



DRAFT GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT

APRIL 2024



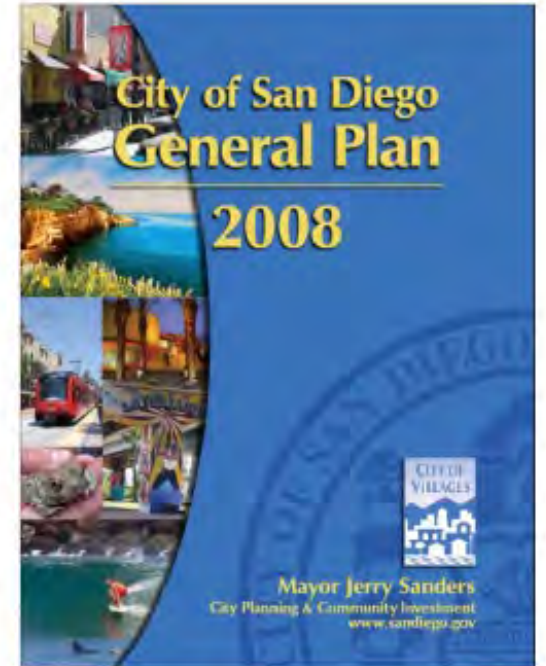
Environmental Justice

The fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

Environmental Justice (EJ) values and policies are included in the General Plan and have been woven through other planning initiatives.

CA Senate Bill 1000 (SB 1000) **has specific requirements:**

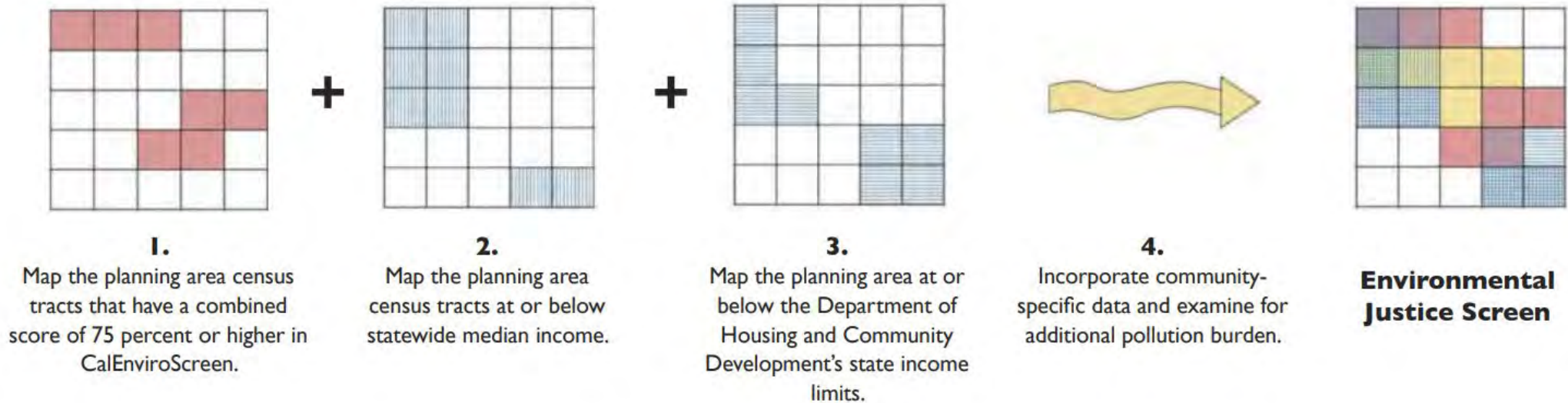
- Identifying **disadvantaged communities**
- Developing goals, policies, and programs that **address the unique and compounded health risks** in disadvantaged communities and prioritize improvements and programs that meet the needs of disadvantaged communities.





