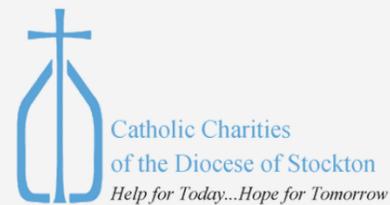
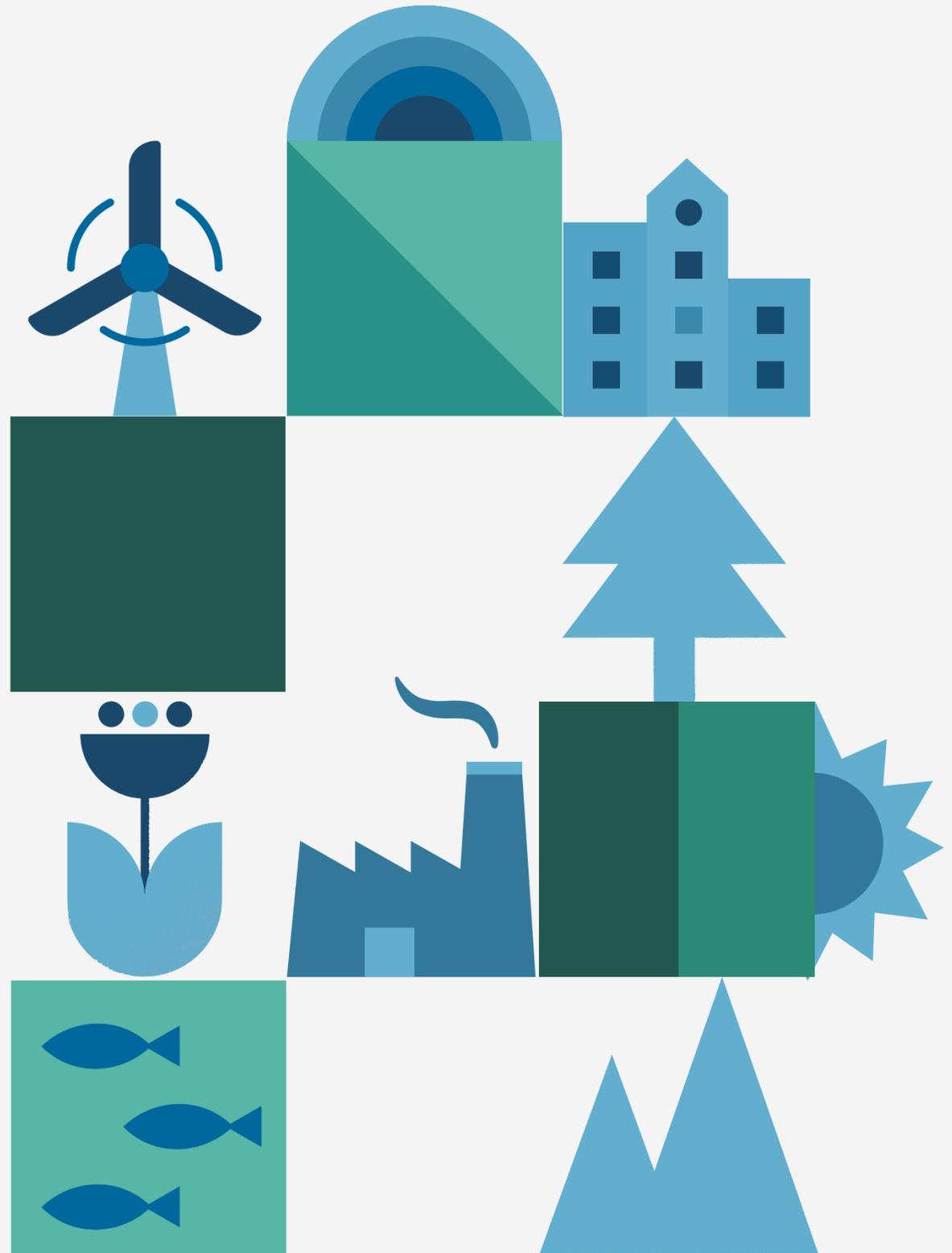


# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROJECT

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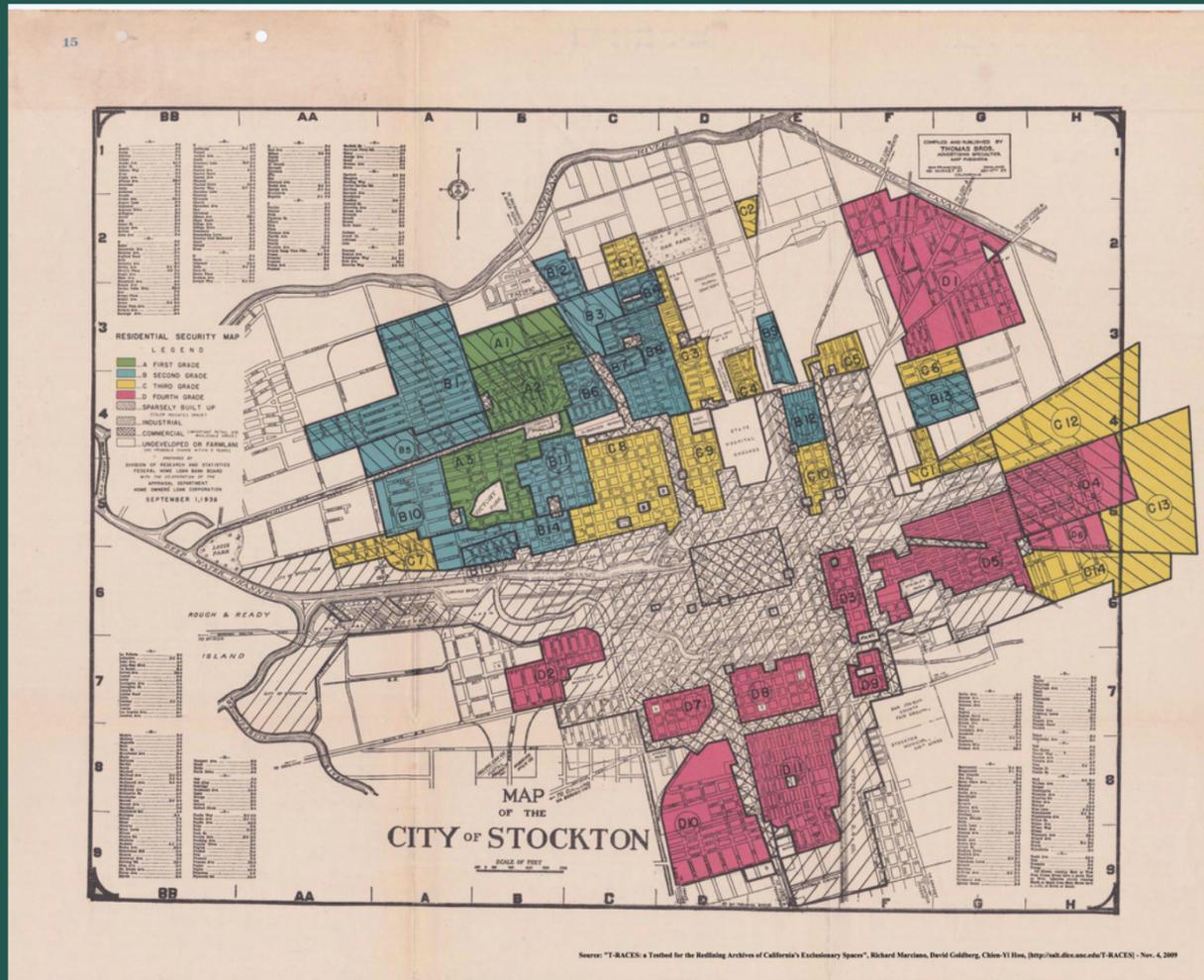




## How We Started

In 2005, the late Bishop Stephan Blaire of the Diocese of Stockton proposed to bring an environmental justice project to the Diocese.

Over a couple of years, the EJ Project became its own designated department/program due to the importance of environmental justice in the Northern Central Valley. For 15 years, the EJ Project/program has successfully been at the forefront of environmental justice issues in both San Joaquin and Stanislaus County.



