

RESOLUTION NO. 6558

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE GARDENA GENERAL PLAN BY ADOPTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT AND AN UPDATE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AND ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM AND DIRECTS STAFF TO FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061, REVIEW FOR EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, California state law requires every city to have a General Plan, consisting of mandated elements which are described in Government Code section 65302; and

WHEREAS, the requirement to have an Environmental Justice Element was adopted in 2016;

WHEREAS, the City of Gardena has incorporated the seven mandated elements that were previously required under Government Code section 65302 and two optional elements into four elements, three of which have several plans within the element; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Safety Plan, which is part of the Community Safety Element, is required to be amended with the revision of the 2021 – 2029 Housing Element and is required to cover certain topics; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to adopt an Environmental Justice Element as it is concurrently revising the Housing Element and the Public Safety Plan; and

WHEREAS, in September 2020, the City issued a Request for Proposals for Consulting Services to update its Public Safety Plan and prepare an Environmental Justice Element; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2020, the City Council approved a consulting agreement with De Novo Planning Group for preparation of the Public Safety Plan update and Environmental Justice Element as well as the environmental review for such documents; and

WHEREAS, the City held an open workshop, focus group meetings, and conducted community surveys to help develop the goals and policies of the policy documents; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2022, the City posted a copy of the Environmental Justice Element and Public Safety Plan update on its website and promoted this on social media; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2022, the City hosted a virtual workshop on the Environmental Justice and Public Safety Plan update; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2022, the Planning Commission of the City of Gardena held a duly noticed public hearing on the Environmental Justice Element, Public Safety Plan update, and amendments to the Implementation Program in accordance with State law requirements at which time it took into consideration all evidence presented, both oral and written; and

WHEREAS, at the close of the public hearing the Planning Commission adopted PC Resolution No. 3-22 recommending adoption of the Public Safety Plan update, the Environmental Justice Element, and the amendments to the Implementation Program by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2022 the City Council held a duly noticed meeting on the recommended changes to the General Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The City Council of the City of Gardena does hereby find as follows:

- A. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
- B. The Environmental Justice Element meets the requirements of Government Code section 65302(h). The Element identifies 13 of the 14 census tracts in Gardena as disadvantaged communities and has identified objectives and policies relating to health risks, promoting civic engagement, and prioritizing improvements and programs that address the needs of the disadvantaged communities.
- C. The Public Safety Plan meets the requirements of Government Code section 65302(g) and covers all required topics. Wildfires are not an issue for Gardena as there are no areas that are classified as state responsibility areas or in a very high fire hazard severity zone.
- D. The Implementation Program contains necessary amendments to reflect the changes in the Public Safety Plan and the new Environmental Justice Element.
- E. These amendments to the General Plan are consistent with the other elements of the General Plan. The Environmental Justice Element reflects goals and policies found throughout other elements of the General Plan and is consistent with the new requirement of the recently adopted Housing Element to affirmatively further fair housing. The Public Safety Plan was

consistent with the other elements and the updates do not create any inconsistencies.

SECTION 2. Adoption. Based on the above, the City Council hereby adopts the following changes to the Gardena General Plan: the update to the Public Safety Plan; the Environmental Justice Element; and amendments to the Implementation Programs.

SECTION 3. CEQA. The amendments to the City's General Plan adopted in Section 2 above are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements per Section 15061, Review for Exemption of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, Section 15061(b)(3) states, in part, that a project is exempt from CEQA if "the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." As these are policy documents which will not cause any physical changes to the environment, there will be no impact from their adoption. Staff is directed to file a Notice of Exemption under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), the common sense exemption.

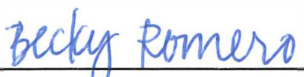
SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution is effective on the 30th day after adoption.

SECTION 5. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Resolution.

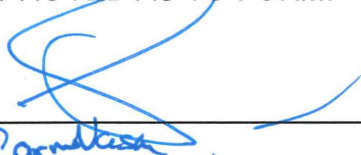
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of February, 2022.


TASHA CERDA, Mayor

ATTEST:


for MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


LISA KRANITZ, Assistant City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF GARDENA)

I, **MINA SEMENZA**, City Clerk of the City of Gardena, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Resolution, being **Resolution No. 6558** duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City of Gardena, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the **22nd day of February, 2022**, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON, MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA, COUNCIL
 MEMBERS KASKANIAN AND FRANCIS, AND MAYOR CERDA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE



City Clerk of the City of Gardena, California

(SEAL)

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Authority

California Government Code Section 65302(g) requires a general plan to address the protection of community from any unreasonable risks associated with the effects of seismically-induced surface rupture, ground shaking, ground failure, tsunami, seiche, and dam failure; slope instability leading to mud slides and landslides; subsidence; liquefaction, floods and flood hazards; urban fires, climate adaptation and resiliency strategies, and an identification of residential developments in any hazard area that does not have at least two emergency evacuation routes.

Purpose

The purpose of the Public Safety Element is to identify potential hazards that can significantly impact the City. The policies of this Element focus on protecting life and property from hazardous conditions. Emphasis is placed on emergency preparedness and response in the event of a disaster, and this Element addresses the fire and law enforcement services needed to safeguard and enhance the overall livability of the community. Specific policies addressing climate adaptation and resiliency are also included to reduce potential impacts of hazards that can be exacerbated by climate change.

Relationship to Other Plans and Programs

State Standardized Emergency Management System

The State Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) is required by Government Code Section 8607(a) for managing response to multi-agency and multi-jurisdiction emergencies in California. SEMS consists of five organizational levels that are activated as necessary: field response, local government, operational areas, regional and State. The SEMS help unify all elements of the state's emergency management organization into a single integrated system. Its use is required for State response agencies. Local government agencies must use SEMS to be eligible for State funding of certain response related personnel costs resulting from a disaster.



City of Gardena Emergency Operations Plan

The City's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) plans responses to extraordinary emergency situations associated with natural disasters, technological incidents, and national security emergencies. The City's EOP establishes the emergency organization, assigns tasks, and specifies policies and general procedures. The EOP is designed to include Gardena in the overall California SEMS which provides a framework for coordinating multi-agency emergency responses.

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Seismic Hazard Maps

The California Geological Survey compiles maps identifying seismic hazard zones throughout California including known active faults such as the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone and areas of potential liquefaction and seismically induced landslides. Guidelines prepared by the State Mining and Geology Board identify the responsibilities of State and local agencies in the review of development within seismic hazard zones.

Hazardous Waste

There are various national, state and local data sources that identify sites of potential hazardous waste, including the following:

- SEMS – The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) maintains this database of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) sites (also called Superfund sites) in the U.S. These are contaminated sites slated for cleanup.
- National Priority List (NPL) – This is a list of sites of national priority among the known releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants throughout the U.S. The NPL is intended primarily to guide the EPA in determining which sites warrant further investigation.
- EnviroStor – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) maintains this database for tracking cleanup, permitting, enforcement, and investigation efforts at hazardous waste facilities and sites with known or potential contamination. It includes sites from the Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List (aka Cortese List).
- GeoTracker – GeoTracker is the State Water Resources Control Board's data management system for sites that impact, or have the potential to impact, water quality in California, with emphasis on groundwater. GeoTracker contains records for sites that require cleanup, such as Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Sites, Department of Defense Sites, and Cleanup Program Sites.

City of Gardena Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

The City of Gardena prepared an LHMP in conjunction with the City of Hawthorne that was adopted in 2013. The City of Hawthorne prepared an updated plan specific to Hawthorne's jurisdiction that was adopted in 2020. The 2013 LHMP fulfills Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements and provides direction and guidance on implementing hazard mitigation action items on a hazard-level, probability, and cost-priority basis. The overall goal of the LHMP is to reduce the potential for damage to critical assets from natural hazards. The LHMP also describes past and current hazard mitigation activities and philosophies and outlines future mitigation goals and strategies.

City of Gardena Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

The City of Gardena EOP was adopted in 2017 and is a multi-discipline, all-hazards plan that establishes a single, comprehensive framework for the management of extraordinary

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incident, disaster, or emergency situations within the City of Gardena. The plan provides the concepts, processes, and structures necessary when carrying out assigned roles and functional responsibilities to departments and agencies consistent with California's Standardized Emergency Management System, the National Incident Management System, and the Incident Command System.

City of Gardena General Plan

Gardena's General Plan is a broad, long-range policy document that serves as a blueprint for future development in the City.

City of Gardena Zoning Code

The City's Zoning Code implements the goals and policies of the City's General Plan by regulating the uses of land and structures within Gardena in accordance with the Land Use Plan. The Zoning Code is codified in Title 18 of the Municipal Code.

City of Gardena Fire Code

The City's Fire Code is codified in Chapter 8.08 of the Municipal Code. The purpose of Fire Code is to establish the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practices to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare from the hazards of fire, explosion, or dangerous conditions in new and existing premises, and to provide safety and assistance to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

City of Gardena Building Code

The City's Building Code is codified in Title 15 of the Municipal Code. The Building Code regulates construction and property use to ensure safe, healthy, and accessible structures for human occupancy.

Climate Action Plan (CAP)

The City, in cooperation with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, developed a Climate Action Plan (CAP) to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions within the City. The City's CAP serves as a guide for action by setting GHG emission reduction goals and establishing strategies and policy to achieve desired outcomes over the next 20 years.

Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA)

The City prepared a Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) in 2021 to inform City policies, plans, programs, and guidance to promote effective and integrated action to safeguard from climate change. In addition to increasing global average temperature, climate change has the effect of intensifying the effects of many natural hazards, adding to concerns otherwise addressed in hazard mitigation planning. Climate change results in an increase in variance of climate patterns. The increase in variance means that extreme events exhibit changes in severity, frequency, and location. For example, increased variance in climate patterns result in more frequent incidence of severe events such as extreme rainfall, wind, wildfire, extreme

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heat, and extended drought. The increased variance therefore creates challenges for hazards planning, which previously used historic recurrence rates to predict future events, and now must incorporate changes to frequency, severity, and location due to climate change influences. The CVA is included as Appendix A.

County of Los Angeles All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (AHMP)

The AHMP was adopted in 2014 and conforms to the requirements of FEMA Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The AHMP is currently being updated and a public draft was made available in 2019. The county developed the AHMP to cover mitigation responsibilities of county departments, including Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD). The plan helps ensure the most effective allocation of resources for the maximum benefit and protection of the public in times of emergency.

Los Angeles County Fire Department 2020 Strategic Fire Plan

The Strategic Fire Plan outlines goals focused on enhancing the protection of lives, property, and natural resources from fire, as well as improving environmental resilience to fires through local, state, federal, and private partnerships. The 2020 Plan is focused on three primary goals: emergency operations, public service, and organizational effectiveness.

Los Angeles County Fire District Facilities Master Plan

The Master Plan was prepared in 2020 as a collaborative effort between the LA County Fire District and the LA County Chief Executive Office. The Plan evaluates the current capacity, condition, and functionality of the Fire District's facilities and then projecting future capacity deficits utilizing Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) population growth projections and methodologies.

Element Organization

This Public Safety Element includes goals and policies addressing the following issue areas:

1. Emergency Operations
2. Fire Protection
3. Geologic and Seismic Hazards
4. Hazardous Waste
5. Flood Hazards
6. Climate Change and Resiliency Planning

Goals and Policies

1. Emergency Operations

PS Goal 1 A community that is highly prepared and equipped to handle emergency situations in order to minimize loss of life, injury, property damage, and disruption of vital services.

Advanced emergency planning and preparedness is essential in responding to natural and human-caused disasters with a coordinated system of emergency service providers and facilities. The City supports a high level of multi-jurisdictional cooperation and communication for emergency planning and response management.

The City of Gardena maintains a contractual agreement with the Los Angeles County Fire Department to provide fire protection and emergency medical services for the City. Within Gardena, the LACoFD operates Fire Station 158, located at 1650 West 162nd Street, and Fire Station 159, located at 2030 West 135th Street. Emergency response within the City is divided into two districts, with Marine Avenue as the division line. Areas north of Marine Avenue are covered by Fire Station 159 and areas south of Marine Avenue are covered by Fire Station 158. A description and location of both fire stations within the City are presented in Table PS-1 and illustrated in Figure PS-1.

The Gardena Police Department, (PD), located within the Civic Center, provides police protection and law enforcement services to the City. There are currently 87 police officers, 19 full-time and 18 part-time employees. This includes 27 marked units, 2 canine units, and 14 unmarked units. Response time for emergency calls throughout the City is four minutes.

Major arterials generally serve as the primary routes for evacuation; however, evacuation routes will depend upon the emergency event and area affected. Law enforcement will identify the appropriate routes and assist residents leaving the City in the event an evacuation of all or part of the City is required. The City prepared an analysis, referred to as a White Paper, consistent with Senate Bill 99 to identify residential developments in hazard areas that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes. The White Paper includes definitions and data sources as well as assumptions and methodology used to map the evacuation routes, and is included as Appendix B. The analysis identified two parcels in a high hazard zone (as defined in the White Paper) that warrant further study. While all residential developments meet City standards, the City will continue to coordinate with LACoFD and Gardena PD to provide ongoing education to residents about how to safely evacuate in the event of an emergency.

