



# Community Health in Vacaville

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# Introductions



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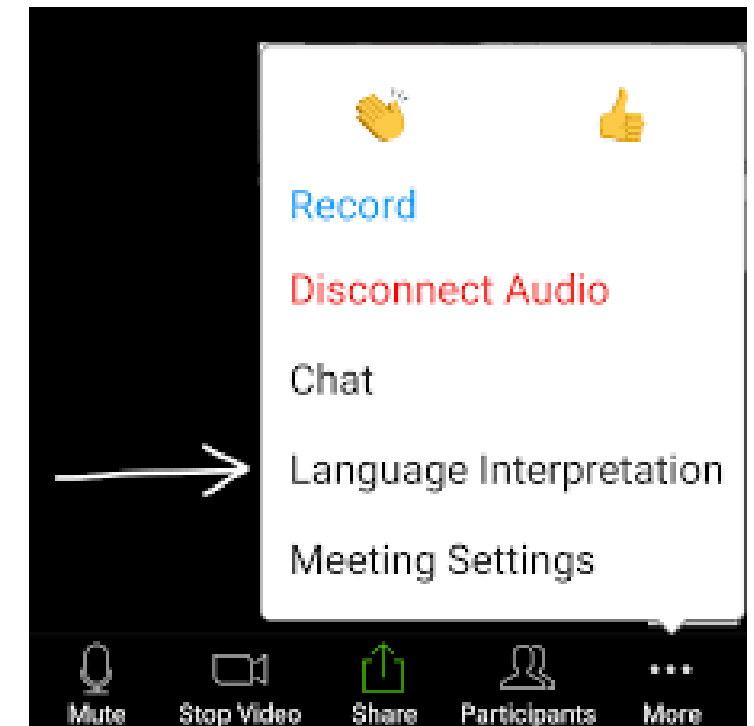
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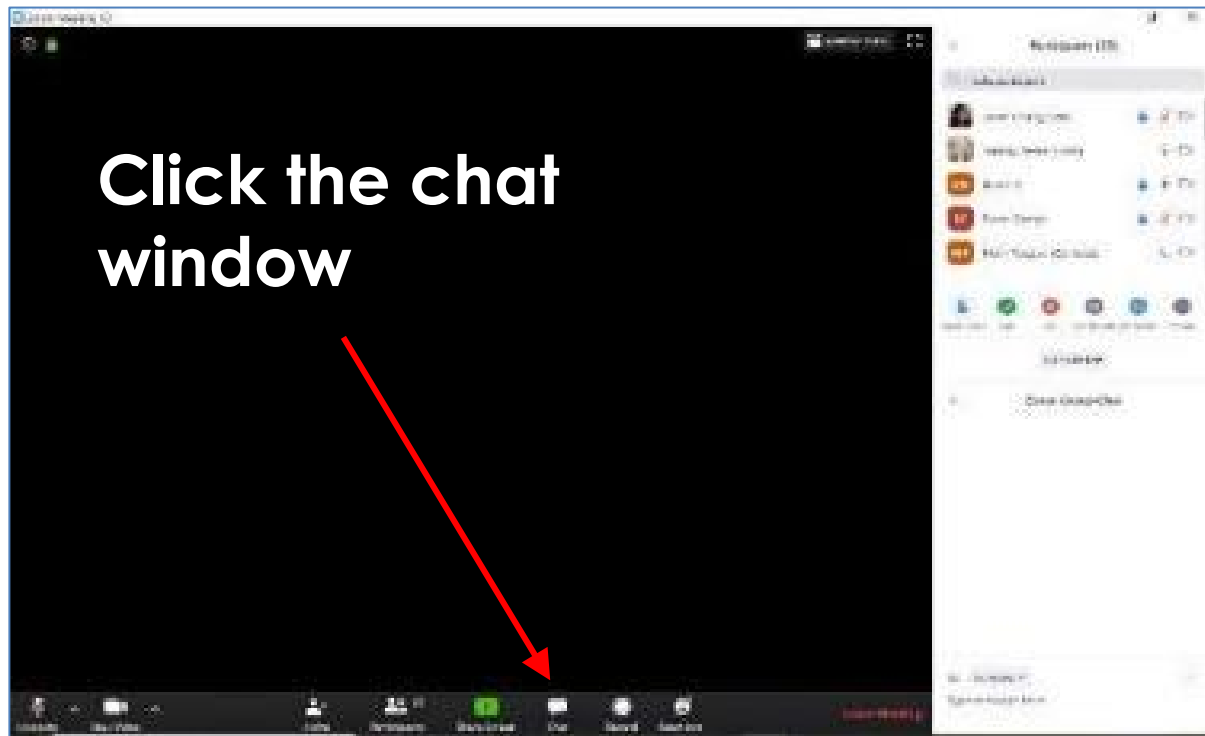


