



CCAIEJ's Impact Report 2023 - 2024

The Center for Community Action & Environmental Justice
Bringing people together to improve their social, built, and natural environment.



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Mission and Vision



Mission:

The Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAIEJ) is a progressive equity based organization that embodies hope, unites people y pueblos, to create intersectional solutions that transform communities “to bring people together to improve their social and natural environment.” Utilizing the lens of environmental health, we achieve regenerative change by developing resilient BIPOC intergenerational leadership, through the power of community base-building. Through strategic campaigns, we cultivate inclusive self-sustaining neighborhoods, where everyone can live, work, play, and thrive.

Vision:

To inspire social change by dismantling the root causes of environmental injustice:

- Through community base building and leadership development we seek to change the political and social landscape of the Inland Valley which includes Riverside and San Bernardino counties.
- The work of CCAIEJ consistently focuses on those most affected by environmental health hazards: low-income communities of color and immigrant families who live, work, learn and play closest to rail yards, industrial areas, toxic waste facilities, inter-modal facilities, freeways and other areas at greatest risk for environmental health hazards



Looking Back, Moving Forward



As we emerged from the challenges of the pandemic, 2023 and 2024 marked a period of intentional growth and strengthened leadership within our communities. During these years, CCAIEJ expanded its focus into new areas, yielding significant results in community outreach and engagement. By prioritizing community education and reinforcing the core values that define our organization, we solidified our foundation as a trusted partner in the fight against destructive development, persistent pollution, and industry-friendly policies that undermine community well-being.

CCAIEJ's impact continued to gain recognition locally, nationally, and internationally. We also expanded our presence in the digital space, embracing innovative platforms like podcasting and video production to amplify our message and reach new audiences. These efforts, combined with our robust calendar of community events, reflect the resilience and strength born from the intersection of advocacy and community power.

Collaboration remains at the heart of our work. In partnership with organizations advocating for environmental justice, LGBTQ+ rights, immigration reform, equitable energy policies, and more, we amplified efforts across multiple sectors. Together, we stand in solidarity with our partners, laying a strong foundation for sustained success and a future where justice prevails.





Community Action Teams



At the core of the fight for environmental justice is the empowerment of community members to advocate for their neighborhoods. CCAIE's Community Action Teams (CATs) serve as a cornerstone of our localized organizing strategy. These teams are composed of dedicated community leaders who actively engage in the movement and mobilize efforts within their respective cities to support CCAIE's mission.

Through collaboration with these leaders, we take action in priority cities like Bloomington, Fontana, Moreno Valley, Perris, Mead Valley, and others disproportionately impacted by toxic pollution. By equipping and supporting these teams, we amplify community voices and create sustainable change in the areas that need it most.





Bloomington



Over the past two years, Bloomington has been at the heart of CCAEJ's fight for environmental and social justice. This small, tight-knit community has faced significant challenges from the Bloomington Business Park project, a development that has disrupted lives, displaced families, and irreversibly altered the character of the area. Despite these hardships, CCAEJ has stood steadfast alongside Bloomington's residents, advocating for their rights.

The Bloomington Business Park project, spearheaded by Howard Industries, posed significant threats to the community from the outset. Residents were met with inadequate environmental protections, questionable development practices, and a deeply flawed Environmental Impact Report (EIR). CCAEJ took decisive action, filing a lawsuit against Howard Industries to hold them accountable for these oversights. In a significant victory for the community, **we won the case**, compelling the developers to revisit and address the deficiencies in their EIR. However, the victory comes with bittersweet undertones. Many homes in the project area have already been demolished, displacing families and leaving an indelible mark on the community. For those affected, CCAEJ has been a source of unwavering support. From providing resources to displaced families to amplifying their stories, we remain committed to advocating for their needs and ensuring their voices are heard.



Impact by the Numbers

Total Base:

463

Community Members

New Base:

223

Newly Added Members

Bloomington Power:

32

Community Meetings



Fontana



Over the past few years, Fontana has become an epicenter of environmental and social injustice. The unchecked proliferation of warehouse developments continues to endanger the health and well-being of residents, particularly those in frontline communities. These massive facilities bring increased truck traffic, worsening air quality, and contributing to the region's already dire pollution levels. Yet, despite community opposition, city leadership has prioritized corporate interests over the health and safety of its residents.

The city has also waged an unjust crackdown on local street vendors—small business owners who are the backbone of the community's cultural and economic vibrancy. What began as licensing disputes escalated into the deployment of police force against peaceful protesters advocating for fairness and dignity. This overreach has not only stifled livelihoods but also fueled a growing sense of injustice and mistrust in city governance.

Despite these setbacks, the community has shown remarkable resilience. CCA EJ has stood alongside residents, mobilizing to demand accountability and equitable policies. Through grassroots advocacy, educational workshops, and public demonstrations, we have amplified the voices of those most affected and built a growing coalition for change.

