# Neighborhood Leaders 'Planning for 2024' Training

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 6 PM Santa Ana Senior Center

Presented by Santa Ana Neighborhood Initiatives & Environmental Services Team

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Email: nies@santa-ana.org



#### **NIES Team Introductions**





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Alyssa Ventura Assistant Community Planner
Lizbhet Reyes Aguirre, Associate Community Planner

Frank Bejarano, Associate Community Planner Christian Arevalo, Senior Office Assistant Interns: Joseph Trinidad & Karen Rodriguez

### **Training Agenda**

- 1. Welcome & NIES Team Introductions
- 2. Meeting Purpose
- 3. Ground Rules
- 4. Ice Breaker Activity
- 5. Historical Overview
- 6. NIES Office Updates
- 7. Special Events Planning Update
- 8. Environmental Justice Updates
- 9. Future Trainings & Workshops
- 10. Recap of NIES Support During Transition (Update/Margarita)
- 11. NIES Talk Q&A
- 12. Reflection and Takeaways
- 13. Closing Free Opportunity Drawing



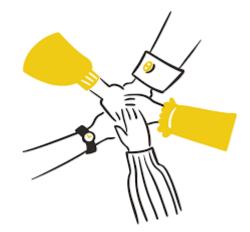
### **Meeting Purpose**

- Overview of the NIES Program
- Clarify support and expectations from the NIES staff team
- Enhance Neighborhood Association meeting abilities
- City's General Plan comprehensive zoning code update and Environmental Justice policy implementation
- Toolkit of resources and updates
  - The toolkit will help empower neighborhood association leaders in preparation for the 2024 schedule of events



### **Ground Rules**

- Start and end on time
- Silence mobile phone
- Participate fully and share insights
- Be supportive
- Actively listen
- Do not interrupt speaker
- Focus on being solution-oriented
- \*Facilitator /moderator will ensure conversations are agenda focused







- Select a partner
- Share your name and one thing that makes you proud to live in Santa Ana.
- Your partner will introduce you and share what makes you proud to live in Santa Ana.

### **Neighborhood Improvement Program History**

#### 1983

Neighborhood Improvement Program established in Housing Division under Planning

#### 1996

Reorganized into 3 District Areas in Housing under Community Development

#### 2007

NIP
resources:
Staffing of
11, including
3 District
Managers

#### 2008

NIP
Resources:
Staffing of 5,
including 2
District
Managers

#### 2015

Neighborhood Initiatives Program moved to Planning

#### 2022

Neighborhood Initiatives and Environmental Services: Staffing of 4

#### 2023

Neighborhood Initiatives and Environmental Services: Staffing of 5



# Neighborhood Initiatives and Environmental Services (NIES) Office Updates





### The Program and Purpose

- The dumpster program encourages residents to coordinate clean-up events and a chance to dispose larger items in their neighborhood
- Republic Services provides large dumpster bins for neighborhood cleanups
  - Neighborhoods/ resident volunteers are eligible for 5 dumpsters per year



# It's free!

### Requirements & Request Submission



- Requirements for service:
  - An authorized neighborhood representative must be the one to request
  - A point of contact must be present at all times during the event
  - Valid address in Santa Ana
  - 4 week notice prior to event day
- Coordinate dumpster requests directly through Republic Services staff
  - Mark Mahan: (657) 467-6207 or (mmahan@republicservices.com)



### The Day of Clean-up



- Republic Services will drop off dumpster bins at the designated area
  - Delivery Time: 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM
  - Pick- Up: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
- Conflicts should be reported Republic Services
  - Mark Mahan (657) 467-6207 or mmahan@republicservices.com
  - □ Francella Aguilar (562) 755-7350 or faguilar@republicservices.com



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### **Interpretation/ Translation Services**

- Increase of interpretation/ translation services postpandemic
  - At Neighborhood Association Meetings
  - Other City-Wide Events
- When scheduling speakers for NA meetings
  - Please request a bilingual presentation and bilingual delivery of the content
- Interpretation devices are available to all NAs from NIES office for translation needs







### **Tracking NA Meetings & Event Outcomes**

- Document meeting and event outcomes (Results/Impacts)
  - i.e. Attendance, Engagement, & Success Stories
- Through tracking outcomes, the NA's work (input), intent (mission) and accomplishment (outputs), can be better align.
  - Leads to further accomplishments and goal setting
- Ability to leverage accomplishments to pursue grant funding for ongoing and future programming.





