



### **Our Mission**

Sac-EJC was founded in 2021 by a community organizing group made up of everyday people dedicated to building a powerful voice to advocate for a better quality of life in historically marginalized communities. We build trusting relationships in faith communities, nonprofit organizations, schools, and other civic organizations. Nobody has a monopoly on the truth; therefore, it is our public responsibility to be engaged in civic life to seek common sense solutions and make systemic change.

### **Focus Areas:**

1. *Air Quality Committee (South Sacramento AB617 legislation and public Health team)*
2. *CARB – Diesel Emissions Air Monitoring Project (South Sacramento)*
3. *Affordable Housing Team (Placer County Community Development)*
4. *Water Quality and Climate Resilience (developing project in Yolo County)*
5. *Voter Registration and Education*

### **Our Victories**

- Successfully created a network of community leaders and volunteers in our institutions that moved the needle on requesting air quality monitoring in Sacramento County.
- Through advocacy and legal intervention, prevented the eviction and harassment of hundreds of families in south Sacramento, which lead to improved customer service and immediate repairs for major apartment complexes.
- Provided health and environmental justice workshops to over 2,500 residents in the county of Sacramento
- Successfully recruited new organizations to join the coalition, and became state-wide member of Rise Economy, CA EJ Coalition, Common Ground-IAF, and our national partner: The Footprint Project.
- Started our first mobile Solar-Power Trailers to provide electricity for Resilience team cooling stations.
- Completed Community Development Feasibility Study for the launch of CDC (Placer County)
- Successfully advocated for the Placer Board of Supervisors to adopt a housing plan that commits a housing fund and the construction of 1300 affordable housing units by 2029.

### **Active Coalition Partners**

1. The Latino Leadership Council (Health Navigators North Sacramento and Placer County)
2. Sembrando Semillas – Day Labor Worker Center (Del Paso Heights)
3. Community Resource Project (Energy efficiency programs, WIC, Utility Assistance)
4. Grid Alternatives (Energy Efficiency, EV Vehicles, and E-bikes)
5. St. Joseph Catholic Parish – (North Sacramento Laudato Si Workshops and Resilience Team)
6. St. Robert Catholic Parish – (South Sacramento Laudato Si Workshops and Housing Rights)
7. Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish (South Sacramento Laudato Si Workshops and Housing Rights)
8. St. Philomene Catholic Parish (Latino Leadership Council Health Navigation)
9. Catholic Diocese of Sacramento – Office of Social Concerns/Catholic Charities Sacramento (Immigrant Support Network)
10. 350 Sacramento (Climate Justice and technical assistance)
11. The Benito Juarez Association (Immigration and Labor Rights and Resilience)
12. Her Health First for California Endowment Funding
13. Center on Race, Immigration, and Social Justice (Sacramento State University Annual Social Justice Fair)
14. The Sacramento Homeless Union (Resilience Team and Cooling Station)
15. Third Act Sacramento – Coalition Partner (Climate Justice)
16. Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Coalition Partner (Radio Santisimo, unhoused, and EarthDay Annual Gathering)
17. Mangan Park Neighborhood Association – Coalition Partner (Housing and Air quality team)
18. St. Ann Catholic Parish – (South Sacramento Laudato Si Workshops)
19. St. Charles Borromeo Parish – (South Sacramento Laudato Si Workshops)
20. Placer People of Faith Together – (Placer County Affordable Housing and EJ Partner)
21. Holy Rosary Parish (Yolo County) – Developing Partnership (Laudato Si Workshops and possible Water Justice)
22. Yolo- Solano Catholic Charities – Developing Partnership (Laudato Si Workshops and possible Disaster Preparedness Partner)
23. UC Davis – the Annual Avanza Youth Leadership Conference (Regional EJ Workshops)
24. Church of the Harvest – Del Paso Heights
25. Potters House Church – Del Paso Heights
26. Common Ground-IAF
27. The HUB – Building Healthy Communities

### **State Partners (Sac-EJC is a members**

28. Rise Economy <https://rise-economy.org/>
29. The California Environmental Justice Coalition <https://cejcoalition.org/>

