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SUBJECT: 2022 EQUITY FOCUS COMMUNITIES UPDATE REVISION

ISSUE

The 2022 Equity Focus Communities (EFC) update received at the May 2022 Executive Management Committee meeting requires a revision to account for a minor miscalculation in the Board-received update.

BACKGROUND

During the May 2022 Executive Management Committee (EMC) meeting, the 2022 Equity Focus Communities (EFC) update was received (File # 2022-0275), which included updating Los Angeles County demographic data, implementing an index methodology, and setting a three-year update cycle going forward.

DISCUSSION

During the process of updating the EFC with the most recent data available (US Census, 2020), the project consultant calculated the concentration of the EFC sociodemographic criteria (income, race/ethnicity, zero cars) per census tract count, or raw number of residents and/or households. This analysis should have been calculated by census tract rate, or the percentage of residents and/or households within each census tract that met the EFC sociodemographic criteria. Census tract rates allow for a comparison of needs.

The corrected analysis includes an overall increase of 43 census tracts designated as EFCs. This increase is a result of 122 census tracts that were added and 79 census tracts that were removed from the EFC designation from the incorrect analysis. The corrected EFC maps are shown in

Appendix A.

The correction also updates the analysis of alignment of the 2022 EFC Update with the original 2019 EFC map (see Appendix A). While some census tract boundaries were changed in 2020, the project consultant estimates that approximately 91.4% of census tracts identified in the original 2019 EFC map are covered in the 2022 EFC corrected update.

NEXT STEPS

The corrected revision to the 2022 EFC Update will be available online to staff and the public in late June. Staff are still expected to use the 2022 EFC Map in any new or updated equity analysis starting July 1, 2022.