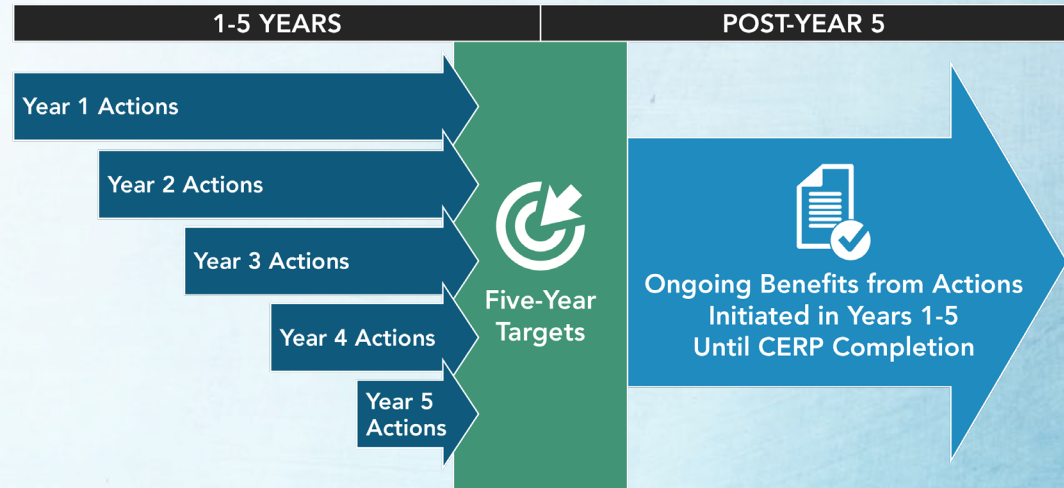
"One of the most powerful mechanisms that can be used by the CSC is development of successful metrics that measure the progress of the AB 617 community."

People's Blueprint

Transparency and Accountability

Updates to CERP Reporting Requirements

Implementation Schedule



- Clarity on setting metrics and targets for each action in a CERP
- Streamlined and accessible annual reporting
- Reporting until all CERP actions are complete
- Fifth Year Annual Report

Discussion Questions

- What do you support?
- What else would you like to see?
- Ideas for supporting exchange across CSCs?
- How else can we support completion of CERPs?



Two Concurrent Implementation Tracks

19 Community Steering Committees

- Ensure completion of CERPs
- Delegation of CERP Approval to Executive Officer
- Support frequent exchange across CSCs
- Program Evaluation



Consistently Nominated Communities

- Engagement with 65-plus communities
- Three pathways:



Flexibility in Incentives
~\$195M - \$250M

Community Air Grants
~\$10M

Community Focused Enforcement

New Statewide Incentive Strategies

- Districts and CSCs have created dozens of new incentive projects since 2019 that we now propose statewide
- Expand Chapter 5 to focus on *all* sensitive receptor locations

\$1.2B

• CAP Incentives

\$287M

• CAP District Implementation

\$45M

• Community Air Grants

New incentive chapters for...



○ Agency Partnership Projects

○ Emergency Diesel Generator Replacement



○ Dial-A-Ride Vehicle Replacement

○ Paving, Sidewalk, and Bike Path Projects



○ Vegetative Barriers and Urban Greening

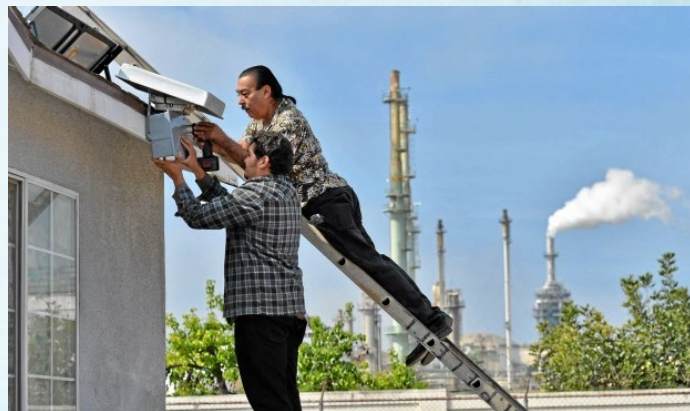
Community-Focused Enforcement

- Working closely with community to understand enforcement-related air pollution issues not being addressed
- CARB Enforcement staff concentrates investigations and enforcement in areas identified by the community, some of which we traditionally do not enforce
- Community priorities are central in developing and implementing enforcement plans
- Can be used in
 - Selected communities
 - Community-led projects supported by a CAG
 - Other community-led partnership



