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POLICY ADVOCACY

California Air Resources Board (CARB) Passes the Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) Rule
CPI joined local and statewide partners in November 2019 to revise and strengthen the original proposal. After over six months of hard work, this is a huge win for environmental justice communities. We're proud to have been part of the team leading this effort.

On June 25, 2020, CARB unanimously voted to pass the most recent ACT Rule meant to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in California by requiring manufacturers to increase the percentage of their zero-emission truck sales to be 55% of Class 2b-3 truck sales, 75% of Class 4-8 straight truck sales, and 40% of Class 7-8 truck tractor sales by 2035. The ACT Rule also requires companies with 50 or more trucks to report on their existing fleet operations to help identify future strategies for reaching zero emission fleet goals.

Consumer demand for products is leading to an increased amount of truck track traffic. A disproportionate amount of truck traffic moves through Black and Latinx neighborhoods. The ACT rule advances environmental justice by reducing pollution in these communities across California.

Click to read CPI's testimony at the June 25th CARB Hearing.

READ MORE

California Action Alert: Safety Net for All
Tell Senator President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker of the Assembly Rendon, and Governor Newsom that we need a safety net for ALL of us, regardless of immigration status!

The State of California is facing a difficult budget and attacks from anti-immigrant extremists. We have long said that a budget is a moral document, and we are now in a moment of great moral clarity. Our legislators need to hear from us that in a crisis like this, we cannot leave anyone behind.

Even before the COVID crisis, immigrant workers were putting their lives on the line doing essential work to take care of our communities. For many immigrant workers, this disaster has meant losing their livelihoods while being excluded from the basic safety net that other families count on to shelter, nourish, and care for their loved ones through difficult times.

Many of the families have survived with little to no income since March and no safety net at all. Even though these workers pay taxes and contribute to the state’s prosperity, undocumented workers are unable to access vital benefits such as unemployment insurance and many were struggling paycheck to paycheck even before the crisis.

Send an email & make calls in support of a safety net for all undocumented immigrants.

TAKE ACTION

NEW WEB REPORT
Our Poverty, Income, and Earnings Report on South County is now up on our website.

In case you missed it, the reports on San Diego County and City of San Diego are also available. Regional reports on North County and East County will be released soon.

Annually, CPI releases a series of Poverty, Income, and Earnings Reports providing the latest data and insight on regional poverty, income, and earnings. These reports are used by advocates and policymakers to make informed, positive changes that improve the environmental, mental, and physical health of our community. We would like to thank the San Diego County Board of Supervisors for supporting this year’s report series.

COALITION UPDATES

Invest in San Diego Families (ISDF) Coalition

Last month, we hosted our first town hall of the year on the County San Diego’s Budget. If you weren’t able to join us, you can watch the recording here.

The Board of Supervisors will vote on their budget in August. The fight for a People’s Budget continues, from now until then, at the County.

Follow ISDF on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay in the loop about the County’s budget, the timeline, and how you can help ensure investment in families. For now, save the following important dates and join us in taking action:
Tuesday, August 4:
9AM – Board of Supervisors Meeting

Monday, August 10:
9AM – Morning Budget Hearing

Wednesday, August 12:
5:30PM – Evening Budget Hearing

Community Schools

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the important role that schools play in our communities, especially our Black, Brown and low-income communities. It is clear that schools provide much more for students than an education. It is also clear that the need for community schools is more urgent than ever. Our efforts to create community schools in San Diego continues and we invite you to learn more and join us!

Join us on Thursday, July 16th for a virtual forum on Community Schools to learn how we can use our collective power to advocate for community centered schools in San Diego. At this event we will explore what a community school is, the vision you have for your local school and community, and the opportunities we have this year to fight together for public education.

RSVP
Community Budget Alliance (CBA)

We are disappointed in the City Council’s vote on Monday, June 8th, but we also know that the fight is not over. There is still the budget monitoring process and due to COVID-19, the budget will be revised quarterly this year, so this is not the end.

The $15.1 million approved for rental assistance will help approximately 3,750 people but will leave tens of thousands of San Diegans out. This is not good enough.

last month, the CBA released a statement responding to City Council’s June 8th vote on the FY 2021 City Budget. If you missed it, you can read the full statement here.

In response to the disappointing votes on the overall budget, Councilmember Montgomery led the Council in approving an office of Race & Equity, called for a comprehensive analysis of the police budget by the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst, and moved to ensure the City Council does not allow even more excessive police overtime spending. While none of these actions defund the police, we applaud the Councilmember’s leadership in taking steps that move the City in the right direction.

We want to thank every person who has supported the work of the CBA over the past year. Whether you signed a petition, showed up for an action, called into a city council meeting to make public comment, submitted a public comment online, shared a post online, forwarded an email, or made a donation, we are grateful that you joined the fight.

To our partners in the Community Budget Alliance, we are proud to be in this fight with you. We will keep fighting for more, together.
Have you completed your Census yet?

CPI is a proud member of Count Me 2020, a coalition of over 100 organizations doing outreach to ensure a complete and accurate 2020 Census count. We get one chance every ten years to make a difference that can last a generation.

Census data is used to distribute over $1.5 TRILLION annually, nationwide, for programs that support our communities. The Census can be completed from home online or by phone in 12 different languages. Please make sure that you and all of your household is counted.

There is still time to fill out your census form! Learn more by visiting www.countme2020.org and following the coalition on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
CPI is part of national and statewide networks dedicated to economic justice, improving job standards, and workers' rights. Together with the California Alliance for Secure Employment (CASE) and the Future of Work and Workers (FOWW), we've created the California COVID-19 Worker Resource Clearinghouse micro-site where workers and organizations serving workers can get the information, resources, and support they need.

Please share this website with your network and help us identify any other resources that workers need that are not included by completing this Google form.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, CPI relies on the generous support of our community to operate. If you have not been severely impacted by COVID-19 and would like to support our fight for economic and social justice, please consider becoming a monthly donor or making a one-time donation. Thank you so much!
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