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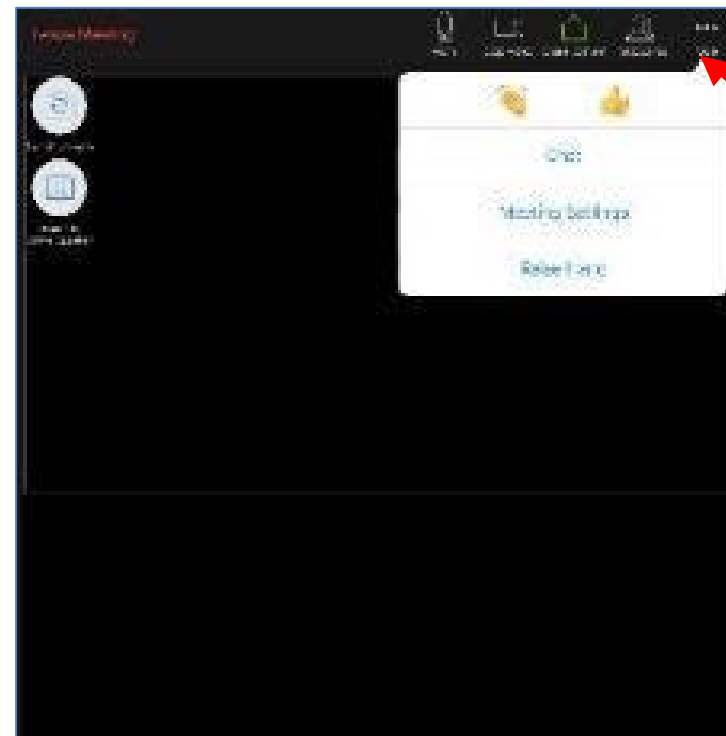
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- **Type questions and comments in the chat to “1\_Questions” and we will answer them during the Q&A.**

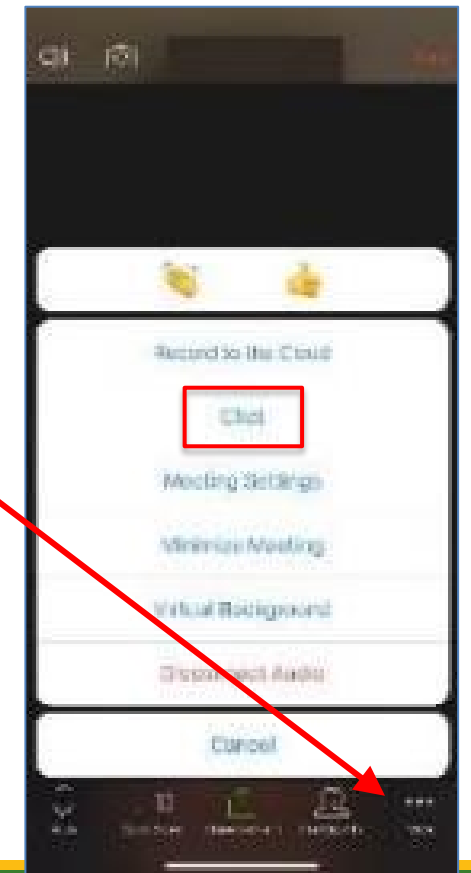
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# Agenda for this Meeting

