

# South Los Angeles AB 617 Community Co-leads

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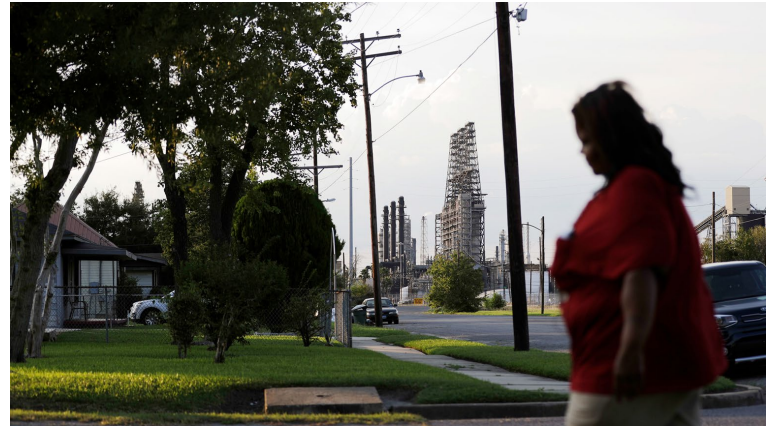
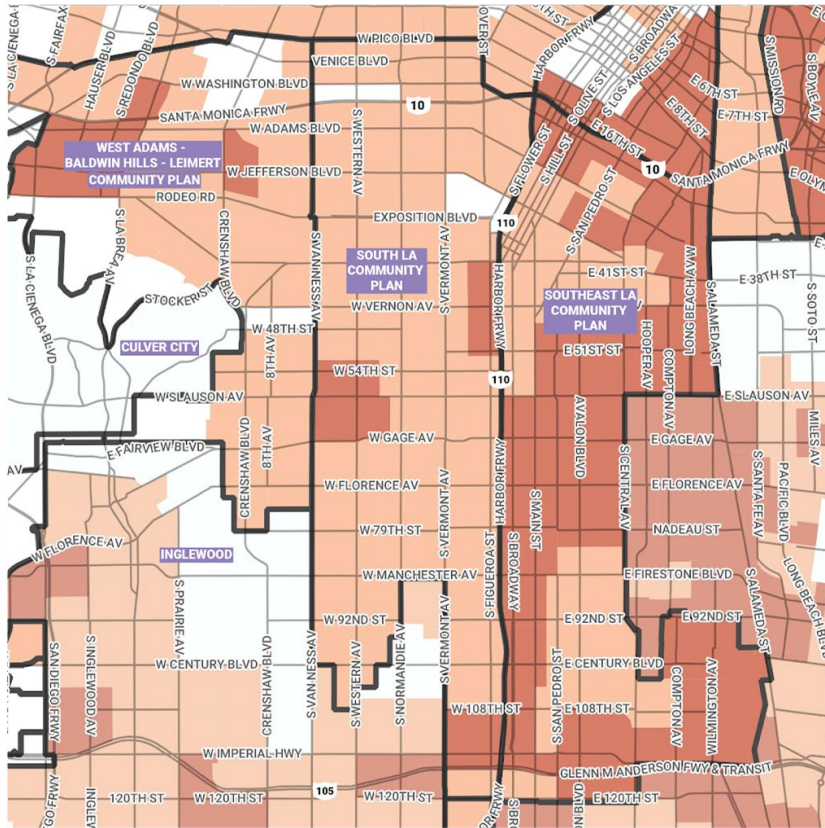
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**WATTS CLEAN AIR & ENERGY  
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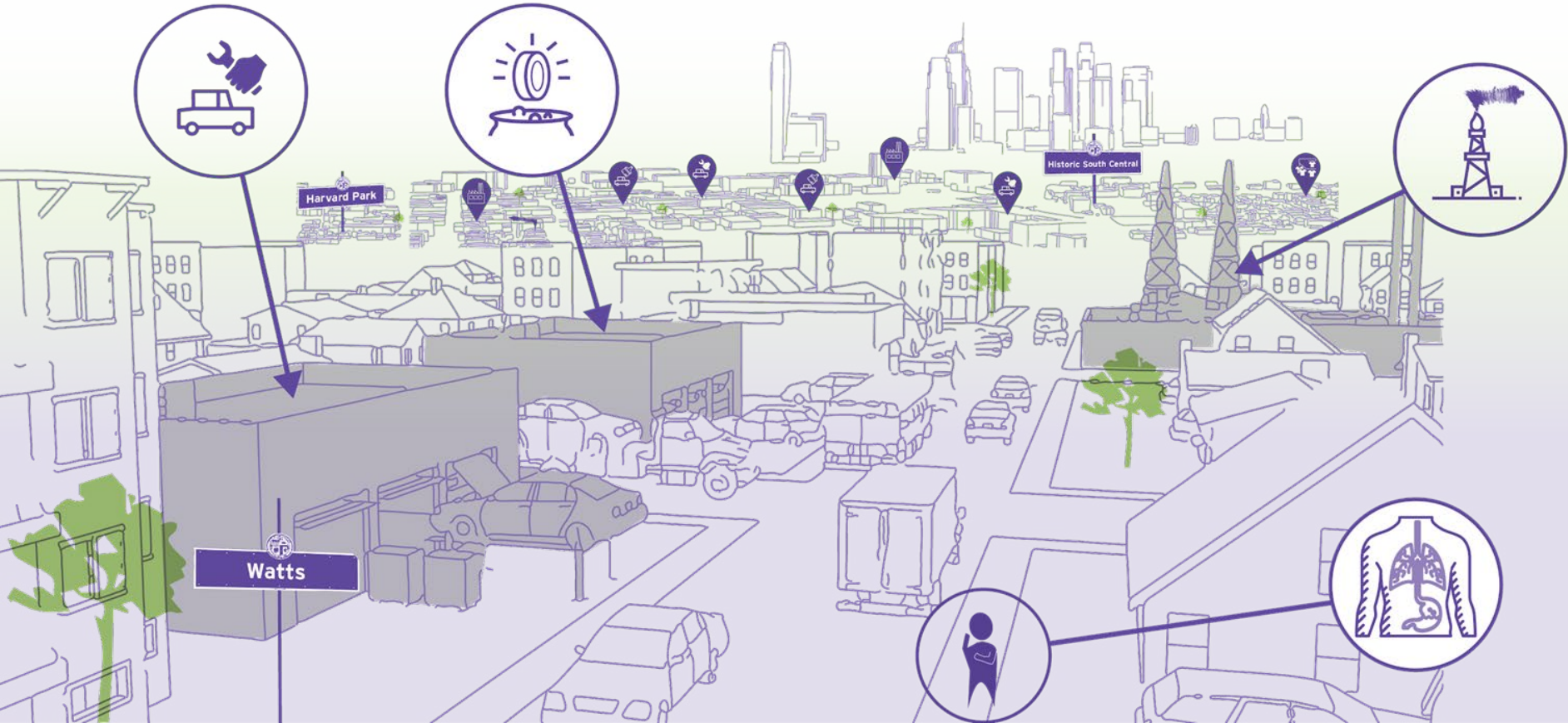
# Grounding in the Context and History of South LA



