

Katherine Douglas

Public Comment - Group 1

From: Kelsey Perry <kelseyjoaneperry@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 9:30 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Modify the Environmental Justice Element

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Good Morning,

Please modify the draft Environmental Justice Element to **address all forms of pollution** and environmental burdens disproportionately impacting the County's low-income communities most vulnerable to environmental hazards.

Before making any decision on the Environmental Justice Element please:

- Conduct more community engagement with residents of the environmental justice communities that the Element is designed to benefit. This includes holding multiple workshops accessible to all of the County's Environmental Justice Communities.
- Include concrete, binding, and trackable policies that will actually reduce the environmental burdens in environmental justice communities instead of maintaining the status quo. Inform community of how the policies will be tracked to see if they are successful. Many of us want to follow along.

Thank you,
Kelsey Perry
Resident of Goleta

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From: Ashwin Manthripragada <herrashwin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 10:23 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: EJ element concerns

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Dear Santa Barbara County,

I lived and worked in the Cuyama Valley for four years, and I still have dear friends who do. I worked for one of the nonprofits there, and in my time in that rural, underserved region, I realized consistently how decisions about the region were made by people not living there. That the residents of the Cuyama Valley were routinely and systematically excluded from decisions being made about their home.

Please do not make the same mistake with the EJ element, the very policy intended to help such communities.

Without thorough and comprehensive input from underserved or disadvantaged communities, how can a decision about an EJ element move forward? I know it's challenging to collect the voices from those communities—but that is precisely the challenge that you need to meet! It takes extra effort, time, and energy to reach rural folk, to make meetings accessible to people who cannot take hours of midday, to translate materials to people whose primary language is Spanish.

So before making any decision on the environmental justice element, please: So before making any decision on the environmental justice element, please:

1. Conduct more community engagement with residence of the environmental justice communities that the element is designed to benefit.
2. Include concrete binding and trackable policies that will actually reduced the environmental burdens in environmental justice communities.
3. The policies address all rather than just some of the environmental burdens on environmental justice communities.

With appreciation for your consideration and your work on this issue,
Ashwin Manthripragada, PhD

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From: jim yarbrough <jyarbro2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 11:47 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Environmental Justice Element, SB County

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 - Ensure that the policies address all (rather than just some) of the environmental burdens on environmental justice communities
 - Thank you! Jim Yarbrough Newbury Park, CA

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From: Nancy Krop <ngkrop@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 12:07 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Modify Environmental Justice Element

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

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Really appreciate it.

Nancy Krop

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Bob Crocco <robert.crocco@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2026 6:20 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Draft Environmental Justice Element

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As a concerned resident of Santa Barbara County, I would appreciate it if you would devote more time and effort to the subject draft.

Please modify the draft Environmental Justice Element to address all forms of pollution and environmental burdens disproportionately impacting the County's low-income communities most vulnerable to environmental hazards. In addition, please connect more with local communities to help inform the policy. Thank you for your service.

Bob Crocco
Santa Barbara

Sent from my iPad

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From: caroleannc@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 1:39 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: environmental inequities

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Thank you, Carole Ann Cole
Santa Barbara County resident