

# 2019 WORKPLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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### COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE



Upon the adoption at the March 6, 2019, Board of Directors meeting, the function of the Community and Public Health Committee to provide overall direction for the Air District's community outreach and public health programs and activities. In addition, the Committee hears proposals and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the Air District's selection of a contractor(s) to assist the Air District with aspects of the public engagement programs.

(During 2019, it is expected that the committee will review and provide input to staff on community outreach and engagement related to the implementation of AB 617, wood smoke rules, clean air centers, Air District activities supporting local public health efforts responding to air quality events, etc. and make recommendations on same to full board where budget, formal policy, or other action required, or as the committee determines important for full board review.)

### REIMAGINING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



- Expand our definition of engagement to be more inclusive and encompassing
- Focus on community and public health





"Community and Public Health Committee"

### 2019 COMMITTEE WORKPLAN



### **Policy Recommendations**

Policy development
Program development
Program budgets

### **AB 617 Implementation**

West Oakland action plan
Richmond monitoring plan
Capacity building

### Wildfires

Wildfire response strategy

- o rule development
- o clean air centers
- o partnerships

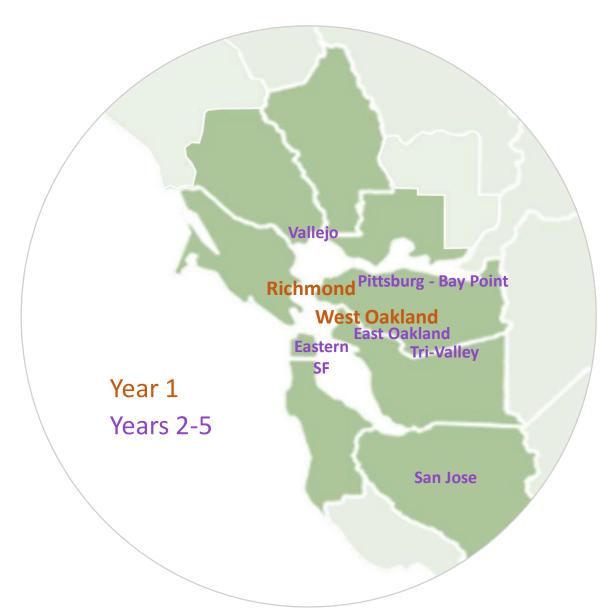
# Assembly Bill (AB) 617 PRIORITY COMMUNITIES



YEAR 1

West Oakland – Action Plan

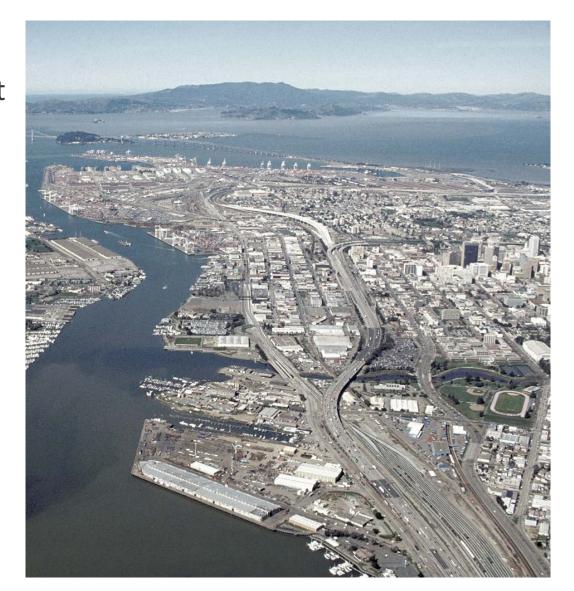
Richmond – Monitoring Plan



### WHY WEST OAKLAND?



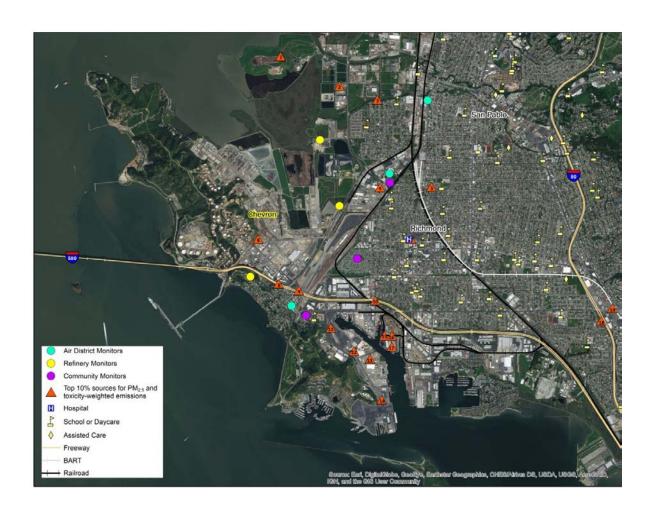
- West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP) strong community partner to lead effort
- Very high mobile source emissions
  - Port of Oakland largest single source of DPM
  - Roadways contribute significantly to PM<sub>2.5</sub>
- High health burdens and socio-economic vulnerabilities



