



Strengthen Air Quality and Climate Protection!

Support AB 617 (C. Garcia, E. Garcia, Santiago) Support AB 398 (E. Garcia)

This critical two-bill package will accelerate California’s clean air and climate leadership. The bills help move our state forward to meet our 2030 climate target while improving air quality in the most impacted communities throughout California.

Local air quality and climate pollution must be tackled at the same time, and these bills provide the tools to make this happen, particularly in disadvantaged communities. AB 617 brings new tools to suffering communities including:

- Air pollution penalty enhancements that substantially strengthen enforcement
- Enhanced community monitoring for disadvantaged communities
- 2023 deadline for updating industrial sources with the latest pollution technologies
- New local action plans focused on reducing mobile and stationary emissions in the most impacted communities
- Priority for air toxics and criteria air pollutant measures as the top priority for cap and trade revenues
- Extension and strengthening of cap and trade program to meet 2030 target

AB 617 includes much needed, long overdue tools that will hold regulators and industry accountable for emissions in local communities. AB 398 extends the cap and trade program until 2030 to ensure that California can meet its 2030 climate goal and sets the standard for international climate leadership.

Climate change is first and foremost a public health crisis, and will continue to impact our most vulnerable communities and those most impacted by unhealthy air today unless we take action now. This bill package substantially improves air quality control in California extends our leadership on climate and public health issues at a critical time.

The American Lung Association urges an “aye” vote on AB 617 and AB 398.

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