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Comment	Source	Response or Solution # (see attachment D)
We have been doing analysis for HARD about where to plant trees. Need to ensure that PWA can accept trees, because that's where trees are needed. Requires investment from PWA. Strengthen 2.1 with a mechanism for getting trees where they need to be.	Partner Agency	1
Urban Greening MP is a plan to create another plan, disappointing that it doesn't push and mandate for planting more trees	Partner Agency	1
If we were a business, and this were our business plan, this would be our going out of business plan. Vague, not measurable, doesn't say what we're really trying to accomplish. Should say "we're going to increase the tree canopy from x% to x% in x years", positive statements of what we need to accomplish. Water pollution" say, we currently measures pollution in creeks, we're going to lower pollution or trash by x amounts, clean water program will do x to lower pollution. Doesn't talk about funding. We'll try this, but not necessarily do this. We that PWA has no funding, PWA needs to say we'll get funding. Lots of nice things we'll try, but nothing solid. Lofty things, nothing gets done and no one keeps track. Too broad.	Partner Agency	1
Urban tree canopy and health impacts: we need to increase the tree cover by 10 or 30% as an example. The actions for tree canopy are vague and not measurable. Need goals established within the document	Community Member	1
This makes me angry – EJ sounds like we're trying to give people what I had when I was growing up. State is mandating us to correct the thing that they're making us do. For example, new ADU laws are packing 6x more people into a single space, creating overcrowding, creating traffic and parking problems, less safe for kids, can't prohibit artificial turf. State telling us to fix air, climate, etc . More people = more pollution, noise, etc. Local jurisdictions being made to equalize for the State. The County tree ordinance allows people to cut down existing trees. Clean air needs healthy vegetation. Enforcement is complaint driven. Not increasing services (schools, fire, etc) – increasing density without increasing services (HOUSING ELEMENT?) Nice wish on paper, it needs teeth. Trees – someone needs to say you must plant, or you can't cut, you need to care for tree, etc – needs teeth, or this won't happen and it'll all be cement. Will only be a wish list unless county makes it happen	Eden MAC	1

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<p>The language of the draft Environmental Justice Element is weak and does not set markers for specific actions. Recently the unincorporated areas of Ashland and Cherryland had an estimated less than 3% tree canopy when greater than 30% mature shade canopy from urban trees is required to lower temperatures and protect humans from heat and pollutants. This fact is not addressed with any proactive plan for solutions. Trees are essential for both mental health and physical wellness. Mature full-canopy old growth trees are priceless in their ability to cool, produce oxygen, and create symbiotic relationships in healthy ecosystems yet there is no effective plan described for afforestation of our communities. Our children and generations to come deserve a chance to breathe freely and not have to suffer from drastic conditions of heat island effect and pollution in the urban areas without tree cover, and especially neighborhoods in proximity to airports, freeways and industrial areas. The health of all people and especially in the marginal communities of Alameda County are in your hands. You must support environmental protections and seriously take action to counteract pollution and extreme weather as it is happening now and expected to get worse.</p>	<p>Community member</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>I like most of where this is going as I love green and growing things. However, I had some concerns regarding the following: Action EJ2.1B Tree Protection Ordinance for private property. I don't know if you recall our brief conversation, but I had some bay trees that were causing a disease with my heritage oaks and I had to remove them to save my oaks. I would not have been happy if I was unable to remove trees that were causing problems on my own private property. I also have concerns with losing my private property rights if something like this was implemented. As such, I would like any information you have or receive regarding moving forward with this particular section (Action).</p>	<p>Community member</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>CV Priority Community Resident. Excited about SB1000 goals, but plan doesn't recognize specific losses, impacts of CBOs on residents. CBOs don't represent us and aren't in all of our neighborhoods. Plan is so vague. Give goals to departments where policies and plans area already failing us. CV General Plan includes biological resources overlay zone that isn't being implemented. Need to connect mental health to the natural environment – sheriff's report included info that there's an increase in crime around low income housing, and less crime around green spaces.</p>	<p>Community member</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Why is there no connection to our current natural environment in this?</p>	<p>Community Member</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>We're missing a connection between the natural world and health, we have really special areas here that have been closed off that need to be open to the public.</p>	<p>Community Member</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>More natural environment</p>	<p>Community Member</p>	<p>1</p>