Environmental Justice Screening

Figure 1: Screening Process for Identifying Disadvantaged Communities

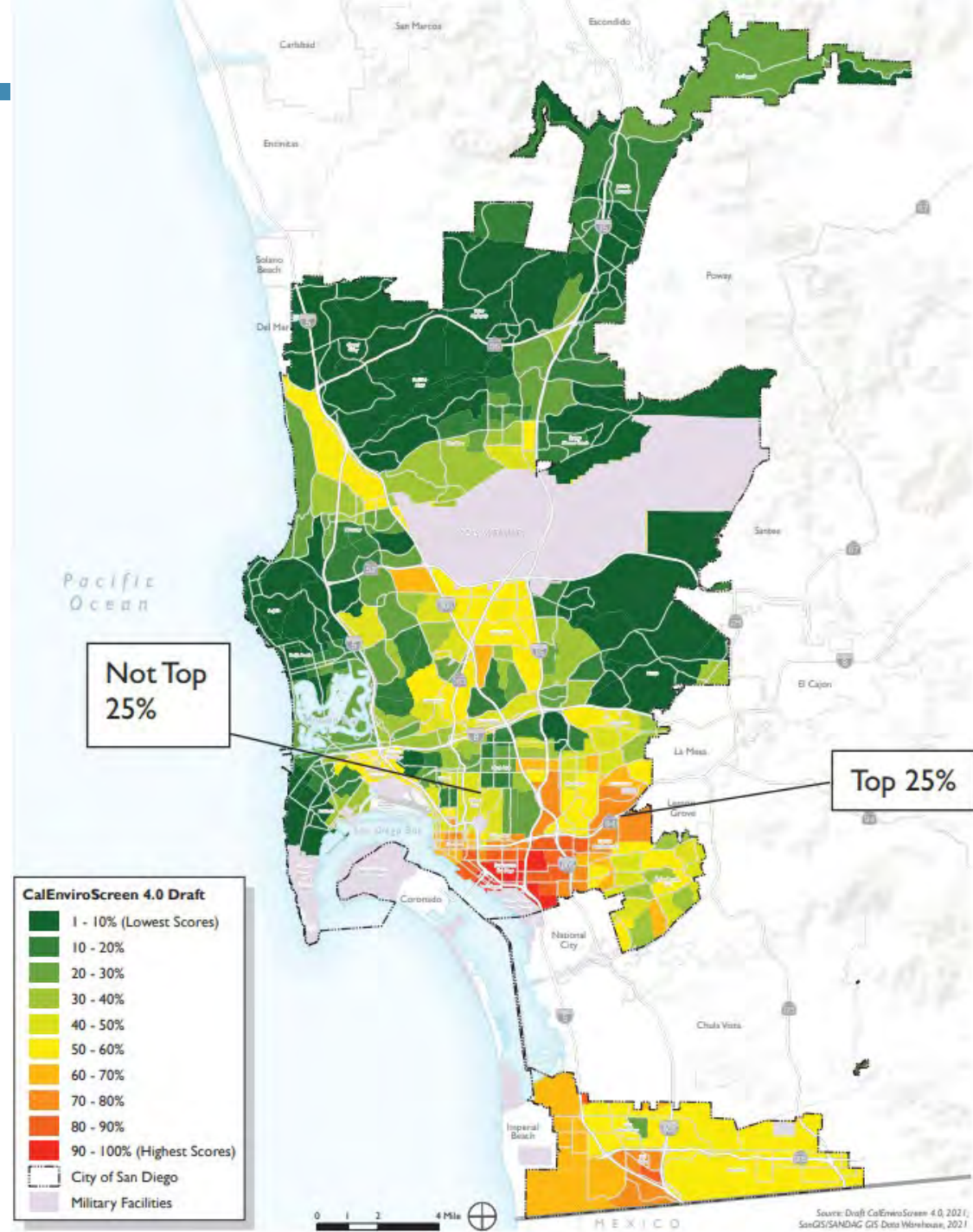




Environmental Justice Screening

CalEnviroScreen Tool 4.0

Communities in top 25% of CalEnviroScreen 4.0 tool are represented in EJ Communities.