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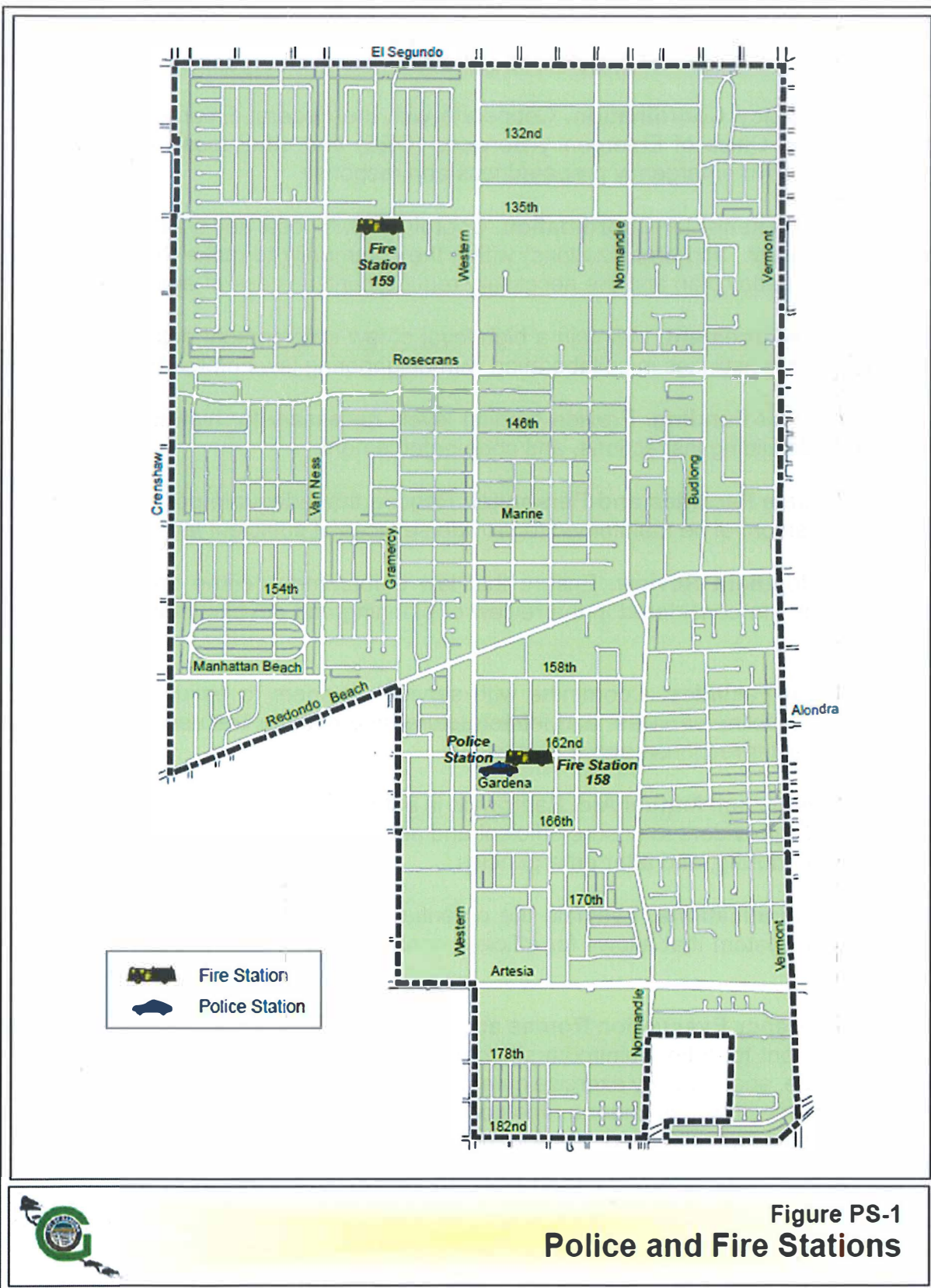
**Table PS-1
LACoFD Fire Stations**

Location	Service and Equipment	Staffing per Shift
Station No. 158 1650 W. 162 nd Street (310) 217-8351	Fire Engine, Paramedic mobile aid van, Squad car and Fire engine on reserve.	5 uniform personnel, 1 secretary, 1 Community Service Representative, 1 Division Nurse Coordinator.
Station No. 159 2030 W. 135 th Street (310) 217-7066	Quint, Fire truck.	4 uniform personnel

Source: LACoFD, October 2021.

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Policies

PS 1.1: Emergency Planning. Maintain an updated Emergency Operations Plan to adequately respond to natural disasters and human-induced emergencies and its aftermaths.

PS 1.2: Emergency Coordination. Cooperate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Office of Emergency Services (OES) and other local, state, and federal agencies involved in emergency preparedness and response.

PS 1.3: Local Stakeholder Coordination. Coordinate with local key stakeholders (officials, schools, businesses, and organizations) within the community to make them aware of their role in the emergency plan and the necessary requirements in case of emergency.

PS 1.4: Law Enforcement. Maintain a high level of law enforcement activities and expand crime suppression activities in collaboration with neighboring law enforcement agencies.

PS 1.5: Sufficient Funding. Provide funding levels necessary for high level of police, fire protection, and building inspections, and code enforcement.

PS 1.6: Adequate Facilities and Personnel. Require that adequate police and fire service facilities and personnel be maintained to provide services at sufficient levels.

PS 1.7: Development Review. Ensure that law enforcement, crime prevention, and fire safety concerns are considered in the review of planning and development proposals in the City.

PS 1.8: Critical Facilities. Coordinate with service providers to ensure the resilience of critical facilities, lifeline services, and infrastructure, and plan for the use of critical facilities during post-disaster response and recovery.

PS 1.9: Automatic and Mutual Aid. Participate in automatic and mutual aid agreements with adjacent service providers to ensure efficient and adequate resources, facilities, and support services before, during, and after emergencies.

PS 1.10: Communications. Evaluate the potential to utilize a comprehensive emergency communication system that allows for efficient connection and communications in cases of emergency.

PS 1.11: Emergency Evacuation Routes and Access. Work with LACoFD and the Gardena Police Department to define minimum standards for evacuation of residential areas and to maintain, update, and regularly exercise emergency access, protocols, and evacuation routes to assess their effectiveness under a range of emergency scenarios. If areas with inadequate evacuation routes are identified, develop appropriate mitigation measures, improvement plans, or education programs to ensure safe evacuation.

PS 1.12: Emergency Shelters. Periodically coordinate with emergency shelter providers to ensure that necessary equipment supplies are available in case of emergency.

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PS 1.13: Disaster Recovery. Work with emergency service providers to implement post-disaster recovery plans to return public services to a state of normalcy, address ongoing hazard-specific mitigations, and assist community members in recovering from disasters.

PS 1.14: Public Information. Provide public safety information regarding crime, fire, natural disasters, and emergency preparedness.

PS 1.15: Community Training and Volunteer Programs. Promote community participation in crime prevention, fire safety, and other emergency training and volunteer programs as a valuable asset to the community.

PS 1.16: School Safety. Coordinate with local schools related to their programs and practices regarding emergency preparedness.

PS 1.17: Multi-family Residential Property Management. Promote professional management of multi-family residential buildings.

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2. Fire Protection

PS Goal 2 A City that is adequately prepared for fire emergencies.

Due to its geographic location and topography, the City of Gardena is not subject to wildland fires. The following policies are intended to protect against urban fire hazards.

Policies

PS 2.1: Fire Protection Services. Reduce the risk of fire to the community by coordination for emergency preparedness with the LACoFD.

PS 2.2: Building and Fire Codes. Require that all buildings and facilities within Gardena comply with local, state, and federal regulatory standards such as the California Building and Fire Codes as well as other applicable fire safety standards.

PS 2.3: Fire Hazard Identification. Work with LACoFD to maintain an inventory of high-risk fire hazards within the City.

PS 2.4: Urban Fire Risks. Work with LACoFD to maintain an ongoing fire inspection program to reduce fire hazards associated with multifamily development, critical facilities, public assembly facilities, industrial buildings, and nonresidential buildings.

PS. 2.5: Water Supply. Coordinate with applicable water providers and LACoFD to ensure that water supply and pressure for new and existing development is adequate for structural fire suppression.

PS 2.6: Regional Coordination. Coordinate with the County of Los Angeles, neighboring cities, and other fire protection agencies to reduce the potential for fire hazards in Gardena.

PS 2.7: New Development.

- a. Require adequate fire protection services, fire protection plans, and emergency vehicle access for new development.
- b. Locate, design, and construct new development to minimize the risk of structural loss from fires.
- c. Install visible home and street addressing and signage.



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PS 2.8: Hazard Mitigation Plans. Coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies to update emergency, evacuation, and hazard mitigation plans, as necessary.

PS 2.9: Essential Public Facilities and Infrastructure. Locate, when feasible, new essential public facilities and infrastructure outside of hazardous areas, including but not limited to, hospitals and health care facilities, emergency shelters, emergency command centers, fire stations, emergency command centers, emergency communication facilities, and utilities or identify construction methods or other methods to minimize damage if these facilities must be located in hazardous areas.

PS 2.10: Public Education. Work with LACoFD to disseminate educational programs for residents on fire hazard risks and fire safety measures, such as evacuation routes, with a special focus on at-risk populations.

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3. Geologic and Seismic Hazards

PS Goal 3 Protect the community from dangers associated with geologic instability, seismic hazards and other natural hazards.

Southern California is a region of high seismic activity. The City, which is located in the southwestern portion of the region, is subject to risks and hazards associated with potentially destructive earthquakes. Faults that could affect the City include the regional San Andreas and San Jacinto faults and the local Newport-Inglewood, Palos Verdes, Whittier-Elsinore, Sierra Madre-Cucamonga, San Fernando and Raymond Hill fault systems. These regional and local fault systems have the potential to generate the highest site acceleration when considering the maximum expected earthquake for each fault. According to the California Department of Conservation, an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone is located at the northeast portion of the City in the vicinity of El Segundo Boulevard and Vermont Avenue. This is a known active fault zone delineated by the State Geologist and is considered part of the Newport-Inglewood fault system. The potential impacts related to fault rupture within the City are significant, as this fault is active.

The area located along Artesia Boulevard and the Dominguez Flood Control Channel in the southern portion of the City is located within a liquefaction zone identified in the Seismic Hazard Zones Map prepared by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology (Inglewood Quadrangle 1999 and Torrance Quadrangle 1999). Figure PS-2 illustrates the area subject to potential liquefaction and seismic activity. According to the definition of the liquefaction zone, this is an area where historic occurrence of liquefaction, or local geological, geotechnical and groundwater conditions indicate a potential for permanent ground displacements such that mitigation as defined in Public Resources Code Section 26931 would be required. Liquefaction is caused by a shock or strain from an earthquake and involves the sudden loss of soil strength and cohesion and the temporary transformation of soil into a fluid mass. Therefore, older structures within the liquefaction areas of the City that were not constructed or reinforced to meet earthquake standards are vulnerable to structural damage.