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Need more trees, better quality greenery to help combat air pollution. Parks need to be better maintained	Community Member	1
In addition to busing people away to see nature, we need to protect the nature we have now! Tree protection ordinance! Public places in urban nature.	Community Member	1
Bolster Urban Tree Canopy policies and actions. While the proposed actions listed in the draft EJ Element (see Attachment B) address some of these concerns, the proposed actions need to be bolstered. The proposed actions in the EJ Element are too vague, lack resources, and are not measurable enough to know if needed tree canopy goals have been met. The county already devotes insufficient resources and commitment to the urban tree canopy.	Community Member	1 4 Existing Actions 2.1D, E, and F
What about the trees we have. Bay tree doesn't make a seed until it's 40 years old. No connection of mental health to natural environment.	Community Member	1, 4
Said no to the poll question " <i>Do the policies and actions respond to your concerns on the topic of Air Quality/Pollution?</i> " because didn't hear anything that connects to trees, the pictures are dead trees and non native plants, no connection to the soil, the air. Didn't hear any connection to the CDC "This is too vague. What about trees trees trees?"	Community Member	1, 4
Urban tree canopy and health impacts. Unincorporated has very low tree canopy cover. Trees mitigate heat island effect and health issues related to heat. EJ Element needs to include tree canopy data, needs to include data about climate impacts. Need to address means and need, measurable, tracked methods to increase tree canopy. Specific goals, and devote resources. Existing street tree ordinance needs to be bolstered. Need tree preservation ordinance in zoning. Proposed actions in EJ are too vague, not measurable, lack resources. County already devotes insufficient resources to trees – need commitment in EJ Element and CCAP	Community member	1, 4, street tree ordinance covered by Action EJ2.1E Climate impacts data will be covered in CCAP
Add glossary terms for any undefined acronyms : GSA, CDA, HCSA, PHD, etc	County staff	2
<i>EJ2.1: Invest in maintenance, expansion, and protection of urban forests and green infrastructure, including street trees, bioswales, urban agriculture sites, and other nature-based solutions.</i> "high priority - Regular tree maintenance is important for keeping trees healthy, maximizing the benefits of the urban forest, and lowering the risk of trees from becoming a safety hazard."	County staff	3
echoes Dianne and Jennifer. Implementation dependent upon strong community partnerships, allies. Goals are long term, statewide, maybe federal. What can we do now, locally? What is the 911 of what we can do now to organize and push supervisors to get behind this and provide funding. SLZ school board and other partners	Community Member	3

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Go for low-hanging fruit, where can we see results? Citizens would be something we could succeed in, i.e. trees	Planning Commission	3
Tree planting is good, measurable, if that were to be prioritized ,how much would it cost to get 10k trees done, for example	Planning Commission	3
Action EJ2.1B – tree protection ordinance for private property is hugely controversial. It’s been brought up but has never gone anywhere	Planning Commission	3
Environmental justice is a very real issue. How will successful impact of the work of this be assessed and how will accountability be held? Vast challenges laid out here all of which are real. To know where to focus and if we are doing this well is very unclear as of now.	CV MAC	3, 13
Would it be better to have a few well-implemented policies?	Planning Commission	3, 13
Include Urban Tree Canopy in the Existing Conditions, Pollution and Air Quality section of this EJ Element	Community Member	4
ACSO and animal control should have public meetings	Community Member	6
ACSO and others don't have a standard of coming to MACs for input, e.g. the sideshow ordinance. Add a policy to Set a standard expectation across county agencies that any agency proposing a project that impacts the unincorporated communities will engage the relevant MACs.	Eden MAC	6
echo 7.3 language access is needed Not just meetings but also flyers and documents, workshops held by depts with no interpretation. We saw an example of a County flyer go out recently about ESL that was written in English... just to give a concrete example	Partner Agency	7
Language access – are there ways to incorporate Chinese, they use WeChat, not Facebook. They’ve been voicing interest in more language access in Chinese.	County staff	7
all written materials for county, we should meet thresholds around language access.	County staff	7
We need to uphold this standard, incl translating this EJ Element would be a real example for the rest of County	County staff	7
Support EJ Element’s focus on language access. Translation is vital and access to County services needs to be simple, focus outreach on the basics	Community Member	7
Policy EJ 2.2 - Echoing Bruce, also wants to know how much reduction is included in air pollution. Who is engaged in doing this work – hope for involvement of as many kids, families, residents, local people as possible, not just consultants. With Gentrification, etc., County has history of not engaging community, etc. 2.2 – air quality, how measuring and monitoring. Resources and support need to go to the people experiencing air pollution now	Partner Agency	8

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Have we gathered any prelim data about where we get most pollution from our streets for APEZ, ensure that info collected by fence line monitors goes to community so they understand, community-driven air quality monitoring.	Partner Agency	8
Hayward Airport is a big concern in San Lorenzo - impacts include leaded fuel, air quality, lead, noise pollution - add policies to address this	Eden MAC	8
Major polluter is PM from freeways – it needs to be recognized in this EJ Element	Community member	8
What about traffic so thick by my house that its like a freeway? What about detectors so we know facts about air quality? What about disease prevalence like autoimmune	Community Member	8
Feels generic, could be applied to any community, doesn't recognize anything specific about us, any specific burdens or hardships or benefits (e.g. creek confluences). Isn't specific enough. "Equitable distribution of burden" scares me – action is not to move the pollution where it isn't, but fix it where it is.	Community Member	8
PWA workshops happen, but this is more about the quality of the workshops they host – more about accessibility and how resident feedback is incorporated, not just a check box, what is communicated back to community?	Partner Agency	9
7.6 – wondering if PWA had any input in these measures, we don't know who's in charge of what, website doesn't communicate, working with a skeleton crew, maybe they need to be saying they need more resources	Partner Agency	9
message language 7.6 Increase Transparency in Capital Improvements Processes - to address that there will be a community voice before decision-making so it doesn't appear like a checked box	Partner Agency	10
can we include a Food Policy Council in the Actions? Hayward is wrapping up their Hayward Food Action Plan, and are running into barriers for continuing the works suggested. One of the conclusions is that a Food Policy Council would be a body that can work on implementing the plan. Similarly, the County had the Eden Food Policy council, and would ideally revive it to successfully implement some of the goals highlighted in Goal/Policy EJ 5 section	Partner Agency	11
it's Confusing to have the planning department in the City of Hayward – should have a presence, should be a goal to locate county services in the county, important for civic engagement	Eden MAC	12
REACH is closed on weekends and evenings so it can't serve as a youth center except in limited hours	Eden MAC	12