### WHY RICHMOND?



- High emissions from stationary and mobile sources:
  - Refinery, chemical plant, landfills, water treatment facility, metal scrapping, marine terminals, freeways, rail, port
- High health and socio-economic vulnerabilities
- Measured air quality does not fully explain observed health issues
- More monitoring to locate new air quality problems and their contributing sources
- Leverage ongoing air quality analysis work



### BUILDING A COMMUNITY-LED PROCESS IN RICHMOND



#### **CARRY SUCCESS FORWARD**

Co-lead team and Steering Committee will ensure an inclusive, transparent process with shared goals, creating a greater impact.

# COMMITTEE ~12 meetings, 20 months • | • 1 meeting ~ 30 participants • | • 85 participants 1 meeting • • 4 meetings, 4 months ~ 85 participants • • 11 participants FIMMUS THUNNWOOD



#### **BUILT BY COMMUNITY**

Process is community-developed, to build trusting relationships and authentic participation.

#### **COMMUNITY SUMMIT**

Community had an opportunity to shape their own process, including steering committee members and decision-making.



#### **DESIGN TEAM**

Community planned summit to get input on their design for steering committee process



### CAPACITY BUILDING



January – March 2019

Ongoing

Relationship Building
Community members and
organizations

Local governments

Regional agencies

**Needs Assessment** 

Knowledge of issues & efforts

Leadership

Community climate

Resources

April – December 2019

**Strategies** 

Training and technology transfer

Technical assistance

Community-based participatory research

Empowerment approaches

Authentic participation process

### AB 617 2019 MILESTONES



#### **Capacity**

Kick Off Community Advisory Group Civic interviews

#### **West Oakland**

Complete source attribution Identify strategies

#### **Richmond**

Community Summit Co-lead



#### **Capacity**

Advisory Group meeting Community interviews

#### **West Oakland**

Begin CEQA analysis

#### **Richmond**

Community-specific purpose and monitoring objectives

**APR** 



#### **Capacity**

Advisory Group meeting
Draft strategy recommendations
Release community grants RFP

#### **West Oakland**

Release draft plan and DEIR

#### **Richmond**

**Draft Monitoring Plan to Board** 



**Steering Committee** 

#### **Richmond**

Design team meetings



#### **Capacity**

Advisory Group meeting Community interviews

#### **West Oakland**

Define initial strategies Begin drafting plan

#### **Richmond**

Steering Committee onboarding Select remaining co-leads Initial information sharing



Advisory Group meeting Summarize findings

#### **West Oakland**

Begin draft plan

#### **Richmond**

Monitoring approaches Roles and responsibilities





### AB 617 2019 MILESTONES



#### Capacity

Strategy implementation Implement community grants

#### **West Oakland**

Prepare final plan

#### **Richmond**

Data collection, analysis, reporting



#### **Capacity**

Strategy implementation

#### **West Oakland**

Final plan to CARB

#### Richmond

Data collection, analysis, reporting



#### Capacity

Strategy implementation

#### **West Oakland**

Plan implementation

#### **Richmond**

Data collection, analysis, reporting



#### Capacity

Strategy implementation

#### **West Oakland**

Public review of draft plan

#### **Richmond**

Begin monitoring



#### Capacity

Strategy implementation

#### **West Oakland**

Final draft plan to Board

#### Richmond

Data collection, analysis, reporting



#### **Capacity**

Strategy implementation

#### **West Oakland**

Plan implementation

#### **Richmond**

Data collection, analysis, reporting



### WILDFIRE RESPONSE STRATEGY



- Amend Open Burning Regulation
  - encourage burning for wildfire prevention and control while balancing air quality needs.
- Create a Wildfire Episode Response Regulation
  - control and advisory procedures when specific levels of (Particulate Matter) PM have been reached
  - o reference repository for wildfire smoke monitoring, health effects guidance, action documents, and an associated communications plan
- Form partnerships with fire, public health officials,
   cities and counties to develop and implement response plans
- Establish clean air centers throughout Bay Area



