



South Coast  
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# Assembly Bill (AB) 617

## Community Air Initiatives

### East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce Community Steering Committee Meeting #5

Thursday, April 25, 2019 — 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

East Los Angeles Service Center

133 N. Sunol Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90063

Time	Item	Presenter	Why is this important?
5:45 pm	Doors open		
6:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcoming Remarks</li><li>• CSC Business: Charter and Roster, Community Tour Recap Meeting #4 Recap &amp; Current progress: What we've done so far – 10 min</li></ul>	Facilitator, Anna Araujo ( <i>Co-host, East LA Rising</i> ) <b>Committee Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss finalizing the CSC roster</li><li>• To understand where we are in developing the community plans</li></ul>
6:10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee Presenters – 15 min</li></ul>	<b>Committee Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To understand current efforts in the community by CSC members to address air quality concerns</li></ul>
6:25 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) – 5 min</li></ul> Q & A on this agenda item* – 20 min	Andrea Polidori ( <i>Atmospheric Measurements Manager, South Coast AQMD</i> )  <b>Committee Members; South Coast AQMD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss the Draft Community Air Monitoring Plan</li></ul>
6:50 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information on Sources in this Community and Initial Ideas for Actions in the Community Emission Reduction Plan (CERP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) (Part II): – 10 min</li></ul> Q & A on this agenda item & CSC Open Discussion on CAMP and CERP* – 60 min	Jo Kay Ghosh ( <i>Health Effects Officer, South Coast AQMD</i> )  Andrea Polidori ( <i>Atmospheric Measurements Manager, South Coast AQMD</i> )  Co-host  <b>Committee Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provides information on the sources contributing to air pollution in this community</li><li>• Provides information on ideas for these air quality concerns:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Metal Processing</li><li>-Toxic Waste Facilities</li><li>-Rendering Facilities</li><li>-Auto body Shops</li><li>-Schools, etc.</li></ul></li><li>• To gather community input on the proposed measures (actions) and to help guide South Coast AQMD staff in writing the CERP</li></ul>
8:00 pm	Next Meeting Topics and Important Reminders – 5 min	Anna Araujo ( <i>Co-host, East LA Rising</i> ; Facilitator) <b>Committee Members</b>	
8:05 pm	Public Comment – 10 min	Members of the Public	
8:15 pm	Adjourn		



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Affiliation	Representative (Primary <sup>1</sup> ; Alternate <sup>2</sup> )	Participant in the Committee Meeting Discussion
<b>Category: Community Organization</b>		
East LA Rising	Anna Araujo	Anna Araujo
J Jose Garcia	H. Jose Garcia <sup>1</sup> , Luis Reyes <sup>2</sup>	H. Jose Garcia
Mothers of ELA	Teresa Marquez	
Resurrection Church	Father John Moretta	Father John Moretta
EYCEJ	Cindy Donis	
COFEM	Anabella Bastida	Anabella Bastida
Legacy LA	Jacky Rodriguez	
<b>Category: Active Residents (not representing a Community Organization or a Business)</b>		
Active Resident - Boyle Heights	Veronica Polanco	
Active Resident - Boyle Heights	Nadine Diaz	Diana Tarengo
Active Resident - Boyle Heights	Terry Cano <sup>1</sup> , Joe Gonzalez <sup>2</sup>	
Active Resident - Boyle Heights	Fabiola Rivas	
Active Resident - East Los Angeles	Rafael Yanez	Rafael Yanez
Active Resident - East Los Angeles	Rudy Perez <sup>1</sup> , Carina Sanchez <sup>2</sup>	
Active Resident - East Los Angeles	mark! Lopez	
Active Resident - East Los Angeles	Martha Jimenez	
Active Resident - West Commerce	Jennifer Reyes	
Active Resident - West Commerce	Paulina Becerra	
Active Resident - West Commerce	Johncito Peraza	
<b>Category: Agency, School, University, Hospital</b>		
City of Los Angeles – Department of City Planning	Priya Medendale <sup>1</sup> , Jason Douglas <sup>2</sup>	Jason Douglas
City of Commerce	Oralia Rebollo <sup>1</sup> , Michelle Keshishian <sup>2</sup>	
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Cristin Mondy <sup>1</sup> , Tiffany Romo <sup>2</sup>	
Los Angeles County Planning Department	Norman Ornelas <sup>1</sup> , Soyeon Choi <sup>2</sup>	Soyeon Choi
USC	Wendy Gutschow <sup>1</sup> , Jill Johnston <sup>2</sup>	Jill Johnston
AltaMed Health Services	Bernice Nunez Constant <sup>1</sup> , Corina Martinez <sup>2</sup>	Corina Martinez
White Memorial Medical Center	Brian Johnston	Brian Johnston
<b>Category: Elected Officials</b>		
Asm. Cristina Garcia - District 58	Evelyn Nuño	Evelyn Nuño
Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council	Hector-Alessandro Negrete	
Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti	Irene Burga	
First District Supervisor Hilda Solis	Joseph Martinez <sup>1</sup> , Elizabeth Andalon <sup>2</sup>	Elizabeth Andalon
Asm. Miguel Santiago – District 53	David Juarez <sup>1</sup> , Luis Melchor <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Category: Business representative, business organization or labor organization</b>		

