



Environmental Justice Framework



San Francisco
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**GENERAL PLAN
VIRTUAL EVENTS**

WINTER 2021

AGENDA

1. **PROJECT OVERVIEW:** Environmental Justice Framework
2. **PANEL:** What is the City doing (& could it be doing) to address EJ?
3. **BREAKOUT ROOM:** EJ Communities Map (draft)
4. **CLOSING & NEXT STEPS**



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Project Overview

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FRAMEWORK

What is **environmental justice**? (our working definition)

The **equitable distribution** of **environmental benefits** and **elimination of environmental burdens** to promote healthy communities where all San Franciscans can thrive.

Government can foster environmental justice through processes that **amend past injustices** while enabling **proactive, community-led solutions for the future.**



For an activists' definition, see the **EJ Principles** at:
<https://www.ejnet.org/ej/principles.html>

What is **environmental racism**?



Source: SF Chronicle

*Environmental racism recognizes that people of color communities have **borne the brunt of environmental hazards and have been denied access to communities of opportunity** due to systemic and institutional racism.*

Example: US EPA estimates that **Black residents are exposed to 50% more air pollution** than white residents nationally.

Why is **environmental justice** so important right now?



Environmental justice & equity challenges in SF



20-30% of Black & Latinx pregnant women in SF experience **food insecurity**



Black & Latinx high school students are 1.6-2.0x more likely and to have **asthma** than white students



Latinx, Pacific Islander & Amer. Indian residents have the **highest rates of COVID-19 infections**



Life expectancy varies greatly by race and neighborhood

(ex: 10-15 years lower in lower-income vs. more affluent neighborhoods)

Why plan for environmental justice? Why now?



Source: SF Conservation Corps & Literacy for Environmental Justice (February 2018)

- CA Senate Bill 1000 requires:
 - Designate a map of **EJ Communities***
 - Adopt policies in General Plan to address **“unique or compounded health risks”**
- In 2020, Planning & Historic Preservation Commissions called for General Plan amendments to address **racial & social equity**.
- Our approach: **Environmental Justice Framework** and related **equity & EJ policies** integrated across the General Plan (starting with Housing, Transportation, Safety & Resilience)

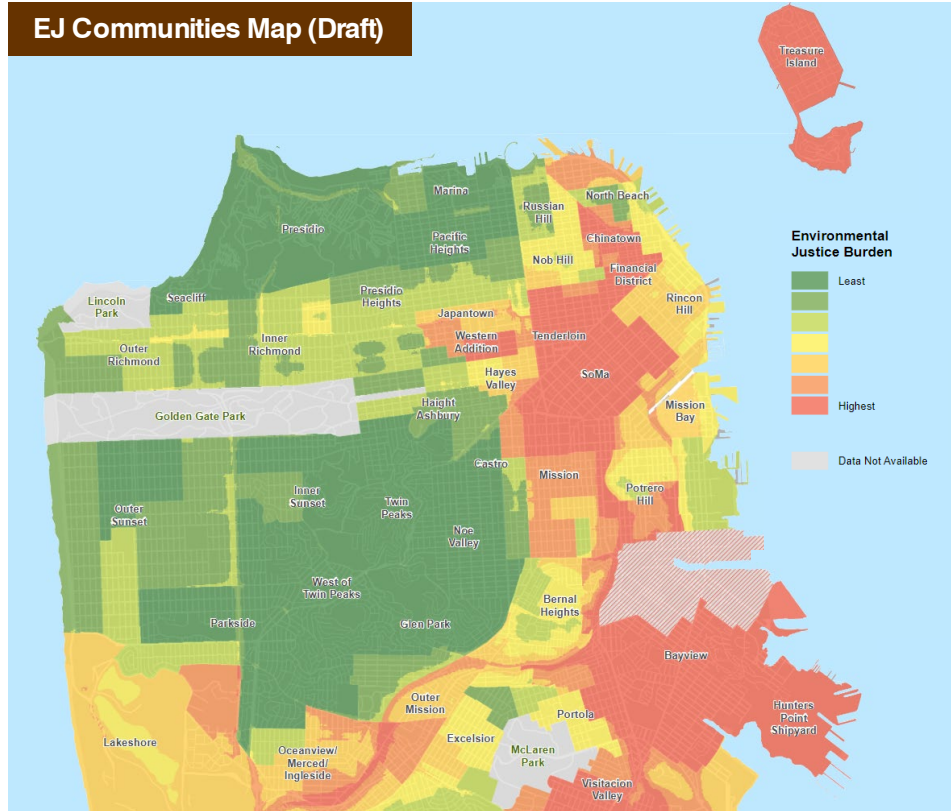
* Referred to as “Disadvantaged Communities” in SB1000

