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YOUNG LEADERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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August 21, 2024 ♦ 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

A meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Young Leaders Advisory Council will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 through in-person attendance in the Conference Room CC-8 at the South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, and remote attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting remotely.

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4550 Peck Road
El Monte, CA 91732

Los Angeles Central Library
630 w 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Center for Environmental Research and Technology
1084 Columbia Ave
Riverside, CA 92507

Spring Palace Coworking Space
9800 Wilshire Blvd
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ACTION ITEMS (Items 1-2)

- 1. Welcome and Agenda Overview (5 min)**
(No Motion Required)
Welcoming remarks and overview of the August 21st, 2024 agenda.

Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson
Deputy Executive Officer
- 2. Review and Approve Minutes and Upcoming Calendar (10 min)**
(Motion Required)
Review and approve the minutes from the February 21, 2024 and the May 15, 2024 meetings and calendar regarding the upcoming November Meeting.
(Written Material Attached)

Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson
- DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 3-7)**
- 3. Community Spotlight (10 min)**
(No Motion Required)
A chance for YLAC members to elevate or spotlight issues or events within their respective communities.

Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson
- 4. Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim Metropolitan Statistical Area (10 min)**
(No Motion Required)
Update on the development of the CPRG CCAP and seek input on measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with co-benefits for criteria pollutants.
(Written Material Attached)

Ryan Wolfe
Manager of Sustainable and Resilient Development, Southern California Association of Governments
- 5. South Coast AQMD Staff Presentation of Mobile Air Monitoring Platform with Q&A (60 min)**
(No Motion Required)
South Coast AQMD conducts air monitoring using multiple mobile platforms, each capable of measuring one or more distinct classes of air pollutants and/or air toxics. Data gathered with these mobile platforms will allow community members and policy makers to better assess local exposure levels at the time of measurements, identify potential sources of emissions and track changes over time, helping provide a snapshot of the potential effectiveness of emission and exposure reduction programs.

Steve Boddeker
Air Quality Specialist
- 6. Recruitment for Upcoming Year (10 min)**
(No Motion Required)
A brief discussion with YLAC members on recruitment efforts for YLAC members. Applications for 2025-2026 year will need to be completed by

Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson

November 13th, 2024. The First meeting of the 2025-2026 year will be Wednesday February 19th, 2025.
(Written Material Attached)

7. Upcoming Engagement Opportunities (5 min)
(No Motion Required)

YLAC members are invited to participate in the All AB 617 Community Event on Saturday, August 24, 2024. EPA Region 9 Environmental Justice Community Check in Meeting occurs the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30PM - 7:00 PM. Zoom Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1617584317>. There is also an Environmental Justice Conference that will be held on Thursday October 24th, 2024.

Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson
Alicia Lizarraga,
Senior Public Affairs
Manager

OTHER MATTERS (Items 8-10)

8. Other Business

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9. Public Comment Period

At the end of the regular meeting agenda, an opportunity is also provided for the public to speak on any subject within the Council's authority that is not on the agenda. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes each.

10 Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.

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YOUNG LEADERS ADVISORY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Gabriela Ballesteros
Emanuel De Jesús Cruz
Mai Nguyen Do
Aditi Gajurel
Matthew Patara Hui
Yifan Li
Vanessa Melesio
Michael Lyle Schumer
Hayato Joshua Shigeta
Linh Tran
Celina Vargas
Andres Coronel
Ryan Drover
Norah Kyassa
Ciara Christina Thrower
Roxana Marina Barrera
Yolanda Aguilar Candelario
Angel Delgado Lira
Joshua Scheel
Marc Anthony Flores

Members Absent:

Helen Yajaira Estrada

South Coast AQMD Staff:

Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson, Deputy Executive Officer, Diversity Equity and Inclusion
with Community Air Programs

Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer, Executive Office
Nicholas Sanchez, Assistant Chief Deputy Counsel, Legal
Josephine Lee, Senior Deputy Counsel, Legal
Sheri Hanizavareh, Principal Deputy Counsel, Legal
Cassandra Johnson, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs
Francis Fernando, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs
Carolina Vargas, Staff Specialist, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs
Paola Servas, Senior Office Assistant, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs
Heather Pomeroy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs

Call To Order

Dr. Heard-Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Heard-Johnson discussed the importance of the YLAC's role and encouraged members to engage during the meeting. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast here](#) at minute 2:49.