The fight in Fontana underscores the need for bold, community-led action to combat systemic injustices and hold decision-makers accountable. Together, we will continue to advocate for a healthier, more equitable future for all.

Impact by the Numbers

Total Activated People:

2375

Community Member Signatures

City Council Attendees:

200+

Community Comments

Fontana Power:

65

Community Action Team Members



Fontana Mobilizations



Referendum:

In 2022, when the Fontana City Council voted 4-1 to abandon 10 acres of Southridge Park for a luxury housing development, CCAEJ took action to protect community green space. In 2023, we launched a referendum campaign to overturn the decision, mobilizing residents and raising awareness about the importance of public parks. Though the referendum ultimately fell just short, our efforts led to a significant victory—securing millions of dollars in park amenities as part of a negotiated agreement. This outcome reaffirmed the power of community organizing and set a precedent for future fights to protect public land.



Planned Parenthood:

Further compounding public health issues, the city council, led by Mayor Acquanetta Warren, halted the development of a much-needed Planned Parenthood medical facility. This decision denied critical healthcare services to many residents, disproportionately impacting women and marginalized communities. This obstruction of development continues even after extensive public outcry. We now have seen Planned Parenthood sue the city of Fontana for unfairly denying the project, when all metrics point to an medical facility being needed.



Rialto



For years, Rialto has been at the center of CCAIEJ's environmental justice advocacy, as the rapid expansion of warehouse developments continues to threaten the health and well-being of its residents. These massive projects bring increased diesel truck traffic, worsening air quality, and other environmental hazards to a community already overburdened by industrial activity. Recognizing these threats, CCAIEJ has worked tirelessly to challenge harmful developments and push for policies that prioritize public health and community well-being.

Our advocacy in Rialto extends beyond opposing individual warehouse proposals—we have focused on addressing systemic issues in local decision-making. Many residents have voiced concerns about the lack of transparency and accountability in how major development projects are approved. Too often, decisions that impact public health and quality of life are made without meaningful community input or proper consideration of long-term environmental consequences. In response, CCAIEJ has supported residents in demanding greater government accountability, including exposing Brown Act violations and pushing for more equitable and transparent planning processes.

A key victory in this work has been the successful incorporation of an Environmental Justice Element into Rialto's General Plan update. This critical policy framework acknowledges the historical environmental burdens placed on the community and commits the city to strategies that mitigate pollution exposure, improve air quality, and protect public health. By embedding environmental justice principles into city planning, we have helped ensure that future development in Rialto prioritizes the needs of its residents rather than corporate interests.

Housing justice has also been a major focus of our work in Rialto. The city's Housing Element plays a crucial role in determining the future of affordable housing, tenant protections, and strategies to prevent displacement. CCAIEJ has worked alongside community advocates to strengthen anti-displacement policies, promote fair housing practices, and ensure that low-income residents can continue to live and thrive in their neighborhoods without the looming threat of gentrification or industrial encroachment.

These efforts have helped cultivate a strong and active community movement in Rialto. With CCAIEJ's support, local residents have mobilized to hold decision-makers accountable and advocate for a healthier, more just city. As we continue this work, CCAIEJ remains committed to standing alongside Rialto's residents to fight for cleaner air, transparent governance, and sustainable development that truly serves the community. By amplifying their voices and advocating for policies that protect public health and housing security, we are working to make Rialto a model for community-led environmental justice.



Rialto Referendum



Our work in Rialto has extended far beyond opposing individual warehouse proposals—it has become a fight for systemic change. Time and again, we have seen critical decisions about land use and development made without transparency or meaningful public input. Many residents have expressed deep frustration over local elected officials prioritizing industry interests over community well-being, approving massive warehouse projects that threaten air quality, traffic safety, and overall quality of life.

One of the most significant actions we took in response was launching a referendum alongside Northend 210 to challenge the approval of a warehouse project on Pepper Avenue. This referendum was more than just an effort to overturn one decision—it was a stand against a broken system that continuously disregards community voices. Despite coming up short in our fight to stop the development, we activated thousands of Rialto residents, building long-term community power that will shape the city's future.

This campaign pushed us to the limits—our team and volunteers knocked on doors in record-breaking heat, often exceeding 105 degrees, to ensure that residents knew what was at stake. Through extensive outreach, we educated the community on the impacts of warehouse expansion, gathered signatures, and attended council meetings to demand accountability from decision-makers.

This effort was a testament to the strength of grassroots organizing. As a result, Rialto now has a strong and active community action team that continues to advocate for environmental justice and equitable land-use policies. With support from CCAEJ and local partners, residents are more organized than ever, ensuring that their voices are heard and their concerns are addressed. Together, we are shaping a future where communities—not corporations—drive the decisions that impact their health, homes, and livelihoods.