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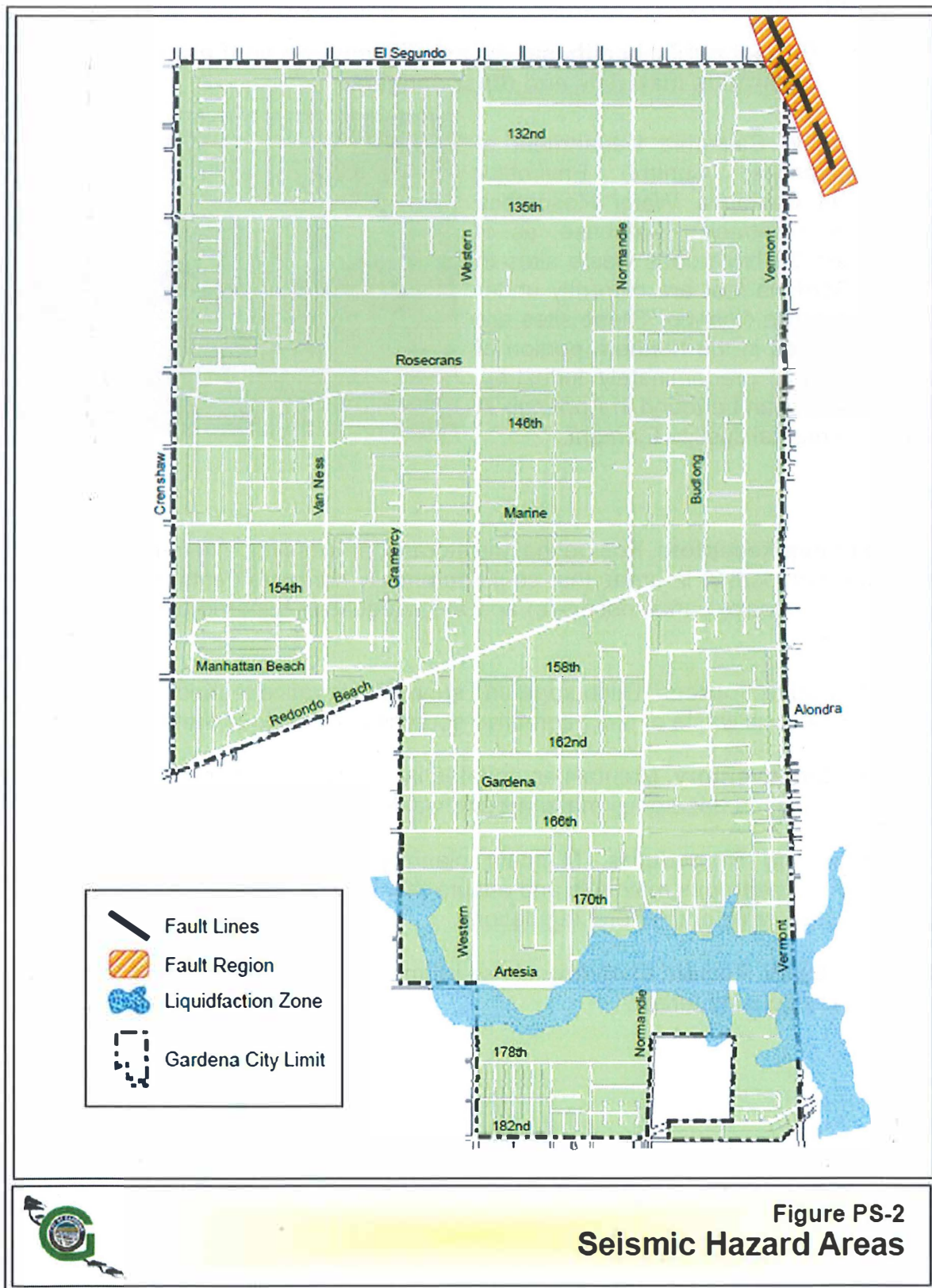
PS 3.1: California Building Code. Require compliance with seismic safety standards in the California Building Code, as adopted and amended.

PS 3.2: Geotechnical Studies. Require geotechnical studies for all new development projects in the City, including those located in an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or areas subject to liquefaction.

PS 3.3: Seismic Retrofitting. Seek possible funding sources to assist in seismic retrofitting of potentially hazardous structures.

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4. Hazardous Waste

PS Goal 4 Protect public health, safety, and the environment from exposure to hazardous materials and other dangers.

According to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control Envirostor Database and California Water Resources Control Board Geotracker Database, as of 2021 there are 38 hazardous waste sites in the City of Gardena that are currently under evaluation or active cleanup. These sites are generally clustered in the northern portion of the City, which is predominately industrial. More information can be found in Appendix A of the Environmental Justice Element.



Policies

PS 4.1: Sensitive Receptors. Ensure that the storage, processing, and transfer of hazardous materials are not located in areas that could potentially harm residents and other sensitive receptors (i.e., schools, parks, hospitals) and are adequately buffered from environmentally sensitive areas.

PS 4.2: Alternative Sources. Encourage and support innovative technologies that treat and dispose of hazardous waste or use alternative sources to hazardous materials.

PS 4.3: Updated Inventory. Maintain an updated inventory of businesses that handle, store, process, and transport hazardous materials and waste within the City.

PS 4.4: Planning Procedures. Maintain planning procedures for the handling and transportation of hazardous materials and ensure that the procedures are in compliance with applicable county, state and federal regulations.

PS 4.5: Land Uses. Require a conditional use permit for land uses that generate, use, store, or process hazardous materials.

5. Flood Hazards

PS Goal 5 A community that is protected from flood hazards.

Figure PS-3 shows FEMA 100- and 500-year flood zones in and near the City. The 100-year flood zone has a 1% probability (1 in 100) of flooding in a given year, and the 500-year flood zone has a 0.2% probability (1 in 500) of flooding in a given year. The Dominguez Channel is located in the western and southern portions of the City and is owned and operated by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. The channel flows to the Pacific Ocean through the Port of Los Angeles. A part of the channel that runs through the southern portion of the City is within the 100-year flood zone. A portion of the Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve is within the 500-year flood zone north of W. Artesia Boulevard and west of S. Vermont Avenue.

As an urbanized area, Gardena is vulnerable to flooding due to the large areas of impervious surfaces such as asphalt and concrete which prevent stormwater from absorbing into the ground and causing runoff. The following policies are intended to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff and protect the community from flood hazards.

Policies

PS 5.1: Regulatory Compliance. Coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure that the City's regulations related to flood control are in compliance with federal, state, and local standards.

PS 5.2: FEMA Coordination. Coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to ensure that Federal Insurance Rate Maps correctly depict flood hazards in the City.

PS 5.3: Municipal Code. Implement the standards and requirements defined in the Municipal Code to reduce flood hazards and address flood-prone areas within the City.

PS 5.4: California Building Code. Adhere to the latest building, site, and design codes in the California Building Code and FEMA flood control guidelines to avoid or minimize the risk of flooding hazards for new development in the City.

PS 5.5: Stormwater Runoff. Encourage new developments that add substantial amounts of impervious surfaces to integrate low impact development (LID) to reduce stormwater runoff.

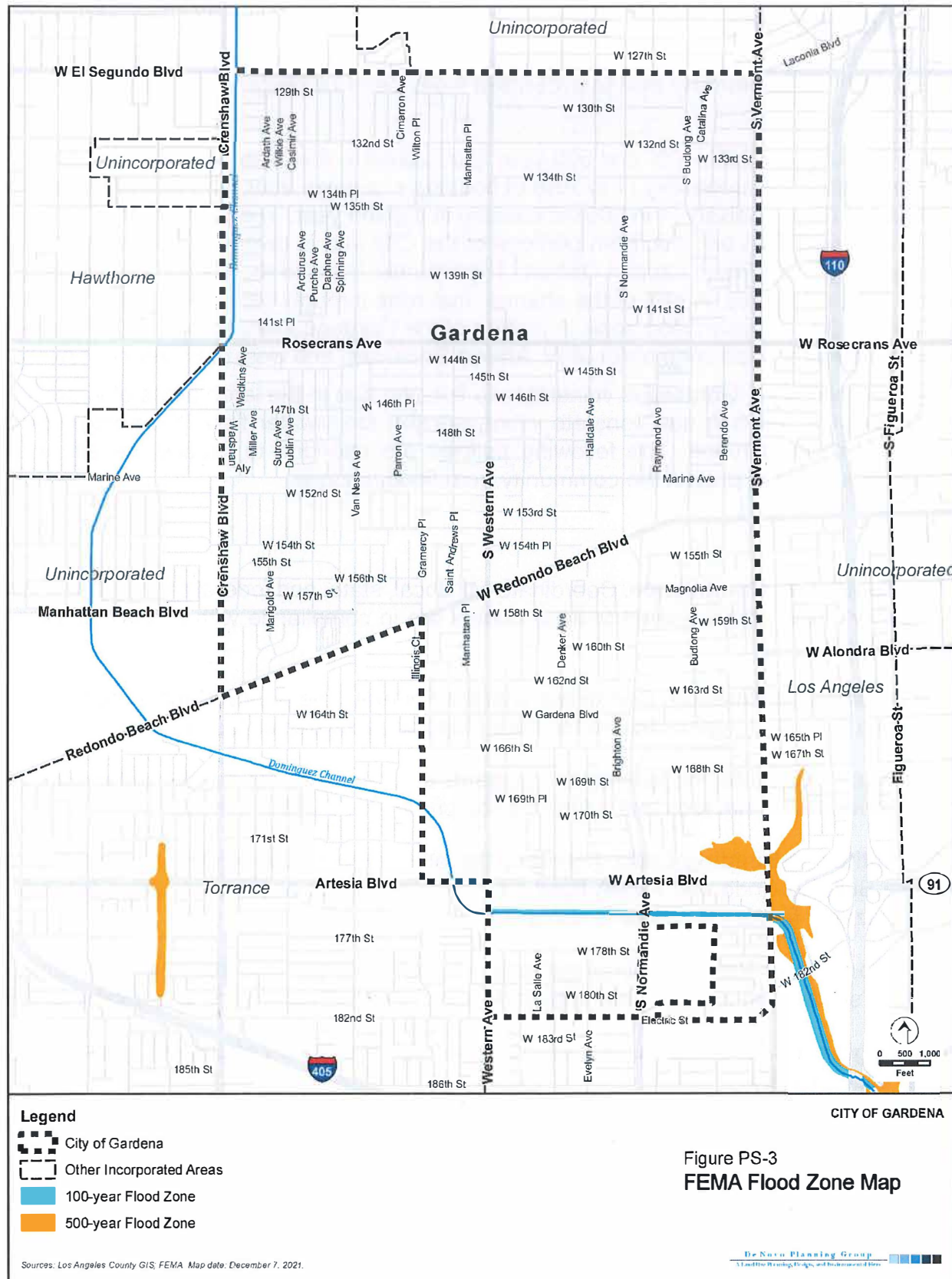
PS 5.6: Regional Coordination. Maintain dialogue with the County of Los Angeles regarding regional flood facilities.

PS 5.7: Changing Conditions. Coordinate with the Los Angeles County Flood Control and Water Conservation Districts.

PS 5.8: Adequate Infrastructure. Maintain and regularly assess the status of local storm drainage infrastructure to ensure that the system is functioning properly.

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6. Climate Change and Resiliency Planning

PS Goal 6 A resilient, sustainable, and equitable community where risks to life, property, the economy, and the environment resulting from climate change, including extreme weather events, are minimized.

As a result of climate change, California is experiencing more intense and frequent heat waves, drought, wildfires, severe storms and extreme weather events. In addition to climate change imperatives, resiliency planning is becoming necessary on its own merits. Senate Bill 379 requires each city in California to update their Safety Element to consider climate impacts facing the state as well as methods to adapt and increase resiliency to climate change at the city level.

The City developed a Climate Action Plan (CAP) in cooperation with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions within Gardena. The City's CAP serves as a guide for action by setting GHG emission reduction goals and establishing strategies and policy to achieve desired outcomes over the next 20 years.

The City also prepared a Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) in 2021 to inform City policies, plans, programs, and guidance to promote effective and integrated action to safeguard from climate change. Policies are included below to address the key findings of the CVA.

Policies

PS 6.1: Community Preparedness. A well-prepared City that can effectively overcome natural disasters and scarcity of resources due to climate change.

PS 6.2: Collaboration. Collaborate with local, regional, state and/or federal jurisdictions and agencies on climate resiliency and adaptation strategies.

PS 6.3: Water Supply. Promote plans and programs and collaborate with local, regional, state and federal jurisdictions to increase sustainable water sources and protect water infrastructure.

PS 6.4: Vulnerable Populations, Areas, and Infrastructure. Implement necessary actions and programs to improve preparation and response for the most vulnerable community members and areas, and infrastructure.

PS 6.5: Cooling Centers. Designate public buildings, specific private buildings, or institutions with air conditioning as public cooling shelters; extend hours at air-conditioned sites during periods of extreme heat or power outage (if the site is supported by a backup generator).

PS 6.6: Energy Supply. Promote plans and programs that increase sustainable energy sources.

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PS 6.7: Storms. Provide access to flood protection resources and services (signage, sandbags, etc.) at designated public facilities before and during extreme weather events.

PS 6.8: Special Assistance. Address the needs of individuals with limited mobility or limited access to transportation for access to safe and comfortable shelter during extreme heat events or other severe weather events.

PS 6.9: Greenhouse Gas Reductions. Reduce communitywide greenhouse gas emissions locally by actively supporting regional efforts to reduce greenhouse gases.

PS 6.10: Extreme Heat Vulnerabilities. Encourage new developments, major remodels, and redevelopments address urban heat island issues and reduce urban heat island effects for the proposed project site and adjacent properties.

PS 6.11: Urban Forestry Plan. Minimize damage associated with wind-related hazards and address climate change and urban heat island effects through the development of an urban forestry plan.

PS 6.12: Climate Resiliency Plan. Develop a climate resiliency plan that integrates and builds upon the strategies identified in the General Plan and Climate Action Plan.

Environmental Justice Element

Authority

Senate Bill 1000 (SB 1000), the Planning for Healthy Communities Act, was signed into law by Governor Edmond G. Brown, Jr. on September 24, 2016, mandating that cities and counties with disadvantaged communities (defined below) adopt an Environmental Justice (EJ) Element or integrate EJ goals, objectives, and policies into other elements of their General Plans, with the intent to create healthier cities and counties by protecting sensitive land uses and prioritizing the needs of disadvantaged communities.

