WHO WE ARE
Our Vision: We envision a healthier and more vital California that supports sustainable and equitable communities, preserves iconic landscapes, and significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

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- The ClimatePlan partnership works to improve land-use and transportation planning to protect Californians’ health, communities, environment, and climate.
- We recognize that California has been shaped by a history of inequity, racism, oppression, and disinvestment. We use equity and justice as an important lens on our work, and we work to ensure that low-income communities, communities of color and other marginalized communities have power over the decisions that impact their lives. Our Agreements frame our ongoing conversation, as well as the guiding principles.
We are a learning network

We are an incubator for our partners and other networks to catalyze action at the local, regional, and state levels to create lasting change in housing, land use, and transportation.

How We Work

**Drive Transformative Policy Change:** We collaborate with partner organizations to advance equitable, healthy, and sustainable housing, land use, and transportation policy.

**Amplify Community Voices:** We build community power by offering technical assistance, trainings, and seed grants to elevate policies built upon our local and regional partners’ priorities and direction.

**Build Bridges across Issues and Geographies:** We convene diverse non-profit organizations across the state to create sustainable, healthy, and equitable communities, and to build knowledge and create change.
COMMITMENT TO INVESTMENT WITHOUT DISPLACEMENT
The future ClimatePlan envisions

A California in which all of us, especially lower-income and people of color, have the option to live in communities where we can find and stay in a home we can afford, close to good jobs and schools; where it is convenient, safe, dignified, and affordable to get around on public transit, on foot, by bike, or by scooter; where there is plentiful clean air and water; where public parks are accessible and farmland and natural lands are protected.
Displacement as a barrier

• Displacement is related to systems of power and oppression, including racism and classism and patterns of investment, disinvestment, and exclusion.

• America’s history of segregation and redlining has contributed to historical exclusion of households from a neighborhood due to race, income, or other factors.

• Displacement harms people and communities and worsens the climate crisis.
Case Study: Sacramento County Racial Covenants Map

Figure 3 Preliminary map of areas with racially restrictive covenants and mortgage deficient areas in Sacramento (source: author’s review of public records)
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Displacement and Exclusion Map
ClimatePlan’s Commitment to Investment without Displacement

• Recognizing these profound impacts, beginning in April 2018, ClimatePlan convened partners from housing, transportation, land use, equity, conservation and climate organizations to develop a shared policy platform on Investment Without Displacement for guiding the ClimatePlan network’s advocacy.

• ClimatePlan promotes investments that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, are shaped by residents, and provide direct benefits and support to communities, specifically those that have been historically underserved and neglected.
Using Commitment to Investment without Displacement

Impetus behind the platform

• “The Commitment to Investment without Displacement platform stems from the fact that ClimatePlan wanted to make sure that equity and environment was not an either/or choice…”

SB 50 Oppose unless Amend

• “When we as a ClimatePlan Steering Committee reviewed SB 50 through our Commitment to Investment without Displacement platform, we realized that we couldn’t support the bill unless key changes were made.”

• “It’s not enough anymore for ClimatePlan—and I would argue for smart growth advocates—to get a “win" around infill and density if we’re ignoring communities that have been left behind for years.”
Sacramento Investment without Displacement

• A group of residents under the name Sacramento Investment Without Displacement are calling for Aggie Square’s planners and developers to help protect the area against gentrification.

• The group is advocating for a “community benefits agreement” that would make some of those protections legally enforceable.
WHAT’S NEXT?
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We at ClimatePlan will not achieve our vision for a healthier, more vital California if we ignore the impact that investments and policies have in terms of creating direct and indirect displacement. We are interested in partnering with others to address displacement and its relationship to systems of power and oppression, including racism and classism and patterns of investment, disinvestment, and exclusion.

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