

Monterey County Safety and Environmental Justice Community Survey

The County of Monterey is in the process of updating the Safety Element and preparing a new Environmental Justice Element as part of its General Plan and needs your input! If you live, work, or own property in the Unincorporated Monterey County, please complete the following survey. "Unincorporated Monterey County" is defined as all areas within the county boundary that are not within a city.

Your thoughts and experiences will help identify important safety and environmental justice issues for everyone in the County. Your input will also help identify opportunities for reducing environmental burdens (such as exposure to pollution) and for all residents to access public goods and services (such as healthcare, healthy food, public transit, and parks).

The following sixteen (16) questions should take you 5-10 minutes to answer. Please complete only one (1) survey per person. Thank you in advance for your participation!

1. 1. Please tell us where you live.

Mark only one oval.

- Big Sur Coast - South of Malpas Creek to San Luis Obispo County line (e.g., Big Sur, Gorda, Lucia)
- Carmel Area – South of Rio Road and West of Highway 1 (e.g., Carmel Highlands, Unincorporated Carmel, Yankee Point)
- Carmel Valley – East of Highway 1 (e.g., Carmel Valley Village, Cachagua, Jamesburg, Laureles Grade south of the summit, Mid-Valley)
- East Garrison
- Highway 68 Corridor (e.g., Laureles Grade north of summit, San Benancio, Toro)
- Pebble Beach/Del Monte Forest
- Royal Oaks/North County – North of Salinas (e.g., Aromas, Castroville, Las Lomas, Moss Landing, Pajaro, Prunedale)
- Salinas Area (e.g., Boronda, Bolsa Knolls, Gabilan Acres, Spreckels)
- Salinas Valley – South of Salinas to King City (e.g., Arroyo Seco, Chualar, Pine Canyon, River Road)
- South County – South of King City (e.g., Bradley, Jolon, Lockwood, Parkfield, San Ardo, San Lucas, San Miguel)
- Within a city boundary
- I do not live in Monterey County

2. Do you live, work or affiliate with one of these communities? (Select the community which you are completing a survey for)

Mark only one oval.

- Boronda
- Bradley
- Castroville
- Chualar
- Las Lomas
- Lockwood
- Moss Landing
- Pajaro
- Pine Canyon
- San Ardo
- San Lucas
- I do not live, work or affiliate with one of these communities.

3. 3. Which public facilities or services are most needed in your community? (Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Affordable and reliable internet
- Center for community services information
- Central business bureau
- Child daycare (infant to school aged)
- Community/recreation centers
- Food banks
- Health clinics or urgent care
- Libraries
- Parks/open space
- Playgrounds with play equipment
- Senior activity centers, programs, and/or daycare
- Special needs daycare
- Utilities (such as wastewater, sewer, water)
- Youth programs and activities
- Other: _____

4. 4. Do you have access to what you need to be healthy? (Select one)

Check all that apply.

- Yes
- No
- I am not sure

5. 5. What does your community most need for you to be healthy? (Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Affordable health care services (such as doctors, mental health professionals, dentists, hospitals, health insurance)
- Affordable produce and/or assistance for food purchase (such as food stamps)
- Community gardens
- Less crime and/or safer neighborhoods
- Less fast-food restaurants
- Less liquor stores, bars, and/or cannabis dispensaries
- More open hours for health care services (services at times during weekends or evenings)
- Nearby health care services
- Recreational programs and parks
- Stores or markets that provide healthy options (like fresh produce)
- Other: _____

6. 6. What is your most common form of transportation? (Select one)

Mark only one oval.