EJ Communities Map

GOALS OF THE EJ COMMUNITIES MAP

- Add local data to show additional areas that are lower-income and exposed to pollution & other health challenges.
- Align more closely with maps by MTC, SFDPH, Rec & Park that highlight inequities.
- Designate areas where policies and resources could be directed to promote community health.

EJ Communities Map supplements CalEnviroScreen 3.0 with local pollution & demographic data. An online map will include other relevant data (housing, transportation, parks, etc.)



What **policies** can address environmental justice & racial equity?



Clean & Healthy Environments



Healthy Food Access



Healthy Public Facilities



Safe, Healthy & Affordable Homes



Physical Activity



Racial Equity & Empowered Neighborhoods

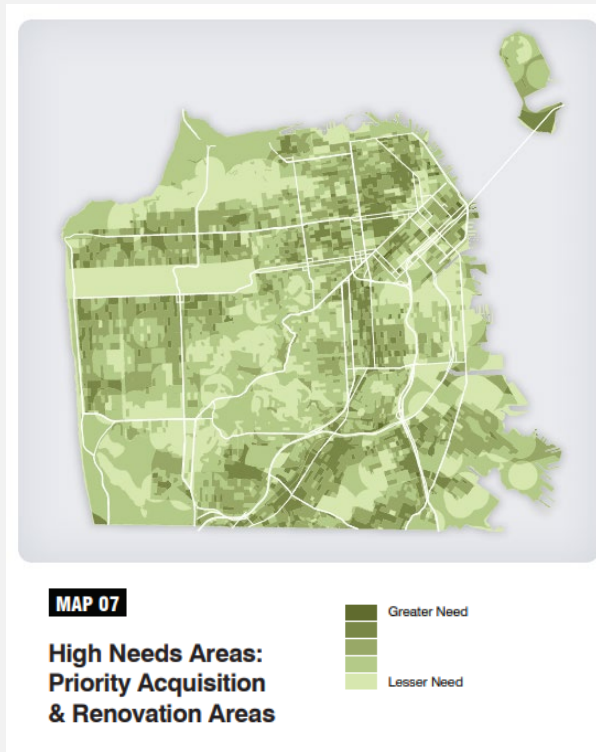
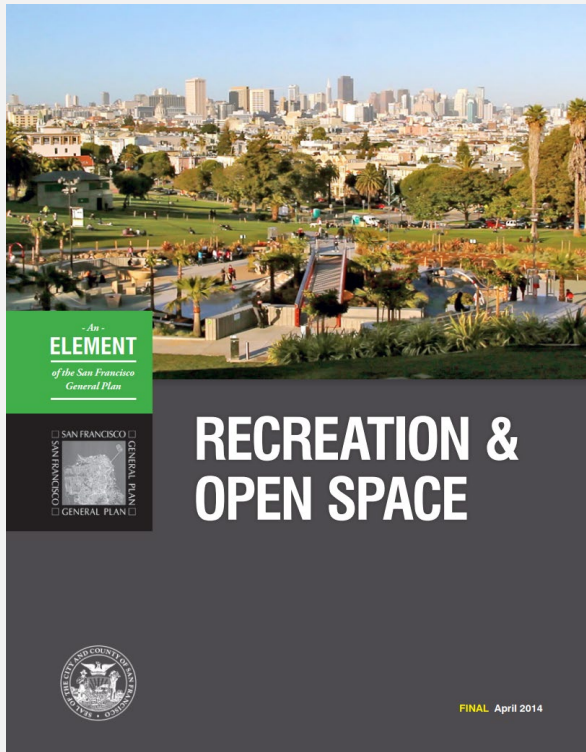


