



Environmental Justice for Los Angeles - Community Survey

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Los Angeles City Planning is initiating a comprehensive effort to centralize and strengthen environmental justice policies within the City's General Plan. This brief survey will help inform the first phase of the planning process by collecting initial feedback. Future opportunities to participate will become available throughout this multi-year effort.

In Los Angeles, I am a...

- Renter or Tenant Homeowner
- Person Experiencing Homelessness
- Business Owner
- Property Owner
- Student
- Employee
- Other: _____

What is your zip code? _____

Question 1 - Defining Environmental Justice

Environmental justice is defined in California State law as the "fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins, with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies."

The principle of environmental justice ensures equal and equitable protection from environmental and health hazards, while giving people access to the planning and decision-making process.

In your own words, what does environmental justice mean to you?

Question 2 - Environmental Justice in Your Community

What environmental issues and injustices exist in your community?

(Please provide as many details as you'd like, including specific locations.)

Question 3 - Environmental Justice Priorities

Which of the following environmental justice issues are most important to you?

(Please check all that apply.)



- Pollution Exposure and Air Quality** (prevent and mitigate exposure to hazardous materials and air pollution, remove and restrict toxic pollutants, and protect sensitive populations)



- Public Facilities** (promote facilities such as infrastructure, parks, community facilities, active transportation, roads and trails, and health-care facilities and ensure that impacted communities have equitable access)



- Food Access** (promote healthy food access for impacted communities through programs and projects, such as grocery stores, local agriculture, and mobile vending)



- Safe and Sanitary Homes** (ensure healthy and safe housing and increase access to housing, including affordable housing, by eliminating barriers to fair housing and instituting measures to prevent the displacement of low-income and vulnerable residents and families)



- Physical Activities** (promote spaces for physical activity and ensure access, connectivity, and equitable distribution of physical activity opportunities - such as pedestrian-friendly and bicycle-friendly streetscape environments)



- Community Engagement** (promote equitable, inclusive and meaningful community engagement in the planning process that benefits impacted communities)



- Improvements and Programs to Address the Needs of Impacted Communities** (identify and reverse systemic funding inequities and prioritize improvements and programs that center impacted communities as the primary beneficiaries)



- Open Space** (aside from parks, areas that are natural in character and provide opportunities for recreation and/or the conservation of natural resources)



- Climate Equity** (recognize and address the unequal burdens made worse by climate change, while ensuring that all people share the benefits of climate protection efforts)

- Other:**



Question 4 - Climate Equity

A forthcoming Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) will also inform the City's approach to environmental justice policy development. The CVA's primary objective is ensuring climate equity is central in the City's climate planning efforts.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines climate equity as the goal of recognizing and addressing the unequal burdens made worse by climate change, while ensuring that all people share the benefits of climate protection efforts.

Climate change impacts can include extreme heat, sea level rise, coastal flooding, extreme precipitation, wildfires, drought, etc.

What factors do you think contribute to the climate change impacts you experience in your community?

Question 5 - Outreach and Engagement

A critical aspect of this work is ensuring meaningful community involvement throughout this multi-year planning process, with a focus on centering the voices of those most impacted by environmental injustice.

How would you like to get involved and engage in this process?

(Please check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend in-person public meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay informed via Department of City Planning social media and/or website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend virtual public meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay informed via Department of City Planning emails and newsletters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to online surveys | <input type="checkbox"/> Join the interested parties list |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with City Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Involve my organization (organize events, meetings, activities) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talk to my friends, family, and/or neighbors about environmental justice in Los Angeles | _____ |

Do you belong to a Neighborhood Council or another organization? If yes, which one(s)?

Email Address (Optional) _____



About You

The following questions will help us ensure that we are reaching diverse voices.

What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-64
- 65+
- Prefer not to answer

Number of Individuals in Household

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8+
- Prefer not to answer

What is your race and/or ethnicity?

(Please check all that apply to you.)

- Hispanic or Latina/o/x
- Black or African-American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- White or Caucasian
- Asian
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Prefer not to answer
- Other:

What is your combined annual household income?

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 - \$14,999
- \$15,000 - \$24,999
- \$25,000 - \$34,999
- \$35,000 - \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$74,999
- \$75,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 - \$149,999
- \$150,000 - \$199,999
- \$200,000 or more
- Prefer not to answer

What is your current gender identity?

- Woman
- Non-Binary
- Man
- Prefer not to answer
- Other: _____

Additional Comments

If there is something you'd like to add, please let us know:

Thank you for your responses! Please look out for additional opportunities to provide feedback. Your input is extremely valuable. If you would like to contact us directly, please email planning.envjustice@lacity.org.