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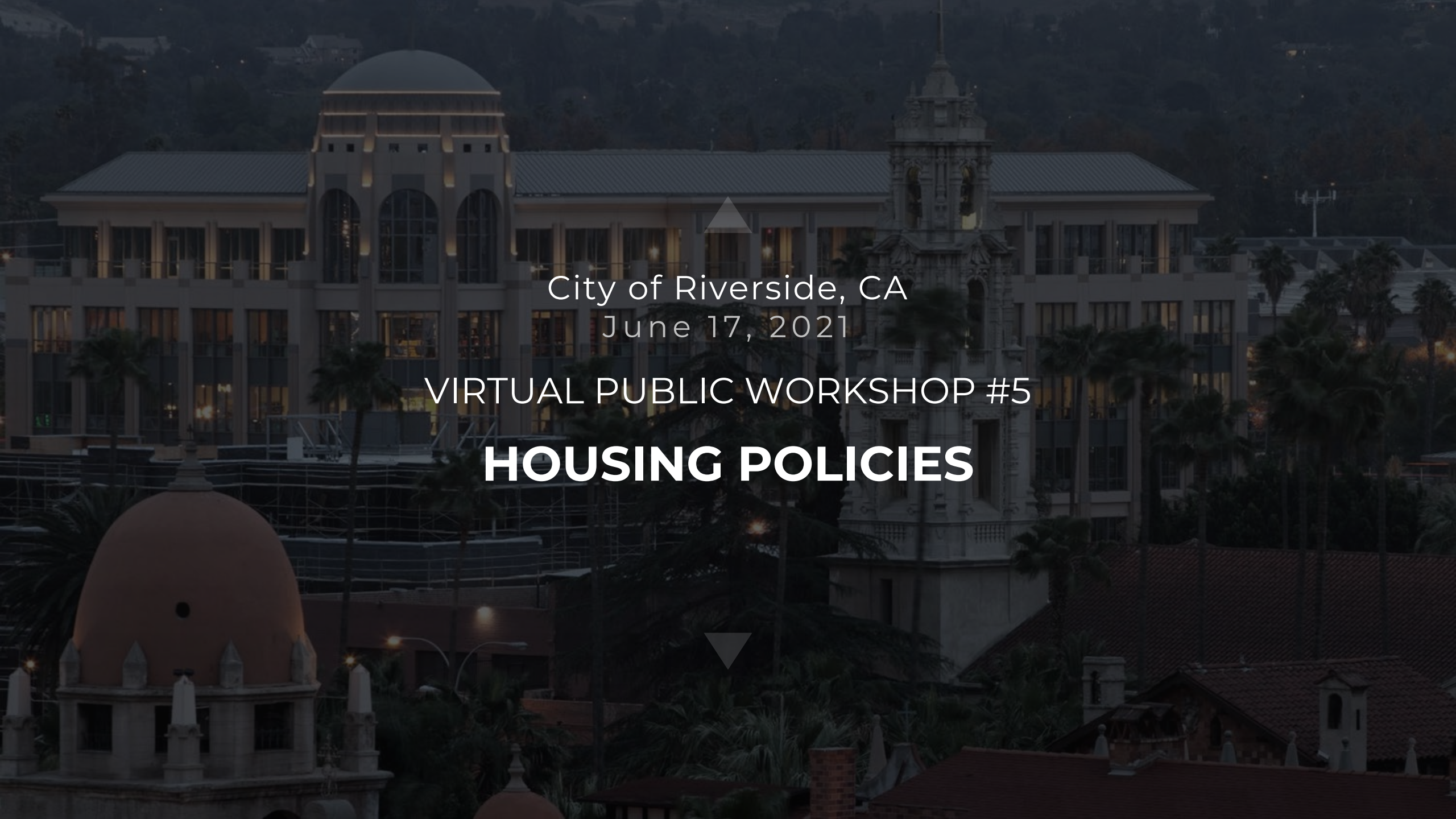

