

Environmental Justice Council

Community Forum

Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2026

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm (2 hours)

Note: The meeting times are a guide only. We will adjust the time spent as needed.

4:00 – 4:15 pm | Opening & Introductions (~15 minutes)

Meeting will begin with interpretation set-up. Co-Chairs will deliver opening and invite introductions beginning with community members.

4:15 – 4:30 pm | Environmental Justice Council Overview & Legislative Update (~15 minutes)

Staff will provide an overview of the Council, its roles, responsibilities, authority, as well as an update on the Council's preparations for the 2027 legislative session.

4:30 – 5:30 pm | Open Discussion (~1 hour)

Topics for discussion may include: draft budget recommendations, legislative statement and policy positions, potential changes to the HEAL Act that may be proposed by the Legislature, and any other concerns or topics of importance to community members related to the Council's engagement in legislative session.

Discussion Questions for Consideration

- Do you have concerns, feedback, or suggested edits for the EJ Council's draft policy positions?
- Do you have concerns, feedback, or suggested edits on the EJ Council's draft budget recommendations to the Governor and Legislature?
- Are there policy or budget priorities you would like the EJ Council to send to the Governor and Legislature?
- The Council understands that legislators may be considering possible changes to the HEAL Act. Is there anything you would like the EJ Council to know about how

implementation of the HEAL Act is going (good or bad) or specific changes you'd like to suggest?

- How can the EJ Council improve our engagement with you ahead of and throughout the 2027 legislative session?
- Are there additional topics of importance you would like to discuss with the EJ Council?

5:30 – 5:50 pm | Timeline & Next Steps (~20 minutes)

Staff will provide an outline of the Council's proposed engagement approach and additional opportunities to stay involved/in communication leading up to and throughout legislative session. There will also be opportunities to modify this process to be responsive to communities' needs.

5:50 – 6:00 pm | Improving Engagement (~10 minutes)

Additional time to discuss areas of improvement. This will be reserved for additional time for discussion if needed.

6:00 pm | Closing