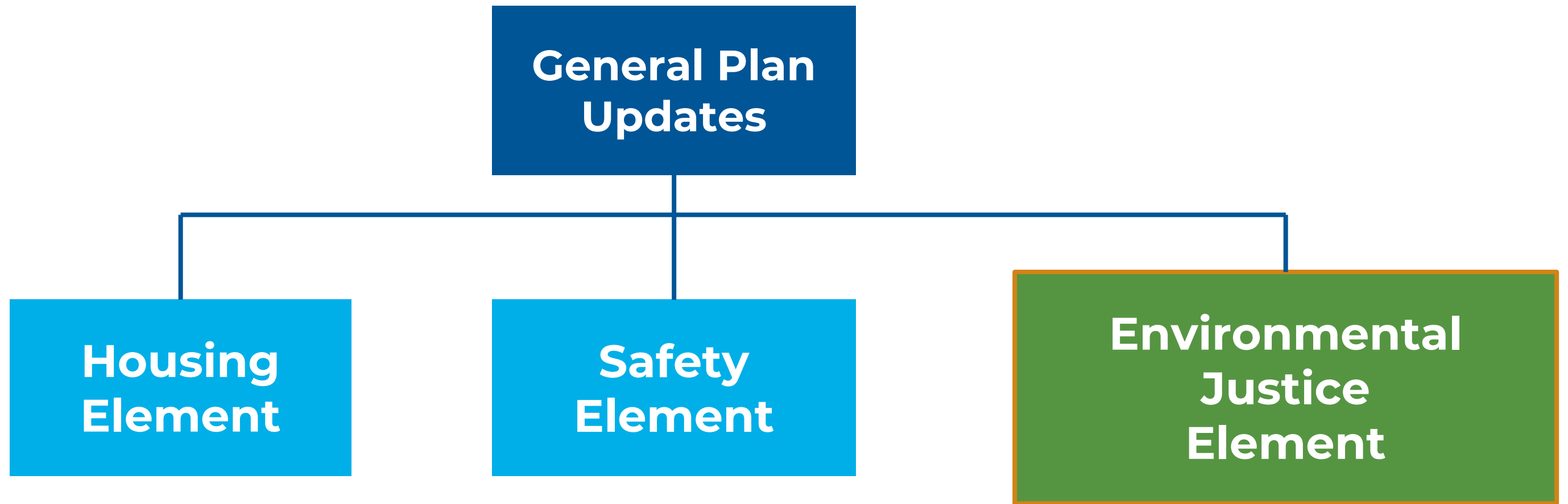
- What is the General Plan?
- State Law Requirements – SB 1000
- Questions and Answers
- Knowledge Sharing Conversations
- Next Steps





# Big Picture: Vacaville Updates to the General Plan

- The City is currently updating three key elements to its citywide General Plan document. This meeting is about the Environmental Justice Element update.



# What is the General Plan?

- Main policy and planning document guiding future conservation, enhancement, and development in the city.
- Represents community values, ideals, and aspirations to govern a shared environment through 2035.
- Addresses all aspects of development including land use, transportation, housing, economic development, public facilities and infrastructure, and open spaces, among other topics.

