



Item #3

Environmental Justice Element

Planning Commission Meeting

June 12, 2024

Comments from Commission



The Planning Commission reviewed a draft of the new Environmental Justice Element on May 8, 2024.

The Commission expressed concerns regarding:

- ❖ Organization of the Goals & Policies in the Element
- ❖ No specific goals/policies addressing Lead Paint Hazards, and Pesticide use/exposure throughout the City

Recommended Revisions (Organization of Goals/Policies)

Change the document format **from**:

- 1) Environmental Justice
- 2) Access to Health Care and Healthy Foods
- 3) Civic Engagement

Recommended Revisions (Organization of Goals/Policies)

To the following new format:

- 1) Pollution Exposure
- 2) Healthy Food Access
- 3) Physical Activity/Public Facilities
- 4) Safe & Sanitary Housing
- 5) Civic Engagement

This new format would more accurately reflect the topics of concern discussed throughout the Element

Recommended Revisions (Lead Paint Hazards)

- Add a **new program** requiring the City to seek funding for lead remediation and rehabilitation.
- State and Federal grants/programs are available to support the implementation of this program.
- The US Dept of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration program is one example.

Recommended Revisions (Pollution Exposure/Pesticide Use)



- A **new Goal** to actively support and expand land use development patterns, transportation infrastructure, pollution mitigation, and other techniques to reduce pollution exposure.
- **Two new Policies** to address pesticide education and industrial truck idling.

Recommended Revisions

(Physical Activity/Safe & Sanitary Housing)



- A **new Goal** to increase physical activity
- A **new Policy** to promote walking/biking/and other modes of active transportation
- A **new Goal & two new Policies** to ensure living conditions are healthy and safe.
- Policies can be added to enforce standards that promote safe/sanitary housing as well as rehabilitation of substandard conditions and preservation of affordability for dwellings owned/occupied by lower-income households.

Other Noted Commission Comments



- Special General Plan workshop Meeting with Council on May 9th was canceled (may not be heard this year)
- All proposed Goals, Policies and Measures are Citywide applying to all projects
- Capital Improvements Plan (2023-2029)
- Risk Management Plan
- Substandard Housing

Next Steps

- If the Commission agrees with the recommended changes, staff will work with the consultant to update the element
- Staff will review the updated element with the Commission's changes
- Post the project website
- Hold a Planning Commission meeting Aug 14, 2024

End of Presentation

