

DATE SUBMITTED February 11, 2026  
 SUBMITTED BY Community Development Director  
 DATE ACTION REQUIRED February 18, 2026

COUNCIL ACTION ( )  
 PUBLIC HEARING ( )  
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 RESOLUTION ( )  
 ORDINANCE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING ( )  
 ORDINANCE 2<sup>ND</sup> READING ( )  
 CITY CLERK'S INITIALS ( )

**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL  
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: WORK-STUDY SESSION: (DISCUSSION/DIRECTION ONLY): Environmental Justice Element Study Session	
DEPARTMENT INVOLVED: Community Development Department	
BACKGROUND/SUMMARY: The Environmental Justice (EJ) Element's goal is to identify disadvantaged communities and to set policies and programs to address factors influencing health outcomes, including pollution burden, access to transportation, access to open spaces, housing conditions and affordability, and civic engagement. Ascent Environmental completed the draft EJ Element Outline and Policy Framework and will present a condensed overview of the draft document for the City's review and discussion. This document is intended to be a bridge between existing conditions and the EJ Element. It identifies the requirement of state law, highlights key issues from the existing conditions report, acknowledges priority issues and topics from the online survey, public feedback, and identifies existing general plan policies.	
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A	ADMIN SERV INITIALS <u>JMS</u>
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff is seeking the City Council's direction on whether to position the City as a disadvantaged community from the draft document's findings.	DEPT. INITIALS <u>OW</u>
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: <i>consider elements of "disadvantaged" and determine whether areas of the city should be so designated</i>	CITY MANAGER'S INITIALS <u>OTM</u>
MOTION:	
SECONDED: APPROVED ( ) REJECTED ( )	