“We are in the health business”
– Bill Lindsay, Richmond, City Manager

City of Richmond
Health in All Policies

City services through the prism of health
Overview

- Background and Context
- How do you define health?
- What are the determinants of health?
- What is Health in All Policies?
- Next Steps and Questions,
Unnatural Causes:
Episode 1, Health in America

Background and Context
Model of change
Richmond Health Equity Partnership (RHEP)
How do you define Health?
Other definitions of Health…

- Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

(Preamble to the Constitution of the World Health Organization as adopted by the International Health Conference, New York, 19-22 June, 1946; signed on 22 July 1946 by the representatives of 61 States (Official Records of the World Health Organization, no. 2, p. 100) and entered into force on 7 April 1948.)
What are the determinants of health?
Cumulative Stressors on some Richmond residents

Chronic stress has known physical and mental health impacts, from clogging arteries and heart disease, to overweight & diabetes to chromosome damage and premature aging.

- Racial Profiling
- Poor air quality & lack of safe recreation space
- Residential Segregation
- Economic insecurity

Stress

- Street, neighborhood & school Violence
- Over-burdened social services
- High food prices/lack of healthy foods
- Lack of health care
What is Health in All Policies?
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CALIFORNIA DEFINITION

- HiAP approach recognizes that health and prevention are impacted by policies that are managed by non-health government/non-government entities.
- Many strategies that improve health will also help to meet the policy objectives of other agencies.

HiAP Task Force Report—Executive Summary pg. 4 and 5
Health in All Policies: Richmond

Health in All Policies is both a process and a goal.

1. **Process:** Collaborative approach - changing way City employees and larger community think about health.

2. **Goal:** Improve health equity by addressing the social determinants of health and integrating health into the decision making process across all departments of the City.
Community Health and Wellness Element and Current Health Initiatives
Roadmaps to Health Video

Next Steps

- Feedback on Draft HiAP Ordinance and Draft HiAP Strategy Plan

- Working meeting scheduled:
  - Thursday, Nov. 29 from 6:00-7:30,
  - Richmond City Council Chambers,
  - 450 Civic Center Plaza
Questions?
THANK YOU

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