The term “disadvantaged community” is a broad designation that includes any community disproportionately affected by environmental, health, and other burdens or low-income areas disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards. In relation to environmental justice, disadvantaged communities typically disproportionately face the burdens of environmental hazards. Government Code Section 65302, as amended by SB 1000, defines a disadvantaged community as follows:

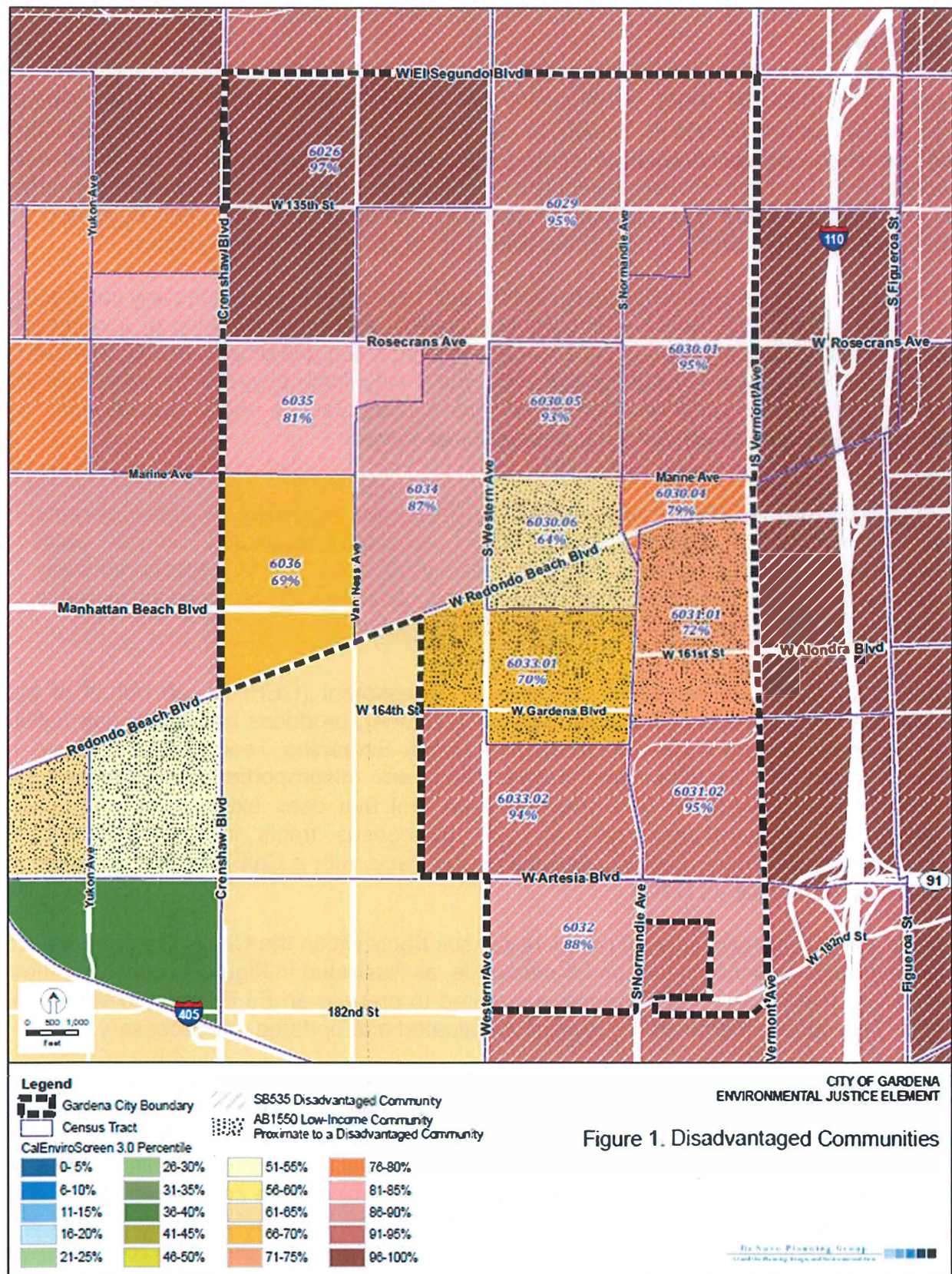
A Disadvantaged Community (DAC) is “An area identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code or an area that is a low-income area that is disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative health effects, exposure, or environmental degradation.”

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), on behalf of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), produces an online map called the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen). CalEnviroScreen identifies communities that are disproportionately affected by environmental hazards. It is a science-based tool that uses existing environmental, health, and socioeconomic data to rank all census tracts in California with a CalEnviroScreen score. CalEPA designates the tracts with a CalEnviroScreen score in the top 25 percentile as DACs.

Based on CalEnviroScreen, 10 out of 14 census tracts within the City of Gardena have a CalEnviroScreen score in the top 25 percentile, as illustrated in Figure 1, qualifying them as DACs. This means that Gardena is required to prepare an EJ Element to satisfy SB 1000. This determination will be regularly evaluated and updated, as necessary.

Under Assembly Bill 1550, low-income communities located within ½ mile of a CalEPA-identified DAC are also considered an ‘environmental justice community’. These communities can be identified using the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Priority Populations Mapping Tool. Based on this assessment, three more census tracts in Gardena (beyond the 10 identified via CalEnviroScreen) can be considered DACs and are also shown in Figure 1. In total, the City has 13 census tracts (out of 14) that are considered disadvantaged communities. More information about each DAC census tract in Gardena can be found in the Environmental Justice White Paper (Appendix A).

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Purpose

The purpose of the EJ Element is to identify goals and policies that promote environmental justice citywide with a focus on reducing disproportionate impacts on DACs.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines **environmental justice** as “the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.”

The City is committed to supporting the long-term needs of our community’s most vulnerable populations. Low-income residents, communities of color, indigenous peoples, and immigrant communities have disproportionately experienced some of the greatest environmental burdens and related health problems throughout this region. This inequity is the result of many historic and social influences, including those related to zoning, land ownership, lending practices, economics, public health, and politics. This document hopes to contribute toward remedying environmental injustices and problems caused by:

- Zoning and land use planning practices that promote development patterns which tend to concentrate pollution and environmental hazards in certain communities, and the placement of economic and environmental benefits in areas outside of environmentally burdened communities;
- Red-lining, deed restrictions and other discriminatory housing and lending practices, as well as a failure to enforce proper zoning or conduct regular inspections resulting in intersecting structural inequalities that persist still;
- Limited political and economic power among certain demographic groups competing against the priorities of powerful business interests for public infrastructure spending in health, safety, open space, transportation, and other public goods resulting in disadvantaged communities having little or no say in how their neighborhoods were developed.

Working with community stakeholder and regional partners, the City of Gardena looks forward to promoting a more equitable, safe, and healthy lifestyle for all residents.

Community Engagement

The City convened a focus group of Gardena residents and conducted a city-wide online survey to gather information on resident concerns related to environmental justice. The input received was used to develop new policies contained within this EJ Element. A summary of the input received from the survey and the general themes that emerged is included as Appendix B.

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Element Organization

This EJ Element addresses the following issue areas:

1. Reduce Pollution Exposure and Improve Air Quality
2. Promote Access to Public Facilities
3. Healthy Food Access
4. Safe and Sanitary Homes
5. Promote Physical Activity
6. Promote Civic Engagement

The Gardena General Plan addresses most of these topics within the context of other elements, especially in the Community Development Element, Housing Element, and Community Resources Element. This EJ Element serves to highlight those existing policies contained in other elements as they relate to environmental justice by duplicating them here, within the priority areas identified above. In addition, new policies are included to supplement the City's existing policy direction. New policies are included first under each priority area, followed by relevant policies from other General Plan elements along with a reference to that policy's original location. By presenting the EJ Element in this way, the City seeks to further demonstrate the deep connections between these important priorities and other City goals, priorities, programs, and objectives. As illustrated throughout this EJ Element and the General Plan more broadly, the City of Gardena values its role in promoting environmental justice for current and future residents.

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Goals and Policies

1. Reduced Pollution Exposure and Improve Air Quality

EJ Goal 1	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance air quality, and reduce impacts associated with climate change.
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Pollution exposure occurs when people come into direct contact with air, food, water, and soil contaminants and is often the result of incompatible land uses sited adjacent to each other. Sensitive populations (such as children, the elderly, and those with compromised immune systems) are the most susceptible to pollution exposure. Pollution can come from many sources including storage tanks leaking hazardous chemicals into soil and groundwater, agricultural land uses applying pesticides, mobile sources such as vehicles emitting exhaust, and stationary sources such as diesel generator exhaust.

Policies

EJ 1.1: Manage illegal dumping of trash and other items in waterways and other areas of the City.

EJ 1.2: Attract new clean industry to the City which do not emit smoke, noise, offensive odors, or harmful industrial wastes.

EJ 1.3: Require the mitigation or remediation of hazardous conditions in the City. (See also Policy LU 3.7)

EJ 1.4: Promote innovative development and design techniques, new material and construction methods to stimulate residential development that protects the environment. (See Policy DS 2.15)

EJ 1.5: Prioritize long-term sustainability for the City of Gardena, in alignment with regional and state goals, by promoting infill development, reduced reliance on single-occupancy vehicle trips, and improved multi-modal transportation networks, with the goal of reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, thereby improving the health and quality of life for residents. (See Policy CI 1.1)

EJ 1.6: Encourage citizens to report illegal dumping and vigorously prosecute illicit dumping of toxic or hazardous materials into the ground water. (See Policy CN 2.5)

EJ 1.7: Encourage and support the proper disposal of hazardous waste and waste oil. Monitor businesses that generate hazardous waste materials to ensure compliance with approved disposal procedures. (See Policy CN 2.6)

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EJ 1.8: Ensure that the storage, processing, and transfer of hazardous materials are not located in areas that could potentially harm resident and other sensitive receptors (i.e., schools, parks, hospitals) and are adequately buffered from environmentally sensitive areas. (See Policy PS 3.1)

EJ 1.9: Encourage and support innovative technologies that treat and dispose of hazardous waste or use alternative sources to hazardous materials. (See Policy PS 3.2)

EJ 1.10: Maintain an updated inventory of businesses that handle, store, process, and transport hazardous materials/waste within the City. (See Policy PS 3.3)

EJ 1.11: Maintain planning procedures for the handling and transportation of hazardous materials and ensure that the procedures are in compliance with applicable county, state and federal regulations. (See Policy PS 3.4)

EJ 1.12: Incorporate noise considerations into land use planning decisions. (See Goal N 2)

EJ 1.13: Reduce communitywide greenhouse gas emissions locally by actively supporting regional efforts to reduce greenhouse gases (See PS Policy PS 6.11)

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2. Promote Access to Public Facilities

EJ Goal 2 Locate public facilities and services equitably throughout the community.

The adequate provision of public facilities is a critical component to the current and future prosperity of a community. Under state law (SB 1000), “public facilities” is an umbrella term that includes “public improvements, public services, and community amenities.” This covers a wide spectrum of publicly provided uses and services including infrastructure, school facilities, parks, and transportation and emergency services. These amenities and services act to improve the health, safety, and well-being of a community by either enhancing the public sphere or providing services that are available to every resident.

Policies

EJ 2.1: Ensure that the development of parks and recreation facilities and services keep pace with development and growth within the City.

EJ 2.2: Work with the community to identify gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network.

EJ 2.3: Explore the possibility of adding more recreation classes to meet the needs of the community.

EJ 2.4: Consider distributing City events across multiple parks as feasible.

EJ 2.5: Coordinate with the Police Department to address safety in parks.

EJ 2.6: Coordinate with partnering agencies that provide public facilities and services within the City to ensure effective, efficient, and equitable service delivery.

EJ 2.7: Work with GTrans to establish and maintain routes and services that provide the community with convenient access to jobs, shopping, schools, parks, and healthcare facilities.

EJ 2.8: Evaluate City facilities for health hazards or major sources of contamination and create a strategy to address any contamination or health hazards identified.

EJ 2.9: Provide the highest quality of public facilities possible to meet the needs of the City’s residents and businesses and promote the City’s image and cultural heritage. (See Goal LU 4)

EJ 2.10: Design public improvements to encourage pedestrian activity and access and to provide safe and convenient pedestrian circulation. (See Policy LU 4.3)

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EJ 2.11: Provide adequate public facilities and services for the convenience and safety of each neighborhood. (See Policy LU 4.7)

EJ 2.12: Promote a safe and efficient circulation system that benefits residents and businesses and integrates with the greater Los Angeles/South Bay transportation system. (See Goal CI 1)

EJ 2.13: Promote a safe and efficient local street system that is attractive and meets the needs of the community. (See Goal CI 2)

EJ 2.14: Develop Complete Streets to promote alternative modes of transportation that are safe and efficient for commuters, and available to persons of all income levels and disabilities. (See CI Goal 3)

EJ 2.15: Provide adequate public facilities and infrastructure that support the needs of City residents and businesses. (See CI Goal 4)

EJ 2.16: Maintain and upgrade the existing parks and recreation facilities to meet the needs of all residents. (See OS Goal 1)

EJ 2.17: Increase the City's supply and quality of parkland, open space, and recreational programs. (See OS Goal 2)

EJ 2.18: Maintain a high level of fire and police protection for residents, businesses, and visitors. (See PS Goal 1)

EJ 2.19: Promote an attractive, clean, and well-maintained environment in commercial areas, especially in public meeting places, transits stops, and public buildings by providing pedestrian amenities such as attractive permanent trashcan enclosures and benches. (See Policy DS 4.4)

EJ 2.20: Promote pedestrian-friendly corridors by improving traffic and pedestrian safety and by providing pedestrian amenities such as benches and outdoor seating, potted plants, decorative paving, and detailed lighting elements along the street frontage. (See Policy DS 4.6)

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3. Healthy Food Access

EJ Goal 3 Promote access to healthy food and nutritional choices.