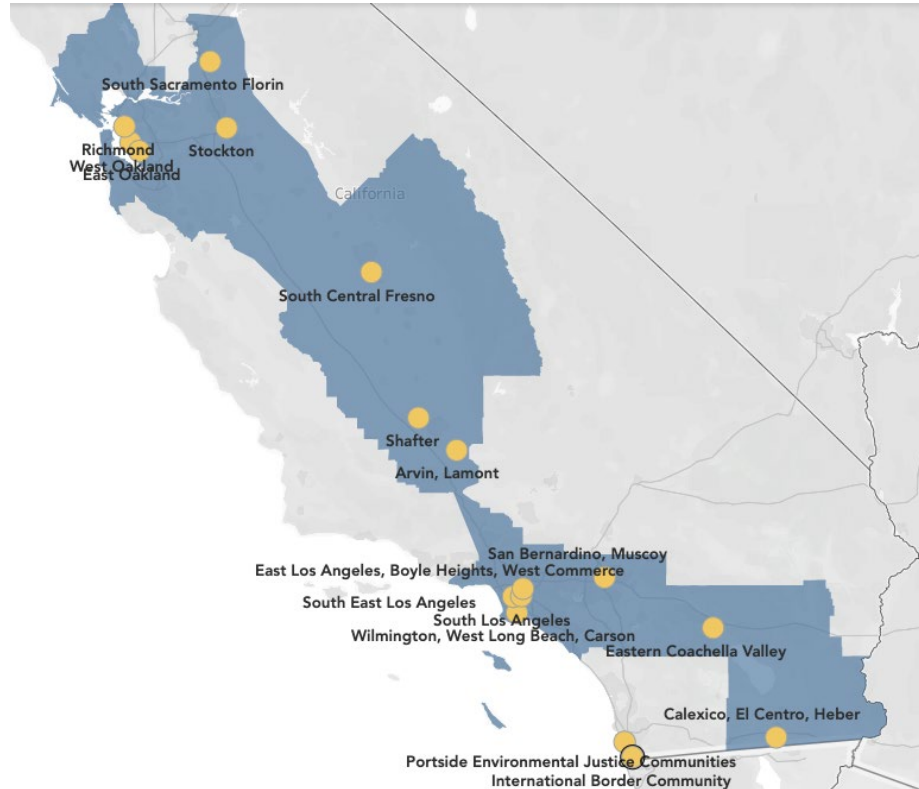
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# What's Up With the Air in South Central LA?



