

Environmental Justice Element



Background

The State of California defines "environmental justice" as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures and incomes, and national origins, with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies" (Government Code § 65040.12). Environmental justice includes the following:

- Availability of a healthy environment for all people;
- Deterrence, reduction, and elimination of pollution burdens for populations and communities experiencing the adverse effects of that pollution, so that the effects of the pollution are not disproportionately borne by those populations and communities;
- Implementing technical assistance to populations and communities most impacted by pollution to promote their meaningful participation in all phases of the environmental and land use decision-making process; and
- The meaningful consideration of recommendations from populations and communities most impacted by pollution into environmental and land use decisions.

Government Code § 65302 requires the City to identify disadvantaged communities within its planning area. Should a disadvantaged community exist, the City must adopt an environmental justice element or integrate related environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives into other elements of the general plan. Health and Safety Code § 39711 requires the California Environmental

Protection Agency to identify disadvantaged communities based upon geographic, socioeconomic, public health, and environmental hazard criteria. They may include, without limitation, areas disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative public health effects, exposure, or environmental degradation; and areas with concentrations of people that are of low income, high unemployment, low levels of homeownership, high rent burden, sensitive populations, or low levels of educational attainment.

The California Environmental Protection Agency uses CalEnviroScreen to identify disadvantaged communities throughout California. CalEnviroScreen uses a variety of statewide indicators to characterize pollution burden (the average of exposures and environmental effects) and population characteristics (the average of sensitive populations and socioeconomic factors). The model scores each of the indicators using percentiles and combines the scores to determine a CalEnviroScreen score for a given census tract relative to others in the state. Designated disadvantaged communities are those communities that scored within the highest 25 percent of census tracts across California (CalEnviroScreen percentile scores of 75 or higher), in addition to other parameters relating to income status.

Disadvantaged Communities in Monterey Park

The City of Monterey Park is comprised of fifteen census tracts as depicted on . There is one designated disadvantaged community within the City. This disadvantaged community is identified as Census Tract 6037530400 which includes East Los Angeles College. This community is located along the southwestern edge of the City boundaries adjacent to the community of East Los Angeles and is shaded orange in Figure 2. The census tract boundaries extend outside of City limits. The remainder of the census tracts within Monterey Park are not considered disadvantaged.

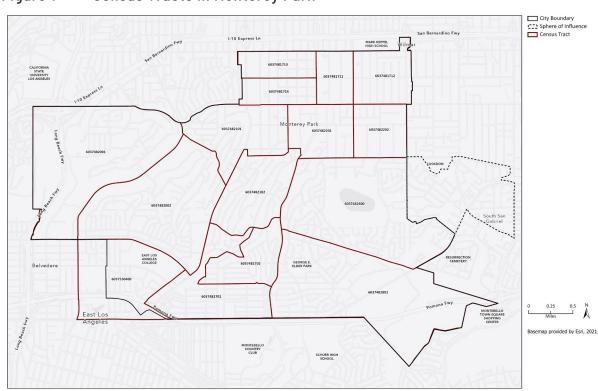


Figure 1 Census Tracts in Monterey Park

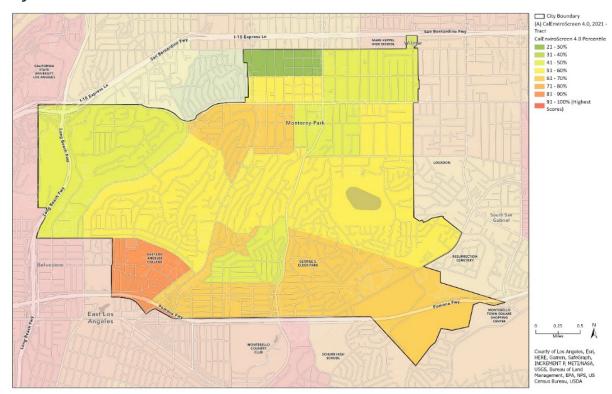


Figure 2 CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Percentile Scores

SOURCE: AFFH DATA VIEWER, 2021

An Environmental Justice Technical Report (see Appendix B) provides information regarding pollution burden and population characteristics for all census tracts in the City, including the disadvantaged community.

