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Subject: Delay the Unlawful Santa Ana General Plan

Dear Planning Commission, City Staff & City Council,

My name is Greg Camphire and I am a resident of Santa Ana, CA. I am here to demand that you delay the adoption of the General Plan Update and incorporate the necessary community recommendations as required by SB 1000 and the state Attorney General's office.

My own neighborhood is one of many in the city that is being [systematically poisoned by extremely high lead levels](#), as well as toxic air pollution due to unregulated industries that are releasing chemical byproducts with no buffer zones between residential areas and schools. In addition, Santa Ana currently defines only 4% of city land as "open space" (including a limited-use golf course & cemetery), and this lack of green space obviously exacerbates pollution and related public health issues. It has only been through the efforts of fellow concerned residents that we are aware of these issues; the current draft of the General Plan does not address these issues with any specific accountable measures.

Given the unprecedented global pandemic, the fast-tracked adoption of this plan is a terrible idea. The General Plan has been in progress for several years, yet community outreach only began in May 2020, just as the pandemic began. As a result, there hasn't been any meaningful community outreach, engagement, or incorporation of the community's recommendations.

As I'm sure you're aware, the [letter sent by Xavier Becerra's office on October 16, 2020](#) details in very stark terms exactly how the Santa Ana General Plan is utterly failing to meet the standards of SB 1000. Those requirements include combating environmental injustices, such as those described above, with specific policies and actions that will help those most affected: marginalised & disadvantaged communities (DAC's), such as the Eastside neighborhood where my family and I live.

There are no legal regulatory requirements for the city to adopt a General Plan strictly by this November, or even by the year of 2020. Although previous city council members have made it their goal to pass a General Plan by now, we are now living under completely different circumstances. We are all adapting to socializing, mobilizing, and communicating during these difficult times. I urge you to do the same by postponing the adoption and allowing ample time for engagement. Postponing the adoption will give the Planning Commission adequate time to not only notify residents about this plan, but to listen to them, engage with them, and

incorporate their voices in the legislative process as expected by SB1000.

Now is the chance to work together. I urge you to delay the plan in order to fully incorporate the recommendations of both the Attorney General and Orange County Environmental Justice, so that we can create strategies to combat this crisis.

Sincerely,

Greg Camphire