

POLICY WORKING GROUP

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START DATE: 01.26.23

END DATE: 12.31.23



MEMBERS:

CO-CHAIRS:

- Ellis Walton, EPLC
- Clayton Oeth, CDPH

VOTING MEMBERS:

- Meleah Geertsma, NRDC
- Juliana Pino, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO)
- Brenda Santoyo, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO)
- Cheryl Watson, Equitable Resilience Sustainability
- Debbie Liu, Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC)
- Susan Mudd, Environmental Law and Policy Center
- Colleen Mahoney, Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)*
- Melissa Buenger, Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)*
- Jennifer Hesse, Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)*

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

- Jess Lynch, Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI)
- Meher Singh, Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI)
- Rachel Houle, Tetra Tech
- Monica Wright, Tetra Tech

MEETING SCHEDULE



- **Day of Week:** Thursdays
- **Time/Duration:** Six 2-hour long sprint meetings between January – April 2023. *Additional meetings to review and approve recommendations in August 2023.*
- **Location:** Online using Microsoft Teams

WORKING GROUP GOALS & SCOPE

The Policy Group is responsible for the draft policy, landscape assessment, and department commitments. We will inform our scope by defining the purpose of the ordinance (robust definition widely shared by the rest of the group and tackles the problem), what harms and past trauma we are addressing, and who is impacted by the policies we recommend. Our ambition is to reform community land use, the city zoning code, the environmental decision-making process, public enforcement, and transportation inequities to remedy health disparities, concentrated pollution, and uneven development. Community voice and well-being is centered in our decision-making process, and it will be reflected in the policies we propose.

GROUP AGREEMENTS FOR NOTE-TAKING, MEETINGS, AND DOCUMENTS:



- Be realistic about constraints and limitations
- Practice transparency
- Assume good intent
- Have honest and hard conversation
- Provide constructive feedback
- Lead with grace, empathy, and patience
- Honor different experiences
- Listen with an open mind
- Be creative
- Be explicit about inequities, power, and privilege
- Commit to values and guiding principles
- Be open to evolving the process to embed equity
- Understand that it's okay for the process to be messy
- Use "I" statements
- Challenge assumptions before you speak



The Policy Working Group will reach consensus using the Fist to Five* method.

**A fist means, "I object and will block consensus (usually on moral grounds)." One finger means, "I'll just barely go along." or, "I don't like this but it's not quite a no." or, "I think there is lots more work to do on this proposal." Two fingers means "I don't much like this but I'll go along." Three fingers means, "I'm in the middle somewhere. Like some of it, but not all." Four fingers means, "This is fine." Five fingers means, "I like this a lot, I think it's the best possible decision."*

KEY DELIVERABLES		DESCRIPTION
1	LANDSCAPE SCAN ANALYSIS	A report and presentation of compiled research of other jurisdictions' laws and policies addressing cumulative impacts and equitable land use and zoning.
2	DRAFT ORDINANCE	A written piece of proposed legislation developed with and endorsed by community members working with the policy working group which reflects their desired solutions.

CONTRIBUTION DELIVERABLES:		DESCRIPTION
1	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE/ EJ COMMUNITIES DEFINITIONS	PWG will work together with Data and Methods Working Group to develop definitions for Environmental Justice and Environmental Justice Communities to be used in assessment and ordinance.
2	DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNITIES/EJ ACTION PLANS	PWG will provide recommendations from their process that could be implemented by departments to the Interdepartmental Working Group as they complete their EJ Action Plans.
3	EJ ROADMAP	PWG will contribute action items for a road map of planned action steps following the baseline CIA, based on development and implementation of draft ordinance