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Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator for EPA's Pacific Southwest Region, toured Old Town National City with EHC leaders.

EPA, HUD, DOT Partnership for Sustainable Communities invests in Westside National City

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday advanced its environmental justice program in National City with the distribution of a \$1 million Brownfields revolving loan to National City and a \$300,000 Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) grant to Environmental Health Coalition for work in Barrio Logan and National City. EPA also provided resources to assist with the Westside Affordable Housing Transit Oriented Development in National City.

"Unjust land use plans have allowed pollution to burden the health of our communities for too long," said Diane Takvorian, Executive Director of Environmental Health Coalition. "We applaud EPA's commitment to

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environmental justice and will use these funds to create cleaner, healthier neighborhoods.” Specifically, EHC will use the CARE grant to address air toxics from the Port of San Diego and stationary sources in Barrio Logan and National City.

In addition to providing funds, EPA is collaborating with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Transportation – via the Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities – in helping National City meet its sustainability goals to generate affordable housing and transportation while simultaneously protecting the environment, promoting equitable development, and addressing the challenges of climate change.

“We are very excited to provide this \$1.3 million in grants to help improve the lives and environmental health of National City's residents,” said Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator for EPA's Pacific Southwest Region. “EPA is committed to continuing our work with this overburdened yet vibrant community to reduce exposure to pollution and promote greener, healthier development.”

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