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Community layer will be very important because partnerships won't get done without community leadership – civic engagement is very important. Need more county and planning presence in unincorporated . All goals are important, it will take everyone to make it work	Eden MAC	12
How much is this going to cost are there going to be estimates on this?	CV MAC	13
How were the community concerns gathered? Was there a consensus? How is coordination going to be occurring?	CV MAC	13
This is an economic issue not a social injustice issue. There are some good points in here but its all over the place. Lets make some rules that actually address these things. Adding more layers to keep properties up doesn't make any sense. How are we going to hold these departments accountable. Are we handing them more of our rights?	CV MAC	13
Underscore that climate change is real. Housing crisis is real. Weighing balance is what we're about. Implementation can't just be about TAC and electeds, must include community	Eden MAC	13
Will TAC be accessible.	Community Member	13
I am concerned that the EJ TAC does not plan to include any residents. Just like a respected community land trust board, the TAC needs to have at least a fraction of residents.	Community Member	13
Need a super strong measure to put County agencies on the hook for implementation with accountability mechanism	County staff	13
I would like to see all funds to go directly where it belongs. And not get lost on the way. I'm here representing Cherryland!!!	Community Member	13
A critical problem with the county's efforts, especially with planning documents, are that they are an unfunded mandate that doesn't have implementation budget, metrics, or follow-up accountability. Government often places high value on doing something (like community engagement) rather than valuing the efficacy of such actions or follow up on how things have been going. We need results based accountability.	Community Member	13
Add a vacancy tax to commercial buildings (see Oakland) to fund public facilities	Community member	14
Consider property transfer tax to help fund public facilities in Priority Communities	Eden MAC	14
Action 3.1B - Concerned about a development fee tacked on. Could you prioritize creating budget rather than tacking on a development fee	Planning Commission	14
Action 3.1B – impact fees. Is idea to raise cost of housing to make one situation worse to make another one better. Don't make one situation worse to make another one better	Planning Commission	14
Action EJ6.7A - bus program to parks -- include bus transportation for adults	Community member	15

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<p>211 does more than just food and transport, and ongoing funding to operate in unincorporated areas is uncertain (comes from County HCD). Consider a broader measure "the county will continue to support the work of 211alamedacounty.org to link the residents of the unincorporated areas with resources related to transportation, health, human services, housing, and disaster services."</p>	<p>Partner agency</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>Action EJ3.4D (CDA Planning will coordinate with 2-1-1 Alameda County to ensure that Priority Communities residents can easily access and enroll in affordable transit programs such as Clipper START.) harness transportation portal to broaden this measure - explore website AC transit helped fund, currently get funding from CalTrans and ACTC, work framed as "mobility management", paratrasnit, etc</p>	<p>Partner agency</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>But my general input on the "acknowledgements" is that a general statement should be made about the manner, form, or range of contributions that were made by the people who are "acknowledged." For example, I assume that most all people that are acknowledged did not see or contribute to this draft EJ document prior to its publication... We provided verbal or written input via meetings or individually prior to seeing this published draft.</p> <p>In the professional world, a document "contributor" would typically mean a person that provided substantial input, materials, or review comments to produce the document being presented.</p>	<p>Partner agency</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>I was excluded and then to see my name in the document is a surprise. I have not given permission to use my name and I always use my legally-afforded and earned title in official documents. The names of people who are listed and may not be aware should be removed. Permission should be given first because the listing of a name implies endorsement or specific contributions.</p> <p>What contributions did all those contributors provide? What were the agency and CBO recommendations? I have to assume they are reflected in the document but it is unclear what role all those people and agencies played and how they contributed, i.e. who supported what?</p>	<p>Community Member</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>delete summary at beginning of each policy - they aren't policy and can be confusing or misleading. Delete "The County will " from beginning of each policy - this is repetitive and unnecessary.</p>	<p>County staff</p>	<p>18</p>

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EJ1.1 – remove “repair” – there’s nothing here. Co-benefits in implementation chart seem very generalized	Eden MAC	18
Is there a goal of looking toward reparations etc. for indigenous reparations to go with land acknowledgement?	Partner Agency	19
BOS has created a reparations committee, looking at areas of abuse, disenfranchisement, and helping to create an action plan, including potentially Russel City	Unincorporated Services Committee	19
Acknowledge importance of history of disenfranchisement in Russel City, support move toward land acknowledgement and reparations	Community Member	19
Food insecurity major issue for senior and people with disabilities – need to name people with disabilities specifically with regard to access to healthy food	Eden MAC	20
Will larger apology supervisors will make include acknowledging damage to BIPOC communities etc. Lead is a health issues that impacts people for the rest of their lives. Staff response : We can’t dictate to BOS what apology will say and what’s included	Partner Agency	21
Re questions about Household lead: County has a Lead Prevention JPA, and Miley is pushing for a vote to expand its boundaries to include the unincorporated communities	Unincorporated Services Committee	21
Children's exposure to lead, stats of Ashland, Cherryland and San Lorezno are in the top 15% of lead risk in homes. we need a targeted community engagement approach to test housing for lead	Community Member	21
County needs to subsidize access to CSA boxes.	Eden MAC	22
Have been visiting Hayward Acres, seniors can’t walk around because of no sidewalks	County staff	23
Add a Vision Zero policy	Eden MAC	23
Lack of sidewalks and safe streets is still a MASSIVE issue in the unincorporated area. Demanding basic infrastructure like sidewalks and safe street design is critical. Having better parks doesn’t help when you can’t get there because you have to drive to get to them. lack of infrastructure/built environment for active modes of transportation. Lack of sidewalks and infrastructure in the unincorporated areas	Community Member	23
Sidewalks are disappearing because they have not been prioritized in our community + infrastructure improvements in general (lights, beautification, etc.)	Community Member	23
Need a lot more policies that promote safety	Community Member	23 30
4.10 – code enforcement complaint form is good idea, need more transparency, better follow-up with complainants, very difficult to get information and follow up on CE items. Actions CE is taking needs to be part of online portal to streamline staff time and improve transparency	Planning Commission	24

