

Community Story



Driven by Community: Alex Rodriguez's Charge for Electric School Buses in Connecticut

In communities across Connecticut, the push for clean air and climate justice has found a passionate advocate in Alex Rodriguez. His spark for organizing connects with his time in the League of Conservation Voters' Chispa program, where he helped launch the Clean Buses for Healthy Niños campaign in Connecticut - an initiative that brought electric school buses to the forefront of environmental justice conversations, particularly in Latino communities.

One of the campaign's most significant victories came in Middletown, where grassroots energy and municipal support were the strongest. Alex and his team engaged local leaders and met with leadership at DATTCO, a major school bus operator, to present data on the cost-effectiveness of electric school buses. That meeting helped catalyze the purchase of Connecticut's first electric school bus funded through the Mitigation Trust Fund.

Location

Middletown, CT

Alex's Accolades:

Community Organizer, Environmental Justice Advocate, Connecticut Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Council (CEEJAC) Air and Transportation Subcommittee Co-Chair. (Get involved with CEEJAC by emailing deep.ceejac@ct.gov)

"The development of state-supported programs like Green Bank's Fleet Electrification Accelerator shows that organizing can make a difference when communities have a seat at the table and the tools to lead."

Alex Rodriguez

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