

## Healthy Development without Displacement

Realizing the Vision of Healthy Communities for All

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### Where We Live Influences Our Health















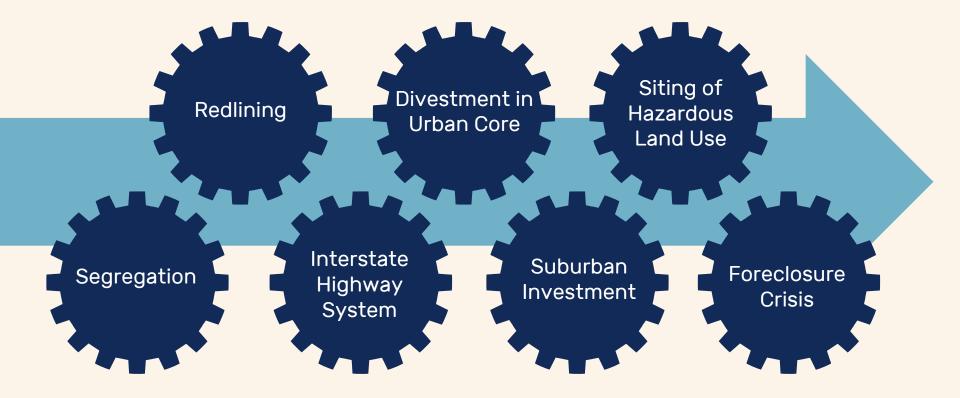




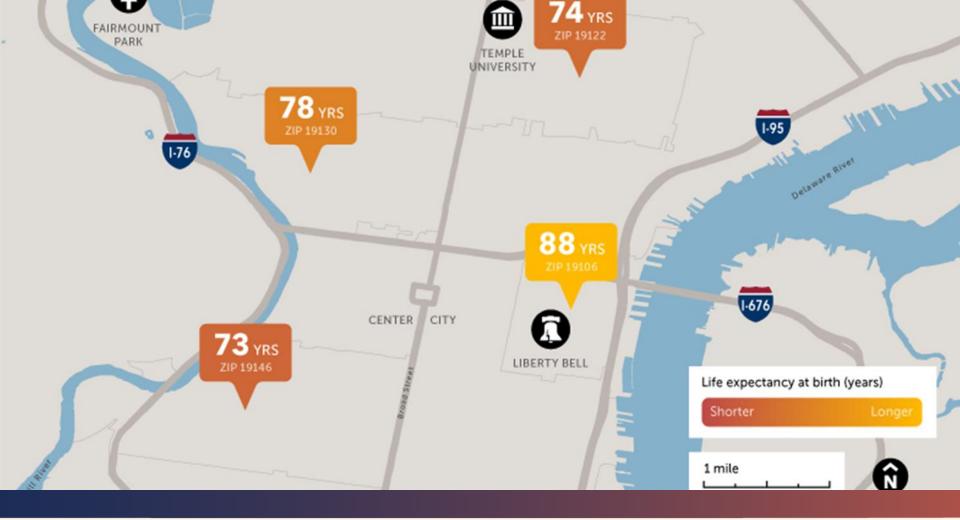
### **Healthy Communities and Displacement**



### Production of Inequities in the Built Environment



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In Philadelphia there is a 15-year life expectancy difference for kids born in zip codes just 5 miles apart.

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Source: Virginia Commonwealth University Center on Society and Health

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There's a tension between the fear of development pushing people out and bettering our communities.