Impact by the Numbers

Total Activated People:

2696

Community Member Signatures

New Base:

234

Newly Added Members

Rialto Power:

24

Community Meetings



Ontario



In 2023-2024, CCAEJ deepened our impact in Ontario, California, through initiatives that empowered residents and addressed critical community needs. We launched the Ontario Future Alliance (OFA), a coalition of diverse groups and organizations, including the NAACP, IE United, Fair Ontario, the Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Collective, and many others. Together, we co-hosted the Rising Voices Conference, bringing advocates and community leaders together to strategize for a more equitable future.

Our health fairs and toy drives provided essential resources and joy to local families, while our involvement in Ontario's redistricting process ensured fair representation for residents.

We also fought to preserve Prop 70 agricultural land through legal advocacy, partnering with Farmer Randy of Amy's Farms, who led our urban gardening class to promote local food resilience. Together with OFA, we continue to work toward policies and solutions that prioritize people and the planet, building a healthier, more just Ontario.



Impact by the Numbers

Total Activated People:

1400+

Community Member Attendees

New Base:

138

Newly Added Members

Ontario Power:

18

Community Orgs Engaged



Toxic Tours

Community Toxic Tours & Solutions Tours:

CCAIEJ has been a trailblazer in organizing Inland Valley Toxic Tours, providing an unparalleled opportunity for elected officials, policymakers, and community members to witness firsthand the challenges faced by some of the most heavily burdened communities. Notable participants have included Congressman Adam Schiff, Assembly Majority Leader Emeritus Eloise Gómez Reyes, CARB Chair Lianne Randolph, and many other distinguished leaders.

These tours aim to provide a powerful on-the-ground perspective, connecting decision-makers with the lived experiences and testimonials of residents in environmental justice communities. By fostering these connections, we drive forward impactful policies and promote cross-agency collaboration to deliver equitable solutions that truly benefit our communities.

Our efforts have been recognized in prominent outlets such as the Los Angeles Times and other local and national publications, underscoring the significance of this work. CCAIEJ remains committed to continuing these transformative tours, advancing critical conversations about environmental justice, and bridging the gap between communities and the officials who represent them.

Los Angeles Times



Adam Schiff passes an elementary school that is going to be torn down and replaced with another giant warehouse in the Inland Empire while touring parts of the area with environmental activists. (Gina Ferazzi / Los Angeles Times)

Toxic Tours Guests have included:



Sen. Adam Schiff
Asm. Juan Carrillo
Asm. Robert Garcia
Sen. Eloise Reyes
CARB Chair Liane Randolph





Toxic Tours





Legal Victories



Moreno Valley:

In a groundbreaking win for environmental justice, CCAEJ and its partners successfully halted the Compass Danbee Center-pointe Project, a massive warehouse development near homes and schools in Moreno Valley. The Riverside Superior Court ruled that the City violated CEQA by failing to assess the project's full environmental impact, setting a powerful precedent for future developments in the Inland Empire. This victory underscores the strength of community advocacy, and CCAEJ remains committed to fighting for cleaner air, healthier neighborhoods, and accountable decision-making.

Bloomington Business Park:

A Superior Court judge ruled in favor of environmental and community groups, halting the Bloomington Business Park project due to San Bernardino County's failure to comply with CEQA. The proposed 213-acre development would have added 1,300 diesel truck trips daily, worsening air pollution in a predominantly Latino, working-class community already burdened by industrial expansion. The court found major deficiencies in the County's Environmental Impact Report, requiring a new, compliant assessment before the project can proceed. Over 100 households would have been displaced, with some homes just 11 feet from the site. This ruling is a major victory for environmental justice, reinforcing the need for accountable land-use decisions that prioritize community health over industrial interests.

Fontana Parkland:

With the support of hundreds of Southridge community members, CCAEJ took legal action against developers seeking to build luxury homes on land taken from Southridge Park after the city abandoned it. While we were unable to halt the project, our collective efforts secured millions of dollars in improvements for the remaining park. This victory was only possible because of the dedicated community members who stood up to protect their neighborhood's green space.

CCAIEJ vs EPA:

CCAIEJ celebrates the EPA's approval of the SCAQMD's Warehouse Indirect Source Rule (ISR) as a critical victory for front-line communities. This policy will cut pollution from warehouse-related truck traffic, drive the transition to zero-emission technologies, and create local clean energy jobs. Years of community advocacy have led to tangible progress, with the ISR already prompting the deployment of zero-emission trucks and charging stations. However, enforcement remains a challenge, and CCAIEJ is committed to holding polluters accountable. Executive Director Ana Gonzalez emphasized the need for transparency in compliance data, ensuring the public has access to crucial enforcement information.



Ambassador Program



Over the past two years, one of CCAIEJ's most significant accomplishments has been the creation and development of the CCAIEJ Ambassador Program. This initiative was thoughtfully designed to educate and empower community members in environmental justice, transportation, resiliency, and civic engagement. Beyond offering education, the program has sown the seeds of collaboration, fostering a stronger sense of collective action among participants.

