



## Environmental Justice (EJ) Advisory Committee Meeting #1 (Hybrid)

Tuesday, November 18, 2025  
5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

**Address:** 400 S. Imperial Ave., Imperial, CA 92251

**Meeting Room:** EOC (Building is located North of the City Hall)

**Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89428257568>

**Meeting ID:** 894 2825 7568

**Phone #:** 888 788 0099 (US Toll-free)

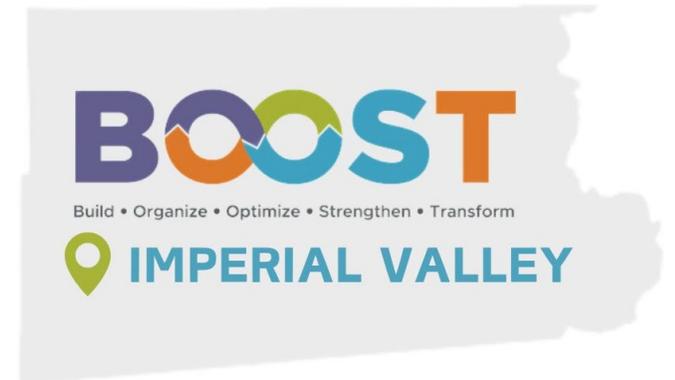
TIME	ITEM
5:30 pm	<b>Welcome &amp; Agenda Review</b>
5:45 pm	<b>Participant Introductions</b>
6:00 pm	<b>Overview of the Environmental Justice Element Development Process</b>
6:07 pm	<b>Advisory Committee's Role</b>
6:15 pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
6:25 pm	<b>Large Group Discussion: Environmental Justice Survey Outreach</b>
6:35 pm	<b>Existing Conditions Report</b>
6:40 pm	<b>Wrap up and Next Steps</b>
6:45 pm	<b>End</b>

# The City of Imperial

## Environmental Justice Element Development

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# INTRODUCTION



**Yvonne Cordero**  
Planner,  
City of Imperial



**Hanna Stelmakhovych**  
Program Manager,  
Institute for Local Government

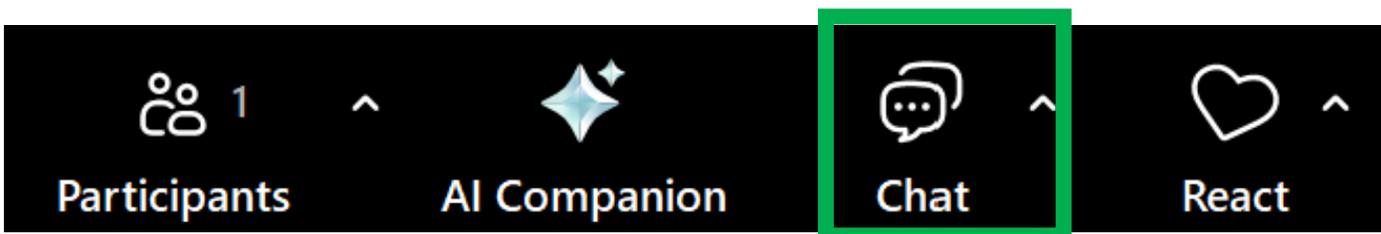
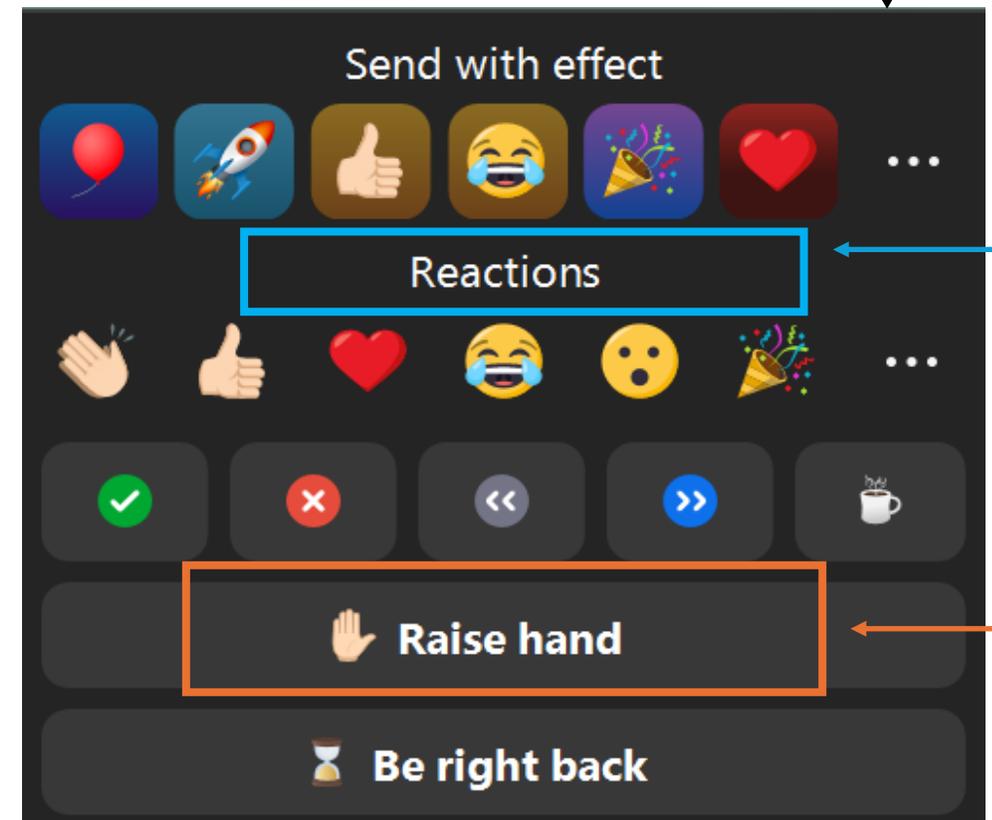