Agenda Item #2: Introductions of YLAC Members

YLAC members introduced themselves and highlighted their interests and the communities they represent. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast here](#) at minute 7:00.

Agenda Item #3: Overview of South Coast AQMD

Ms. Nakamura provided an overview of the agency and encouraged members to apply for the Governing Board summer internship program. Dr. Heard-Johnson emphasized the agency's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and the importance of intersectionality in addressing environmental justice. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast here](#) at minute 16:15.

Agenda Item #4: Overview of The Brown Act and Meeting Procedure

Ms. Hanizavareh gave a presentation on the Brown Act. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast here](#) at minute 19:37.

Agenda Item #5: Review of Previous Goals and Minutes for 2023

Dr. Heard-Johnson summarized past meeting activities and emphasized the need for more dialogue and interaction within the council. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast here](#) at minute 50:48.

Agenda Item #6: Resources Provided by the South Coast AQMD

Ms. Johnson provided resources, including books on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and South Coast AQMD's website. Members shared their outlook towards YLAC's future. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast here](#) at minute 54:34.

Agenda Item #7: YLAC Member Community Issues and Concerns

- Gabriela Ballesteros raised concerns about air quality near schools and the need for more green spaces.
- Emanuel De Jesús Cruz, highlighted the impact of greenspaces and why they're important to the community.
- Mai Nguyen Do discussed the importance of accessible public transportation and its role in reducing pollution.
- Aditi Gajurel mentioned the need for more community engagement and awareness programs on air quality.
- Matthew Patara Hui focused on the importance of youth involvement in environmental issues and decision-making processes.
- Yifan Li emphasized the need for real-time air quality monitoring and transparent reporting.
- Vanessa Melesio discussed health impacts of poor air quality and the need for better healthcare resources.
- Michael Lyle Schumer brought up the issue of environmental justice and the disproportionate impact on low-income communities.
- Hayato Joshua Shigeta discussed the potential of electric transportation in reducing emissions.
- Linh Tran highlighted the importance of multilingual outreach to ensure all community members are informed.
- Celina Vargas stressed the need for collaboration with schools to educate students about environmental issues.
- Andres Coronel discussed the role of renewable energy in combating air pollution.
- Ryan Drover emphasized the need for stricter enforcement of existing air quality regulations.
- Norah Kyassa mentioned the importance of involving local businesses in sustainability efforts.

- Ciara Christina Thrower focused on the need for better waste management practices to improve air quality.
- Roxana Marina Barrera raised concerns about the impact of industrial activities on residential areas.
- Yolanda Aguilar Candelario discussed the need for more research on the health impacts of air pollution.
- Angel Delgado Lira highlighted the importance of green infrastructure in urban planning.
- Joshua Scheel emphasized the need for policies supporting clean energy transitions.
- Helen Yajaira Estrada discussed the impact of climate change on air quality and the need for proactive measures.
- Marc Anthony Flores mentioned the role of technology in monitoring and improving air quality.

Agenda Item #8: Development of YLAC GOALS and Objectives for 2024

Members expressed their goals for the YLAC, focusing on electric transportation, public engagement, and influencing decision-making processes at the Board level. The draft goals will be presented at the next meeting in May, with a survey to gather further input from members. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast here](#) at hour 1:25:05.

Agenda Item #9: Other Business

Discussion on the use of gender-neutral honorifics in meeting documentation. Members emphasized the need for practical engagement and representation in South Coast AQMD activities and decisions. The importance of inclusive communication strategies, both in-person and remote, was highlighted to accommodate diverse member needs.

Agenda Item #9: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting Date

The next regular YLAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.



