



**April 2017 Conference**

**Parks, Pollution and Obesity**  
*Going beyond exercise and eating*

Spring Conference  
April 17, 2017 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
The California Endowment  
1000 Alameda St., LA 90012

**Plenary Sessions:**

Diabetes, obesity and the link to air pollution  
“Greening” environmental justice communities:  
Addressing incompatible land-use in Los Angeles

**Poster Session:**

[Community perspectives: Taking action for healthy communities](#)

**Concurrent Workshops:**

Air pollution, traffic and exercise  
Redesign good movements corridors for green space & active transportation  
Growing healthy food in contaminated places

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**Background**

Obesity is a public health problem of epidemic proportions in California. In Los Angeles County the prevalence of obesity is strongly associated with economic hardship, that is, working poor and communities of color are the most heavily burdened by obesity. It is these same communities that face the highest cumulative burden of environmental pollution and the least park space per capita. Increasingly, scientific evidence suggests that exposure to “obesogens” or chemicals that disrupt normal metabolism and promote obesity. Urban air pollution as well as toxic metals have been linked to development of obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

**Who should attend?**

Community members, environmentalists, environmental justice advocates, health practitioners, urban planners, green space advocates, obesity prevention organizations

**Poster Session: Community perspectives: taking action for healthy communities**

The conference will feature a poster session showcasing the work of community based organizations. The session will be in an open house format, that allows people to move throughout the space and have conversations around the posters showcasing the work of the organizations. [For more information and to sign up your organization to participate in the poster session, click here.](#)

**Spanish Translation and Childcare will be available**

**A variety of food options will be available**

**Questions? Contact us at [scehsc@usc.edu](mailto:scehsc@usc.edu)**