



General Plan Environmental Justice Element

Planning Commission Meeting
September 11, 2024

Public Hearing Item #2



Planning Commission review and recommendation to the City Council to consider the adoption of the Environmental Justice Element to the 2030 General Plan. An Addendum to the 2030 General Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH. No. 2008081032) was prepared for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Commission Meetings



- The Planning Commission has reviewed the EJ Element at three public hearings (May 8th, June 12th, & Aug 14th).
- At each meeting, staff and its consultant has made changes to the Element to reflect the Commissions Recommendations.
- All changes in the document are shown as strikeouts (deleted text) or underlined (added text).

Recommendations from Aug 14th

- **The Planning Commission recommended the following changes be incorporated into a revised draft of the Element:**
- Correcting errors (Industrial Truck Idling was listed twice and located incorrectly in the Physical Activity section on page 65.
- Policy EJ-6.2 was revised (as shown below and on page 66) to focus on the rehabilitation and preservation of all substandard housing (not just affordable housing) with incentives:
- An additional program (as shown below and on page 68) was added (B - Residential Rehabilitation Funding) requiring that the City pursue other grants and funding sources for substandard housing conditions beyond lead remediation.

One Additional Change Recommended



- **To provide more clarify to Policy EJ 6.2, staff recommends the following minor additional revision on page 66:**

“The City shall encourage with incentives the rehabilitation of substandard housing conditions.”

Public Comments



- To date, no new public comments have been received since the last public hearing on August 14, 2024.

Environmental Review



- An Addendum to the Final General Plan EIR was completed for the project, attached as Exhibit A in the Planning Commission Resolution.
- The Addendum found that the potential environmental impacts of the focused GP Update are within the scope of the previously certified Final EIR.
- Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council approve the Addendum for the project with the findings required by CEQA contained within the attached Resolution

Staff Recommendation

- Recommend that the City Council adopt the Environmental Justice Element in accordance with Planning Commission Resolution 1009 (24) and the following change:
- Page 66, Revise Policy EJ 6.2 to:
“The City shall encourage with incentives the rehabilitation of substandard housing conditions.”