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**Subject:** Delay the General Plan

Hi,

My name is Jennifer, although I am not a resident of Santa Ana, I have friends and family who live in Santa Ana and reside in disadvantaged communities. I have participated in several of Santa Ana's virtual workshops and ask that further community engagement is done. I am emailing to ask that you delay the general plan process until appropriate community outreach is conducted and the community's concerns are fully addressed.

Here are a few things that concern me with the current proposed General Plan update:

- There is a need for more community engagement, especially in the neighborhoods deemed "disadvantaged communities"
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- The issue of environmental injustice has not been properly assessed
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- The City needs to develop a Public Health Action Plan to properly address the urgent issue of toxic lead exposures in the City.
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- Ensure tenant protections for residents who seek action on toxic lead exposures.
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- Free blood testing for residents who might have been exposed to lead
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- Reducing cumulative impacts from pollution by limiting the number of facilities in the area and no new industry in the area until community is consulted and their demands are met
- Establish caps on cumulative air pollution and base permitting decisions on overall emissions, not emissions per facility. Close or move polluters.
- Reduce exposure to pollution by cleaning up existing air pollution and creating buffer zones between polluters and homes, schools, and daycare facilities
- Install barriers or other mitigation of noise pollution
- The City should prioritize preserving existing open space and NOT development that does not provide direct benefits to the existing residents, like market-rate housing, hotels, big corporate business, should not be allowed on current open space.
- The City should finalize its Park and Recreation Master Plan before the adoption of the General Plan to ensure that policies are in place to address the deficit that will be caused by the increase in development.
- Market-rate and commercial development should not be incentivized at the current rate if it means outpacing the supply of open space
- Invest more in parks and green space, more trees, green industry, community centers, libraries, clinics

- Include anti-displacement policies in transit-oriented development, like the OC Streetcar route, Main St., Bristol St., etc.
- Place housing affordability requirements in transit-oriented development and rest of the focus areas
- Ensure the street growth strategy does not lead to the displacement of residents.
- Transform current traffic enforcement practices toward non-lethal methods that decriminalizes traffic safety.
- Prioritize people most at risk on the street- add policy that measures safety from the barriers to travel while being a woman, queer, trans, senior, youth, (the most vulnerable).
- Prioritize shade trees or fruit trees.
- Add parking on arterial streets to reduce vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian conflicts, slow traffic speeds, and create human-leveled arterial streets.
- Make transit free for Santa Ana residents

**Please delay the adoption of the General Plan until these concerns are addressed and more and better community engagement is conducted.**

Best,

Jennifer

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