

City of Santa Ana
General Plan EJ Actions

GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT	REF #	EJ policy	IMPLEMENTATION ACTION	RESPONSIBLE DEPT/ AGENCY	TIME FRAME
Community	1.1	Yes	Engage EJ communities on recreation and cultural programs. Incorporate community stakeholders from environmental justice communities to form an Environmental Justice Action Committee to guide the identification of recreational and cultural programing needs and desires.	PRCSA / PBA	2023
Community	1.2	Yes	Community conversation. Plan for and conduct a community survey every two years related to community health, pollution concerns, parks, community engagement, and community service needs, with focused outreach to environmental justice priority areas utilizing various platforms, such as social media and school events, to encourage substantial survey participation.	CMO	Every two years
Community	1.3	Yes	Collaboration. Develop intentional, strategic partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit entities to improve health outcomes by leveraging capacity, resources, and programs around mutually beneficial initiatives that promote health, equity, and sustainability in neighborhoods within environmental justice area boundaries. Develop a comprehensive partnership policy providing guidelines that can be used throughout the City organization.	PBA/PRCSA	2022 -2024
Community	1.4	Yes	Community coordination on underutilized spaces. Coordinate with community residents, property owners, and other stakeholders to identify vacant and potentially underutilized properties and strategize how such properties could be repurposed into public parks or commercial recreation facilities.	PBA/PRCSA	2022 & ongoing
Community	1.5	Yes	Alternative facilities. In park deficient and environmental justice areas, identify facilities that are viable alternatives to public parks and municipal facilities for recreational, cultural, and health and wellness programs, including but not limited to school facilities, facilities of faith-based and civic organizations, and privately owned recreation and entertainment facilities. Identify, inventory, and rank other resources for potential park system acquisition, expansion to existing parks, and/or parks development opportunity within the community.	PRCSA	2022
Community	1.6	Yes	Program accessibility. To ensure residents of environmental justice area boundaries have access to recreational, cultural, and health and wellness programs, establish accessibility corridors that provide attractive, comfortable, and safe pedestrian and bike access to public recreational facilities in the Parks Master Plan (an implementation action of the Open Space Element). Identify public realm improvements needed to create these accessibility corridors. Prioritize investments for accessibility corridors in the city's capital investment program; include investments for accessibility corridors when investments are made in new parks and recreation facilities within environmental justice area boundaries.	PRCSA/PWA	2022

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Community	1.7	Yes	Rental property outreach. Augment the Proactive Rental Enforcement Team and Residential Response Team with additional outreach geared toward absentee owners of rental properties. Create and periodically distribute outreach materials in order to educate absentee owners about legal obligations to maintain and upkeep rental properties. Distribute information to tenants about their rights and protection, so they are not penalized for reporting or living in a dwelling unit that does not meet health and safety standards. Translate outreach efforts into Spanish, Vietnamese, and other appropriate languages. Prioritize such outreach for properties within environmental justice area boundaries.	PBA	2022 & Ongoing
Community	1.8	Yes	Neighborhood rehabilitation. Continue to seek state and federal funding for neighborhood rehabilitation projects and collaborate with community-based organizations to identify housing issues and improvements needed, especially for housing within environmental justice area boundaries.	CDA	Ongoing
Community	2.1	Yes	Facilities to support lifelong learning. For areas within park deficient and environmental justice areas , conduct, maintain, and publicize an inventory of public, nongovernmental, and private facilities that can be used by organizations to support early childhood education, after school activities, libraries and learning centers, and other meetings and educational opportunities.	CMO	2024
Community	2.2	Yes	Public realm. Identify areas in need of a public realm plan to provide attractive, comfortable, and safe walking corridors to promote accessibility to community programs or activity centers, in conjunction with the City's Active Transportation Plan.	PWA/PBA	Ongoing
Community	3.1	Yes	Community health care facilities. Evaluate options to support existing and potential community health care facilities in environmental justice focus areas through a variety of mechanisms such as reduced permit fees, reduced impact fees, and tax incentives.	PBA/CMO	2023
Community	3.2	Yes	Pedestrian access to health facilities. Ensure that new or redeveloped health care facilities include pedestrian-friendly site amenities. In areas where mobile clinics are stationed, ensure the location is safe and accessible for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users.	PBA	Ongoing
Community	3.3	Yes	Health metrics. Engage with the Orange County Health Care Agency and other stakeholders to monitor key health indicators to measure the success of the outcome of General Plan policies and the implementation plan, including reduction in incidence in asthma and low birth weight of infants.	PBA/CMO	2022

