



# Building Community Resilience

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*All people have a right to a clean and healthy environment in which their communities can live, work, learn, play and thrive.*







COVID. Extreme Heat. Blackouts. Wildfires. Pollution.

*"We've lost complete control, that there really isn't a normal anymore."*

*LA Times: "How climate change is fueling record-breaking California wildfires, heat and smog"*

*"As fires burn, the smoke and air pollution worsens respiratory conditions for communities that have been plagued with the burden of our polluting industries for generations."*

*NBC News: "COVID-19 and the California fires have a connection. Here's how to fight both."*

The current moment  
demands a **Just Recovery**.

Growing economic  
inequality.

COVID-19 pandemic.

Historic climate disasters.

Racial injustice.

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# RESILIENCE BEFORE DISASTER

The Need to Build Equitable,  
Community-Driven Social Infrastructure

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## Resilience Before Disaster Report

[apen4ej.org/resilience-before-disaster/](http://apen4ej.org/resilience-before-disaster/)

**Social infrastructure:** the services and facilities that secure the economic, health, cultural, and social well-being of the community.

- **Public institutions** e.g., schools, libraries, park and recreation sites
- **Community orgs** e.g., places of worship, youth and senior centers, child care
- **Small businesses**
- **Housing accessible to disadvantaged and vulnerable communities**





# Community Resilience Hubs

Spaces where communities gather, organize, and access social services on a daily basis in addition to addressing critical needs during disaster response and recovery.

This includes: cooling and heating, electricity access, food, water, medical supplies, information and communications access, partner coordination

## Resilience Hubs:

- Leverage established and trusted community and public facilities.
- Foster community governance and collaboration.
- Integrate workforce development strategies to create high road jobs.
- Target benefits to disadvantaged and vulnerable communities



# RYSE Commons as a Community Resilience Hub

Started off as Solar or Solar + Storage

Youth Engagement + Leadership

Partnership Expanded

Vision Expanded

Additional Components

Move Towards Opening + Phased Approach

*Side Credit: Dan Reilly, Director of Innovation, RYSE Center*



# AB 1087: EJ Community Resilience Hubs Program

- Creates a new grant program that deliver whole building resilience upgrades (e.g., energy efficiency, clean energy microgrids, HVAC repairs)
- Accelerates deployment of technologies for clean energy and community health in trusted places (e.g., affordable housing, critical community institutions) located in disadvantaged and vulnerable communities



AB 1087 is a bill authored by California Assemblymember David Chiu (AD-17) and co-sponsored by APEN, CA Environmental Justice Alliance, and the Natural Resources Defense Council)



# Thank You!

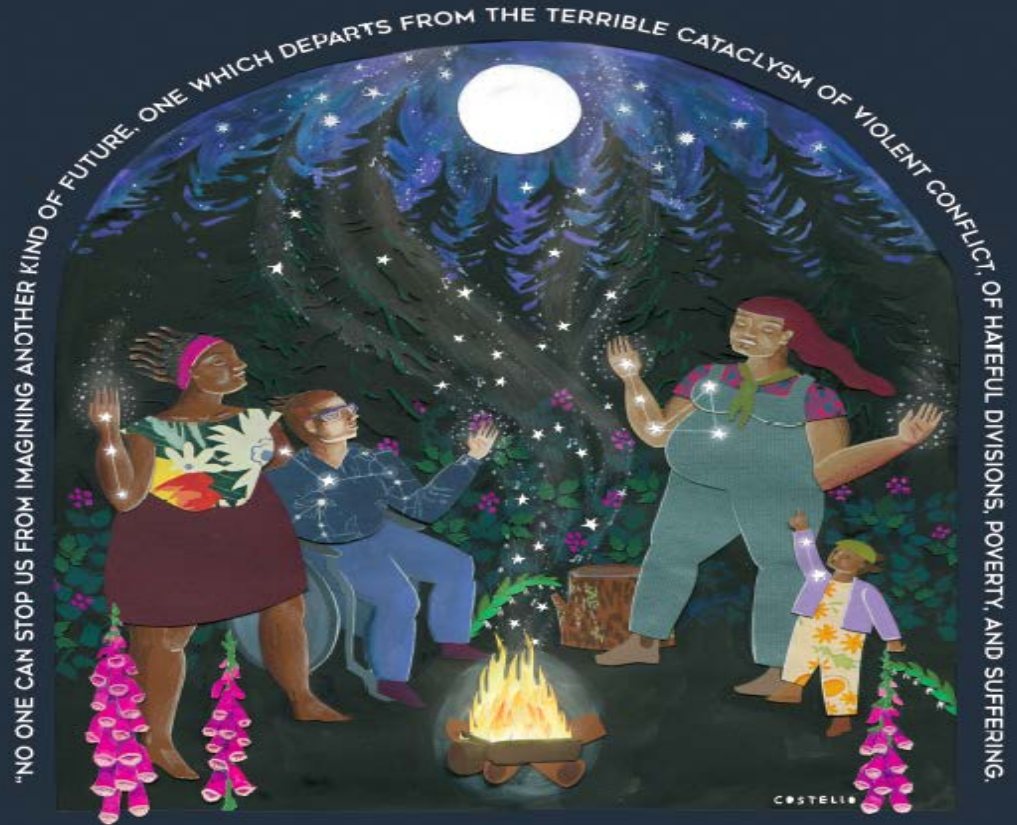
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LET US BEGIN TO IMAGINE THE WORLDS WE WOULD LIKE  
TO INHABIT, THE LONG LIVES WE WILL SHARE, AND THE  
MANY FUTURES IN OUR HANDS."

-SUSAN GRIFFIN