Climate Resilience & Justice



Equitable & Green Jobs

Example: how the General Plan impacts Environmental Justice

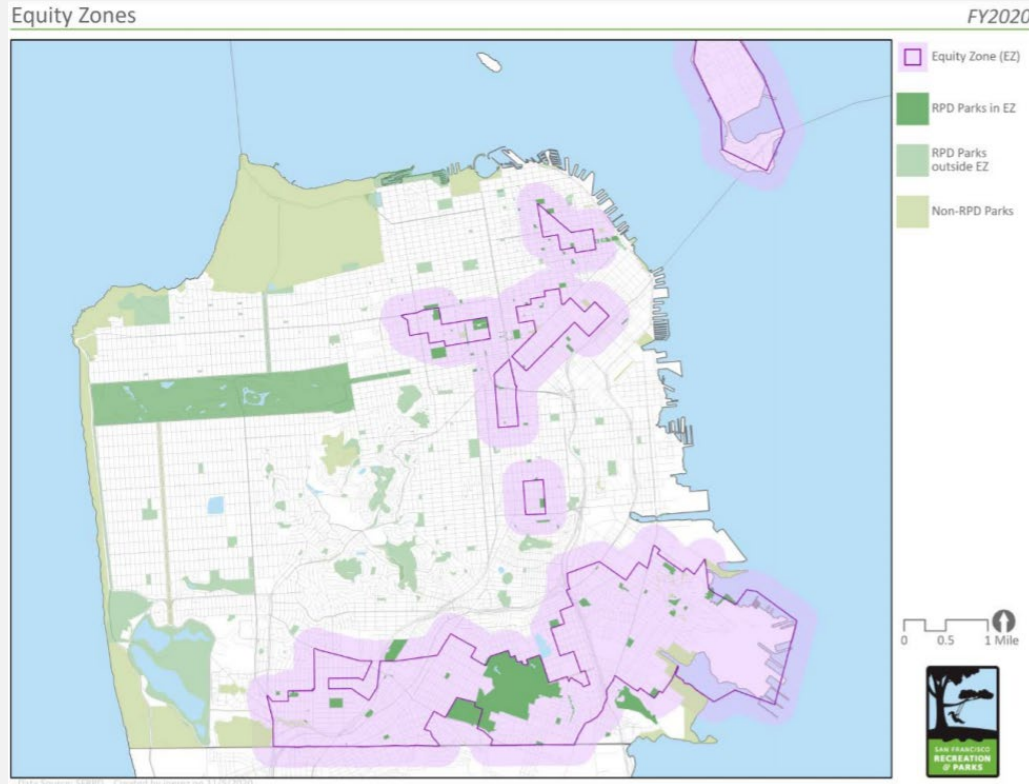


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TODAY – INDIA BASIN



FUTURE



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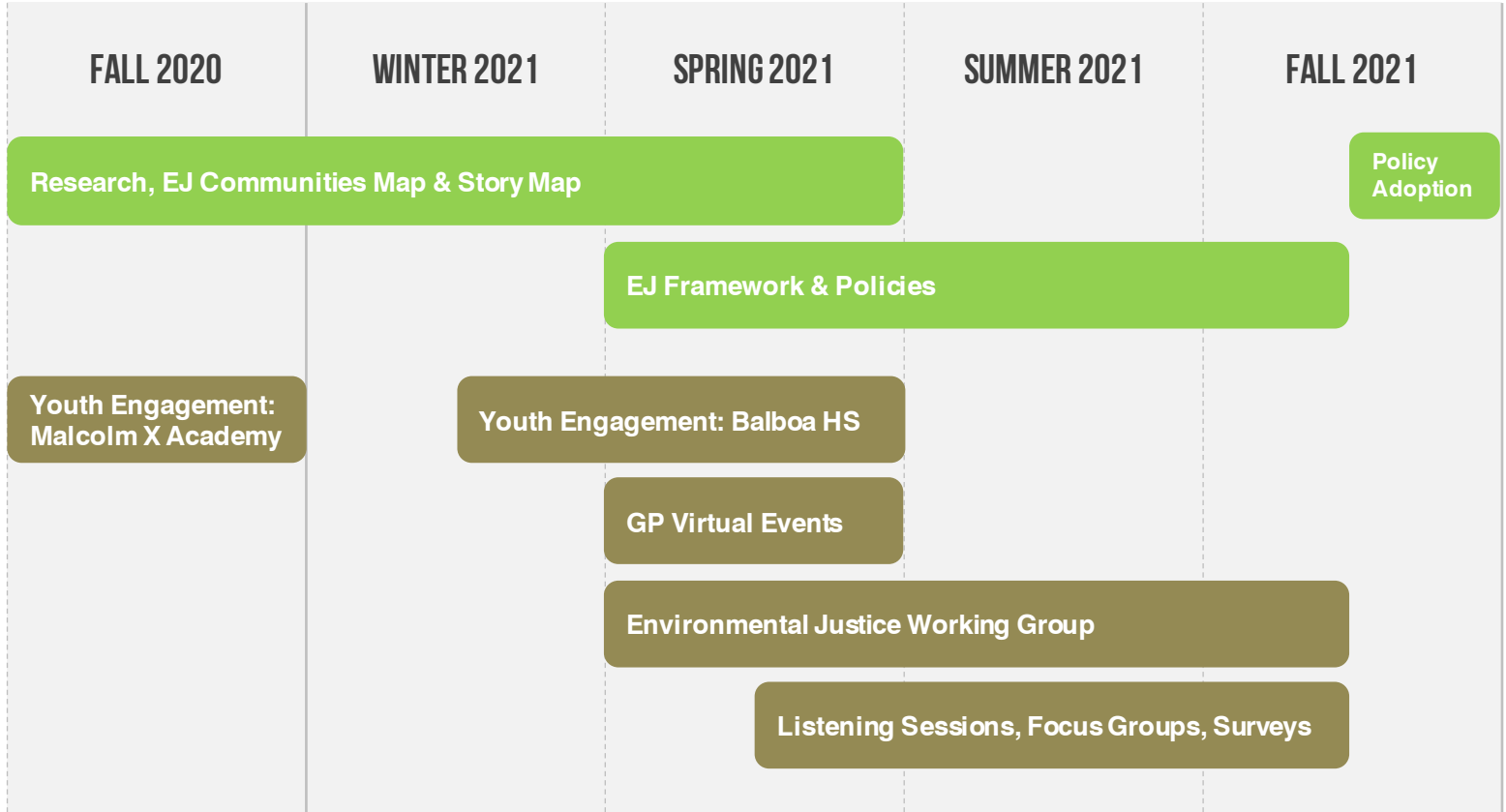
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EJ Framework Timeline

Key Project Milestones



Community Engagement



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How else can I get involved in the EJ Framework?

- Sign up for **email updates** (<https://tinyurl.com/SFGenPlan>) to learn about:
 - Focus groups / listening sessions
 - Surveys
 - Other events (TBD)
- Get in touch! Email at lisa.chen@sfgov.org to schedule a meeting or ask questions



THANK YOU & WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!



**NOTHING
ABOUT
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WITHOUT
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**SOUTH AFRICAN DISABILITY
RIGHTS + YOUTH ACTIVISTS**

Image: Nina Sepahpour

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Discussion Panel

WHAT IS THE CITY DOING (& COULD IT BE DOING) TO ADDRESS EJ?