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Action 2.4A – soil importing ordinance, does it add to their work – periodic outreach, are they doing that? Do they have time? Huge burden that they don’t have time for. Suggest changing wording so it does not include or imply proactive outreach	Planning Commission	25
add something like we have a lot of base-building groups, and they need capacity building support, seek ways to enhance capacity of unincorporated base building community groups so they can more effectively communicate on behalf of their communities	County staff	26
EJ3.6 – how does the County see itself supporting HARD to reach this goal? (The County will support HARD’s goal to provide parks and recreation facilities and green spaces)	Partner Agency	28
HARD and PWA have multi-use trails and funding for those trails (e.g. SLZ creek way, foothill trail from Grove to A St funded by Eden housing), EB Greenway – include discussion of implementing multi-use trails as connectors	Partner Agency	28
There’s a Park deficit. Quimby act deficit, what can the county do to purchase or give HARD properties for parks, etc 50% short of Quimby act.	Eden MAC	28
all this stuff is happening at the state level and we’re here reacting to it. Our balance is dependent on Sups, PWA director. They’re not taking into account how much is actually changing. Who is going to mandate a park deficit. Local and regional policymakers aren’t grasping how much legislation impact	Eden MAC	28
Areas that have no greenery, just pavement and smog. Explore the possibilities of pocket parks. its important to have even small green areas for those who do not have access to bigger parks or nature; health and wellness of our communities is based on looking at our open space, even small areas the health components invaluable.	Community Member	28
Tell HARD we want more pools. Come to a public meeting of the HARD Board of Directors. The Aquatic Center is an important HARD enforcer for youth and seniors.	Community Member	28
Include neurodivergent folks for the mental health programs and all programs in general. Call out specific partnerships for programs/policies throughout the element	Community Member	28
Did you really need people to tell you the train is loud and housing is too expensive? Why is the 238 freeway devastation not noted? OR freeways in general? The San Lorenzo Creek and our geography is not mentioned.	Community Member	29
Public transit is not affordable but its also not safe, we should look at tackling that problem. We all talk about handling homeless problems, we need a plan for that	CV MAC	30
EJ Policy 1.1 Why is language “consider “and not shall or will? Staff response : “Consider” recognizes that this action would not come from the Planning Department through this EJ Element but would be an action of the BOS. Consider recognizing that this is a process not dictated by staff but led by the BOS	Partner Agency	31

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Civic engagement is a huge portion of this SB 1000, its been difficult to comment throughout this process, missing components of the CHWE, vague and wordy	Community Member	31
<i>EJ1.3: Pursue strategies that increase diversity, equity, and inclusion.</i> " high priority - the statement is too vague. I would say the county "will aggressively pursue the funding and implementation for programs that increase equity and inclusion"	County staff	31
First impression is it's weak, appalled that we delayed the HE to enable us to work on this. Albert made this call instead of doing HE on time. Lots of consultants fluff in here about encouraging, considering, etc "consultant buzz words" – lots of action items on CDA going forward that are a heavy burden. Echo MAC comments re lack of funding. As community members, I would be upset that this isn't doing anything. I understand that we had to do this, but we should have done HE first	Planning Commission	31
"Access to" housing doesn't mean that people get to live there ! what does "uplift" mean? what will actually be done? Need clearer definition/clarity for terms — what is meant by "accessible", or "catalyzing", for starters	Community Member	31
The word "consider" is weak; acknowledging could be a lot stronger	Community Member	31
The language should be strengthened	Community Member	31
The formation of an office of unincorporated services sounds like government creep, why do we need this? What will it offer?	CV MAC	32
Dig Deep community gardens are behind fences and not accessible to community, more gardens run by and stewarded by community.	Eden MAC	33
ACCFB, schools, and faith-based pantries are having a hard time meeting needs with COVID - add an action to help with in Capacity building to meet need in case of disaster or pandemic	Eden MAC	34
County should work with HARD electeds to come up with about different ways to finance parks - partnerships, etc. How can HARD and County work together to increase/improve parks in Priority communities? Come up with a mechanism to work together to raise local funds	Eden MAC	35
Add new policy: Time Frame of every 3 years; Health Report to BOS Unincorporated Services subcommittee	Eden MAC	36
CHWE gap - Would like info on # of veterans in county house/ unhoused. Could include numbers in "Health Report"	Eden MAC	36
Carryover from CHW Policy A.8E: Chronic Disease Prevention Plan, Strategic Plan for Oral Health, also: plan for classroom education about chronic & oral health	Eden MAC	37