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Community	3.4	Yes	Prevention activities. Coordinate with the County Health Care Agency to identify the root causes of health disparities and inequities in Santa Ana, with additional detail for residents living within environmental justice area boundaries. Identify potential programmatic changes and resources to better address the root causes.	PBA/CMO	2022 - 2024
Community	3.5	Yes	Environmental education. Encourage all education institutions in Santa Ana to include curriculum regarding environmental justice and local efforts to promote clean business operations, environmental quality, and the health in our community.	PBA/CMO	2022 - 2024
Community	3.6	Yes	Fresh and healthy foods. Pursue programs, incentives, and/or grants to encourage urban agriculture and small grocery or convenience stores to sell fresh foods in the city, especially those within environmental justice area boundaries. Examples include grants or loans to purchase updated equipment, publicity, or directories of healthy food outlets, or connecting stores to wholesale sources of healthy, local, or organic food.	CDA	2022
Community	3.6A	Yes	Food Deserts. Collaborate with Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) to gather and map food desert data, and share publicly through the City's Environmental Quality webpage.	PBA	2024
Community	3.7	Yes	Public health and wellness collaboration summit. Collaborate with health care providers, health and wellness advocates, and other public health stakeholders to identify ways to improve the provision of and access to health and wellness services throughout the city. Include a discussion on areas within environmental justice area boundaries and other areas underserved by parks, programs and services that support health and wellness.	PRCSA	2022 & ongoing
Community	3.8	Yes	Environmental soil and human health screening measures. Collaborate with Orange County Health Care Agency, and local stakeholders such as Orange County Environmental Justice and UC Irvine Public Health, in efforts to provide increased healthcare services (i.e., blood lead testing, treatment) for residents, especially those that reside in environmental justice communities. Additionally, collaborate to advocate for adjustment of the County and State policies for health and environmental screening levels to promote healthy outcomes related to lead contamination as recommended by health experts.	PBA	Ongoing
Community	3.9	Yes	Environmental Justice Staff. Identify funding and hire a full-time Environmental Justice staff member to collaborate with the community to implement the environmental justice policies and actions including community outreach, collaboration on environmental health studies, pursuing grants, and coordination with federal, state, and local agencies regarding environmental concerns in the City.	CMO	2022

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Conservation	1.1	Yes	Air quality planning. Review existing and monitor the development of new air monitoring and emissions reduction plans prepared by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Gather and evaluate measures and strategies in such plans for their applicability to and feasibility for Santa Ana.	PBA	2022 & annually
Conservation	1.2	Yes	Community identification. Coordinate with the South Coast Air Quality Management District and local stakeholders to pursue a priority community designation for eligible environmental justice areas of the city , with focus on areas with unique needs and highest pollution burden as identified in the CalEnviroScreen tool. If such designation is not awarded, seek grant funds for activities such as local air quality monitoring.	PBA	2022 & Ongoing
Conservation	1.3	Yes	Proactive engagement. Collaborate with the South Coast Air Quality Management District and local stakeholders in environmental justice areas experiencing local air pollutions issues to outline objectives and strategies for monitoring air pollution in advance of the establishment of a community emissions reduction and/or air monitoring plan.	PBA	2022 & Ongoing
Conservation	1.4	Yes	Health risk criteria. Establish criteria for requiring health risk assessments for existing and new industries, including the type of business, thresholds, and scope of assessment. Review existing and establish new regulation to reduce and avoid increased pollution near sensitive receptors within environmental justice area boundaries.	PBA	2022 - 2027
Conservation	1.5	Yes	Agency permits. Monitor the South Coast Air Quality Management District permitting and inspection process and the Orange County Health Care Agency to identify businesses in Santa Ana with potential hazardous materials or by-products, with a special focus on environmental justice communities. Serve as a liaison for residents to identify potential emission violations. Share information and data with the community on the City’s Environmental Quality web page.	PBA	2022 & Ongoing
Conservation	1.6	Yes	Emissions monitoring. Coordinate with the South Coast Air Quality Management District to monitor existing air measurements and recommend new air measurements and locations.	PBA	2022 & Ongoing
Conservation	1.7	Yes	Truck idling. Evaluate strategies to reduce truck idling found or reported in areas with sensitive receptors, with a priority placed on environmental justice areas	PBA/PD	2022 - 2024
Conservation	1.8	Yes	Improve older trucks. Promote the City’s Vehicle Replacement Plan and explore the replacement of older trucks through City participation in regional incentive programs and education of Santa Ana private fleet owners of program opportunities.	PWA	2022