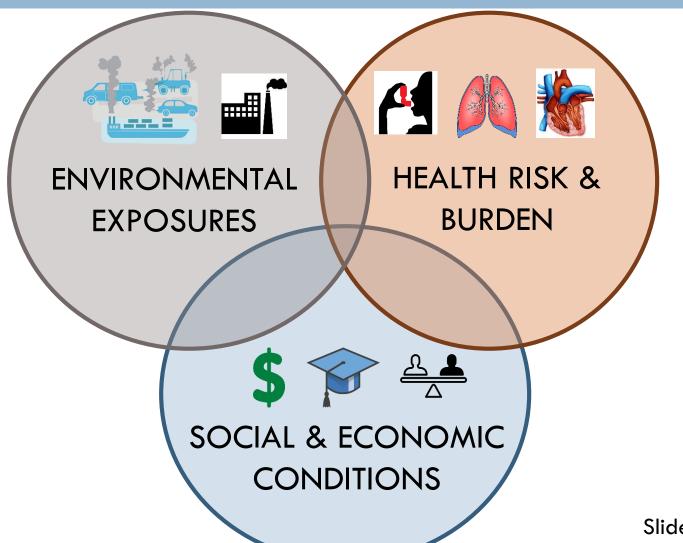
# AIR POLLUTION & PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Engagement Committee of BAAQMD Board of Directors

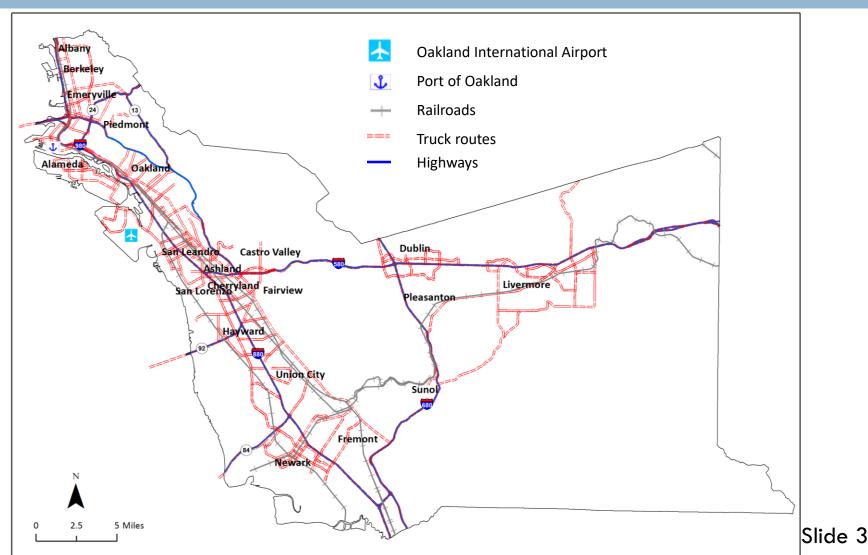
San Francisco, CA February 21, 2019



# What puts people at risk of health impacts from air pollution?

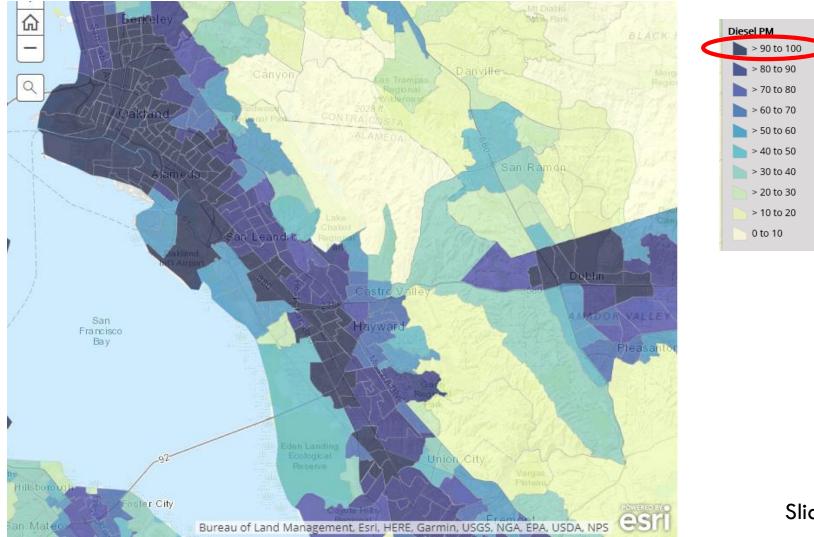


# Air quality is influenced by multiple factors, including proximity to highways, railways, truck routes, seaports, and airports.



