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## 我們的來歷

芝加哥的唐人街鄰里是美國中西部華人，亞裔社區的經濟和文化中心。歷來，唐人街地區（大致在芝加哥西南部）是傳統製造行業的地區。在2017年，久居唐人街的陳秋美 (Kelly Chen)，在她家裡做了土壤鉛成分測試，發現高度的鉛含量。陳秋美 (Kelly Chen) 更擔心她的親朋戚友也食用含高鉛成分的土壤種的菜植。她參加了朱驊 (Andrea Chu) 舉辦的“環境污染如何影響美籍亞裔”研討會之後，她們兩人決定開始合作，宣傳市內土壤含鉛成分的負面影響，並建立了唐人街環境污染重建計劃 (CEJI)。

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## CEJI 宗旨

通過我們的社區活動和節目；給大唐人街地區（唐人街，橋港區，麥金萊公園）傳播環境污染知識並鼓勵爭取健康生活和環境正義。

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