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Conservation	1.9	Yes	Indirect source rules. Support the development of indirect source rules, drayage truck rules, advanced clean truck routes, and heavy-duty low NOx rules by the South Coast Air Quality Management District.	CMO	Ongoing
Conservation	1.10	Yes	Interagency team. Establish an environmental quality interagency team to evaluate, monitor, and make recommendations to address air quality and environmental hazard issues, with a special focus on environmental justice areas. Publish results and information on the City's website through a dedicated Santa Ana Environmental Quality web page.	PBA	2022 & Ongoing
Conservation	1.11	Yes	Public education. Augment existing outreach programs to improve public awareness of State, regional and local agencies' roles and resources to identify, monitor, and address air quality and other environmental hazards in the community.	PBA/PWA	Ongoing
Conservation	1.12	Yes	Data collection for emissions plans. Coordinate with the South Coast Air Quality Management District to explore ways to initiate data collection efforts for a community emissions reduction and/or community air monitoring plan, including the identification of information needed (new or updated), potential data sources and needed resources, and strategies to engage residents and collect information.	PBA	2022
Conservation	1.13	Yes	Community survey on healthy lifestyles. Plan for and conduct a community survey of residents every two years related to community health, pollution, parks, community engagement, and community services, with focused outreach for environment justice concerns and priority areas (tie into other City efforts like Strategic Plan, park and recreation planning, community benefits, etc.). Report findings of survey through the various media platforms and utilize input to inform periodic evaluation and update of General Plan.	CMO	Every two years
Conservation	1.14	Yes	Expanded interactions. Identify opportunities to expand regular attendance and support neighborhood associations and community groups to hold regular meetings with City staff and decision-makers in neighborhoods within environmental justice communities, so that residents, community organizations and businesses can communicate their unique issues and needs, as well as their recommendations on how best to implement environmental quality, environmental health, and environmental justice policies. Arrange for language interpretation services as needed at these meetings so that all residents can participate.	PBA/CMO	Ongoing
Conservation	1.15	Yes	Expanded representation. Expand representation of residents from neighborhoods within environmental justice area boundaries by extending residents from such areas to become board, commission, and task force members as openings occur	PBA/CMO	Ongoing

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Conservation	1.16	Yes	City budget. Evaluate the City's budget and financial policies to include direction for prioritizing public services and improvements within environmental justice area boundaries. Augment budget meeting presentations to include a section dedicated to the status of actions and improvements to address the needs of residents within environmental justice area boundaries.	CMO	Annually
Economic Prosperity	3.5	Yes	Green business incentives. Continue to promote and market the Recycling Market Development Zone. Develop an incentive program to encourage nonpolluting industry and clean green technology companies that reduce environmental impacts and the carbon footprint to locate to the city. Encourage existing businesses to invest in technology and best practice to transition to sustainable business practices.	CDA	Ongoing
Historical Preservation	3.8	Yes	Equitable access. Establish a fee reduction or waiver program for low-income applicants to ensure equitable access and participation in the Mills Act Program.	PBA	2023
Land Use	2.10	Yes	Open space requirements. Evaluate public open space and park requirements in the zoning code for residential and nonresidential uses. Consider requirements and/or incentives to aggregate public open space areas required by two or more uses to form larger and more usable areas and facilities.	PBA/PRCSA	2022 - 2027
Land Use	3.2	Yes	Design guidelines and standards. Update the zoning code's development and operational standards for industrial zones to address incompatibility with adjacent uses, including minimum distance requirements to buffer heavy industrial uses from sensitive receptors. Conduct a study to evaluate and establish appropriate minimum distances and landscape buffers between polluting industrial uses from sensitive receptors such as residences, schools, day care, and public facilities.	PBA	2022 - 2027
Land Use	3.3	Yes	Healthy lifestyles. Collaborate with residents and industry stakeholders to create a program to incentivize and amortize the removal of existing heavy industrial uses adjacent to sensitive uses.	PBA	2022
Land Use	3.4	Yes	Funding for air filtration. Seek funding from South Coast Air Quality Management District and other regional sources for the installation of high-efficiency air filtration systems in buildings, homes, and schools located in areas with high levels of localized air pollution, especially for those within environmental justice area boundaries.	PBA	2022
Land Use	3.5	Yes	Business incentive. Explore economic development incentives and grant funding to encourage existing or draw new business investments in the industrial zones to incorporate more environmentally sustainable practices.	CDA	Ongoing
Land Use	3.6	Yes	Lead paint abatement. Coordinate with County of Orange Health Care Agency and community organizations to strengthen local programs and initiatives to eliminate lead-based paint hazards, with priority given to residential buildings located within environmental justice area boundaries.	CDA / PBA	2021 & Ongoing