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June 17, 2021

VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP #5

HOUSING POLICIES

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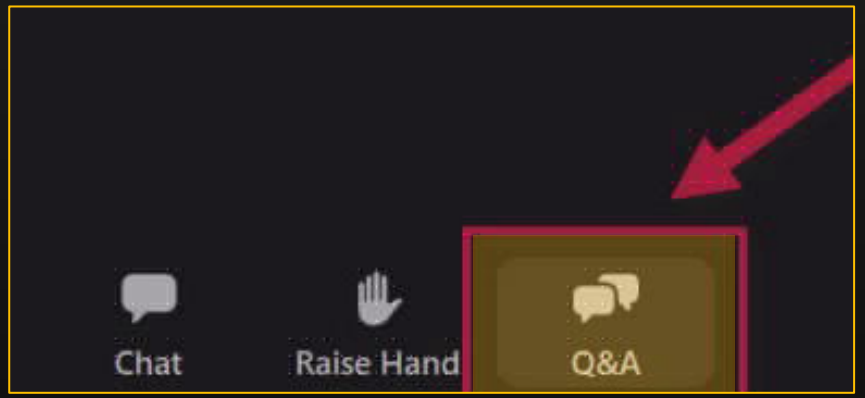

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- To respond to polling questions, select the on-screen answer that best represents your responses
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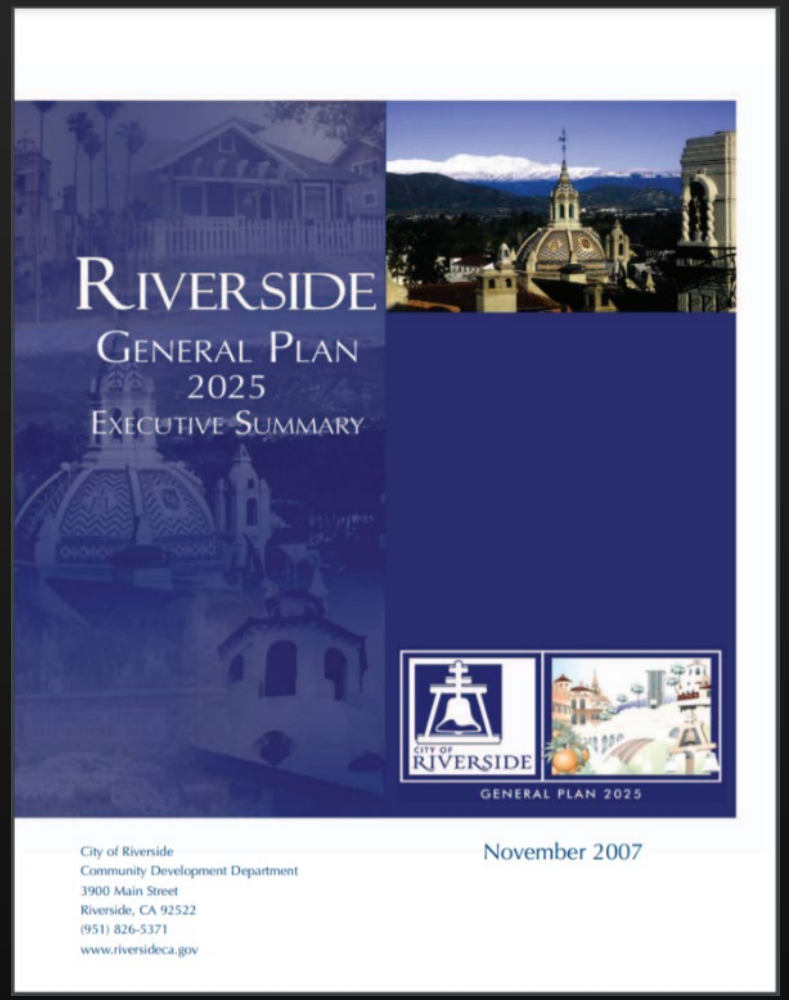
- Use the online Policy Feedback tool: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GLY6JTH
- Ask a question or provide your comments by email: MTaylor@riversideca.gov
- Watch for future public meetings: Public Hearings – August and September - TBD

Tonight’s Agenda

1. Introduction and Project Overview
2. Housing Element Policies & Actions
3. Q&A – Housing Element Policies & Actions
4. Environmental Justice Policies
5. Q&A – Environmental Justice Policies
6. Closing

WHAT IS THE GENERAL PLAN?