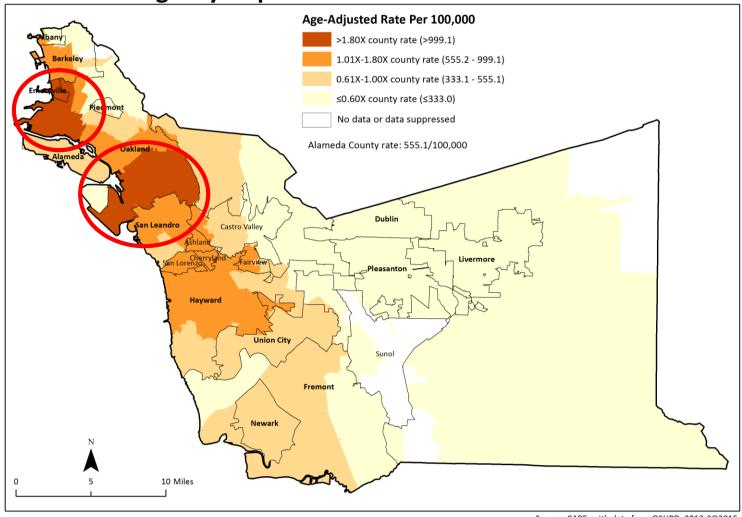
Source: CAPE, 2015

High levels of diesel particulate matter concentrate near Port of Oakland and airport, along I-880 corridor, and where highways and truck routes meet in East County.



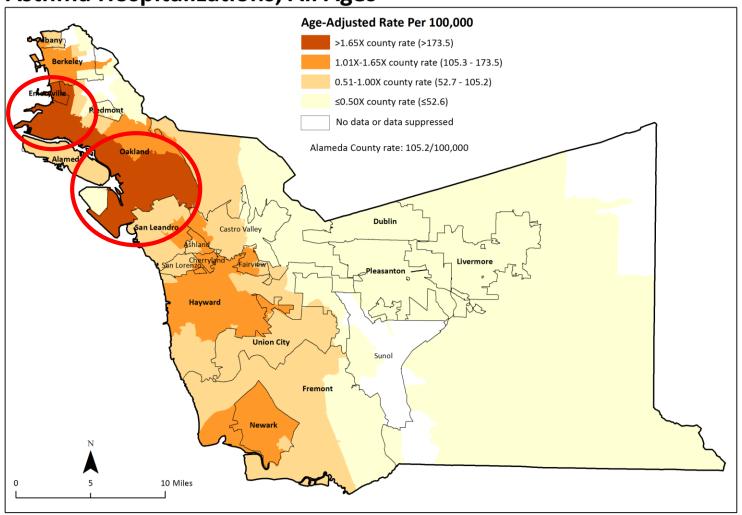
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**Asthma Emergency Department Visits** 



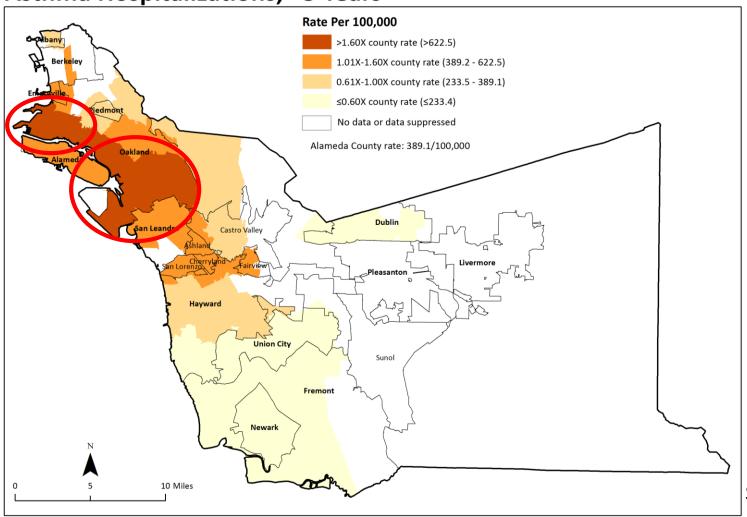
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#### **Asthma Hospitalizations, All Ages**

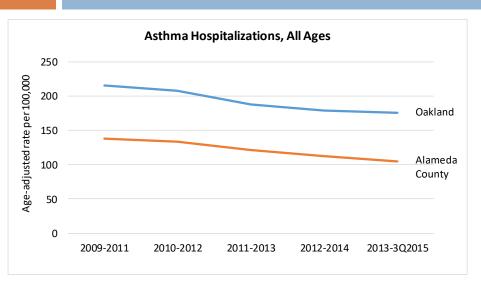


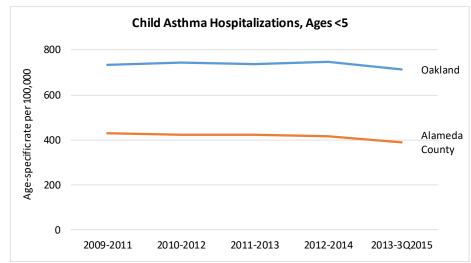
# West and East Oakland have the highest rates of child (<5) asthma hospitalizations.