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Land Use	3.14	Yes	Sunshine ordinance. Update City Sunshine Ordinance, incorporating best practices for outreach in environmental justice areas in Santa Ana	CMO	2022
Land Use	3.15	Yes	Communication tools. Explore tools for communication with residents and sensitive receptors when new industrial uses are proposed in their areas	PBA	2022 - 2024
Land Use	3.16	Yes	Health in corridors. Require a Health Risk Assessment to identify best practices to minimize air quality and noise impacts when considering new residential uses within 500 feet of a freeway.	PBA	2022 - 2027
Land Use	3.17	Yes	Training for safe practice. Pursue the EPA Renovate Right Program to train local residential contractors for certification as lead renovators to promote safe work practices and prevent lead contamination.	PBA	2022
Land Use	3.18	Yes	Renovations and lead prevention. Evaluate the feasibility of requiring contractor training and/or certification for safe work practices to conduct residential renovations for pre-1978 structures that may contain existing lead paint.	PBA & CDA	Ongoing
Land Use	3.19	Yes	Promote health. Partner with local organizations (e.g., OC Health Care Agency, Latino Health Access, Santa Ana Unified School District, Garden Grove Unified School District, Orange County Environmental Justice, and the Coalition of Community Health Centers) to increase blood lead testing, outreach, education, and referral services through a 'promotora' or community peer outreach model that addresses the root causes of elevated blood lead levels impacting Santa Ana residents, with special focus in environmental justice communities and for children living in pre-1978 housing.	PBA	2022 - Ongoing
Land Use	3.20	Yes	Safe housing. Require all residential rehabilitation projects that use local, or HUD federal funds to comply with the Lead Safe Housing Rule, to remove lead paint hazards, depending on the nature of work and the dollar amount of federal investment in the property	CDA	Ongoing
Land Use	3.21	Yes	Prevention education. Collaborate with local organizations such as Orange County Health Care Agency, State Environmental Protection Agency, and community-based environmental justice organizations to identify funds and create a Santa Ana Prevent Lead Poisoning Education Program, with special focus on disadvantaged communities and pre-1978 housing stock.	PBA	2022 - Ongoing

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Land Use	3.22	Yes	Public health outcomes. Support the Orange County Health Care Agency in their role in investigating public complaints regarding unsafe lead work practices and lead hazards wherein children are present, through enforcement of local housing standards to assure healthy outcomes, including for individuals and households presenting with concerns about lead exposure and/or with confirmed lead levels of >3.5ug/dL, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates as the threshold for follow-up and case management in children.	PBA	2022 & Ongoing
Land Use	3.23	Yes	Agency permits. Work with South Coast Air Quality Management District and Orange County Health Care Agency to evaluate existing special permit process and criteria for approval, and identify potential policy changes to minimize issuance of special permits with potential health impacts.	PBA	2022
Land Use	3.24	Yes	Public health. Partner with Orange County Health Care Agency and community serving organizations to evaluate best practices and benefits of preparing a Public Health Plan to address environmental hazards in Santa Ana, with special focus in environmental justice communities. Conduct public meetings to gather information and present preliminary findings.	PBA	2022 - 2024
Land Use	3.25	Yes	Engage EJ communities. Work with community serving organizations, neighborhood leaders, and residents to form an Ad Hoc Committee to develop ongoing EJ Community Engagement programs for existing and new disadvantaged EJ communities, including multilingual communication protocols. Host quarterly Roundtable meetings with local stakeholders to guide and evaluate implementation of environmental justice policies.	PBA	2022
Land Use	3.26	Yes	Health conditions. Work with state agencies including the Department of Toxic Substances Control and South Coast Air Quality Management District, Orange County Health Care Agency and local	PBA	Ongoing
Land Use	3.27	Yes	Groundwater practice. Coordinate with the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to monitor the Santa Ana Southeast Groundwater Clean Up Project and identify measurable progress to remediate groundwater contamination. Share information with the community on the City's Environmental Quality web page.	PBA	Ongoing

