2018 Statewide Energy Efficiency Forum
Prevalent Issues in the SJV- In perspective

- Powerful Industries - Development, Ag, Oil
- Most overburdened communities: Air quality, water contamination, proximity to toxic sites, chronic illness
- Historic poor land use planning and disinvestment
Barriers to Clean and Affordable energy in the SJV

- Clear need for clean energy in the SJV.
- Many communities are reliant on propane/wood burning.
- Lack of investment and infrastructure
- Lack public engagement
- Energy investment traditionally focused on industry
- Affordability
The Role of Equity in Energy Policy Decisions

- Building a co-powerment process
- Removing existing barriers to access (AB 523) and addressing past wrongdoings.
- Community involvement in local, regional, state, processes to ensure equitable investment in disadvantaged communities.
- Investing in existing communities
- No two communities are the same, we need to be creative!