2024-2029 STRATEGIC PLAN

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND CLIMATE HEALTH

Working together to ensure that everyone in Los Angeles County can enjoy healthy lives safe from toxic exposures and the negative effects of climate change.

The Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health (OEJCH) Strategic Plan charts the path toward advancing environmental justice, climate health, and health equity within Los Angeles County. The focus areas represent OEJCH's pathways to creating safe, healthy, equitable, and thriving communities.

Community Engagement & Partnerships



Nurture community relationships to ensure interactive communication and develop community informed solutions.

Interagency Coordination & Governmental Engagement



Cultivate collaboration between public, private, and community partners to develop solutions to environmental and climate health threats.

Policy



Track, inform, and develop impactful environmental justice and climate health policies.

Accountability & Communication



Develop and foster communications to keep the community and partners informed of the roles, responsibilities, and progress of the OEJCH.

Data



Collect, interpret, and share accessible, actionable environmental justice and climate health data and information with partners and the public to highlight emerging issues and trend analyses to actively inform policies and programs.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND CLIMATE HEALTH

Focus Area 1

Community Engagement & Partnerships

- 1.1. Develop and foster community partnerships that promote trust, ensure community input in decision-making, and inform community-directed action to reduce environmental injustice and climate health-related impacts.
- **1.2.** Inform and support community members on environmental justice, climate health, and their associated health impacts.
- 1.3. Build Public Health's capacity to support activities and actions that promote environmental and climate justice, and to work together with the community to inform the developed solutions.

Focus Area 2

Interagency Coordination & Governmental Engagement

- **2.1.** Enhance interagency coordination to better respond to community needs.
- 2.2. Establish intentional and proactive engagement with Tribal groups around environmental justice and climate health utilizing the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent model developed by the United Nations.

Focus Area 3 Policy

- **3.1.** Build capacity among OEJCH staff, and the community to ensure they have the knowledge and skills to meaningfully engage and communicate on environmental justice and climate health policy.
- **3.2.** Support other County departments with incorporating environmental justice and climate health into their policies and practices.
- **3.3.** In collaboration with Government Affairs, establish and maintain relationships with all Board of Supervisor offices to identify opportunities for collaboration and partnership on environmental justice and climate health issues.
- **3.4.** Establish OEJCH as a thought leader and essential voice on land use policy decisions.
- **3.5.** Inform local, state, and federal environmental justice and climate health policies and investments.

Focus Area 4 Data

- **4.1.** Assess data needs and establish data sharing and reporting protocols.
- **4.2.** Share environmental justice and climate health data with the public in an accessible, accurate, and useful manner.

Focus Area 5 Accountability & Communication

- **5.1.** Support the implementation of the OEJCH's purpose, result and areas of focus.
- **5.2.** Develop and strengthen an external communications strategy with translation into multiple languages
- **5.3.** Develop and strengthen an internal communications strategy.



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