Environmental Justice Setting



Pollution Exposure

Exposure to polluting substance in the air, water, and soil can have a significant impact on health. Certain diseases, including heart disease, cancer, birth defects, asthma, reproductive disorders, and neurological disorders, have been directly associated with pollutant exposure. There are three census tracts in the City that according to CalEnviroScreen have a significant pollution burden percentile (6037482001, 6037482600, and 6037482800). The elevated pollution burden scores show that these census tracts have significant exposure to different types of pollution.

Air Quality

As is the case with most cities in Los Angeles County, Monterey Park experiences air quality issues primarily caused by vehicle emissions from cars and trucks using City streets and surrounding freeways. Monterey Park is surrounded by Highways 16, 10, and 60, located along the northern, southern, and western City boundaries. The adjacent highways and major roadways contribute to the presence of air pollutants that have been identified within the City causing air quality issues. Air quality conditions are determined by measuring the following pollutants, described in more detail below: ozone levels and particulate matter (PM) levels, particularly PM_{2.5} and Diesel PM.

¹ "Drinking Water." EPA. Environmental Protection Agency. Accessed November 2, 2021. https://www.epa.gov/report-environment/drinking-water.

[&]quot;Research on Health Effects from Air Pollution." EPA. Environmental Protection Agency. Accessed November 2, 2021. https://www.epa.gov/air-research/research-health-effects-air-pollution.

Monterey Park has moderate levels of ozone pollution.² Ground-level ozone³ is not a pollutant that is emitted directly into the air. It is created by a chemical reaction between oxides of nitrogen and volatile organic compounds produced by cars, energy plants and industrial operations. Research shows that Ozone pollution can trigger wheezing and shortness of breath and can worsen asthma symptoms.4



Monterey Park has a relatively high amount of PM_{2.5}. PM_{2.5} is a mix of airborne particles that can include organic chemicals, dust, soot, and metals. These particles can come from cars and trucks, factories, wood burning, and other activities. Elevated levels of PM 2.5 can cause respiratory stress and decreased lung function and increase the risk of long-term disease.⁵

Monterey Park has a disparity in the presence of Diesel PM across census tracts. Some census tracts in the central and eastern portions of the City have low levels of Diesel PM, while other census tracts located on the periphery of the City, closest to Highways 16, 10, and 60, scored significantly higher. The disadvantaged community census tract (6037530400) had the highest Diesel PM concentration in the City. The disparity of diesel PM scores may be associated with the location of highways surrounding Monterey Park, given that the primary sources of Diesel PM in the atmosphere are vehicles powered by diesel engines.

Other Sources of Pollution

Facilities that manufacture, develop, and/or process toxic chemicals can release these chemicals into the air. If toxic releases occur, people living near these types of facilities may breathe contaminated air regularly or periodically.

Toxic releases are of particular concern in the City of Monterey Park given the elevated levels of toxic releases indicated in CalEnviroScreen and the location of six toxic release facilities adjacent to the City, along the northwestern boundary. CalEnviroScreen indicates that all census tracts in Monterey Park scored between the 77th and 88th percentiles for toxic releases. The DAC census tract (6037530400) within the City had the highest toxic release percentile, scoring within the 88th

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² CalEnviroScreen scores indicate moderate levels of ozone pollution in Monterey Park, with all census tracts scoring between the 50th and 60th percentile.

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⁴ "AAFA: Air Pollution." Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. Accessed November 2, 2021. https://www.aafa.org/air-pollution-smog-asthma/.

⁵ "Particulate Pollution and Your Health." Respiratory Problems: Risk Factors of Air Pollution. US Environmental Protection Agency, September 2003. https://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPDF.cgi?Dockey=P1001EX6.txt.

percentile. This indicates that the census tract scored higher than 88 percent of all census tracts in California for toxic releases. Although there are no existing toxic release facilities within Monterey Park, toxic release facilities located in adjacent cities can impact the environmental quality within Monterey Park.

Safe and Sanitary Homes



California has very high housing costs relative to much of the country, which can make it hard for many to afford housing. Households with lower incomes may spend a larger proportion of their income on housing and may suffer from housing-induced poverty.

Cost burden is defined by §91.5 of the Code of Federal Regulations as "[t]he extent to which gross housing costs, including utility costs, exceed 30 percent of gross income, based on data available from the U.S. Census Bureau."

Households spending a minimum of 30 percent of their total gross income on housing costs are considered cost burdened, whereas households spending over 50 percent on housing costs are considered severely cost burdened.

