



**FLOOR ALERT**  
**REJECT ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM**  
**SUPPORT SB 342 (Gonzalez)**

- SB 342 empowers community involvement and promotes equity by adding two environmental justice representatives to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) governing board.
- One EJ representative will be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and one will be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
- EJ representatives must have a proven history of fighting against environmental racism in low-income communities of color and advocating for environmental justice rights of these most burdened communities.
- The South Coast Air Basin is home to about half of the state's population (about 18 million people) and has some of the worst air quality in the nation.
- Toxic air pollution sources are typically situated in and around low-income communities and communities of color, where residents, especially vulnerable groups such as children, elderly, pregnant women and people with existing health conditions, are at much higher risks for a wide range of adverse health impacts resulting from regulatory neglect and institutional racism.
- The State of California has created this institution and has an obligation to reform this agency because SCAQMD has not been able to reform itself and protect vulnerable communities within its jurisdiction.
- Adding two EJ seats to the SCAQMD is an important step towards redressing injustices of the past and promoting environmental justice. It will benefit all residents, especially communities who are disproportionately impacted by cumulative adverse health impacts of many sources of pollution such as refineries, hazardous waste operations, and others.

**Vote YES on SB 342**