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General Public Comment

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara Sierra Club Group.

We would like to encourage the Board to modify the draft Environmental Justice Element to address all forms of pollution and environmental impacts disproportionately impacting our low-income communities that are most vulnerable to environmental hazards. Our group represents May of these families and their neighborhoods across the county.

Please conduct more community engagement with our residents that are the targeted beneficiaries of the Element by holding workshops that are accessible for non-English speakers, working families, and the elderly, making others.

The Element should include concrete binding trackable policies that will actually reduce environmental burdens for these vulnerable groups across our county. Please work to ensure that the policies address all of the environmental burdens on our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for considering our comment and for your dedication to our community.

Sincerely,

Emily Engel

Santa Barbara Sierra Club Group Chair

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