



AAP-CA3 Climate Change & Health San Diego Pediatricians for Clean Air

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MISSION STATEMENT

AAP-CA3 Climate Change and Health Committee. Our mission is to simultaneously promote the health of both San Diego's children and its ecosystems by empowering children through education and outreach to protect their environmental resources and in turn improve their own physical and mental health. We support measures that combat climate change & promote a healthier environment for our children.

Oct 2025 NEWSLETTER

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General Comments

Four months since the last newsletter and what a quarter it has been!!! We had the 4th epic H3SD 2025 Summit which was an astounding success (congrats to the entire big team that knocked it out of the park!), helped get across the finish line the AMICUS Brief from medical experts to support Our Children's Trust in the Genesis v EPA, gave many presentations collectively, and most importantly stayed connected and motivated as a climate and health community. Each one of you gives us so much hope and direction! Thank you for being part of this and here is just a small window into the amazing work everyone is doing!

The big grand plan for the next 2 years is to hard-wire this great community of ours, into a sustainable and inclusive and effective San Diego Physicians for Clean Air. To get some small grants to actually pay some students for doing a lot of this grassroots organizing. This is important for San Diego, and our community. More to come!

Legislative Updates

The AAP California SGA Environmental Health and Climate Change team is still **Dan Spencer MD**, **Priyanka Patel MD**, and **Vi Thuy Nguyen MD** from San Diego CA3. Dr. Nguyen will touch base with the AAP California Executive Director Karmi Ferguson and Amanda Millstein MD (from CA1 Bay area) soon to get guidance. Locally we are working on several projects that is under the banner of San Diego Pediatricians for Clean Air. As a reminder, only when we have clear instruction from one of the senior pediatricians do we ever use the AAP name and it's safer to speak under San Diego Pediatricians for Clean Air given the national political situation. The most important thing is to still keep on raising our individual voices for matters that we think are important for kids and climate!



Fashion Act 2025: AB 405. Addis 405. This bill is also alive for the next legislative season! This is still under SDPCA. It targets the fast fashion industry mostly Shein and Temu and helps create minimum standards for the industry. NYS AAP has supported this as a climate bill (to reduce emissions from the fast fashion industry). This bill also has a strong toxic chemical protections (namely PFAS and plastics). Lauren Cueto UCSD MS2, Eleanor Jung UCSD Premed 27 and Emily Pan UCSD Premed 27 are now the legislative leads. They are working on the public health survey on the health effects of fast fashion, please help them out by filling out their survey! Deadline is October 24! eljung@ucsd.edu , e2pan@ucsd.edu <https://tinyurl.com/FastFashionSurveySD>

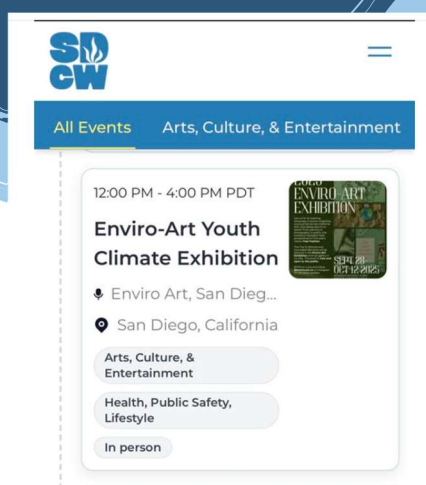
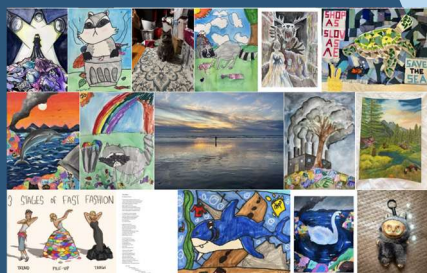
Oppose USDG Fuels with Environmental Health Coalition: We are helping our long-term community partners at EHC to protect National City from further diesel fuel pollution. We had a partial win. USDG has been pressured to come up with zero-emission plans for clean-trucks. Many thanks to **Justin Buchanan UCLA, Elidia Kocharian UCSD SOM MD/PhD student** for their advocacy. Dr. Nguyen was at the last National City City Council Meeting which lasted an epic 7.5 hours! And made official comments as San Diego Pediatricians for Clean Air. The item is going to be continued November 4. We still need support, so reach out to Elidia or Justin if you have questions or sign on to the EHC listserve for updates on this one!