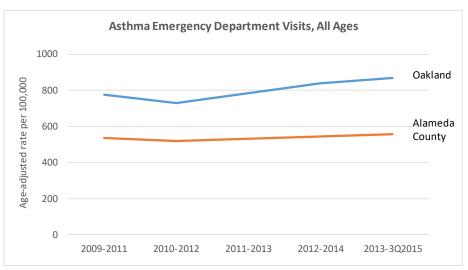
#### **Asthma Hospitalizations, <5 Years**

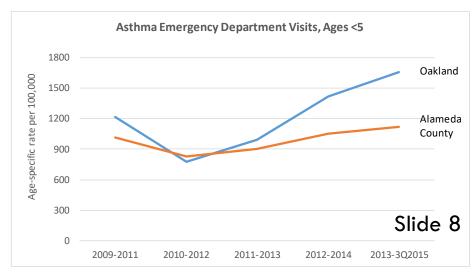


# Asthma hospitalizations have gone down, but asthma emergency department visits went up.

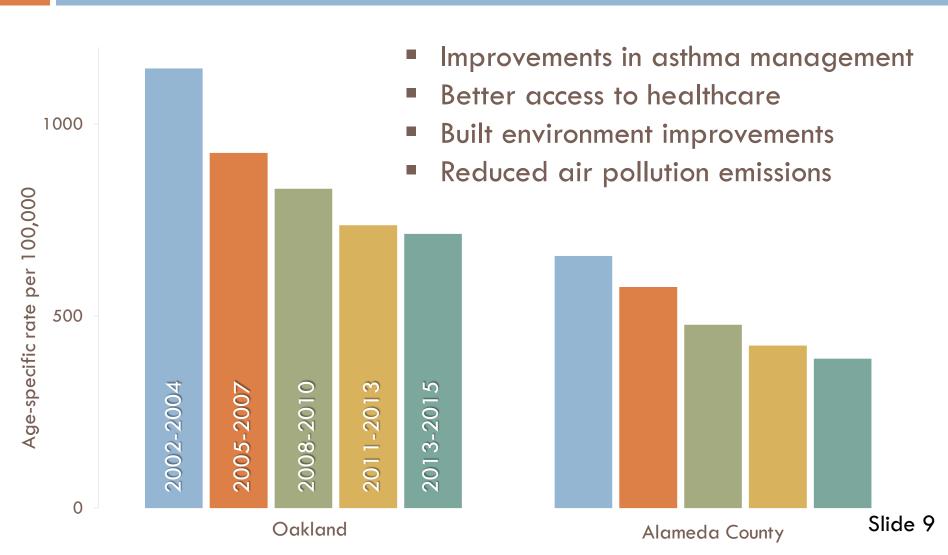




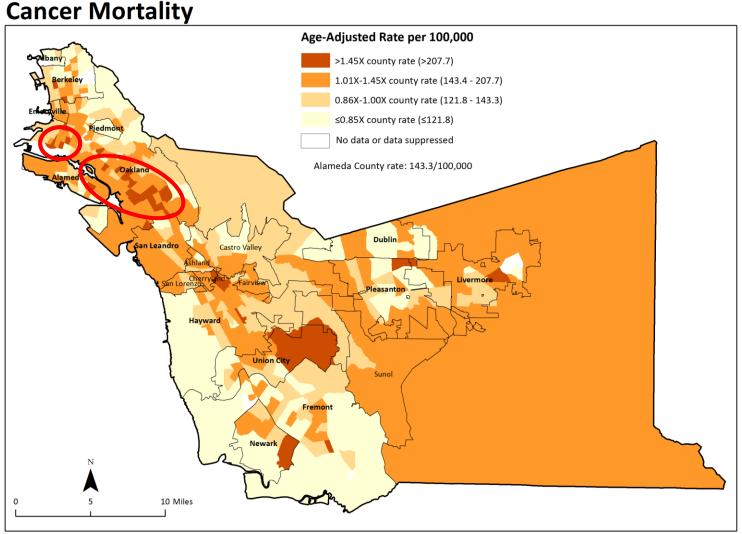




# Multiple factors may be contributing to the declining trend in asthma hospitalizations.

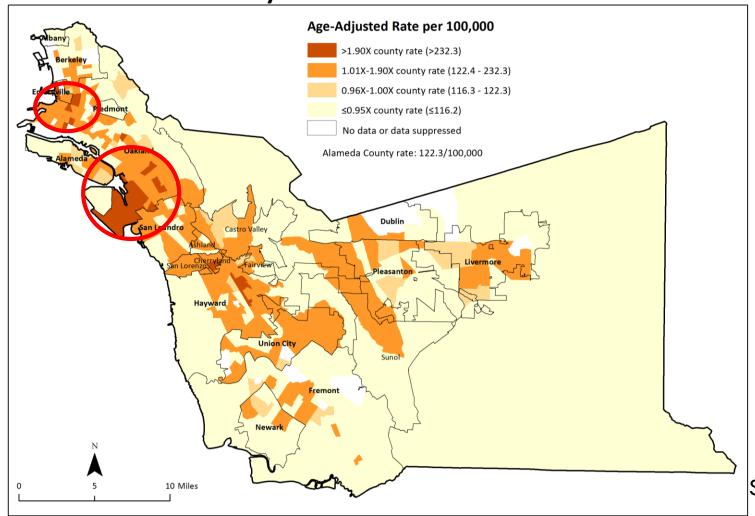


# Cancer death rates are especially high in areas of West and East Oakland, as well as other parts of the county.



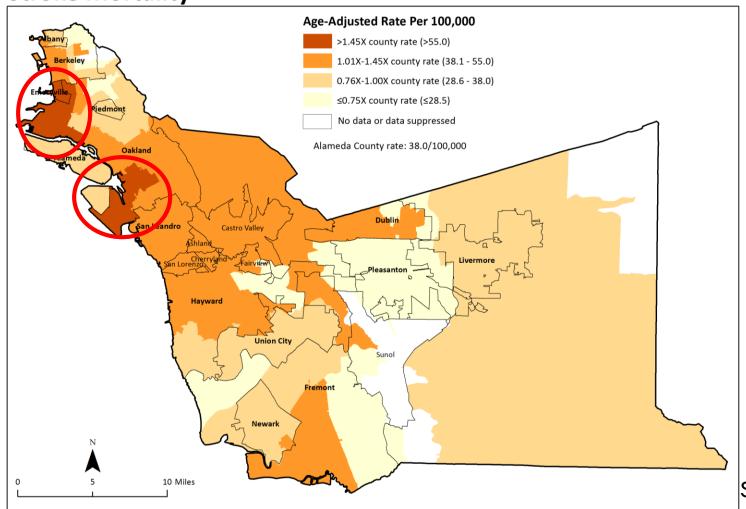