### **National Partner**

30. The Footprint Project <https://www.footprintproject.org/>

**Sac-EJC.org Leadership**

Herman Barahona, Executive Director

Deacon Arturo Arroyo, Faith-Community Advisor Community Organizer

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**Board Members**

Venzualia Hollifield - Board President

Dr. Jeremy Houska -Board Treasurer

Shannon Pace - Board Secretary

Barry Boyd - Board Member (Air Quality Chair)

Vacant (Immigration Chair)

**Community Advisors**

Ramona Rio Parada - Family And Marriage Therapist

Mayra Valdiva - School Administrator And Counselor

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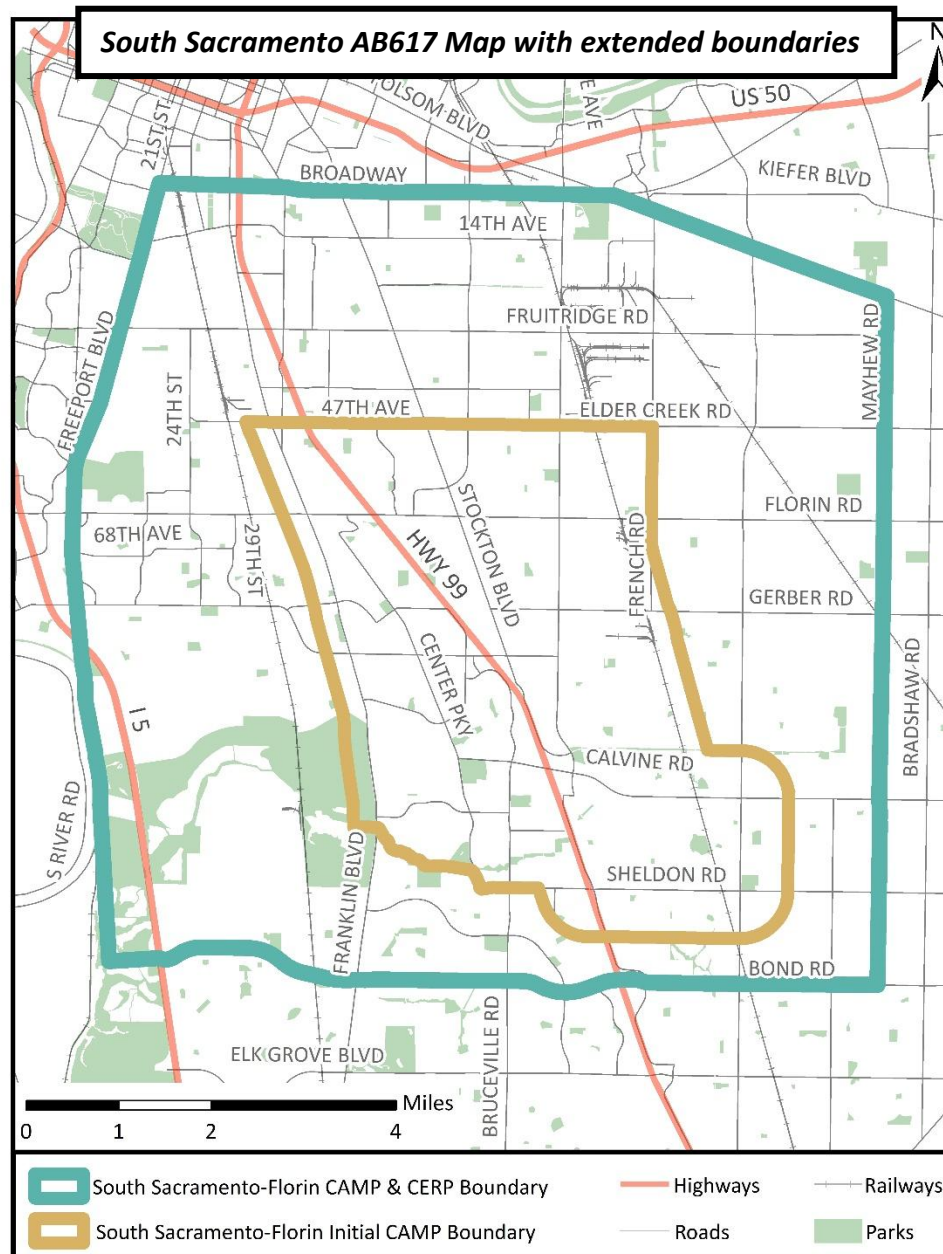
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