Railroads – BNSF	Trini Jimenez <sup>1</sup> , Marisa Blackshire <sup>2</sup>	
Labor - SEIU 721	Maribel Castillon <sup>1</sup> , Griselda Mariscal <sup>2</sup>	Maribel Castillon
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce	Kendal Asuncion <sup>1</sup> , Olivia Lee <sup>2</sup>	Kendal Asuncion
Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce	Jennifer Lahoda	Jennifer Lahoda

**Meeting Summary:** During CSC Meeting #5 the sources of air pollution, draft Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP), and initial ideas for actions in the Community Emission Reduction Plan (CERP) and the CAMP for air quality concerns: metal processing, rendering facilities, auto body shops, toxic waste facilities, and schools, etc. were discussed. Members of the committee discussed ideas for the CERP and CAMP.

- **Welcoming Remarks; CSC Business: Charter, Roster, & Meeting Format; Meeting #4 Recap & Current Progress: What we've done so far** – Facilitator, Anna Araujo (Co-host), Committee Members
  - Anna (Co-host) welcomed the attendees and reviewed housekeeping rules.
  - Valerie Martinez (Facilitator) reminded the group that she will be keeping pace of the meeting and gauging what the committee wants to discuss.
  - Anna (Co-host) discussed committee business, which included the charter, roster, and suggestion box.
    - Jill Johnston (USC) commented that she needs to be added as an alternate for USC on the roster.
    - With the correction of the addition of Jill Johnston on the roster, the CSC agreed that the roster was ready to be finalized.
  - Valerie (Facilitator) solicited volunteer presenters from the CSC to discuss community-based efforts on addressing air quality concerns at the future meetings.
  - Jennifer Lahoda (Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce) gave a brief recap on the community tour. Thirty participants attended the community tour, which included a tour of the facility that she runs. Jennifer said her company offered to open their facility and allow for a tour as well. She commented that the tour was very powerful and opened up great discussions. The group had a great conversation on how businesses can engage with the community. The general sentiment expressed by the participants was that the tour was a great starting point and provided optimism on developing a plan for change together.
  - Valerie (Facilitator) reiterated the goal of AB 617 is to work with the community on a localized level to address air pollution concerns. She explained where the CSC input has been collected to work towards writing the CERP. She discussed the progress made by the CSC in the AB 617 program and mentioned that today's discussion will be on the next set of priority air quality concerns, which include metal processing facilities, household hazardous waste/toxic waste facilities, rendering facilities, auto body shops, and schools, hospitals, parks, and community centers.

