Green Zones are place-based strategies that use community-led solutions to transform areas overburdened by pollution into healthy and thriving neighborhoods.

Green Zones neighborhoods are areas that have experienced legacies of pollution and divestment, where residents are proactively organizing to create a positive vision for their communities.

While each Green Zone has a different look and feel, all of them are based upon the same principles and use similar strategies:

- **COMMUNITY-LED planning** guides all Green Zones efforts.
- **COMPREHENSIVE solutions** are created to address multiple community needs.
- **CUMULATIVE IMPACTS tools** are used to identify impacted EJ communities.
- **COLLABORATIONS** bring partners together to make these plans a reality.
The Importance of Green Zones

People-Centered Planning for Environmental Justice (EJ)

Low-income residents, people of color, indigenous communities and immigrants have disproportionately experienced some of the greatest environmental burdens and related health problems throughout history. This is due to a number of factors, such as:

- Inappropriate land use planning
- Discrimination (in housing, lending, etc.)
- Lack of political power / No inclusion in decision-making
- Business interests valued over people's health

For more information, see CEJA's 2018 Green Zones Report at: www.CalGreenZones.org

Key Green Zones Strategies

- Creating and implementing strong REGULATIONS that reduce pollution and improve land use planning in EJ communities.

- Directing public and private resources to FUND Green Zones projects and solutions.

- Centering all Green Zones in COMMUNITY-BASED PLANNING to ensure that residents have a voice and power in local decision-making.