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YOUNG LEADERS ADVISORY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

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Mai Nguyen Do
Aditi Gajurel
Yifan Li
Vanessa Melesio
Linh Tran
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Members Absent:

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Josephine Lee, Senior Deputy Counsel, Legal

Arlene Farol Saria, Public Affairs Manager, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs

Daniel Wong, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs

Gina Triviso, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs

Cassandra Johnson, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs

Carolina Vargas, Staff Specialist, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs

Paola Servas, Senior Office Assistant, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs

Mary Dona Paras, Administrative Assistant I, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs

Heather Pomeroy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Air Programs

Call To Order

Dr. Heard-Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson, Deputy Executive Officer, welcomed members and thanked them for attending both on-site and remotely. She emphasized the importance of being in space together and introduced herself. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast here](#) at minute 4:35

Agenda Item #2: Survey Results of Potential Agenda Topics

Dr. Heard-Johnson shared the survey results that will frame future meetings of the YLAC. The survey helps in aligning YLAC's activities with the mission of the South Coast AQMD to keep the air clean. Key topics included air quality monitoring, community engagement, environmental justice, and youth involvement.

Agenda Item #3: Video-Segregated by Design

The video Segregated by Design was shown. The video can be viewed in the [webcast here](#).

Agenda Item #4: Discussion – Segregated by Design

Vanessa Melesio highlighted the current manifestations of systemic inequities in their community, including inadequate public services and infrastructure. Andres Coronel discussed the impact of wealth gaps and insufficient amenities in parks, emphasizing the need for equitable resource distribution. Gabriela Ballesteros stressed the need for diverse perspectives in planning and creating accessible programs, advocating for inclusive policy-making.

Agenda Item #5: Community Spotlight

Dr. Heard-Johnson opened the floor to YLAC members to elevate issues or events within their community.

- Andres Coronel saw a LinkedIn post about the residential air filtration initiative and wanted to know more about outreach because it hasn't been seen in their community level in the Eastern Coachella Valley.
- Vanessa Melesio wanted to recognize Goldman Environmental Prize winner, Andrea Vidurre. This is a prominent figure finally being recognized.
- Gabriela Ballesteros asked if the agency could highlight community events would be helpful because people look for things to do and it supports our communities.
- Vanessa Melesio mentioned there would be a creative outlet at the Inland Empire Solstice theater. The leader of the event has a son with asthma so environmental justice issues are often highlighted at these events.

Agenda Item #6: South Coast AQMD Staff Presentation of AB 6174 Overview with Q&A

Ms. Farol Saria gave an overview of the AB 617 Program for YLAC Members. Vanessa Melesio wanted to know if the AB 617 team was internal or external from the South Coast AQMD. Ms. Farol Saria responded there is an internal South Coast AQMD team. YLAC members made a series of suggestions such as use of social media, hand-outs, and targeting locations the community frequents such as laundromats, mailers, and working with partner organizations. Ms. Farol Saria thanked the YLAC members for their input and staff will look further into their suggestions.

Agenda Item #7: Meeting Expectations

Dr. Heard-Johnson asked what expectations the membership had for meetings. Gabriela Ballesteros said this meeting should be a safe space where members can be brave enough to share their thoughts. Vanessa Melesio said they would like to hear about community resource sharing.

Agenda Item #8: Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Dr. Heard-Johnson invited YLAC members to the All-CSC event taking place on Saturday, August 24, 2024. The event is still in the planning stages and said that more information will be shared with YLAC members at the next meeting. This is an opportunity for all the community members to come together to talk.

Agenda Item #9: Other Business

Ms. Farol Saria told YLAC membership she had resource materials available for members to take if they wished and advised downloading the South Coast AQMD app.

Agenda Item #9: Public Comment

Moses Huerta, member of the public, said he works on Environmental Justice monitoring programs under the U.S. EPA and CARB on engagement issues. Mr. Huerta wanted to congratulate the YLAC Members for participating in this endeavor and wants to encourage members to take what they learn and share with family and friends.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting Date

The next regular YLAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

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LA/OC Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

