



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ELEMENTS

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL FOCUSED GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Signal Hill Focused General Plan Update: Environmental Justice and Environmental Resources Elements

The City of Signal Hill is pursuing focused General Plan amendments consisting of preparing a new Environmental Justice Element and updating the Environmental Resources Element.

Environmental Justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. With this in mind, the Environmental Justice Element seeks to accomplish the following three goals:

- 1) Identify approaches to reduce multiple sources of pollution exposure that are disproportionately burdening geographic areas with population characteristics that make them more sensitive to pollution.
- 2) Identify goals, policies, and programs unique to Signal Hill that focus on improving citywide measures related to healthy food access, safe and sanitary homes, physical activity, and public services and facilities.
- 3) Promote civic engagement and involve the public in the decision-making processes that affect them and their communities, emphasizing transparency and meaningful interactions, while removing linguistic and digital divide barriers.

The Environmental Justice Element will be an entirely new element, and will be the seventh element of the Signal Hill General Plan.

The current Environmental Resources Element, adopted in 1986, combines the open space and conservation elements into one document to address the long-term and comprehensive preservation and conservation of open space. It also details the conservation, development, and use of natural resources such as water, forests, soils, rivers, and mineral deposits. In 2021, the City Council approved a new 2021-2031 Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) calling for upgraded park facilities and new park spaces. The Master Plan documents the City's open space and recreation goals. The PRMP key goals and implementation measures will be folded into the Environmental Resources Element. The City will be updating the Environmental Resources Element in conjunction with the Environmental Justice Element adoption.