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Environmental Justice

Thank You!

"Alone we can do
so little; together
we can do so
much."

Helen Keller

- Julia Dolloff
- Christine Karl
- Beronica Lee
- Walker Wieland

Sometimes Honey is Better than Vinegar, by
Vernice Miller-Travis - Community Voices
on Environmental Justice, U.S. EPA



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zo40RakXRAU&feature=youtu.be&t>

What is Environmental Justice?

For our purposes, "environmental justice" means the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes regarding the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.



Why are Most People Living in Areas with High Pollution Low-Income People of Color?

- **Lack of Political Power**
- **Income Limitations**
 - Inability to Hire Attorneys
 - Growing Income Inequality
 - Lack of Resources to Leave or Restart
 - Need for Affordable Housing
- **Real Estate/Lending Practices & Availability of Housing**
 - Segregated Housing & Racial Restrictions
 - Selective Mortgages--Redlining
 - Newcomers Replace Those Who Flee



Challenges to Navigating the Decision-Making Process



- Language Barriers and Bureaucratic Writing
- Lack of Time and/or Access to Participate
 - Working During Time of Hearings, Childcare, Transportation
- Distrust of Government

History of Environmental Justice

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act



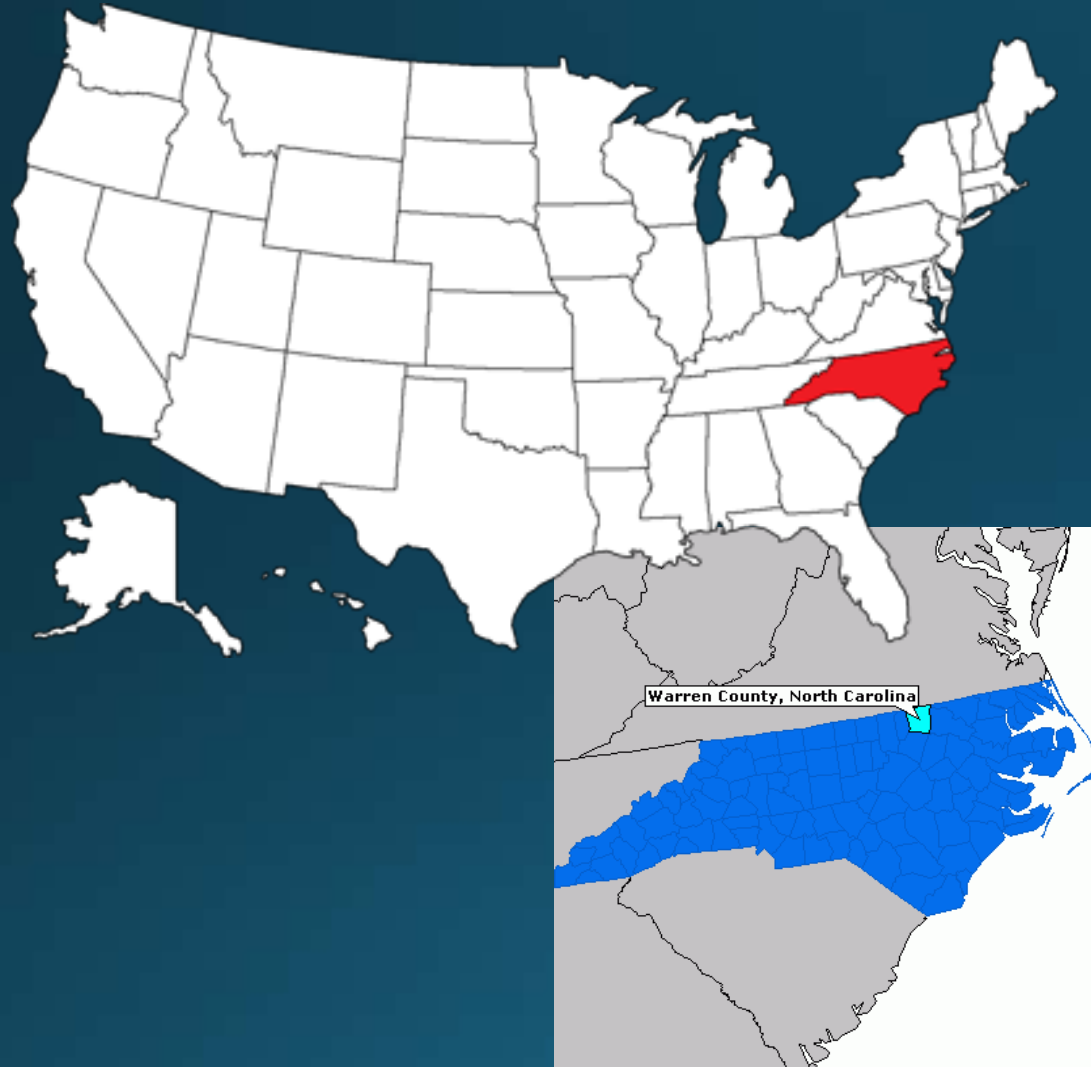
prohibits the use of federal funds to discriminate based on race, color, and national origin, which will be important in future environmental legislation