PANEL DISCUSSION



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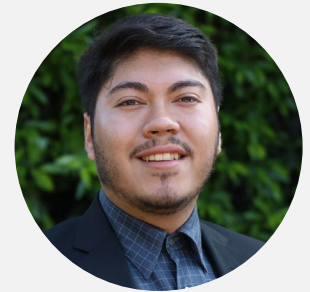
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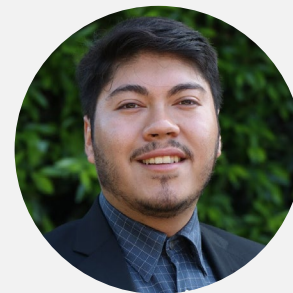
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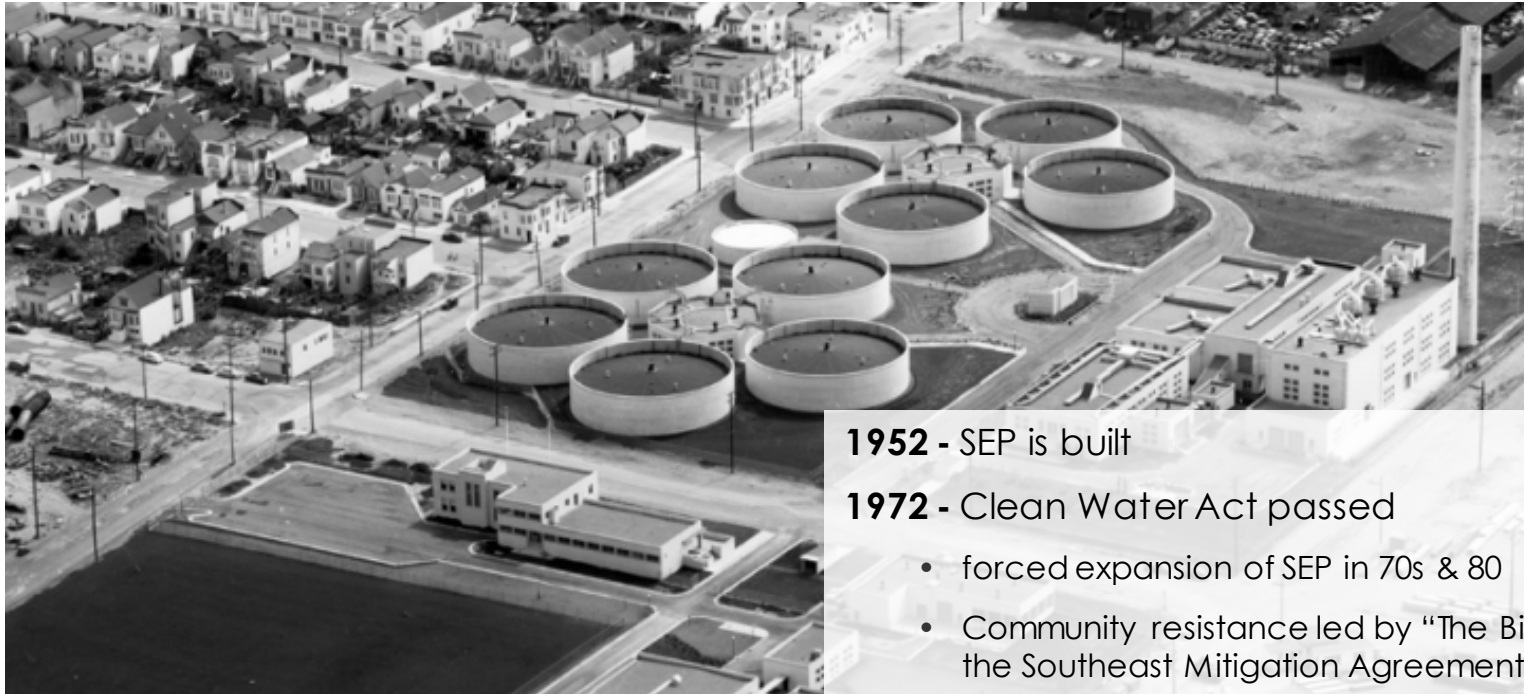
**Environmental Justice Associate,
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Services of the San Francisco
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Our mission is to provide our customers with high quality, efficient and reliable water, power, and sewer services in a manner that is **inclusive of environmental and community interests**, and that sustains the resources entrusted to our care.

Mitigation Agreement & Southeast Treatment Plant (SEP)



1952 - SEP is built

1972 - Clean Water Act passed

- forced expansion of SEP in 70s & 80
- Community resistance led by "The Big Six" formed the Southeast Mitigation Agreement

1986 - Completion of Southeast Community Facility & Greenhouses

- Offers BVHP green jobs & education opportunities

SFPUC Environmental Justice Policy (2009)

- To **prevent, mitigate, and lessen disproportionate environmental impacts** of its activities on communities in all SFPUC service areas and to insure that public benefits are shared across all communities

SFPUC Community Benefits Policy (2011)

- The SFPUC defines community benefits as “those **positive effects** on a community that result from the operation and improvement of our water, wastewater and power services”