## General Plan Elements

Land Use

Transportation

Conservation and Open Space

Parks and Recreation

Public Facilities & Services

Safety

Noise

Housing

**Environmental Justice**

Today's Meeting:  
Discussing Community  
Health



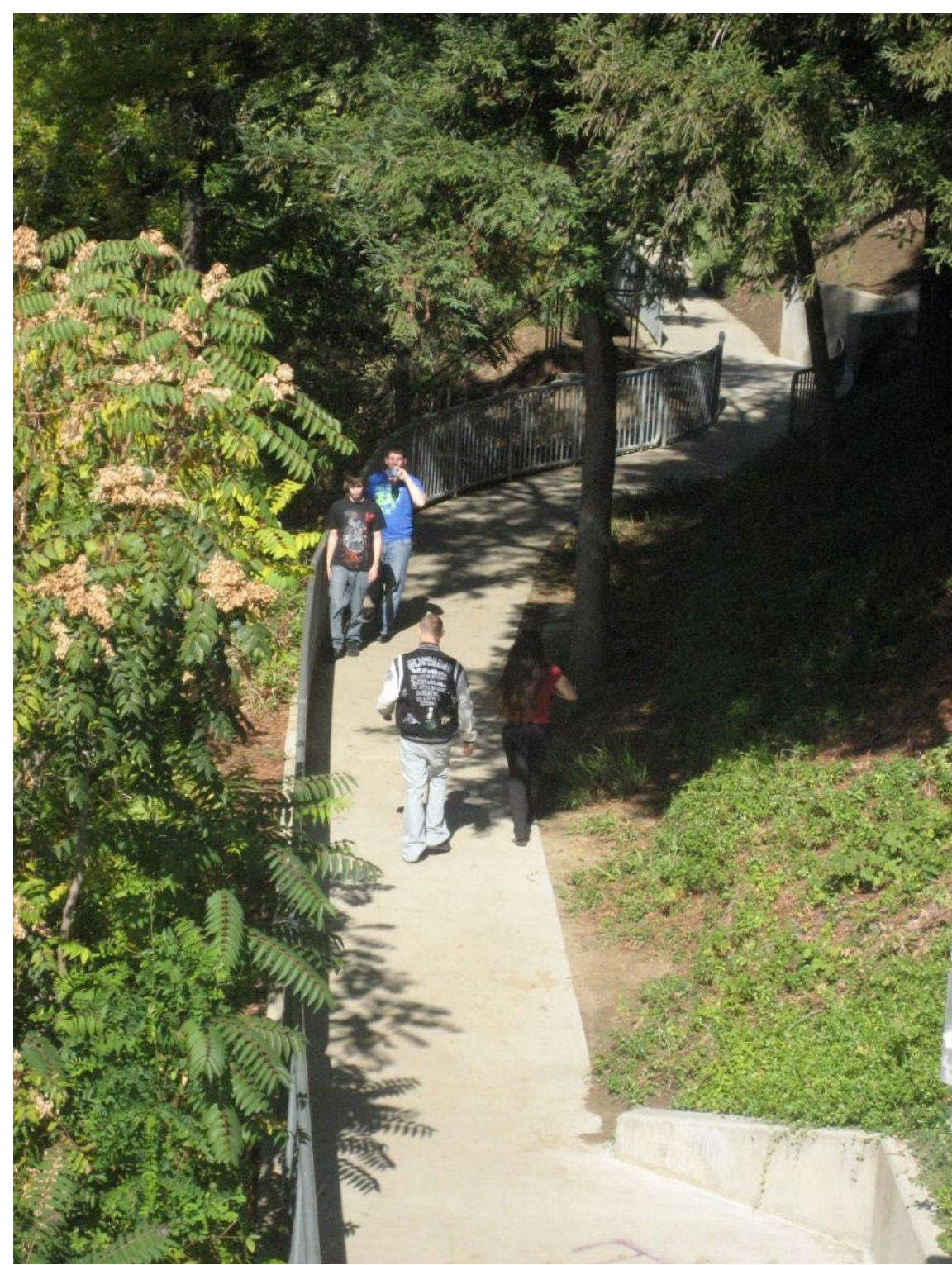
# Why this Update is Happening: SB 1000

Senate Bill 1000 is a State law known as the “Planning for Healthy Communities Act” and requires Cities to:

- Incorporate policies and actions into the General Plan to alleviate, improve, and address community health concerns
- Identify “disadvantaged communities” (DACs), which are neighborhoods that are disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution
- Identify and assess specific community health conditions and challenges in these communities

# What is “Environmental Justice”?

- SB 1000 uses the term “environmental justice.”
- California law defines environmental justice as the “the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies”
- Environmental justice is about community health and helping everyone live in neighborhoods that are safe and healthy





# Community Health Topics Under SB 1000

- **Pollution exposure and air quality**
- **Public facilities**
- **Food access**
- **Safe and sanitary homes**
- **Physical activity**
- **Community engagement in public decision-making**
- **Prioritization of improvements and programs in communities experiencing health impacts**



