

## Multi-Generational Planning: Linking Needs of Children and Elders

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Fostering communities as if all people mattered

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## The Promise of Multi-Generational Planning



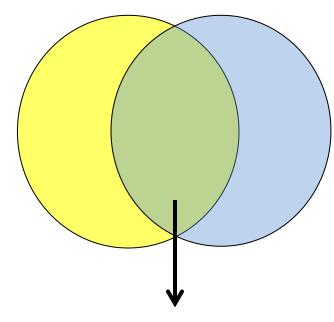


# **Core Principles**



# Child-Friendly Cities

Basic Services
Safe Water
Safe Streets
Opportunity to Play
Civic Participation
Family Support
Protection from
Exploitation



Many Common Elements



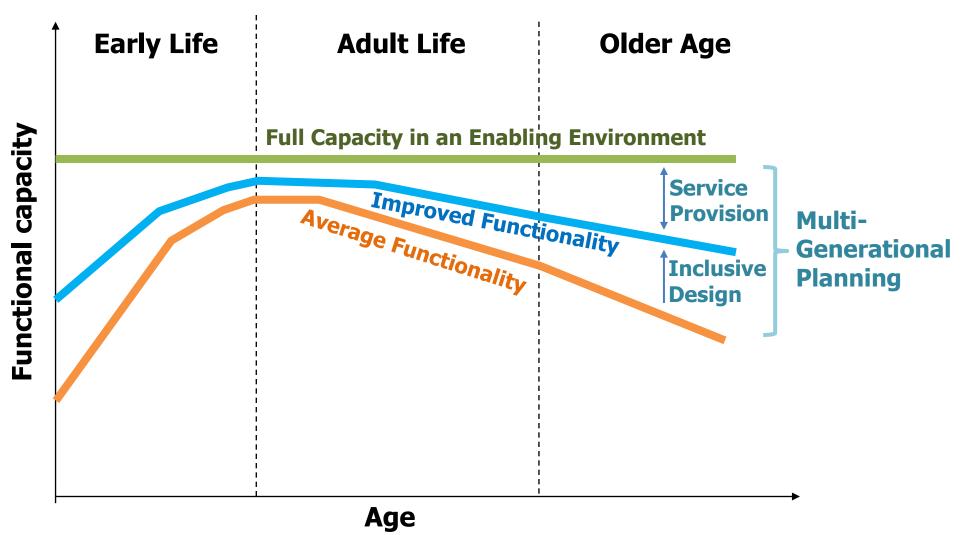
# Age-Friendly Cities

Housing
Transportation
Services (Health)
Outdoor Spaces
Communication
Civic and Social
Participation
Respect

# Planning Across Generations

## A Framework for Multigenerational Planning

The link between design and services



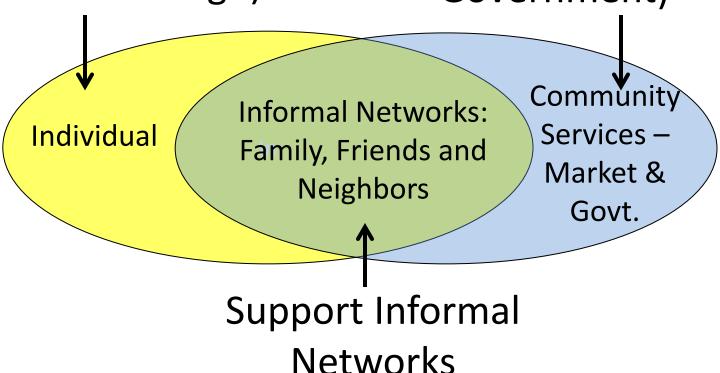
Source: Author Addition based on Kalache and Kickbusch, 1997 and WHO, Global Age Friendly Cities, 2007



# **Three Challenges for Planning**

Foster Individual Independence (Inclusive Design)

Promote Community Services (Market and Government)