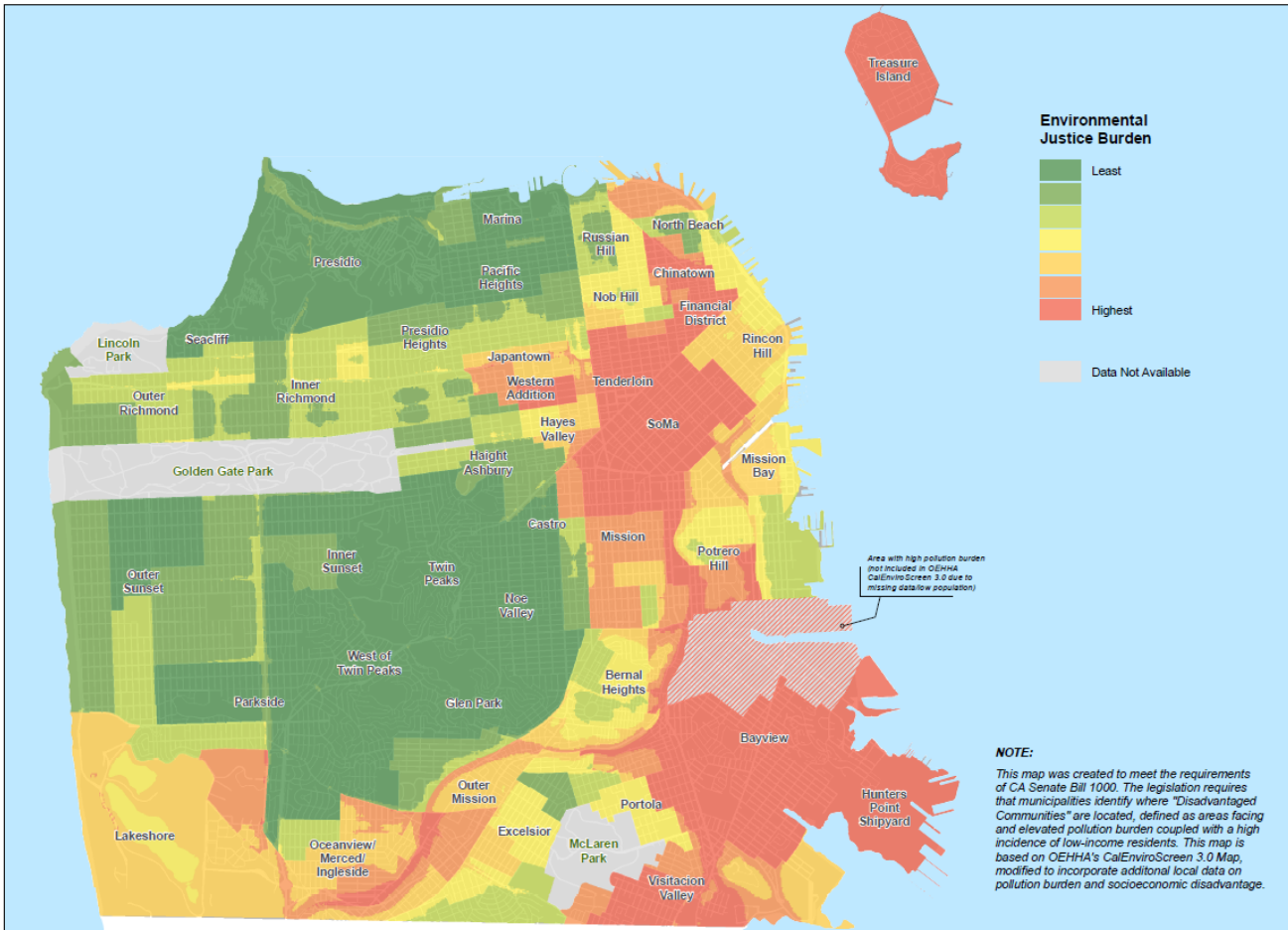
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Breakout Room Discussions

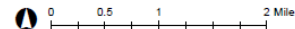
EJ COMMUNITIES MAP (DRAFT)

The breakout rooms will not be recorded or livestreamed (via YouTube). Thank you for viewing this presentation.

EJ Communities Map (Draft)



Environmental Justice Communities (December 2020 Draft)
 San Francisco Planning Department



Breakout Room Activity

Part 1: Group Discussion (20 mins)

In your neighborhood (e.g. where you live, work, and/or spend a lot of time in), what are strengths, challenges, and opportunities as they relate to environmental justice?



STRENGTHS support peoples' physical and emotional health.



