



**GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND  
SAFETY ELEMENTS – ADOPTION**

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## PRESENTATION AGENDA

- **Summarize** project milestones and community outreach
- **Highlight** Environmental Justice (EJ) and Safety Elements refinements
- **Review** Planning Commission recommendations
- **Staff Recommendation:**
  - Adopt resolutions to amend the General Plan to include an EJ Element and update the Safety Element
  - Determine actions are addressed in previously-certified subsequent environmental impact report (SEIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)





# PROJECT MILESTONES AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH





## GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS



The General Plan guides the future development and uses of land across the community.

*\* Housing Element Update Project component*

# ROAD TO ADOPTION DOCUMENT MILESTONES



**April 2022**

Neighborhood profiles of Environmental Justice considerations

**December 2022**

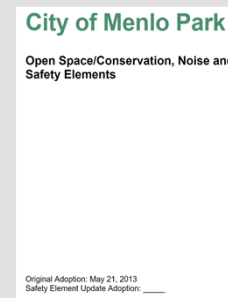
Initial draft EJ and Safety elements

**April 2024**

Revised draft EJ and Safety elements

**August 2024**

Adoption draft EJ and Safety elements





## ROAD TO ADOPTION COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC MEETINGS



### Summer 2021

- Pop-up meetings
- Community meeting

### Spring 2022

- Community meeting
- Focus groups
- Survey

### Winter 2023

- Community meetings

### Summer 2023

- Planning Commission and City Council joint study session

### Summer 2024

- Community meetings
- Planning Commission and City Council study sessions

### Fall 2024

- Planning Commission and City Council adoption hearings



## COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES



- Priorities developed from community outreach and engagement in the Belle Haven and Bayfront neighborhoods
- EJ Element identifies and elevates community priorities

**Priority #1:** Provide safe, sanitary, and stable homes (*Goal EJ5*)

**Priority #2:** Promote access to high quality and affordable food (*Goal EJ4*)

**Priority #3:** Reduce pollution exposure and improve air quality (*Goal EJ2*)





# PREPARING FOR ADOPTION







# REVISIONS AND FEEDBACK LOGS



- Records feedback from study sessions
- Identifies how comments addressed for the adoption draft EJ and Safety Elements

#	[EJ/Safety] element location	April 2024 draft page number	August 2024 adoption draft track changes page number	August 2024 adoption draft clean copy page number	Key topic(s)	Revision and/or feedback	notes
Identifier number	What section or item is at issue	Page within draft last reviewed in Study Sessions	Page within track changes document	Page within clean (no track changes) document	Subject of revision or feedback	Direction and/or feedback provided	Relevant notes and, where applicable, direct quotes of revisions made

# EJ ELEMENT ACTION GUIDE



- Separate, complementary document outside of the General Plan
- Tool to manage and coordinate City efforts to address EJ goals, policies, and programs
- Responds to:
  - Changing community needs
  - Funding opportunities
  - Ongoing community outreach

Menlo Park Environmental Justice Element Action Guide									
DESCRIPTION			IMPLEMENTATION				TIME FRAME		
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
ID	Policy / Program / Action Item Text	Classification	In Progress?	Lead Role	Supporting Role	Funding Source(s)	Initiation	Completion	
<b>Community Priority #1: Goal EJ5. Provide safe, sanitary, and stable homes</b>									
EJ5.1	Prioritize housing programs that provide and maintain safe, sanitary, and stable homes, particularly in underserved communities.	Policy	-	-	-	-	-	-	
EJ5.2	Maintain and develop safe, sanitary, and stable homes across all locations and affordability ranges, particularly in underserved communities.	Policy	-	-	-	-	-	-	
EJ5.3	Support housing development distribution throughout the city and not concentrated within Menlo Park's underserved communities.	Policy	-	-	-	-	-	-	
EJ5.A	Identify, to the extent feasible, any potential toxic soil contamination in residential developments and work with property owners to resolve issues, particularly in underserved communities.	Program		The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) tracks cleanup, permitting, enforcement and investigation efforts at hazardous waste facilities and sites with known contamination or sites where there may be reasons to investigate further. The Safety Element (Table S-4) includes a list of sites along with their current status of evaluation or remediation.	Community Development	San Mateo County Environmental Health Services, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)	Department of Food and Agriculture (Healthy Soils Demonstration Program)	In Progress	Short Term
EJ5.B	Conduct outreach to potentially eligible households regarding programs that support safe, sanitary, and stable homes.	Program	-	Community Development	California Department of Community Services and Development, City Manager's Office	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Program)	Short Term	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ5.C	Create or partner with providers to provide a central multilingual tenant protection hotline for renters with questions. If such resources already exist, conduct proactive outreach and education to inform the community of available resources. Hold culturally competent, in-language outreach workshops.	Program	-	Community Development	Local Tenant Protection Services (e.g., Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County (HomeSavers Project), Project Sentinel by San Mateo County)	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Program)	Short Term	Ongoing From Initiation	



## EJ ELEMENT ACTION GUIDE HIGHLIGHTED UPDATES



- **New Action Item EJ7.E.1**
  - Provide environmental safety resources at BHCC and consider having a concierge or dedicated staff/resources to provide outreach
- **Revised Program EJ7.J**
  - Increase opportunities for accountability and reporting
- **New Program EJ7.K**
  - Action Guide updating process and ongoing outreach
- **New Program EJ7.L**
  - City Council considers EJ priorities during annual priority/goal setting workshop



# PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION



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### Revise Action Item EJ6.D.6:

Expand the network of safe, accessible, and appealing pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including pedestrian connections within and in between neighborhoods. Poles, signs, or other impediments in the center of sidewalks should be modified to improve accessibility and sidewalk safety. Pursue improvements for public transit users and pedestrians where feasible, including, but not limited to, bus shelters, benches, shade structures, and lighting to support alternative transportation.

### Revise Action Item EJ6.D.7:

Install and regularly maintain adequate lighting to encourage walking and safe travel at night. This may begin with installation on Ivy Drive, Hamilton Avenue, Chilco Street, Newbridge Street, and at public buildings at Parks. It should continue after subsequent community outreach that identifies other streets and locations with inadequate lighting, prioritizing underserved communities.



## NEXT STEPS

- Develop online EJ Element Action Guide
- Annual reporting on EJ efforts
- City Council consideration of community-identified EJ priorities during annual priority and goal setting workshop
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**THANK YOU**