### **Effective and Transparent Communication Strategies**

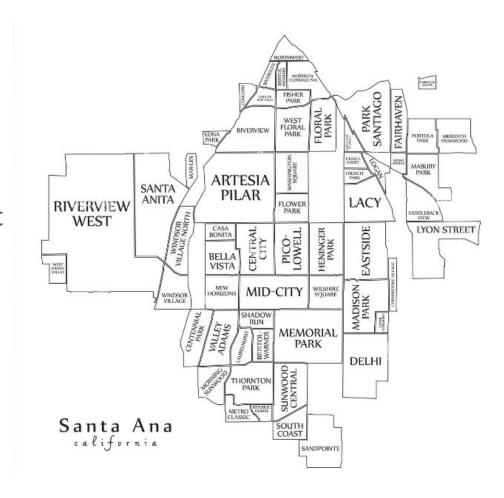
- Maintain clear, concise & complete communication
- Effective and Transparent Communication Includes:
  - Active listening
  - Providing and receiving feedback
  - Empathy and respect
  - Timeliness and responsive
  - Being clear and concise in messages
    - use simple & direct language





### **Active Neighborhood Association Leadership Recruitment**

- Recruitment means inviting neighbors to join meetings, events, and participation in leadership structure such as boards and Leader Teams
- Fostering active participation of current membership is just as important through:
  - Reminders in communication materials (i.e. Meeting Flyers)
  - Personal Approach
  - Sharing experiences outside of general meetings
  - Remaining consistent





## **Meeting Resources**

#### **Neighborhood Meeting Tools**



Developing an Agenda



Guidelines for Communication



Meeting "Working Agreements"



Discussing Complex Issues



How to Have a Successful Committee



Discussion Topics for Meetings



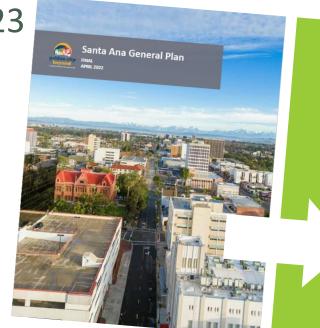
Guidelines Regarding Neighborhood Meetings During Political Season

- List of Agency and Departments Contact List
  - https://www.santaana.org/discussion-topics-formeetings/
- List of City Facilities and other Community venues available



# **Comprehensive Zoning Code Update**

- General Plan Updated in April 2022
- Zoning Code to be update for consistency with the General Plan
- Regulates what can and can't be done on a piece of property
- 18-month effort to begin October 2023
- Extensive community engagement
  - Partnership with CBOs
  - Grassroots activities



Zoning Code



# Break Time!

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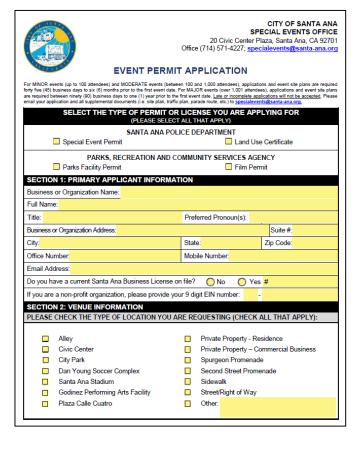


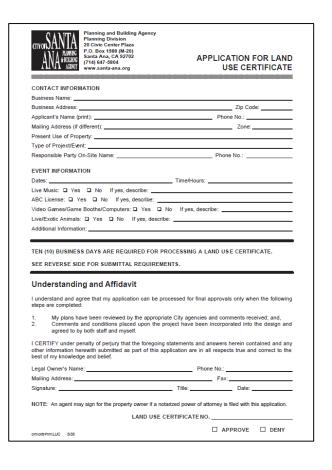
# Special Event Permits



#### Intent and Purpose to Identify Special Events, Permits and Requirements

- What constitutes a special event
- Location
- Size
- Application and procedure
- Review and approval







