

Environmental Justice Element Prioritization Worksheet

Menlo Park has identified Belle Haven and the Bayfront as Underserved Communities, the focus of the Environmental Justice Element and this worksheet. The complete draft Environmental Justice Element is available for review at menlopark.gov/housingelement.

Please rank the following topics from 1 (most important/top priority) to 7 (less important/low priority), using each number only once. Discuss the rankings in your small group.

Topic	Rank (1-7)
Reducing pollution exposure and improving air quality	
Promoting equitable access to high quality public facilities	
Promoting access to high quality and affordable food	
Providing safe, sanitary, and stable homes	
Promoting physical activity	
Reducing unique or compounded health risks	
Promoting civic engagement in the public decision-making processes	

Please write a few notes explaining why you ranked your most important/top priority and less important/low priority the way you did and share with group:

Goal 1. Address unique and compounded health risks
Rank from 1 (most important) to 4 (least important)

Topic	Rank (1-4)
Prioritize public infrastructure improvements needed in Belle Haven	
Report annually how Belle Haven is considered and prioritized in infrastructure improvement plans	
Report annually on measurable progress and outcomes of the Environmental Justice Element	
Assess how well Environmental Justice policies and programs are addressing unique and compounded health risks	

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Goal 2. Reduce pollution exposure and eliminate environmental inequities

Rank from 1 (most important) to 10 (least important)

Topic	Rank (1-10)
Work with significant polluters to minimize their pollution by using the best available technologies	
Implement and update the City's Climate Action Plan to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	
Promote education and outreach about air quality and protective actions to minimize exposure	
Minimize and mitigate illegal dumping and reduce fees at landfills	
Review the City's Green Infrastructure Plan with focus on environmental justice	
Increase community outreach on and awareness of Flood Insurance Program	
Encourage carpooling and alternative methods of travel for City events	
Collaborate with SamTrans and large employers to prioritize bus electrification in Belle Haven	
Revise City regulations to reduce pollution exposure, eliminate environmental inequities, and improve quality of life	
Develop an Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) for the City of Menlo Park to improve the number of trees	

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Goal 3. Equitably provide appropriate public facilities to individuals and communities

Rank from 1 (most important) to 8 (least important)

Topic	Rank (1-8)
Identify and improve public buildings in Belle Haven to serve as Climate Resilience Hubs	
Install infrastructure allowing for easy waste disposal at parks and along streets	
Support affordable internet access for low-income households and improve internet literacy and technological skills	
Use City facilities to promote and support access to health care for Belle Haven residents	
Work with local schools to enhance use of their facilities for affordable after-school care and recreational facilities	
Form partnerships to provide a community bank or banking services in Belle Haven	
Ensure City's Community Center Programming meets Belle Haven residents' needs adapting programming based on community feedback	
Ensure recreational facilities provide all residents with access to parks, community centers, fields, trails, libraries, and other amenities	

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Goal 4. Promote access to affordable healthy and high-quality foods

Rank from 1 (most important) to 5 (least important)

Topic	Rank (1-5)
Work with grocery stores and other food providers to increase access to high-quality affordable and healthy food, encouraging the acceptance of SNAP, CalFresh, and food assistance programs.	
Inform low-income households and people experiencing homelessness about food assistance programs through multilingual outreach and community organizations	
Encourage healthy food options, including vegan and vegetarian options, at City-participating events and source food from local small businesses	
Support the availability of farmer's market(s), farm stands, ethnic markets, and mobile health food markets Conduct widespread outreach and engagement to advertise these markets	
Encourage and simplify the process of developing community gardens Facilitate the creation or enhancement of one community garden within three years	

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Goal 5. Provide safe and sanitary homes for all residents

Rank from 1 (most important) to 7 (least important)

Topic	Rank (1-7)
Identify and resolve, to the extent feasible, any potential toxic soil contamination in residential developments, particularly in Belle Haven	
Help enroll eligible households in programs that reduce water bills	
Create a central multilingual tenant protection hotline for renters Conduct outreach and education to inform Belle Haven tenants of available resources including culturally competent, in-language educational workshops.	
Identify opportunities to support a Community Land Trust to purchase land to develop for deeply affordable housing	
Conduct community outreach to help first-time homebuyers navigate the process Offer down-payment assistance for homebuyers	
Promote home electrification programs that minimize passing costs through to tenants	
Ensure that City's Anti-displacement Strategy supports households in Belle Haven Strategies can include a rental inventory, updated rent control laws, and/or rent increase prohibitions	

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Goal 6. Encourage physical activity and active transportation

Rank from 1 (most important) to 4 (least important)

Topic	Rank (1-4)
Identify and eliminate barriers to outdoor physical activity including sidewalks, bike paths, and lack of safe street crossings, Reduce excessive speeding, insufficient lighting, and lack of landscaping or shade trees in Belle Haven.	
Implement education campaigns to increase the safety and comfort of people walking, bicycling, and taking transit	
Expand the Safe Routes to School program, including increased crossing guards at key intersections	
Update and adopt the City's Transportation Master Plan to improve environmental justice	

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Goal 7. Create equitable civic and community engagement

Rank from 1 (most important) to 10 (least important)

Topic	Rank (1-10)
Promote and evaluate educational workshops that involve Belle Haven residents in public decision-making processes	
All meetings with an item in Belle Haven should take place in a location or manner easily accessible to Belle Haven residents	
Consider and provide, as feasible, compensation at community outreach events in Belle Haven	
Pursue equitable civic and community engagement	
Encourage resources for in-person outreach, enhancing the Belle Haven Community Campus as a community hub for learning and opportunities to connect residents with resources and encourage participation in public meetings, events, and decision making	
Review Planning Commission stipend pilot and consider compensating all City Councilors and appointed commissioners to make the positions more accessible to residents of Belle Haven	
Expand outreach on SamTrans' paratransit services to support increased attendance at public functions	
Ensure disaster preparedness planning includes multilingual and multimodal outreach in Belle Haven Conduct regular disaster preparedness outreach that includes Belle Haven and encourage signing up for emergency alert systems.	
Encourage involvement of Belle Haven in long term adaptation planning projects related to sea level rise and coastal flooding	
Continually maintain the Environmental Justice Element Implementation Guide in response to changing community needs, funding opportunities, and ongoing community outreach	

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