1. Every city in California must create a General Plan that acts as a roadmap for the future growth of the City.

2. General Plans must address key topic areas, called Elements, that cover things like housing, land use, transportation, services, and infrastructure

3. Each element establishes broad objectives, focused policies and specific actions the City will take to achieve its goals.

PHASE 1 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Housing Element

- Mandatory General Plan Element
- Updated in 8-year Cycles
- Assess current and future housing needs
- Set policies and actions to meet housing needs
- Must demonstrate accommodation of RHNA
- Plans for adequate housing for all income levels, special needs
- Due October 15, 2021

Public Safety Element

- Mandatory General Plan Element
- Must be updated concurrently with Housing Element
- Identifies public safety risks and vulnerabilities
- Sets policies and actions to reduce hazard risks
- SB 379, SB 1035 – must update to address wildfire, climate adaptation

Environmental Justice Policies

- May be separate Element or integrated policies
- Must be added when updating 2+ Elements
- Identifies communities with unique challenges to health and livelihoods (CalEnviroscreen)
- Develops strategies to address challenges of EJ communities and promote civic engagement

PROJECT TIMELINE

Public Review:	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Policy Workshops	Round 4
	Jan 7th	Jan 27th	Feb 25th	May-June	Aug
	Potential Sites	*RHNA Scenarios*	*Preferred Alternative*	*Draft HE, PS and EJ Policies and Actions*	*Final Draft of Housing Element*

CONSULTANT TEAM

Lead Consultant	Housing	Environmental & Sustainability	Transportation	Community Outreach	Land Use Law

POLL QUESTIONS

HOUSING ELEMENT

What is a Housing Element?

- One of the 7 required elements in the City's General Plan
- Provides an assessment of the City's housing needs and how best to accommodate the housing needs of existing and future residents
- Sets citywide goals, objectives and policies for housing, and identifies housing conditions and needs within the community
- Must be updated every 8 years according to statutory deadline. Riverside County – October 15, 2021
- Must be reviewed for compliance by State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Housing Element Requirements

- Accommodate projected housing demand, as mandated by the State (RHNA)
- Increase housing production to meet this demand
- Preserve existing affordable housing
- Improve the safety, quality and condition of existing housing
- Facilitate the development of housing for all income levels and household types including special needs populations
- Promote fair housing choices for all and affirmatively further fair housing

Housing Element Guiding Principle

Guiding Principle:

Provide a diverse, abundant, adaptable, and equitably distributed mix of rental and ownership housing that is safe, healthy, and affordable for people of all income levels and backgrounds and meets the needs of current and future Riverside residents. Housing Action Team comment

Housing Element

Policy HE-1 - Affordable Housing

Preserve and increase affordable housing options, including subsidized and non-subsidized affordable units for lower-income and environmental justice communities, special needs, and under-served populations.

Actions could include:

HE-1.1	Prepare an Inclusionary Housing Program to facilitate the development of affordable housing units throughout the City's housing supply
HE-1.2	Update the City's Density Bonus Ordinance to encourage and incentivize development of affordable and senior housing, both for sale and for rent, consistent with state Density Bonus legislation
HE-1.3	Facilitate the relationship between developers and the County of Riverside Housing Authority project-based Section 8 voucher programs to further develop affordable housing in the City
HE-1.4	Develop a streamlined process to assist homeowners and rental property owners to rehabilitate residential properties
HE-1.5	Seek additional funding for the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program for lower-income owners to encourage further homeowner investment and ensure housing stability
HE-1.6	Facilitate the relationship between affordable housing providers, market-rate housing providers and community-based organizations to build a network and partnerships that will help increase affordable housing in the City and the sites identified in the City's Housing First Plan

Housing Element

Policy HE-2 - Homelessness

Expand housing and services that address the needs of the City's homeless population.

