South Los Angeles
AB 617 Community Co-leads

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Grounding in the Context and History of South LA
What’s Up With the Air in South Central LA?
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
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
Moving Towards a Strong CERP Implementation
THANK YOU!

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