

Environmental Justice Outreach Meeting

As part of the
2021-2029 Housing Element Update

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: June 30, 2021

Location: Motte Historical Museum





Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose of Environmental Justice Workshop
- Presentation on Environmental Justice
- Public Comments
- Workshop opens



Attendees

- City of Menifee
 - Doug Darnell, Senior Planner
 - Orlando Hernandez, Planning Manager
 - Edna Lebron, Housing Program Manager
- Kimley Horn
 - Candyce Burnett, Planner and Project Manager
 - Heidi Rous, Technical Lead
 - Mary Balderrama, Planner

Purpose of Environmental Justice Workshop

- Senate Bill 1000 (2016) established EJ requirements for general plans under Government Code Section 65302(h)
 - To address the “unique or compounded health risks” in disadvantaged communities by decreasing pollution exposure, increasing community assets, and improving overall health
- The process includes reviewing publicly available data, but an important aspect is meaningful engagement with community members and organizations focused on public health and EJ concerns
- We want to hear from you, either through public comment tonight, online survey, or at any of three workshop stations:
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Quality of Life

Status of Housing Element Update

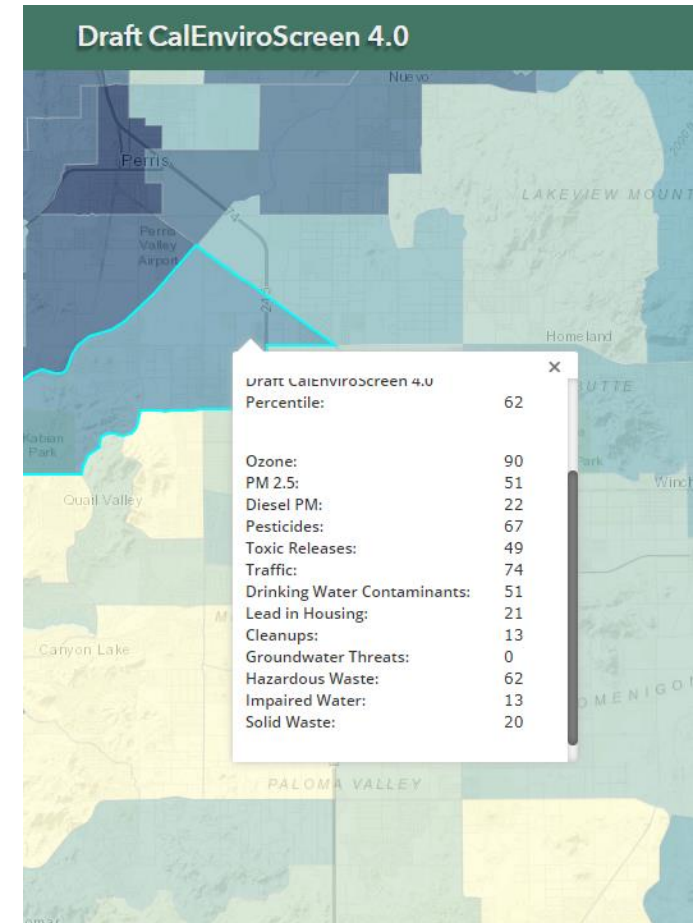
- Draft 6th Cycle Housing Element- Available for Public Review until **July 15, 2021**
- Draft EIR and Notice of Availability – Available for Public Review until **August 9, 2021**

<https://cityofmenifee.us/658/2021-2029-Housing-Element-Update>

- Cities and counties that have disadvantaged communities are required to incorporate EJ policies into their General Plans
 - Either in a separate EJ element or by integrating related goals, policies, and objectives throughout the other elements

How to identify Disadvantaged Communities

- The California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (“CalEnviroScreen”) is a data tool developed by CalEPA’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
- Used by CalEPA to promote compliance with environmental laws, prioritize site-cleanup activities and identify opportunities for sustainable economic development
- CalEnviroScreen provides statewide data used to identify communities disproportionately impacted by, or vulnerable to, environmental pollution and contaminants
 - 12 indicators related to pollution burden and
 - 8 indicators related to population characteristics and other vulnerabilities.





Environmental Justice Policies

- If disadvantaged communities are identified within the City of Menifee, policies and goals to advance equity and protect human health will be incorporated
- Intended to improve health, recreation, and economic mobility opportunities through:
 - improvements in air quality, water quality, and land use compatibility,
 - better access to transportation infrastructure,
 - access to education and employment,
 - home maintenance,
 - nutrition, and
 - any unique or compounded health risks including climate vulnerability (i.e., high fire threat areas, sea level rise, high flood or seismic risk areas, etc.).



Environmental Justice Outreach

- Environmental Justice Outreach Includes:
 - Stakeholder interviews
 - Online engagement through the City website
 - Survey
 - Review of Policies
 - Public hearings



Public Comments



Next Steps

- Public Workshop Opens
- Please visit any or all three stations
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Quality of Life
- Access the on-line survey