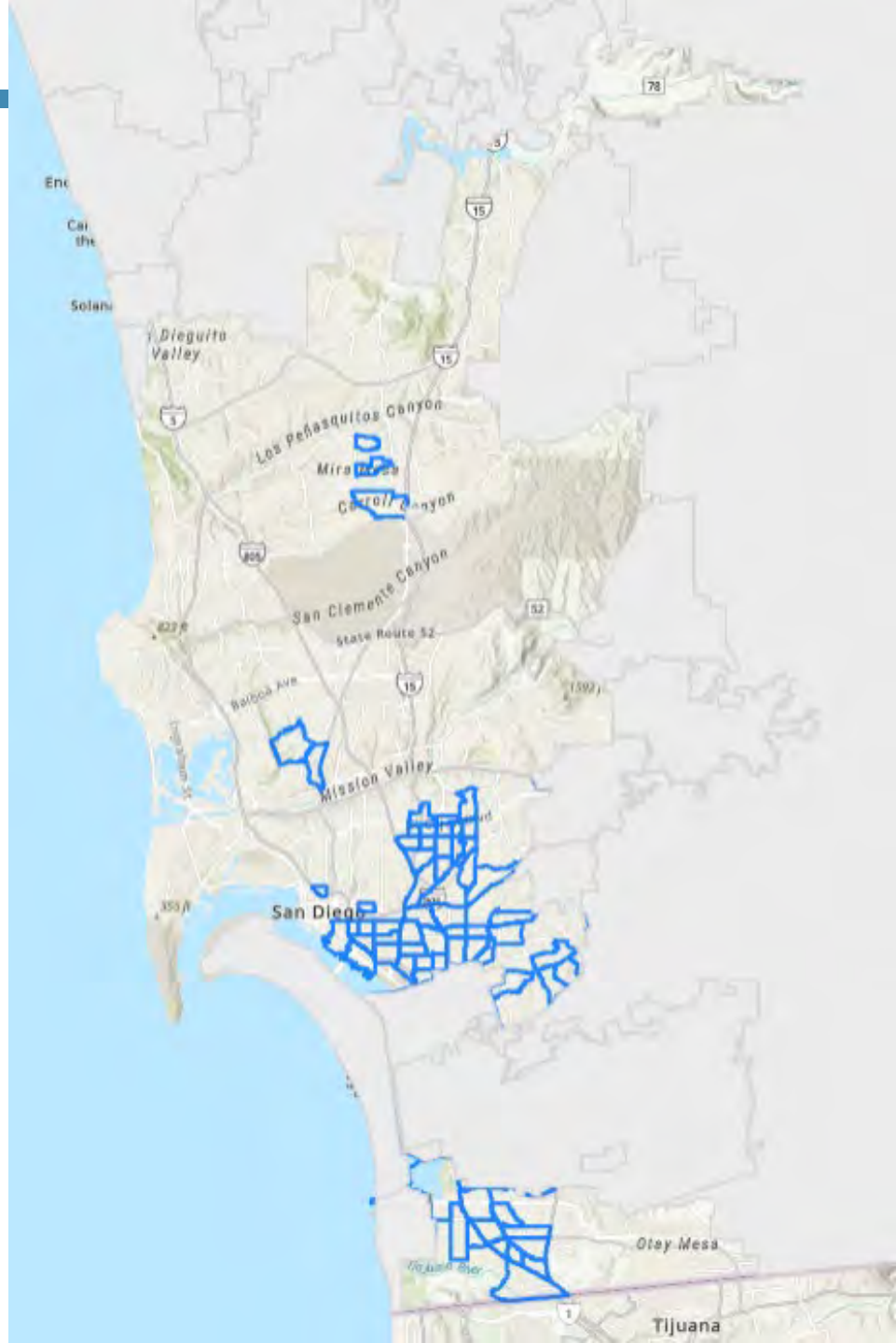




Environmental Justice Screen

Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) 1.0

All census tracts identified by CEJST 1.0 tool are included in EJ Communities.