- **Committee Presenters**
  - Cindy Donis (EYCEJ) and Carina Sanchez (East Los Angeles resident) were not able to attend this meeting but will be presenting at the next meeting.
- **Draft Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP)** – Andrea Polidori (Atmospheric Measurements Manager, South Coast AQMD)
  - Andrea discussed the considerations for the CAMP, the major elements in the CAMP, and the ongoing CAMP process. He said that monitoring will be useful to support strategies identified in the CERP and help direct activities for the Enforcement team. The South Coast AQMD staff is working on the appendix for the CAMP and will post both documents online. Hard copies of the draft CAMP were distributed to the CSC and members of the public. Andrea stated that the CAMP is a living document and the CSC feedback will drive future adjustments/revisions. Revisions will be made until the objectives of air monitoring are achieved. Staff will submit the draft CAMP to CARB by May 1<sup>st</sup> and begin monitoring by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The CSC will be given until May 31st to provide feedback, which will be discussed at the next meeting. CSC and public comments submitted after the end of the comment period will still be considered to revise future versions of the CAMP. Andrea offered to anyone who wanted to look at the monitoring equipment to come on a lab tour at the District. He encouraged CSC members to approach the Air Monitoring Team after the meeting.
  - Rafael Yanez (East Los Angeles Resident) stated that traffic along the freeway and roads is the biggest concern for the community and that he does not see this discussed in the CAMP. He would like the license plate readers used by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to be included in the CAMP. He suggested Soto Street and Grand Vista Avenue as good monitoring locations. He stated that trucks that do not meet Port standards often find their way to the Commerce Railyard and travel on freeways inland.
    - Andrea responded that general strategies have been identified in the CAMP and that this specific recommendation can be incorporated into the CAMP. The monitoring strategy includes a survey of every concern identified by the community, which will help prioritize areas for additional follow-up.
    - Anna (Co-host) mentioned that specific traffic spots are identified in the CAMP.
    - Jo Kay further elaborated that staff has noted the specific locations from the last meeting. She stated that the license plate readers will be included in the CERP. The license plate readers identify the make and model of the trucks. The PEAQs technology to monitor emissions and read license plates is not ready for deployment.
  - Brian Johnston (White Memorial Medical Center) asked what is being monitored at the Exide site since it is not operating anymore. He also followed up asking if workers that are dismantling the site are being monitored.
    - Andrea responded that the South Coast AQMD has been measuring and continues to measure lead and arsenic levels outside the Exide site. The CAMP references the existing monitoring that is currently taking place at Exide. He commented that there is a chance of resuspension of particles at the site, and

the monitoring would identify levels if particles that are resuspended. Note that while the Exide site was not included by the CSC as one of the community's top priorities to address through the AB 617 program, current monitoring activities around the facility will continue to provide relevant information about ambient lead levels near the site.

- Jason Aspell (South Coast AQMD) commented that the building is currently being dismantled and therefore, the South Coast AQMD and Exide constantly measuring the ambient air lead levels. DTSC has oversight on the cleanup and workers conducting this work are being monitored for lead exposure as well.
- Father John Moretta (Resurrection Church) requested to change the language from truck traffic to include all automobile traffic.
- Jason Douglas (City of Los Angeles – Department of City Planning) requested the CAMP document be accessible to the public. He asked what the timescale for monitoring is and how will the data be shared with the public.
  - Andrea responded that staff tried to strike a balance in the CAMP document by providing the necessary technical information while making it user friendly. The South Coast AQMD staff is working on a short Summary document and is welcoming any suggestions. Andrea added that the last paragraph of the CAMP discusses how the data will be shared publicly. The South Coast AQMD will report monitoring data online within hours, when possible. For mobile monitoring, the data will take a little longer to analyze, validate, and display. Andrea stated that the timescale for the measurements are dependent upon the specific monitoring objectives that will be identified in consultation with the CSC. The CAMP process allows for feedback and continuous dialogue.
- Jill Johnston (USC) requested a table in the CAMP to show pollution sources and the respective monitoring strategies in the CAMP. She encouraged the use of more fixed site monitoring for ultrafine particles, black carbon, and speciated metals. She would also like to see a breakdown of the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that will be measured.
- Jennifer Lahoda (Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce) asked if a second draft of the CAMP will be submitted to CARB after the CSC gives their comments.
  - Andrea responded that the submission to CARB is not for approval purposes, but to get CARB staff input on the CAMP document. The South Coast AQMD staff is taking CARB's, the CSC's, and the public's comments for the revision of the draft. He added monitoring deployment will begin by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Information on Sources in this Community and Initial Ideas for Actions in the Community Emission Reduction Plan (CERP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) (Part II)** - Jo Kay Ghosh (Health Effects Officer, South Coast AQMD), Andrea Polidori (Atmospheric Measurements Manager, South Coast AQMD)
  - Jo Kay briefly presented data on the main air toxics and sources of air pollution in the Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, and West Commerce area.

