

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear PLUM Committee, We thank the Department of City Planning for its work in developing the Housing, Safety, and Health Elements, including the amended 'Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles', within the General Plan update that will benefit the City of Los Angeles and help meet the housing and health needs of all residents. The Liberty Hill Foundation is a long-time funder of community-based organizations working to promote environmental justice. Given your considerations at the November 2, 2021 PLUM meeting, we would like to go on record in support of a stand-alone Environmental Justice Element to be developed and implemented in the near future. We realize that this is a process that will require dedicated funding and staff time to ensure robust community engagement, yet we believe the neighborhoods in Los Angeles most impacted by proximity to pollutants, sensitive receptors, and other environmental hazards would greatly benefit from the addition of an EJ Element to the General Plan with specific goals, objectives, targets and actions. As soon as feasible, we would urge the PLUM committee to request that City Planning provide a report back on the tasks and funding required to develop a stand-alone EJ Element, including the development of benchmarks, a timeline, goals for authentic community outreach and participation, and a budget estimate necessary to meet the spirit and substance of SB 1000, particularly in areas designated by the City as Disadvantaged Communities (DAC's). The Liberty Hill Foundation has funded and supported frontline communities working on environmental justice issues since 1976. We know through our work as a key partner in LA City's Clean Up Green Up policy (CUGU), adopted in April of 2016, and through our work assisting in stakeholder engagement in the "Our County" Sustainability Plan, that the issue of proximity to industrial pollution and incompatible land uses is a pressing concern for community residents that could be potentially more fully addressed through a new Environmental Justice Element within the General Plan. We know based on our experiences developing CUGU that it is crucial for new policies and goals to be grounded in community experiences. The Clean Up Green Up policies adopted for pilot communities by the City in 2016 were forward-thinking at the time, yet we believe much more can be done to expand the protections for residents suffering

from toxic exposure to industrial and transportation uses through a dedicated engagement process. We thank the PLUM Committee and Department of City Planning for your efforts in updating the General Plan and look forward to meeting the goals of Environmental Justice across Los Angeles. Sincerely, Jenny Delwood Executive Vice President Liberty Hill Foundation
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November 1, 2021

TO: City Council, Planning Land Use & Management Committee

RE: Comment on Agenda Item 16, Amendment to the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, Case No. CPC-2021-5499-GPA

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