The Ambassador Program has continually evolved, incorporating increasingly advanced subject matter to meet the needs of our communities. This progression has resulted in the establishment of a highly effective environmental justice information network. Equipped with the knowledge and skills imparted through the program, ambassadors independently advocate for change, amplifying the impact of CCAIEJ's mission. This program has truly become a cornerstone of our work over the past two years.

We remain committed to refining the curriculum to address the shifting landscape of the Inland Valley, guided by valuable feedback from each cohort. To date, over 60 ambassadors have graduated from six cohorts, each dedicated to tackling environmental challenges at their roots through education and community-driven solutions.





Ambassador Program Analytics

257

CCAIEJ Ambassadors



5

CCAIEJ Ambassador
Cohorts in 2023-2024

30

CCAIEJ Ambassador
Classes / Workshops

4

CCAIEJ Ambassador
Core Subjects

- Environmental Justice
- Urban Gardening

- Transportation Justice
- Civic Engagement







Policy

The Saga of AB100, AB1748, and AB98:

For several years, CCAEJ has worked closely with Assemblymember and now Senator Eloise Gómez Reyes on our priority legislation, AB 1000. This bill was designed to protect communities by establishing a 1,000-foot buffer between warehouse developments and sensitive receptors such as schools, homes, and parks. AB 1000 has faced intense legislative battles in Sacramento, and while a new version emerged in 2024, it was met with significant opposition.

Complicating matters, AB 1748 was introduced as a competing bill. While it incorporated some community safeguards, it ultimately fell short by aligning with the inadequate standards of Fontana's warehouse ordinance. In response to ongoing advocacy efforts—including multiple lobbying trips and community testimonies—Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas initiated negotiations to merge the two bills. However, these negotiations were heavily influenced by developers, who excluded environmental justice voices from the process.

AB 98 provides a foundational framework for logistics operations, incorporating some long-advocated improvements for community safety. However, it falls short in protecting communities from diesel emissions and their health impacts, with setbacks from dock bays to sensitive receptor property lines being insufficient. Despite this, key elements of the bill, such as air monitoring and enhanced circulation, are valuable tools for advocating for healthier neighborhoods. We thank Assemblymember Reyes for her dedication to the Inland Empire, including her work on AB 1000, which helped establish stronger protections. There is hope that these efforts can be built upon to improve AB 98 as the region continues to face a crisis.





Policy (Continued)



Railyard & Port ISR's

Building on the success of the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule, **CCA EJ and its coalition achieved a groundbreaking victory in the summer of 2024 when the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) approved the Railyard Indirect Source Rule (ISR).** This landmark policy is a major step forward in curbing rail-related pollution and holding the freight industry accountable for its environmental impact.

The passage of the Railyard ISR marks a turning point in the fight for cleaner air, setting a precedent for how California regulates railroad operations. Despite strong opposition from industry stakeholders, CCA EJ and our partners demonstrated the power of community-led advocacy in driving systemic change.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to advancing additional ISRs, including those targeting port emissions. Through persistent engagement with policymakers and frontline communities, we will continue to push for bold environmental policies that





Youth 4 Change Program



In 2024, CCAIEJ's Youth for Change program was revitalized under the leadership of Melanie Robles, a former participant who now serves as a CCAIEJ Fellow. The program combined both in-person and hybrid participation, providing a dynamic platform for youth to engage with environmental justice issues and develop actionable strategies for change. One of the program's key moments was a day spent at a local state park, where youth participants discussed the impacts of environmental injustice in their communities and developed action plans to address these challenges.

The program included hands-on learning through a "toxic tour," which allowed participants to explore local environmental concerns, such as polluting industries and hazardous sites. This experience sparked critical discussions about systemic issues and solutions, fostering a strong sense of advocacy and empowerment among the youth.





Youth 4 Change Program (Cont.)



Beyond environmental education, the program also featured a college panel, offering guidance on navigating higher education, particularly for first-generation students. Youth participants left the event energized, having gained valuable skills in campaign development, community organizing, and environmental justice advocacy.

This revitalization of the Youth for Change program underscored the importance of investing in young leaders, equipping them with the tools to drive meaningful change in their communities. CCA EJ is excited to continue building on this success and looks forward to expanding the program in the future.

Impact by the Numbers

Total Activated Youth 4 Change:

