



CEJA Action 2021 Legislative Agenda

OUR PRIORITY BILLS:

SUPPORT: [AB 1087](#) (Chiu) - Environmental Justice Resiliency Hubs

This bill creates a streamlined grant program that coordinates with existing clean energy and health programs across the state to provide holistic whole building upgrades in critical community facilities. By enabling the transformation of trusted community spaces into resilience hubs, AB 1087 ensures those most impacted by climate change have access to critical services to cope with ongoing and future climate disasters in the immediate term while simultaneously stabilizing communities for the long haul.

SUPPORT: [SB 467](#) (Wiener & Limón) - Health and Safety Buffer Zones: Oil & Gas

This bill will prohibit all new or renewed permits for oil and gas extraction within 2500 feet of homes, schools, healthcare facilities or long-term care institutions such as dormitories or prisons by January 1, 2023 if CalGEM does not promulgate such a rule by January 1, 2022.

SUPPORTING POSITIONS:

SUPPORT: [SB 222](#) & [SB 223](#) (Dodd) - Water Affordability Package

This bill package establishes a long-needed framework for a statewide water affordability assistance program. SB 222 creates the Water Rate Assistance Fund to help provide water affordability assistance to low-income ratepayers and those experiencing economic hardship. SB 223 strengthens and extends inadequate existing water shutoff and bill repayment protocols and procedures to better protect all low-income California households that may face or have already experienced water service disconnections due to the water customer's inability to pay their water bill.

SUPPORT: [SB 342](#) (Gonzalez) - SCAQMD Board Membership

Co-sponsored by Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), this bill adds two necessary environmental justice seats to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Board and requires those members to reside in and work directly with the environmental justice communities in the South Coast Air Basin. Those who will fill these two additional seats must



have a strong experience advocating for the environmental justice rights of low-income communities of color.

SUPPORT: [AB 339](#) (Lee, C. Garcia) - Equitable Public Participation

This bill expands public access to meetings of local agencies by requiring that telephonic and internet-based service options be available for all public meetings, that all meetings have a live opportunity for public comment (including an opportunity for those participating via telephone or internet), that interpretation and translation services be available upon request for any language, that agencies shall have a system in place for requesting interpretation and translation services, and that the system must be publicized to the agency's constituents.