

# "Our air is so dirty, it's illegal"

Chris Chavez, CCA Deputy Policy Director speaking to KTLA about pollution for shipping at the Ports of LA and Long Beach

Be a part of our mission to protect public health, improve air quality and prevent climate change.

## With your support, we will:

- Dramatically reduce the air pollution coming from California's freight industry.
- Watchdog and support state funded clean air projects in California's most polluted communities.
- Teach California's children the value of clean air.
- Empower communities to monitor air pollution and do something about it.
- Put five million electric vehicles on California roads by 2030.
- Lead more than 2 million Californians in taking action on California Clean Air Day.

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It's hard to believe, but the Coalition for Clean Air turned 50 in 2021!

At the time we were founded, smog in the Los Angeles basin was so bad a writer once joked, "People could say a lot of negative things about the apocalypse, but there was no arguing the air quality in Los Angeles had really improved." This was when desperate politicians actually considered a proposal to place giant fans on the San Gabriel Mountains to blow smog out to sea (while dismissing any attempt to regulate automobiles!)

The Coalition for Clean Air, however, knew then what we know now: our transportation system is the key to our poor air quality. So we got to work.

Pushing for effective policies has led to remarkable successes - a 70% reduction in smog in the Los Angeles Basin, the nation's first laws focused on reducing climate emissions, more than 1 million electric vehicles sold in California, the phasing out of diesel school busses and more.

But there are some powerful reasons we are still around.

California still has the dirtiest air in the nation. The State of California estimates that air pollution kills 7,500 people each year, which is more than three times the homicide rate. We continue to emit huge amounts of climate pollutants and, without dramatic change, we will not meet state mandated emission reductions. All the while our once seasonal wildfires have turned into a year-round event.

We work in the Capitol, in boardrooms and in the halls of justice to make sure your voice is heard. In a year when millions woke up to the reality of climate change in the form of lungs burning from wildfire smoke, our work has never been more important.

Please help us continue to do our important work by making a year-end 50th anniversary gift today. Thank you.

**Joseph K. Lyou, Ph.D.**  
President & CEO



Our Federal and State elected officials may get all the attention, but it is often our local districts that can have the biggest impact. That's why we worked for decades to improve rule-making at the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

When SCAQMD passed the "indirect source rule" in May, it was a boon to the long-suffering low-income communities of color adjacent to the growing warehouse industry. These stadium-sized facilities are now responsible for reigning in the diesel pollution they emit, providing some relief in the smoggiest air basin in the County.

We followed that victory up with another in October, leading an effort to get SCAQMD to fix a broken system meant to control emission from refineries. We estimate the new refinery rule will help avoid 6,200 asthma attacks and hundreds of premature deaths every year!

300+



Air quality monitors installed across California, helping people make real-time decisions to protect their health

29,000+



Children asked the United Nations to include "clean air" among the "rights of the child" through a unique partnership that included CCA

\$1.5+ billion



Budgeted for clean transportation in 2022 thanks to a successful campaign by CCA and our partners

21,400



Estimated number of missed work days saved through the passing of the refinery rule at SCAQMD thanks to the 6,200 fewer asthma attacks

\$50 million



Invested in electric vehicles and clean infrastructure through landmark settlement in Moreno Valley

1.8 million



People participated in the 4th annual California Clean Air Day, a new record