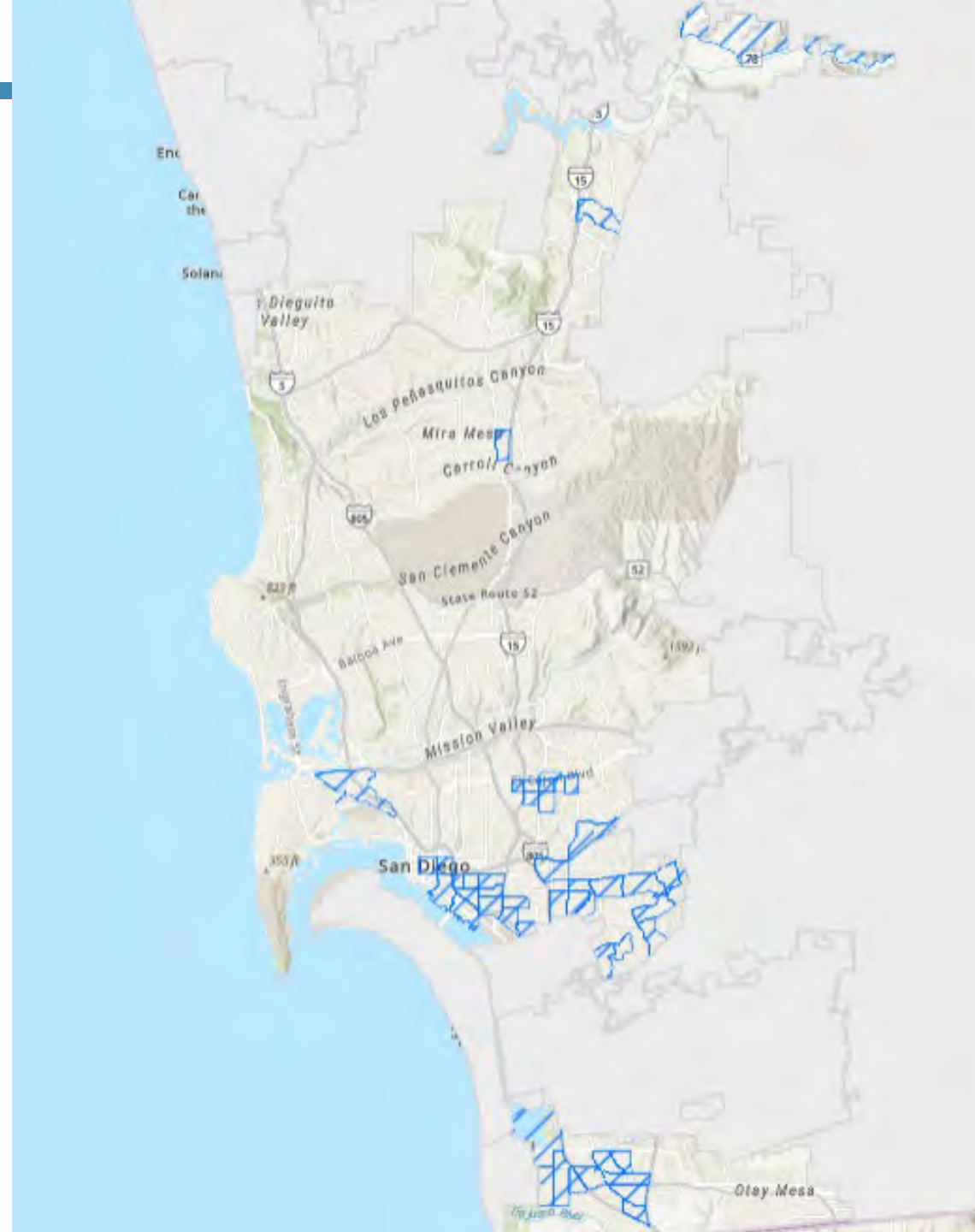




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Climate and Resilience Map

Identifies areas with lower tree canopy and where households spend a larger portion of income on home energy costs and experience a higher heat risk.

