AGENDA

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW: Environmental Justice Framework

2. PANEL: What is the City doing (& could it be doing) to address EJ?

3. BREAKOUT ROOM: EJ Communities Map (draft)

4. CLOSING & NEXT STEPS
Project Overview

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FRAMEWORK
What is environmental justice? (our working definition)

The equitable distribution of environmental benefits and elimination of environmental burdens to promote healthy communities where all San Franciscans can thrive.

Government can foster environmental justice through processes that amend past injustices while enabling proactive, community-led solutions for the future.

For an activists’ definition, see the EJ Principles at: https://www.ejnet.org/ej/principles.html
Environmental racism recognizes that people of color communities have borne the brunt of environmental hazards and have been denied access to communities of opportunity due to systemic and institutional racism.

Example: US EPA estimates that Black residents are exposed to 50% more air pollution than white residents nationally.
Why is environmental justice so important right now?

Source: Peoplesclimate.org

“A Harvard study found that living in a community with high air pollution is linked to an 8% rise in COVID-19 death rates.”
Environmental justice & equity challenges in SF

20-30% of Black & Latinx pregnant women in SF experience food insecurity

Black & Latinx high school students are 1.6-2.0x more likely and to have asthma than white students

Latinx, Pacific Islander & Amer. Indian residents have the highest rates of COVID-19 infections

Life expectancy varies greatly by race and neighborhood (ex: 10-15 years lower in lower-income vs. more affluent neighborhoods)

Data: SFHIP, US EPA; Images: Robyn Purchia (SF Examiner), Bebeto Matthews (AP Photo), Wikipedia
Why plan for environmental justice? Why now?

- CA Senate Bill 1000 requires:
  - Designate a map of **EJ Communities**
  - Adopt policies in General Plan to address “unique or compounded health risks”

- In 2020, Planning & Historic Preservation Commissions called for General Plan amendments to address **racial & social equity**.

- Our approach: **Environmental Justice Framework** and related equity & EJ policies integrated across the General Plan (starting with Housing, Transportation, Safety & Resilience)

* Referred to as “Disadvantaged Communities” in SB1000
EJ Communities Map

Goals of the EJ Communities Map

- Add local data to show additional areas that are lower-income and exposed to pollution & other health challenges.
- Align more closely with maps by MTC, SFDPH, Rec & Park that highlight inequities.
- Designate areas where policies and resources could be directed to promote community health.
What **policies** can address environmental justice & racial equity?

- **Clean & Healthy Environments**
- **Healthy Food Access**
- **Healthy Public Facilities**
- **Safe, Healthy & Affordable Homes**
- **Physical Activity**
- **Racial Equity & Empowered Neighborhoods**
- **Climate Resilience & Justice**
- **Equitable & Green Jobs**

Source: Pxfuel, NextCity, Next Republic Bank, Vivien Kim Thorp, Archityreview, RWJF, SF Environment, SFGate

Environmental Justice Framework
Example: how the General Plan impacts Environmental Justice

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**TODAY – INDIA BASIN**

**FUTURE**

**RECREATION & OPEN SPACE ELEMENT**

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**EJ Framework Timeline**

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- **Research, EJ Communities Map & Story Map**
- **EJ Framework & Policies**
- **Policy Adoption**

*Draft February 21, 2021*
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How else can I get involved in the EJ Framework?

- Sign up for **email updates** ([https://tinyurl.com/SFGenPlan](https://tinyurl.com/SFGenPlan)) to learn about:
  - Focus groups / listening sessions
  - Surveys
  - Other events (TBD)
- Get in touch! Email at **lisa.chen@sfgov.org** to schedule a meeting or ask questions

Source: SF Conservation Corps & Literacy for Environmental Justice (February 2018)
THANK YOU & WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

Image: Nina Sepahpour
WHAT IS THE CITY DOING (& COULD IT BE DOING) TO ADDRESS EJ?
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Our mission is to provide our customers with high quality, efficient and reliable water, power, and sewer services in a manner that is inclusive of environmental and community interests, and that sustains the resources entrusted to our care.
Mitigation Agreement & Southeast Treatment Plant (SEP)