- Brian Johnston (White Memorial Medical Center) requested toxicity information for the main air toxics. He commented that percentages do not communicate the risk involved.
  - Jo Kay responded that the percentages in the figures are already weighted by toxicity, to calculate the contribution to air toxics cancer risk for each air contaminant.
- Rafael Yanez (East Los Angeles resident) remarked that the air toxics data shows that truck traffic is the main issue of concern in this community. He made an appeal to CARB to be more involved and for the agencies to partner together.
- Anabella Bastida (COFEM) asked what technology is available to address truck pollution and what resources are available for truck drivers to implement this technology.
  - Jo Kay responded that one approach would be implementing the available technology and work towards developing future technologies that could be helpful. For example, the license plate reader is available now, but the PEAQs system is not ready to be deployed; one potential strategy would be to use the available technology and then later implement the PEAQs system when it is ready. Jo Kay further commented that incentive dollars can be prioritized for identified polluting vehicles and the South Coast AQMD can work on outreach to fleet owners. She requested the CSC's help on outreach to equipment owners for these types of outreach events.
  - Andrea requested the CSC looks at the mobile monitoring approach outlined in the CAMP and see how it will help identify the main areas of diesel pollution.
- Jo Kay discussed how the CAMP and CERP will work together even though the deadlines are different. The findings from monitoring will inform the actions taken. She requested committee presenters to share ideas for collaborative actions that can be written into the CERP. Jo Kay shared the draft outline for the CERP along with the draft action template and noted that committee members can help write the CERP actions using the template. She briefly recapped the priorities and CERP ideas discussed at the last meeting. Jo Kay briefly outlined the ideas to address air quality concerns about metal processing facilities, rendering facilities, auto body shops, household hazardous waste/toxic waste facilities, and schools, hospitals, parks and community centers. The CSC discussed ideas as a large group.
- **Metal Processing**
  - Jill Johnston (USC) requested more fixed monitoring. She asked if there is a rule for hexavalent chrome.
    - Jo Kay responded that the regulation for chrome plating and anodizing (Rule 1469) recently passed.
  - Anna (Co-host) asked if there are rules already in place or will they be introduced.
    - Jo Kay responded that there are many rules on metal processing facilities that already exist, but that there are also new rules being proposed as well as amendments to existing rules to further tighten those existing rules.