Food plays a critical role in the health of a community. Therefore, it is essential that all residents have access to food that is healthy, affordable, and culturally appropriate. Disadvantaged populations may face constraints related to accessibility to nutritional food, and this lack of accessibility has a direct impact on personal health and well-being. Food access is not only associated with the physical accessibility of affordable and culturally appropriate food, but also with food security, defined as access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life. Food security includes the availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods as well as the ability to acquire foods.

Policies

EJ 3.1 Identify vacant lots and underutilized public land that can be used for neighborhood-run community gardens including coordination with Los Angeles Unified School District.

EJ 3.2 Explore ways to expand healthy food options in the northern portion of the City.

EJ 3.3: Encourage the establishment and operation of a farmer's markets, farm stands, mobile health food markets, and Community-Supported Agriculture programs.

EJ 3.4: Expand walkable and bikeable healthy food options in areas of the City, especially DACs, with limited access to vehicles.

EJ 3.5: Ensure transportation systems link customers to grocery stores and other sources of healthy foods.

EJ 3.6: Coordinate with local markets to reduce food waste.

EJ 3.7: Implement the requirements of SB1383 to coordinate the recovery of edible food from various types of industry with organizations that distribute the food.

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4. Safe and Sanitary Homes

EJ Goal 4	Foster healthy living conditions for people of all backgrounds and incomes.
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The housing conditions of homes in a community have direct health implications for those who live in them. Lower-income or otherwise disadvantaged residents may live in dwellings built before standards and regulations were established to ensure that new homes are free from pollutants such as lead and asbestos. Older housing often has other problems such as poor ventilation, which leads to uncomfortable indoor temperatures and mold-producing moisture, as well as pest and vermin infestations.

Overcrowded housing is another issue that affects the safety and cleanliness of homes. Overcrowding is typically measured by determining the persons-per-room in a dwelling unit, with more than one person per room considered overcrowded.

Lastly, housing affordability also influences whether homes in a community are safe and sanitary. When a tenant or homeowner spends more than 30 percent of their income toward housing (including utilities), they are generally considered to be cost-burdened. When a household is cost-burdened, there is less money for housing maintenance or other needs such as healthcare and healthy food. These issues are further discussed and addressed in the City's Housing Element.

Policies

EJ 4.1: Raise awareness about the risks associated with lead-based paint and other housing hazards, including by distributing information about remediation of lead and best practices to reduce and eliminate other housing hazards.

EJ 4.2: Conduct periodic absentee owner outreach to inform owners of their legal requirements to maintain and upkeep their rental properties.

EJ 4.3: Distribute information with City newsletters or other periodic publications about protecting tenant rights so they are not penalized for reporting or living in a dwelling unit that does not meet health and safety standards.

EJ 4.4: Promote smoke-free multifamily housing properties to reduce secondhand and thirdhand smoke-related death and disability.

EJ 4.5: Encourage the upkeep, maintenance, and rehabilitation of existing housing units. (See Policy HE 1.1)

EJ 4.6: Continue to explore programs and funding sources designed to maintain and improve the existing housing stock. (See Policy HE 1.2)

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EJ 4.7: Preserve the affordability of assisted rental projects located in the City. (See Policy HE 1.3)

EJ 4.8: Encourage room additions in the existing housing stock to alleviate overcrowding. (See Policy HE 1.4)

EJ 4.9: Promote sound housing and attractive and safe residential neighborhoods. (See Policy LU 1.1)

EJ 4.10: Protect existing residential neighborhoods from incompatible uses and development. (See Policy LU 1.2)

EJ 4.11: Encourage rehabilitation or upgrade of aging residential neighborhoods. (See Policy DS 2.6)

EJ 4.12: Incorporate quality residential amenities such as private and communal open spaces into multi-unit development projects in order to improve the quality of the project and to create more attractive and livable spaces for residents to enjoy. (See Policy DS 2.11)

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5. Promote Physical Activity

EJ Goal 5 Encourage physical activity and improved physical fitness.

Physical activity is a large contributor to the physical and mental health of Gardena residents. Research by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that physically active people tend to live longer and have lower risk for heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, depression, and some cancers. Physical activity is promoted by the built environment through providing places that encourage walking, biking, and other forms of exercise. These places include parks, open space, trails, urban green spaces, areas with robust tree canopies, and active transportation networks. If a community has facilities that promote physical activity, community members are more likely to be physically active within that community.

Policies

EJ 5.1: Prioritize increasing opportunities for physical activity within DACs.

EJ 5.2: Provide neighborhood commercial centers with convenient and safe pedestrian access. (See Policy LU 2.4)

EJ 5.3: Design public improvements to encourage pedestrian activity and access and to provide safe and convenient pedestrian circulation. (See Policy LU 4.3)

EJ 5.4: Traffic-calming measures and devices (e.g., sidewalks, streetscapes, speed humps, traffic circles, cul-de-sacs and signals) should promote safe routes through neighborhoods for pedestrians. (See Policy CI 2.5)

EJ 5.5: Maintain and expand sidewalk installation and repair programs, particularly in areas where sidewalks link residential neighborhoods to local schools, parks, and shopping areas. (See Policy CI 3.3)

EJ 5.6: Maintain a citywide bicycle route and maintenance plan that promotes efficient and safe bikeways integrated with the MTA's regional bicycle system. (See Policy CI 3.4)

EJ 5.7: As roadways are repaved or otherwise improved, evaluate opportunities to enhance the quality and safety of the roadway by implementing new or improved walking, bicycling, or public transit infrastructure. If no walking, bicycling, or public transit improvements are being provided, a report to the City Council should provide an explanation for why such improvements are not needed along this roadway segment. (See Policy CI 3.5)

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EJ 5.8: Encourage walking, biking, carpooling, use of public transit and other alternative modes of transportation to minimize vehicular use and associated traffic noise. (See Policy N 1.8)

EJ 5.9: Promote pedestrian amenities in mixed-use developments and along arterials. (See Policy DS 3.2)

EJ 5.10: Support mixed-use developments that include adequate open space areas and a full range of site amenities. (See Policy DS 3.4)

EJ 5.11: Promote pedestrian-friendly corridors by improving traffic and pedestrian safety and by providing pedestrian amenities such as benches and outdoor seating, potted plants, decorative paving, and detailed lighting elements along the street frontage. (See Policy DS 4.6)

EJ 5.12: Increase the City's supply and quality of parkland, open space, and recreational programs. (See Goal OS 2)

EJ 5.13: Encourage the conversion of utility easements and right of ways to multi-purpose parkland, trails, and bicycle routes (i.e., the Southern California Edison right-of-way between Artesia Boulevard and 178th Street, storm channel side roads, and Vermont Avenue median strips). (See Policy OS 2.3)

EJ 5.14: Expand the City's bicycle route plan and integrate the routes with other local and regional bike routes. (See Policy OS 2.5)

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6. Promote Civic Engagement

EJ Goal 6	Support accessible and culturally appropriate opportunities for all people regardless of race, color, national origin, language, or income to engage in the decision-making process.
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Civic or community engagement is an important goal across all local planning and decision-making processes. It can help foster a strong sense of place within a neighborhood and can deepen the investment of stakeholders in working toward neighborhood improvements. Environmental justice issues will be more effectively identified and resolved if accessible and culturally appropriate opportunities to engage in local decision-making are created for low-income, minority, and linguistically isolated stakeholders. Effective civic engagement not only provides the City with an opportunity to strengthen its relationship with the community but provides for sound investment in better decision-making by ensuring decisions are informed by community needs and aspirations.

Policies

EJ 6.1: Support an equitable and comprehensive approach to civic engagement and public outreach on all aspects of City governance and delivery of services.

EJ 6.2: Promote, sponsor, and support a variety of community events to strengthen social cohesion and the overall identity of the City.

EJ 6.3: Make City information such as numbers to call for code enforcement, programs offered through the City, and housing needs easily accessible.

EJ 6.4: Specifically invite residents from traditionally underrepresented demographic groups to become board, commission, and committee members as openings occur.

EJ 6.5: Coordinate with the school district, neighborhood groups, and religious institutions to distribute information and promote input opportunities.

EJ 6.6: Explore ways to provide information to older residents who don't use computers or social media through the Senior Citizens Bureau, Nakaoka Community Center, and Gardena Senior Center.

EJ 6.7: Ensure meaningful cross-cultural participation in local planning and decision-making processes by:

- Providing City-sponsored material in multiple languages.
- Organizing outreach events and conducting surveys directly to specific demographic groups.

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- Partnering with community-based organizations that have relationships, trust, and cultural competency with target communities to conduct outreach for local initiatives and issues.

EJ 6.8: Ensure that meetings and other public engagement forums are accessible to a wide range of residents and encourage greater attendance by:

- Holding meetings at different locations and times and in different formats.
- Targeting outreach to communities that will be most impacted by an issue or decision.
- Ensuring any materials are distributed far enough in advance of meetings to allow sufficient time for review and comment.
- Using communication methods that convey complex or technical information in an easily understandable manner.
- Facilitating meetings using diverse methods that can engage all participants and can appeal to multiple styles of learning.

EJ 6.9: Utilize Channel 22 to advertise opportunities for community input.

EJ 6.10: Publish the information booklet called “Gardena Live, Work and Play” at least twice a year so residents can be aware of City events and services.

EJ 6.11: Consider establishing an Environmental Justice Committee to monitor the City’s progress on implementation of the Environmental Justice Element.



Action	Funding Source	Responsible Agency	Time Frame
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT (Continued)			
<i>EJ Action 6: Review the Municipal Code</i> <i>Review the City's Municipal Code to determine if there are any barriers to planting edible landscaping and gardens in front yards.</i>	General Fund	Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.
<i>EJ Action 7: Provide Information on Growing Food</i> <i>Provide information on the City's website about growing food at home.</i>	General Fund	City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.
<i>EJ Action 8: Reduce Food Waste</i> <i>Coordinate with local/independent supermarkets on soon-to-expire foods to see if they can feasibly be distributed to those in need.</i>	General Fund	Human Services/City Manager/	3 – 5 yrs.
<i>EJ Action 9: Increase Active Transportation</i> <i>Explore the reasons why some disadvantaged communities have higher rates of commuters who walk and/or bike to work and if there are actions that can be implemented in other disadvantaged communities to increase their rates.</i>	General Fund	Community Development Department	5+ yrs.
<i>EJ Action 10: Promote Input Opportunities</i> <i>Consider adding a section or page to the City's website dedicated to input opportunities.</i>	General Fund	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.
<i>EJ Action 11: Channel 22</i> <i>Utilize Channel 22 to advertise opportunities for community input.</i>	General Fund	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.
<i>EJ Action 12: Gardena Live, Work and Play</i> <i>Publish the information booklet called "Gardena Live, Work and Play" at least twice a year.</i>	General Fund	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.
<i>EJ Action 13: Environmental Justice Committee</i> <i>Consider establishing an Environmental Justice Committee to monitor the City's progress on implementation of the Environmental Justice Element.</i>	General Fund	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.



Implementation Program

Gardena General Plan 2006, updated February 2022

The City of Gardena General Plan 2006 establishes the foundation and policy framework guiding Gardena into the future. The General Plan establishes goals and specific policies related to community development, resources and safety. The Implementation Program section of the General Plan outlines specific actions that will be necessary to put the policies contained in the General Plan into practice. The Implementation Program has been updated to reflect changes made in 2022 and should continue to be updated as often as deemed necessary to ensure that it reflects the City's implementation and strategic priorities and resources.

The responsible agencies or City departments for each action have been identified, along with the recommended time frame and funding source. Implementation time frames set forth are based upon current and anticipated resource availability and should be reviewed to incorporate changing conditions.

Implementation time frames are assigned as follows:

1-3 Years:

- No programs currently in place to begin implementing policy.
- Time sensitivity, with potential consequences for significant lost opportunities, if not implemented immediately.

3-5 Years:

- Some existing programs can function as temporary placeholder for policy implementation.
- Resources not likely to be available immediately.

5+ Years:

- Programs already in place to implement policy, and programs are considered generally adequate.
- Dependent upon other implementation programs being in place first (i.e. need to implement incrementally).
- Requires fiscal resources/capital commitments not likely to be available in the short run.