38

Youth Ambassadors





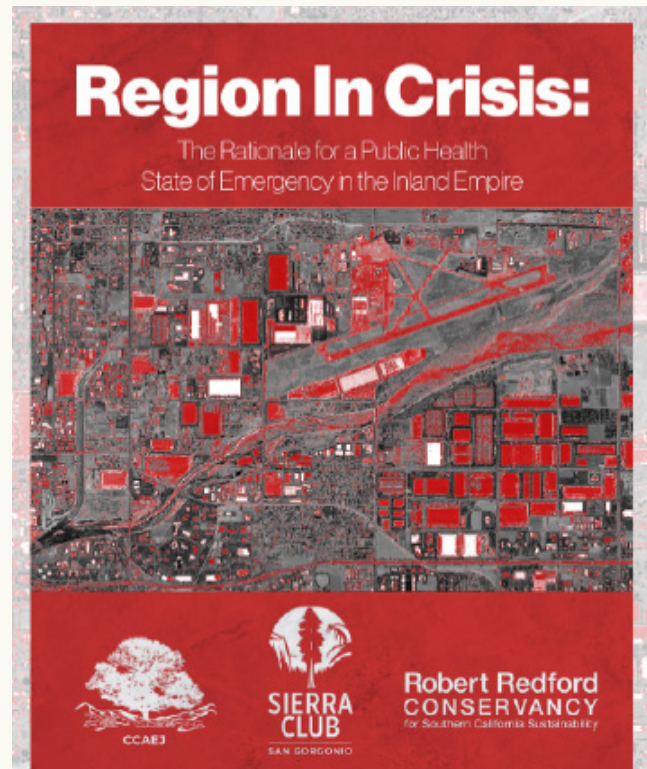
Region In Crisis Report



On January 24, 2023, over sixty organizations, including The Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ), the Sierra Club, and the Robert Redford Conservancy, came together to send an open letter to Governor Gavin Newsom, Attorney General Rob Bonta, and California Department of Education Superintendent Tony Thurmond. The letter urged immediate action to address the public health emergency caused by unchecked warehouse growth in the Inland Empire.

Accompanying the letter was an in-depth 80-page report that detailed the cumulative impact of pollution on the region. This report quickly gained widespread attention, being covered by several news outlets and ultimately reaching the national stage. Notably, it was referenced by Senator Alex Padilla during a Senate floor hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's soot rule.

This report has proven to be a catalyst for new initiatives and programs, exemplifying the power of collaboration to drive meaningful change. CCA EJ continues to partner with the Robert Redford Conservancy and the Sierra Club on various projects, while also advancing the research initiated in this report. Although we have yet to receive a response from the Governor, we remain committed to pushing for stronger environmental protections as outlined in the report.





Transportation Justice



In 2024, CCAEJ continued to lead the charge for environmental justice within the transportation sector, achieving significant milestones through community-driven action and strategic advocacy. Our work began with the Regional Rail Convening, which brought together diverse voices to explore sustainable rail systems and empower communities with knowledge and tools for change. Building on this momentum, we launched the Transportation Justice Ambassador Program, a cohort of dedicated community advocates whose efforts culminated in a landmark victory—the passage of the Railyard Indirect Source Rule at the South Coast Air Quality Management District. This policy promises cleaner air for frontline communities impacted by rail pollution. Beyond this, CCAEJ collaborated with statewide partners to oppose harmful projects like freeway expansions and championed equitable, community-based transportation solutions. These accomplishments underscore our unwavering commitment to a just and sustainable transportation system that prioritizes the health and well-being of all.





Rising Voices Conference



HCSB
ADVANCING SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITIES

OFA
Ontario Futures Alliance

Rising Voices
Community Engagement Conference

OPENING CEREMONIES DINNER

June 5, 2023 6 - 8 PM

Ontario Convention Center

Event Highlights:
Exclusive **Flamin' Hot** Trailer
Community Presentations
Food and Beverage
Art and Music Exhibits
Much more!

\$50 Package Includes:
Dinner Entry and
2-day Conference Pass

Ticket Link
Also available at
bit.ly/RisingVoices2023

Flamin' Hot
THE FLAVOR YOU KNOW
THE STORY YOU LOVE

Richard & Judy Montañez

Dinner Tickets Include
Exclusive Trailer Presentation With
Richard Montañez
Creator, Flamin' Hot Cheetos

Rising Voices
Community Engagement Conference

JOB FAIR
HIRED ON THE SPOT

June 6, 2023

Ontario Convention Center

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Rising Voices Conference



We are filled with gratitude for our community and partners who made the 2023 Rising Voices Community Engagement Conference a groundbreaking success. This inaugural event was a powerful collaboration between CCAEJ, the Hispanic Coalition of Small Businesses (HCSB), and the Ontario Future Alliance (OFA), who were instrumental in planning the majority of the 42 workshops and seminars that fueled the event's discussions.

Held at the Ontario Convention Center, the conference brought together change-makers, advocates, and passionate individuals to spark positive transformation across the Inland Empire. It emphasized the power of community engagement and collective action, with participants from diverse sectors—environmental justice, indigenous rights, small business support—sharing insights and developing strategies to address pressing social issues.

A key moment was the packed ballroom for keynote speaker Richard Montañez, creator of Flamin' Hot Cheetos, whose inspiring message resonated deeply with attendees. His story of perseverance and success in the face of adversity underscored the conference's core message: individuals have the power to drive change within their communities.

We extend our gratitude to OFA, HCSB, and all the organizers who contributed to the success of this event. The Rising Voices Conference not only fostered collaboration but empowered attendees to take action in their communities, amplifying their impact.