Polluters Pay Climate Fund Many thanks to **Kiran Rhodes BA** who has been our main policy analyst/advocate on this. AAP California officially supports this as Tier 2. Locally Youth v Oil is leading, and the coalition is HUGE with this one so we are mostly just following along at this point. Kiran is keeping track of this one for us. Thank you Kiran!

Leaded Aviation Fuel Pollution New York: **Shine Lee UC Berkeley 24, Chelsea Lim Columbia 29, Lauren Trinh UCSD 26** are working with **Chase Moon MD** from NY-AAP and that large coalition. This bill will be still alive for the next legislative season. Lead is Shine. [<shinelee@berkeley.edu>](mailto:shinelee@berkeley.edu)

Premedical Student Advising Updates

Wishing everyone who applied this cycle luck! Overall it feels like our students are doing very well with strong interview offers. Most applying students should have gone through mock interviewing already. Thanks to all the pediatricians who stepped up to help with the mock interviewing! But those students that are waiting, please reach out to Dr. Nguyen so we can strategize and plan to ease your anxiety! We are still at the beginning of the cycle, so keep faith and we are here together to support each other! Best way to get more advising is to show up at events and get connected!!! **Dr. Nguyen**



The Academic Pediatric Association (APA) is led and directed by an experienced and qualified nine-member board of directors and its **mission** is to nurture the academic success and career development of child health professionals engaged in research, advocacy, improvement science and educational scholarship to enhance the health and well-being of all children.

The APA's vision of a "A thriving academic pediatric community that ensures optimal health and well-being for all children, particularly those most vulnerable" is guided by its core values of academic excellence, collaboration, mentorship, inclusion, respect, health equity and partnerships with children, families and communities. Read APA's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan

personally is not actively taking on any more students for 2 years, to make sure the students she has matriculates and get the support they need! Of course anyone can be on the list-serve and help with advocacy projects that are sent in through the email or get connected with other pediatricians in our group.

Enviro-Art 2024: Youth Climate Art Exhibition

The Enviro-Art project year 4 on Fast Fashion knocked it out of the park! Dr. Andrei and Dr. Nguyen were so proud to attend the LOS/NR Show opening on Oct 12! Great job to **Emily Pan UCSD 27** and **Eleanor Jung UCSD 27** who are the leads, and their **Children's Arts Council** (high school volunteers who help with this effort). It was a beautiful morning recognizing the youth artists with gift cards and certificates. This year this event was officially part of San Diego Climate Week and Children's Environmental Health Day! Many thanks to **Michelle Tengara UCSD SOM MS3** for continuing to mentor our premedical students during your busy clinical year! Their team staffed at least four community events, two of the SD County **"Community Climate Conversations,"** Encinitas EcoFest and La Jolla Art Walk to raise awareness. Thank you to Shogo for all the website updates, the on-line gallery site is live <https://sdpediatriciansforcleanair.com/sdpca-online-gallery-for-2025-enviro-art> They also helped with **New York "2025 Envision the Environment: Healthy Communities and Fast Fashion"** sister project to our Enviro-Art Fast fashion project which also successfully concluded with a recognition ceremony at Mt Sinai Medical Center and part of AAP New York, and New York State Children's Environment Health Centers. It's always super fun and labor of love. They'll be getting their blogpost up and running and writing up their poster into a short paper that their team just presented at AAP NCE in Denver! eljung@ucsd.edu , e2pan@ucsd.edu.

SDPCA speaking, writing and publishing!!!