CHALLENGES may be harmful to or pose a barrier to health

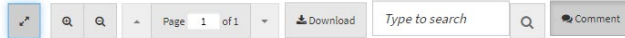


OPPORTUNITIES can be improved to advance health

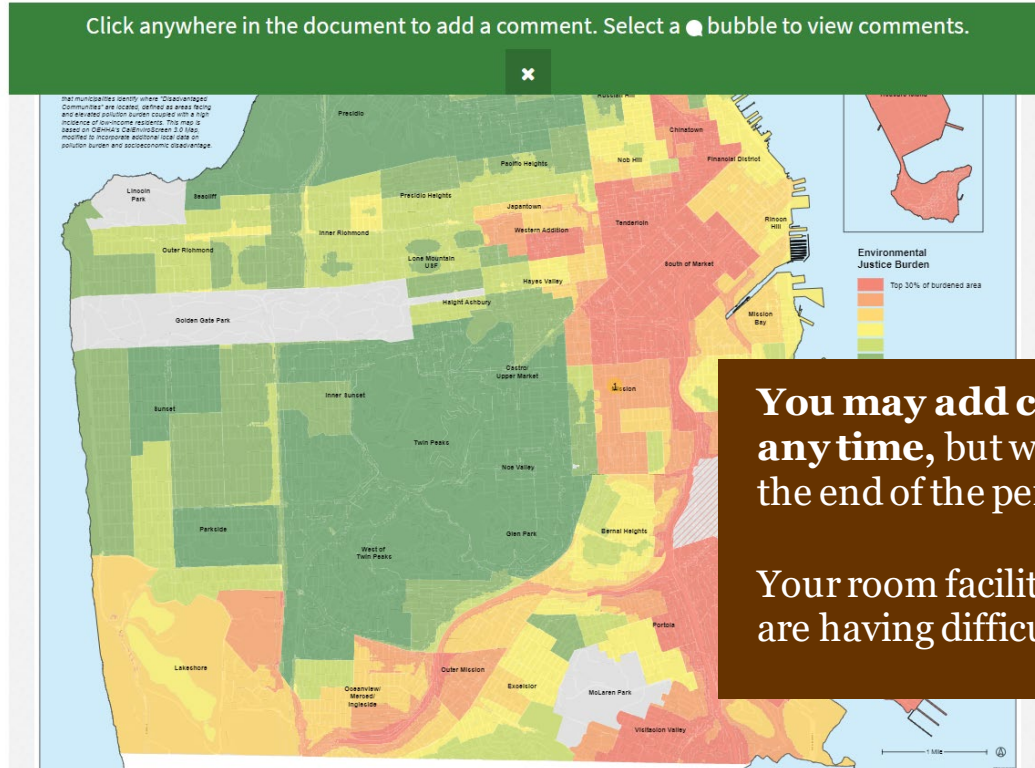
Breakout Room Activity

Part 2: EJ Communities Map Feedback (5 mins)

This button expands map to take up a wider portion of your screen



Click on this button to add a comment to the map



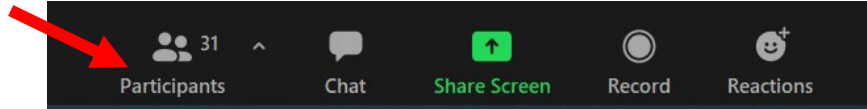
You may add comments to the map at any time, but we will also leave 5 minutes at the end of the period for this purpose.

Your room facilitator can troubleshoot if you are having difficulty adding comments.

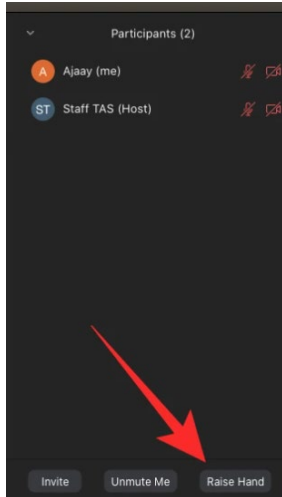
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ON WINDOWS AND PC