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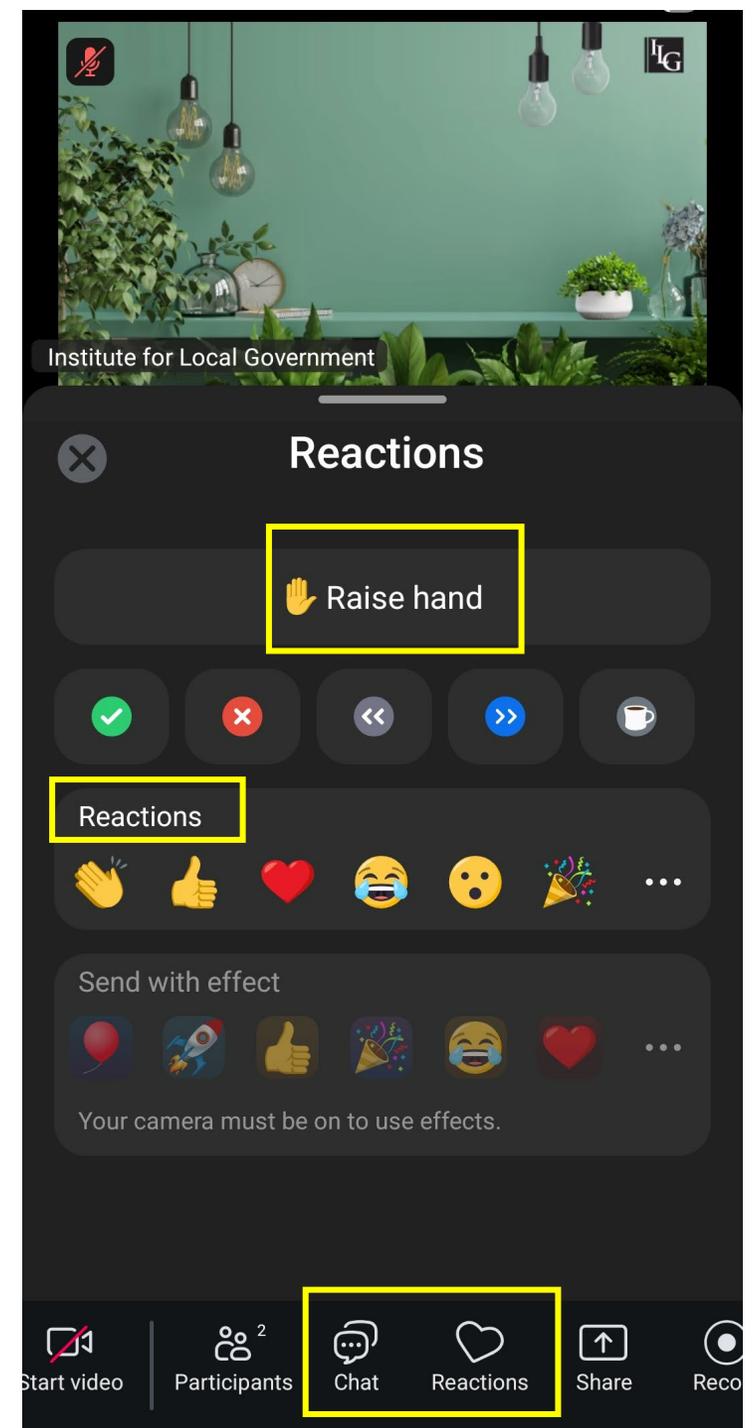
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# AGENDA



