

CORE

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Who We Are

The Coalition on Regional Equity (CORE) is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to developing and supporting a health focused, regional equity agenda in the six county Sacramento region.¹ CORE works to increase the influence and power of lower income communities and communities of color in public policy and regional planning. We accomplish this through advocacy, education and civic leadership. CORE focuses on the linkage between health and the built environment, and how factors such as land use, food and habitat shape our communities. Our coalition members represent social justice advocates, civil rights groups, labor, social service providers, environmental advocates, the faith community and health professionals. The Coalition on Regional Equity builds power by uniting sectors around a shared agenda for environmental, economic, and social justice. This shared vision enables CORE to hold decision makers accountable to lower income communities and communities of color in the region.

Values and Vision

Communities Share an Interconnected Vision for Success. Just growth is sustainable growth. Sustainable growth lifts up all communities while protecting and preserving natural habitats. Population and economic growth cannot come at the expense of certain neighborhoods, cities, groups, or natural habitats. Prosperity that benefits everyone is more just and sustainable.

All People Live in Communities of Opportunity. Where you live should not be such a strong determinant for your health outcomes, expected lifespan and salary. All communities should have access to good jobs and schools, affordable housing, open space and affordable transit.

All Voices are Included in the Decision Making Process. Lower income people and communities of color have often been excluded from decisions about the design of communities and investment of public resources. These decisions have a tremendous impact on the health and economic outcomes of their communities. Disadvantaged communities and poor people should have a voice at the table and representatives in leadership positions throughout the region.

Investment in Existing Communities and Infrastructure is a Priority. Our existing communities need investment and growth. As we invest in growth and infrastructure, this investment should be targeted towards existing communities in the region.

¹ El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties

Current Projects and Priorities

CORE is an advocacy and policy coalition focused on regional outcomes and our goal is to identify and advocate for policies related to the built environment that will create more equitable and sustainable communities. CORE currently focuses its efforts on three key areas: Transportation Equity, Food Access and Senate Bill 375 Implementation. SB 375 is the landmark legislation passed in 2008 that links regional transportation and housing planning in an effort to reduce green house gas emissions. In addition, CORE has begun building a leadership training program to increase the voice of low income communities on boards and commissions in the region.

What CORE Does

The Coalition on Regional Equity hosts events, provides ongoing support and technical assistance to members, and serves as a link between many of the most active social equity organizations in the region.

Becoming a member of CORE provides an organization with access to many benefits, including:

- **Weekly email bulletins**, which include upcoming events, requests for action, and news and research articles of interest to members. CORE members are encouraged to submit news and events for the bulletin, which reaches approximately 400 people each week.
- Invitation to **CORE events**, including the annual fall summit.
- Ability to participate in **CORE workgroups**, which currently include Transportation Equity and Senate Bill 375. Additionally, workgroup members have access to online collaboration and are directly connected to each other through CORE.
- **Technical assistance and support** in locating information, resources, and tools to support advocacy, as staff time permits.

Join Us

We hope you will consider joining CORE and helping us improve equity in the Sacramento region. It is only through joining together many voices and identifying shared goals that we will make meaningful change. For further information, please visit www.equitycoalition.org, or contact the Sacramento Housing Alliance at (916) 455-4900.

By signing this document, your organization identifies itself as a member of CORE, acknowledges agreement with the values and vision described above, and agrees to work with CORE to solve the challenges facing the Sacramento region.

Name and Position of Staff Representative

Organization

Signature of Organization Leader Authorizing Representative

Date

CORE Member Data Form

By completing this form, your organization is becoming a member of the Coalition on Regional Equity, a project of the Sacramento Housing Alliance. By joining CORE, your organization is committing to playing an active role in the campaigns and projects of CORE and endorsing the goals and mission of CORE, as described on the previous page. In addition, you authorize CORE to use general information about your organization in a membership roster which may be included on the CORE website or printed materials.

CORE is an increasingly diverse coalition of organizations and individuals. We believe that as the greater Sacramento Region continues to grow, we must commit to a shift in development and investment that builds true equity and achieves real sustainability for all of our communities.

Join the Coalition on Regional Equity. Let's work together for positive regional change.

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Website: _____

Type of Organization (Check all that apply):

- Non-Profit 501 c(3) c(4) Government Agency: Federal State County City
- Union Private Business Coalition Foundation Faith-Based Organization
- Other: _____

Mission Statement:

Main issue areas:

Housing Land Use Health Transportation Other: _____

Geographic Scale of Work (neighborhood, city, region, state, etc.): _____

Populations Served (Race/ethnicity, language, income level, gender, age, etc.):

Individual who will serve as contact for CORE (attend meetings, etc.): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____