Heart disease death rates are notably high in parts of West and East Oakland, as well as Cherryland and Hayward.

**Heart Disease Mortality** 



# **Stroke death rates** are highest in parts of Emeryville, West, and East Oakland.

**Stroke Mortality** 

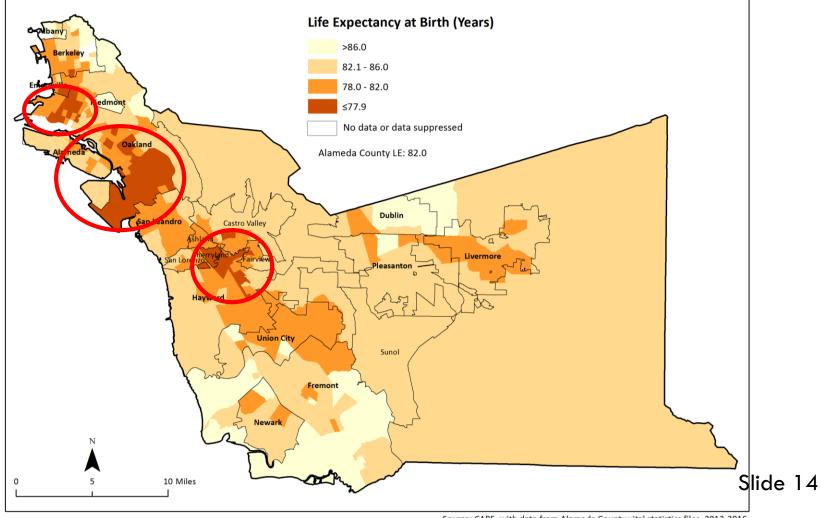


# Cancer, heart disease, stroke and chronic lower respiratory disease are top 5 leading causes of death.

	Leading Causes of Death in Alameda County	Percentage of all deaths
$\Rightarrow$	Cancer	24%
	Heart Disease	20%
	Stroke	7%
	Alzheimer's Disease	6%
	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseas	e 5%
	Unintentional Injuries	4%
	Diabetes	3%