- Biking
- Bus/other public transit
- Personal vehicle
- Rideshare
- Walking
- Other: _____

7. 7. What would encourage you to walk or bike more? (Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Bus stops within walking distance from my home (within 0.5 mile)
- Cheaper/more affordable bus prices
- Improved accessibility for people who use mobility devices, such as wheelchairs
- More bus routes to different areas of the county
- More frequent bus times
- More parks or recreation centers within walking or biking distance of my home (within 0.5 mile)
- More safe bicycle lanes and routes
- More sidewalks, crosswalks, and walking paths in the community
- More trees to provide shade along streets and sidewalks
- Nothing, I do not want to drive less or walk/bike more
- Other: _____

8. 8. Do you have any of the following issues with your home? (Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Air conditioning is not available or affordable
- Flooding
- Heating is not available or affordable
- Insurance (flood, fire, or renter's) is not available or affordable
- Lead-based paint
- Unsafe or unhealthy conditions (such as mold, poor ventilation, poor insulation, or needs repair)
- Other: _____

9. 9. What types of pollution occur in your neighborhood or community? (Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Air pollution from freeways/roadways
- Air pollution from industrial or agricultural land uses
- Groundwater pollution
- Noise from existing businesses/buildings
- Noise from vehicle traffic
- Trash and debris
- Water pollution in runoff from industrial or agricultural land uses
- I don't know
- Other: _____

10. 10. Do you feel safe drinking your tap water? (Select one)

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I am not sure

11. 11. What effects of climate change concern you the most? (Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Drought/water supply
- Extreme heat
- Extreme weather events outside of normal season (e.g., extended fire season, freeze warnings outside of normal winter season)
- Heavy rain/flooding
- Sea level rise/coastal hazards
- Wildfire
- Other: _____

12. 12. What would you like to learn more about? (Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- What the County is doing to address effects of a changing climate
- What I can do to prepare for hazards
- What changes in the County's climate will occur or have already occurred
- None of the above
- Other: _____

13. 13. Which of the following hazards concern you the most? (Select one)

Mark only one oval.

- Acts of violence
- Coastal erosion
- Earthquakes
- Evacuation during a fire/other hazard event
- Flood
- Hazardous materials
- Viruses/pandemic
- Wildfire/urban fires

14. 14. What would make it easier for you to participate in local government decisions?
(Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Affordable and accessible internet
- Assisted communication for disability (If selected, please specify what you may need)
- Community or elected officials available on weekends or evenings
- Improved outreach and engagement efforts targeted at underrepresented groups (Pop ups, fliers, posters)
- In person meetings onsite at a local facility
- Online or phone access for meetings (e.g., Zoom)
- Provide support for attendance at in-person meetings (e.g., childcare, kids' activities, meals/food)
- Transportation to meetings
- Other: _____

15. 15. How do you currently receive information about local government or County decisions

16. 16. What is your preferred language and best way to receive information about local government or County decisions that affect you?

Thank you for completing this portion of the survey! Your input is very important to safety and environmental justice planning in the County. If you can take 2 more minutes, there are some additional optional questions we would like to ask you to better understand how safety and environmental issues affect different communities within the County.

If you are short on time, press the "Next" button, and it will bring you to the last section with a "Submit" button.

17. 17. What is your age?

Mark only one oval.

- 0-18 years old
- 18-24
- 25-39
- 40-55
- 55+
- Prefer not to say

18. 18. What gender do you identify as?

Mark only one oval.

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say
- Other: _____

19. 19. Please specify your ethnicity

Mark only one oval.

- Caucasian
- African-American
- Latino or Hispanic
- Asian
- Native American
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Two or More
- Prefer not to say
- Other: _____

20. 20. What is your annual household income?

Mark only one oval.

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 - \$25,000
- \$25,000 - \$40,000
- \$40,000 - \$55,000
- \$55,000 - \$70,000
- \$70,000 - \$85,000
- \$85,000 - \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$150,000
- \$150,000 or more
- Prefer not to say

21. 21. Are there any comments you would like to share with the County of Monterey regarding the Safety Element Update and/or Environmental Justice Element?

22. 22. Please leave your email address or cell phone number to receive updates and information on the Safety and Environmental Justice Elements.

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