

06/21/2023 The Village

Event: The Village

Location: Mosswood, Wood Street, West Oakland Encampments

Date/Time: 06/21/2023

Number of people reached: 10 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**

- The freeways, the Port of Oakland, and the old yeast factory are large polluters that impact the health of residents that live in close proximity to them.
- Residents experience respiratory issues due to air pollution.
- Ground water gets polluted by illegal dumping.
- Residents in encampments don't have access to running water.

PROVIDE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD

- **Issues**
 - Residents do not have access to healthy food.
 - Some food providers do not accept food stamps.

DEVELOP AREAS FOR EXERCISE SUCH AS PARKS

- **Issues**
 - Residents do not have access to spaces for physical activity.

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

- **Issues**
 - Residents do not have 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Issues**
 - Residents experience and are afraid of gang violence.
- **Solutions**
 - Provide housing to everyone.
 - Provide access to food and shelter.
 - Defund the police.
 - Provide more City jobs.