1952 - SEP is built

1972 - Clean Water Act passed
  - forced expansion of SEP in 70s & 80
  - Community resistance led by “The Big Six” formed the Southeast Mitigation Agreement

1986 - Completion of Southeast Community Facility & Greenhouses
  - Offers BVHP green jobs & education opportunities
Governing Policies

SFPUC Environmental Justice Policy (2009)
• To prevent, mitigate, and lessen disproportionate environmental impacts of its activities on communities in all SFPUC service areas and to insure that public benefits are shared across all communities

SFPUC Community Benefits Policy (2011)
• The SFPUC defines community benefits as “those positive effects on a community that result from the operation and improvement of our water, wastewater and power services”
Breakout Room Discussions

EJ COMMUNITIES MAP (DRAFT)

The breakout rooms will not be recorded or livestreamed (via YouTube). Thank you for viewing this presentation.
NOTE:
This map was created to meet the requirements of CA Senate Bill 1000. The legislation requires that municipalities identify areas facing and elevated pollution burden coupled with a high incidence of low-income residents. This map is based on CalEnviroScreen 3.0 Map, modified to incorporate additional local data on pollution burden and socioeconomic disadvantage.
Breakout Room Activity
Part 1: Group Discussion (20 mins)

In your neighborhood (e.g. where you live, work, and/or spend a lot of time in), what are strengths, challenges, and opportunities as they relate to environmental justice?

STRONGTHS support peoples’ physical and emotional health.

CHALLENGES may be harmful to or pose a barrier to health

OPPORTUNITIES can be improved to advance health
Breakout Room Activity
Part 2: EJ Communities Map Feedback (5 mins)

This button expands map to take up a wider portion of your screen

Click anywhere in the document to add a comment. Select a bubble to view comments.

Click on this button to add a comment to the map

You may add comments to the map at any time, but we will also leave 5 minutes at the end of the period for this purpose.

Your room facilitator can troubleshoot if you are having difficulty adding comments.
Raise Hand Function

**ON WINDOWS AND PC**
1. Click the participant icon

2. Select the “raise hand” button at the bottom right

**ON ANDROID AND IPHONE**
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Break Out Rooms: **Community Agreements**

- We encourage **everyone to participate** in the discussion.
- Please be respectful of everyone’s opinions.
- We want to hear **your input based on your perspectives and experiences** as SF community members.
- To participate, raise your hand to speak by using the Raise Hand button in the Participants window or use the Chat to ask for a turn to share.
- When it’s your turn:
  - Turn on the microphone to share your input and mute it again when you are done for others to participate.
  - Please introduce yourself and speak slowly.
- Please, **use the chat function** if you prefer to provide feedback that way.
4 CLOSING & NEXT STEPS
General Plan Virtual Events

March 15-19 & March 22-26, 2021
https://sfplanning.org/general-plan

Two weeks of workshops on:
- Housing Element
- Environmental Justice Framework
- Safety Element
- Transportation Element
- General Plan 101
- Racial and Social Equity Plan
- And more!

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Tell us what you thought of this session!

FILL OUT THIS EXIT SURVEY: https://tinyurl.com/SFGenPlanExperience

At the conclusion of the General Plan Virtual Events, we will send out an additional survey asking for feedback on our General Plan updates underway.
“… To dream a different reality,
Where despite disparities
We all care to protect this world,
This riddled blue marble, this little true marvel
To muster the verve and the nerve
To see how we can serve
Our planet. You don’t need to be a politician
To make it your mission to conserve, to protect,
To preserve that one and only home
That is ours,
To use your unique power
To give next generations the planet they deserve.

We are demonstrating, creating, advocating

We heed this inconvenient truth, because we need
to be anything but lenient
With the future of our youth…”

- From “Earthrise” by Amanda Gorman
THANK YOU

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