- Key informant interviewee, Prevention Institute's Leaders in Equity to Advance Prevention in the Centinela Valley project





# Displacement is a Public Health Issue



### **Housing Affects Health**

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#### **Housing issues**

Housing cost burden



Overcrowding Substandard housing conditions Housing instability Evictions Displacement

Homelessness

#### Social factors

Financial instability Poorer educational outcomes

Increased commute times

Neighborhood instability

Disruption of social networks and cultural supports

Difficulty attending school and work

#### Health outcomes

- ✦ Chronic stress
- ✦ Heart disease

 Money for necessities (food, transportation, medical care)

✦ In missed appointments due to housing issues

✦ Respiratory infections (e.g. tuberculosis)

✦ Headaches, fever, skin disease, asthma

- ✦ Hospitalization
- 🕈 Trauma

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- ✤ Mental health
- ✦ Child development

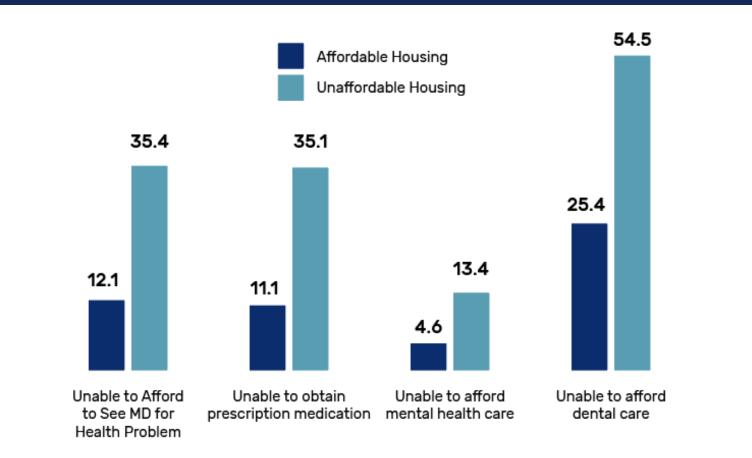
Morbidity & mortality

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#### How Housing Affects Health

Image source: Alameda County Public Health Department, Improving Housing and Health for All in Alameda County: The Time Is Now

### Access to Resources, Goods, and Services



Health Services Needed During the Past Year

### Percent of Los Angeles County adults who were unable to afford access to healthcare services by housing affordability status, 2011

Image source: Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, <u>Social Determinants of Health:</u> Housing and Health in Los Angeles County

### Community Stability and Social Connections





**Risk and Resilience:** Factors that Contribute to and Work Against Displacement



### **Risk Factors**

- Geographic adjacency to high-value
  or gentrifying neighborhoods
- High proportion of renter-occupied housing
- Lack of strong tenant protection policies especially rent control
- Little to no subsidized public housing stock
- Existing public transit infrastructure
- Public infrastructure developments
- Low density development that could
  be made more dense
- Speculative real estate practices

- Selective or spot zoning that grants zoning exceptions or variances on a project by project basis
- Real and perceived improvements in community safety
- Concentration of low income households and non-white populations
- Low income or rent-burdened households
- Lack of home/property ownership
- Lack of household wealth
- Low levels of educational attainment
- Unemployment, under-employment, or barriers to employment



### **Resilience Factors**

- Equity as a guiding principle for all land use decisions
- Meaningful community engagement in planning and decision-making processes
- Community connectedness and collective efficacy
- Community groups that organize residents, build their capacity and leadership skills, and produce or preserve affordable housing
- High proportion of owneroccupied housing and businesses

- Monitoring and enforcement of strong tenant protection policies
- Opportunities for meaningful community engagement in policy-making, planning, and budgeting processes
- Opportunities to strengthen and grow financial and social capital
- Home/property ownership
- Intergeneration household wealth
- Job/income stability and good paying wages



Multi-Sector Strategies to Promote Healthy Development without Displacement

> Affordable Housing

Healthy Community



#### Law/Development

Short-term Building by building, tenant by tenant

#### Planning

Long term City/regional

#### Seek displacement remedies

- Just Cause, tenant protections
- Discrimination enforcement
- Code enforcement
- Tenant counseling
- Tenant rental assistance
- · Tenant right to purchase laws
- Community organizing

### Preserve and fund new affordable housing

Policy

- Project-based Section 8 preservation
- Rent control/stabilization
- Rental building acquisition
- Condo conversion restrictions
- Foreclosure prevention
- SR0 regulations
- One-for-one replacement
- Mobile home park preservation
- Permit streamlining/fee reduction
- Tax exemptions
- Affordable housing tax
- Bonds for housing construction
- Demolition control
- Housing rehab programs
- Homeownership programs
- Fair housing
- Asset building/minimum wage