Current writing teams! Wishing luck to our California AvGas writing team! Led by **Katie Balen UCSD 25** and **Maya Kalbag UCSD SOM 2026** presented **"Environmental and Medical Advocacy Efforts in Banning Leaded AvGas to Mitigate Detrimental Effects of Airborne Lead Pollution"** Writing team also includes **Lauren Trinh UCSD Premed**, **Rachel Ireland MD** and **Vi Thuy Nguyen MD**. Co-authors included our advocacy partners **Serena Alvarez JD** and **Elizabeth Friedman MD MPH**. **Melissa Campbell DO, MPH** also presenting at PAS, **"Preventing Extreme Heat Illness in High School Students: A San Diego Example"** on behalf of co-authors **Maxwell Lazo**, **Aviva Devore**, **Brendan Toledo**, **Ashley Teo BS**, **Prabha Singh MPH**, **Vi Nguyen MD**



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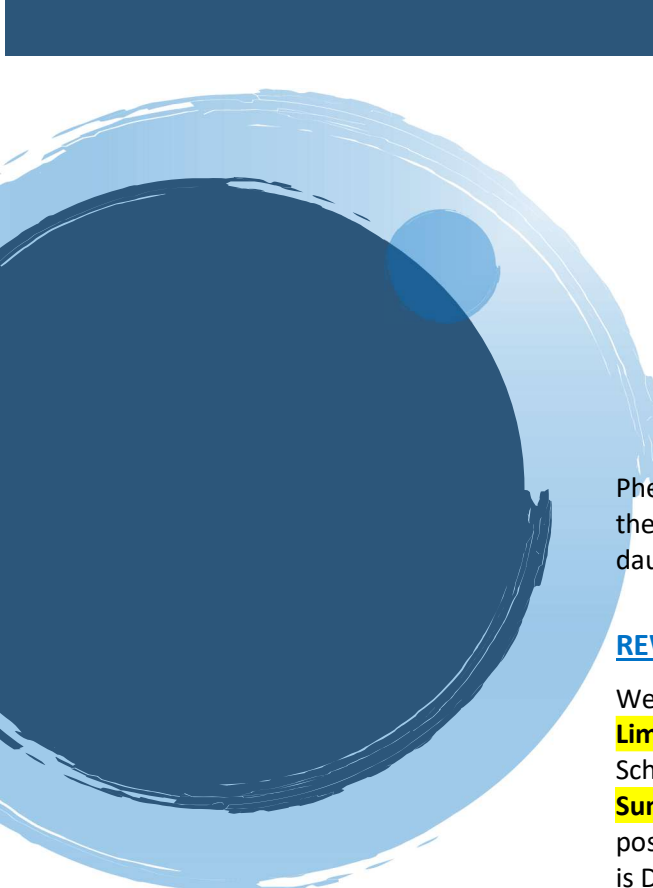
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Honorable Michael W. Fitzgerald

BRIEF OF AMICI CURIAE XX
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS-APPELLANTS AND REVERSAL

Reminder to the different writing teams that are aiming to get their abstracts submitted to **Pediatric Academic Societies 2026 which is Boston**. Abstracts are due November 3! Dr. Nguyen is expected the **Oppose Hydrogen Blending** abstract led by **Angela Kim Berkeley 26** (writing team is Hilary Lin MD, Vi Thuy Nguen MD, Andrew Tran Fountain Valley HS), **H3SD Conference Proceedings** led by **Alyson Paik UCSD 26** (writing team is Lauren Cueto UCSD MS2, Rachel Han MD, Mary Lou Lindegren), and **District 8 Extreme Heat to Fire Conference Proceedings** (writing team is from University of Utah and Dr. QT Nguyen but **Ellen Wu, Jennifer Shin and Isabella Do U Alabama MD/PhD Candidate**). Several of our teams are also planning to submit to **Academic Pediatric Association Region 9 Meeting** which is in September in San Diego. The 2026 APA Regions 9 & 10 meeting will be held on February 27 and 28, 2026, at the Hilton Garden Inn San Diego Downtown/Bayside. Abstracts are due **November 10, 2025**. Abstracts that could be submitted are the **Fast Fashion Public Health Survey** and the **CalHeatScore project**. Please reach out to Dr. Nguyen if you are part of those projects. This is a smaller conference but it's local and fun, and on your resume totally counts as a major abstract. A reminder to everyone aiming for PAS Boston, Dr. Nguyen is coordinating with partners in Utah and will probably be able to get group accommodations if teams make it. But our group is on a budget of \$0 so if you plan to come, you'll need to fund your own flight and food. Dr. Nguyen will get the abstract fees covered through donations.

