

**SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

PRESENTATIONS

STAFF PRESENTATION

ITEM #1 RPT 21-134

**Formation of a Community Advisory Committee on
Environmental Justice**

Committee on Environmental Justice



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Purpose



- Hayward's Housing Element Update is being combined with General Plan Amendments related to the Climate Action Plan, **Environmental Justice**, and Safety Element Updates.
- The City anticipates creating a new standalone **Environmental Justice Element** in the General Plan.
- **Environmental Justice** provides an opportunity to identify and address problems - such as fair and equitable access to healthy food, affordable housing, and meaningful participation in actions and decisions made by governments - that disproportionately impact disadvantaged communities.

Expectations



- 6-8 Committee members
- Three approximately two-hour long meetings from January through April 2021
- Homework between meetings
- Committee would review Existing Conditions Assessment, consider and prioritize objectives and policies and review and provide guidance on the Environmental Justice Element.