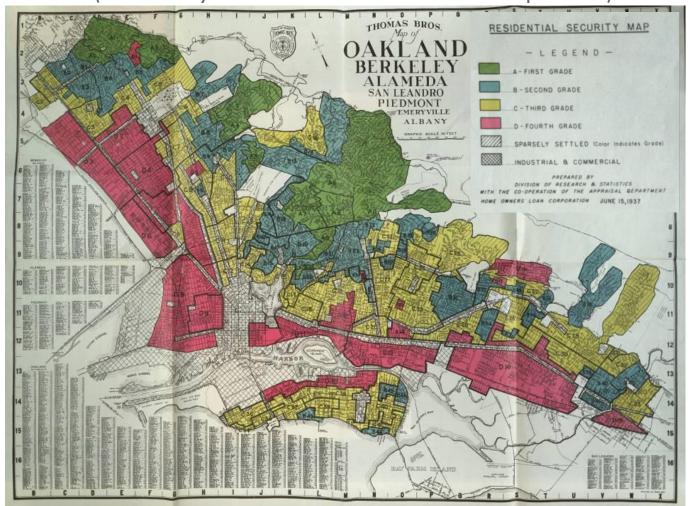
Reflecting cumulative health risks and impacts, **life expectancy** is especially low in West and East Oakland,
as well as parts of unincorporated Central County.



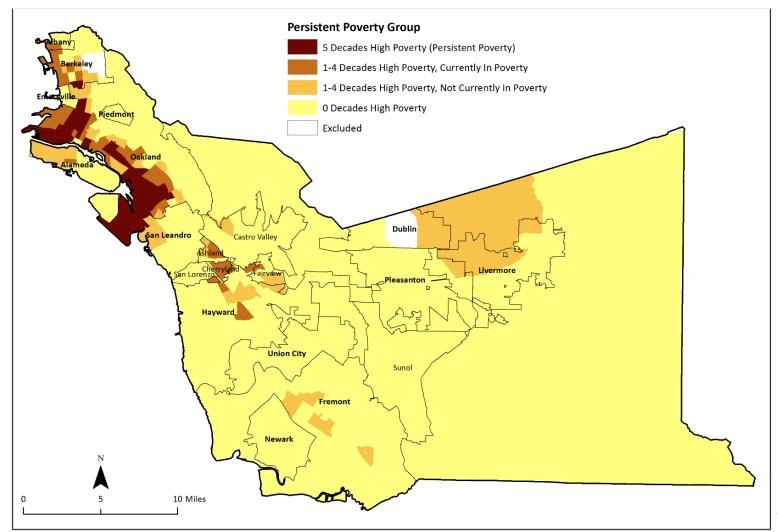


# Health inequities did not happen overnight. They have deep **historical roots**.

RESIDENTIAL SECURITY MAP, ALAMEDA COUNTY, 1937 (Created by Federal Home Owners Loan Corporation)



Long-standing disinvestment and persistent poverty means fewer resources and weaker infrastructure to support health.



# **Racism** impacts who has to live in high poverty neighborhoods with barriers to good health.

1 in 10 White residents live in **high-poverty neighborhoods**, compared to:



