

# Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative

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# Presentation Objectives

- Overview of BARHII
- Rationale for regional approach to addressing health inequities
- BARHII framework
- Role of health department leadership/ staff in BARHII's efforts



Bay Area Regional Health  
Inequities Initiative



# BARHI I Mission Statement

“To transform public health practice for the purpose of eliminating health inequities using a broad spectrum of approaches that create healthy communities.”

# Health Disparities vs Health Inequities

Health disparities are differences in health status and mortality rates across population groups

# Health Inequities

“Health inequities are differences in health status and mortality rates across population groups that are systemic, avoidable, unfair, and unjust.”

*Margaret Whitehead  
World Health Organization*

# Rationale for Regional Approach

- Media market
- Air/Water quality issues
- Transportation
- Housing
- Mobility of communities served
- Opportunity to learn and influence peers



# Current Public Health Practice







Physical environment

Social environment

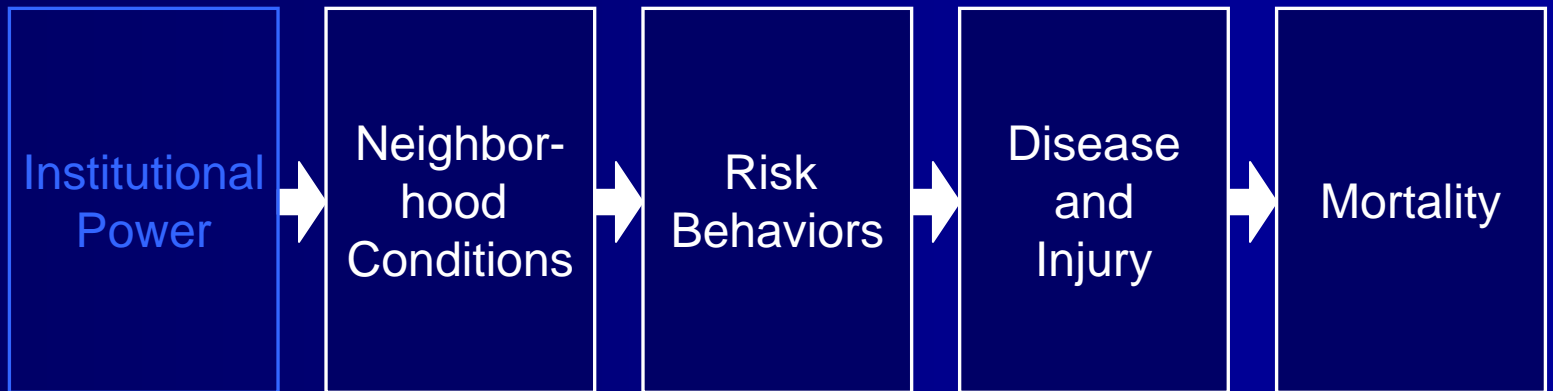


Residential segregation



Schools

Corporations and  
businesses



Government  
agencies



Race/ethnicity

Class

Gender



Immigration status

# Social Determinants of Health

“The conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age”

World Health Organization, Commission on Social Determinants of Health, Closing the Gap in a Generation: Health Equity through Action on the Social Determinants of Health, 2008

# Social Determinants of Health

“The conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age”

