Appendix C. Timeline of key events.

Date	Event	Description
2009-2017	Early youth organizing	JCC and OCEJ form.
2017	Investigative journalism demonstrates high soil lead levels across Santa Ana	Starting in 2014, investigative journalist Yvette Cabrera began researching youth incarceration and connecting how lead soil contamination may be playing a role in early childhood behavior. In 2015, Cabrera began collecting soil lead data in Santa Ana, which culminated in an article (followed by several others) published in the national news outlet, ThinkProgress. The article's findings motivated the formation of ¡Plo-NO! shortly afterward.
2017	The multi-institution ¡Plo-NO! Coalition forms	The ¡Plo-NO! Coalition (UCI, OCEJ, JCC, and others) forms to study the presence of soil lead in Santa Ana. In 2018, JCC and OCEJ initiated a field campaign to collect soil samples to identify hotspots of lead contamination and UCI helped publish findings.
2020	The first ¡Plo-NO! publication maps soil lead concentrations at high spatial resolution	¡Plo-NO! published a map of soil lead concentrations for the entire city of Santa Ana. This map became an essential tool for establishing the soil lead crisis as a pressing matter of political importance. Publishing the soil lead concentration findings in a peer-reviewed publication (vetted by international scholars) and collaborating with academic labs established the legitimacy of the soil lead issue, which helped convince the City of Santa Ana to address the soil lead crisis over the next several years.
2021	The Santa Ana Public Health Emergency Resolution passes	Local community organizers worked with the Climate Action Campaign to pass the Santa Ana public health emergency resolution, which included soil lead remediation and tenant protection. While not legally binding, this resolution provided the language and political push for general plan changes.
2022	The Santa Ana General Plan update incorporates action strategies to mitigate the soil lead crisis in addition to other environmental justice	As a result of community advocacy and the publication of the soil lead hotspot map in the city set goals to "work with state, local and regional partners to understand the prevalence, sources, and implications

	measures	of lead contamination of soil across Santa Ana" under the umbrella of Environmental Justice Initiatives.
2022-2024	A public awareness campaign brings national attention to Santa Ana	The UCI student team came together to produce a short video in collaboration with OCEJ on the soil lead crisis in Santa Ana for the EPA Environmental Justice Video Challenge. The video won first place and became another product that could be used for further advocacy on the soil lead crisis. The same group also won Phase 2 of this challenge, securing additional funds for bioremediation efforts. The UCI student team went on to win both phases of the HSS Environmental Justice Community Innovator Challenge.
2023-2024	OCEJ, resident leaders, and members of ¡Plo-NO! meet regularly with City of Santa Ana representatives	OCEJ, resident leaders, and members of ¡Plo-NO! began having biweekly meetings with Principal Community Planner for the City of Santa Ana Neighborhood Initiatives and Environmental Services Program Margarita Macedonio and her team at city-led policy team meetings.
2024	Pilot Project: Soil Lead Practitioner Training Program	Using funds from the EPA Challenge OCEJ began implementing the proposed Soil Lead Practitioner training program. The concept for the Soil Lead Practitioner training program was to teach Santa Ana community members (who lived or worked in the city) about the soil lead crisis in their city and train them in bioremediation practices.
2024	Practitioners on the ground	From August to October 2024, ten paid trainees and five volunteers were trained in bioremediation knowledge and practices by an expert from UCR and planted native plants and fungi proven to uptake soil lead at two residences in Santa Ana.
2025	Soil sample analysis	As of March 2025, soil samples have been collected during the pre- and post-bioremediation periods and are being analyzed by UCI researchers, including graduate students.
2025	Second Soil Lead Practitioner Cohort	Cleanup progress continues at a slow but steady pace and as of April 2025 OCEJ is recruiting for the second cohort of the Soil Lead Practitioner training program.