#### Step 1:

- Determine type of event
- Time, date, and potential locations
- Determine whether it is public or private property and will it require a street closure or use of city property, to be held on street, private lot and/or sidewalk

#### Step 2:

- Complete application special events or land use certificate
- Submit for review to <a href="mailto:bmartin@santa-ana.org">bmartin@santa-ana.org</a> at 30-45 days prior to your event
- You will receive additional forms and a request for information depending on your type of event which might include:

**OCFA Permit** 

Insurance

Site Map/Traffic Control Plan

Signatures from all affected parties, residents/businesses (80% must agree to street closure)

Business Tax Information (For profit or non-profit included)

OC Health



#### What to do if the event is on public property (such as a street or sidewalk)

These events include festivals, concerts, neighborhood block parties, marches, rallies, posadas or any other activity, which impacts the normal flow of pedestrian or vehicle traffic

- Complete a City Public Property Use Permit Application (also called a "Street Closure Permit Application")
- Gather signatures all of the businesses and residents within the boundaries of the special event, 80% must agree (included in the application form)
- Attach a site plan showing how your event will be set up, traffic control plan (if applicable)
- Submit the completed form to the Police Department to <a href="mailto:bmartin@santa-ana.org">bmartin@santa-ana.org</a> for review
- Questions and/or more information please call 714-647-5840

Special License to Use Public Property Permit Application



#### **Special Events on Private Property**

Temporary events on private property require a Land Use Certificate Examples of these type of events may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Sidewalk sales
- Radio station promotional broadcasts
- Carnivals/Circus
- Car show
- Parking lot events, church festivities, pop-up sales, and/or a similar kind of temporary outdoor exhibition

To obtain a land use certificate, applicants must submit a <u>Land Use Certificate Application</u> and three (3) sets of plans with the following information:

- Site Plan and/or Floor Plan
- Surrounding land uses of properties immediately adjacent to the project site
- Questions and/or more information please call 714-647-5804

abmit to Planning Division, Police Department and OCFA - requires all 3 agency approvals

#### **Special Event Permitting for Neighborhood Associations**

Step 1: Submit a special event application AND SITE PLAN to <a href="mailto:specialevents@santa-ana.org">specialevents@santa-ana.org</a>

Ensure application is complete and has signature

Ensure site plan indicates all elements specified

The contact listed in the application will be contacted during the process

Will need to be submitted a minimum of 45 business days prior to event. 1 year max for events with over 1,000 participants

Step 2: Complete Event Participant List and send to Parks and Rec contact and <a href="JGonzalez20@santa-ana.org">JGonzalez20@santa-ana.org</a>

Organizations will need to have a Santa Ana Business License

#### **Step 2.5: Event Walk Through with Staff**

Not all events will require a walk through



**Special Event Permitting for Neighborhood Associations** 

**Step 3: Complete external permits (OCFA, OC Health, Building)** 

OC Health permit is through the County of Orange <a href="EHSpecialEvents@ochca.com">EHSpecialEvents@ochca.com</a>

**Event Organizer Application Packet** 

TFF Application Packet (if not using food truck)

**OCFA** 

**Special Event Screening Form** 

**Special Event Permit** 

**Building/Electrical** 

Large Structures

Generators



#### **Special Event Permitting for Neighborhood Associations**

#### **Step 4: Insurance**

Fill out "SELIP/Prompt Cover Application" <a href="https://www.2sparta.com/index.php?p=selip">https://www.2sparta.com/index.php?p=selip</a>
Under the section requesting what "Public Entity" is requesting the insurance, please type or select "Santa Ana City of –ICRMA".

Once your request is evaluated, SPARTA will email a quote to you for review. Forward the quote to <a href="MID@Santa-Ana.org">RMD@Santa-Ana.org</a> and CC the staff point of contact

#### **Step 5: Payment**

Cost depends on the approved miscellaneous fee schedule for the year. Applied fees are dependent on the size and elements of your event.

If interested in applying for Council discretionary funding, you must apply directly on the website. (It is a separate process than the permitting process.)

#### **Special Event Permitting for Neighborhood Associations**

#### **Step 6: Permit Sent**

Event is not approved until permit is sent. Permit cannot be sent unless steps 1-5 are completed.