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Hire people who speak Spanish, Mandarin etc to eliminate barriers to health care access	Eden MAC	38
CHWE gap - EJ does not discuss health insurance: Support state efforts for Medicare For All approach	Eden MAC	39
CHWE gap = Trauma-based/ mental health clinic	Eden MAC	40
CHWE gap = violence prevention	Eden MAC	42
Carry over CHWE Action B.10 re street lighting standars	Eden MAC	43
Carry over CHWE policy/action related to CPTED, add note re adhering to ACCBD specific plan	Eden MAC	44
Carry over CHWE Action B.21 - training on healthy relationships	Eden MAC	45
Carry over CHWE Action B.22 - Work with and support community groups in offering training on health and wellness.	Eden MAC	46
Carry over CHWE Action B.23 - restorative justice	Eden MAC	47
Align CHWE Policy C.2 with EJ Priority Zone	Eden MAC	48
Carry over from CHWE: Action C.1: Conduct an assessment of available basic goods and services by neighborhood. Create to identify incentives for business creation to fill service gaps in underserved areas and to create incentives for business creation to fill service gaps.	Eden MAC	49
Keep CHWE policy - D.4 IPM	Eden MAC	50
Keep CHWE Policy D.5 - household hazardous waste	Eden MAC	51
Keep CHWE Action D.9 - CEQA referrals	Eden MAC	52
add Ordnance prohibiting smoke shops within a wider radius of schools/ sensitive receptors to address CHWE gaps	Eden MAC	53

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<p>The issue of lack of trauma-informed care has come up several times during the past few years as I have attempted to participate with the affordable housing developers building and doing community outreach in my local neighborhoods. The county needs to require trauma-informed care training of commissioners, who have been abusive to the public, companies, which are paid by the county to interact with the public, and any subcontractors who interact with the public. Particularly in neighborhoods or project areas which are known to include people of color or people of low income backgrounds, who may have been the subject of various types of abuse and crimes, and may not have had the resources to overcome historic traumas.</p> <p>For example, the county’s “food as medicine” program has an RFP out note that requires contractors to have training in trauma-informed care. This should be standard practice. Here is a link to San Francisco’s work on improving their trauma-informed practices. https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/oprograms/TIS/default.asp</p> <p>As I understand it, one part of the SB 1000 environmental justice element involves getting people to participate who normally don’t participate in the government process. I have witnessed numerous times when county council members or commissioners, who are appointed by our elected supervisors, and who we expect to represent us, are abusive and degrading to the public participants. One particular CVMAC member is infamous for this. Instead of being relieved of his position, he was elevated to the planning commission. This rewards insensitive behavior and directly conflicts with acceptable trauma-informed care.</p> <p>In the years I have been participating regularly with the county processes and with county and affordable housing led organizations, I have seen improvement. I hope that community continues to experience improvements in how they are treated in order that they/we may flourish and live more joyfully even in difficult times.</p> <p>Please consider requiring trauma-informed care training throughout the county processes,</p>	Community member	54
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<p>I was allowed to participate as a member of the public after canned questions were formulated. Yes, I am just a resident. This pattern of the county-paid CBO's disenfranchising residents is contrary to the legislators' goals, going as far back as the Brown Act. Why do the CBO's that work in our neighborhoods and are paid by our taxes not have public meetings or ways that the public can truly participate in decision making or voice concern when it's off track?</p> <p>If CBO's are the right arm of the county government, then #1 Environmental Justice function should be to require CBO's to perform at least as transparently as the government that pays them. CBO's must allow "those people" they are funded to serve to have more self determination. I am concerned that the Environmental Justice Element purports change and yet the system plans to keep functioning in the same way. THIS IS NOT ENOUGH.</p>	Community Member	54
<p>CHWE gap - Policy F.8 - Pursue the development of vacant, underutilized and/or blighted sites. - County needs to commit dollars to purchasing blighted/ polluted sites then developing them</p>	Eden MAC	56
<p>What history caused these priority population areas?</p>	Community Member	58
<p>Table numbers are incorrect/inconsistent. For all ACS data tables: o Source should read "Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015–2019 American Community Survey, Table ____." o Notes (a) and (b) should be removed All percentages should include the tenth decimal place, even if 0</p>	County staff	59
<p>Hazardous and Toxic facilities - not identified as a disproportionate concern in Priority Communities, does not need to be reflected in Existing Conditions (asked consultant to remove but it was left in on accident)</p>	County staff	60
<p>give artists credit for all mural photos - Talk to Rachel Osajima for high res photos of Arts Commission photos</p>	County staff	61
<p>anywhere 211 is mentioned use "211alamedacounty.org"</p>	Partner agency	62
<p>Work is multijurisdictional multilayered, this is an example of where we might need to make a value statement, point out that we are attempting to address a broad range of issues that implement environmental health, multijurisdictional, framing paragraph, requires money, investment, etc. – need to be clear that that's the expectation of the plan</p>	County staff	65