Impact by the Numbers

Total Attendees:

426

Community Members

Community Education:

42

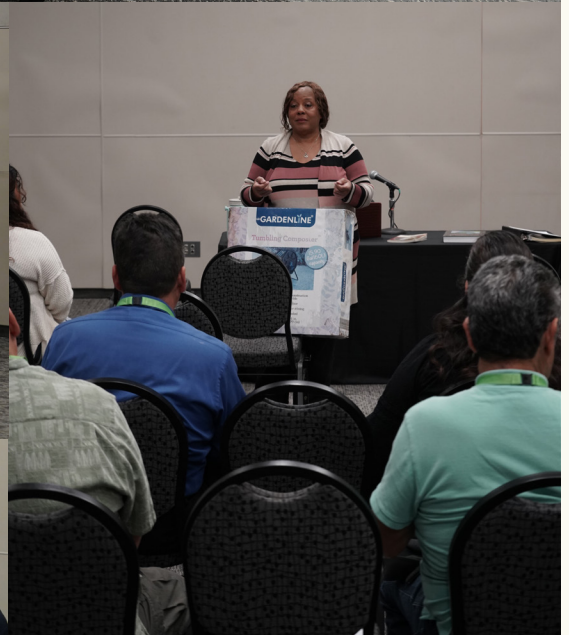
Workshops, Seminars, and Presentations

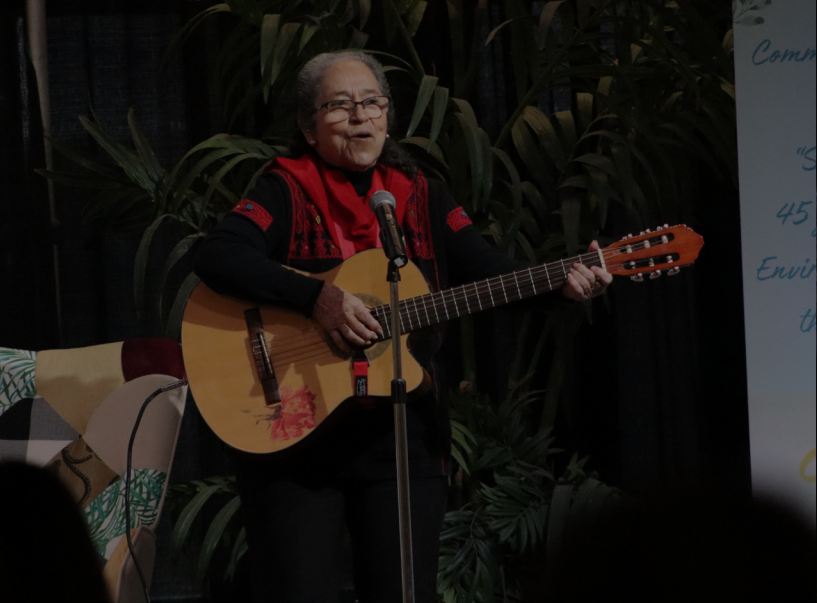
Collaborative Power:

20+

Community Orgs and Businesses











Rising Voices Conference (cont.)



Building on the success of the first year, the 2024 conference saw even greater strides in deepening community impact. Held at Cal State San Bernardino, the event was not only a continuation of this vital work but also a moment to honor the legacy of our founder, Penny Newman, who was presented with a well-deserved Lifetime Achievement Award for her decades of leadership in environmental justice. Additionally, the 2024 conference featured a keynote speech by Edgar Zapata, grandson of the iconic Emiliano Zapata. Edgar's speech highlighted the ongoing relevance of his grandfather's revolutionary work, drawing connections between his efforts and the modern-day environmental justice movement.

This conference built upon even greater success, expanding networking opportunities and strengthening the focus on empowering local initiatives through mentorship, resource sharing, and collaboration. It further solidified the Rising Voices Community Engagement Conference as a crucial platform for uniting like-minded individuals and organizations, amplifying the collective power of community-driven change. The event continues to serve as a reminder that by engaging and supporting one another, we can create a more just and sustainable future for all.

Impact by the Numbers

Total Attendees:

454

Community Members

Community Education:

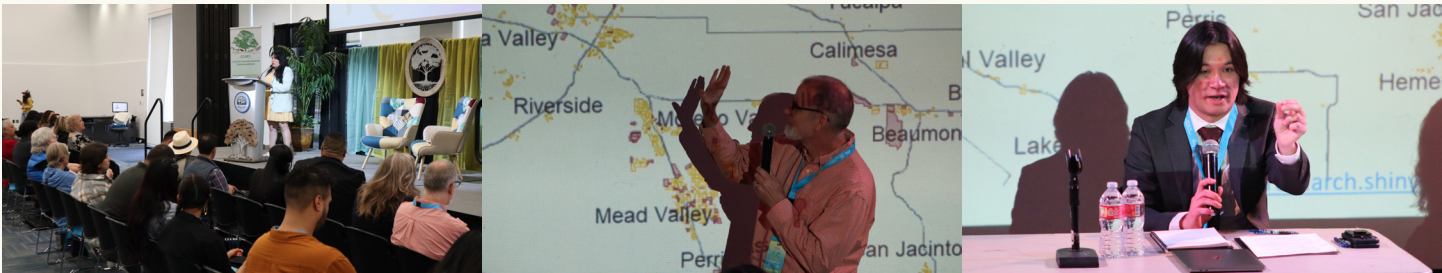
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Workshops, Seminars, and Presentations

