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Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group

Recommendations to CEC on 2019-2020 Clean Transportation
Investment Plan

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Recommendations:

- 100% of funding serving disadvantaged communities, defined as:
 - Census tracts in the top 25% of CalEnviroScreen scores;
 - Tribal lands
 - Census tracts with median incomes at or below 80% of area median income or state median income; and
 - Households with median incomes at or below 80% of area median income.
- Prioritize and Invest in Proper Community Outreach and Engagement
 - Smaller communities do not have the same resources as larger jurisdictions to compete for funding
- Equitable Distribution of Program Benefits Across Disadvantaged Communities
 - Expand programming to more rural communities

Recommendations:

- Move 100% of Program Funding to Zero Emissions Fuels
 - Eliminate investments in natural gas and biofuels
- Expand Support for High Quality Workforce Development Opportunities
 - Increase the budget for workforce development
 - Dedicate funds exclusively to programs in DACs and serving DAC residents
 - Fund programs with demonstrated success in supporting participants
 - Track the progress of program participants after they enter the workforce
 - Consider support for programs that engage youth

Recommendations:

- Increase Transparency Around “Benefiting” Disadvantaged Communities
 - CEC clarify what it means for a project to benefit DACs.
 - Applicants for grants should be able to clearly and transparently articulate direct benefits to DACs and residents
- Track and Measure Impact in Addition to Investments
- Multi-Jurisdictional Coordination
 - CEC should facilitate coordination among overlapping jurisdictions, at the state, regional, and local levels

Recommendations:

- Consider and Prioritize Resiliency
 - Take intentional steps to align Clean Transportation Program efforts with work at the CEC, CPUC, and elsewhere, to build a more resilient electric grid.
- Consider the Composition of the Advisory Committee
 - Expand participation from community organizations, transit experts and advocates, workforce development programs and advocates, etc.