As estimated by the U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2015-2019 5-year estimates, the highest levels of cost burden are in the northeastern segment of the City, where at least 60 percent of renters are burdened by housing costs. Furthermore, most census tracts within the City have between 40 and 60 percent of renters that are burdened by housing cost.

In addition to housing cost burden, there are households in Monterey Park that experience overcrowding conditions. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines an overcrowded unit within their Measuring Overcrowding in Housing report as any unit occupied by 1.01 persons or more per room (excluding bathrooms and kitchens). According to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 5- Year Estimates for 2015-2019, 10 percent of units in Monterey Park were considered overcrowded. The designated disadvantaged community census tract (6037530400) has 12 to 15 percent of households living in overcrowded conditions. For comparison, the statewide overcrowding percentage was 8.2 percent, while the same percentage for Los Angeles County was 11 percent.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, people with lower incomes are more likely to live in overcrowded homes. Overcrowding increases risk of respiratory infections

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⁶ Measuring Overcrowding in Housing." Department of Housing and Urban Development. U.S. Office of Policy Development and Research (2007).

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and activation of tuberculosis.⁸ The presence of overcrowding within Monterey Park may be a risk factor for poor health outcomes within the community.

Recreation and Physical Activity

Adequate access to parks, active transportation infrastructure (bikeways, sidewalks), schools, and cultural centers can significantly impact health and quality of life benefits for members of a community. The availability of greenspace (parks, fields, open space) in proximity to housing creates the opportunity for physical activity and social interaction. Similarly, public schools and cultural centers provide opportunities for recreation and community engagement that are necessary to supplement the mental and physical health of residents.

The Monterey Park Recreation and Community Services Department offers a variety of year-round recreational programs at parks, community centers, and schools. These programs provide residents of the City with the opportunity to engage in a variety of recreational activities that promote physical exercise. However, the City lacks adequate public facilities and infrastructure to support recreation and physical activity outside of City-sponsored programs. For example, there is only one existing bikeway within the City. This bikeway is a Class II Bike Lane that spans a total of 0.7 miles on Alhambra Avenue (between Hellman Avenue and Newmark Avenue).

In addition, Monterey Park's parks and open space are concentrated in a limited number of areas in the community. The California Statewide Park Program (Public Resources Code § 5642) defines "critically underserved" communities as those communities having a ratio of less than three acres of parkland per 1,000 residents or is a disadvantaged community with insufficient or no park space and recreation facilities. Seventy-six percent of Monterey Park's residents live in an area with less than 3 acres of parks or open space per 1,000 residents. Lack of



recreational facilities has historically been linked to a lack of physical activity across cities in the United States. According to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the percentage of adults meeting recommended guidelines for physical activity in Monterey Park was only 24 percent, 10 percentage points lower than the Los Angeles County average. 10

Civic or Community Engagement

Government Code § 65302 requires this Element to identify objectives and policies to promote civic engagement in the public decision-making process. By involving and engaging disadvantaged

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⁸ Housing and Health: Time Again For Public Health Action. American Journal of Public Health, 92 (5), 758-768. Kreiger, J. & Higgins, D.L. (2002).

⁹ "Role of Parks and Recreation on Health and Wellness." National Recreation and Park Association. Accessed November 2, 2021. https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/role-of-parks-and-recreation-on-health-and-wellness/.

¹⁰ City and Community Health Profiles: Monterey Park. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. (2018).

communities in decision-making processes, policymakers can become more informed to make decisions that meet the needs of all residents within their jurisdiction.

Disadvantaged communities often have culturally or demographically specific needs that must be considered within local outreach strategies to ensure community success. These needs include, without limitation, language requirements, location requirements, and timing requirements.

Monterey Park is a diverse community that celebrates a variety of cultures and contains unique demographic challenges, such as linguistic isolation.

Linguistic isolation is a term used by the U.S. Census Bureau for limited English-speaking households. According to CalEnviroScreen, several communities within Monterey Park are linguistic isolated. CalEnvrioScreen identifies the top three languages spoken besides English within Monterey Park as Chinese, Vietnamese and Spanish. Integrating this local understanding of the language



context into community engagement programs will ensure that planning processes within Monterey Park are equitable and comprehensively informed.

