

**Comments Received at Environmental Justice Element Outreach Meeting
November 7, 2019**

1. Suggestion to shorten the update cycle for the EJ Element to something less than eight or ten years. There might be an opportunity to update the EJ Element during the Housing Element update. This will enable the incorporation of needed changes into the EJ Element due to lessons learned during implementation in the first few years.
2. Additional issues to be addressed:
 - a. Truck idling near high density residential areas, schools. There is a proposed homeless shelter in the area of Florin/Highway 99 given as an example.
 - b. Need to advocate for better uses.
 - c. Park near Highway 99 (Rainbow Park) – air pollution.
3. Add “local food systems” as another important topic to be covered by neighborhood strategic plans, community plans or other strategic planning documents for Environmental Justice Communities. (Implementation Measure “A” in Increase Job Opportunities in Environmental Justice Communities” subsection).
4. Suggestion to hold quarterly meetings with stakeholders for EJ Element implementation, not just having an annual stakeholder meeting. This is to follow up on previous actions and determine next steps. This will also allow the County to keep participants in the loop and continue ongoing discussions.
5. Suggestion to have a third party consultant provide the environmental justice training for County departments.
6. Ideas for ensuring community members being at the table/discussion:
 - a. Work with other agencies and jurisdictions. Remember, residents do not always know city/county boundaries.
 - b. Build trust through listening sessions, being seen and showing results.
 - c. Non-traditional ways of outreach – create an event within the community.
7. There is a need for ongoing public engagement. Make deeper, broader connections (example: there are seven Black Child Legacy incubators but the County has only contacted one of these incubators). Caution: Ensure that organizations are truly representative of the community.
8. In addition to grocery stores, invest in local food vendors and farmers. There are student programs in growing produce and local community gardens.
9. Food insecurity and nutrition are issues in the refugee community. Support for community gardens.
10. There needs to be youth-oriented implementation measures.