Please review your permit when received.

#### Step 7: Deposit

If deposit was required and no damages occurred, deposit will be returned via check.



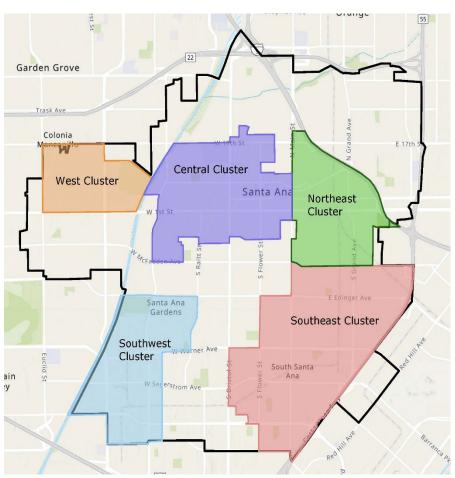
# **Environmental Justice**

# Updates





### **Environmental Justice Action Committee**



- Power to influence initiatives in disadvantaged EJ communities
  - Collaborate

**Provide Guidance** 

- 1 representative from each of the impacted clusters will be selected.

  Requirements:
  - For Residents w/ in the affected areas
  - For CBOs, should have direct EJ project involvement & experiences in Santa Ana (only 2 seats in total for the committee)
- Apply TODAY!
  - Residents: Environmental Justice Action Committee Resident
    Application City of Santa Ana (santa-ana.org)
  - CBOs: <u>Environmental Justice Action Committee CBO Application -</u> <u>City of Santa Ana (santa-ana.org)</u>

Final Deadline is OCTOBER 26, 2023!



### **Environmental Services**

- Accomplishments
  - Received \$125,000 CDBG funding for Cool Pavement Project at Campesino Park and Madison Park
  - Received \$469,700 from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice Grant
- In Progress
  - City Lead Policies Action Team
  - South Basin Groundwater Clean Up Updates with various regulatory agencies
  - Environmental Justice Action Committee



#### REPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS



There are many laws in place to protect our environment and our health. Local, State, and Federal Agencies are responsible for making sure that those laws are followed and that public health and the environment are protected from pollution. These agencies rely on the residents that live in the community to be the eyes and ears of any environmental concerns. You can report problems to these agencies to help improve the environment and your community's health.

#### REPORTING ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD SAFETY COMPLAINTS

Contact OC Health Care Agency -Environmental Health Call (714) 433-6000. For a lead blood test for your child call (714) 567-6220.

General food safety, hazardous waste (illegal dumping, storage, solid waste), lead exposure, public swimming pools, body art/permanent makeup, etc.

#### FIRE HAZARD COMPLAINT

Orange County Fire Authority Call (714) 573-6000 or email Referral@ocfa.org

Open burning, fire pit or barbeque, combustible waste storage, obstructed exits, overcrowding, fire hydrant or lanes, boarding etc

#### REPORT CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Division Call (714) 667-2780 or go to www.santaana.org/submit-a-complaint-online/

Health and safety, land use, zoning violations and substandard conditions on commercial, industrial, and residential properties.

#### REPORTING AIR QUALITY COMPLAINTS

Contact South Coast AQMD Call (800) 288-7664 or visit www.AQMD.gov/Complaints

Have the date, time, type of air quality event (odors, dust, asbestos, smoke), odor description, and address or location of suspected source.

#### DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS INTO STORM DRAIN

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Public Works Agency Dispatch call (714) 647-3380 or report an issue www.santa-ana.org/report-issue

Prohibited discharge, spill, illegal dumping, sediment (dirt) tracking, water pollution, storm drain, and flooding.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS VIOLATION

US EPA Region 9 https://echo.epa.gov/reportenvironmental-violations

To report possible violation of federal environmental laws and regulations.