Implementation Program

Action	Funding Source	Responsible Agency	Time Frame
LAND USE PLAN			
LU Action 1: Maintain, Preserve and Rehabilitate Residential Neighborhoods Continue to promote programs such as the City's Handy-Worker Fix Up Program, Light Housing Rehabilitation Program, Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, and Preservation of At Risk Housing.	Federal & State Funds	City Manager	5+ yrs.
LU Action 2: Revise and Enforce the Zoning Ordinance Revise development standards within the Zoning Ordinance to reflect and to be consistent with the new General Plan policies, particularly with respect to the introduction of the Mixed-Use Overlay District designation in the Land Use Plan. This will include revision to the Zoning Map to reflect the General Plan Land Use Map. Enforcement of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance will prohibit incompatible uses and eventually phase out non-conforming uses.	General Fund	Community Development Department	3 – 5 yrs.
LU Action 3: Adopt Specific Plans for Focused Areas Create joint public/private programs to prepare and implement specific plans for focused areas. These specific plans will support regional-serving commercial development and determine the feasibility of a mixed commercial and residential development in these areas. The focus areas include the Artesia Boulevard corridor and the three areas around the intersections along Rosecrans Avenue at Van Ness, Western, and Normandie Avenues.	Public/Private Partnership/ Grant Funds	Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.
LU Action 4: Strengthen the Development Review Process Strengthen process for standards of development to place more stringent review criteria on infill developments that are adjacent to low-density residential homes. Emphasis should be placed on the use, scale, character, off-street parking, circulation, and design of the project in order to protect existing lower density residential character.	General Fund	Community Development Department	3 – 5 yrs.



Action	Funding Source	Responsible Agency	Time Frame
LAND USE PLAN (Continued)			
LU Action 5: Provide Quality Open Space in Multi-Family Developments <i>Require all multi-family developments to provide ample open space, landscaping, recreation facilities, and off-street parking for the health and safety of the residents.</i>	Developer Funds	Community Development Department	3 – 5 yrs.
LU Action 6: Provide Adequate Public Service <i>Ensure adequate public service and infrastructure, including utilities and sewer, can be provided prior to project approval. Require projects exceeding the capacity of necessary services such as utilities and sewer to provide such services prior to project approval. Collaborate with related agencies to upgrade public infrastructure to meet new needs.</i>	Developer Funds	Community Development Department/ Public Works	1 – 3 yrs.
LU Action 7: Institute Traffic Calming Measures <i>Identify the residential streets that are affected by cut-through traffic and develop plans to install traffic calming measures.</i>	TBB	Community Development Department/ Public Works/ Police Department	1 – 3 yrs.
LU Action 8: Undertake Program to Promote Mixed-Use <i>Promote mixed-use development within the Mixed-Use Overlay Zone. Encourage consolidation of lots to provide larger development sites for mixed-use developments. Strictly enforce minimum lot size requirement for all mixed-use developments.</i>	General Fund	Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.
LU Action 9: Adopt Parking Standard for Mixed-Use Development <i>Adopt parking standards specifically for mixed-use developments. All mixed-use projects must provide adequate parking.</i>	General Fund	Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.



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LAND USE PLAN (Continued)			
LU Action 10: Strengthen Landscaping Requirements Revise the zoning ordinance to strengthen landscaping requirements for commercial and industrial uses. The emphasis should be placed on beautifying street frontage and the frontage abutting a residential use. Encourage property owners to gradually meet the new standard.	General Fund	Community Development Department	3 – 5 yrs.
LU Action 11: Undertake Programs to Promote Lot Consolidation Advertise the advantages of lot consolidation and encourage developers to assemble lots into larger sites to provide for modern development.	General Fund	Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.
LU Action 12: Identify Strategy to Achieve Balanced Commercial Development standards Establish a joint-effort plan to approach and promote the City of Gardena to desired business tenants in order to achieve a balanced distribution of commercial services at appropriate locations in the City.	General Fund/Grant Funds	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.
LU Action 13: Establish Pedestrian Access Standards Thoroughly review pedestrian amenities of commercial projects during the project review and approval process. Revise development standards and design guidelines to emphasize the provision of safe pedestrian access.	General Fund/Grant Funds	Community Development Department/ Public Works	1 – 3 yrs.
LU Action 14: Phase Out Non-Conforming Uses Strictly prohibit non-conforming uses from locating in commercial and industrial areas. Strictly prohibit a new non-conforming use from replacing a previous non-conforming use.	General Fund	Community Development Department	5+ yrs.



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LAND USE PLAN (Continued)			
LU Action 15: Enforce Parking Regulations Enforce the off-street parking and loading standards mandated by Chapter 18.40 of the municipal code for parking, loading and internal circulation.	General Fund/Fines	Police Department/ Code Enforcement	3 – 5 yrs.
LU Action 16: Continue Rehabilitation Programs Create joint public/private programs for rehabilitation of dilapidated commercial and industrial buildings.	Grant Funds	City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.
LU Action 17: Attract Desirable Commercial Tenants Continue the collaboration between Community Development Department and Economic Development office of the City Manager to identify and promote the City to desirable commercial and industrial tenants that pose minimal adverse impacts on surrounding land uses and are economically beneficial to the City. Provide technical assistance when needed.	Grant Funds	City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.
LU Action 18: Provide Adequate Infrastructure, Utilities, and Public Service Confirm that a development can be served with adequate infrastructure, utilities, and public services prior to project approval to ensure that proposed developments do not exceed the capacity of public and utility services.	Developer Funds	Community Development Department/ Public Works/ State Agencies/ Special Districts	3 – 5 yrs.



Action	Funding Source	Responsible Agency	Time Frame
LAND USE PLAN (Continued)			
LU Action 19: Fulfill Environmental Regulations Prior to project approval, verify and require all commercial, industrial, or public developments to meet or exceed local and state requirements pertaining to noise, air, water, seismic safety and other applicable environmental regulations. Require environmental analysis or mitigation measures when necessary.	General Fund	Community Development Department	5+ yrs.
LU Action 20: Mitigate Impacts of Hazardous Materials Discourage the use of hazardous materials in the City and require mitigation measures when hazardous materials are used.	General Fund	Fire/Community Development Department/ Police Department/ Business License	5+ yrs.
LU Action 21: Require Appropriate Development Impact Fees and Dedications Ensure that all developers install all required public improvements and provide all required dedications. When applicable, development impact fees shall be justifiably calculated and collected.	General Fund	Community Development Department	3 – 5 yrs.
LU Action 22: Review Existing Single-Family Neighborhoods as Appropriate Ensure that all existing single-family neighborhoods are protected from inappropriate general plan land use designations.	General Fund	Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.



Action	Funding Source	Responsible Agency	Time Frame
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN			
ED Action 1: Diversify and Increase Funding Sources Pursue diverse funding sources, such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Neighborhood Initiative Grant, Brownfields Pilot Grant, 108 Loans, Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI), and other economic development funding sources, to implement the City Economic Development Program.	Grant Funds	City Manager	5+ yrs.
ED Action 2: Monitor and Maintain the Condition of Public Improvements Conduct periodic surveys of the public infrastructure systems within commercial and industrial areas to identify maintenance and upgrade needs. Maintain public infrastructure in good condition to ensure quality service to commercial and industrial users.	General Fund/Grant Funds	Community Development Department/ Public Works	3 – 5 yrs.
ED Action 3: Conduct Regular Market Analysis Research Determine the City's retail market by conducting and maintaining research regarding retail leakages. This effort will assist the City in identifying appropriate tenants to serve the day and night time population of in the City. The research will strengthen the City Economic Development Program and improve marketing efforts.	General Fund	City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.
ED Action 4: Maintain a Current Multimedia Marketing Program Develop a set of marketing tools, including utilization of the City's website and newspaper, as well as publication of articles in various nationwide magazines to invite potential investors and businesses to locate in the City. This program should aggressively develop strategies to attract regional and national tenants. In addition, advertise the City's Mixed-Use Overlay areas to potential investors and highlight the benefits of mixed-use developments.	General Fund/Grant Funds	City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (Continued)			
<p>ED Action 5: Maintain a Citywide Development and Business-Monitoring Database</p> <p>Provide and maintain a citywide database building on the City's Geographic Information System (GIS) capabilities and other technological resources to monitor trends and activities and provide accurate information to support public and business community's decision making.</p>	General Fund/Grant Funds	Community Developer Director	3 – 5 yrs.
<p>ED Action 6: Continue the Brownfield Program</p> <p>Continue and expand the Brownfield Program to remediate and redevelop contaminated sites within the City. This program identifies contaminated sites, the cost of cleanup and a strategy for sustainable reuse or development of the site. Currently there are 22 identified Brownfield sites within the City. A key component to this program is on-going community outreach through the Brownfield Community Relations Committee which provides information and receives input on environmental issues in the community.</p>	Grant Funds	City Manager	5+ yrs.
<p>ED Action 7: Continue Workshops for Existing Businesses</p> <p>Develop joint business workshops with the Southwest Los Angeles County Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for existing and future businesses in the City. Topics shall include marketing, business plan development, human resources, independent contractors and others.</p>	Grant Funds	City Manager	5+ yrs.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (Continued)			
ED Action 8: Establish a Small Businesses Assistance Program Continue to implement commercial rebate program and Micro-Loan program to assist small businesses and start-up companies in the City. Provide technical assistance to existing and potential businesses when needed.	Grant Funds	City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.
ED Action 9: Establish a Business Outreach Program Establish a formal long-term business outreach program specifically designed to identify expansion possibilities, provide resource materials to the City's business community, conduct business workshops, provide access to lender information, and promote a business friendly atmosphere.	General Fund/ Grant Funds	City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.
ED Action 10: Enforce Seismic and Other Structural Retrofits Identify and provide assistance to owners of commercial and industrial buildings that do not meet the latest seismic requirements or other Unified Building Code standards.	Grant Funds	Community Development Department	3 – 5 yrs.
ED Action 12: Expand the Rosecrans Revitalization Program Continue implementation of the Rosecrans Revitalization Program to revitalize the Rosecrans corridor to increase potential revenue, attract new businesses, and create additional employment opportunities for local residents.	Grant Funds	City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.



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COMMUNITY DESIGN PLAN			
DS Action 1: Establish a Design Review Board or Process Establish a Design Review Board that reviews the design of all new buildings and significant renovations in the City. The purpose of the Design Review Board is to carry out all policies, development standards, and design guidelines set forth by the General Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, as well as any Specific Plans. The Design Review Board will consist of a registered architect, a landscape architect and the Community Development Department. This Board will provide recommendations to the Planning Commission.	Developer	Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.
DS Action 2: Intensify Code Enforcement Intensify code enforcement to include greater coverage and perform proactive code enforcement activities. In addition, strictly enforce sign standards in the zoning ordinance through the permit approval process as well as code enforcement actions.	General Fund/Grant Funds	Police Department/ Community Development Department/ Public Works	3 – 5 yrs.
DS Action 3: Establish Entry Monument Signage Program Identify key entry points of the City and install attractive, permanent entry monument signs to create a welcoming sense of arrival into the City. The entry monument signs shall be designed to reflect the character of the City and be beautified with landscaping.	General Fund/Grant Funds	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.
DS Action 4: Establish a Citywide Beautification Program Develop a Citywide Beautification Master Plan to be carried out in the next 15 years. The plan shall target undergrounding of utilities, installation of landscaped medians in major corridors throughout the City, planting of street trees, installation of public art, as well as specific guidelines for all street furniture.	General Fund/Grant Funds	Community Development Department/ Public Works	1 – 3 yrs.



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COMMUNITY DESIGN PLAN (Continued)			
<p>DS Action 5: Establish a Tree Planting Program</p> <p><i>In addition to the Citywide Beautification Program, the City shall develop a Street Tree Planting Program that specifically addresses street trees in the City. The City shall conduct a street tree inventory to identify places where trees are needed, select appropriate species of trees to be planted, and develop strategic phasing plan to complete the planting in an on-going process. The Street Tree Planting Program shall complement and be consistent with the Citywide Beautification Program.</i></p>	General Fund/Grant Funds	Public Works/Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.
<p>DS Action 6: Update Landscape Standards</p> <p><i>Update the zoning ordinance to include landscaping standards in all commercial, industrial, and public uses. The emphasis shall be placed on providing landscaping on street frontage to achieve maximum beautification effects. All new commercial, industrial, and public uses shall be required to install sufficient landscaping, while all existing commercial, industrial, and public uses shall be encouraged to meet the new standard.</i></p>	General Fund/Grant Funds	Community Development Department	3 – 5 yrs.
<p>DS Action 7: Update Cultural and Historical Survey</p> <p><i>Update the 1981 Cultural and Historical Study to identify cultural resources within the City. The study should be used to plan preservation programs for the City's important landmarks and places of historical importance.</i></p>	General Fund/Grant Funds	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.
<p>DS Action 8: Identify Design Requirements for Single-Family Additions/Remodels</p> <p><i>Carefully review the design features of all single-family additions and remodels during the permit approval process. The addition or remodel shall match the existing structure in design, type of material, color, roofing, and windows treatments. The addition shall be sensitive to the scale and character of surrounding residential units and the privacy of adjacent residents.</i></p>	General Fund	Community Development Department	3 – 5 yrs.