Actions could include:

HE-2.1	Develop a permanent supportive service program for non-profit providers that provide shelter and support services to the homeless
HE-2.2	Continue to partner with the Riverside County Continuum of Care in preparing and implementing recommendations and best practices to end cycles of homelessness; providing emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing and providing homes with supervised care; and offering humane and adaptable services
HE-2.3	Prepare a Zoning Code update to further facilitate development of emergency shelters, low-barrier navigation centers, transitional housing , permanent supportive housing, residential care facilities, and community care facilities in appropriately zoned areas
HE-2.4	Collaborate with surrounding cities, counties, and other agencies to develop an ongoing multi-agency dialogue and agreement on providing emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing and affordable housing and services
HE-2.5	Develop an outreach program, together with shelter and service providers, that includes homeless and lived experience/formerly homeless participants to provide information on available programs to all that need services

Housing Element

Policy HE-3 - Fair Housing

Promote safe, healthy, and attainable housing opportunities for all people regardless of their special characteristics as protected under State and Federal fair housing laws.

Actions could include:

HE-3.1	Adopt a City-wide policy that prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing regarding characteristics protected under State and Federal fair housing laws
HE-3.2	Adopt a City-wide policy that supports continued collaboration and participation with fair housing service provider(s) that increases fair housing opportunities across the City
HE-3.3	Adopt a City-wide policy that encourages the development or adaptation of residential units accessible to people with physical disabilities
HE-3.4	Study the need for a City-wide Universal Design and Visitability Policy
HE-3.5	Develop an outreach program for homeowners and renters regarding their rights, financing options, available assistance, and protection in purchasing, renting, or modifying a housing unit

Housing Element

Policy HE-4 – Thriving Neighborhoods

Facilitate and encourage a variety of new housing types, including both single- and multi-family and missing middle housing, and the necessary public amenities to support a sense of communi-ty that results in equitable and sustainable neighborhoods.

Actions could include:

HE-4.1	Prepare urban design regulations that link private development and public space to create safe, healthy, complete neighborhoods that incorporate quality housing development, services and commercial uses, schools, transit, parks, and other needs
HE-4.2	Prepare a Zoning Code update that encourages and incentivizes building the maximum number of homes allowed by the Zoning to create a critical mass of residents to support local businesses, community services and public transit

Housing Element

Policy HE-5 - Regulations

Reduce and remove government barriers, where feasible and legally permissible, to reduce costs of housing production and facilitate both ownership and rental opportunities for all residents.

Actions could include:

HE-5.1	Develop an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) program that includes pre-approved construction plans, streamlined permitting and educational materials to facilitate ADU development
HE-5.2	Prepare a Zoning Code update to streamline the approval process and simplify development regulations for new housing development
HE-5.3	Prepare an Adaptive Reuse Ordinance to encourage redevelopment of underutilized commercial and industrial properties and allow by-right residential development when building a minimum of 20% of affordable units in non-residential zones
HE-5.4	Prepare a Zoning Code update to further encourage mixed-use development with transit access that reduces automobile trips, vehicle miles traveled, and associated energy consumption
HE-5.5	Develop regulations that will help reduce housing costs by promoting sustainable and resilient design and construction practices; promoting technological improvements such as increased energy efficiency, net-zero construction, solar, electric transportation; and encouraging reduced water/energy consumption and reduced waste generation
HE-5.6	Update the City's Density Bonus Ordinance to encourage and incentivize development of affordable and senior housing, both for sale and for rent, consistent with state Density Bonus legislation

Housing Element

Policy HE-6 – Monitoring /Engagement

Ensure regular monitoring and reporting, including outreach to the public, on the status of hous-ing in the City of Riverside.