Welcome & Introductions



Environmental Justice Element: Overview



Q&A



Large Group Discussion: Survey Outreach



Existing Conditions Report: Overview and Comments



Wrap up & Next Steps

WELCOME



**Dennis Morita**  
City Manager



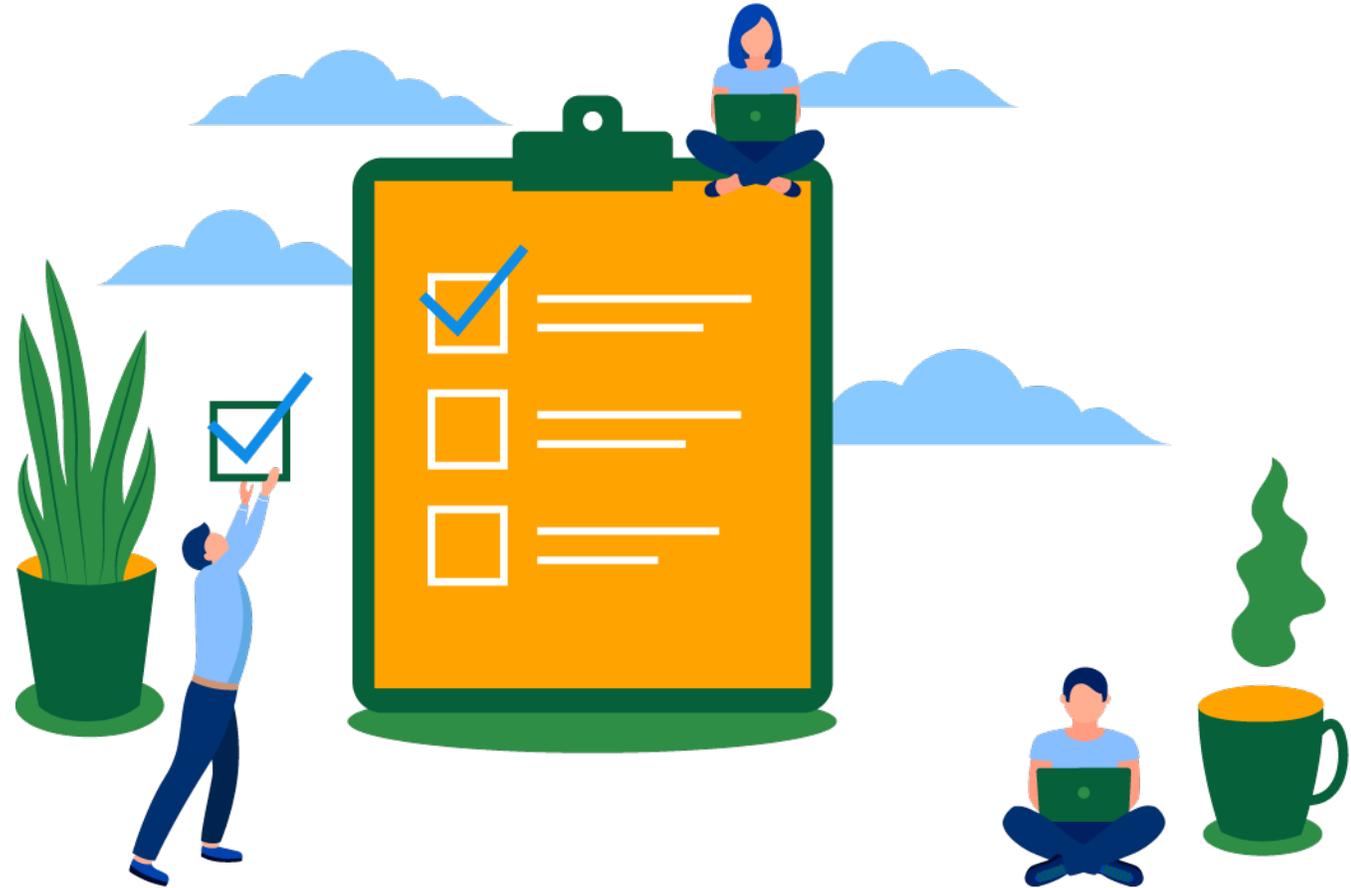
# TELL US ABOUT YOU

## Name

Do you live, work, or visit Imperial?