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COMMUNITY DESIGN PLAN (Continued)			
DS Action 9: Continue Programs to Encourage Rehabilitation of Aging Residential Work with homeowner associations as well as individual homeowners to encourage rehabilitation of aging residential units. Establish a housing rehabilitation program that provides homeowners financial assistance in rehabilitating housing units.	Grant Funds	Community Development Department/ City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.
DS Action 10: Create Development and Design Standards for Mixed-Use Development Adopt development and design standards for Mixed-Use Overlay Zones and Home Business Zone. The development standard shall become part of the zoning ordinance and shall be enforced by the Community Development Department and the Design Review Board.	General Fund	Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.
DS Action 11: Continue Van Ness Façade Renovation Revitalization Program Continue to be implemented include the Van Ness Façade Renovation Program which promotes renovation and beautification efforts on commercial properties along Van Ness Avenue.	Grant Funds	City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.
DS Action 12: Establish Sign Programs for Commercial Corridors Develop a Sign Program for major shopping plazas as well as commercial establishments along major corridors. The Sign Program should regulate the type, size, font, style, color, fixture, location, and all other design elements of signs.	General Fund	Community Development Department	3 – 5 yrs.
DS Action 13: Establish a Program to Collaborate with Property Owners to Update Signage Collaborate with property owners to replace dilapidated, faded, and non-conforming signs.	Grant Funds	Community Development Department/ Police Dept./ City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.



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CIRCULATION PLAN			
<p>CI Action 1: Implement the Circulation Policies, Priorities in the Capital Improvement Program, and Circulation Mitigation Measures Identified in the General Plan EIR</p> <p>Modify and improve the City's circulation system as necessitated by regional growth and new development to ensure adequate levels of service, and monitor the operation of major streets. As roadway facilities approach or exceed the level of service standards established in the Circulation Plan, roadway capacity will be improved by adding through and turn lanes and other transportation measures identified in the Circulation Plan. Roadway segment and intersection improvements to accommodate future traffic volumes are identified in the General Plan EIR.</p> <p>Utilize the Capital Improvement Program process to prioritize, finance, and complete roadway improvements identified in the Circulation Plan and as necessitated by regional growth and new development. Update the Capital Improvement Program annually to respond to changes in local priorities and available funding sources.</p>	General Fund	Public Works	1 – 5+ yrs.
<p>CI Action 2: Initiate a Traffic Impact Fee</p> <p>Consider the preparation and adoption of a traffic impact fee ordinance that requires developers to incorporate improvements of the circulation network to mitigate impacts on traffic flow resulting by the project or pay fair share costs.</p>	General Fund	Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.
<p>CI Action 3: Implement Truck Route Ordinance</p> <p>Maintain and enforce truck routes as shown in Figure CI-3. Clearly mark truck routes. Prohibit on-street truck parking for loading and unloading using City ordinances.</p>	General Fund	Public Works/Police Department	3 – 5 yrs.



Action	Funding Source	Responsible Agency	Time Frame
CIRCULATION PLAN (Continued)			
<p>CI Action 4: Create a Program to Address Neighborhood Traffic</p> <p><i>Establish a Neighborhood Traffic Control Program and prioritize criteria for completing modifications identified in the Program to mitigate neighborhood traffic intrusion from truck and commuter traffic. Pursue grants to complete such improvements.</i></p>	General Fund/Grant Funds	Community Development Department/ City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.
<p>CI Action 5: Maintain a Responsive Gardena Fixed Route and Dial a Ride Services</p> <p><i>Regularly review routes and schedules to ensure that user needs are met. Evaluate opportunities to expand the area and provide more frequent bus service on established and/or new routes. Explore partnership opportunities between the public and private sectors for expanding Dial-A-Ride services and providing paratransit services. Pursue grants from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the State, federal transportation agencies, and other sources to fund operation and expansion of Gardena transit service.</i></p>	Grant Funds	Bus Lines/City Manager	5+ yrs.



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OPEN SPACE PLAN			
OS Action 1: Expand the Parkland Ordinance <i>Revise the parkland ordinance to regulate the quality of parkland in the City. The ordinance must be consistent with Quimby Act regulations.</i>	General Fund/Grant Funds	Community Development Department	5+ yrs.
OS Action 2: Periodically Assess Park Conditions <i>Periodically assess current park conditions and maintenance and recreation needs according to the standards set forth in the Community Resources Element, Parkland Ordinance, and any other City programs.</i>	General Fund	Parks and Recreation/ City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.
OS Action 3: Assess Accessibility to Community Resources <i>Assess the need for physical improvements that will increase accessibility to the City's recreational, educational and cultural resources. Upgrade public facilities to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as feasible. Create a prioritized list of needed improvements. Research and seek out federal and State funding opportunities to finance ADA improvements.</i>	Grant Funds	Public Works/City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.
OS Action 4: Establish Joint-Use Programs <i>Coordinate with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to enter into joint use agreements to make additional recreational facilities available to the community during non-school hours. Dedicate financial resources, as available, to research the feasibility and legal requirements of joint-use agreements.</i>	General Fund	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.



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OPEN SPACE PLAN (Continued)			
OS Action 5: Implement City's Bike Route Plan Initiate joint forces of related City departments to implement the Gardena Bike Route Plan. When feasible, link the city's internal bike routes with regional bike routes.	Grant Fund	Public Works/ Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.
OS Action 6: Implement the Willows Wetland Plan Continue the implementation of the City's Plan for the Gardena Willows Wetland, which was adopted in 1999.	Grant Fund/ Volunteers	Parks and Recreation Department/ Public Works	5+ yrs.
OS Action 7: Examine Access to Park and Recreation Activities Continue to expand park and recreation programs. Encourage the continuation and development of no or low cost after-school, youth, and family programs. Maximize participant transportation options to locations offering these community services.	General Fund	Parks and Recreation Department	5+ yrs.
OS Action 8: Pursue Recreational Funding Pursue private, state and federal funding for pocket park creation and for the maintenance of community resources and programs. Conduct periodical searches in the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research Get Grants database that identifies grant sources within California agencies.	General Fund	Parks and Recreation Department	5+ yrs.



Action	Funding Source	Responsible Agency	Time Frame
OPEN SPACE PLAN (Continued)			
<p>OS Action 9: Identify Future Parkland Resources</p> <p>Identify vacant and underutilized sites for purchase, donation, or consolidation with adjacent vacant or underutilized sites for the potential development of parks. The priority to increase parkland should be placed in the northwest quadrant of the City.</p> <p>Require specific plans to include public open space areas and consider using easements as recreational open space. The specific plan for the Artesia Corridor shall include the Dominguez Flood Control Channel side roads for recreational use. Also explore the feasibility of converting the Edison right-of-way between Artesia Boulevard and 178th Street to a multi-purpose park and trail. Determine the feasibility of using the Vermont Avenue median strip for recreational uses.</p>	General Fund	Community Development Department/ Public Works/ Parks and Recreation Department	1 – 3 yrs.
<p>OS Action 10: Identify the City's Needs for New Building Facilities</p> <p>Periodically evaluate the City's need for new facilities such as a Senior Center and a Multi-Purpose Center. Document funding, staff, and equipment needs. Explore State, federal, and private opportunities for funding. Solicit sponsorships and donations from business owners and community leaders.</p>	General Fund	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.
<p>OS Action 11: Identify Parking Requirements for City Parks</p> <p>Provide adequate parking for all parks and recreation facilities in the City. Explore the possibility of joint parking agreements with private entities as well as LAUSD to ensure easy access to City parks and facilities.</p>	General Fund	Community Development Department/City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.



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CONSERVATION PLAN			
CN Action 1: Undertake Public Awareness on Resource Conservation and Preservation Through the utilization of the City's TV channel, website, public education sessions, school programs, as well as pamphlets and flyers, raise public awareness on all resource conservation issues. Topics shall include preservation of the Gardena Willows Wetland, conservation, recycling of solid wastes, water conservation of energy, and the protection of the City's cultural and historical resources. Seek partnerships with related entities such as the Golden State Water Company, Southern California Edison, and other State or regional agencies on public education efforts.	General Fund/Grant Funds	Public Works	5+ yrs.
CN Action 2: Explore Ways to Utilize Reclaimed Water Participate with the Southern California Water Company in exploring the conversion to reclaimed water for irrigation of public land and right of ways.	N/A	Public Works	1 – 3 yrs.
CN Action 3: Continue to Promote Drought Tolerant Landscaping Encourage projects with significant landscaped areas to use low water consuming or drought tolerant plants. Landscaped areas should also be mulched to the maximum extent to reduce evaporation and maintain soil moisture.	N/A	Community Development Department/ Public Works	5+ yrs.
CN Action 4: Continue to Enforce the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Water Conservation Measures Encourage Water conservation measures recommended by the California Department of Water Resources to be incorporated in all new or substantially rehabilitated projects.	General Fund	Community Development Department	5+ yrs.



Action	Funding Source	Responsible Agency	Time Frame
CONSERVATION PLAN (Continued)			
CN Action 5: Continue to Comply with the Federal Clean Water Act Continue to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act requirements for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, including developing and requiring the development of Water Quality Management Plans for all new development and significant redevelopment in the City.	General Fund	Public Works	5+ yrs.
CN Action 6: Continue to Support Efforts of the Water Replenishment District Ground Water Supply As a member of the West Basin Water Replenishment District, support the Salt Water Intrusion Barrier Project and its efforts.	General Fund	City Manager	5+ yrs.
CN Action 7: Continue to Comply with Water Quality Control Programs Actively participate in water quality control programs through municipal controls and support of the Regional Water Quality Control Board and County Sanitation District #5.	General Fund	Community Development Department/ Public Works	5+ yrs.
CN Action 8: Update the City's Source Recovery and Recycling Element Update the City's Source Recovery and Recycling Element (SRRE) to be in compliance with the solid waste diversion requirements established by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989.	General Fund	City Manager's Office	1-3 yrs.



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CONSERVATION PLAN (Continued)			
CN Action 9: Undertake Public Education on the Impact of Improper Hazardous Waste Disposal Conduct public education sessions on the impacts of illegal dumping and improper hazardous waste disposal. Topics shall include the negative health and safety impacts of illegal disposal of hazardous materials, identification of potential illegal dumping, proper method of hazardous waste disposal, the process for reporting illegal dumping, and other relevant topics. Distribute pamphlets and flyers for public education purposes.	General Fund	Public Works	5+ yrs.
CN Action 10: Continue to Administer a Hazardous Waste Monitoring Program Develop a hazardous waste monitoring program to monitor the industrial or commercial users of hazardous materials. Identify users of hazardous waste within the City and conduct periodic inspections to ensure proper usage and disposal of hazardous materials.	General Fund	Fire Department	5+ yrs.
CN Action 11: Continue to Enforce Title 24 Regulations Through the building permit approval and inspection process, ensure that all Title 24 regulations have been met in all new developments in the City.	General Fund	Community Development Department/ Public Works	5+ yrs.
CN Action 12: Require Use of Energy Saving Materials in Public Projects When feasible, incorporate energy saving materials in all public development projects as well as City-assisted rehabilitation units.	General Fund	Community Development Department/ Public Works	5+ yrs.



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CONSERVATION PLAN (Continued)			
<p>CN Action 13: Establish a City Cultural and Historical Resources Program</p> <p><i>Update the Historical Resources Survey Report that was developed in 1981. Building on the 1981 report, the updated report shall discuss archival research on the City's cultural and historical resources, impacts of demographic changes and recent developments on the City's cultural and historical resources, the current condition of the City's historical landmarks as identified in the 1981 report, as well as any additional sites for possible consideration as a cultural or historical landmark. Once the Historical Resources Survey Report has been updated the City shall develop a historical preservation plan and an ordinance that would provide for the designation, preservation and control of architectural, historical, or cultural landmarks in the City.</i></p>	General Fund	City Manager/ Community Development Department	5+ yrs.



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PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN			
PS Action 1: Continue Gardena Police Department Programs Continue to implement and seek additional funding for existing police department programs such as the ATF Gang Resistance Education, Training (G.R.E.A.T.), Gardena Municipal Bus Line security, and Code Enforcement.	General Fund/Grant Funds	Police Department	5+ yrs.
PS Action 2: Continue Neighborhood Watch Program Promote the City's Neighborhood Watch Programs. Increase public awareness on the importance of neighborhood watch and solicit public participation.	General Fund/Grant Funds	Police Department	5+ yrs.
PS Action 3: Continue Graffiti Watch Actively remove graffiti and encourage residents and businesses to promptly report incidences of graffiti. In addition, actively prosecute or fine persons who committed the crime of graffiti.	General Fund	Public Works/Police Department	5+ yrs.
PS Action 4: Continue Graffiti Removal Program Establish a Graffiti Removal Program that works to remove graffiti in less than 24-hours within report of the offense. The Police Department shall take reports and forward the clean-up request to the Public Works Department for expedient graffiti removal.	General Fund	Public Works	5+ yrs.
PS Action 5: Evaluate Fire Flow Pressure Citywide Conduct a Citywide evaluation on fire flow pressures in the City. Collaborate with Southern California Water Company on necessary upgrades to ensure adequate fire protection.	General Fund	Fire Department	5+ yrs.



