

A Call for Clean Air, Equal Representation and **Transparency**



San Diego has a serious air pollution problem.

Air monitors in Chula Vista and El Cajon have indicated a human cancer risk of over 300 per million. This figure does not even include diesel particulate matter, the number one cancer causing pollutant in outdoor air. For children living in Barrio Logan and Logan Heights, the rate of asthma emergency room visits is up to three times higher than other areas in San Diego County.

These risks and acute health problems are unacceptable.

It is high time to hold those responsible for protecting our communities accountable. Today, EHC sponsored, AB 423, a new bill introduced by California State Assemblymember Todd Gloria to reform the governing board of the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD).

Currently, the APCD Board is comprised of only the five members of the County Board of Supervisors. This structure is fundamentally undemocratic in that it denies cities a voice and does not reflect the diversity of the county's residents, especially the low-income communities most impacted by some of the worst air pollution in California.

An Assembly committee will hear AB 423 in April. If passed into law, it would increase the APCD Board membership to 11 individuals representing each city in the region and members of the public.

Stay tuned for our next update and ways you can take action on this issue.

With gratitude,

Diane Takvorian Executive Director Environmental Health Coalition

Read our press release on AB 423

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