

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Environmental Justice

What is SB 1000?

The City of Marina is updating its General Plan to guide Marina's future growth and to provide benefits and services for residents. As required by California law (SB 1000), *the General Plan will address environmental justice (EJ) issues to ensure that all residents have access to a healthy, supportive, and clean environment. SB 1000 focuses on the following topics:*



Pollution Exposure
(related to air, water, and land quality)



Food Access
(from nearby grocery stores, farmers' markets, community gardens)



Physical Activity
(by walking, biking, and recreation access)



Public Facilities
(such as libraries, parks, transportation, childcare, health services)



Safe Housing
(affordable, quality, and diverse housing options)



Civic Engagement
(opportunities to participate in the City's decisions)

Local governments must include General Plan policies that prioritize solutions to address the needs of "disadvantaged communities."

A **disadvantaged community** is a low-income area in California that suffers from a combination of different health and environmental burdens, that need more protection and resources.

> *Burdens can include issues such as high unemployment, air and water pollution, and hazardous waste facilities, as well as high rates of asthma and heart disease.*

Environmental and Community Strengths in Marina

- The City of Marina is known for its great coastal geography as well as its diverse and active community where residents have a lot of civic pride.
- Disadvantaged communities are doing better compared to other cities in the state when it comes to air quality, safer housing (lead-free), and distance from polluting sites and facilities.
- The Marina community also tends to have high walk access to parks, SNAP store locations, and other key facilities and destinations in the city.



- ➔ To submit your completed EJ policy form to the City, please either 1) drop it off at 209 Cypress Avenue, City Planning Department, 2) mail it to "Alyson Hunter, Planning Services Manager, 211 Hillcrest Avenue, Marina, CA 93933", or 3) Scan and email it to ahunter@cityofmarina.org.

For more information, please contact Alyson Hunter, Planning Services Manager.

The City invites your input on health and environmental justice issues in Marina to ensure the updated General Plan reflects the community's ideas and experiences.



Pollution Exposure

Marina's main pollution burdens are pesticides from nearby agriculture, impaired water bodies (for certain parts of the Salinas River,) and problems due to cleanup sites such as the former Fort Ord military site. The community is also affected by Highway 1 pollution, noise, and traffic; and members are concerned about the impacts of the nearby desalination plant. Research shows that residents may be impacted by other issues such as groundwater threats (e.g., underground gas station storage tanks), hazardous waste generators and facilities (potentially from Fort Ord or the nearby wastewater treatment plant), and solid waste sites (e.g. landfills)—however, more data is needed to see if and how these issues impact residents' health.

Our Policy Ideas—

For each idea, mark "✓" if you agree, "?" for questions, or "X" to disagree.

- Reduce the impacts of potential desalination plants, regional wastewater treatment plant, and regional landfill on the community
- Reduce/remediate legacy pollution on former Fort Ord lands
- Reduce impacts of pollution from Highway 101 and other roadways
- Work with the County Agriculture Commission to promote sustainable farming practices to reduce pesticide use
- Take steps to avoid adverse impacts of airport operations on Marina residents as the airport expands

Your Ideas and Suggestions

Please write any thoughts, reactions, or ideas in this box.

Land Use & Public Facilities

Research shows that the community has several "Medically Underserved Areas" that have low access to primary care services, while residents have complained of high asthma and depression rates, among other physical and mental health problems. Some people also mentioned that high tobacco use and a lack of regulation is an issue for the city. Community members also want more equitable access to high quality, affordable childcare and child development centers.

Our Policy Ideas

For each idea, mark "✓" if you agree, "?" for questions, or "X" to disagree.

- Attract new healthcare facilities, medical providers, and community health centers
- Establish libraries as resource centers
- Expand access to high-quality, affordable childcare

Your Ideas and Suggestions

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Food Access

Residents want to increase access to healthy and affordable food by supporting small businesses, food vendors, community gardens / urban agriculture, and by improving the types of food that corner stores will offer. They also want more healthy food education so that people can gain cooking skills and make important changes to their diet, and want additional ways to distribute free food to the community.

Our Policy Ideas

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- Encourage food stores to locate in Marina
- Support and expand local farmers' markets
- Discourage new fast food drive-thru establishments, liquor stores, and smoke shops/vape stores

Your Ideas and Suggestions

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Physical Activity

Residents have raised issues with the city's poor sidewalk infrastructure and fast-moving traffic that can be dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. Walkability for some low-income neighborhoods can be low, with some neighborhoods being a 20-minute walk from a public school or a supermarket, making it harder to reach these important locations. Community members also want more recreational opportunities for children and youth of all ages.

Our Policy Ideas

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- Increase the number and diversity of parks and open space, especially for disadvantaged communities
- Create recreational programming that reflects the diversity of Marina residents
- Improve sidewalks, especially on major commercial and residential corridors
- Improve walk and bike access to schools, parks, and food stores

Your Ideas and Suggestions

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Safe and Healthy Housing

Residents say that Marina needs more housing for low- and middle-income households, and more funding to build more low-income housing units in the city. Many people and families pay too much for their housing (i.e. spending more than 50% of their income on housing), while some residents' homes are overcrowded because they have fewer bedrooms than needed for those living there.

Our Policy Ideas

For each idea, mark "✓" if you agree, "?" for questions, or "X" to disagree.

- Mitigate high housing costs by building new affordable and low-cost housing
- Promote aging in place, especially for seniors and veterans
- Support multi-generational housing
- Consider restrictions on smoking in multifamily housing

Your Ideas and Suggestions

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Civic Engagement

Community members want more fair and equitable treatment for all Marina residents given the city's history of environmental issues and different or disparate opportunities based on race. Some low-income communities face barriers to participating in the City's decisions, which is shown in the low voting rates for certain neighborhoods, and the fact that a large percentage of residents reported speaking English "not very well."

Our Policy Ideas

For each idea, mark "✓" if you agree, "?" for questions, or "X" to disagree.

- Promote culturally appropriate civic engagement
- Ensure transparency in government decision-making
- Expand/strengthen regional leadership and partnerships

Your Ideas and Suggestions

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Economic Equity

Marina residents lack access to living wage jobs and would like a stronger connection/pipeline between the local economy and local educational institutions.

Our Policy Ideas

For each idea, mark "✓" if you agree, "?" for questions, or "X" to disagree.

- Expand job opportunities in Marina that match the educational levels and skills of local residents
- Support job training and education programs, especially for youth
- Support partnerships between CSUMB, local schools and regional employers

Your Ideas and Suggestions

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