**Problem: Lack of expertise is effecting vulnerable areas**

- Currently, California Transportation Commission (CTC) commissioners are not required to have expertise in transportation, public health, or environmental justice, which is needed to understand the impact of transportation investments on low-income communities of color.
- Transportation policy continues to elevate single occupancy vehicles. While this plays a role in economic growth, it has come at a cost, at times destroying and dividing low-income communities and communities of color. It is more important than ever to ensure the CTC reflects the diversity of our state.

**Solution: Increase the qualifications and diversity**

- Restructure the California Transportation Commission to ensure diverse representation that promotes equitable transportation planning, investments and air quality.
- Six voting members should be required to have background and/or expertise in sustainable transportation, public health, climate, and environmental justice.
- The CTC and Air Resources Board (ARB) should regularly coordinate on transportation policy implementation, especially on inter-agency efforts, either through joint meetings and/or collaborative board membership.
- Establish a CTC Environmental Justice Advisory Committee.

**AB 179 will...**

- Restructure the CTC to ensure diverse representation that promotes equitable transportation planning, investments and air quality in California.
- Require that CTC members represent communities disproportionately burdened by, and vulnerable to, high levels of pollution and other environmental justice issues.
- Require the commission and the State Air Resources Board to hold at least 2 joint meetings per calendar year to coordinate their implementation of transportation policies.

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