Young Leaders Advisory Council

August 21, 2024

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Today's agenda

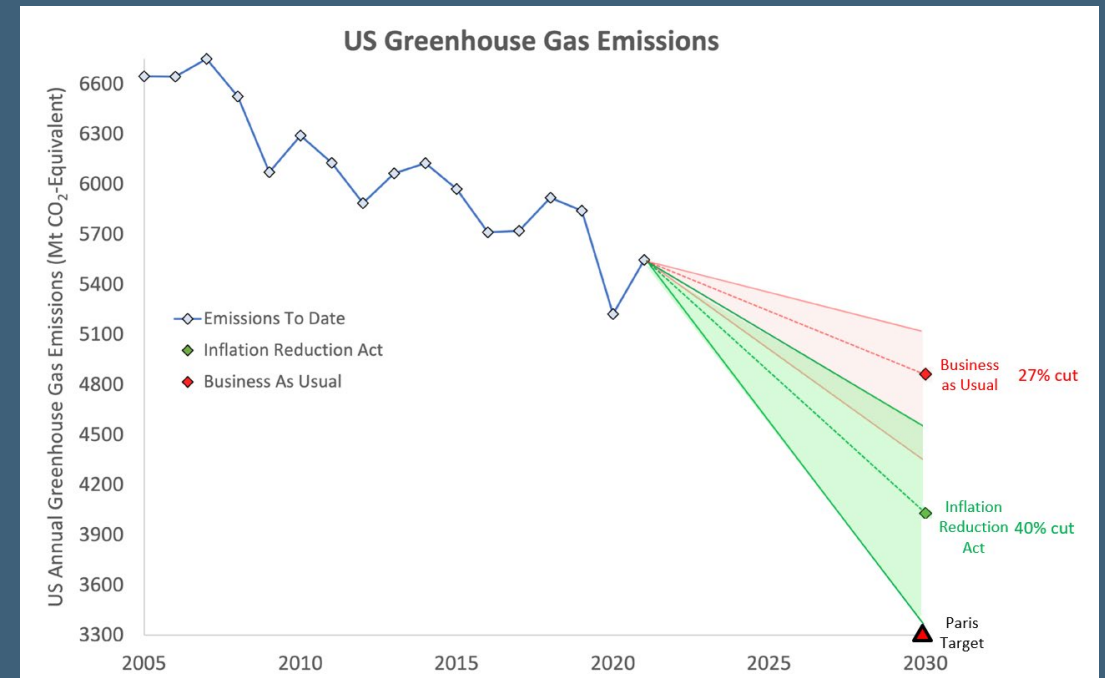
- 1. Provide background on the LA/OC Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) process**
- 2. Get your feedback on strategies to reduce emissions, address environmental justice, and support jobs**
- 3. Get your feedback on regional collaboration opportunities and challenges**



CPRG BACKGROUND

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

- **The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)** makes historic investments in climate action
- **IRA investments will drive significant emissions reductions** over the next decade
- **EPA will play a major role in delivering these programs** and approximately \$41.5 billion in funding



These are EPA's CPRG program objectives

- Reduce climate and air pollution
- Support jobs and lower energy costs
- Address environmental justice



