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Ensuring  
Building Decarbonization  
is Truly Equitable

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# Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Leadership Counsel fundamentally shifts the dynamics that have created the stark inequality that impacts California's low income, rural regions. Based in the San Joaquin and Eastern Coachella Valleys, **we work alongside the most impacted communities to advocate for sound policy and eradicate injustice to secure equal access to opportunity regardless of wealth, race, income, and place.**

Through community organizing, research, legal representation, and policy advocacy, we impact land use and transportation planning, shift public investment priorities, guide environmental policy, and promote the provision of basic infrastructure and services.

# Three Key Points

1. The Equitable Building Decarbonization Program is a key priority for Environmental Justice Communities. We need to protect it.
2. Co-creation with community needs to start now and be continuous throughout the CEC's process and the program administrators' processes.
3. The Program needs to be designed to, in fact, prioritize communities living with environmental injustice and disinvestment.

# A priority for Environmental Justice Communities.

1. Funding is needed, especially for the direct install program
2. Residents want to be part of the energy transition
3. Co-benefits
  - a. Air Quality, both indoor and outdoor
  - b. Habitability
  - c. Potential for reduced energy burden

# Co-creation with community needs to start now and be continuous

1. Engagement throughout
2. Accessible materials
3. Accessible and Participatory meetings
  - a. Time
  - b. Location
  - c. Format
4. 2022 IEPR Update - Best Practices for Community Engagement

# Prioritize Communities Living with Environmental Injustice and Disinvestment

1. Holistic Home Upgrades
2. Mobile Homes: Lessons from The San Joaquin Valley Pilots
  - a. Cost cap
  - b. Title
  - c. Up to Code
3. Disinvestment and Affordable Housing

# Resources

Preliminary Report: Community Priorities for Equitable Building Decarbonization  
by the Building Energy Equity and Power Coalition

Available at: [https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/BEEP%20Letter%20and%20Report\\_Equitable%20Decarb%20March%202022.pdf](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/BEEP%20Letter%20and%20Report_Equitable%20Decarb%20March%202022.pdf)

Energy Justice Statement on Rooftop Solar and Distributed Generation  
by the California Environmental Justice Alliance

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