Conditions that an individual has limited or no control over

# What are these “Conditions”?

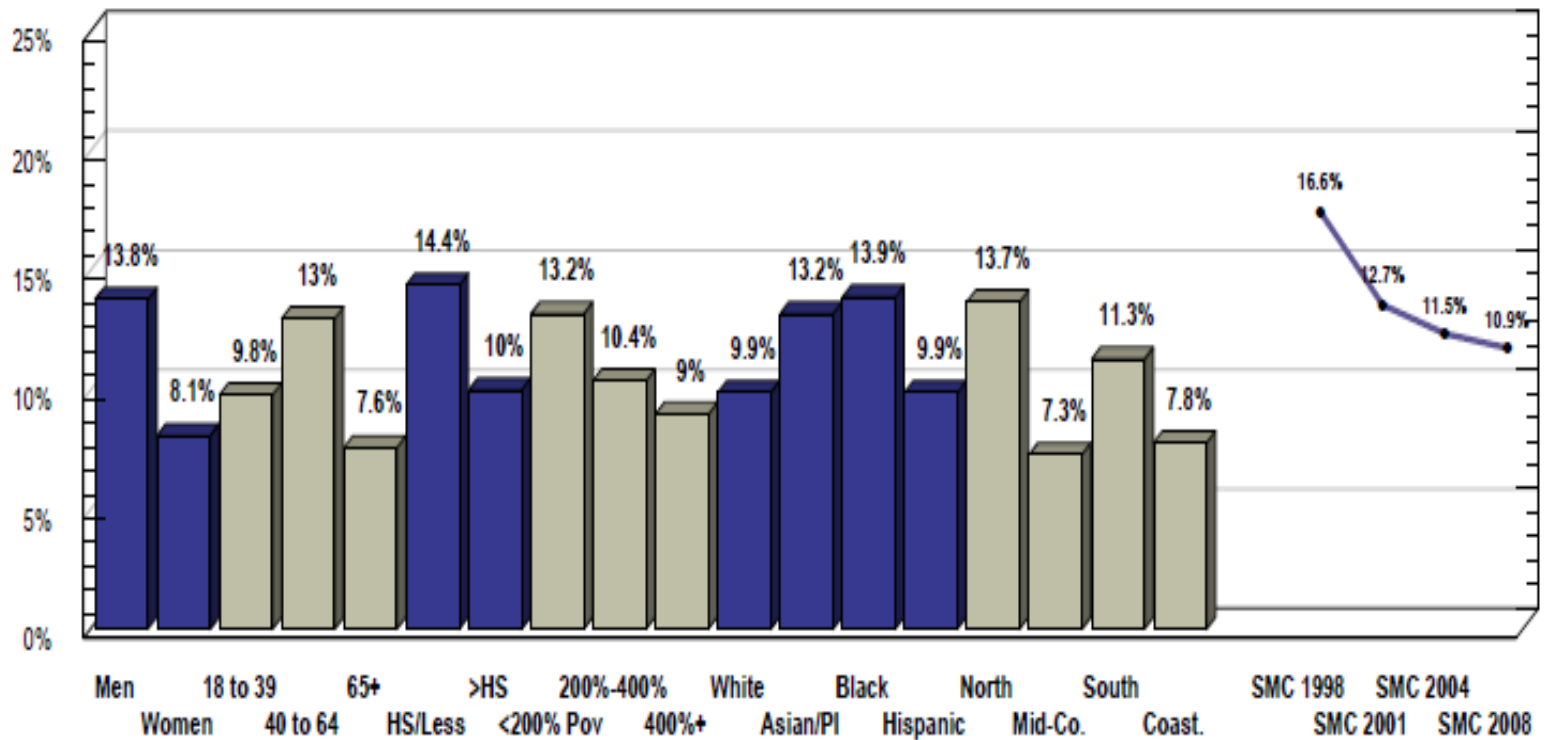
- When you are born:
  - Maternal health, prenatal care
  - Parental educational attainment
- As a child growing up
  - Neighborhood conditions
  - Quality of educational institutions
- As an adult
  - Employment opportunities
  - Income status

# What are these “Conditions”?

- Your whole life
  - Housing, transportation conditions
  - Life experiences related to your race, age, gender, sexual orientation, class, marital status, immigration status
- Tax policies, housing segregation, student quotas
- Etc., etc., etc.

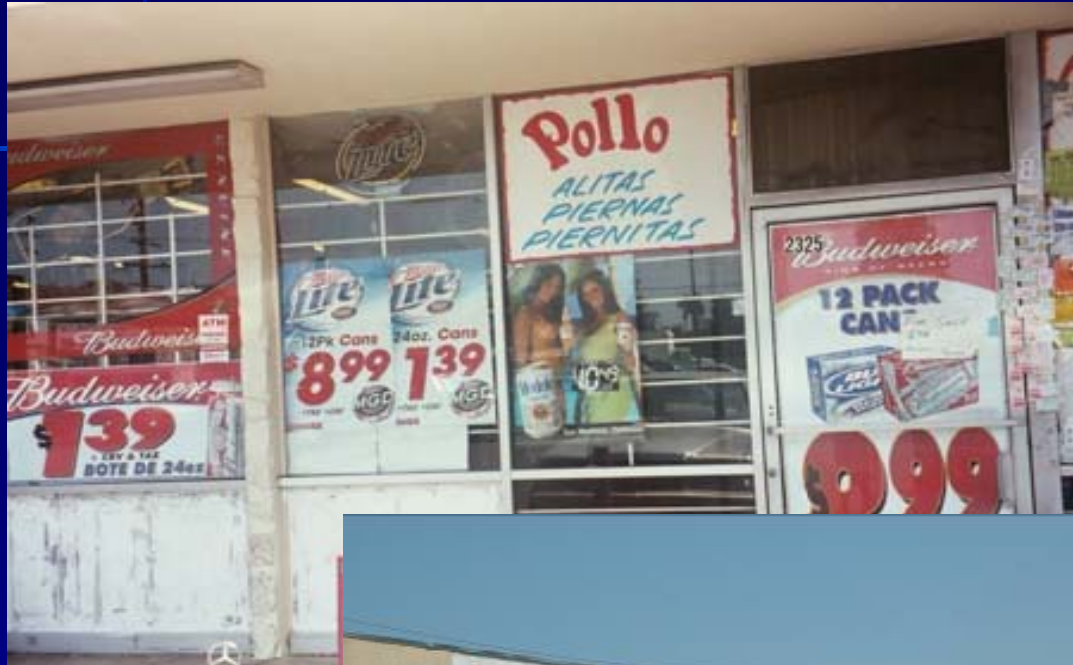
# How are SDOH Related to Health?

