



# Program on Health, Equity, and Sustainability

In the City and County of San Francisco Department of Public Health  
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## Mission Statement

The Program on Health, Equity, and Sustainability (PHES) supports San Franciscans working together to advance urban health and social and environmental justice through ongoing integration of local government and community efforts and through valuing the needs, experiences, and knowledge of diverse San Francisco residents. We accomplish this by:

- Initiating and facilitating dialogue and collaboration among public agencies and community organizations;
- Expanding public understanding of the relationships between the natural, built, and social environments and human health;
- Supporting local participation in public policy-making;
- Conducting and supporting local and regional research;
- Developing and evaluating new methods for interdisciplinary, inclusive involvement in public policy;
- Documenting and communicating our strategies.

In our vision of San Francisco, communities are engaged in democracy and committed to equality and diversity. We believe this will create and maintain sustainable and healthy places for all San Franciscans to live, work, learn, and play.

Current PHES efforts and activities include:

- Providing technical support to community planning efforts like the Western SoMa Task Force
- Conducting Health Impact Assessments of policies, projects, and plans including the minimum wage ordinance
- Developing practical research tools to forecast the impact of traffic on, air quality, noise and pedestrian collisions
- Creating and applying the Healthy Development Measurement Tool to land use plans and projects
- Supporting health and safety knowledge and policy for high hazard occupations, including day labor and domestic work
- Implementing innovative environmental laws such as the ban on Phtalates in children’s toys
- Working with the San Francisco Unified School District to increase institutional purchasing of California produce

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### Guiding Principles & Core Values

#### INTER-CONNECTEDNESS

The natural and built environments, human activities, and human relationships are connected.

#### MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION

Ensuring meaningful public participation in policy-making requires sincere actions to support involvement, and value of local knowledge and experiences.

#### PUBLIC ACCESS & ACCOUNTABILITY

The process for making public choices must be open and involve the people most affected. Good public policy decisions ensure that all participants are included and have access to relevant information.

#### HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENTS

Healthy people reflect healthful environments. Following the 1986 World Health Organization Charter on Health Promotion, we define the basic resources for health to be peace, shelter, education, food, income, stable ecosystems, sustainable resources, social justice, and equity.

#### EQUITY

A fair distribution of and access to economic, political, social and natural resources and opportunities improves the overall health of society.

#### SUSTAINABILITY

We believe in conserving and improving economic, social, and environmental systems so that present and future community members can lead healthy and productive lives.

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### 2005-2007 PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Members of the PHES team have participated in developing and implementing the following regulations, research, tools and policy. We work both independently and in coalition with other organizations and agencies to advance our mission and goals.

#### **Children's Environmental Health**

Regulating Phthalates in Toys

#### **Community Planning**

Auto Level of Service (Auto LOS)  
Bioscience Task Force  
Blue Greenway Task Force  
Cruise Terminal Environmental Advisory Committee (CTEAC)  
Eastern Neighborhoods Community Health Impact Assessment (ENCHIA)  
Healthy Places Act of 2007 (CA AB1472)  
Treasure Island Bicycle-Pedestrian Planning  
Western SOMA Task Force

#### **Food Systems**

Farm to School Institutional Purchasing  
Food Assistance at Farmers' Markets  
Food Systems Council of San Francisco  
Laguna Hospital Therapeutic Farm Planning

#### **Health Disparities Education**

Unnatural Causes Film Screening

#### **Health Impact Research and Practice**

Healthy Development Measurement Tool  
Outdoor Noise Modeling  
Pedestrian Flow Model  
Pedestrian Injury Model  
Pedestrian Environmental Quality Index  
Traffic Air Pollution Modeling

#### **Healthy Housing**

Asthma Friendly Housing  
Economic Evaluation of Supportive Housing  
Health Impacts of Displacement  
Healthy Homes for Healthy Airways  
Public Housing Carpet Policy Forum

#### **Water**

Cryptosporidiosis Surveillance Project  
Water Epidemiology Analysis

#### **Worker's Rights**

Adult Entertainment Worker Safety  
Jornaleros Unidos con el Pueblo  
Living Wage and Minimum Wage Law  
Paid Sick Day Benefits Law

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