



# What is Environmental Justice?

The fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

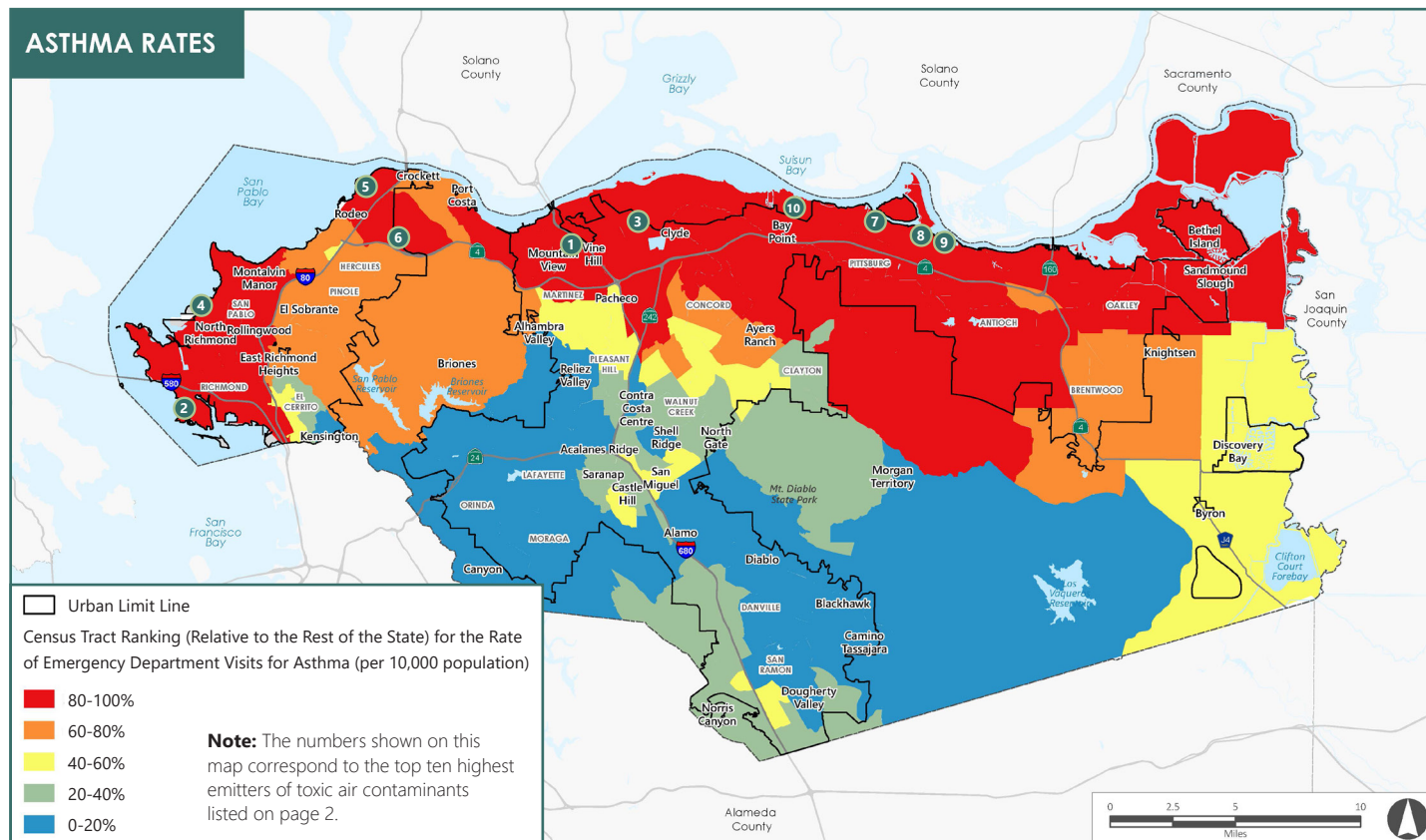
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## Senate Bill 1000