Actions could include:

HE-6.1	Develop an online dashboard that includes a monitoring mechanism, including a public outreach component, that shows potential housing development sites, housing production – both affordable and market rate – and preserved housing supply
HE-6.2	Develop and maintain an up-to-date residential sites inventory and provide to interested developers with information on available housing development opportunities and incentives
HE-6.3	Complete an evaluation and report of housing development every 5 years to ensure that adequate services and facilities, including water, wastewater, and neighborhood infrastructure are available
HE- 6.4	As part of the Citywide Community Engagement Policy, prepare requirements for outreach and engagement that private developers will undertake for all new housing projects

HOUSING ELEMENT POLICIES AND ACTIONS

Q&A

What have we missed?

Should anything be deleted?

How well do the proposed policies address public safety concerns in your community?

HOUSING ELEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICIES

What is Environmental Justice?

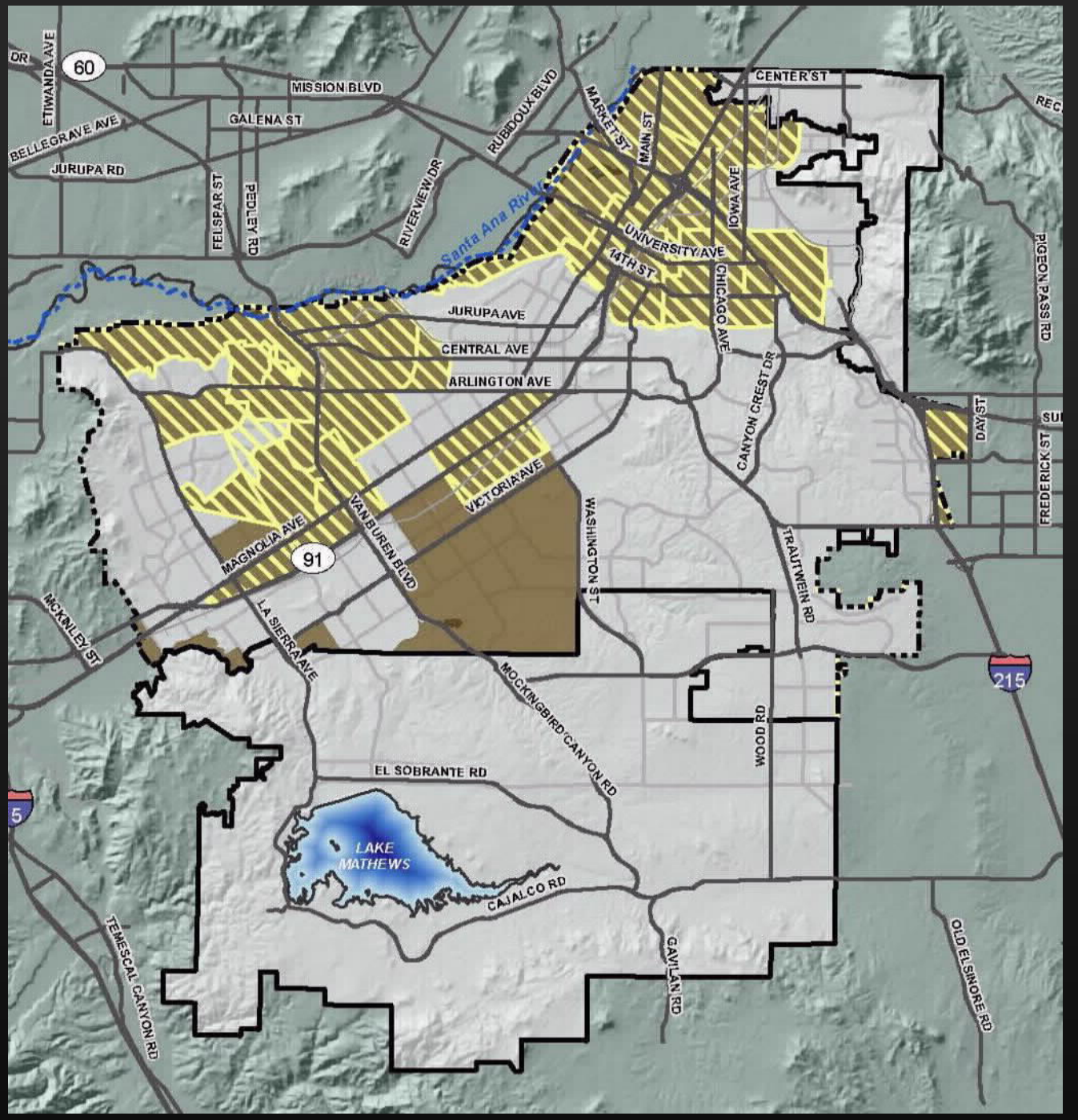
- Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.
- Environmental justice (disadvantaged) communities include areas disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards areas, concentrations of people that are of low income , or low-income areas that are disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICIES