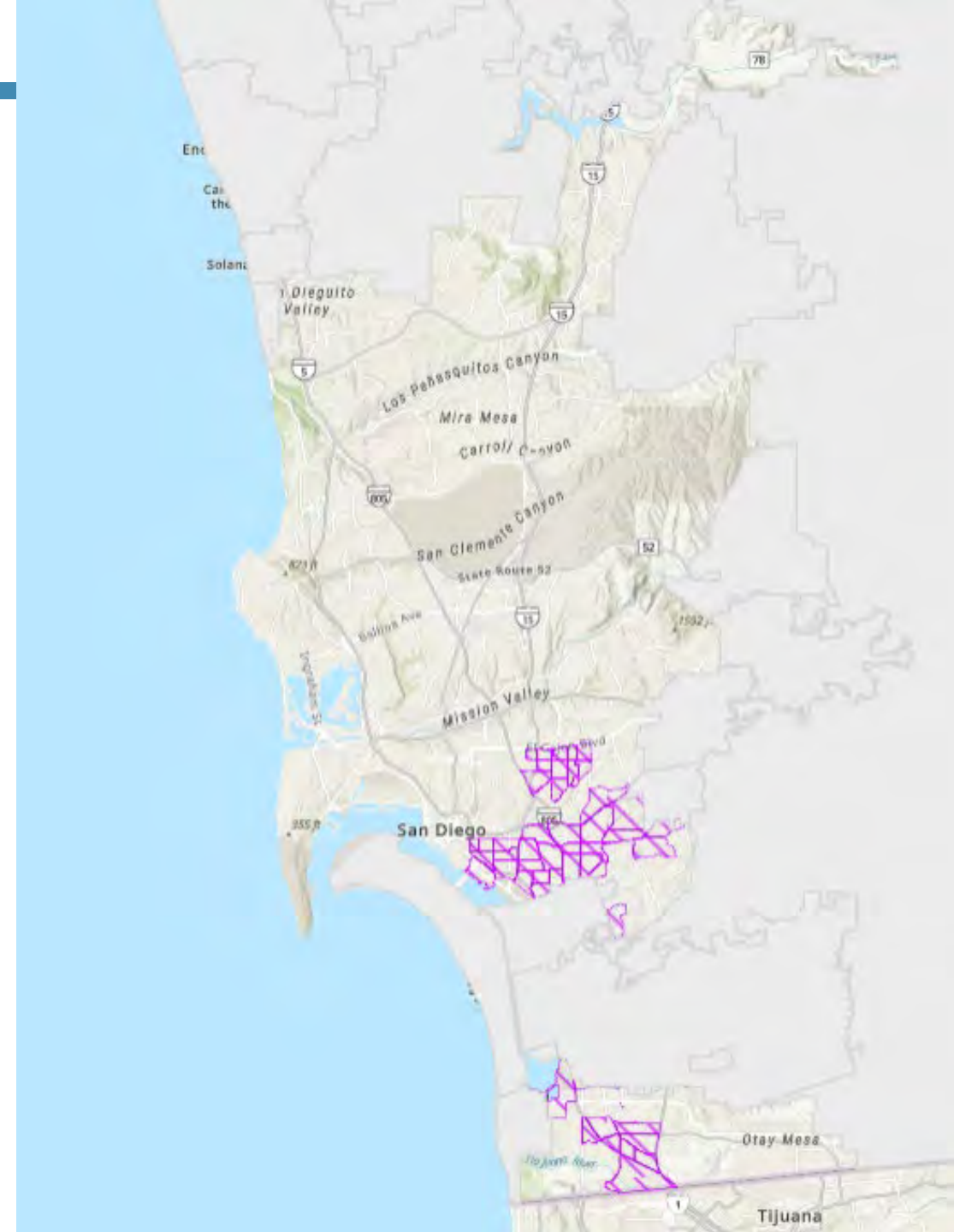




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Food Apartheid Map

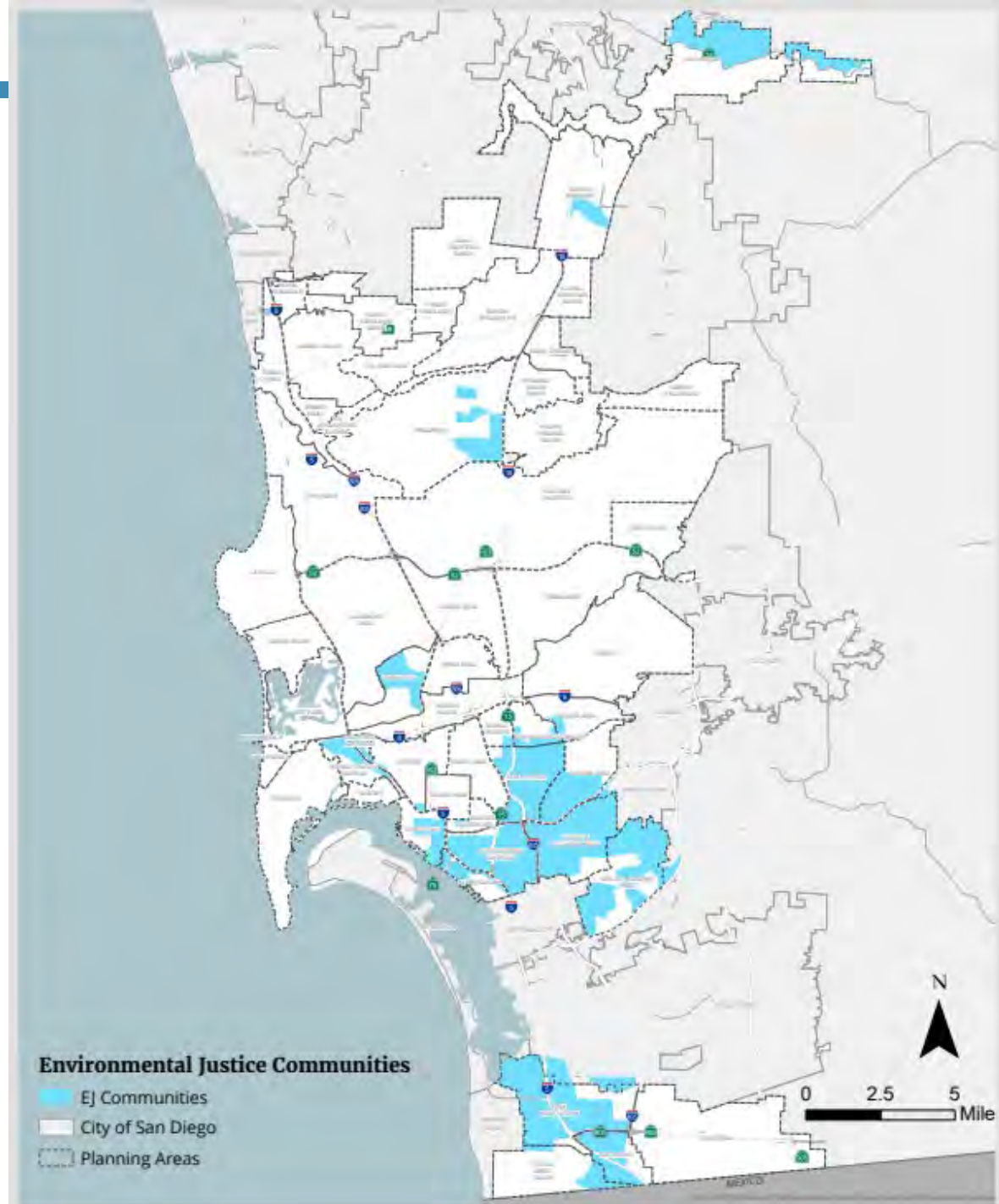
Identifies areas where higher percentage suffering from diabetes and obesity intersects with higher percentages participating in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).





