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Summary

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) mission is to support healthy, thriving, and resilient communities for all. SGC strongly values the voices and lived experiences of California’s diverse communities, which help shape our programs and initiatives. This report highlights the work of community partners who collaborate with state agencies to build a better California for all residents. In August 2020, the SGC set equity commitments for the Council and set aside time at two Council meetings each year to share what state agencies are doing to actively engage communities and partners to align and advance California’s commitment to a California for All.

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El Tímpano

El Tímpano, which is Spanish for eardrum, informs, engages and amplifies the voices of the Bay Area’s Latino and Mayan immigrants. Through innovative approaches to local journalism and civic engagement, El Tímpano surfaces community members’ stories and questions on local and national issues. El Tímpano launched in 2018 after a 9-month participatory design process that involved hundreds of residents and dozens of community leaders from Oakland’s Latino and Mayan immigrant communities. El Tímpano approaches community-centered reporting with creative in-person engagement in community spaces, and a text message platform that provides actionable local news and reporting, which has resulted in numerous awards related to journalism and community engagement. El Tímpano partnered with the Racial Equity Commission to host listening sessions in the Bay Area for the upcoming Racial Equity Framework.

Comité Cívico del Valle

El Comité Cívico del Valle (CCV) is a trusted and longstanding nonprofit organization that serves communities across Imperial County. CCV was founded in 1987 on the principle that “Informed People Build Healthy Communities” and continues to incorporate this in all partnerships, research, and civic engagement efforts. Through partnerships, CCV aims to improve access to health services, community service programs, and a clean environment in disadvantaged

communities by way of education, capacity building, and civic participation. CCV collaborates with California Department of Public Health's Asthma Management Academy and Breathing California to train community health workers on how to deliver evidence-based asthma education to individuals and families in California.

Central California Environmental Justice Network

The Central California Environmental Justice Network (CCEJN) was formed in 1999 as a partnership of groups from Kern, Tulare, and Kings counties. CCEJN's coalition of grassroots environmental justice groups and individuals shares the mission to preserve our natural resources by minimizing or eliminating environmental degradation in Central California. CCEJN promotes grassroots leadership to support environmental health education, community organizing, collaborative dialogue, and civic engagement among rural, underserved communities of color in the San Joaquin Valley. CCEJN hosts biannual conferences that have become trademark events to convene and unite grassroots leaders throughout Central California. CCEJN collaborates with the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) as an active member of the CalEPA Environmental Justice Task Force.

Next Steps

In alignment with the SGC Racial Equity Action Plan and Strategic Plan, SGC will continue to work on improving its programs and initiatives for all Californians. SGC's Strategic Plan has taken an intentional approach to advancing equity and addressing barriers that SGC's partners and audiences have defined.

By the end of calendar year 2025, SGC will have:

- Implemented its 2023-25 REAP, with an expected closeout and accompanying update by the end of 2025;
- Administered first rounds of funding for numerous new programs, demonstrating a commitment to identify resource gaps (including for underserved communities), design programs to meet needs, and pilot new approaches.