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can we add additional Cherryland census tract to the EJ Element. Would a CUP in that cherryland census tract have to mention the EJ Element? Would it not apply if not specifically called out? How do we monitor compliance? Suggest adding the last Cherryland tract because those specifics matter.	Eden MAC	68
Hayward Acres map - HA mislabeled as a CDP. Change to "Community Boundary"	County staff	68
CHWE gap Policy D.3 (Encourage property owners pursuing new developments or home renovations to design and construct buildings for healthful living and working conditions, including enhanced internal circulation, healthy building materials, design for universal accessibility, and mechanical and HVAC systems that enhance indoor air quality and employee comfort.) - Explore rebate, lower fees if projects adapt these points	Eden MAC	69
Keep CHWE Action D.10 Create healthy building materials fact sheets that can be provided to property owners and contractors when applying for building permits.	Eden MAC	69
Keep CHWE Action D.11 Create and implement indoor air quality standards for new multi-family housing (five or more units) constructed after the adoption of this Element.	Eden MAC	69
Highlight community mental health rather than just individual mental health	Partner Agency	70
Need measures about wealth building. add something like: The unincorporated community has access to mainstream, culturally competent financial services in low-income census tracts and reduce the use of predatory financial services in unincorporated Alameda County. Attract wealth-building programs such as in financial literacy, promote first-time home building. Increase the use of mainstream financial services by 10 low- and moderate-income households of the unincorporated census tracks of Alameda County, which include people of color, immigrants, residents with limited English language skills and a distrust of financial institutions. Economic inclusion	Community member	70
Request pro-active code enforcement related to alcohol sales, enforcing sign ordinances, blight, general zoning violations,	Eden MAC	71
Its good to see code enforcement in there but we need more proactive code enforcement policy. Tenants are often afraid to report violations because they are concerned that their rent will be raised in retaliation.	Partner agency	71
EJ 3.1A awkwardly worded, re-word	County staff	72
Grocery store map doesn't include all the places we shop	Community Member	73
Action EJ4.2A add "and increase awareness of" public reporting processes	County Staff	74
Add Alameda County Transportation Commission to the list of "partners" who have to help be part of the solution. They have all 5 County Supervisors on their governing Board (Commission).	Community Member	74

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Need a systemic measure to support All In Eats circular food economy work - without this, County will not be able to implement other EJ food systems measures	County staff	76
Edit Action EJ2.3B (2.4B in public draft) to read "The Health Care Services Agency will consider partnering with BAAQMD to develop technical assistance resources to help businesses in Frontline Communities reduce air pollution and comply with air quality regulations."	County staff	77
Action EJ6.8C (6.3C in public draft) Plan to End Homelessness is now Home Together 2026	County staff	78
Edit to add "protection in aging": Policy EJ6.4 Promote safe, walkable neighborhoods through holistic, relationship-based public safety models that facilitate social cohesion, racial equity, **protection in aging**, and trust.	County staff	79
edit policy to name First5 Alameda County and the Social Services Agency as partners	County staff	80
Action EJ1.3B - What other disadvantaged communities do we have? Do you mean the ones in cities? If so, that should be clarified.	County staff	81
Action EJ1.2B - rename "Environmental Justice Priority Zone" to "Green Zone" consistent with CA EJ Alliance language	County staff	82
Keep CHWE Action D.12 Use existing planning tools to prevent and reduce residential exposure to air pollution.	Eden MAC	Addressed in APEZ policy
Repurpose soon-to-be decommissioned Cherryland Fire House for community purposes	Eden MAC	Can't include this specifically in EJ Element, but is not excluded under the public facilities measures
Would be great to include homemade food and parent cooks because the students do not like the food provided by the schools. the school lunches are commercialized and are not healthy, most of the time the food is thrown away.	Community Member	County does not have authority over school lunches
Echo miguels point - connecting food production from REACH programs. Link funding from County for agricultural programs in schools	Community Member	Covered by actions under Policy EJ5.5
Current hostile system to start up food businesses in the unincorporated areas. look into nearby jurisdictions for models that show a streamlined and easier process	Community Member	Covered in actions under policy EJ.6
More entrepreneurial small businesses ways of providing food and making sure they are of quality and licensed	Partner agency	Covered in actions under policy EJ5.6
More attention and polices for rent control and high rent prices. Similarly, more attention to policies to the existing damage of current housing	Community Member	Discuss in Housing Element

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There are No affordability standards around new development	Eden MAC	Discuss in Housing Element
Important to consider special needs of unincorporated communities, hyper local outreach, language sensitivity, etc.	County staff	Discuss in Housing Element
Gaps: Mandatory rental inspections to preserve housing stock, inclusionary housing policy, Keep retail requirements for housing projects	Eden MAC	Discuss in Housing Element
specifically call out transit / multimodal in development of housing	Partner Agency	Discuss in Housing Element, CCAP
Table 3-6 remove "of" from PERCENTAGE OF LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING HOUSEHOLDS	County staff	Fixed
Table 3-6 Linguistic isolation- ALL NUMBERS WRONG. Table 3-20 all data and label wrong. Correct per email from Matt	County staff	Fixed
Table 3.8 key outcomes - should be low birth "weights"	County staff	Fixed
Page 6 correction : MEV description says that it is a 501c3 org. While that is our goal, we currently have a fiscal sponsor	Community member	Fixed
Update Acknowledgements with changes from those acknowledged	n/a	Fixed
In 5.2 - Repetitive: With staff support from the Planning Department staff	n/a	Fixed
HOA "codes" should be required to be more ag-friendly for local residents.	Community Member	HOAs can be involved in implementation of Action EJ5.3B
CHWE – was instrumental in giving community something to point to with . Concerned about EJ Element replacing it– don't want it to be a wish list, but this language give context to people, supervisors etc that don't live in our area. It gives the community priorities context, gives us something to point to. Not sure how these two can't exist together	Eden MAC	integrated CHWE gaps into EJ Element
Youth farming programming is an anti-recidivism program	County staff	N/A, comment only
Youth can't access public school facilities because campuses are closed or leased to other users.	County staff	N/A, comment only
Action EJ 4.2A streamlining public reporting processes is not limited to just Zoning (maybe increase to include housing and habitability.)	County staff	N/A, comment only