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PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN (Continued)			
<p>PS Action 6: Undertake Procedure to Manage High-Risk Buildings and Properties</p> <p><i>Develop a multi-departmental program involving the Gardena Community Development Department, Police Department, and the Los Angeles County Fire Department to identify buildings and properties of potential safety risks (i.e. fire hazards, hazardous materials). Tighten fire prevention efforts around identified high-risk fire sites.</i></p>	General Fund	Community Development Department/ Public Works/Police Department/City Manager	5+ yrs.
<p>PS Action 7: Continue to Involve Public Safety in Project Review</p> <p><i>For all new multi-family housing projects, larger development projects, as well as any development projects that have potential impact on law enforcement and public safety, submit development site plans to the Gardena Police Department for public safety recommendations.</i></p>	General Fund	Community Development Department/ Police Department	5+ yrs.
<p>PS Action 8: Locate a Police Substation</p> <p><i>Establish a police substation at the municipal bus maintenance facility located at the Western Avenue and 139th Street.</i></p>	General Fund/Grant Funds	Bus Lines/Police Department	5+ yrs.
<p>PS Action 9: Establish Truck Routes for Transport of Hazardous Materials</p> <p><i>Designate specific truck routes within the City for the transport of hazardous materials and prohibit the transport of hazardous waste through sensitive areas such as residential neighborhoods, schools, parks, and hospitals or during peak hours. Provide adequate buffer wherever possible.</i></p>	General Fund	Public Works/Police Department	5+ yrs.



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PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN (Continued)			
<p>PS Action 10: Monitor Rail Transport of Hazardous Materials</p> <p>Communicate with Union Pacific rail on a regular basis to determine the type, quantity and the schedule of hazardous materials that is transported by rail through the City and what emergency response procedures Union Pacific has to address spills and other accidental events.</p>	General Fund	Public Works/Police Department/Fire Department	5+ yrs.
<p>PS Action 11: Continue Participation in City-County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Programs</p> <p>Continue to assist in the operation and implementation of City-County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Programs.</p>	General Fund/Grant Funds	Public Works	5+ yrs.
<p>PS Action 12: Continue Public Outreach and Education</p> <p>Through public outreach and education efforts, provide public information regarding crime prevention, law enforcement, fire, natural disasters, emergency preparedness, and climate change. Utilize various channels such as the City's television channel, the City website, public education sessions, school programs, as well as pamphlets and flyers for public education purposes.</p>	General Fund/Grant Funds	Police Department/Fire Department/Community Development Department	5+ yrs.
<p>PS Action 13: Implement Mitigation Measures Related to Hazardous Waste and Materials Impacts</p> <p>Implement the hazardous waste and materials impact mitigation measures identified in the General Plan EIR. These include requiring: a full Phase I Environmental Assessment of site where the City is involved in the financing of property; soil sampling of construction sites where excavation and soil filling occur in areas of known commercial and industrial uses; relevant licenses and permits from appropriate agencies responsible for the regulation of hazardous materials.</p>	Developer Funded	Community Development Department	5+ yrs.



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PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN (Continued)			
<i>PS Action 14: Prepare Comprehensive Geotechnical Investigations of Major Development Projects</i> <i>Prior to the submission of any new building permit applications, the applicant of a major development shall provide for the City's review and consent, a comprehensive geotechnical investigation and documentation of the potential for seismically induced ground shaking on the building site.</i>	<i>Developer Funded</i>	<i>Community Development Department</i>	<i>1 – 3 yrs.</i>
<i>PS Action 15: Implement Mitigation Measures Related to Air Quality Impacts</i> <i>Implement the air quality mitigation measures identified in the General Plan EIR. These include measures and rules recommended or required by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).</i>	<i>Developer Funded</i>	<i>Public Works/ SCAQMD</i>	<i>1 - 5+ yrs.</i>
<i>PS Action 16: Resources During Extreme Weather Events.</i> <i>Prior to and during extreme weather events, provide free sand and sandbags for the public at designated City facilities. (Updated Feb. 2022)</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Public Works</i>	<i>1 - 5+ yrs.</i>
<i>PS Action 17: Energy Efficient Lights</i> <i>Study the transition to energy-efficient lights, such as LEDs, for City-owned facilities. (Updated Feb. 2022)</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Public Works</i>	<i>5+ yrs.</i>
<i>PS Action 18: Energy Efficient Fleet Vehicles</i> <i>Consider purchasing only electric or alternative-energy vehicles for the City vehicle fleet, as appropriate, based on the intended use of the vehicle. (Updated Feb. 2022)</i>	<i>General Fund/Grant Funds</i>	<i>Public Works/Police Department/ Fire Department/ GTrans</i>	<i>5+ yrs.</i>



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PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN (Continued)			
<u>PS Action 18: CalGreen Tier 1 Standards</u> <u>Evaluate the feasibility for government-constructed new development to exceed the CalGreen Tier 1, or successor program, standards. (Updated Feb. 2022)</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Community Development Department/ Public Works/ City Manager</u>	<u>5+ yrs.</u>
<u>PS Action 19: Renewable Energy at City Facilities</u> <u>Explore using renewable energy and clean generation technologies such as solar, wind, biogas, or fuel cells to power City facilities where appropriate. (Updated Feb. 2022)</u>	<u>General Fund/Grant Funds</u>	<u>Public Works</u>	<u>5+ yrs.</u>
<u>PS Action 20: Sustainable Development</u> <u>Promote the use of sustainable and carbon-neutral energy sources in new development. (Updated Feb. 2022)</u>	<u>Developer Funded</u>	<u>Community Development Department</u>	<u>1 - 5+ yrs.</u>
<u>PS Action 21: Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</u> <u>Encourage the use of transit and active transportation modes in new developments to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. (Updated Feb. 2022)</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Community Development Department</u>	<u>1 - 5+ yrs.</u>
<u>PS Action 22: Build Public Awareness About Help During Extreme Heat</u> <u>Educate the public about designated cooling centers and other places they can go for shelter and assistance during extreme heat events.</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>City Manager</u>	<u>1 - 5+ yrs.</u>



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NOISE PLAN			
Transportation Noise Control N Action 1: Require Noise Mitigation to be Provided for Roadway Improvement Projects <i>The principal method of protecting sensitive land uses from traffic noise is the construction of noise barriers in concert with road improvement projects. Where necessary to mitigate identified adverse significant noise impacts, the City will request the inclusion of soundwalls, earthen berms, or other acoustical barriers as part of any Caltrans, MTA or County roadway project.</i>	General Fund	Public Works	5+ yrs.
N Action 2: Enforce Vehicle Noise Control Regulations <i>To minimize or reduce noise impacts on residential and other sensitive land uses, the City will: 1) enforce and periodically evaluate truck and bus movements and routes to reduce impacts on sensitive areas; and 2) promote coordination between the Police Department and the California Highway Patrol to enforce the State Motor Vehicle noise standards.</i>	General Fund	Police Department	5+ yrs.
N Action 3: Require Railroad Noise Control Measures to be Utilized <i>The principal methods of protecting sensitive land uses from rail vehicle noise are the construction of noise barriers, reduction of vehicle speed, the use of well-maintained welded track, rubberized crossings and whistle blowing procedures. The City will seek assistance from the Public Utilities Commission in achieving these methods of noise protection for residential and other sensitive uses.</i>	General Fund	Public Works	3 – 5 yrs.



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NOISE PLAN (Continued)			
<p>N Action 4: Monitor General and Commercial Aviation Activities to Maximize Aviation Noise Control</p> <p>The City will work to reduce noise impacts resulting from aircraft operations at Hawthorne Municipal Airport and the Commerce Airport by: 1) participating in and monitoring the planning process for these facilities; and 2) discouraging general and commercial aviation activities that increase the noise exposure at sensitive land uses.</p>	General Fund	Police Department	5+ yrs.
<p>Noise and Land Use Planning Integration</p> <p>N Action 5: Design and Enforce Compatibility Standards</p> <p>Through the design review process, the Noise Plan standards of compatibility described in Figure N-1 and Table N-2 will be applied to new development proposal. Methods to mitigate anticipated impacts, such as building orientation and acoustical barriers, shall be applied to meet the standards.</p>	General Fund	Community Development Department	3 – 5 yrs.
<p>N Action 6: Enforce Noise Insulation standards</p> <p>Interior and exterior noise levels for proposed new developments shall be required to meet the California Noise Insulation Standards (Title 24 of the California Administrative Code). These standards shall also be applied to all single-family developments and condominium conversion projects where feasible.</p>	General Fund	Community Development Department	3 – 5 yrs.
<p>N Action 7: Require Acoustical Analysis for Projects Involving or Impacting Noise Sensitive Uses.</p> <p>Acoustical analysis reports prepared by a qualified acoustical consultant will be required for new sensitive land uses within noise impact areas (i.e., those areas where the existing or future CNEL exceeds 60 dB).</p>	General Fund	Community Development Department	3 – 5 yrs.



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NOISE PLAN (Continued)			
Non-Transportation Noise Control N Action 8: Update the City's Noise Ordinance <i>The City will adopt and enforce a Noise Ordinance to reduce excessive noise from site-specific sources such as construction activity, mechanical equipment, landscaping maintenance, loud music, truck traffic, loading and unloading activities, and other sources.</i>	General Fund	Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.
N Action 9: Revise Noise Ordinance when Appropriate. <i>The City shall periodically review its Noise Ordinance, policies and regulations affecting noise in order to conform to changes in legislation and/or technologies.</i>	General Fund	Community Development Department	5+ yrs.
N Action 10: Comply with Occupational Safety and Health Noise Standards <i>City departments will comply with all state and federal OSHA noise standards, and all new equipment purchases shall comply with state and federal noise standards.</i>	General Fund	City Manager	5+ yrs.



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT (Added Feb. 2022)			
<p><u>EJ Action 1: Increase Public Outreach and Education Regarding Illegal Dumping</u></p> <p><u>Through public outreach and education efforts, provide information to residents and businesses about proper disposal methods and locations as well as cleanup events such as Keep Gardena Beautiful Day. Utilize various channels such as the City's cable channel, the City website, public education sessions, as well as pamphlets and flyers for public education purposes.</u></p>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Public Works/City Manager</u>	<u>1 – 5+ yrs.</u>
<p><u>EJ Action 2: Add Vegetation and Trees</u></p> <p><u>Add vegetative barriers and plant street trees along high traffic volume roadways as feasible to address air pollution from vehicles.</u></p>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Public Works</u>	<u>1 – 5+ yrs.</u>
<p><u>EJ Action 3: Provide Information on Hazardous Waste Sites</u></p> <p><u>Provide information on the City's website about the cleanup and remediation status of all hazardous waste sites in Gardena.</u></p>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Community Development Department</u>	<u>1 – 5+ yrs.</u>
<p><u>EJ Action 4: Implement Performance Standards for Industrial Zones</u></p> <p><u>Implement section 18.36.040 of the City's Zoning Code which includes performance standards for Industrial zones to help address air pollution from industrial businesses and activities.</u></p>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Community Development Department</u>	<u>1 – 5+ yrs.</u>
<p><u>EJ Action 5: Research and Apply for Grants</u></p> <p><u>Research and apply for grants to help fill gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network.</u></p>	<u>General Fund/Grant Funds</u>	<u>Community Development Department</u>	<u>3 – 5 yrs.</u>



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT (Continued)			
<i>EJ Action 6: Review the Municipal Code</i> <i>Review the City's Municipal Code to determine if there are any barriers to planting edible landscaping and gardens in front yards.</i>	General Fund	Community Development Department	1 – 3 yrs.
<i>EJ Action 7: Provide Information on Growing Food</i> <i>Provide information on the City's website about growing food at home.</i>	General Fund	City Manager	3 – 5 yrs.
<i>EJ Action 8: Reduce Food Waste</i> <i>Coordinate with local/independent supermarkets on soon-to-expire foods to see if they can feasibly be distributed to those in need.</i>	General Fund	Human Services/City Manager/	3 – 5 yrs.
<i>EJ Action 9: Increase Active Transportation</i> <i>Explore the reasons why some disadvantaged communities have higher rates of commuters who walk and/or bike to work and if there are actions that can be implemented in other disadvantaged communities to increase their rates.</i>	General Fund	Community Development Department	5+ yrs.
<i>EJ Action 10: Promote Input Opportunities</i> <i>Consider adding a section or page to the City's website dedicated to input opportunities.</i>	General Fund	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.
<i>EJ Action 11: Channel 22</i> <i>Utilize Channel 22 to advertise opportunities for community input.</i>	General Fund	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.
<i>EJ Action 12: Gardena Live, Work and Play</i> <i>Publish the information booklet called "Gardena Live, Work and Play" at least twice a year.</i>	General Fund	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.
<i>EJ Action 13: Environmental Justice Committee</i> <i>Consider establishing an Environmental Justice Committee to monitor the City's progress on implementation of the Environmental Justice Element.</i>	General Fund	City Manager	1 – 3 yrs.