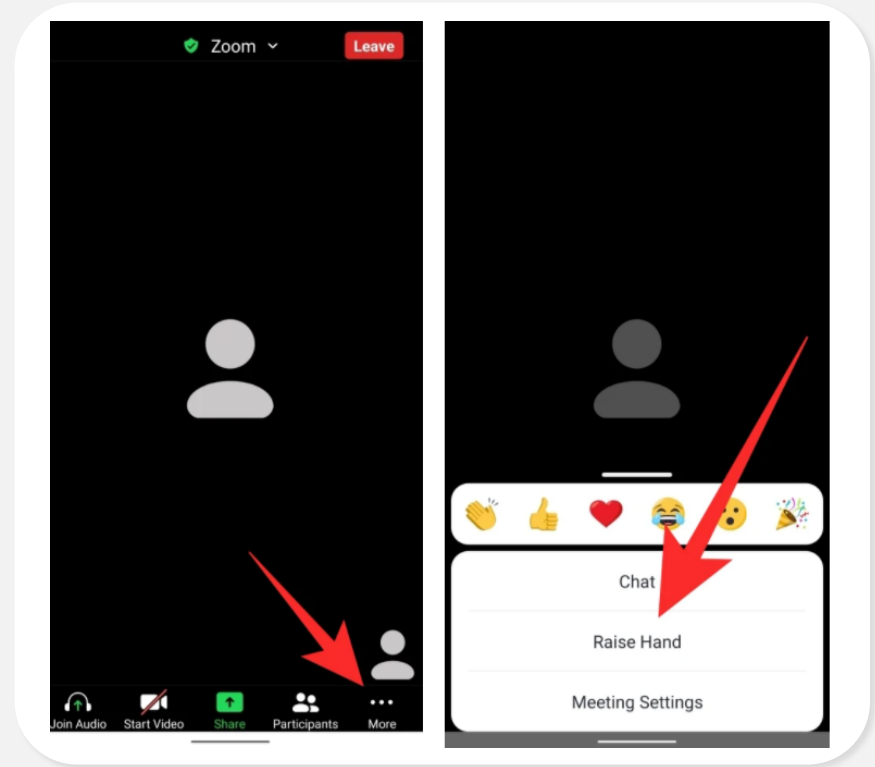
1. Click the participant icon



2. Select the “raise hand” button at the bottom right



ON ANDROID AND IPHONE



Break Out Rooms: **Community Agreements**

- We encourage **everyone to participate** in the discussion.
- Please be respectful of everyone's opinions.
- We want to hear **your input based on your perspectives and experiences** as SF community members
- To participate, raise your hand to speak by using the Raise Hand button in the Participants window or use the Chat to ask for a turn to share
- When it's your turn:
 - Turn on the microphone to share your input and mute it again when you are done for others to participate
 - Please introduce yourself and speak slowly
- Please, **use the chat function** if you prefer to provide feedback that way

BREAKOUT ROOMS

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CLOSING & NEXT STEPS

General Plan Virtual Events



March 15-19 & March 22-26, 2021

<https://sfplanning.org/general-plan>

Two weeks of workshops on:
 Housing Element
 Environmental Justice Framework
 Safety Element
 Transportation Element
 General Plan 101
 Racial and Social Equity Plan
 And more!

	MONDAY MARCH 15	TUESDAY MARCH 16	WEDNESDAY MARCH 17	THURSDAY MARCH 18	FRIDAY MARCH 19
9:00 AM					
10:00 AM					Community Engagement
11:00 AM					
NOON	What Planning Does		Planning for Healthy Communities		
1:00 PM					
2:00 PM		Workshop: Community Safety	Racial & Social Equity Action Plan	Workshop: Transportation Element	
3:00 PM	General Plan 101				
4:00 PM					
5:00 PM					
6:00 PM			Workshop: Environmental Justice Framework	Info Session: Housing Element	
7:00 PM					

	MONDAY MARCH 22	TUESDAY MARCH 23	WEDNESDAY MARCH 24	THURSDAY MARCH 25	FRIDAY MARCH 26
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Tell us what you thought of this session!



FILL OUT THIS EXIT SURVEY:

<https://tinyurl.com/SFGenPlanExperience>

At the conclusion of the General Plan Virtual Events, we will send out an additional survey asking for feedback on our General Plan updates underway.



General Plan Virtual Events

General Plan Virtual Events Feedback Form

Thank you for attending the General Plan Virtual Events! Your participation and experience is important to us. Please provide us feedback on the session(s) you attended by completing this survey. You may repeat the survey for each session you attend. With your feedback, we will improve our outreach and engagement in the future.

** Required*

Which session did you attend? ***

Choose ▼

Please indicate the strength of your agreement with each statement below. ***

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree N/A



“... To dream a different reality,
Where despite disparities
We all care to protect this world,
This riddled blue marble, this little true marvel
To muster the verve and the nerve
To see how we can serve
Our planet. You don't need to be a politician
To make it your mission to conserve, to protect,
To preserve that one and only home
That is ours,
To use your unique power
To give next generations the planet they deserve.

We are demonstrating, creating, advocating

We heed this inconvenient truth, because we need
to be anything but lenient
With the future of our youth...”

- From “Earthrise” by Amanda Gorman



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