In the 1930s, the Federal Housing Administration created color coded maps to guide mortgage investment. The investments were intentionally directed away from communities of color that were typically depicted in red. A practice known as redlining.

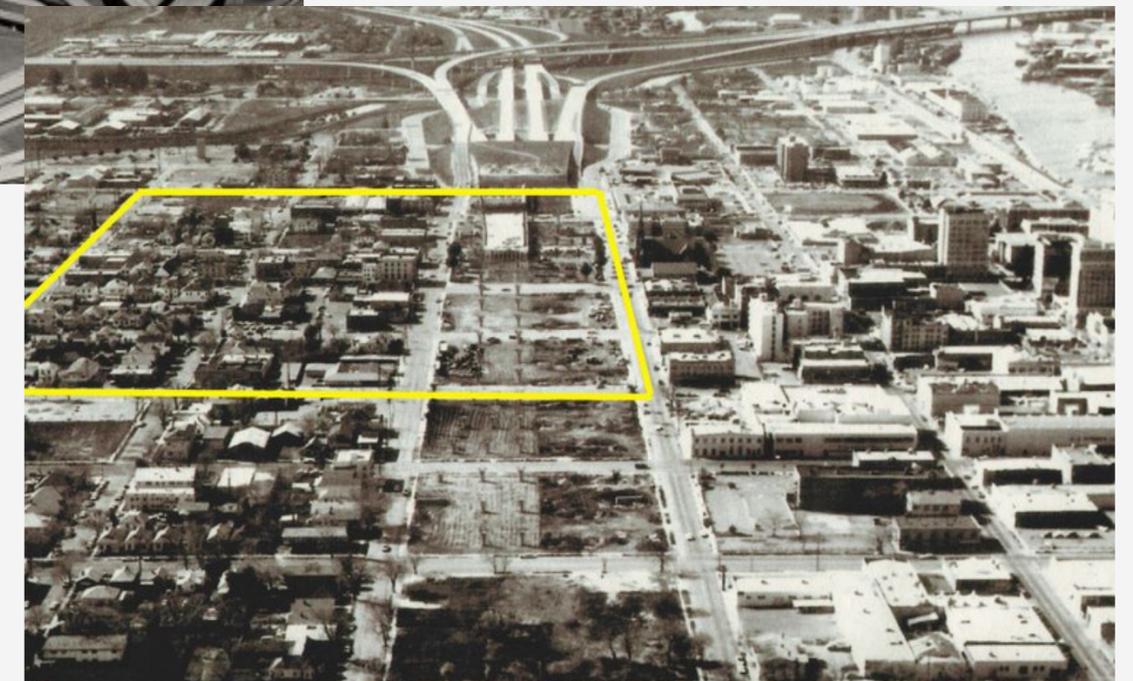
Redlining is a practice of denying or limiting financial services to communities of color solely based on their racial or ethnic composition. The term redlining comes from using red lines on a map to delineate areas where financial institutions should not invest.

# City of Stockton: Shaped by Redlining

# Development of freeways and highways

1955 - 1970s, Interstate 5, HWY 99, and HWY 4 Crosstown were constructed intentionally near low-income "redlined" communities to reduce the costs of eminent domain.