Environmental Justice Communities (EJ Communities)

EJ Communities – areas of the City **most impacted** and negatively affected by environmental burdens and associated health risks.

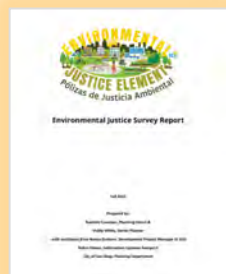




Ongoing Progress



WINTER 2023



SPRING 2023



FALL 2023



SPRING 2024

SUMMER 2024



Outreach and Engagement



Engagement Partners:



Bikes Del Pueblo



Engagement Tactics:



Clean-up events (3)



Walks and Bike Rides (5)



Workshops & Meetings (23)



Pop-ups (16)



Outreach and Engagement: Clean-up Events (3)



San Ysidro



Otay Mesa



City Heights



Linda Vista



Outreach and Engagement: Walks and Bike Rides (5)



Lincoln H.S.



Linda Vista Community Park



City Heights to Barrio-Logan



Linda Vista RLA



City Heights



Outreach and Engagement: Workshops & Meetings (23)



Liberty Station



Morse H.S



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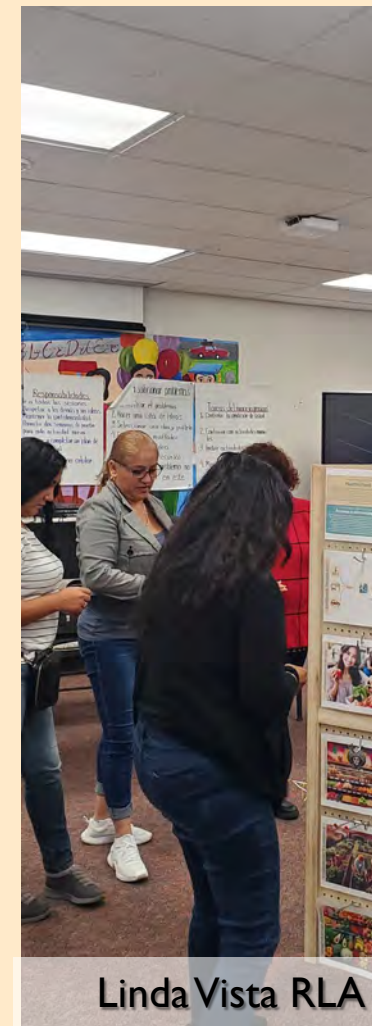
Logan Heights Library



