

# Delivering Equity in Sustainable Communities

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- PolicyLink is a national research and action institute advancing economic and social equity by Lifting Up What Works.®
- Founded in 1999, PolicyLink connects the work of local leaders to implement policies that foster sustainable communities of opportunity
- SCI: Focus on equity in land use to build access to quality jobs, transportation, affordable housing, good schools, healthy food and physical activity.
- Community engagement, establishing regional equity networks, and developing performance measures will be a key focus of capacity building.



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### **Program for Environmental & Regional Equity**



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## Why We Focus On Equity?

- Fosters the creation of opportunity structures in which ALL can participate and prosper.
- Fosters partnerships, a commitment to staying the course and growing in understanding of the diverse needs of our population/
- The economic growth model that ensures our regions and country remain viable (policylink.org – publications – America's Tomorrow)



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### Sharing What We've Learned

- Advises HUD
- Advises Peers
- We Learn How to do A Better Job
- Advises the Field

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### **Newly Discovered Positive Outcomes**

- Communications and Partnerships Across Jurisdictions
- Creative New Partnerships/Leveraging Non Traditional Resources
- Greater Levels of Relationships and Connections – Government/ Community

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### We Want to Hear From You

- Your experiences
- Observations
- Accomplishments
- Advise
- Anything else?

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