1. Congratulations to **Isabella Molina UCSD SOM MS2** who was part of the San Diego Physician Magazine writing team **"Code Sewage: South Bay Clinicians Confront the Tijuana River Valley Crisis."** That one was epic and overdue!
2. **Rachel Han UCSD Post bac** and **Alyson Paik UCSD 26** successfully presented at Children's Hospital of LA Adolescent Medicine Grand Rounds July 17 on H3SD.
3. Dr. Vi Nguyen gave two talks in August on the Tiajuana Sewage Crisis at Harvard, one at Mass General Pediatric Residency Program and one at **Harvard Medical School Students for Environmental Action** with Dr. Kim Dickson (thank you to our original student founder **Vivian Nguyen HMS 27** for the warm welcome and invitation!).
4. **Tae Jong Yun Berkeley 27** and **Elida Kocharian UCSD MD/PhD Candidate** and **Dr. Priyanka Patel** completed the epic endorsements for **Genesis v EPA "Brief of AMICI CURIAE Medical Professions and Health Advocacy Organizations"** in support of the children plaintiffs with Our Children's Trust.
5. The Oppose Hydrogen Blending AAP Resolution Team! This passed



and is non-binding but was HUGE!

6. California Environmental Literacy Initiative CAELI September 25th, Shreya Dhanala UCSD 26 with Dr. Nguyen on Extreme Heat Effects on Children. Link to the recording. Shreya you did amazing!!!

Phew! There are more! Dr. Nguyen wants to remind everyone that there are no major planned presentations from her part as her daughter is applying to college right now.

REWILD AND AAP

We table at Rewild every year! In August the day before H3SD **Chelsea Lim Columbia 29, Tae Jong Yun Berkeley 27** and **Gabriela Silva** High School volunteer presented on **Rx Birding** at the **30x30 Partnership Summit** to support rewild! It was fun. February and we found the old poster that UCSD premeds made two years ago! The wetlands liaison is Dr. Ben Schleifer bjschleifer88@gmail.com.

BIG AWARDS!!!

Congratulations to **Angela Kim Berkeley 26** for being awarded the **Udall Fellowship** last year for her contributions to our Oppose Hydrogen Blending Project, and she earned the **Rhodes Scholarship endorsement from UC Berkeley**. Please cheer her on and reach out to her if you have questions about the process for both. It's wonderful to pay things forward as a community. Big congrats to **Nam Nguyen UCSD 26** for being **nominated by UCSD for the Marshall's Scholarship**, and we are rooting him on as well. Our shared group nominated **Dr. Anne Marie Birkbeck-Garcia** for the **US EPA Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee** which we critically need to help the children's of the Tijuana River valley. Many many thanks to **Drs. Sabrina Perrino, Will Tseng from Kaiser, and Dan Spencer** for working very hard a few weekends ago to put the nomination materials together. Please include her and the children of the Tijuana River Valley in your thoughts.

H3SD 2025 Updates

It was epic and 100% happening for 2026. It's a whole separate thing and larger than just us, but we are still at the center of it. Email Alyson Paik apaik@ucsd.edu if you want to help for next year!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

November 9 at 12 pm via Zoom. Laisha Felix UCSD 24 and Lauren Trinh UCSD 25 are our student directors. So reach out to them if you want to add anything to the agenda.

