

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

In the City of Santa Ana General Plan



We are updating our General Plan and want to hear your thoughts on how to best address environmental justice issues affecting your community. Many of our neighborhoods have experience with environmental conditions that are of concern.

WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?

Throughout our communities, some bear a disproportionate burden of pollution and associated health risks. Environmental justice seeks to correct this inequity by reducing pollution and increasing public investments in these communities, while also ensuring their input is considered in decisions that affect them.

Recent state law (SB 1000) requires all cities and counties to update public policies to address environmental justice. In Santa Ana, we are seeking to build upon the important work that our residents have already started to improve conditions for residences, childcare centers, schools, medical facilities, senior care centers, and parks & rec facilities in these communities.

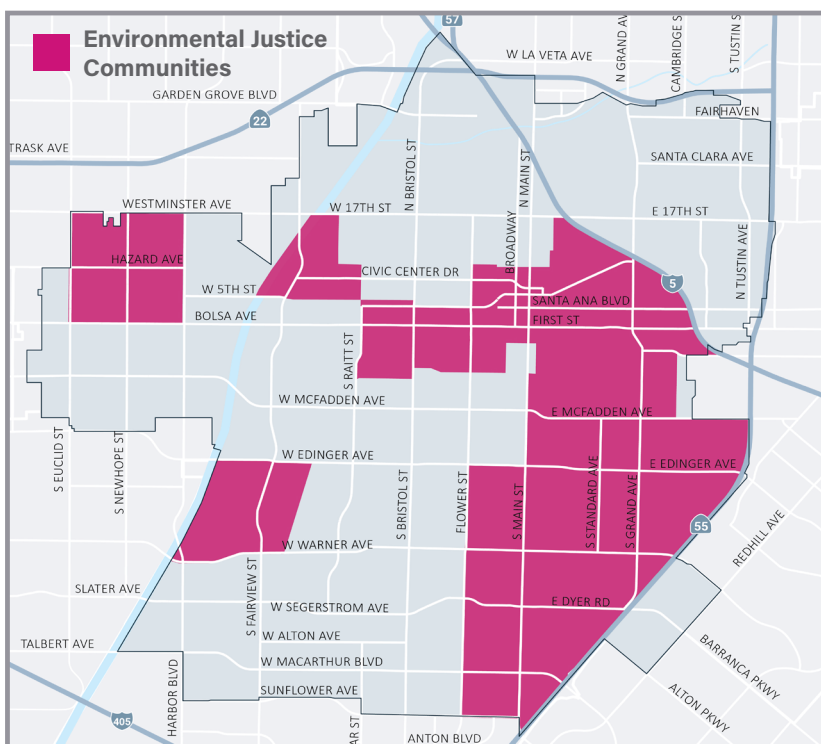
WHAT IS AN EJ COMMUNITY?

An environmental justice community is an area of the City where residents have the highest risk of exposure to pollution in the air, water, and soil. This pollution may be caused by passing vehicles (cars and trucks) or by the daily activities of businesses and institutions. Residents in these areas also tend to be burdened by socioeconomic and health issues, such as higher rates of language barriers, poverty, and asthma.

Such areas also tend to experience lower rates of investment and improvements from individuals, private companies, and public agencies. All of these factors can lead to unequal opportunities to lead a healthy and prosperous life.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES IN SANTA ANA

The map below shows the combined boundaries of 17 census tracts in Santa Ana that are considered environmental justice communities.



Map above based on CalEnviroScreen 3.0 data published by CalEPA.

The priorities to address in our communities include:



Diesel Emissions



Air Quality



Groundwater Contamination



Cleanup Sites



Traffic Density



Housing Burden



Linguistic Isolation



Low Birth Weight Infants



Poverty

CHANGES WE ARE MAKING

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The City is considering changes to its goals, policies, and actions that will improve existing and future conditions for all of Santa Ana, with a focus on those in greatest need of help and protection. Consistent with our General Plan Shared Vision and Core Values, the potential changes will emphasize:

Reducing exposure to pollution. Develop strategies and support regulations that will help reduce exposure to air pollution and hazardous materials.

Improving public facilities. Increase access to community health facilities, parks, community centers, and other public services and facilities, particularly in underserved areas.

Promoting healthy food. Improve the health and wellness of all residents through policies, regulations, and programs that foster healthier food options.

Creating safe and sanitary housing. Add to existing efforts to reduce health hazards associated with construction materials, building standards, and deferred maintenance.

Increasing physical activity. Establish new opportunities for outdoor and indoor recreation as part of a comprehensive and integrated network of spaces and facilities, with a focus on underserved areas.

Enhancing civic engagement. Increase the amount and quality of community engagement throughout the planning, development, and operation of our communities and City.

LEARN MORE & SHARE YOUR IDEAS

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COMMENTS? QUESTIONS?

Send us your insights and questions about environmental justice issues facing your community, as well as your thoughts about the draft goals, policies, and actions.



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