Community Forum
The Collision of Best Intentions:
Public Health, Smart Growth and Land Use Planning

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Poster Session Participants

Advocates 4 Clean Air – El Marino: Mobilizing a school community to mitigate freeway air pollution
An organization “dedicated to improving the air quality for all who work, learn and play at El Marino, an exceptional elementary school located 40 feet from the biggest and busiest freeway in the nation.”
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Asian Pacific Islander Obesity Prevention Alliance: Engaging API youth around air quality
The mission of APIOPA is “to empower Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities to improve their health by proactively addressing social, cultural, environmental, and political factors that contribute to the growing rates of obesity among API residents in Los Angeles County.”
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Ballona Institute
Speaking for Nature

Coalition for a Safe Environment: How to use community fenceline science to reduce exposure to air pollution
CFASE is a “nonprofit community-based organization based in Wilmington, CA that seeks to improve environmental health and justice in the Harbor communities near the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.”
**East LA Community Corporation:** *Boyle Heights People’s Plan: community planning with residents to form a vision for a healthy community*

ELACC’s mission is to “advocate for economic and social justice in Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles by building grassroots leadership, developing affordable housing and neighborhood assets, and providing access to economic development opportunities for low and moderate income families.”

**East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice:** *Ignoring health impacts by siting a rail yard next to homes and schools*

EYCEJ is “an environmental health and justice non-profit organization working towards a safe and healthy environment for communities that are disproportionately suffering the negative impacts of industrial pollution.”

**Environmental Health Coalition:** *Creating healthy neighborhoods: community planning to overcome injustice*

EHC is “dedicated to achieving environmental and social justice. We believe that justice is accomplished by empowered communities acting together to make social change. We organize and advocate to protect public health and the environment threatened by toxic pollution. EHC supports broad efforts that create a just society and fosters a healthy and sustainable quality of life.”

**Esperanza Community Housing Corporation:** *Breathe in, breathe out: addressing South L.A. air quality disparities*

Esperanza “works to achieve comprehensive and long-term community development in the Figueroa Corridor neighborhood of South-Central Los Angeles.”

**From Lot to Spot:** *Empowering neighborhoods one vacant lot at a time*

FLTS’s unique approach involves grassroots, community engagement to ensure that disadvantaged communities contribute their voice in developing healthy spaces in their neighborhoods. The group aims to convert vacantLOTS into urban SPOTS for recreation, exercise and play.

**Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust:** *Urban parks and gardens– community-led design and stewardship in L.A.’s low-income, communities of color*

LANLT’s mission is to “grow healthier, safer and stronger communities by creating small, accessible urban parks and gardens that help remedy the critical lack of green and recreational spaces in greater Los Angeles’ underserved neighborhoods.”

**Move L.A.**

*Accomplishments in increasing transit and TOD under Measure R*

“Move LA's mission is to build a broad constituency that will advocate for the development of a comprehensive, diverse, robust, clean, and financially sound public transportation system for Los Angeles County and champion strategies to accelerate its implementation.”
**Pacoima Beautiful**: *The Pacoima Wash: a vision for a healthier community*

The mission of Pacoima Beautiful is to create a healthy, environmentally safe, prosperous and sustainable community through programs that provide environmental education, advocacy and local leadership.

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**Social Justice Learning Institute**: *100 seeds of change: local food system initiatives*

The Institute is “dedicated to improving the education, health, and well-being of youth and communities of color by empowering them to enact social change through research, training, and community mobilization.”

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**Strategic Actions for a Just Economy**: *Evaluating zoning changes in community plans & their impacts on health*

SAJE works “on behalf of economic democracy, neighborhood integrity and tenants’ rights to help make L.A. a happier, more just place.” They “work to find positive solutions to conflicts between institutions and low-income city residents, negotiating landmark agreements that benefit all participants.”

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**Streetsblog LA**: *Bicycling in the urban environment: the MyFigueroa project*

Streetsblog LA describes itself as “a daily news source, online community and political mobilizer for the Livable Streets movement. We are part of a growing coalition of individuals and organizations in cities around the world working to transform our cities by reducing dependence on private automobiles and improving conditions for cyclists, pedestrians and transit riders.”

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**T.R.U.S.T South LA**: *Slauson & Wall Village: brownfields redevelopment in South Central LA*

T.R.U.S.T. (Tenemos que Reclamar y Unidos Salivar la Tierra) South LA works on land stewardship, mobility and recreation, and economic development issues. It works to “build community control over land to ensure affordable, healthy housing opportunities and related community-serving uses” and it works toward maximizing mobility and recreational activity in our community to support healthy living and economic vitality.”

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**Urban & Environmental Policy Institute**: *L.A. freeways past and future: can freeway caps, transformations and removals contribute to a healthier Los Angeles?*

UEPI is “a social change organization at Occidental College that connects ideas and actions to create a more just, livable, and green society.”

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