Cesar Chavez Established Roots in Environmental Justice



Chavez Breaking Bread with Robert Kennedy in 1968 after Chavez's first of several fasts in his nonviolent protests against pesticide use

Warren County North Carolina



Key Legislation

- Executive Order 12898 (Clinton, 1994) - Directed agencies to develop EJ strategies; Identified Title VI of the Civil Rights Act as support for advancing EJ
- SB 115 (Solis, 1999) – Defines EJ; Provides procedural framework for EJ in CA; Directs CalEPA to consider EJ



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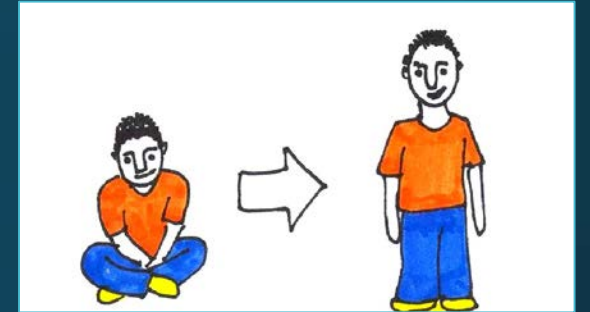
- SB 535 (de Leon, 2012) – Carbon Cap-and-Trade funding for disadvantaged communities
- SB 1000 (Leyva, Chapter 587, Statutes of 2016) requires cities and counties to adopt an environmental justice element or to integrate environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives into other elements of their general plans

Is it EJ?

No: Raise your Hand



Yes: Stand Up



Not Sure, Depends, or
Maybe: Stay Seated



Is it Environmental Justice?

1. Attend or present at a Tribal affairs conference
2. Provide more Spanish translation of forms for tire haulers who speak only Spanish
3. Upon request, educate a Beverly Hills community about CalRecycle programs and services
4. Respond to neighbors in Compton regarding concerns about CalRecycle-related topics
5. Provide information about what to expect at a public meeting



Is it Environmental Justice?

SI TIRA EL ACEITE
USADO, NOS
EMPAPARÁ A TODOS.

Recicle su aceite
usado de motor
y filtros usados.



1-800-CLEANUP

para el centro de recolección más cercano a usted.

Patrocinado por fondos de la Junta de la Administración Integrada de Desperdicios de California.



EJ Examples and Current Work

CalEPA Environmental Justice Compliance and Enforcement Working Groups

Fresno Initiative, 2013



Boyle Heights and Pacoima, 2015-2016



Connecting Communities



To CalRecycle (C³)

2016 Spring/Summer



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Environmental Justice



CalRecycle's Environmental Justice program benefits all Californians while supporting a healthy environment and economy. The purpose of our program is to ensure environmental justice concepts, values, and objectives are thoroughly implemented within CalRecycle programmatic activities. It is therefore important for us to learn about communities and to share information about CalRecycle resources such as grants and loans, actions such as permits, and programs like solid waste clean-up, electronic waste recycling, the beverage container recycling program, and others. CalRecycle is committed to including individuals, communities, and regulated businesses in the decision-making process. [Learn more about environmental justice...](#)



Other Helpful Resources

- [CalEnviroScreen](#) (California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool). This screening methodology can be used to help identify California communities that are disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution.
- **CalEPA Environmental Justice Reports**
 - [CalEPA Environmental Justice Program Update, February 2014](#) (PDF, 2.8 MB)
 - [Environmental Justice Compliance and Enforcement Working Group Fresno Initiative Report](#) (PDF, 12 MB)
- [CalEPA Environmental Justice](#). Includes information on small grants and program contacts.
- [US EPA Environmental Justice](#)
 - [US EPA EJ Mapping and Screening Tool](#). EJScreen is an environmental justice mapping and screening tool that provides EPA with a nationally consistent dataset and approach for combining environmental and demographic indicators.
- [Identifying Violations Against Neighborhoods \(IVAN\) Reporting](#).

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 Environmental Justice <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/EnvJustice/>
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En Español...

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List Subscribe: Environmental Justice Program

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Advancing Environmental Justice

Environmental Justice is
about Government
Engaging with Communities
on a Personal Level

<https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/AU8Wyz58Ebl?rel=>