- Brian Johnston (White Memorial Medical Center) asked if there are rules for lead.
  - Jo Kay responded that the lead rules (Rules 1420, 1420.1, and 1420.2) were prioritized and have been approved. The rules mentioned in the slide are the rules that are currently being developed or amended.
- Evelyn Nuño (Assembly Member Cristina Garcia – District 58) asked for clarification on how the priority concerns template is being used. She asked what the challenges with metal processing facilities are. She recommended creating incentives for existing rules.
  - Jo Kay clarified that the template can be used for any priority category and suggestions can be provided. She further responded that metal processing is a big category with different types of facilities and not every metal processing facility is a problem. She remarked that the specificity of the rules helps address the different types of metal processing.
- Anna (Co-host) asked about the percentage of the facilities following the rules. She asked if the problems are enforcement issues or not having adequate regulations.
  - Jo Kay responded that the South Coast AQMD has an active enforcement team that does surprise/unannounced visits and also responds to public complaints. Only existing rules can be enforced. When a gap is identified (such as a previously unknown source of a pollutant), then we work to amend the regulations to address that gap.
- Rafael Yanez (East Los Angeles resident) asked for clarify on the current rule implementation for Rule 1469 and what Enforcement is doing.
  - Jason Aspell (South Coast AQMD) responded that for Rule 1469, which deals with chrome plating sources, the South Coast AQMD staff has issued two compliance advisories and already visits each site four times a year. By May 1<sup>st</sup> the facilities are required to have their building enclosures built. Source testing is also about to start. He offered to discuss other additional rules after the meeting.
- Evelyn Nuño (Assembly Member Cristina Garcia – District 58) would like to see a complete list of all the applicable rules. She asked what outreach looks like and if the South Coast AQMD has reached out to AltaMed Health Services and the LA County Department of Public Health.
  - Jo Kay responded that we can provide the rule information, and that the South Coast AQMD staff is happy to work with AltaMed Health Services and the LA County Department of Public Health. She further commented that outreach to businesses can help ensure that the businesses understand what is required to comply with the rules. The South Coast AQMD staff can provide outreach to businesses so that they can better understand compliance requirements.

- Jill Johnston (USC) recommended also conducting outreach to workers.
- Brian Johnston (White Memorial Medical Center) asked if information about facilities can be disseminated. He commented that there needs to be a feedback loop and that the community should know the impact of these facilities.
  - Jo Kay asked if the CSC has specific suggestions for what should be shared with the public.
  - Brian Johnston (White Memorial Medical Center) requested to share risk information that is geographically specific.
  - Evelyn Nuño (Assembly Member Cristina Garcia – District 58) asked to grade facilities, similar to restaurant grading, and make the information public, along with sharing it through various outlets. She also recommended providing training to businesses to reach compliance.
  - Kendal Asuncion (Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce) commented that there is often a lack of communication about regulations with small business operators, who lack the staff to know what is required. She further stated that noting publicly bad businesses can create a hostile environment, which can deter others from responding positively to the rules.
  - Corina Martinez (AltaMed Health Services) suggested that outreach and public relations be directed to different groups, businesses and community groups. She recommended dedicating time to identify the key groups.
  - Rafael Yanez (East Los Angeles Resident) requested a list of all the metal processing facilities in the area, identified geographically. Currently, the South Coast AQMD FIND website does not have this feature. He expressed that often when trying to look up a facility, the name is not known. He suggested self-policing within the industry.
- Anna (Co-host) asked if there is a website where business information can be found.
  - Jo Kay responded that the South Coast AQMD has the FIND system on the website. Permit information, tickets issued, and Annual Emission Reporting (AER) by year can be found on the site. The South Coast AQMD recently upgraded the system with a map.
- Evelyn Nuño (Assembly Member Cristina Garcia – District 58) recommended that there should be a timeframe to outreach to industry. She recommended visiting and calling facilities. She also recommended self-policing within industry where companies can pass on information on rule requirements.
  - **Rendering Facilities**
    - Rafael Yanez (East Los Angeles resident) discussed a call he made to complain about a rendering facility (under Rule 415) after hours but did not receive a response until much later. He commented that the inspector was on vacation

and staff should be in available to respond to such complaints in a timely manner.