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Land Use	3.28	Yes	Tenant protections. Provide information to residential tenants regarding Landlord Tenant Laws in the State, such as AB 1481, and Santa Ana’s Just Cause for Tenant Eviction and Rent Stabilization ordinance that provide protections against evictions for those who seek action to improve substandard housing and hazardous conditions.	PBA	2022 & Ongoing
Land Use	3.29	Yes	Development site history. Update the City’s Development Review application process to require developers to provide information regarding the prior use of the site and history of hazardous materials on the property, in order to identify potential for site contamination from hazardous materials or soil lead contamination to be remediated.	PBA	2022
Land Use	4.6	Yes	Fireworks and environmental pollution. Study the data available to understand the health effects and environmental exposure, including air quality and noise impacts, from airborne sources such as fireworks shows and displays, with special focus on environmental justice areas.	PBA/CMO/PD	2022 - 2024
Land Use	4.7	Yes	Construction improvements. Identify best practices and communication tools to monitor mitigation measures and oversight of private and public construction improvements to protect the health and safety of health of the community, with focus on environmental justice areas.	PWA/PBA	Ongoing
Mobility	3.5	Yes	Safe routes to schools and parks. Develop and pursue implementation of a Safe Routes to School Plan and a Safe Routes to Parks Plan	PWA/PRCSA	Ongoing
Mobility	4.5	Yes	Citywide Design Guidelines update. Update the Citywide Design Guidelines to strengthen pedestrian and cyclist linkages to development centers and residential neighborhoods and coordinate on-site landscape with public realm landscaping.	PBA/PWA	2022 - 2027
Mobility	5.8	Yes	Air quality improvements. Participate in inter-jurisdictional efforts to promote improvements in air quality and to meet state and federal mandates through advanced technology and TDM programs	PBA/PWA	2021-2035
Open Space	1.2	Yes	Interagency Forum. Convene an interagency forum to take a coordinated approach to evaluating the feasibility for converting City-owned properties to parkland, with special focus in park deficient and environmental justice areas.	PRCSA	2022
Open Space	1.7	Yes	Public parkland requirements for residential projects. Update the Residential Development Fee Ordinance for large residential projects, which include projects of 100 residential units or more, to require public parkland within the City limits and a 10-minute walking distance of the new residential projects.	PBA/PRCSA	2022

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Open Space	1.7A	Yes	Open space and park land incentives. Allow developers a reduction in on-site open space by giving credits for park land for public use. Establish a process and program to incentivize developers to provide additional on-site and/or publicly accessible open space to create public park land and open space. Research and collaborate with residents, developers, and community organizations to design and implement an open space density bonus to incentivize the creation of additional on-site open space in exchange for more density in the project.	PBA & PRCSA	2022-2027
Open Space	1.10	Yes	New parkland collaborative. Coordinate with property owners to explore options to provide public access and programming on privately-owned open space in park deficient areas, including options to acquire land through purchase, land dedication, easements, and land leases that would allow for permanent or temporary public use of land for open space and recreational opportunities.	PRCSA	2022 & Ongoing
Open Space	1.11	Yes	Joint-use agreements. Coordinate with public school districts, private schools, and other community organizations to provide community members with access to additional open space and recreational resources.	PRCSA	2022 & Ongoing
Open Space	1.13	Yes	New programming in underserved areas. Partner with community organizations to offer new programs that are accessible to residents who live in areas underserved by open space and recreational facilities. Develop a comprehensive partnership policy providing guidelines that can be used throughout the City organization.	PRCSA	2022
Open Space	1.14	Yes	Community partnerships. Continue building partnerships with community-based organizations that administer social services to the elderly, youth, and other special needs groups; create use agreements for these providers to use public park facilities to meet the recreational and educational needs of these groups.	PRCSA	Ongoing
Open Space	1.15	Yes	Community input. Identify and utilize multilingual and interactive community engagement tools, initiated through the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, for residents and facility users to provide ongoing input about open space needs, park design, facility improvements, and programming	PRCSA	2022
Open Space	1.16	Yes	Acquisitions to meet park standard. Using the Park Master Plan as guidance, identify and acquire property within the City for park and open space use which will focus on bringing the park and recreation system to three acres of land per 1,000 residents with a plan to keep pace with future urban growth.	PRCSA	2022 & ongoing
Public Services	1.4	Yes	Fiscal priority for public improvements. Identify City fiscal and operational procedures and potential thresholds involved in the prioritization of general funds for public programming, service, or infrastructure improvements for residents living within environmental justice area boundaries.	CMO	2021 & annually

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Safety	2.4	Yes	Lead contamination. Work with local and regional partners, such as Orange County Environmental Justice, Orange County Health Care Agency and University of California at Irvine Public Health, to understand the prevalence, sources, and implications of lead contamination of soil across Santa Ana. Collaborate with environmental justice stakeholders in proposing solutions to remove hazardous lead-contaminated soils in the city and with benchmarks to measure and track effectiveness of proposed programs.	PBA/CDA	Ongoing
Safety	2.5	Yes	Business education. Collaborate with state and county agencies and trade organizations to educate and inform industrial business owners about permit regulations required for safe facility operations and about best practices.	PBA/CDA	Ongoing