

# Our workplace... Our home... Our neighborhood... The sidewalks... The streets... The playgrounds.. The buildings... ...all make up a "Built Environment"!

# HOW DOES THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT CONNECT TO OUR HEALTH?





# **HEALTH DISPARITIES**

How our neighborhoods are designed and developed play a part in creating more equitable outcomes or reinforcing existing disparities or differences between groups.



# ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD











Safe streets and public spaces that encourage physical activity

# ACTIVE LIVING AND TRANSPORTATION MEANS...

Opportunity to be physically active in your neighborhood

Safe parks and recreational spaces

Safe streets for pedestrians and cyclists

Reduces risk of: Attention deficit disorder, diabetes, heart disease, obesity, stress



# BARRIERS TO ACTIVE LIVING AND TRANSPORTATION

### **Community Access**

 Limited or no open space or parks

### **Auto Dependency**

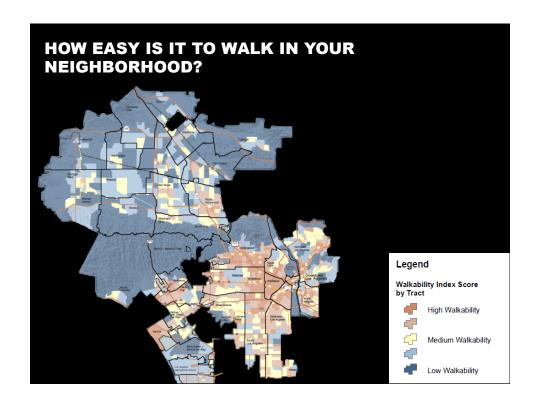
- · Long commute times
- Inefficient, unsafe or expensive public transit.
- Poor infrastructure for walking and biking

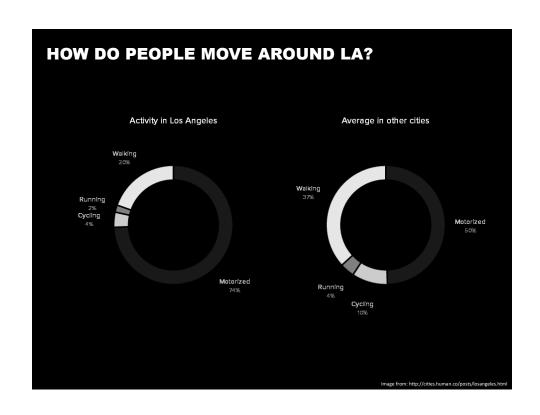
### Safety Concerns

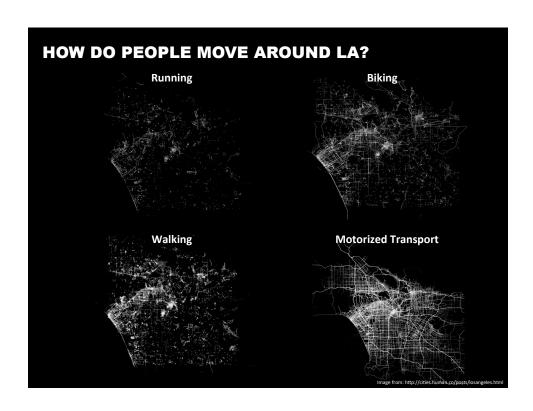
- · Poorly maintained parks
- · Real or perceived fears of violence
- Environmental pollution or poor air quality











# **ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD MEANS...**

Access to healthy affordable food and clean water

Access to full service grocery stores and farmers markets

Places to grow your own fruits and veggies in clean soil

Corner stores that stock healthy food

Reduces risk of: Cancer, diabetes, hunger, heart disease, learning difficulties, obesity and stroke.





## **BARRIERS TO HEALTHY FOOD**

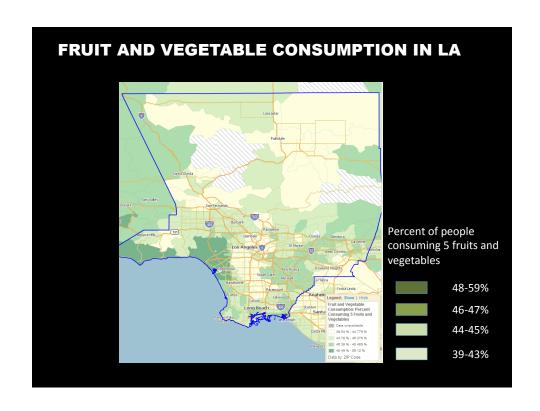
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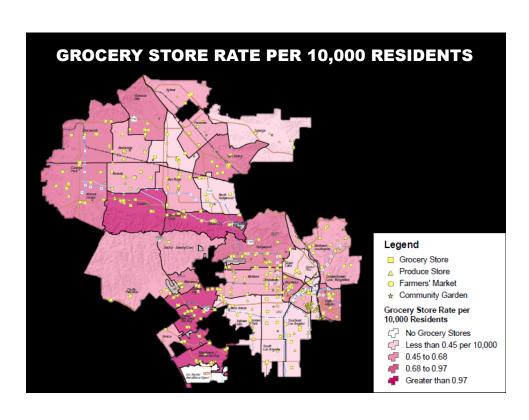
- Limited access to grocery stores, farmers markets, and community gardens
- Concentration of fast food, liquor, and convenience stores

### Marketing

· Concentration of unhealthy advertising







# **Healthy Housing Means...**

Affordable well maintained housing made of safe durable materials

Linked to health promoting assets such as parks and grocery stores

Close to quality employment and educational opportunities

Connected to friends, family and social networks

Reduces risk of: Asthma, communicable disease, lead poisoning, respiratory illness, skin disease, stress



**Increased Commute** 

• Affordable housing located far from jobs

centers, daily services or friends and

families increase the time spent in the car.

# **BARRIERS TO HEALTHY HOUSING**

Housing Design and Development

- Unhealthy building materials
- Poor maintenance practices
- Overcrowded conditions
- Lack of quality affordable housing
- Proximity to hazardous materials or pollution

