



Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment

2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

SUPPORT: [AB 1357](#) (Quirk) - Department of Toxic Substances Control

Increases agency accountability by requiring Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to hold at least 4 public meetings a year to present on recent and upcoming decisions or actions relating to permitted hazardous waste facilities, clean up sites, and enforcement. This bill would also require DTSC's Director to run the meetings and to provide time for public testimony. *Contact: Ingrid Brostrom, ibrostrom@crpe-ej.org*

SUPPORT: [SB 160](#) (Jackson) - Cultural Competence in Emergency Planning

Requires counties to engage communities when updating emergency plans to ensure that local disaster preparedness and response activities (i.e. alerts, communications, evacuations, and sheltering) are culturally competent and meet diverse needs. This bill prioritizes reaching culturally diverse communities including immigrant and refugees and low-income communities of color among other groups. *Contact: Paulina Torres, ptorres@crpe-ej.org*

SUPPORT: [SB 458](#) (Durazo) - Protect Children from Brain-Damaging Chlorpyrifos

Protects the health of children and frontline communities from the brain-toxic pesticide chlorpyrifos by prohibiting the use of the pesticide. The bill would positively impact environmental justice communities throughout the state, since these very communities, particularly in the San Joaquin Valley, are disproportionately exposed to chlorpyrifos. *Contact: Paulina Torres, ptorres@crpe-ej.org*

SUPPORT: [AB 345](#) (Muratsuchi) - Health and Safety Zone

Creates a 2,500-foot protective distance between oil drilling sites and homes, schools, childcare facilities, healthcare facilities, and other sensitive locations. Oil and gas extraction poses severe environmental, health, and safety risks to nearby communities, which are disproportionately low-income communities and communities of color. This bill would ensure that oil drilling does not happen within such dangerous proximity to where people live. *Contact: Alvaro Casanova, acasanova@crpe-ej.org*

PROTECT THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CEQA is California's fundamental public participation and environmental protection law, and is the key civil rights tool that environmental justice communities use to protect their right to clean air, water, and soil. CRPE is working to make sure that efforts to weaken this landmark law do not succeed. *Contact: Chelsea Tu, ctu@crpe-ej.org*

OPPOSE: [SB 25](#) (Caballero) – Restrictions to Public Participation and Judicial Review

Restricts and expedites administrative and judicial review for projects funded through federal opportunity zone funds, other public funds, and funds allocated through the Strategic Growth Council. This bill would significantly restrict the public's ability to share their concerns via public comment and their right to file a lawsuit.