

## The Village

**Event:** The Village

**Location:** Mosswood, Wood Street, West Oakland Encampments

**Date/Time:** 6/8/2023

**Number of people reached:** 15 people through flyers and signups

### **Event Description:**

The Deeply Rooted in Oakland Partnership conducted English outreach with The Village at several encampments throughout Oakland. The Village had one-on-one conversations with the residents of these encampments.

The team shared an informational flyer on the Oakland General Plan; a 2-pager on housing and environmental justice conditions impacting Oakland residents; and resources for Emergency Rapid Assistance Program (ERAP), library, and maintenance. The 2-pager on housing and environmental justice conditions presented racial displacement, housing affordability, pollution burden, past and future housing production in Oakland, and a call to action.

Deeply Rooted Collaborative outreach team members referred community members to direct service organizations or City Department to address their current needs and gathered questions regarding the General Plan and City services.

### **Engagement Approaches:**

1) Approach people to have a conversation rather than extracting information from them 2) Inform people about the Environmental Justice and Safety Element and engage people to share their experiences and solutions 3) Share and connect residents to City of Oakland resources.

## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE THEMES

### **MINIMIZE LAND, AIR WATER, POLLUTION**

- **Issues**

- Residents experience negative health impacts as a result of pollution.
- A lack of sanitation from sewage and construction contributes to residents' negative health impacts, such as infection.
- Cars contribute to worsening air quality.
- There are no regular trash pickups at encampments.
- People illegally dump at encampments.
- Factories, chemtrails, and airplanes contribute to worsening pollution.

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- Bad pipes lead to contaminated drinking water.
- **Solutions**
  - Provide filters to purify water.

### **PROVIDE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD**

- **Issues**
  - Residents do not have access to healthy food.
  - Several food banks have been shut down.
  - Residents struggle to find affordable food sources.
  - Food stamps are not enough to fulfill food needs.

### **INCREASE ACCESS TO CULTURAL CENTERS, LIBRARIES, CHILD CARE CENTERS, FACILITIES, AND OTHER BASIC AMENITIES**

- **Issues**
  - Residents do not have access to cultural centers at convenient distances.

## SAFETY THEMES

### **BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EMERGENCY, EVACUATION, AND ALERTS.**

- **Issues**
  - Residents don't feel adequately trained and prepared to deal with emergencies.
  - Residents don't have enough supplies in case of an emergency.
  - Residents don't have access to news or know where safety locations are.

### **PROTECT PEOPLE FROM POLLUTED AREAS SUCH AS INDUSTRIAL ZONES, FREEWAYS, LANDFILLS, AND TOXIC CLEANUP SITES**

- **Issues**
  - There are no public restrooms for unhoused people to use.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- **Issues**
  - Residents are distressed by crime and violence.
- **Solutions**
  - Neighborhoods need community patrol groups.
  - Ensure housing stability and a safe place to live for all residents.
  - Ensure everyone's basic needs are being met.

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- Provide physical therapy services.
- End gun violence.
- Eliminate drug dealing.
- Increase security in the neighborhoods at night.
- Provide water stations and power chargers for the unhoused.