Continually developing new opportunities for improved communication with residents and public is a priority for the City, including additional efforts to engage with minority communities, especially households that speak limited or no English. Transparent communication is particularly necessary to establish equitable access to City-provided opportunities, resources, and programs related to residents' safety and capacity for influencing City decision-making. In addition, the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library offers a variety of programs and resources, with the mission to meet the cultural, educational, and informational needs of the residents of the City of Monterey Park by providing free and open access to its resources and services.

Goals and Policies



The Monterey Park General Plan Environmental Justice Element sets forward goals and policies related to ensuring environmental justice in the City, particularly for the designated disadvantaged community. The City is committed in ensuring that decisions related to environmental laws, regulations and policies are made in an equitable manner and take into consideration the health and well-being of the City's most vulnerable populations.

Meaningful Public Participation and Engagement

- Goal 1 Ensure all residents of Monterey Park are adequately informed about City matters and the decisions impacting their communities.
- **Policy 1.1** Facilitate the meaningful involvement of residents, businesses, City employees and organizations in all aspects of the City's governmental planning process using a variety of community-based strategies
- **Policy 1.2** Prioritize transparency in all City processes to help ensure that community members may become well-informed.
- **Policy 1.3** Bolster and support disadvantaged communities by prioritizing key issues that disproportionately impact local disadvantaged residents. Land Use and Pollution Exposure.

Land Use and Pollution Exposure

- Goal 2 Community health and the reduction of exposure to environmental pollutants is a priority and part of all planning and policy practices.
- **Policy 2.1** Limit exposure to environmental pollution through good planning and the public process.
- **Policy 2.2** Equip the community with adequate resources to promote enhanced health outcomes and improved quality of life.
- **Policy 2.3** Support and expand infrastructure for multimodal transportation to limit vehicle emissions and encourage the use of active transportation.

Creating Active and Passive Green Spaces

- Goal 3 Improve and increase opportunities for passive and active enjoyment of outdoor spaces equitably distributed throughout the City.
- **Policy 3.1** Maximize the use of the City's existing open space network and recreation facilities by enhancing those facilities and providing connections, particularly from disadvantaged neighborhoods.
- **Policy 3.2** Work with community-based organizations and the local business community to expand green space programs.
- **Policy 3.3** Utilize the development review process to require additional recreation opportunities for new developments

Public Facilities

- Goal 4 Ensure residents may access a range of safe and accessible opportunities for recreation and physical activities.
- **Policy 4.1** Provide for equitable access to City-owned public facilities across all neighborhoods in Monterey Park.
- **Policy 4.2** Maintain public facilities that are accessible to residents of all ages, abilities, and linguistic backgrounds

Food Equity

- Goal 5 Healthy and affordable food is available to all residents regardless of income or geographic location.
- **Policy 5.1** Prioritize the dissemination of information about healthy eating habits and available healthy food options in the City.
- **Policy 5.2** Ensure the availability of programs in Monterey Park to connect residents with accessible healthy food options.

Healthy and Affordable Housing

- Goal 6 All residents have access to affordable, safe, and sanitary housing.
- **Policy 6.1** Educate the public about the importance of safe and sanitary housing conditions and the availability of City assistance to aid in remediation.
- **Policy 6.2** Establish and maintain City resources and programs to ensure that residents have access to healthy living conditions.

Emergency Response

- Goal 7 Equitable emergency response programs and community-based crime reduction contribute to a safe environment for all residents.
- **Policy 7.1** Ensure that the City police and fire department equitably aid all communities in Monterey Park in a timely manner.
- **Policy 7.2** Foster a sense of safety across the City by implementing community-based and design-based crime reduction strategies.

Programs

Table EJ-1 identifies implementation measures for the Environmental Justice Element.

