Group 7 - Alameda County EJ Element - Community Workshop #2

Unnamed area

1.) Pollution and Air Quality

What we heard from the community

- Many children have asthma, get sick easily, and have difficulty breathing
- There is trash, needles, human waste on the street
- Truck pollution
- A concern about trucks being allowed on 580
- Loud noise from the train

Policy Ideas from Partner Organizations

Collect and monitor data.	Raise awareness on the sources, impacts, testing and remediation of air, water and soil pollutions.	Collect and monitor data
Provide a buffer and screening between freeways/ industrial uses and sensitive land uses (such as homes, school, parks)	Provide home testing kits for lead.	Plant trees in the most burdened areas.
Work together with agencies to provide education on Asthma.	Add air filtration to buildings.	Establish pollution warning zones (e.g., signage).
Prioritize bike lanes.	Phase out polluting industry (e.g., body shops) near residences.	Provide tax incentives to clean up pollution
Provide gardening education	Provide safe drinking water in parks.	Tax polluting businesses
Incentivize work-from-home; and	Improve bus routes to enable commuting without cars.	Provide safe drinking water in parks.

Your Policy Ideas

Additional bus routes - less transfers					
Plant trees!!!!					
Taking cares of trees that are existing - Redwoods etc. Existing trees need to be maintained, allow existing trees to thrive					

2.) Safety and Sanitary Homes

What we heard from the community

- Rent, mortgage, and housing costs are too high
- Living conditions need improvements
- Growing population of unhoused neighbors
- Gentrification and displacement
- Neighborhood safety

Policy Ideas from Partner Organizations

Increase awareness of resources for improving the health of homes.	Create a system to report mold and lead.	Build new sidewalks where needed most.
Streamline application process for residential improvements.	Adopt an ordinance to address tenant protection.	Establish a community land trust.
Enforce prohibition of short-term rentals.	Enforce smoke free housing ordinance.	Create a tenant resource line.
Provide pre-approved Accessory Dwelling Units.	Fund air purifiers and indoor air monitors.	Create a loan fund for lead abatement / rebates / repairs.
Care for street trees.	Control for disease vectors.	Set up a permit concierge to assist with permitting process.
Streamline application process for residential improvements.	Provide pre-approved Accessory Dwelling Units.	

Your Policy Ideas

Rental inspections					

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3.) Public Facilities

What we heard from the community

- Public transit is too expensive and too hard to access
- Sidewalks need repairs
- More streetlights are needed for safety
- Schools are being closed in black and brown neighborhoods*
- Unincorporated areas need greenspaces and parks*
- Community programs: exercise class, sports, after school programs etc.

Policy Ideas from Partner Organizations

Increase public trasnportation routes or add shuttles that connect to other public transportation.	Activate spaces more for pedestrians rather than vehicles (e.g., wide sidewalks, lighting and speed bumps).	Green Space/Public Gathering. Make quantitative goals for annual tree planting, create placemaking and build more community gathering spaces.
Strengthen existing facilities into resilience hubs (e.g. cooling centers) including school-based hubs.	Work with school districts to provide community needs on school sites.	Provide education to decision-makers about mental health and substance addiction issues.
Create one-stop welcome hubs similar to BEACH for adult populations.	Prioritize public facilities and open space in areas with a significant need especially where development is planned or proposed.	Provide mental health and other support services with affordable housing projects.
Improve bike/ pedestrian connectivity.	Address community concerns around school closures.	Reduce vehicle idling.

Your Policy Ideas

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4.) Food Access

What we heard from the community

- Grocery stores with healthy options are too far away
- Fresh and healthy food is too expensive
- School lunches need to be improved so that students can get healthy food
- Community members need access to food resources like food banks

Policy Ideas from Partner Organizations

Offer incentives to businesses to provide and advertise healthier food options.	Increase food delivery to seniors/disabled.	Organize bi-monthly farmers markets, and offer free or affordable produce for the lower income.
Create incentives to design rooftop gardens.	Train community members and youth on how food is grown and how to care for community gardens.	Invest in food coupons at local stores
Limit non-healthy food businesses (e.g., fast food, liquor stores)	Work with local farmers and produce markets to bring food to neighborhoods.	Create edible landscaping and parklets.
Incorporate community gardens in housing projects.	Educate the community about ordinances that allow for livestock for food.	

Your Policy Ideas

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5.) Health and Physical Activity

What we heard from the community

- Need access to mental health resources
- Heart health issues in the community
- Need more recreation facilities
- Community spaces are not safe for exercise because of crime, needles, and litter
- Need community programs that promote healthy lifestyles

Policy Ideas from Partner Organizations

Raise awareness of programs on an ongoing basis and how to sign up; include language access	Work with local agencies to offer preventative mental health support.	Provide support to re-entry and unhoused populations to promote their health and well-being of them and their families.
Work with local churches to provide education and wellness events (e.g., health education combined with walking or yoga).	Increase outdoor spaces for diverse recreation (e.g., outdoor roller hockey rink in Pleasanton).	Organize annual events, like walks, runs, bike rides, block parties, including events for people with disabilities.
Provide year-long affordable programs.	Offer youth jobs in leading activities.	Expand health education programs (nutrition, physical activity) for families with children.
Organize trips for youth to regional parks	Train/pay re-entry individuals to care for parks, gardens and open space areas.	

Your Policy Ideas

6.) Civic Engagement

What we heard from the community

- Community voices are not prioritized in decision making
- Unincorporated areas are left out of conversations
- Meetings need to be better advertised and made more accessible
- Information needs to be given in multiple languages
- Accommodations need to be made for seniors so that they can participate

Policy Ideas from Partner Organizations

Establish an "Office of Unincorporated" (like a City Manager's office for Unincorporated) in CAO's office	Designate MAC seat(s) for EJ census tract resident(s)	Establish an Unincorporated Youth Commission advisory body (like City of Hayward)
Fund and institutionalize the Fund and Institutionalize Communities Collaborative (collaborative group of County and CBO service providers in unincorporated)	Develop Block Associations & Business Improvement Districts	Establish a permanent cadre of unincorporated outreach workers/ CBOs on contract to support outreach to diverse communities
Establish a centralized contact list for County and community leaders to use for community outreach	Create a County-run mini-grant program to fund CBOs and individual EJ projects	Invest in a centralized digital engagement platform (similar to "Have Your Say Monterey")
Establish a County-supported volunteer program for community greening and beautification	Make translation standard at all public meetings	Mail a monthly or quarterly outreach newsletter community-wide
Invest in an iPad fleet for use by community outreach workers	Develop a transparent County privacy policy for participation in public surveys	Create program to bridge Tech Divide, i.e. free internet, classes, equipment, hotspots

Your Policy Ideas