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS CONTACT THE CITY OF SANTA ANA'S NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OFFICE AT (714) 667-2260 OR VISIT <u>WWW.SANTA-ANA.ORG/ENVIRONMENTAL-RESOURCES/</u>

# Report Environmental Concerns

#### **Resources here can help:**

- Improve the environment
- Improve the communities we live in
- Promote better health

#### Visit our Environmental Resources page for additional information

www.santa-ana.org/environmental-resources/

#### **Environmental News**

- EPA Finds Methylene Chloride Poses an Unreasonable Risk to Human Health <a href="www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/final-risk-evaluation-methylene-chloride">www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/final-risk-evaluation-methylene-chloride</a>
- Attorney General Rob Bonta says companies face millions in liability for PFAS contamination https://www.siliconvalley.com/2022/11/10/california-files-major-lawsuit-to-clean-up-chemicals-it-calls-toxic-and-harmful-to-human-health-and-the-environment/
- AQMD has issued a Notice of Intent to Issue Permit to Applicant: Dan Gurney's All American Racers, 2434
   S. Broadway, Santa Ana to construct and operate one new paint spray booth. <u>SCAQMD Public Notice Dan Gurneys All American Racers Inc</u>
- UCI EcoGovLab Press Release: Preparing for Chemical Disasters
- https://faculty.sites.uci.edu/fortunlab/2022/10/04/torrance-toxic-tour/
- Former DICEON Electronics Inc. Facility, 2215 S. Standard Avenue:
   DTSC Approval of Interim Remedial Action Plan June 25, 2021
   Interim Remedial Action Plan

#### Federal Resources

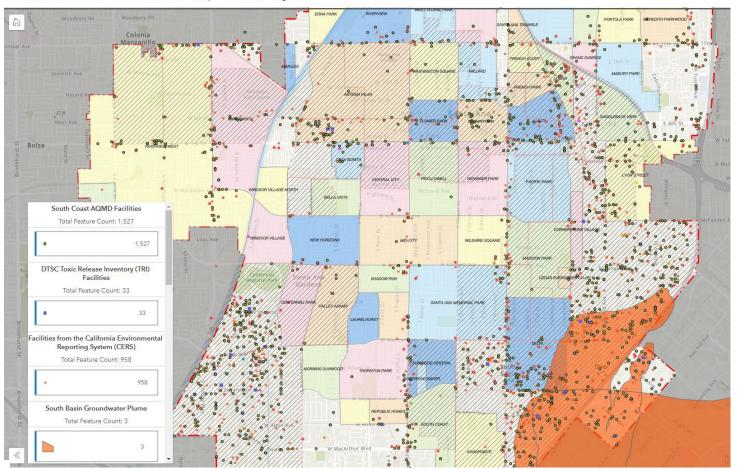


US Environmental Protection Agency



# Santa Ana Environmental Justice Facilities Map

Santa Ana Environmental Justice Facilities Map - Interactive Legend



This map is intended for Santa Ana residents that live within or near Environmental Justice communities. Use this map to better understand where facilities that obtain permits from the South Coast Air Quality Management District, CalEPA, Department of Toxic Substances Control, OC Water District, State Water Resources Control Board, and CalRecylcle are located.

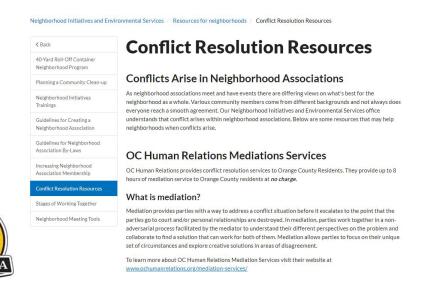


# Recap of NIES Support during Transition



# Additional Resources Available to Neighborhoods

- Visit our website and resources page!
   www.santa-ana.org/resources-for-neighborhoods/
- Santa Ana Com-Link Board
- OC Human Relations Conflict Resolution Resources





# Reflection and Takeaways



# **Takeaways**

#### Based on the tools gain:

- What were your biggest takeaways from tonight's training?
  - How will this be useful to you and your neighborhood?

#### Opportunities for improvement

- What topics would you like to see in future trainings?
  - Learning how to writing an agenda
  - Minute tracking
  - Flyer creation
- How can we collaborate to promote civic engagement?



# Q&A NIES Talk



# **Future Training Opportunities**

- Engaging with Conflict and Resolution Workshop Series
  - Tentative Date: February/March 2024



# Free Opportunity Drawing

