

# LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS WORK WITH PLANNERS FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITY DESIGN IN CALIFORNIA

## *Presentation to Planning for a Healthy Sacramento Region*

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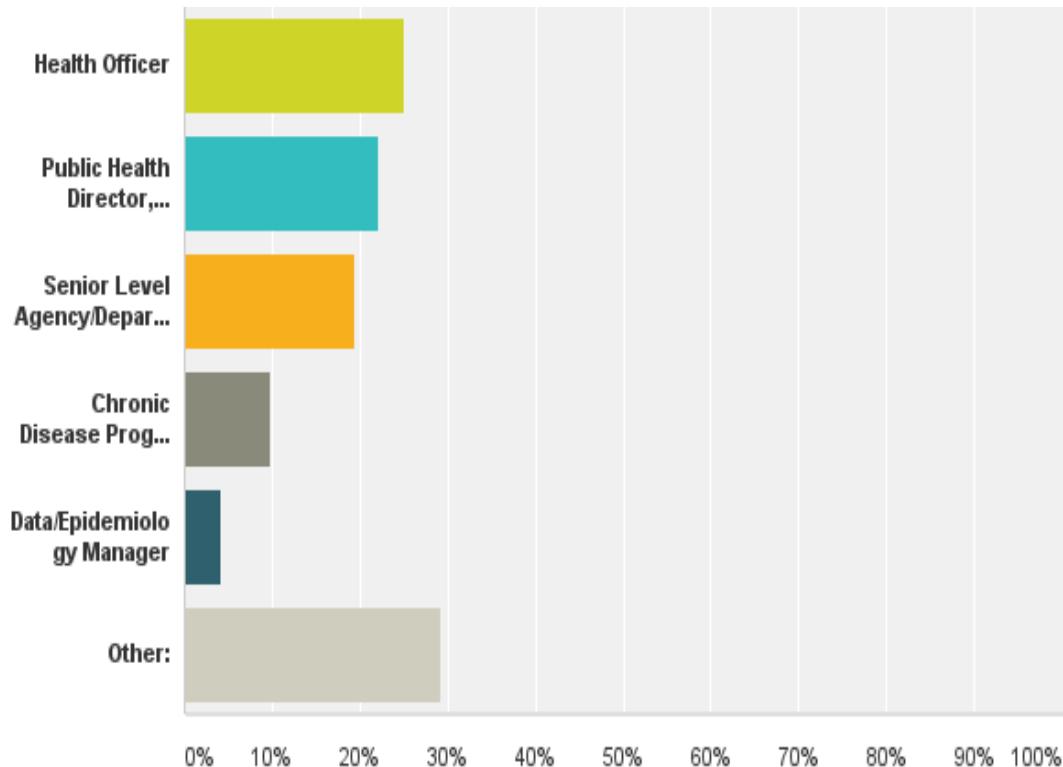
# Why a survey?

- Who is already doing this work?
- Where are the opportunities?
- What support is needed to engage more?

# Profile of respondents

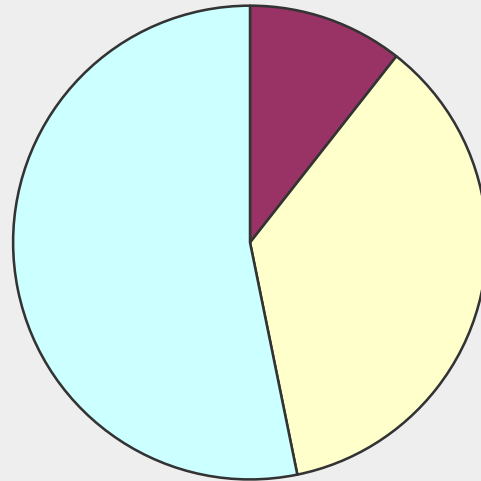
## Responding LHDs

- ▶ 52 Jurisdictions
- ▶ 10 Bay Area Region
- ▶ 7 Southern Cal Alliance
- ▶ 7 San Joaquin Valley
- ▶ 11 Gold Country/Sierra
- ▶ 5 in Sacto region



# How familiar are they with the relationship between the built environment & health?

5. How familiar are you with the relationship between the built environment and health? Select only one



■ Not at all  
■ A little  
■ Pretty familiar  
■ Very familiar

# Which issues are LHDs most involved in?

The majority were “some” to “very” involved in:

- Food systems/access to healthy retail (68%)
- Transportation planning/SRTS (56%)
- Community design and planning (39%)



# Who are their local partners?

- Environmental Health\*
- School Districts\*
- Planning Departments
- Parks & Recreation Departments
- Transportation Agencies
- Local Government Commission

# How work with planners is funded

- ▶ Local county General funds (nearly 80%)
- ▶ Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (approx. 45%)
- ▶ Other funding (grants, etc...)
- ▶ Caltrans
- ▶ No funding



# What role do LHDs play?

- ▶ Convener– agencies, organizations, communities (66%)
- ▶ Provide input on health issues in planning (59%)
- ▶ Contribute to grant proposals that demonstrate PH can help get funding (57%)
- ▶ Prepare customized health data (54%)



# Biggest challenges

- #1 Lack of dedicated staff to work with planners
- #2 LHD participation is not mandated or authorized
- #3 Taking the time to understand the planning sector
- #4 Not aware when planning processes are undertaken

# What will help build LHD capacity to work with planners?

- Learning what funding is available & where collaborative opportunities are
- Creating opportunities to network together
- Models & approaches for inserting health in planning
- Understanding planner language, mandates, processes, etc.



# What new issues can LHDs & planners work on together?

- School Siting/Master Plans
- Affordable Housing/Siting
- Climate Change Planning
- Economic Development



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