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Asian Americans emphasize inclusion of disadvantaged communities in Governor's Executive Order

Today, Governor Brown signed an Executive Order that advances the state along the path of reducing carbon pollution from burning fossil fuels by setting an interim target to reduce greenhouse gases.

The Executive Order also includes an emphasis on planning for our changing climate at the local, regional, and state levels.

"We applaud the Governor's leadership in creating a California that is more resilient so that we all can move toward a more beautiful tomorrow," says Miya Yoshitani, Executive Director of Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN).

"The Executive Order should pave the way for solutions that reduce pollution burden in our community," says Sandy Saeteurn, APEN Richmond Community Organizer. "Our members live in Chevron's backyard and they have suffered for long enough. We want to see the state's climate policy reduce pollution on-site from places like the Chevron Richmond Refinery."

"The most effective climate policies will deliver tangible and accrued benefits to individuals of the state's disadvantaged communities, who have experienced the damages of our changing climate," says Yoshitani.

"We look forward to working with the Legislature and the Governor to craft strong, **EQUITABLE** approaches based on Pro Tem De Leon's initiative to ensure that **disadvantaged communities directly benefit from climate solutions,**" says Yoshitani.

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APEN engages in community organizing, civic engagement, and policy advocacy to achieve our vision of a world where all people have clean and healthy environments in which to live, work and play.