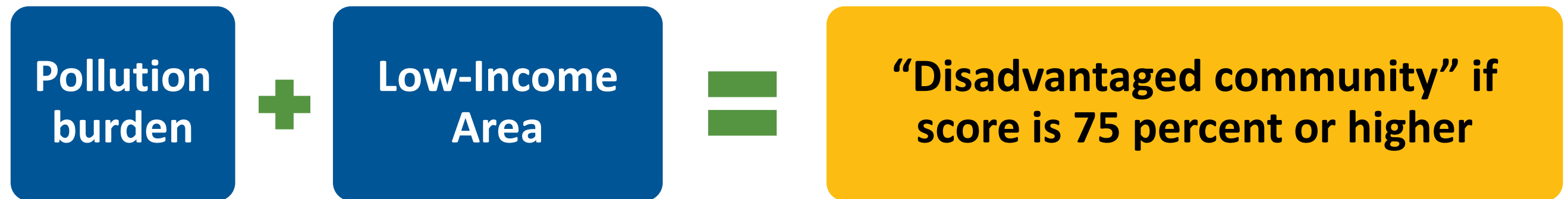
# City's Role in Implementing SB 1000 and Community Health

SB 1000 Topic	Examples of City Role
Pollution exposure and air quality	Land use planning to prevent incompatible uses near each other Water quality Transportation and traffic management
Public facilities	Police Stations Fire Stations Water treatment and distribution Sewer collection and treatment
Food access	Land use planning to incentivize grocery store locations Facilitating Farmers Markets
Unsafe or unsanitary homes	Housing assistance Code Enforcement Landlord and tenant resources
Physical activity	Parks and recreation facilities Sidewalks bike paths, and trails Landscaping and lighting

# Identifying Community Health Issues

# Disadvantaged Communities Mapping: CalEnviroScreen

- One common source: CalEnviroScreen 4.0
- Measures 21 indicators of pollution burden and population characteristics at a Census Tract level
- Calculates individual and cumulative scores
- Compares percentage of impact to all Census tracts in California





