

## **Environmental Justice Workshop – February 20, 2024**

### Open Comments: Comments/Thoughts provided by Workshop Attendees

- Concern with biking trails going away with more warehouse development.
- Concerns with how the EJ Element was drafted, why now.
- Need community advisory group to weigh in on EJ Element.
- Concerns with timing of EJ Element and the West Upper Plateau EIR. Public Comment letters for the West Upper Plateau EIR addressed the need for an EJ Element and then the Recirculated EIR came out including the draft EJ Element. This is a counter process to adopting a typical EJ Element.
- Concerned with the EJ Element process and that there has been no public input on revising or adding EJ policies to what the County adopted.
- Residents within the MJPA Community signed a petition against warehouse development.
- Concerned with the upcoming sunseting. Feel insulted and there is a need for responsible government.
- That this EJ Element is too little too late with the MJPA sunseting in 16 months.
- West Campus Upper Plateau to remain as-is (undeveloped).
- Residents within the MJPA Community signed a petition against warehouse development.
- Concern that more development will add to traffic congestion. Warehouse development along Van Buren Blvd. is dumping delivery vans on our streets.
- Agree with policies but what about timing and implementation.
- Census Tract is already impacted and adding more warehouse development just doesn't make sense.

- There needs to be a warehouse moratorium.
- A community advisory committee is needed so the community can have a voice in adopting an EJ Element.
- The draft EJ policies are vague. Will March JPA really implement these?
- The attorney general wrote a letter to the County of Riverside identifying that their EJ policies were vague.
- A concern of who will have land use authority of Green Acres once the March JPA sunsets.
- Healthier food options are needed, like a Whole Foods Grocery store.
- March JPA has no accountability over these EJ policies. It is simply measures to follow over the next 16 months.
- According to OPR, Chapter 10 of CEQA Guidance identifies that there should not be a post-hoc rationalization of decisions that have already been made.
- There should be a procedure for community involvement in adopting the EJ policies.