Table EJ-1. Environmental Justice Implementation Measures

| Implementation Measure | Related Policies | Time Frame | Responsibility | Funding |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Prioritize effective civic engagement by partnering with community-based organizations (non-profits, faith-based, advocacy) that have established trust and cultural competency within historically underrepresented communities. | 1.1 | Short Term | Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Review the City's existing outreach and engagement strategies and tools to identify expansion and improvement opportunities necessary to bolster diverse participation, including novel technology and traditional methods. | 1.1 | Short Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Provide outreach materials in languages that meet the linguistic characteristics of the community, including Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese Traditional. | 1.2 | Short Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Provide translation services in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese Traditional at community outreach events and City meetings to reduce linguistic barriers associated with accessibility. | 1.2 | Long Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Partner with local schools to disperse City information related to engagement, elections, and programs to ensure City updates reach a broad range of community residents. | 1.2 | Long Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Host a community workshop focused on identifying and addressing key issues impacting disadvantaged communities. | 1.3 | Intermediate Term | Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Develop comprehensive outreach campaigns for significant City programs that strategically target historically underrepresented members of the community. | 1.3 | Long Term | Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Conduct a City Hall Open House focused on informing disadvantaged communities about available public resources and City processes. | 1.3 | Short Term | City Manager/ Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Provide additional opportunities for residents to volunteer with the City to further build local relationships. | 1.1 | Short Term | City Manager/ Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Provide all City employees annual diversity and equity training as part of an effort to improve community accessibility and empower historically disenfranchised groups. | 1.1 | Long Term | All Directors | General Fund |
| Evaluate the Monterey Park Municipal Code to identify opportunities to incorporate South Coast Air Quality Management District guidance to protect public health, such as requiring air quality mitigation features to be incorporated into residential developments when located along freeways and major roadways. | 2.1 | Short Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |

| Implementation Measure | Related Policies | Time Frame | Responsibility | Funding |
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| Ensure compliance with state and federal laws regarding amelioration of contaminated sites before approving new development. | 2.1 | Long Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Identify and implement South Coast Air Quality Management District rules and regulations that monitor and improve air quality in the City. | 2.1 | Long Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Meet with CalTrans and advocate for the incorporation of noise reduction and air quality improvement technology for existing and future transportation projects. | 2.1 | Long Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Protect the City's potable water supply by ensuring that City infrastructure related to water delivery and consumption is in adequate condition and functioning properly. | 2.1 | Long Term | Public Works Director | General Fund |
| Partner with adjacent cities to prepare a regional strategy that seeks to mitigate impacts associated with regional stationary sources of pollution. | 2.1 | Intermediate Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Develop a campaign to inform the public about resources for at-home pollution reduction including air filtration, ventilation, water filtration, and noise insulation retrofits. | 2.1 | Short Term | Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Promote tree-planting in disadvantaged communities through City-led initiatives to improve local air quality and reduce heat impacts. | 2.2 | Intermediate Term | Public Works Director | General Fund |
| Work with local public health organizations (hospitals, non-profits) to develop programs focused on managing asthma health and other respiratory conditions. | 2.2 | Long Term | Community Development Director / City Manager | General Fund, Grants |
| Facilitate local and regional transit system improvements that promote electric vehicle usage and reduce vehicle miles travelled, including the addition of electric charging stations and the expansion of public transit. | 2.3 | Long Term | Community Development Director / Public Works Director | General Fund |
| Require new housing developments to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs to support multi-modal transportation and minimize vehicle trip generation. | 2.3 | Short Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Assess local park distribution and identify priority locations for new park development in underserved areas. | 3.1 | Short Term | Public Works Director/ Recreation & Community Services Director | General Fund |
| Periodically assess City parks to ensure that all existing parks are in adequate condition for regular use and safe engagement. | 3.1 | Long Term | Recreation & Community Services Director | General Fund |
| Assess opportunities to develop community gardens on City-owned property by Identify vacant lots and underutilized public land that can be used for neighborhood-run community gardens. | 3.1 | Short Term | Recreation & Community Services Director/ Community | General Fund |

| Implementation Measure | Related Policies | Time Frame | Responsibility Development Director | Funding |
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| Implement the strategies outlined within the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the San Gabriel Valley Bicycle Master Plan. | 3.1 | Intermediate Term | Public Works Director | General Fund |
| Identify City-owned property, vacant lots, and underutilized public land that can be used for neighborhood-run community gardens. | 3.2 | Intermediate Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Coordinate with community-based organizations to develop neighborhood-run community gardens across Monterey Park. | 3.2 | Short Term | Recreation & Community Services Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Require the provision of on-site bicycle facilities in new large-scale development projects. | 3.3 | Intermediate Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Promote the conversion of existing public rights-of-way into usable green space by integrating landscaping and park features, when feasible. | 3.3 | Intermediate Term | Community Development Director / Recreation & Community Services Director | General Fund |
| Incorporate an In-Lieu Park Fee for multiunit developers to opt out of developing green space. | 3.3 | Intermediate Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Develop a City Ordinance that serves to update the development requirements for multiunit properties to require the incorporation of green space. | 3.3 | Short Term | Public Works Director/ Community Development Director / Recreation & Community Services Director | General Fund |
| Ensure equitable park-access across the City such that all neighborhoods in the City have a ratio of at least three acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. | 3.3 | Long Term | Recreation & Community Services Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Pursue additional joint use agreements and expanded public hours for school parks and recreation facilities in underserved areas of Monterey Park. | 3.3 | Intermediate Term | Recreation & Community Services Director | General Fund |
| Expand the availability of bike paths and bike lanes across the City by implementing proposed improvements along identified deficiency areas. | 4.1 | Long Term | Public Works Director/ Community Development Director / Recreation & Community Services Director | General Fund |