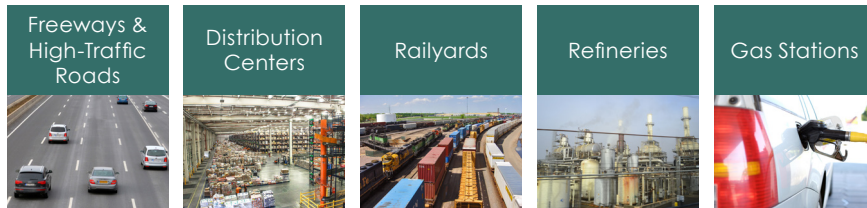
In September 2016, then-Governor Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 1000, which requires each city and county in California to address environmental justice in its General Plan. By law, Contra Costa County's updated General Plan is required to identify:

- ➡ Objectives and policies to reduce the unique or compounded health risks in disadvantaged communities, including reducing **pollution exposure**, improving **air quality**, and promoting **public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary homes**, and **physical activity**.
- ➡ Objectives and policies to promote community involvement in the public **decision-making** process.
- ➡ Objectives and policies that **prioritize** improvements and programs that address the needs of disadvantaged communities.

Low-income residents, communities of color, indigenous peoples and tribal nations, and immigrant communities disproportionately experience some of the most severe environmental and health impacts related to development. This is the result of many historical factors, but inequitable land use planning, and discriminatory housing policies and lending practices, have played a significant role.

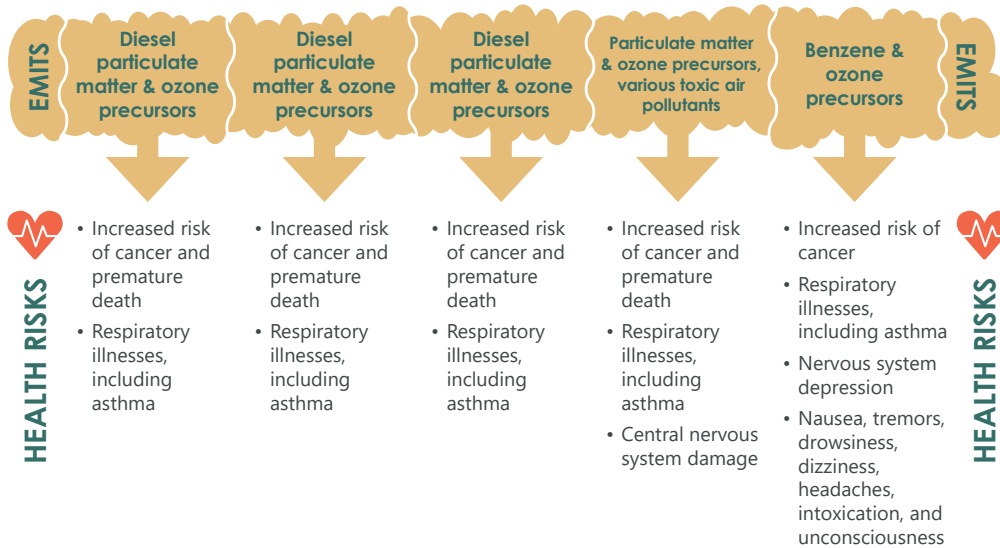


# INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL POLLUTION SOURCES



Listed below are the 10 highest emitters of toxic air contaminants in Contra Costa County, based on information provided by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

- 1 Martinez Refinery
- 2 Chevron Products Company
- 3 Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC
- 4 West Contra Costa County Landfill
- 5 Phillips 66 Company - San Francisco Refinery
- 6 Phillips 66 Carbon Plant
- 7 Los Medanos Energy Center
- 8 Delta Energy Center
- 9 Air Liquide Large Industries US LP
- 10 Criterion Catalysts Company LP



For many common health factors, residents in Contra Costa County fare better than others in California and the nation, including diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure. However, Contra Costa is higher than in the rest of California, and in some cases, the nation for the diseases shown below.

