Leadership Action for Healthy Communities

Lake Merritt Bay Area
Rapid Transit Station
Transit Oriented Development Planning Process

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Overview

1) Background
2) The planning process & history of the area
3) Issues, goals and efforts
4) Next steps
Asian Health Services

- Provide medical services for the underserved in ten Asian languages
- Over 21,000 patients

- Builds upon efforts of *Revive Chinatown!*
- Recognition of the Built Environment as a determinant of community health
Oakland Chinatown Coalition

- Community based organizations
- Local churches
- Urban planners and architects
- Advocates and community members
- Recreation & cultural centers
Lake Merritt BART Station Planning Project

Oakland Chinatown Coalition

Great Comm Collab

City of Oakland $720K

Peralta Colleges $50K

BART $50K

Ctrl. City East $50K

Lake Merritt BART Station Specific Project Plan
Lake Merritt BART Station Area Planning History

Oakland's Chinatown - 2000

Redevelopment - Pacific Renaissance Plaza
Lake Merritt BART & BART Headquarters
Project Area Characteristics:

2000 Census Statistics for the Primary Study Area
Asian: (69.7%)
Black: (13.2%)
Hispanic: (6.3%)
White: (7.7%)

Linguistic Isolation: (60.9%)

Median Household Income: $21,520

Educational Attainment: Less than 9th Grade: (33.9%)

% Renters: (86.4%)
Particulate matter between 0.6 and 2.2 ug/m$^3$ - Threshold level is 0.2 ug/m$^3$

AHS patients higher rate of diabetes (10%) compared to US popn (6%) 

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Leadership Action for Healthy Community Approach

- Community Participatory Research
- Policy Advocacy
- Community Engagement & Empowerment
- Community Capacity Building

Healthy Community
Community Participatory Research Activities

- Community needs assessment with over 1100 community members
- Patients trained on conducting surveys
  - Conducted over 60 environment mapping surveys
Community Participatory Research Activities

Community needs and priorities

- **#1 Public Safety**
  - Creating safe public spaces to walk, play, and be physically active
  - Improving sidewalks, streets and intersections

- **#2 Jobs**
  - Increasing availability of good jobs & job training opportunities
  - Attracting retailers to sell healthy food and meals

- **#3 Housing and Environmental Quality**
  - Preserving existing affordable rental and senior housing
  - Improving air quality

- **#4 Access to Services, Open Space & Pedestrian/Traffic Safety**
LAHC Approach: Addressing Determinants of Health

Healthy Community

Public Safety
Housing
Environment quality
Traffic & pedestrian safety
Jobs
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Healthy Community
Community & Patient Engagement
Community & Patient Empowerment

Community Guiding Principles

Public Safety
Jobs
Housing
Community Facilities and Open Space
Health
Cultural Preservation
Transportation
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Community Capacity & Coalition Building: Community Charrette
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Community Participatory Research

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**Policy Advocacy**

Community Engagement & Empowerment

Community Capacity Building
Coalition Building & Policy Advocacy

Planning Commission and other Advisory Boards

Stakeholder's Executive Committee

Technical Advisory Group

City Council

Key reps

Chinatown Coalition + Allies

Businesses

Churches

CBOs - transp, env, health

Schools

Residents

Seniors and Youth

Heritage and local district assoc

Parks Recreation and Cultural institutions

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Policy Advocacy: Next Steps

- Advocate for Coalition’s community benefits based on community guiding principles into final plan
- Continue to ensure community is at the policy decision-making table
- Work with legislators to protect Chinatown
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  - Local architects and planners
  - TransFORM
  - Human Impact Partners
  - Public Health Law & Policy

- ABAG, UC Berkeley CCI, Policy Link
Questions?

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