Collaborative Power:

15

Community Orgs and Businesses





Redistricting



In 2022, CCAIEJ, in partnership with the Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance and the Ontario Future Alliance, played a key role in the Ontario redistricting process by supporting community participation and ensuring the adoption of Map 17, which set the stage for the city's first district elections in 2024.

Building on this success, CCAIEJ expanded its redistricting efforts in 2023 to Riverside, applying lessons learned to address unique local challenges. Partnering with community leaders and stakeholders, CCAIEJ conducted targeted outreach to underrepresented groups, educated residents about the importance of equitable districting, and supported grassroots advocacy to ensure fair representation. By facilitating public testimonies and working alongside skilled demographers, CCAIEJ helped promote transparency and accountability throughout the process. These efforts strengthened the community's voice in decision-making and advanced equitable representation across Riverside and San Bernardino County.





Civic Engagement



In the months leading up to the 2024 election, CCAEJ worked tirelessly to ensure that our communities had the knowledge and tools they needed to make their voices heard at the ballot box. Through our Civic Engagement Ambassador Program, we trained local leaders to educate their neighbors on the importance of voting and how environmental justice is directly impacted by policy decisions.

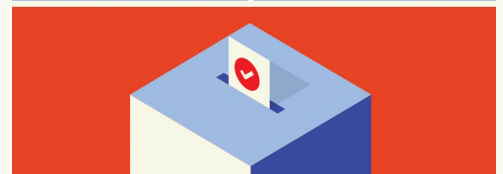
To further support informed voting, we created a CCAEJ Ballot Guide, breaking down complex measures and races in a way that was accessible and relevant to frontline communities. We also organized voter registration drives, ensuring that as many people as possible had the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

Our efforts culminated in a Ballot Party, where community members gathered to fill out their ballots together, ask last-minute questions, and celebrate their power as voters. By fostering collective engagement and education, CCAEJ strengthened civic participation and helped build a more just and representative future.



PROPOSITIONS TO VOTE

Prop 2 YES	Education Bond to update and build new schools in California	Prop 32 YES	Raises the California Minimum wage from \$16 to \$18 by the year 2026
Prop 3 YES	Marriage Equality regardless of Gender in the state of California	Prop 33 YES	Allows to pass for local rent control to limit annual rent increases
Prop 4 YES	Authorizes state to borrow money and fund a variety of EJ projects	Prop 34 NO	Places limits on how healthcare providers spend their revenues
Prop 5 YES	Allow local bond measure for affordable housing to pass with 55% of the vote	Prop 35	Ensures permanent tax on health care insurance to pay for medical
Prop 6 YES	Removes involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime in constitution	Prop 36 NO	Increases drug and theft sentencing crimes in the State of California





Media Coverage

Community Action Magazine:

The magazine continues to be the backbone of distributed physical media. We have now had 9 magazine publications, which have been greatly praised by the community members who received them. We continue to use the Vital Conditions for Well-Being and Justice framework in the latest issue.

Let's Clear The Air Newsletter:

The newsletters have continued to be an amazing outlet for our organization. Several community members have voiced their appreciation for the monthly newsletter that serves as a monthly update for the community, our ambassadors, and members. Currently there are over 900 active readers with a continuous organic growth pattern trend.

Cafecito with the ED:

Developed recently, this live stream is a direct connection for the community to ask our sitting ED question as we discuss relevant topics for the region. We invite guests and local leaders to further our discussions and ground our words with a foundation of community guidance.

Let's Clear The Air Podcast:

The Let's Clear The Air podcast is newly revitalized with a brand new podcast studio. The podcast continues to highlight local voices with in depth discussion with leaders and experts in different areas of environmental justice.

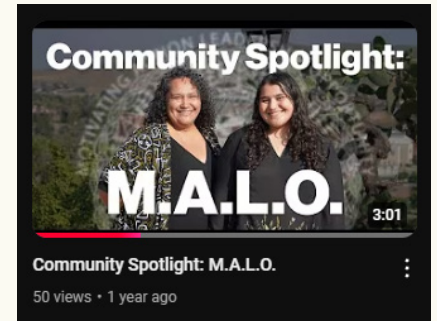




Media Coverage

Community Stories:

First hand accounts and testimonials of community members in Environmental Justice Communities. This continues to be a major component of our social media strategy and campaigns.



