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The new Cal EnviroScreen 5.0 presentation, crucial to the distribution of Cap and Invest funds, incorporates the new factors of small air toxics sites and diabetes prevalence. This is laudable. Paradoxically, the incorporation of the additional factors has produced an unfortunate visual effect.

The ArcGIS Web Map page, initially, presents an image that will irritate frontline community advocates. Looking at this Web Map page, we would believe that sites which have low population but are adjacent to superfund sites, are designated low in the Cal EnviroScreen 5.0 scoring system. For instance, the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, a notable and notorious Superfund site which is still in the slow and halting process of being remediated, appears in light green. A slight change of the rules such that a superfund site always is rendered red in the Arc GIS Webmap would be more palatable.

However, initial appearances deceive. This problem is reconciled in the DAC listing. Apparently, a buffer zone is reserved such that areas adjacent to Cercla sites remain in the DAC purview. Reading the announcement of Disadvantaged Communities, it is clear that the entirety southeastern San Francisco remains on the list. Incumbent DAC census tract communities from the 2022 DAC listing remain on DAC for 2026. This is also the case for Western Soma and Civic Center in San Francisco, a large area of West Oakland and a residential north-south stretch of San Bruno, immediately west of San Francisco International Airport. This larger area for DAC communities is a welcome outcome.

Sincerely,
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