

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Summary of Public Comments Incorporated into the

Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health Strategic Plan 2024-2029

The following is a summary of the feedback that the Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health (OEJCH) incorporated into the final Strategic Plan (Plan):

Applicable to several sections:

- Multiple public comments cited certain terms within the Plan that community members may not be familiar with. OEJCH created a glossary including these words and others to be included in the final Plan.
- Simple visuals were added to bring to life the Plan based on comments suggesting a more engaging Plan format.
- Throughout the Plan, OEJCH specified that they will engage with entities at the local, state, and federal levels, as there were sections where only some entities were noted.
- OEJCH received questions about specific details for suggested committees, meetings, and other engagements as part of the Plan. Frequency, length, and other details of these meetings will be finalized via tasks included in the Plan. OEJCH made additions to the supporting Implementation and Evaluation Plan to address and plan for these engagements.
- OEJCH edited minor grammatical errors.
- OEJCH replaced the term resident(s) with community member(s) given that this term has different connotations for diverse communities.
- Given that communication is often more than only among two entities, OEJCH removed the term “two-way” from the Plan.

Mission, Vision, and Values:

- No changes were made.

Goal 1:

- 1.1.1: OEJCH added “faith-based organizations.”
- 1.1.5: OEJCH added “community members, Indigenous representatives, and other relevant stakeholders.”
- 1.2.1: OEJCH added that a minimum of one annual listening session will be held.
- 1.2.5: OEJCH added the following task “Explore gaps in existing translation and interpretation services available to the DPH Office.”
- 1.3: OEJCH added the additional goal to work together to develop community driven solutions.
- 1.3.6: OEJCH added “tribes and tribal organizations.”

Goal 2:

- 2.1.4: OEJCH noted that it will equitably compensate organizations sourcing data when possible.
- 2.1.5: OEJCH clarified that it will create and then deploy a plan for responding to community complaints.



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- 2.2: OEJCH added that it will utilize the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent model developed by the United Nations.

Goal 3:

- 3.2.5: OEJCH clarified that it will also work with offices that engage with specific vulnerable sub-populations, such as unhoused community members.
- 3.4.1: OEJCH added that it will work with the Office of Oil and Gas.
- 3.4.2: OEJCH clarified that it will “make recommendations and provide guidance on topics such as the reuse of contaminated sites, climate health, and urban heat islands across LA County.”

Goal 4:

- 4: OEJCH added “information” and “trends analyses.”
- 4.1.1: OEJCH clarified that it will conduct the landscape analysis within a year.
- 4.1.2: OEJCH noted that it will conduct a needs assessment to “determine the technology, people, and processes needs to better improve our ability to execute.”
- 4.1.3: OEJCH changed workgroups to “governance bodies.”

Goal 5:

- 5.2 and 5.2.4: OEJCH clarified that translation will occur in the designated threshold languages for the County.
- 5.2.5: OEJCH noted that it will work with the community to create social media resources.