These agencies are facilitating the LA/OC effort



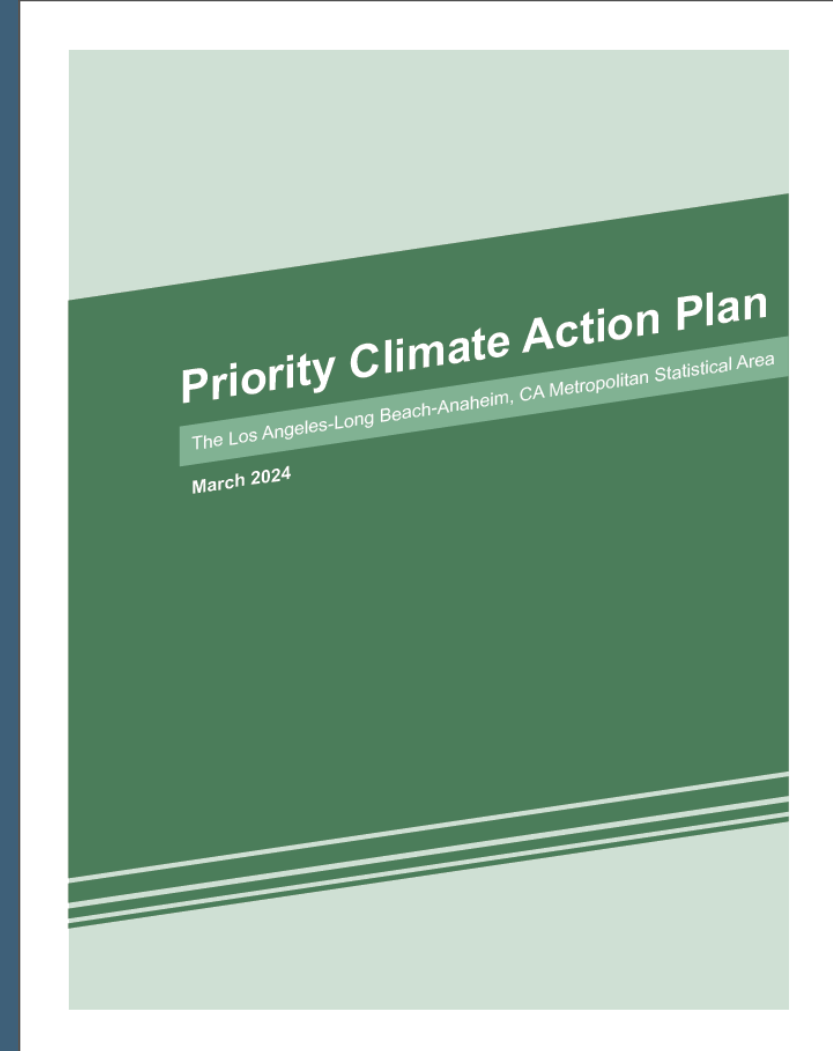
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- SCAG
- South Coast AQMD
- OCTA
- LA Metro
- City of LA
- City of Long Beach
- City of Anaheim



COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Key deliverables for the CPRG planning grants

- **Phase I - Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAPs)**
 - Limited to priority sectors and strategies
 - LA/OC
 - Transportation
 - Energy
 - Waste
- **Phase II – Comprehensive Climate Action Plans (CCAPs)**
 - Broader, multi-sector strategies



The CCAP as a framework to inform regional/local climate planning

The CCAP will:

- Identify strategies that jurisdictions can potentially adopt and implement
- Lift up best practices and policies
- Advance regional collaboration to fund and implement strategies

Early strategies under consideration

- **Transportation** – Transition to zero emissions passenger and freight vehicles, increase transit and related travel, focus on smart growth
- **Energy** – Decarbonize existing and new buildings, increase energy efficiency, increase clean distributed generation, modernize the grid, and sunset oil and gas operations
- **Waste** – Increase diversion of household, commercial, construction, and industrial waste from landfills, and capture and use landfill emissions
- **Water** – Increase water efficiency, use of recycled water and graywater, and prioritize local water sources
- **Carbon removal/sequestration** - Expand urban forest, preserve, restore, and enhance natural lands, and prioritize sustainable agricultural practices

We're seeking your feedback

- Your feedback on strategies
 - Anything that's missing
 - Input on aspects of current draft list of strategies
- Implementation challenges and opportunities
 - Funding
 - Regional collaboration

This is the current timeline



- GHG inventory
- Target setting
- Strategy/measure quantification

- Workforce analysis
- Low-income & Disadvantaged Communities benefits analysis
- Funding analysis

- Draft CCAP
- Final CCAP



DISCUSSION



CONNECT WITH US!

For questions about the CPRG program, please reach out to:

Ryan Wolfe, Manager of Sustainable and Resilient Development: wolfe@scag.ca.gov

Sebastian Shetty, Associate Regional Planner: shetty@scag.ca.gov



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YOUNG LEADERS ADVISORY COUNCIL (YLAC)

The focus of YLAC is to identify air quality issues and concerns of young adults (aged 18-35) in the region. Through YLAC, South Coast AQMD seeks to educate and engage young adults regarding the region's clean air issues and garner greater insight into youth's concerns, values and priorities about air quality.



Selection Criteria

Age: 18 yrs. - 35 yrs.
Maintains a permanent residence in one of the following counties:

- Los Angeles
- Orange
- Riverside
- San Bernardino

How to Apply



Apply online or scan the QR Code!

For first considerations, submit your application by 5:30pm on Friday, December 6th, 2024.

<https://forms.office.com/g/PsMxpHY4v8>

YLAC Details

Quarterly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month from 12:30pm to 2:30pm

- February
- August
- May
- November

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