

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), we appreciate the opportunity to comment on Councilmembers Raman, Price, Bonin and Martinez's motion to establish a process to truly comply with Senate Bill 1000, the Planning for Healthy Communities Act. L.A. City's 2021 SB 1000 compliance update was deficient because it relies on outdated data from the 2015 Plan for a Healthy L.A. and 2013 L.A. City Safety Element to create Environmental Justice programs and policies. This prevents L.A. City Planning from (1) identifying and (2) effectively reducing disproportionate pollution burden in disadvantaged communities throughout Los Angeles. L.A. City Council must direct L.A. City Planning to craft a stand-alone Environmental Justice element to satisfy SB 1000 requirements. This is an exciting opportunity for L.A. City Council to serve as a model for other jurisdictions required to satisfy SB 1000. Creating a strong Environmental Justice Element would encourage other jurisdictions to do the same, reversing decades of harmful land use decisions that have concentrated toxic industries and pollution in vulnerable communities. Meaningful public participation is the cornerstone of SB 1000. Failing to perform adequate community outreach and public engagement deprives impacted communities of the opportunity to weigh in on local planning decisions that will directly impact their communities, built environment, and personal health. Investing in a stand-alone Environmental Justice Element will safeguard future generations - and ensure all L.A. residents have equitable access to clean air, water, and soil regardless of their zip code.

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Teodora Reyes, I am a community organizer with Pacoima Beautiful commenting on agenda item #17. On behalf of Pacoima Beautiful I am calling in today in support of agenda item #17, the motion introduced by Councilmember Raman, Price, and Bonin to instruct L.A. City Planning to establish a process to truly satisfy Senate Bill 1000, the Planning for Healthy Communities Act. And to urge the L.A. City Council to create and adopt a stand-alone Environmental Justice Element. L.A. City's 2021 SB 1000 compliance update was deficient and L.A. City Council must direct L.A. City Planning to craft a stand-alone Environmental Justice element to satisfy SB 1000 requirements. L.A. City is relying on outdated data from the 2015 Plan for a Healthy L.A. and 2013 L.A. City Safety Element to create Environmental Justice programs and policies. This prevents L.A. City Planning from (1) identifying and (2) effectively reducing disproportionate pollution burden in disadvantaged communities throughout Los Angeles. This is an exciting opportunity for L.A. City Council to serve as a model for other jurisdictions required to satisfy SB 1000. Creating a strong Environmental Justice Element would encourage other jurisdictions to do the same, reversing decades of harmful land use decisions that have concentrated pollution in vulnerable communities. L.A. City Council must prioritize public health and safety by directing L.A. City Planning to create a stand-alone Environmental Justice Element, to ensure: (1) current disadvantaged communities are identified and (2) meaningful environmental justice programs and policies are created and enforced, especially in LA's most vulnerable communities. Thank you for your time! In community, Teodora Reyes