| Implementation Measure | Related Policies | Time Frame | Responsibility | Funding |
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| Prioritize the development of walking linkages (sidewalks) to local parks and public facilities. | 4.1 | Long Term | Recreation & Community Services Director/ Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Prioritize the placement of new City-owned public facilities (libraries, recreation centers) within disadvantaged communities. | 4.1 | Long Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Consider expanding the Spirit Bus service to increase accessibility to local parks, grocery stores, and City facilities. | 4.1 | Intermediate Term | Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Maintain and improve stationary public transit infrastructure across the City by conducting an inventory of local bus stops and determining locations where infrastructure is lacking, specifically locations where bus shelters and benches are not provided. | 4.2 | Intermediate Term | City Manager/ Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Improve linguistic accessibility within City facilities by providing translated signage and hiring multilingual staff. | 4.2 | Intermediate Term | Recreation & Community Services Director/City Manager/ Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Implement streetscape improvements to enhance access and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, including improved lighting and expanded sidewalks to contribute to the reduction in pedestrian fatalities and serious injury. | 4.2 | Intermediate Term | Recreation & Community Services Director | General Fund |
| Educate the public about the importance of food choice and the impacts of food quality on personal health. | 5.1 | Short Term | Recreation & Community Services Director/ Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Conduct a geographic review of the availability of healthy grocery options across neighborhoods in Monterey Park and publish a list of available healthy grocery outlets for resident use. | 5.1 | Short Term | Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Promote the purchase of locally produced and/or organic food at City schools. | 5.2 | Intermediate Term | Recreation & Community Services Director/ Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Promote the creation of local farmer's markets in disadvantaged areas to provide increased accessibility to healthy groceries. | 5.2 | Short Term | Recreation & Community Services Director/ Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |

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| Support local organizations in their efforts to provide food banks, pantries, and other resources that help provide food assistance to low-income residents. | 5.2 | Intermediate Term | Recreation & Community Services Director/ Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Review the routes and connections offered by the Spirit Bus line to facilitate the City's public transportation system's access to local healthy food sources, such as farmers markets and grocery stores. | 5.2 | Short Term | Recreation & Community Services Director | General Fund |
| Develop an educational campaign focused on safe housing. The program should inform residents about the health risks associated with unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions and provide residents with private resources for improvement. | 6.1 | Long Term | Community Development Director /Building and Safety Division | General Fund, Grants |
| Inform property-owners about the legal requirements related to safe and sanitary housing outlined within California Housing Law. | 6.1 | Short Term | Community Development Director /Code Enforcement | General Fund |
| Utilize data to assess geographic patterns in substandard housing trends to understand the impacts to disadvantaged communities. | 6.2 | Intermediate Term | Public Works Director | General Fund |
| Promote the remediation of unsafe housing in Monterey Park through the development and implementation of the Residential Rehabilitation Program, as outlined in the Housing Element. | 6.2 | Long Term | Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Coordinate with neighborhood leaders in disadvantaged communities to support the development of community-lead initiatives focused on housing maintenance and home safety. | 6.2 | Intermediate Term | Community Development Director | General Fund, Grants |
| Review local emergency preparedness plans and protocols to affirm that they serve the local designated disadvantaged communities and are accessible to communities with language barriers. | 7.1 | Intermediate Term | Community Development Director | General Fund |
| Continue to inform residents about the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and the Neighborhood Watch program by disseminating information in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Traditional Chinese. | 7.1 | Long Term | Recreation & Community Services Director | General Fund |
| Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles into the design of parks, fields, play areas, and other public facilities to crime across the City. | 7.2 | Long Term | Community Development Director /Police Chief | General Fund |
| Cultivate a health relationship between community members and law enforcement by developing programs that offer opportunities for the public to regularly interact with the local law enforcement. | 7.2 | Long Term | Recreation & Community Services Director | General Fund, Grants |