

ATTACHMENT C: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL) RESOLUTION NO. 26 - _____
JUSTICE ELEMENT OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY)
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN) Case No.: 22GPA-00000-00003

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- A. WHEREAS, on December 20, 1980, by Resolution No. 80-566, the Board of Supervisors (Board) of the County of Santa Barbara (County) adopted the Comprehensive Plan for the County of Santa Barbara.
- B. Government Code Section 65302, subsection (h), requires all counties and cities with disadvantaged communities to adopt an environmental justice element or related goals, policies, and objectives into the Comprehensive Plan.
- C. County staff identified eight disadvantaged communities within the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County.
- D. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65302 subsection (h), the Environmental Justice Element must (A) identify objectives and policies to reduce the unique or compounded health risks in disadvantaged communities by means that include, but are not limited to, the reduction of pollution exposure, including the improvement of air quality, and the promotion of public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary homes, and physical activity, (B) Identify objectives and policies to promote civic engagement in the public decision-making process, and (C) Identify objectives and policies that prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of disadvantaged communities.
- E. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65302, subsection (h), each jurisdiction shall adopt or review the environmental justice element upon the adoption or next revision of two or more elements concurrently on or after January 1, 2018.
- F. In accordance with Government Code Section 65302 subsection (h), the proposed Environmental Justice Element includes goals, objectives and policies to reduce the unique or compounded health risks in disadvantaged communities by means that include, but are not limited to, the reduction of pollution exposure, including the improvement of air quality, and the promotion of public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary homes, and physical activity.

- G. In accordance with Government Code Section 65302 subsection (h), the proposed Environmental Justice Element also includes goals, objectives, and policies to promote civic engagement in the public decision-making process and prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of disadvantaged communities.
- H. The County provided opportunities for the involvement of public agencies, California Native American Indian Tribes, civic, education, and other community groups, public utility companies, and citizens on said proposed amendments, and opportunities to advise the County Planning Commission on said proposed amendments in public hearings pursuant to Government Code Section 65351.
- I. The County contacted and offered to conduct consultations with California Native American tribes in compliance with Government Code Sections 65352.3 and 65352.4.
- J. The County Planning Commission held duly noticed public hearings, as required by Government Code Section 65353, on the proposed amendments, at which hearing the amendments were explained and comments invited from the persons in attendance.
- J. The County Planning Commission, after holding duly noticed public hearings on the above-described amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, endorsed and transmitted to the Board of Supervisors said recommended amendments by resolution in compliance with Government Code Section 65354.
- K. The Board of Supervisors received and considered the County Planning Commission's recommended actions and held a duly noticed public hearing, as required by Government Code Section 65353, on the proposed amendments, at which hearing the amendments were explained and comments invited from the persons in attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. The Board of Supervisors now finds, consistent with its authority in Government Code Section 65358, that it is in the public interest to provide orderly development of the county and important to the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the county to approve and adopt the Environmental Justice Element, as shown in Exhibit 1.
3. The Chair and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized and directed to sign and certify all maps, documents, and other materials in accordance with this resolution to reflect the above-described action.

4. Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 65357, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to make the documents amending the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan, including the text and maps, available to the public for inspection.
5. The Environmental Justice Element, as included as Exhibit 1, is adopted as an element of the Comprehensive Plan for the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this ____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

BOB NELSON, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

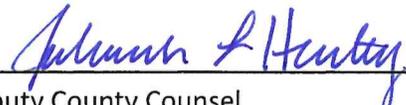
ATTEST:

MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By 
Deputy County Counsel

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Exhibit:

1. Environmental Justice Element
Appendix A: Implementation Matrix for EJE Policies and Objectives
Appendix B: Mapping Methodology
Appendix C: Engagement Summary

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