## Current Smoker





# Oakland Neighborhood A





# Oakland Neighborhood B





# San Mateo Neighborhood A



# San Mateo Neighborhood A





# San Mateo Neighborhood A



# San Mateo Neighborhood B





# San Mateo Neighborhood B



# San Mateo Neighborhood B





1  
2 That plaintiffs are the owners of lots or parcels of  
3 land within and being a portion of Tract 597, Washington  
4 Township, Alameda County, California, as said tract is de-  
5 lined and so designated on map thereof recorded in the office

**“It is necessary that properties shall continue to be occupied by the same social and racial groups” - Federal Housing Administration Underwriting Manual 1938 in recommending racially restrictive covenants.**

14 S. Clarke, Ada E. Howe, E. W. Steinhilber, and Esther Steinhilber,  
15 did execute and thereafter cause to be recorded on the 30th day  
16 of April, 1941, in Book 4058 of Official Records, at page 211,  
17 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, California,

“(5) no person or persons of the Mexican race, or other than the CAUCASIAN race shall use or occupy any building or any lot, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of a different race domiciled with an owner, tenant or occupant thereof.

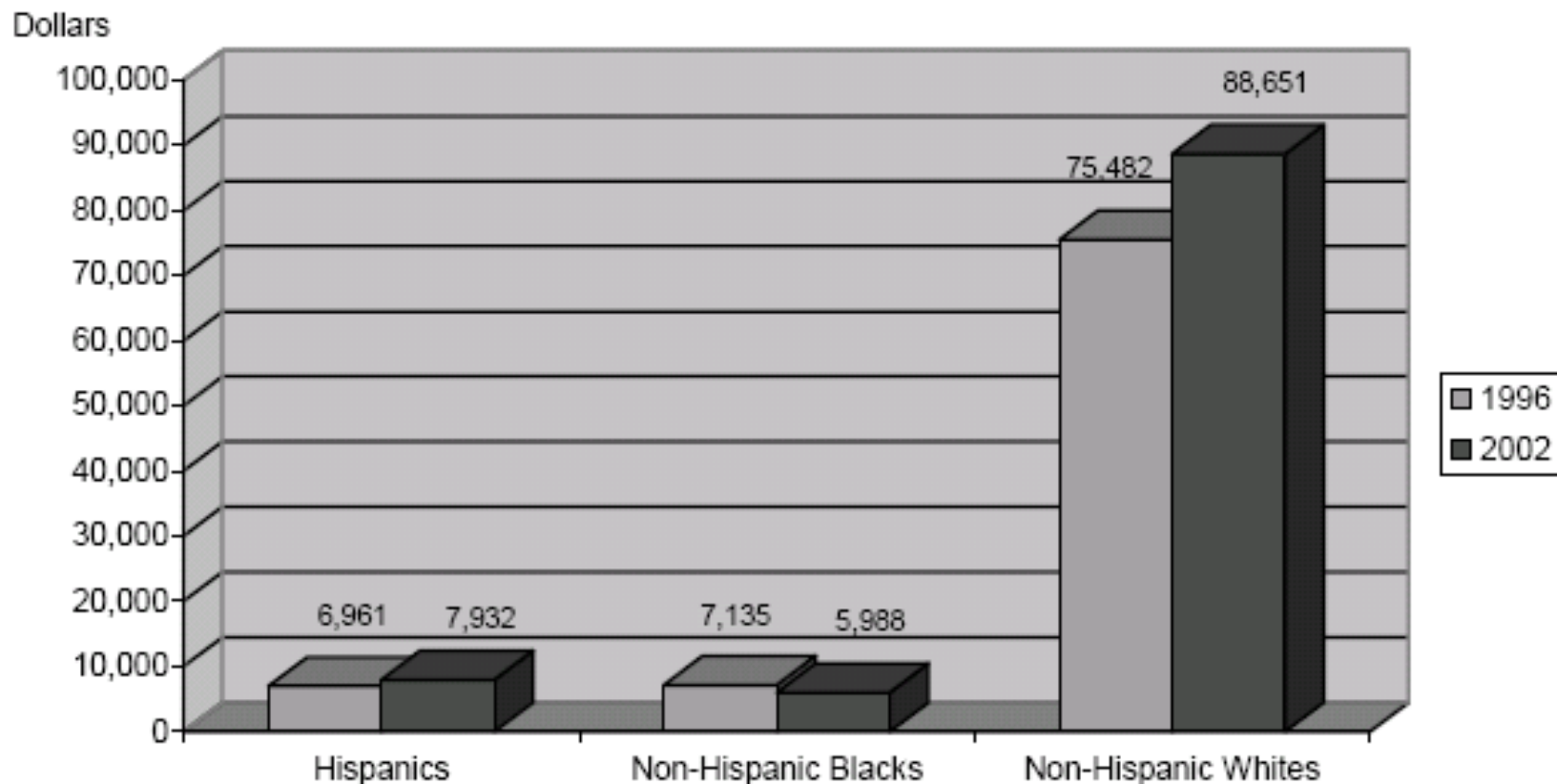
27 at which time said covenants and restrictions shall terminate.