# CalEnviroScreen Indicators

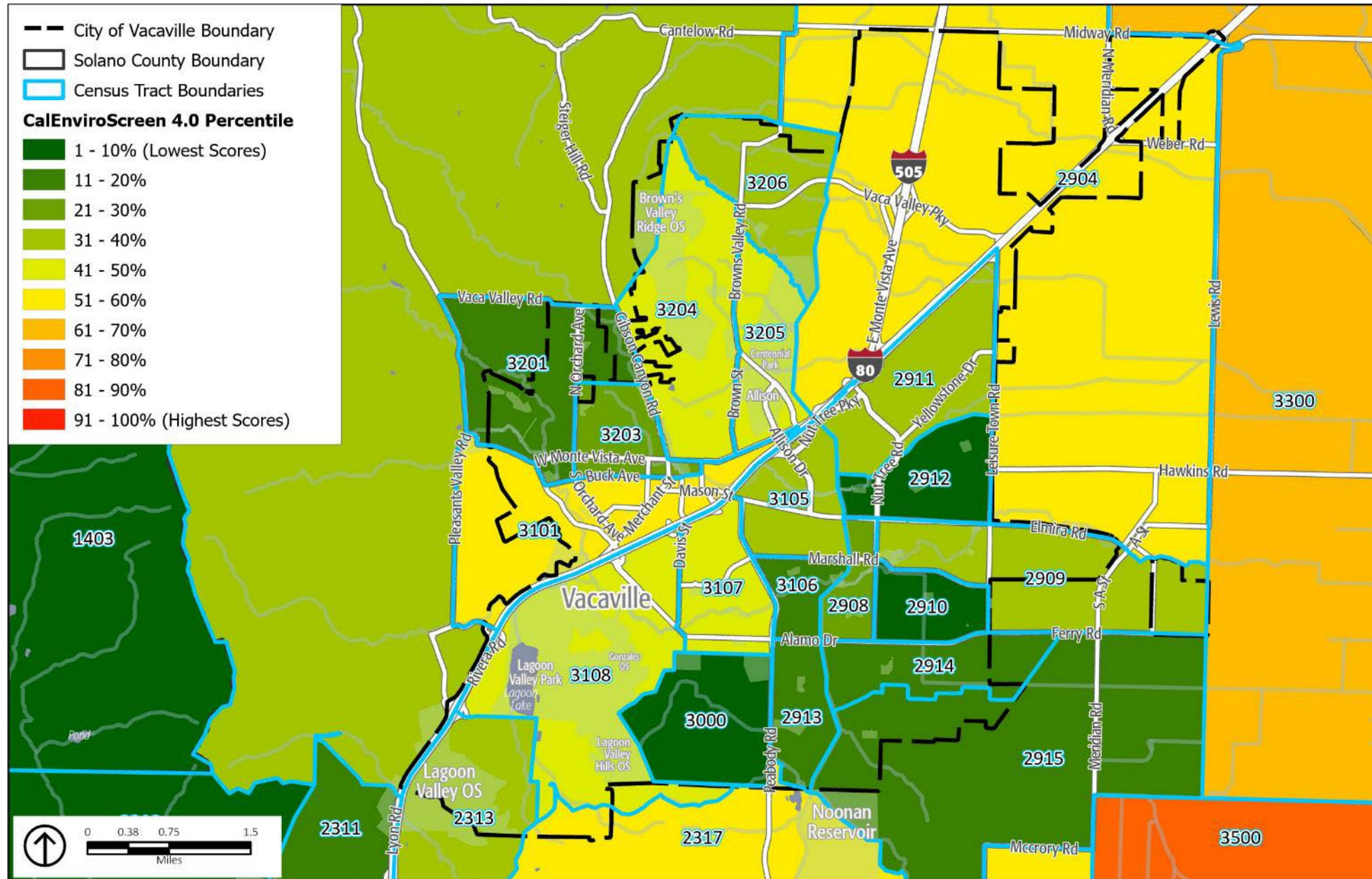
## ■ Pollution Burden Indicators

- » Ozone concentrations in air
- » PM2.5 concentrations in air
- » Diesel particulate matter emissions
- » Drinking water contaminants
- » Children's lead risk from housing
- » Use of certain high-hazard, high-volatility pesticides
- » Toxic releases from facilities
- » Traffic Impacts
- » Toxic cleanup sites
- » Groundwater threats from leaking underground storage sites and cleanups
- » Hazardous waste facilities and generators
- » Impaired water bodies
- » Solid waste sites and facilities

## ■ Population Characteristics Indicators

- » Asthma emergency department visits
- » Cardiovascular disease (emergency department visits for heart attacks)
- » Low birth-weight infants
- » Educational attainment
- » Housing-burdened low-income households
- » Linguistic isolation
- » Poverty
- » Unemployment