Who do you **represent** (residents, yourself stakeholders, nonprofit)

In **one word**, what do you like most about the City of Imperial



# THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ) ELEMENT

An EJ Element is a **plan** that will identify underserved neighborhoods in Imperial and set **policies and programs** to address inequalities caused by environmental burdens.

The EJ Element will focus on **improving overall community health** through broad, citywide policies that focus on health, equity, and removing barriers to healthy living.



# THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT SEEKS TO



Reduce pollution exposure and improve **air**



Promote public **facilities**



Promote **food** access



Promote **safe** homes



Promote **physical activity**



Prioritize improvements and programs that **address the needs** of disadvantaged communities

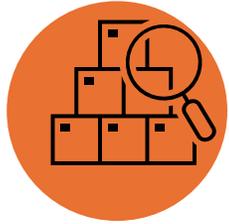


Reduce any additional unique or compounded **health** risks

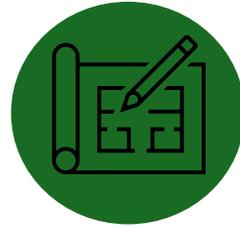


Promote civic **engagement** in the public decision-making process

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT: DEVELOPMENT



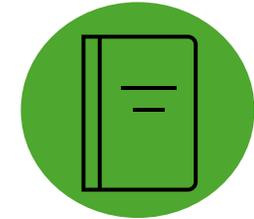
Existing  
Conditions  
and  
Background  
Research



EJ Outline  
and Policy  
Framework



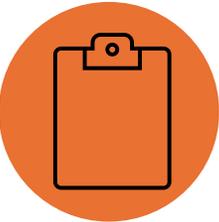
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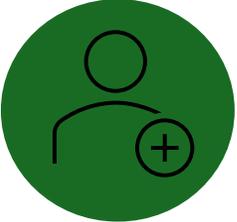
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Element



# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



2 Community  
Surveys



1/1  
Interviews



Tabling at  
Community  
Events/Workshops



Advisory  
Committee



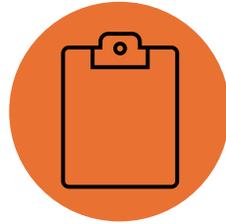
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# WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS



Draft  
Existing  
Conditions  
Report



First  
Community  
Survey



Tabling at  
Community  
Events/  
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# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROJECT TEAM



- Othon Mora, City of Imperial
- Yvonne Cordero, City of Imperial
- Hanna Stelmakhovych, ILG
- Melissa Kuehne, ILG
- Matthew Gelbman, Ascent

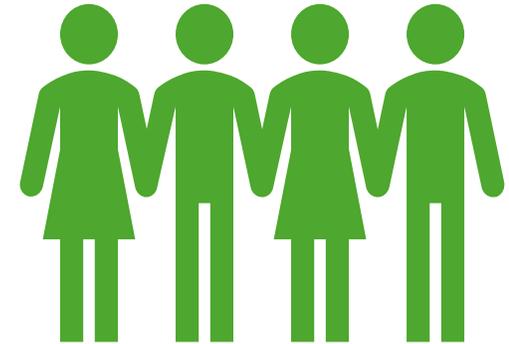


# ADVISORY COMMITTEE PURPOSE

An informal, project-specific Advisory Committee that helps the City of Imperial to develop the Environmental Justice Element by sharing their knowledge and lived experiences

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROLE & EXPECTATIONS

- **Advises** on public engagement and outreach;
- **Helps to ensure** concerns and priorities of Imperial residents are reflected in the Draft EJ Element;
- **Reviews** the Draft EJ Element and other documents
- **Shares** lived experiences
- **Helps to promote** survey and public comment



# ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROLE CONTINUED

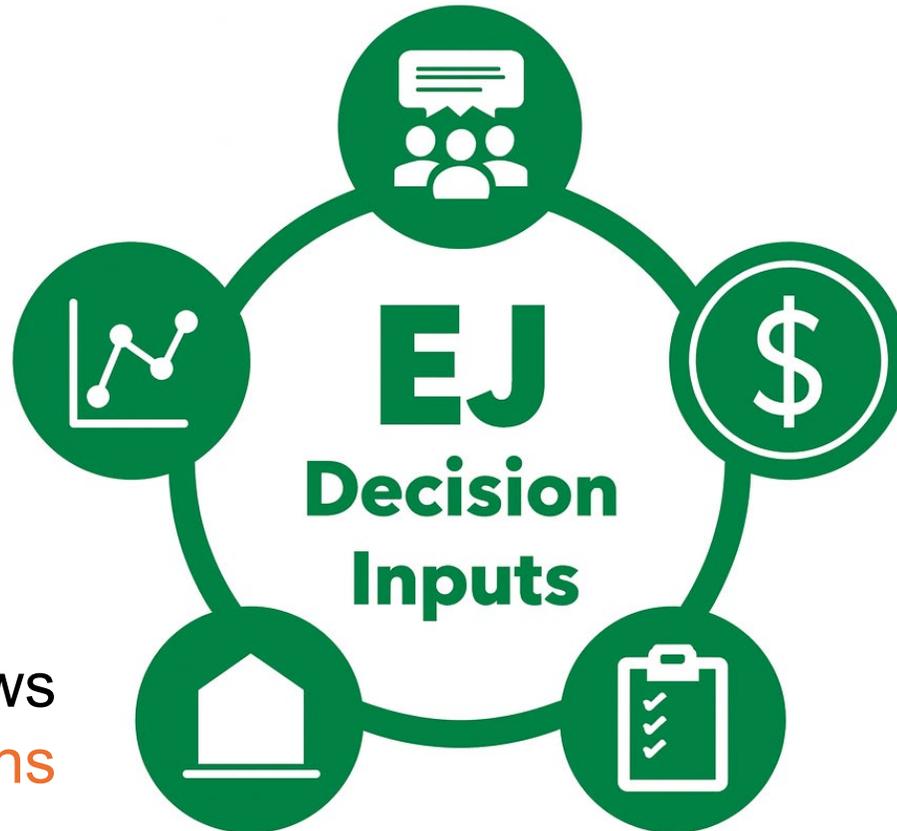
**Represents** Imperial residents and stakeholders



- Youth
- Working Families
- Businesses
- Spanish-Speakers
- Seniors
- Residents Who Don't Traditionally Participate
- Nonprofit Organizations

# EJ ELEMENT: DECISION INPUTS

**Community:** Considers **input** from the public and partners



**Funding:** **assesses** and **identifies** funding that is available for proposed policies and programs

**Best Practices:** Follows **effective** policies and programs

**Data:** Information & facts that **support the impact** of proposed policies

**Laws:** Adhere to laws and **regulations**

# EJ ELEMENT DEVELOPMENT: WORKING TOGETHER





**QUESTIONS?**

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SURVEY



Do you want the City of Imperial to be a healthier, safer & more equitable community?

Take the Environmental Justice Survey!

SCAN ME



All participants will be entered to win one of two \$50 gift cards!

City of Imperial California

Link: <https://shorturl.at/MLZNI>

# LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION

What strategies will help us engage **youth**?

How can we ensure accessibility for **Spanish-speaking** communities?

What approaches work best for **seniors**?

How can we connect with **working families**, given their time constraints?

# EJ EXISTING CONDITONS REPORT

Data and local  
knowledge

Health conditions

Factors that  
influence health

# EJ EXISTING CONDITONS REPORT

*Are there any other environmental justice issues that are important to include in the EJ Element that are not in the report?*

*What issues identified in the report related to environmental justice stand out to you (those most important to address in the EJ Element)?*

Share your comments by **emailing** Yvonne Cordero [ycordero@imperial.ca.gov](mailto:ycordero@imperial.ca.gov)  
by **December 7**

# **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS: HYBRID 1-HOUR MEETINGS**

**Next Meeting dates: December 16 & January 20**

*Would you prefer a 5:30 pm or a 6:00 pm meeting time?*

IN THE ZOOM CHAT: Type your preferred times

IN PERSON: Raise of hands

# NEXT STEPS



**Take the survey & share** with 5 of your friends

<https://shorturl.at/MLZNI>



Visit the city's website for **project information** and materials

<https://www.cityofimperial.org/EJ>



Provide **feedback** on Existing Conditions **Report** by **Dec 16**

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THANK YOU



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