#### Stabilize neighborhoods and promote diversity

- Density bonuses/inclusionary zoning
- Value recapture
- Impact and linkage fees
- Community benefit districts, housing overlay zones
- Zoning/density restrictions
- Station area plans
- Reduced parking requirements
- Reduced barriers to second units
- Public land disposition
- Housing trust funds
- Land acquisition funds/land trusts
- Housing elements
- Transportation investment



### **Spectrum of Prevention**

Influencing Policy & Legislation

Changing Organizational Practices

Fostering Coalitions & Networks

Educating **Providers** 

Promoting Community Education

Strengthening Individual Knowledge & Skills



### **Influencing Policy and Legislation**

- Embed anti-displacement incentives in public infrastructure bonds
- Enact a Health in All Policies ordinance/resolution to integrate health considerations and performance standards into all government practices
- Establish special districts/zones to create a focal point for healthy, equitable investments and policies
- Create requirements and/or incentives for affordable housing units as part of new transit-oriented residential developments
- Establish impact/linkage fees to capture the value generated by new development, and invest revenue in park development, affordable housing trust funds, or other health equity promoting resources
- Enact living wage policies with strong monitoring and enforcement mechanisms to generate higher incomes and local wealth
- Adopt local hiring ordinances to increase local jobs in publicly funded projects (and at major institutions like hospitals, airports, and transit
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### **Changing Organizational Practices**

- Use impact analysis tools to anticipate the potential displacement impacts of plans, policies, investments, and projects
- Build health equity and displacement prevention criteria into project scoring and selection processes
- Adopt inclusive public outreach and engagement standards
- Collect/analyze displacement and health equity data
- Include specific anti-displacement measures in comprehensive/general plans and community plans
- Expedite development review and permitting for projects that meet defined displacement prevention and health equity criteria

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# Changing Organizational Practices,

- Establish and fund land trusts to build community ownership of property and increase access to green space and other health promoting resources
- Jointly develop affordable housing projects with parks, transit stations, active transportation infrastructure, etc.
- Secure community benefits agreements ensuring that any public subsidies/land that support private development yield fair and adequate benefits to the communities most impacted
- Invest revenue generated from toll lanes and parking fees in active transportation infrastructure, affordable housing trust funds, park development, etc.



### **Fostering Coalitions & Networks**

Establish and fund multi-sector coalitions to take collective action in support of healthy development without displacement



**Building Equitable Communities: A Housing & Parks Summit** 

October 25 & 26 8:30am-2:00pm

**Casa Italiana** 

1051 N Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90012

hosted by the Los Angeles Regional Open Space & Affordable Housing Collaborative (LA ROSAH)



### **Educating Providers**

- Increase knowledge about displacement and health equity concepts and strategies among community-based organizations, government agencies, and policymakers
- Provide Continuing Education/Certification Maintenance opportunities that address displacement and health equity concepts

### **Promoting Community Education**

- Provide popular education on governance and land use planning and policymaking processes
- Develop media/communications campaigns reinforcing that community conditions shape health

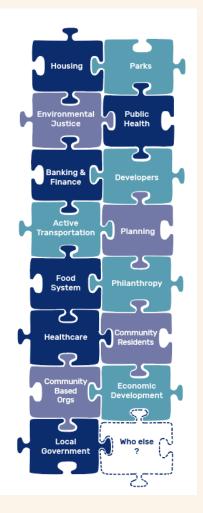


# Strengthening Individual Knowledge & Skills

- Educate and organize youth to influence land use planning and policymaking in their own communities
- Equip local residents, youth, and others with strong community ties to become civic leaders and decision-makers



### Collaboration



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- No one organization, agency, or sector can prevent displacement on its own
- Collectively we can address displacement risks and reinforce resilience
- Collaborating increases diversity of perspectives, reach, and impact



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