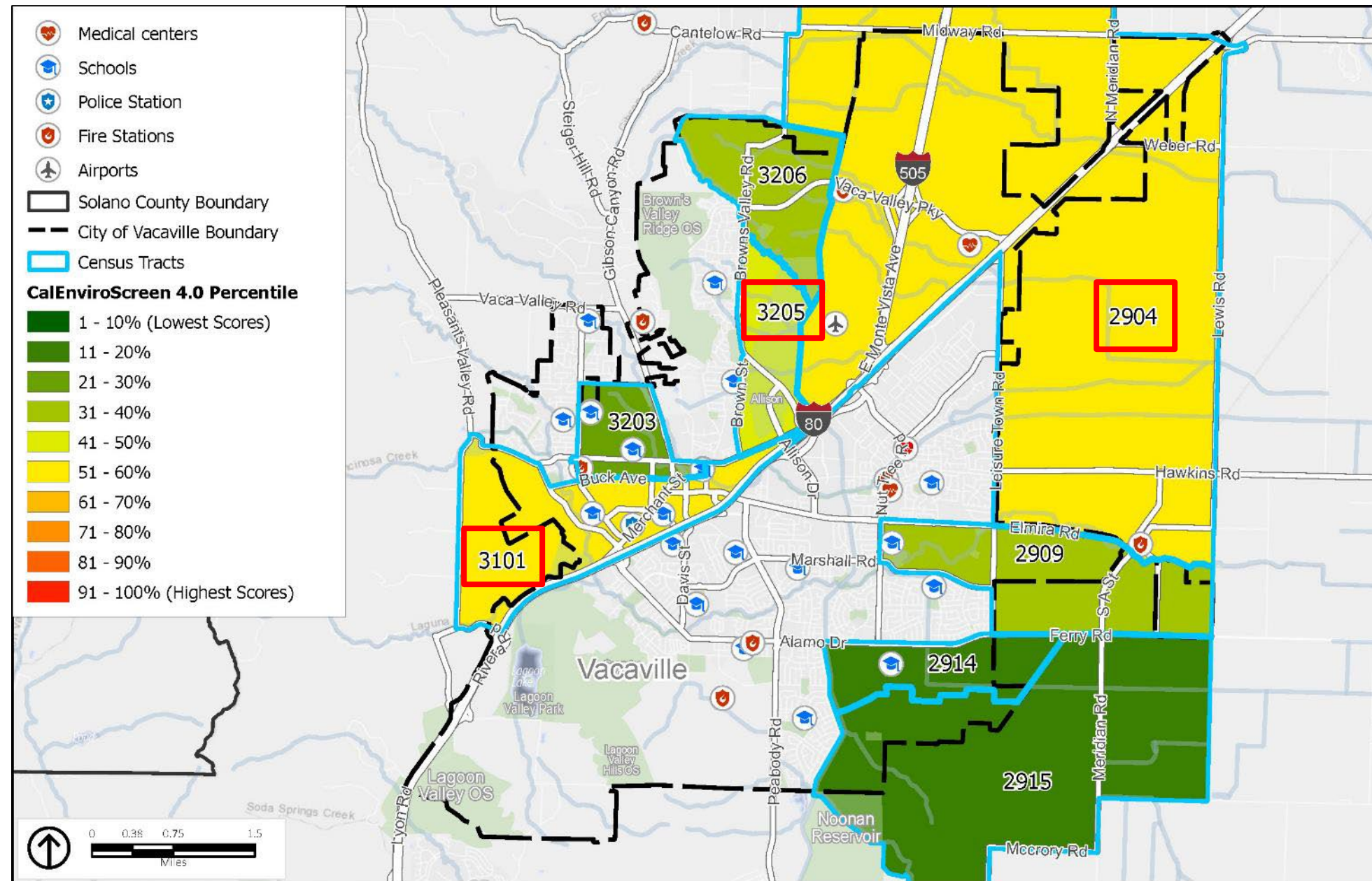
# CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Cumulative Results for Vacaville



Source: OEHHA, CalEPA; 2021; ESRI, 2020; PlaceWorks, Inc. 2022.



# Currently Identified Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)



Census Tracts currently identified as DACs for this update:

- 3101 (Off of Alamo Drive, La Cresta, Twin Creeks)
- 3205 (Vaca Valley Parkway)
- 2904 (North Village, Quinn Crossing)

Source: OEHHA, CalEPA; 2021; ESRI, 2020; PlaceWorks, Inc. 2022.

# Citywide Issues

- Asthma
- Unemployment
- Pesticide use
- Traffic impacts
- Groundwater threats
- Hazardous waste
- Solid waste





# Community Feedback on Community Health Issues

- The City is seeking feedback from you on community and environmental health issues that you would like to see addressed in the General Plan



# Environmental Justice Element Process



# General Plan Update Process



# Project Schedule

- **Summer 2022: Community workshop ([this workshop](#)) and present to City Council meeting**
- **Summer–Winter 2022: City and Consultant team prepare environmental justice goals, policies, and actions**
- **Winter 2022: Community workshops to share environmental justice goals, policies, and actions; prepare Draft Environmental Justice Element**
- **Early 2023: Present Draft Element to Planning Commission and City Council**
- **Spring 2023: Final Environmental Justice Element and Adoption Hearings**

Questions?

# Knowledge Sharing Conversations

## Discussion Question 1

**What are the key community and environmental health issues in the communities in which you live and/or work?** Are there additional issues you're aware of in the city as a whole? What are ways that the City can be most helpful or effective in responding to those issues?

## Discussion Question 2

**Are there examples of how other cities have approached community health and/or sustainability that you think the City should consider?**



## Discussion Question 3

**Review the draft map of disadvantaged communities identified so far. Does this map accurately capture the disadvantaged communities in Vacaville? If not, what areas should be added or removed and why?**

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Thank you!