- State Bill (SB) 1000 requires jurisdictions with disadvantaged communities to include environmental justice policies in their General Plans with two or more element updates.
- Policies can be included in an Environmental Justice Element of within other required elements.
- Environmental Justice policies and actions were developed by identifying environmental justice communities and demographics and conducting community outreach to better understand the unique and disproportionate challenges faced by these communities.

IDENTIFYING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES

- Environmental Justice Communities within the City of Riverside were identified using the CalEnviroScreen data tool developed by CalEPA's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
  - Provides statewide data that can be used to identify communities disproportionately impacted by, or vulnerable to, environmental pollution and contaminants.
  - Senate Bill 535 (SB 35), which directs funds related to GHG reduction to disadvantaged communities, disadvantaged communities are defined as the top 25% scoring areas from CalEnviroScreen along with other areas with high amounts of pollution and low-income populations.



Environmental Justice Policies Approach

Proposed policies and actions have been developed to be incorporated into existing elements of the General Plan 2025:

- Land Use and Urban Design
- Circulation & Community Mobility
- Education
- Noise
- Air Quality
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- Arts and Culture
- Historic Preservation

Environmental Justice-related policies and actions are also included in the proposed policies developed for the draft Housing Element.

Housing Element
Environmental Justice Policies

Policy HE-EJ-7 – Development Process

Facilitate a development process that promotes design and rehabilitation of housing that is re-sponsive to the needs and desires of the residents of environmental justice communities.

Actions could include:

HE-EJ 7.1	Conduct an inventory of existing housing within environmental justice communities to determine the adequacy of existing housing
HE-EJ 7.2	On properties where poor-quality housing conditions are identified in environmental justice communities, facilitate the permitting process for property owners and residents to remedy and retrofit unhealthy and unsafe conditions in a timely fashion
HE-EJ 7.3	Through the approval process, identify potential California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) streamlining opportunities including, but not limited to, CEQA exemptions, tiering from prior CEQA documents, and by-right approvals to expedite approvals of proposed affordable and supportive housing projects
HE-EJ 7.4	The City will publicize the undeveloped and underutilized developed sites land inventory on the City's website.
HE-EJ 7.5	Prepare an infill development ordinance and development regulations, including the potential to use pre-approved construction plans, to facilitate housing on smaller lots that are close to needed services and amenities
HE-EJ 7.6	Provide technical assistance to property owners and developers in support of lot consolidation, including assessor parcel data and information on density and design incentives.
HE-EJ 7.7	Waive lot consolidated application fees for sites identified in the Housing Element for RHNA.

Housing Element
Environmental Justice Policies

Policy HE-EJ-8 – Access to Food

Provide opportunities to access fresh, healthy, and affordable food from food sources that are accessible to neighborhoods and within a quarter mile of public transit.

