

NIES Stats from July 2024 to June 2025

Program Support Category	# of Activities	Description and Source Data
Neighborhood Association (NA) or similar community meeting or NIES staff presentations (e.g. school parent, EJ stakeholder meetings, Townsend Street Task Force)	94	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported Neighborhood leader-initiated requests on 58 neighborhood meetings via mailer/flyer processing, social media and City events calendar posts, and/or programming of voicemail or text meeting reminder messages to neighborhood call lists • Presented on Environmental Justice and Neighborhood Quality of Life topics at four (4) SAUSD school parent meetings located in disadvantaged communities, which are pollution-burdened, low-income, public safety-challenged areas • EJ Action Committee eight (8) Planning meetings and three (3) community meetings • Supported six (6) Zoning Code Update community workshop meetings • Supported two (2) on the ground outreach to businesses along the South Standard Avenue corridor for the Zoning Code Update Business Community Meeting • SD-84 Transit Zoning Code community meetings, individual, and focus group meetings with business and community members following adoption of the Transit Zoning Code (SD-84) Moratorium on Industrial Uses
Neighborhood Cleanups	74	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled dumpster bins, provided cleanup flyers, other material support for neighborhood leaders, and maintained spreadsheet for all dumpster requests. • Successfully transitioned the City's neighborhood cleanup program to the City's Public Works Agency, and Republic Services, the City's contracted solid waste collection and recycling services on January 2025
Neighborhood-produced special events supported and participation at City special events	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted with 28 Neighborhood leader special-event programs and facilitated communications from departments (SAPD, Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Public Works, Business License, Risk Management, Planning/NIES) participating in the biweekly City special events roundtable. Attended 4 Movies in the Park and provided resources.
Weekly Neighborhood	47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constant Contact weekly email campaigns developed and programmed by NIES staff

Newsletter email broadcasts to community-wide contacts		
Environmental Justice-related complaints addressed	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documented concerns were generated directly from residents, members of the community, or through the City receiving correspondence regarding notice of violation from a regulatory agency. Staff tracks and creates a folder to reference complaint and update information, including code enforcement and other agency enforcement follow-up
Trainings Provided to Neighborhood Leaders	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood grants and fundraising training co-facilitated with City's fiscal sponsor Charitable Ventures • Neighborhood Leaders Training was offered to neighborhood association representatives on March 13, 2025 • Training materials are documented and available for review
City and Neighborhood Grants Applications and Donation Support		<p>Staff initiated, coordinated, submitted and/or secured funding on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG funding in the amount of \$200,000 for Cool Pavement at basketball courts at Angels Park located in EJ/disadvantaged neighborhoods • Grant awarded: SoCalGas \$50,000 to implement the Air Pollution Monitors and Air Purifiers Project in the EJ neighborhoods – Logan and Lacy • Applied to the Federal EPA- Track 2- Community Change Grant as a partner with Community Action Partnership of Orange County. • Applied and successfully received an award letter for the Adaptation Planning Grant Program to implement an air monitoring project within an EJ Community. However, due to state budget cuts, the program rescinded its award to all grant winners. • SCAG Award 2025- Carmen Ramirez Award for Equity: The City of Santa Ana was selected for this award as we demonstrated that we are advancing equitable planning and facilitating a healthy, livable, sustainable and economically resilient community. • Successfully submitted the Helen Putnam Award Nomination, an award that recognizes cities that deliver the highest quality and level of service in the

		<p>most effective manner possible. City staff submitted a nomination for the City's NIES Environmental Justice Program for the Planning and Environmental Quality Award Category for its role since the adoption of the General Plan 2022 to have a dedicated staff person and team to implement the General Plan's 77 Environmental Justice (EJ) actions (adopted 2022). The City formed the Environmental Justice Action Committee (EJAC) with residents, advocacy groups, external and City agencies to ensure community-driven policy priorities. Through partnerships, the program focuses on targeted solutions like air quality monitoring, lead mitigation, and environmental education to advance equity, public health, and climate resilience in Santa Ana's most impacted neighborhoods.</p>
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