Community Air Grants

- **Purpose:** Technical assistance funding to **community based non-profit organizations** and **California tribal governments**
- In the Draft Blueprint 2.0, a **new CAG project type - Local CERP** - will support community-led projects in prioritizing, planning, and implementation
- Learn from current examples/projects
- Public process to refine the next cycle of CAG Request for Applications



Upcoming Opportunities to Engage on the Blueprint

Summer 2022 through September 2023

June
2023

- Release of Blueprint 2.0 Draft
- Opening of public comment period

July 2023

- Outreach and Workshops
 - Workshops on **July 7, 11, and 18 (Spanish-led)**
- CG meeting July 26 (in-person quorum required)
- Public comment docket closes July 31st

Aug 2023

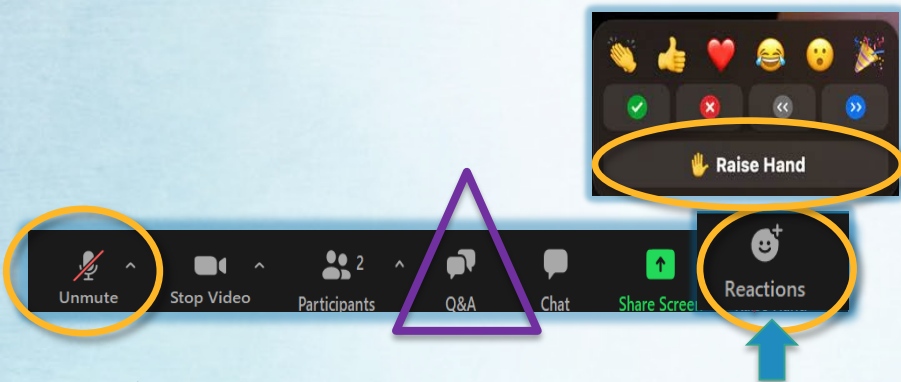
- Release of Final Draft for comment on Aug 27th
- Public docket will open

Sept 27

- CARB Board Meeting to consider Blueprint 2.0
- Public comment period at Board Meeting

Public Comment

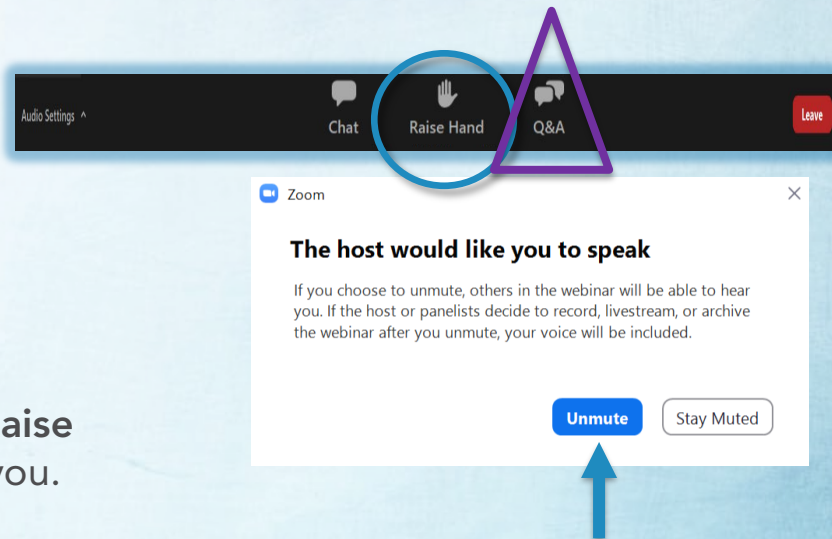
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Meeting Adjourned

Thank you for participating in today's discussion!