Villa Merced Senior Living Center



Linda Vista Collaborative



Linda Vista RLA



Outreach and Engagement: Pop-up Events (16)



Environmental Justice Element Sections



Inclusive Public Engagement



Pollution Exposure and Air Quality



Active Play



Promoting Healthy Food Access



Safe and Healthy Homes



Climate Change and Resilience



Public Facilities and Infrastructure Prioritization



Inclusive Public Engagement in City Decisions



Existing/Ongoing Programs

- Inclusive Public Engagement Guide
- Annual Report on Infrastructure Priorities

Proposed Actions

- Pursue funding opportunities to expand services
- Enhance feedback process and improve communication channels

Goal

A just and equitable society through inclusive public outreach and participation in the planning process



Pollution Exposure and Air Quality



Goal

Green infrastructure that strengthens environmental protection and supports safe and healthy communities

Existing/Ongoing Programs

- Urban Forestry Program
- Housing Action Package 2.0 (HAP 2.0)
- Electric Vehicle Charging on City Facilities
- Source Water Protection guidelines
- Pure Water Program

Proposed Actions

- Conduct future study to evaluate economic and environmental impact of and on incompatible industrial uses

- Revise Urban Forestry 5-Year Look Ahead Plan and strengthen comprehensive pollution mitigating measures



Active Play



Existing/Ongoing Programs

- Parks Master Plan
- Spaces as Places
- Play All Day Parks Programs
- Summer Movies in the Park
- Parks After Dark
- Traffic Maintenance Team
- Slow Streets Program
- CicloSDias

Proposed Activities

- Develop Child-Friendly Public Spaces Design Guide to create more inviting spaces
- Develop Parks Need Index to inform policy and priorities
- Develop Citywide Trails Master Plan strengthening urban connections

Goal

Flexible, multifunctional public spaces that are easily accessible by walking/rolling, biking, and transit, where people of all age groups, genders, and abilities can play and socialize.



Healthy Food Access



Goal

Healthy food that is available and affordable to all in a manner that generates net-zero waste

Existing/Ongoing Programs

- Community Garden Program
- Urban Agricultural Program
- Urban Agricultural Incentive Program
- Organic Waste Recycling Program
- The Single-Use Plastic Reduction Ordinance

Proposed Actions

- Maintain supermarket needs index
- Streamline city processes for creating community gardens and urban farming
- Incentivize single-use plastic waste reduction around food packaging



Safe and Healthy Homes



Goal

Safe and healthy homes for people of all age groups, genders, and abilities to thrive in their communities

Existing/Ongoing Programs

- Housing Action Package
- Land Development Code
- Lead Hazard Prevention Ordinance
- Tenant Protection Regulations
- Accessory Dwelling Unit
- Home Density Program
- Complete Communities: Housing Solutions Program

Proposed Actions

- Incentivize middle-income housing to foster well-rounded housing market
- Develop Affordable Home Development Master Plan to identify new affordable home opportunities on City-owned land
- Continue enforcement and expansion of lead hazard prevention measures to safeguard public health and protect vulnerable populations



Climate Change and Resilience



Goal

Reduce exposure to climate change and increase climate resilience

Existing/Ongoing Programs

- Climate Action Plan
- Climate Resilient SD Plan
- Climate Equity Fund
- Municipal Energy Strategy
- Pure Water Program
- Kate Session and Arbor Days
- Free Tree SD
- Trees 4 Communities

Proposed Actions

- Develop a Heat Action Plan.
- Develop urban greening program to promote expanded green spaces in urban areas
- Develop plan for green infrastructure prioritizing stormwater capture, enhanced water quality, and flood prevention measures, with specific focus on communities vulnerable to flooding



Public Facilities and Infrastructure Prioritization



Goal

Public facilities and infrastructure for people of all age groups and abilities prioritized in areas with the greatest needs

Existing/Ongoing Programs

- Council Policy 000-32
- Library Master Plan
- Infrastructure Prioritization Engagement
- Parks for All of Us
- Build Better SD
- Council Policy 800-14

Proposed Actions

- Develop framework to improve coordination with community-based organizations to streamline delivery of needed community investments in EJ Communities
- Develop streamlined Quick Build process



6 Case Studies



7 Roundtables with
Partner CBOs



47 Events



1,473 Participants



What's next?



Comments provided are continuously being reviewed.

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Target Land Use & Housing Committee
May 2024

Target City Council
June 2024