

06/15/2023 The Village

Event: The Village

Location: Mosswood, Wood Street, West Oakland Encampments

Date/Time: 6/15/2023

Number of people reached: 7 people through one-on-one conversations

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 living in encampments are directly exposed to toxins, and have endured negative health impacts, like COPD.
- Freeway and industrial pollution is contributing to residents' negative health impacts, as well as contamination of the land.
- There is lead and fluoride contamination in drinking water sources.
- Fires have worsened the air quality.

PROVIDE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD

- **Issues**
 - Several food pantries have been shut down.
 - Food is too expensive.

DEVELOP AREAS FOR EXERCISE SUCH AS PARKS

- **Issues**
 - Residents do not have access to spaces for physical activity.
 - Parks sometimes experience closures.
 - Fix potholes and increase safety of streets.

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

- **Issues**
 - Residents have limited access to cultural centers.

SAFETY THEMES

BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EMERGENCY, EVACUATION, AND ALERTS.

- **Issues**
 - Residents don't feel adequately trained and prepared to deal with emergencies.

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

- **Issues**
 - There are community centers, including childcare facilities that sit on hazardous materials.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Issues**
 - Residents are afraid to walk down their street due to violence.
- **Solutions**
 - Instate more watch patrols in neighborhoods.
 - Regulate against tinted windows in cars.
 - House all people to clear sidewalks for people with disabilities.
 - End gun violence.