News Coverage in the LA Times, Politico, The Press-Enterprise, and other media outlets highlight the growing environment justice movement in the region



Impact by the Numbers

Facebook Base:

4.3K
Followers

Views 12.6K Reach 55.9K ↑ 100%

Content interactions 3.1K ↑ 100%

Instagram Base:

4.1K
Followers

Views 183.3K Reach 78.4K

Content interactions 11.9K ↑ 100%

X Base:

2.3K
Followers





Collaborative Projects

Street Vendor Campaign With ICIJ:

- Supported ICIJ's Street Vendor Campaign in Fontana and San Bernardino by attending city council meetings, outreach to vendors, and organizing mobilizations to advocate for new policy that align with the states views.

Shutdown Adelanto Coalition with ICIJ:

- Member of the Shutdown Adelanto Coalition to work toward providing resources, social media outreach, and community support.

MayDay:

- In collaboration with ICIJ and many other organization such as SEIU, IELC, and CHIRLA, we attend a MayDay rally for environmental, labor, and immigration justice. This event highlight the intersectionality of social justice issues and underscores the need for solidarity across the region. A Threat to One is A Threat To All.

Toxic Tours of the Inland Region:

- CCAEJ prides itself on its continued work with higher education student from many different college around the region. Recent tours consisted of university of Pomona College, or the Claremont Colleges, and Redlands University. We have also had the California Air Resource board, Senators, and many other local officials take these tours. The impact the first hand look at the communities provides is unbelievable and lifts the voices of EJ communities.





Coalition Building



Inland Coalition for
Immigrant Justice

California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA):

- A statewide, community-led alliance that works to achieve environmental justice by advancing policy solutions Asian-Pacific American, Latino, and African American residents in the San Francisco Bay Area, San Joaquin Valley, Los Angeles, Inland Empire and San Diego/Tijuana area. The alliance combines organizing, movement-building, and strategic policy advocacy to advance its goals.

Regenerate California:

- A partnership between the California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA) and the Sierra Club My Generation Campaign that pushes the powering of 100 percent clean energy across the state and the retirement and shutdown of dirty gas plants.

Moving Forward Network (MFN):

- MFN is a national network of over 50 member organizations that centers grassroots, frontline-community knowledge, expertise, and engagement from communities across the US that bear the negative impacts of the global freight transportation system. MFN builds partnerships between these community leaders, academia, labor, big green organizations and others to protect communities from the impacts of freight.

THE Impact Project:

- The Trade, Health & Environment Impact Project is a community-academic partnership focused on reducing the impacts of international trade on health and community life. THE Impact Project seeks to develop an information network to share knowledge on the health and community impacts of ports and goods movement and appropriate strategies for preventing and reducing those impacts.

Ontario Future Alliance:

- The Ontario Alliance is a diverse group of community organizations coming together to guide the process of economic, and social justice in undeserved communities throughout the Greater Ontario Area.

Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice (IC4IJ)

- The IC4IJ, is composed of over 35 organizations that serve the immigrant community in the Inland Empire. We are collectively changing the narrative of the one million immigrants who live, thrive, and are a foundational part of the fabric of the IE.



Membership Program

In January 2024, CCAIEJ proudly introduced our inaugural membership program, offering community members an opportunity to contribute directly to our mission through annual or monthly memberships. Proceeds from this program provide vital support for our environmental justice advocacy, empowering us to continue making meaningful change.

Membership is more than a financial contribution; it is an invitation to join a network of passionate environmental justice advocates committed to building healthier, more equitable communities. As a token of our appreciation, members receive exclusive benefits, including our quarterly magazine, regular newsletters, invitations to special events hosted at our office, and expanded opportunities to engage with our impactful programs.

Through this program, CCAIEJ strengthens our connection to the community and builds a collective force for environmental justice.



MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM





Future of the Organization



As we close out 2024 and step boldly into 2025, we at CCA EJ remain steadfast in our mission to empower frontline communities and champion environmental justice. The challenges we face are formidable—escalating environmental degradation, systemic inequities, and political uncertainties—but so too is the strength of our community. It is this resilience, rooted in the power of collective action, that inspires our vision for the future.

In 2025 and beyond, we will continue to amplify the voices of the most impacted, fight for equitable policies, and cultivate sustainable solutions that prioritize people over profit. We are committed to expanding our transformative programs, such as the Transportation Justice Ambassador Program and the Civic Engagement Ambassador Program, which equip individuals with the tools to lead change in their own neighborhoods. By fostering partnerships, embracing innovation, and advocating relentlessly, we aim to ensure that clean air, safe housing, and healthy communities are not privileges but rights for all.

Our future is one of hope and action. Together, with the unwavering support of community members, donors, and allies, we will create a legacy of justice and sustainability. Let us move forward with determination, knowing that the work we do today will shape a brighter, more equitable tomorrow.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are unstoppable.

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