28 “(10) If the parties hereto, or any of them, or their  
29 heirs, successors or devisees, executors or administrators or assigns, shall violate, or attempt to violate, any of the covenants or restrictions herein contained before January 1, 1961, any owner or owners of the remainder of the premises herein described, or of



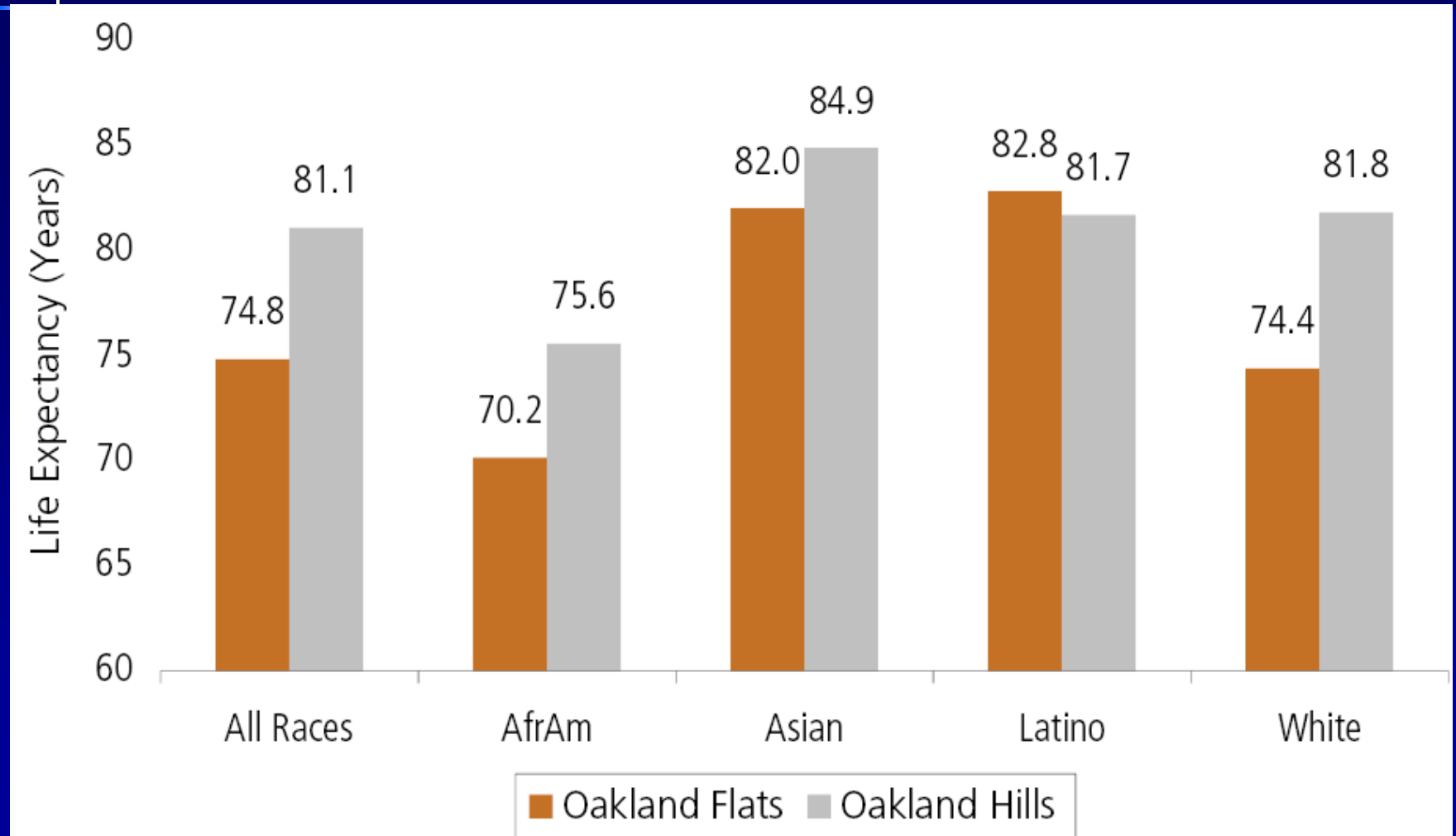
# Results of Zoning Policy

Median Net Worth of Households by Race and Ethnicity in 1996 and 2002  
(2003 dollars)



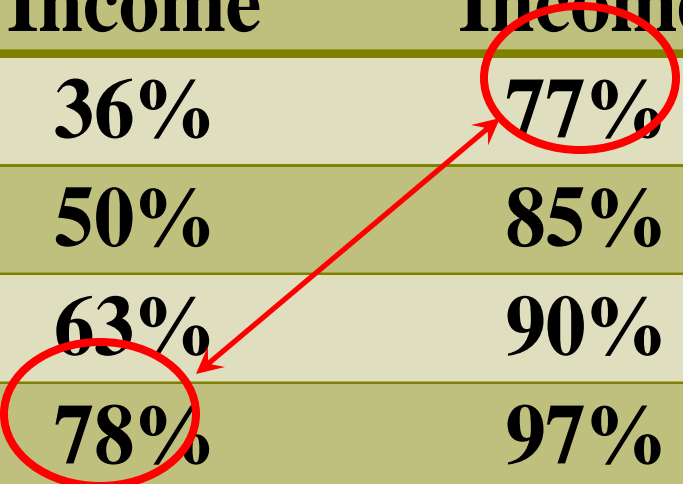
Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of SIPP data from the 1996 and 2001 panels.

# Life Expectancy— Oakland Flats and Hills (2000- 2003)



# Equal Postsecondary Attendance Rates for Low-Income, High Achievers and High-Income Low Achievers

Achievement Level (in quartiles)	Low-Income	High-Income
First (Low)	36%	77%
Second	50%	85%
Third	63%	90%
Fourth (High)	78%	97%



Source: NELS: 88, Second (1992) and Third Follow up (1994); in, USDOE, NCES, NCES Condition of Education 1997 p. 64

# What Societal Structures Affect Neighborhood Conditions?

- Tax policies
- Housing policies
- Zoning Policies
- Education Policies
- Immigration Policies
- Policies on Marriage
- Etc.