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<p>County needs to expect, and allow, more self-determination of its residents, particularly those in priority population neighborhoods. What solutions do the residents offer to County? Give us the real problems and let the people offer real input, not just hear a few voices and get a few boxes checked. Residents are excluded by the CBO's because the County allows CBO's to pick and choose how they serve. CBO's need to hire from within the priority communities. Jobs and schooling in the priority population communities must be connected. Don't expect residents of priority populations to be stupid. The housing corporations like to say low income housing is for teachers and public servants—yes, we have educated residents in our neighborhoods regardless of their income level, disability, ethnicity, and gender identity. Their opinions do not feel welcome, so people stop caring and don't have the mental or physical stamina to keep trying to participate. Mental health is affected by the CBO's actions. We need real change that connects all of these issues in a joyful, meaningful, respectful, way.</p>	<p>Community Member</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>
<p>What is DSAL up to? Are they even active anymore? Need access to their youth programs, sports etc</p>	<p>Eden MAC</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>
<p>What is the connection between the environment and housing? trees are being killed to put in apartments</p>	<p>Community Member</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>
<p>EJ3.3 – it will be very hard to get those school sites open, HARD is losing access, schools are using them to generate revenue through field rentals.</p>	<p>Partner Agency</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>
<p>The name environmental justice rubs me wrong</p>	<p>CV MAC</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>
<p>Under access to public facilities, people are saying that transit is too expensive but there aren't many people on transit and they don't pay</p>	<p>CV MAC</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>
<p>Action EJ5.3C - Rooftop gardens, etc – whoever put this in here knows nothing about housing development. This is not actionable, no possibility this would happen unless the County mandated it, It would increase cost of housing, need to make room for a new thing = less room for housing</p>	<p>Planning Commission</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>

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<p>These comments are general comments about equity in the EJ decision making process and choices made by non-residents that impact our daily living and environment longterm. These comments are also specific about my name's being printed in the EJ document when I was unaware and did not given permission.</p> <p>I've spoken up at many community meetings regarding this element's drafting but I was surprised to see my name as a contributor. I don't feel that I was allowed to participate. I, and the entire Parks and Open Space Committee that residents elected me to lead, was kicked out of the collaboration between Supervisor Mileys office and RCD Housing, known as "My Eden Voice." Then, those same staff people then become the leaders of the community input and formation for the EJ Element and do not notify me of meetings (ACHCC). Before our Parks group was kicked out, I was not allowed to present about our Parks and Open Space Committee at the ACHCC. I appealed to both RCD Housing and Supervisor Miley's staff and got no support. A RCD/MEV staff member presented to the ACHCC about the parks group that I help establish and led.</p> <p>I am also a board member and officer of the Friends of San Lorenzo Creek, but I was not notified of the ACHCC meetings involving the EJ element in that capacity. Our President was notified and forwarded the meeting notice to me. I asked to be included repeatedly by email and in person at meetings. I have attempted to participate and been dissatisfied.</p>	<p>Community Member</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>
<p>Action EJ3.4A - AC transit needs assessment – have had AC transit at MAC, that agency is a mess, they can't provide services we already need, can't increase paratransit etc. – probably won't get very far with that</p>	<p>Planning Commission</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>
<p>3.4C – infrastructure improvements to bus stops. Bus enclosures are becoming a problem, homeless people living in them, etc. CV is looking at tearing them all out</p>	<p>Planning Commission</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>
<p>everything in this document cross cuts efforts under way with other agencies and depts, and climate action. It's not aiming to duplicate other agency efforts, so we'll need to work with other groups to uplift their work. This is tied up with cross cutting issues and structural concerns, there's a need to look at this holistically, this is part of an effort to further this approach, addressing siloes, etc. bring us all together around a value statement</p>	<p>County staff</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>
<p>Acition EJ 2.2 – APEZ – what is it?</p>	<p>Planning Commission</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>

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Where is County at with DEI office? Unincorporated manager could fit in there very well – elevates it as an equity issue	Partner Agency	N/A, comment only
EJ Element mentions barrier of Linguistic isolation – what languages were offered in outreach for the EJ Element? Staff response: all meetings and outreach material offered in Spanish and English as a standard. Accommodation for additional languages available upon request	County staff	N/A, comment only
Household lead – Where are data from? Who is impacted? Why were communities not told earlier? Staff response: data are from CalEnviroScreen, CDA Healthy homes Program does lead outreach	County staff	N/A, comment only
Integrating EJ into GP sounds like a technical fix. How does this work? Staff response: Going forward, if things are identified as contrary to EJ Principles, we'd fix at that time	County staff	N/A, comment only
<i>Poll Question: Do these policies and actions respond to your concerns on the topic of Centering Environmental Justice? " I answered 'somewhat' to the poll question bc implementation will be up to board of supervisors and heads of staff to do what the document says"</i>	Community Member	N/A, comment only
How does an APEZ address air pollution if air pollution is mostly from freeways? Staff response – we've been working with BAAQMD to do this. It wouldn't impact polluters, it would apply standards to development in zone to mitigate impacts (e.g. requiring indoor air filters, etc.)	Partner Agency	N/A, comment only
Will schools be part of EJ Element? (staff response: schools are identified as partners, but school districts are subject to their own governing structures and the County BOS cannot tell them what to do. County can engage external partners like schools, parks districts etc to improve conditions in the Priority Communities through partnerships, resources, and relationship building)	Eden MAC	N/A, comment only
As new developments are built, housing can be transit and service rich, and can be green	Eden MAC	N/A, comment only
When this is done, many goals cross over to other goals and policies already in place within the County.	Planning Commission	N/A, comment only
Action EJ2.1 Urban Greening Plan is good.	Partner Agency	N/A, comment only
echo 7.3, nice to see that language interpretation is included.	Partner Agency	N/A, comment only
<i>EJ1.1: Consider publicly acknowledging historical and ongoing harms, working with residents to identify and implement appropriate remedies "high priority - This is something the BOS can do as an expression of their commitment to EJ - and should be done ASAP."</i>	County staff	N/A, comment only