# AB 617 Program and South LA Community Selection Process



Sixteen communities have been selected for air monitoring and emissions reductions plans (see map).

These communities are exposed to multiple sources of pollution leading to high cumulative impacts over time.

South Central Los Angeles was selected in 2021 as an officially AB167 Communities to improve air quality



# Community Leadership in South LA



# AB 617 Community Co-leadership Model



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# Co-leadership Model Challenges



- Constrained Timelines
- Limited resources and budget transparency
- Limited Capacity
- Limited Ability for Meaningful Community Engagement
- High expectations and limited resources
- Communications and Transparency
- Unbalanced Power Dynamics and Voices at the Mic
- We are still in a Pandemic!
- Digital Organizing and Engagement

# .....and Some Opportunities & Lessons Learned

- Potential to make progress in reducing air pollution impacting disadvantaged communities
- Establish a new way to improve air quality in California communities
- Encourage more meaningful partnerships to **identify problems, develop solutions** and **track progress** together.
- Start to build trust and communications bridges between communities and the air district.
- Transparency, open dialogue, and accountability
- Co-Design, Co-develop, and collective decision making

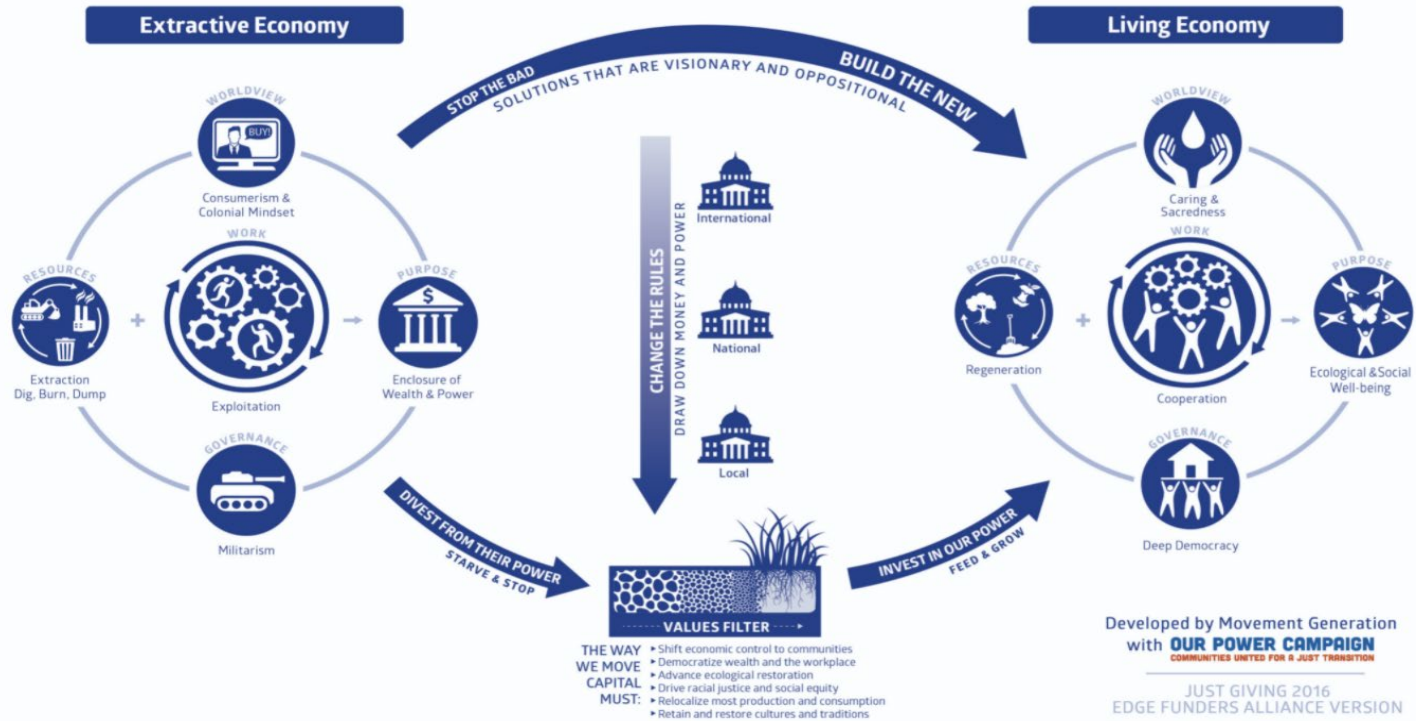




# A Just Transition for South LA

## A STRATEGY FRAMEWORK FOR JUST TRANSITION

RESIST — RETHINK — RESTRUCTURE



# Moving Towards a Strong CERP Implementation



# THANK YOU!

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