Dear AB 617 Participant,

We would like to invite you to participate in "The Past, Present and Future of AB 617: Envisioning a Way Forward," a convening to reflect on the implementation of AB 617 and to envision ways to foster collaboration between all parties to better meet the goals of the policy. The convening will be held on September 27th and September 29th from 5-8pm online via Zoom.

The convening is intended for all participants in AB 617, including CSC members, Air District staff, CARB Board and staff, other state agencies, members of the state legislature, and the AB 617 Consultation Group. The convening is hosted by UC Davis, under contract with the California Air Resources Board and has been guided by a Community Planning Committee.

The convening will include keynote addresses, plenary sessions and small groups covering issues such as the development of CSC charters, effective CSC models, engagement of monolingual speakers of languages other than English, innovations in the creation of CAMPs and CERPS, use of Technical Advisory Groups, enforcement responsibilities for AB 617, CERP budgeting approaches, public health perspectives, engagement with local governments, and revisions to the AB 617 Blueprint among other topics.

Please save the dates for both convening sessions (each day will have a unique agenda). A registration link and the final agenda will be sent in early August.

UC Davis Planning Team:

Jonathan London (UC Davis) Peter Nguyen (UC Davis)

Community Planning Committee:

Ms. Margaret Gordon (West Oakland CSC)
Matt Holmes (Stockton CSC)
Jesse Marquez (Wilmington/West Long Beach/Carson City CSC)
Nayamin Martinez (South Central Fresno CSC)
Luis Olmedo (El Centro-Heber-Calexico CSC)
Christian Torres (Eastern Coachella Valley CSC)

To provide some background information for the convening, we are also conducting a survey of AB 617 participants. This survey is intended to highlight the successes, challenges and opportunities for improvement in the implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (click for information on the law). It has been developed by Dr. Jonathan London from UC Davis under contract with the California Air Resources Board. We are seeking the perspectives from multiple stakeholders involved in the AB 617 implementation process, including all members of Community Steering Committees (CSCs), (residents, community organizations, local governments, industry), Air District staff, California Air Resources Board and other relevant state agency staff. The survey will be used to inform efforts by all parties to improve the ability of AB 617 to meet the shared goals of improving air quality and health in disadvantaged communities. It will also be presented at the community convening on AB 617 in September 27-29, 2021 and then made publicly available.

The survey should take about 20 minutes to complete. Participation in the survey is voluntary and individual responses will be confidential. The survey report will provide the results of some questions divided by CSC and/ or by role in AB 617. Thank for you for sharing your time, knowledge, and perspectives.

Access link to survey here: tinyurl.com/69hf7zke

Please complete the survey by August 16th.