1970s, the construction of HWY 4 Crosstown freeway

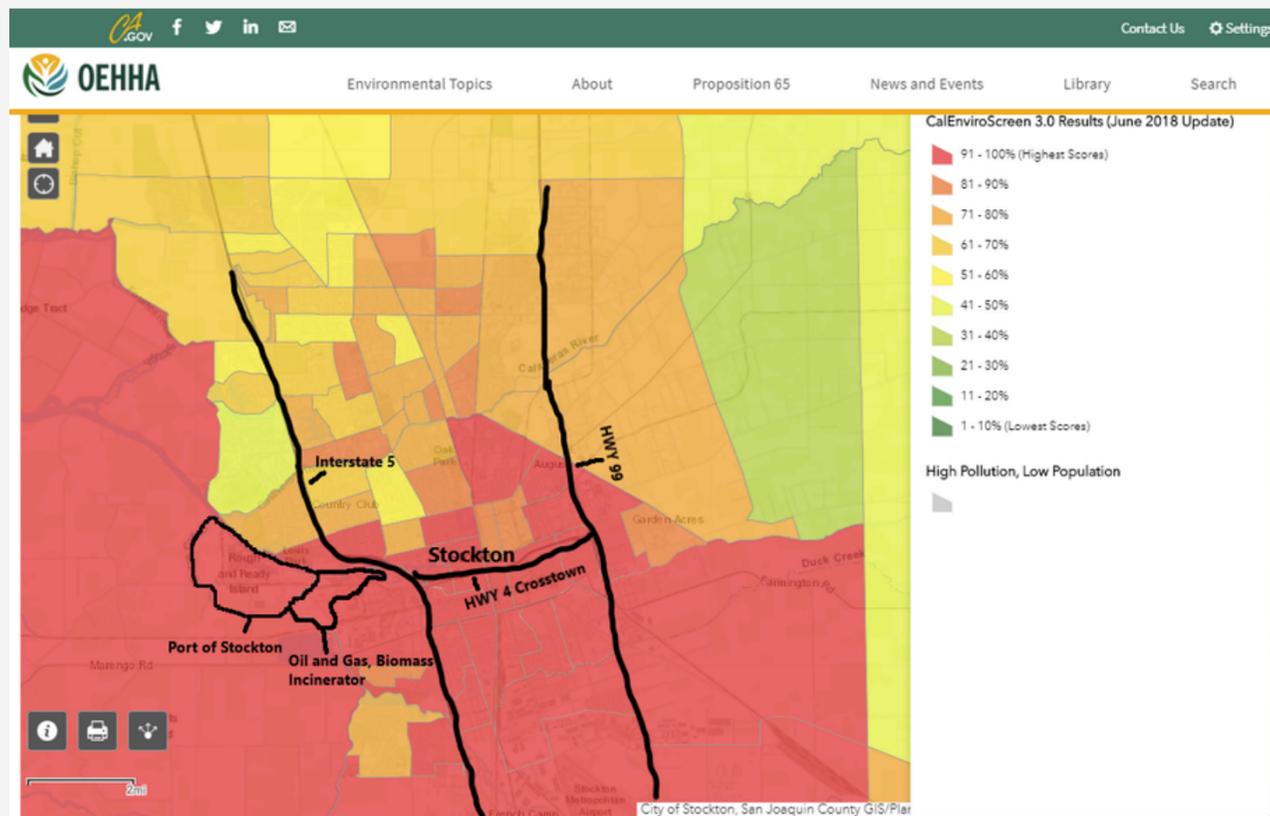




# Lasting impacts of segregation

We utilize the CalEnviroScreen mapping tool, a screening tool that evaluates the burden of pollution from multiple sources in communities while accounting for potential vulnerability to the adverse effects of pollution. CalEnviroScreen ranks census tracts in California based on potential exposures to pollutants, adverse environmental conditions, socioeconomic factors and prevalence of certain health conditions. Data used in the CalEnviroScreen model come from national and state sources.

This map of Stockton is filled with yellows, oranges, and reds. No green within city limits. Red color means 91-100% average score of being disadvantaged with heavy pollution sources and socioeconomic factors. The red waves over Downtown Stockton and South Stockton. Residents in Downtown and South Stockton are, on average, of having an asthma rate higher than 93% of census tracts in CA. Particulate matter 2.5 or PM 2.5 in South Stockton is higher than 94% of census tracts in CA.



The Environmental Justice Program advocates for poor and vulnerable communities at the local, regional, and state level. We want to see strong protections for Creation and our communities, while ensuring that the neighborhoods most impacted by pollution are the first to enjoy meaningful benefits of new policies and programs.