- Terrence Mann responded that the South Coast AQMD has teams to address any issues and inspectors going on vacation should not affect this, since there are multiple inspectors and teams. He commented that rendering facilities are subject to other rules in addition to Rule 415 and are also part of RECLAIM. He said for this specific complaint he would discuss the details after the meeting.
  - Jo Kay commented that Rule 415 was adopted in November 2017 and that some of the compliance deadlines have not passed yet.
  - Jill Johnston (USC) requested another mechanism other than 1800-CUT-SMOG to report complaints. She suggested building the capacity to respond to complaints specifically from AB 617 communities. She recommended an online platform.
  - Rafael Yanez (East Los Angeles Resident) recommended billboards and bus advertisements in the community to familiarize people with 1800-CUT-SMOG.
    - Jo Kay responded that the South Coast AQMD is trying to get information out through different media. She asked the CSC for specific ideas that will work in this community. She suggested perhaps CSC members can participate in South Coast AQMD videos, which could be shared with the community.
  - Jennifer Lahoda (Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce) commented that they have well attended meetings at the Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce. She said that they are always looking for presenters. She recommended collaborating with the billboard companies to obtain space for advertisements, including some like ClearChannel that have programs for public service announcements. She further stated that in Boyle Heights there are a lot of business organizations where presentations could be made.
- **Auto Body Shops**
    - Jo Kay discussed how auto body shops are concentrated along specific corridors within the community. She discussed the “No Fault” Inspection program, where the South Coast AQMD staff helps make sure businesses have the required permits and helps facilities get into compliance. She further said that the South Coast AQMD can do a permit cross-check with other agencies.
  - **Household Hazardous Waste/Toxic Waste Facilities**
    - Jo Kay requested clarification on two household waste collection sites that were identified by the community.
    - Rafael Yanez (East Los Angeles resident) responded that there is a transfer facility in City Terrace that was causing emissions and odors. The other site is a toxic waste handling facility on Soto St. and Washington Blvd. He said that most of the storage is outdoors and odors, spillage, and groundwater runoff is a problem. He commented that the facility requires specialized training for those

coming on-site and often many inspectors lack the training needed to go on these sites.

- Soyeon Choi (Los Angeles County Planning Department) responded that she is aware of this transfer facility in City Terrace and that they have a conditional permit with the Planning Department (LA County). She said that members with a specific question about the facility can ask her.
- Evelyn Nuño (Assembly Member Cristina Garcia – District 58) asked if the South Coast AQMD can address concerns regarding cannabis facilities, such as the use of illegal pesticides, dust issues, or risk of explosions. She noted that there are a lot of facilities in operation without permit.
  - Jo Kay responded that the South Coast AQMD does not have authority over pesticides. However, regarding odors and public nuisance the South Coast AQMD's rules apply. Other hazards, like explosions, could be addressed through rule making.
  - Andrea responded that the South Coast AQMD's source testing team has been asked to measure potential emissions of liquid butane that is used for extraction at cannabis facilities. The South Coast AQMD is aware of the problems raised by the CSC member.
  - Rafael Yanez (East Los Angeles resident) commented that the City of Los Angeles has shut off power at facilities operating without permits. He commented that the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife is also developing regulations and inspections. He recommended that if anyone identified an illegal shop, the County Prosecutors Office could be contacted.

- **Schools and Other Sensitive Receptors**

- Brian Johnston (White Memorial Medical Center) commented that indoor air quality is important. He said that lead in water has been studied in California schools, with some schools having very high levels. He recommended measuring indoor air quality at schools and reporting this information to the schools and the public.
  - Jo Kay responded that the South Coast AQMD generally does not do indoor air quality testing, but that we have done outdoor air quality at school sites. The South Coast AQMD has also installed air filtration devices at schools, and this program has been well received.
  - Andrea commented that staff conducted a study on the air filtration devices, which showed that the devices are very effective at improving indoor air quality, and that this information about the study can be shared.
- Anna (Co-host) stated that many charter schools in Boyle Heights are opening without doing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). She said the parents do not know what the conditions are at the new schools.

