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Environmental Justice Group Denounces Misleading Chevron-funded Mailer

San Bernardino, CA – The [California Environmental Justice Alliance](#) (CEJA) and CEJA Action released the following statement from Co-Director Strela Cervas after a Chevron-funded independent expenditure committee backing Cheryl Brown sent [misleading mailers](#) to AD 47 residents:

"We are outraged that the California Environmental Justice Alliance name was used in this mailer to imply our endorsement for Assemblymember Cheryl Brown when no such endorsement has been made. This comes on the heels of an independent expenditure of \$1 million made by Chevron on behalf of Assemblymember Brown. Chevron has a notoriously horrendous record for environmental violations, especially among environmental justice communities. Beyond the outrageous hypocrisy of one of the state's [worst polluters](#) calling anyone an environmental champion, the Chevron-funded mailer intentionally misrepresents Asm. Cheryl Brown's votes on crucial environmental issues."

"CEJA and CEJA Action did not work with Assemblymember Brown on any of our environmental justice priority bills. Our [2013 Scorecard](#) gave Asm. Brown the equivalent of a D and our [2015 Scorecard](#) gave her a C for standing with polluters over Inland Empire families. Brown voted for SB 350 only after appeasing her donors like Chevron by ensuring crucial protections were stripped out, leaving Inland Empire families with [some of the dirtiest air in the nation](#). While she did vote for several of our bills, these votes often do not reflect the behind the scenes deals and negotiations that influence a bill. As the co-sponsor of AB 693 (Eggman, Multifamily Affordable Housing Solar Roofs Program), CEJA would know who worked to pass this landmark solar bill, and Asm. Cheryl Brown was NOT among the authors responsible for this groundbreaking legislation to give families access to solar."

"CEJA and CEJA Action believes that we need real leaders that will prioritize environmental justice and we believe that real environmental justice champions do not take money from the corporations that are killing our communities like Chevron. We want leaders who work in partnership with low-income communities and communities of color to advance policies that will directly benefit and protect communities most vulnerable to climate change and overburdened by pollution."

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[California Environmental Justice Alliance](#) is a statewide, community-led alliance that works to achieve environmental justice by advancing policy solutions. We unite the powerful local organizing of our members in the communities most impacted by environmental hazards – low-income communities and communities of color - to create comprehensive opportunities for change at a statewide level. We build the power of communities across California to create policies that will alleviate poverty and pollution. Together, we are growing the statewide movement for environmental health and social justice. www.caleja.org

[CEJA Action \(C4\)](#) organizes California's voters of color in support of equitable environmental policy on a statewide level.