Topic: Housing & Economic Development

- What are the needs/challenges?
  - Pomona – Sr. Housing vs. low income housing; city rents are expensive so a need – work arounds have challenges (garage conversions; multiple families in homes) etc.
  - Stigma for low income families
  - Parks, dog parks, space, markets – 0 in these areas
  - Irvine company had low income housing requirements – can’t tell difference from wealthy areas (keeps property values up for wealthy but some community benefits)
  - Affordable housing a reaction to workforces being displaced-econ development tied to affordable housing
    - Housing in econ terms is key strategy
    - Hard to capitalize on schools/universities
  - Cities will prioritize transportation, housing, etc where growth is projected – divested communities further segregated and left behind
  - Freeway expansion mostly in low income areas
  - Housing diversity/integrated important and under utilized
  - Santa Ana – pros and cons of downtown revitalization -a model for both
  - Safety as crime vs pedestrian accidents -transportation role

- Where is the momentum in the region?
  - Schools provide driver’s ed, but cities raise driving priorities in planning (need $)
  - Cities and areas with rise in econ development also breeding rising rates of homelessness
  - Push from developers
  - Encampments as a mixed strategy
  - Green spaces and park services – role
  - Mental health services needed (eg. Pomona-tri-city service provider)
  - Some headway in trauma/ACES
  - Need more support around developing econ development -need to learn correct languages, etc. They want (public works, econ biz, etc.) healthy workers/so do we. Need more planning
  - Movement – OC PICH in rise cross collaboration needed
Topic: Food Recovery

- What are the needs/challenges?
  - More robust physical fitness standards needed
  - Efforts don’t necessarily reduce food waste – just recover what is there
  - Not necessarily nutritious
  - Equity issues – giving people leftovers/stigma
  - Not looking at why so much left over
  - Fine line with measuring food waste and not demonstrating “kids don’t want/won’t eat” healthy food
  - Need more creativity / transformational leadership.
  - Pre-packaged food – need more from scratch kitchens in schools
  - Talk consumption – need portion sizes moderation as a value

- Where is the momentum in the region?
  - School wellness policies – food waste as tracking measure
  - Recess before lunch/ or allow food in classrooms
  - Compost
  - Opportunity to rebrand consumption with values for job creation -speak the language that resonates
  - Technology can help prevent co-option

- What are some local actions that can be taken to address this issue?
  - Urban ag policy – localize policy
  - Local/city policies – not just county issue
  - Healthy cities initiative
  - Share examples from other cities
  - School wellness policies – but there are challenges
  - LCAP – Local Control and Accountability Plan – creates opportunities

- What are some state/federal actions that could be valuable for this issue?
  - Federal restrictions – use rollback of regulations to our advantage
  - Job creation argument
  - Healthy Food Financing Initiative – tie in evaluation of food waste
  - Work with big fed orgs – Feeding America, YMCA, Boys & Girls club
  - Make sure national orgs serve the community with health
  - Re-evaluate statewide – wellness policies and physical activities standards. Need enforcement of “200 minutes” (Dept. of Ed physical education requirements)

Topic: Employment & Education

- What are the needs/challenges?
Areas want to be high tech centers which impacts education and employment opportunities
- Tied to land use and land speculation
- As areas change, service sector jobs become essential but people may not be able to afford living nearby
- Skills lacking for students moving on/ out to college (cooking and other life skills)

Where is the momentum in the region?
- Lots of colleges in the region
- Colleges reaching out to high school students to discuss opportunities
- Increase in 1st generation students at UC schools
- UC Riverside Med School incentives for graduates to stay in Riverside
- Organizations are creating engaged citizens, leading to good students (holistic/ family approaches to assist with readiness)
- LA Kitchen culinary training program, linked to employment opportunities, food waste, etc.
- Schools not prisons movement
- Bike tree programs / apprenticeship model
- Compadres Network in CA - [http://www.nationalcompadresnetwork.org/](http://www.nationalcompadresnetwork.org/)

What are some local actions that can be taken to address this issue?
- State sponsored colleges consider guaranteed admission to X% CA graduates who have X GPA
- Faculty diversity mandates
- Focus energy on secondary education to move people on to college
- Creating infrastructures within school district for opportunities to prioritize students
- Restorative justice programs in schools (budgeted instead of policy
- Finding opportunities to pay the youth to be involved in efforts programs

**Topic: Labor / Land & Resources**

What are the needs/challenges?
- Anaheim – hard with Disney corp influence – very big
- Relationships with local decision makers is big- makes work easier when there, but hard to facilitate
- Current political environment doesn’t always prioritize needs – not necessarily focused on Bee survival – huge issue for ag production – hard to address
- Land in OC changing – used to be orange/ strawberry ag land – now almost entirely commercial real estate – hard to repurpose for gardens etc, in economy/real estate – ag land less appealing to developers
- People in cities favor convenience
How do we reimagine land as a resource – a relationship – ag culture vs. ag business – impacts labor, rights, values, etc.

Have to make issues personal

Where is the momentum in the region?
- In lower income areas, lots of $ can come in for support (eg. Santa Ana) so change is possible – after 501c3 $ and other $ - Santa Ana has best water, school pipes, etc some movement there
- Promote apps like “boycott”

What are some local actions that can be taken to address this issue?
- Get constituents in front of council members / local decision makers because if issues not in front of members they won’t care (has been successful at local level eg. CAPOC trainings), etc

What are some state/federal actions that could be valuable for this issue?
- AB551- can be approved at county level – local levels still need to agree – has been hard. Staff may only work in few places and may not even have land
- Need power social practices (labor etc.) to influence their “bottom line” – politicians, companies, etc
- Class action lawsuits as an option -hold industry/corps accountable – public health needs to do more here.

Topic: Food Insecurity

What are the needs/challenges?
- Is food insecurity more about access to healthy food vs access to culturally relevant food vs just access to food? – Access to food that allows you to lead an active and productive life. – Don’t know where your next meal is coming from
- Some food a false sense of security (eg school food not particularly nutritious)
- Dignity of being seen taking shared food (eg. Lunch-shaming / food bullying)
- Funding allowing for innovation and funding for non-profits
- Cost
- Immigration issues now / not wanting to fill out forms

Where is the momentum in the region?
- Looking into backpack program where fruits/foods can be put in backpacks and given to students (helps with dignity issues)
- Mapped food services near schools (8 schools across the city of Santa Ana) to start assessing types of food needed to help with what students are eating / need
- Youth-led education (HS – grade school) Community Services Unlimited (CSU)
- Pomona working on an urban agriculture program
- Looking for how to use EBTs for CSAs

**What are some local actions that can be taken to address this issue?**
- Rise in school funding for student meals
- Rise in minimum wage now, not 5 years from now
- Beverage taxes and proceeds being used for broader, more upstream social determinants than just education
- More education on nutritional labels / label reading assistance