- Soyeon Choi (Los Angeles County Planning Department) responded that an EIR is required only if certain projects are not permitted under the conditional permit or if they do not have an exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Jason Douglas (City of Los Angeles – Department of City Planning) commented that the City of Los Angeles requires MERV 13 filters in schools. He asked what the difference between MERV 13 and MERV 16 filters is. He asked if only the filters will be provided or the whole HVAC system.
  - Andrea responded that MERV 13 removes 80-85 percent of fine and ultra-fine particles. MERV 16 removes more than 90 percent. He also commented that the South Coast AQMD can share information on a study they conducted to assess the efficiency of air filtration devices installed at schools. The data includes both indoor and outdoor air quality measurements. He noted that a conversion to a MERV 16 filter would require only minimal modifications to the HVAC system. These filters do not remove VOCs.
  - Patricia Kwon (South Coast AQMD) responded that the current funding does include annual filter installation training for the schools. She commented that there are also portable filtration systems that can be installed for schools without a centralized HVAC system.
- **Next Meeting Topics and Important Reminders Next Meeting**
  - Anna (Co-host) shared that the next CSC Meeting will be May 23, 2019 (6:00 to 8:30 pm) at Resurrection Church and that the next Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting will be in late spring (May 29, 2019). She shared the likely agenda items for Meeting #6.
  - Evelyn Nuño (Assembly Member Cristina Garcia – District 58) thanked the South Coast AQMD staff for taking the CSC comments seriously, making changes to the meetings, and inviting members to present at the meetings.
  - Rafael Yanez (East Los Angeles Resident) reminded the group to replace in-cabin filters in their cars.
  - Anabella Bastida (COEFM) thanked the South Coast AQMD for their work and for providing the materials in Spanish, since this enables her to share the materials with the Spanish-speaking community that she works with.
- **Public Comment**
  - A member of the public shared that the corporate agenda is driving the agenda for monitoring and that we need to provide solutions. She agreed with Evelyn Nuño about going to the business owners directly. She commented that businesses capitalize on making people sick.
  - A member of the public shared that colonization has destroyed and disrespected the natives land.

## **General Recap of the Input Provided by the CSC during this meeting**

- **Air Quality Priority: Metal Processing**
  - Conduct more stationary monitoring.
  - Provide outreach and education to workers.
  - Provide outreach to small businesses by calling, door-knocking, and using various other public relation means.
  - Provide risk information through an online medium.
  - Enhance the FIND system so users can see a list of all metal processing facilities by geographic location.
  - Businesses and business associations should self-police and train business owners to be in compliance.
  - Create incentives and enforce regulations along with monitoring.
  - Provide a list of all applicable South Coast AQMD rules.
  - Collaborate with AltaMed and LA County Department of Public Health.
  - Disseminate information to the public about businesses that are not in compliance. This information can be shared in newspapers, local chamber offices, and other available means.
  - Provide information about long term health effects of leaks.
  - Provide facility risk information.
- **Air Quality Priority: Rendering Facilities**
  - Improve the response time from South Coast AQMD to complaints, as well as provide an online option to file complaints.
  - Use billboards and bus ads to inform public about 1-800-CUT-SMOG. Partner with billboard companies for public service announcements.
  - Give presentations at Chamber of Commerce meetings as well as other business association meetings.
- **Air Quality Priority: Household Hazardous Waste/Toxic Waste Facilities**
  - Address the trash transfer facility in City Terrace causing emissions and odors.
  - Address the hazardous waste facility on Washington Blvd. The facility is outdoors, and citizens are concerned with spillage and rainwater runoffs
  - A member raised concerns about the cannabis industry operating without proper permits and using illegal pesticides.
- **Air Quality Priority: Schools and Sensitive Receptors**
  - Monitor indoor air quality at schools.
  - Evaluate schools to see if they have properly installed filtration units.
  - Provide data of study done on air filtration systems at schools.
  - Ensure appropriate filter use and provide education/training about requirements.