# Why Include Upstream Work for Public Health Departments?

- Health departments exist to serve the most underserved members of the community
- The choices our clients make are shaped by the choices they have
- Social, cultural, physical, and economic issues and norms must be changed so personal responsibility can be more easily exercised
- Public health professionals are effective in advocacy in the public and policy arenas
- California leadership in the Health in All Policies movement nationwide

# BARHI I Structure

**BAY AREA REGIONAL HEALTH  
INEQUITIES INITIATIVE**

**BUILT  
ENVIRONMENT**

**DATA**

**COMMUNITY**

**INTERNAL  
CAPACITY**

**STRUCTURAL  
RACISM**

**SOCIAL  
DETERMINANTS  
OF HEALTH**

# BARHI I Structure

## BAY AREA REGIONAL HEALTH INEQUITIES INITIATIVE

**BUILT  
ENVIRONMENT**

Co-Chair: Cathleen  
Baker and Mona Mena

**DATA**

Chair:  
Rochelle  
Ereman

**COMMUNITY**

Chair: Cio  
Hernandez

**INTERNAL  
CAPACITY**

Chair: Kimi  
Watkins-Tartt

**STRUCTURAL  
RACISM**

**SOCIAL  
DETERMINANTS  
OF HEALTH**

Co-Chairs: Edith Cabuslay and Michael Stacey  
Members-at-Large: Wendel Brunner and Janet Berreman



Thank You!

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