Actions could include:

HE-EJ 8.1	Streamline development approvals for opening full-service grocery stores.
HE-EJ 8.2	Work with retail businesses in environmental justice communities such as local convenience stores and farmers' markets to increase the availability of fresh produce.
HE-EJ 8.3	Use the Riverside Food Systems Alliance and similar organizations to expand civic engagement, particularly with community-based organizations and local grocers, to better understand the barriers to healthy food access in environmental justice communities.
HE-EJ 8.4	Develop a Food Access Assessment program to assess food security within environmental justice communities, identify strategies to ensure the equitable distribution and accessibility of healthy foods such as identifying and pursuing opportunities to locate fresh produce providers near or within existing neighborhoods
HE-EJ 8.5	Transform vacant lots in within environmental justice communities into community garden sites.
HE-EJ 8.6	Streamline approvals and promote the establishment of farmers' in areas with poor access to healthy food options.

Environmental Justice Policies

Land Use and Urban Design Element

Policy LU-EJ-1.0: Ensure new housing developments adhere to local, state, and federal requirements to avoid disproportionate impacts on environmental justice communities

Actions could include:

- Requiring design features to minimize noise and air quality impacts
- Locating new housing developments near transportation, commercial uses, parks and needed services, improving access and affordability

Policy LU-EJ-2.0: Ensure the Citywide Community Engagement Policy provides community members with opportunities to participate in decisions that affect their environment and health

Actions could include:

- Adopting the Citywide Community Engagement Policy to get community input
- Providing translation, including Spanish and ASL, at public meetings

Environmental Justice Policies

Circulation and Community Mobility Element

Policy CCM-EJ-1.0: Promote physical activity and active transportation to address negative health outcomes, particularly among environmental justice communities

Actions could include:

- Identifying gaps in connectivity and unsafe conditions for pedestrians to recreational amenities
- Providing youth-based affordable or free programs for physical activity and nutrition

Policy CCM-EJ-2.0: Encourage increased public transportation and multi-modal transportation choices as means of reducing roadway congestion and associated air pollution and promoting overall health

Actions could include:

- Eliminating barriers to physical activity within environmental justice communities
- Creating safe drop-off and pick-up zones around and walking routes to schools

Environmental Justice Policies

Education Element

Policy ED-EJ-1.0: Coordinate with public school districts, charter and private K-12 schools, and local universities and colleges to promote equity in educational facilities and opportunities for the entire community

Actions could include:

- Promoting academic and skills training programs for students
- Creating joint-use learning and information centers and community services with siting of new school facilities

Noise Element

Policy N-EJ-1.0: With a particular focus on environmental justice communities, reduce noise pollution by enforcing noise reduction and control measures within and adjacent to residential neighborhoods

EJ Action Items:

- Identifying neighborhoods subject to noise pollution
- Creating standard construction measures to reduce interior noise levels

Environmental Justice Policies

Air Quality Element

Policy AQ-EJ-1.0: Ensure that land use decisions, including enforcement actions, are made in an equitable fashion to protect residents and workers in environmental justice communities from the short- and long-term effects of air pollution

Actions could include:

- Creating construction requirements to minimize indoor and outdoor air pollution for new housing development
- Developing regulations to minimize air emissions or reduce their effects on EJ communities

Parks and Recreation Element

Policy PR-EJ-1.0: Distribute recreational facilities equitably throughout Riverside's neighborhoods

Actions could include:

- Pursuing the transformation of underused City-owned land to usable public spaces
- Prioritizing parks and recreational spaces in EJ communities

Environmental Justice Policies

Public Facilities and Infrastructure Element

Policy FI-EJ-1.0: Coordinate with healthcare providers to expand healthcare access for residents of environmental justice communities

Actions could include:

- Promoting access to affordable, culturally competent health care and medical services in EJ communities
- Expanding energy efficiency and conservation programs and incentives

Arts and Culture Element

Policy AC-EJ-1.0: Promote equitable distribution of arts and cultural facilities across the City

Actions could include:

- Developing an action plan for the inclusion of public art in environmental justice communities
- Supporting formal arts programming in schools

Environmental Justice Policies

Historic Preservation Element

Policy HP-EJ-1.0: Encourage identification and preservation of historic and cultural resources associated with communities whose histories and historical contributions are not well documented

Actions could include:

- Pursuing historic designations for sites associated with underrepresented communities
- Establishing Points of Cultural Interest with underrepresented communities or civil rights movements

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