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California State Asthma Steering Committee  
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**Re: Endorsement of Asthma Plan**

Dear California State Asthma Steering Committee:

The *California Pan-Ethnic Health Network* is pleased to endorse the recently approved *Strategic Plan for Asthma in California—2008-2012*. We are pleased that plan is comprehensive and addresses factors that are core to outreaching to, and easing the epidemic, in communities of color, who are disproportionately impacted by asthma and related conditions.

CPEHN's mission is to improve access to health care and eliminate health disparities by advocating for public policies and sufficient resources to address the health needs of communities of color. CPEHN organizes multicultural efforts to develop and advance public policies that promote equal treatment and universal access to care.

The new Strategic Plan for Asthma in California provides a framework for addressing the issues of data collection and surveillance, breaking down barriers to outreach and access by language, addressing the larger environmental determinants of health, and emphasizing the need for departments dealing with different sectors to work together and collaborate.

By addressing all of these factors the plan can go a long way toward easing the epidemic in our families and neighborhoods, and for this reason we are pleased to endorse. We thank you for the hard work in creating the plan and look forward to future collaboration.

Sincerely,

**Martin Martinez, MPP**  
Policy Director