

## Jody London

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**From:** Will Nelson  
**Sent:** Friday, June 25, 2021 12:35 PM  
**To:** Jody London  
**Subject:** Fw: Written Input to Draft Environmental Justice Policies for updated County General Plan

Hi Jody,

Below are comments submitted for Monday.

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**Subject:** Written Input to Draft Environmental Justice Policies for updated County General Plan

Dear Mr. Nelson,

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the Sustainability Committee meeting on June 28. Please include these comments during public input to the Draft Environmental Justice Policies for the updated County General Plan that will be discussed during that meeting.

Page 23: Chapter 9, Health & Safety Element. Policy HS-P2.2 (has to do with opposing the construction of new, large-scale hazardous waste facilities.) My comment: So, what do we do with our hazardous wastes? ... continue to rely on old, small, non-up-to-date facilities? NO! We should build new, large-scale hazardous waste facilities. We should keep them up-to-date. We should NOT, however, build them near sensitive receptors in impacted communities.

Page 18: Chapter 8, Public Facilities & Services Element: Policy PFS-P2.1 (has to do with green space and recreation facilities) My Comment: Please include a modifier of the word 'trails.' It should include paved or unpaved walking trails as well as paved bicycling trails. We should try to connect any new trails that we build in or near impacted communities to existing trails in that area of the County.

Page 12 Chapter 5 Transportation Element: My comment: We need Goals, Policies, and Actions that that REQUIRE the addition of bicycle lanes to arterial and collector streets, especially to routes of regional significance, that run through impacted communities whenever the street undergoes any street maintenance or rehabilitation that includes the repainting of lane striping on the street when the affected street is longer than one block or longer than 1/4 mile. The new bike lanes must be on both sides of the street and must extend all the way to the limit line at any intersections. Note: This may result in a reduction in size of vehicle traffic lanes or the actual elimination of an occasional traffic lane. Suburbs, well-to-do and otherwise, have bicycle lanes. There is no reason that impacted communities should not.

Page 21. Health & Safety Element: Policy HS P1.5. My comment: We should require a 'reasonable' amount of safe, secure, and convenient bicycle parking with outlets for electric bicycle charging stations at new or expanded big box stores, etc. that are built anywhere in the County. We should also require that any new construction or expansion as listed in this policy that has to build new or adjust the curb and gutter along the edge of said project abutting a public street (arterial or collector) install a bike lane.

Page 22. Health & Safety Element: Policy HS P1.10. My comment: We should add a Policy P 1.10.5: It should require that any new residential development that has to construct new or merely adjust the curb and gutter along any public street (arterial or collector) adjacent to said project include a bicycle lane.

Thank you for accepting these comments, reading them aloud during the proper time of the meeting, and including them in the appropriate portion of the Sustainability Committee's input to the County's General Plan update.

All best wishes,

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