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### **San Marcos Public Safety Element and Environmental Justice Element Drafts Now Available for Public Review**

**San Marcos, CA** — The City of San Marcos is pleased to share the Public Review Draft Public Safety Element and Public Review Draft Environmental Justice Element.

The Public Safety Element is an element of the General Plan required by the State of California. The goal of the Public Safety Element is to reduce the potential short and long-term risk of death, injuries, property damage, and economic and social dislocation resulting from fires, floods, droughts, earthquakes, landslides, climate change, and other hazards. This targeted update to the City's Public Safety Element has been prepared in accordance with State law and addresses new requirements related to potential and existing hazards in the city including fire hazards, climate adaptation, and resiliency planning. A robust update to the City's Public Safety Element will occur as part of the City's recently restarted comprehensive General Plan Update.

The Environmental Justice Element is an optional element of the General Plan. The City has prepared a new Environmental Justice Element for inclusion in the City of San Marcos General Plan, in accordance with State requirements. The goal of the new Environmental Justice Element is to promote a more equitable, safe, and healthy lifestyle for all residents. It is expected that the Environmental Justice Element will be further refined and updated as part of the City's comprehensive General Plan update.

The Public Review Draft Elements are currently open to public comment today through 5 p.m. October 6, 2021 on the [San Marcos General Plan](#) webpage. Public review will be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council at a series of public hearings expected to begin in October 2021.

**Public comments on the draft Safety and Environmental Justice Elements can be submitted now through 5 p.m. October 6 by:**

- Completing the fillable electronic public comment card available [here](#).
- Mailing written comments to: Dahvia Lynch, AICP CEP, Development Services Director  
City of San Marcos, 1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos CA 92069
- Emailing comments to: [dlynch@san-marcos.net](mailto:dlynch@san-marcos.net)
- Delivering written comments to the City during limited public counter hours. Please check our website for more information as hours are subject to change due to COVID-19:  
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More than 96,000 residents, located in the beautiful foothills of northern San Diego County, call the City of San Marcos home. From innovative retail destinations and 72 miles of trails to renowned higher education and 290-acres of parks, San Marcos is rich in resources and civic pride. A leader in public safety, infrastructure, recreation, industry and cultural programs, the City of San Marcos is steeped in discovering life's possibilities. For more information, please visit [san-marcos.net](http://san-marcos.net).