Advocacy



Community



Parish

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# Past and Current Wins

- **AB 32:** Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Nunez and Pavley)- Strongest climate change legislation in the country
  - SB 32 (2006): Climate Pollution Reduction Beyond 2020 (Pavley)
  - **SB 375 (2008):** Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (Steinberg)
  - SB 535 (2012): Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (De Leon)
  - **SB 350 (2015):** Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015
  - AB 2222 (2015): Transit Pass Program (Holden)- free or reduced transit passes to public school students.
  - AB 1550 (2016): Disadvantaged Community Investments (Gomez)
  - **AB 2722 (2016):** Transformative Climate Communities Program
  - **SB 1000 (2016):** Land use: general plans: safety and environmental justice
  - **AB 617 (2017):** Nonvehicular air pollution: criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants
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# Stockton Environmental Justice Initiative

CalEPA Environmental Justice Enforcement Task Force

WHY NOT?  
Clean, fresh air.  
Healthy residents.  
Shaded tree canopy.  
Green jobs.  
Drinkable water.  
Renewable energy.  
Green spaces.  
Climate justice.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

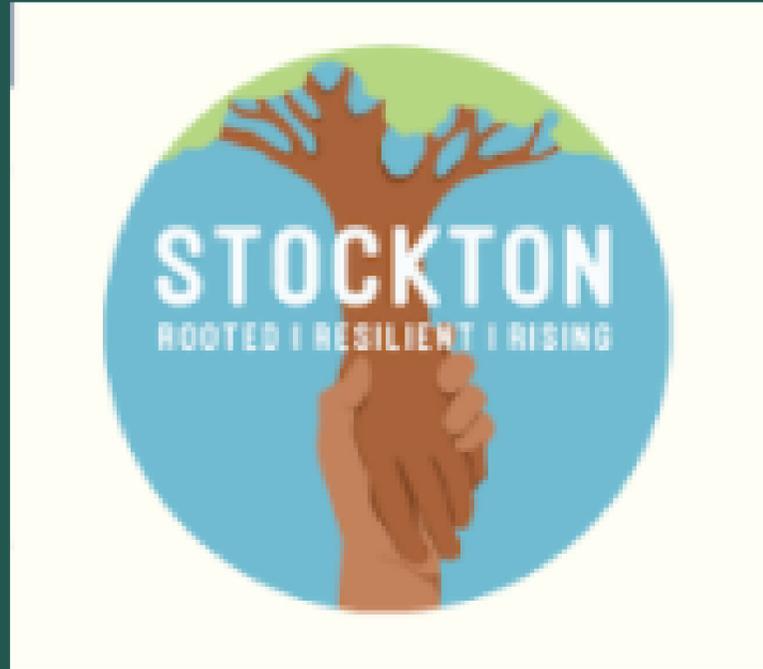
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# Community Partnership and Coalition Building



**Stockton Rising**

**AIM Ad-Hoc  
Committee**



**Rise Stockton**

**Healthy  
Neighborhoods  
Collaborative**



**Sustainable Stanislaus  
Communities Coalition**

**Stockton  
Housing Justice  
Coalition**

# Continued Partnerships



STORIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN

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# FAITH-BASED ENGAGEMENT IN LEGISLATION/POLICY



State Selects Southwest Stockton as 2nd-Year Community for AB 617 Community Air Protection Program

19-12-8: PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER ASSEMBLY BILL 617 COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION PROGRAM - SELECTION OF COMMUNITIES

**CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

# TCC Stockton Rising



Stockton Rising: TCC Project Area Map



- 1** Miner Avenue Complete Streets Project

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- 2 & 3** Climate Careers: Energy & Water

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- Stockton Energy for All: Single- & Multi-Family** **4 & 5**

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- 6** Urban Forest Renovation Project

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- 7** Edible Education at Home

**Map Features**

- TCC Project Area
- Parks and Greenspaces
- Residential Areas
- Bodies of Water
- Railways

**Project Area Wide Programs**

- 2** Climate Careers: Energy & Water
- 3** Climate Careers: Energy & Water
- 4** Stockton Energy for All: Single- & Multi-Family
- 6** Urban Forest Renovation Project



# Tips for Securing Grant Funding



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## Identify a need

Listen and learn from people in your community.

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## Collaborate with partners

Find community-serving organizations that align with your mission and consider partnering with them for a greater impact.

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## Speak to residents

Residents and other stakeholders have valuable input on changes they'd like to see in the community.

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