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Lead abatement is important - support lead abatement policies	Community Member	N/A, comment only
There was good involvement in EJ engagement process and the community feels heard	Community Member	N/A, comment only
YES! We need an unincorporated manager~!	Eden MAC	N/A, comment only
Policy EJ6.2 Equitably Distribute Health Care Services. - This is the groundbreaking part of this element, because having a recommendation for equitable distribution of medical and mental health is novel for a general plan.	County staff	N/A, comment only
6.2e – destigmatizing mental Health = good.	Partner Agency	N/A, comment only
applaud Focus on accessibility on language and ADA access at county meetings	Eden MAC	N/A, comment only
Policy EJ3.3 Public school campuses as amenities – agree with this one, but schools don’t want to share	Planning Commission	N/A, comment only
<i>EJ1.2: Integrate Environmental Justice principles into zoning and the General Plan " high priority - this is essential for the true implementation of this element. if it is not codified - it can be easily ignored"</i>	County staff	N/A, comment only
<i>EJ2.2: Establish protections that limit sensitive receptors’ exposure to air pollution. "high priority - This is about implementing a policy, which is low hanging fruit. But the cross-sector partnership is another, matter because it will require staffing."</i>	County staff	N/A, comment only
<i>Policy EJ2.3: The County will distribute educational and preventative information regarding asthma and pollution-related illnesses to residents and businesses in the Priority Communities . "this is fairly easy to do"</i>	County staff	N/A, comment only
<i>EJ2.5: Support prevention and clean-up of litter and illegal dumping ."High Priority - essential for the health and safety of the community.</i>	County staff	N/A, comment only
<i>EJ2.4 " The County will support programs that decrease soil and water pollution ."High Priority - these are all about structural changes that will take time but are high priority.</i>	County staff	N/A, comment only
<i>EJ 2.2: stablish protections that limit sensitive receptors’ exposure to air pollution . "Mid/high priority - We have high asthma rates in Ashland and the Eden Area given all the highways around. This should be a priority for the sake of people's health."</i>	Community Member	N/A, comment only
<i>EJ3.1: Accommodate areas that are underserved by public facilities through equitable investment in public facilities, public amenities, and public infrastructure. " Mid/High Priority - Might be hard to accomplish politically"</i>	County staff	N/A, comment only
<i>Policy EJ3.1: The County will accommodate areas of the Priority Communities that are underserved by public facilities through equitable investment in public facilities, public amenities, and public infrastructure . "High Priority - Might be hard to accomplish politically"</i>	County staff	N/A, comment only

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<p><i>EJ3.3: Encourage the use of public school campuses as amenities for the broader community.</i> "high priority - schools are already community hubs and we can leverage that with more resources"</p>	<p>County staff</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>
<p><i>EJ3.4: Improve access to public transportation services in the Priority Communities.</i> "Mid priority - it is outside the jurisdiction of the county - but the county could apply pressure for more public transit in the unincorporated area.</p>	<p>County staff</p>	<p>N/A, comment only</p>
<p>Keep CHWE Policy H.7 Evaluate the impacts of transportation decisions on existing businesses.</p>	<p>Eden MAC</p>	<p>Not added. This is inconsistent with added Vision Zero Action</p>
<p>Non quantifiable goals, the improvement for pedestrians goal there aren't any specific items for this</p>	<p>Community Member</p>	<p>Out of scope for EJ Element, could be considered as part BPMP or Vision Zero Actions</p>
<p>SB 1000 is wonderful but an unfunded mandate. Take a few steps backward and see if we can't use Ruby Street as a test side for mitigation. Housing development is profit driven at the expense of the environment. Cutting down 80 trees this week. Would like to see a moratorium on anything that hasn't broken ground – new planted trees won't mitigate the loss. County should reverse decision</p>	<p>Community Member</p>	<p>Ruby Street project has already been approved and County cannot reverse decision</p>
<p>Agree with comments about ruby meadows – we should do everything in our power to save these existing spaces. Other sites can be used for housing. Balance of housing sites and housing needs with preservation of green spaces.</p>	<p>Eden MAC</p>	<p>Ruby Street project has already been approved and County cannot reverse decision</p>
<p>We must advocate and demand a community friendly reuse plan for the former SkyWest Golf course behind Target and the airport in NW Hayward. This area of Hayward has less than 1/3 of an acre of parks per 1000 people. We need this 126 acre parcel saved as open space, not developed with more hangars and buildings that will bring more noise, air, land pollution to this already heavily impacted area.</p>	<p>Community Member</p>	<p>SkyWest golf course is outside County General Plan jurisdiction</p>