1 in 7 Asians



1 in 3 Latinos



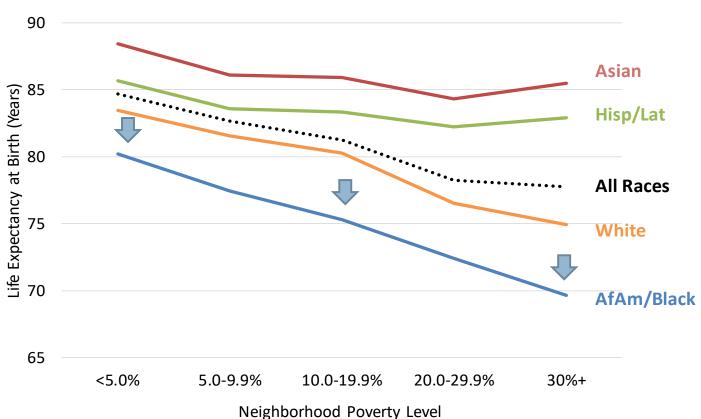
1 in 2 Blacks



# African Americans are especially exposed to and impacted by cumulative health risks.

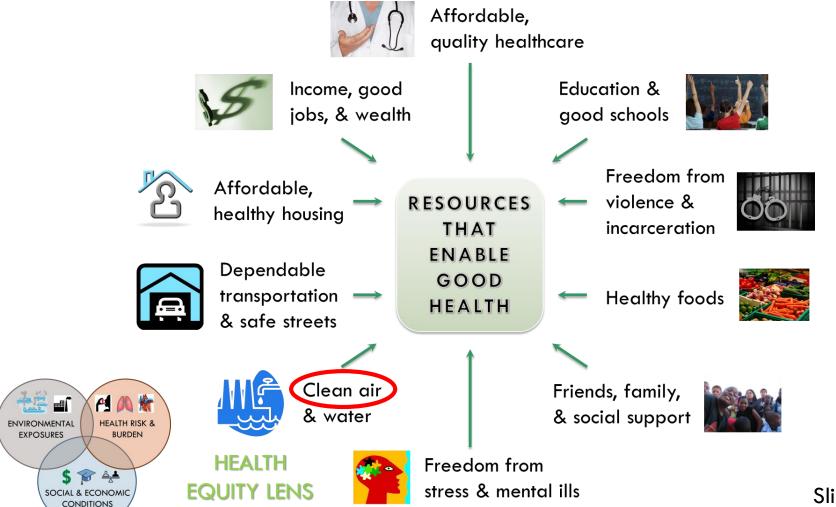
#### Life Expectancy by Neighborhood Poverty Level and Race

Alameda County, 2013-2015



Neighborhood Poverty Level (% residents living in poverty)

To improve air quality and health, we must reduce air pollution exposures and maximize health co-benefits in our most impacted communities.



# Thank you! For questions or more info, please contact us:



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# Prioritization Framework for School Air Filter Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)



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# **Background**

- In 2018, with Board approval, the Air District applied for and was selected to receive \$2 million from California Air Resources Board (CARB) under their Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) policy.
- SEP policy allows community-based projects to be funded through a portion of CARB penalty settlements.
- Air District will work with IQAir North America to install air filtration systems in Bay Area schools.



# **IQAir North America (IQAir)**

- SEP application identified IQAir North America as the vendor that will install and monitor air filtration systems.
- IQAir worked extensively with South Coast Air Quality Management District
  - 2009 pilot study and a subsequent multi-site/multi-year air filtration installation and monitoring program for schools near the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach
- Previously worked with the Air District to install air filtration systems at five schools in Bayview-Hunters Point between 2010-2011



# **Screening Criteria**

- Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Years 1-5 Communities
- Exposure to Particulate Matter
- Public elementary schools
  - Larger enrollments
  - Proportion of students receiving free and reduced-price lunch



## **Other Considerations**

- Maximize benefit to most students with available funds
- Goal to target at least one school in each AB617 Years 1-5 communities
- School readiness
  - Schools may not have infrastructure or staff to support air filtration project at this time
  - School may be slated to close
- Input from health departments and communities
- Air District will continue to consider these schools into the future



Freeway

**Bay Area Counties** 

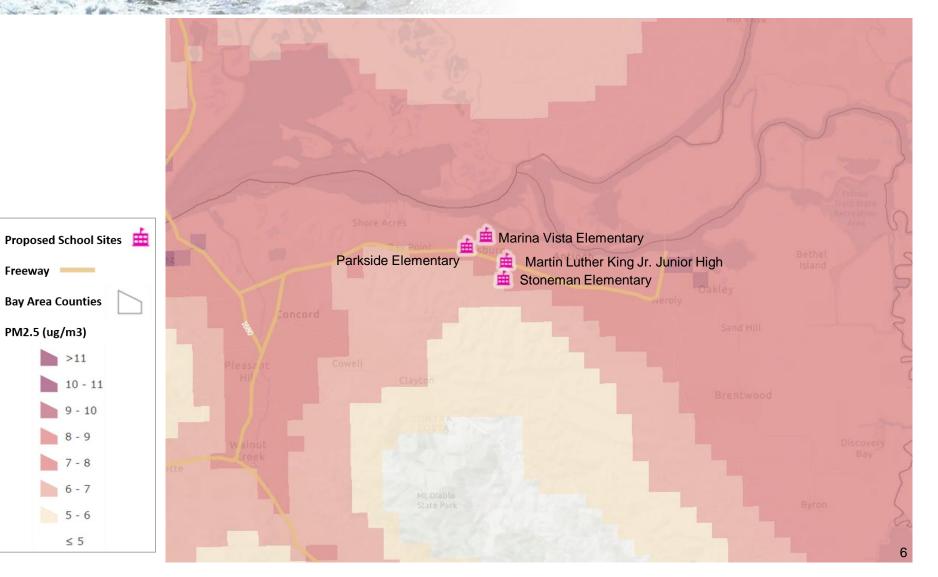
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# **Example: Pittsburg-Bay Point**





# **Timeline and Next Steps**

- Air District has 30 months to complete
  - Estimated 10-15 schools will receive air filtration systems
  - Air District will also revisit five schools in Bayview-Hunters Point that received air filtration systems in 2010-2011 to provide maintenance and upgrades, as needed
- Air District will enter into contract with IQAir and local schools pending IQAir Site Assessments
- Air District considers this a pilot project
  - Air District will seek additional SEP/AB617 funds to install more air filtration systems in local schools

# Questions

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