

4.14 Environmental Justice

This section analyzes the distribution patterns of high-minority and low-income populations on a regional basis and characterizes the distribution of such populations in the vicinity of the project site. This analysis focuses mainly on whether the Proposed Action or alternatives have the potential to affect area(s) of high-minority population(s) and low-income communities disproportionately and, thus would create an adverse environmental justice impact. According to Executive Order 12898, an environmental justice impact would be considered significant and would require mitigation if the construction or operation of the project would cause any minority or low-income population to bear a disproportionate share of an adverse impact.

4.14.1 Alternative A – Proposed Action

Impact 4.14.1-1: Effects to Minority or Low-Income Populations (No Impact)

As discussed in **Section 3.14**, demographic analysis of the local population indicates that no minority or low-income communities of concern are located within the affected environment for the Proposed Action that warrant environmental justice analysis. Consequently, no environmental justice impacts are associated with the Proposed Action.

4.14.2 Alternative B – Reduced Hotel and Casino

Impact 4.14.2-1: Effects to Minority or Low-Income Populations (No Impact)

No impacts would occur as there were no minority or low-income communities of concern identified within the affected environment.

4.14.3 Alternative C – Reduced Casino

Impact 4.14.3-1: Effects to Minority or Low-Income Populations (No Impact)

No impacts would occur as there were no minority or low-income communities of concern identified within the affected environment.

4.14.4 Alternative D – Casino Only

Impact 4.14.4-1: Effects to Minority or Low-Income Populations (No Impact)

No impacts would occur as there were no minority or low-income communities of concern identified within the affected environment.

4.14.5 Alternative E – Commercial Retail-Office Space

Impact 4.14.5-1: Effects to Minority or Low-Income Populations (No Impact)

No impacts would occur as there were no minority or low-income communities of concern identified within the affected environment.

4.14.6 Alternative F – No Action

Impact 4.14.6-1: Effects to Minority or Low-Income Populations (No Impact)

No impacts would occur as there were no minority or low-income communities of concern identified within the affected environment.