# Arguments for Multi-Generational Planning

## Why do we need to do this?

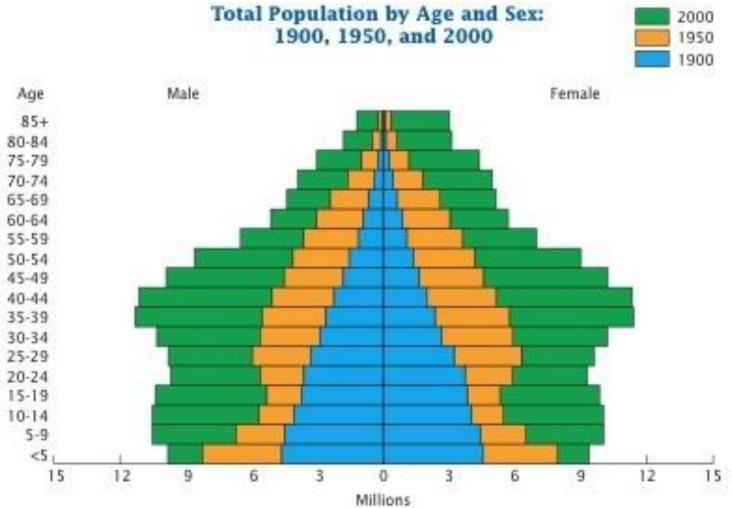
- Changing demographics
- Public expenditure challenges
- Economic development imperatives

#### What can we do?

Planning and service design solutions



## **Changing Demographics**

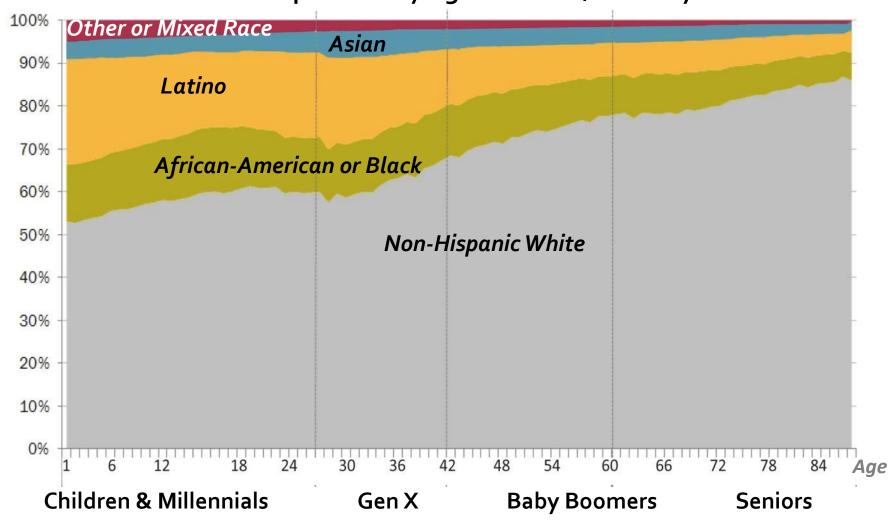


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census of population, 1900, 1950, and 2000.



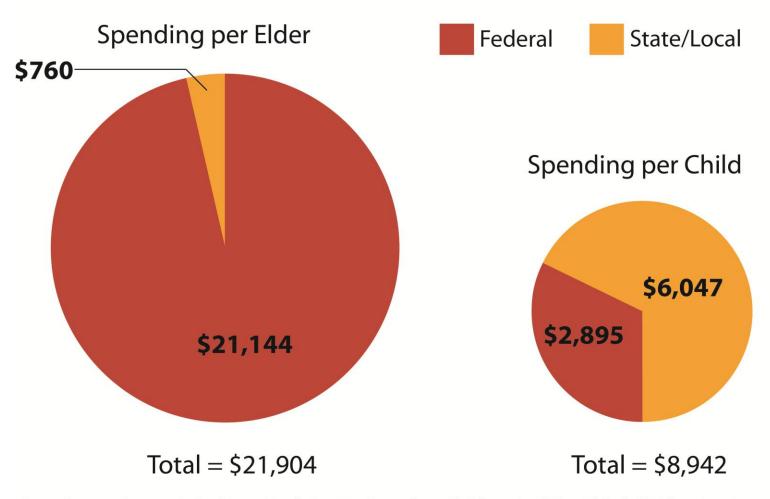
## Diversity and the Need for a New Social Compact

U.S. Population by Age and Race/Ethnicity



PolicyLink. 2011. "The Changing Face of America: Demographic Change and the New Policy Agenda." Presentation by Manuel Pastor at PolicyLink Equity Summit, 2011.

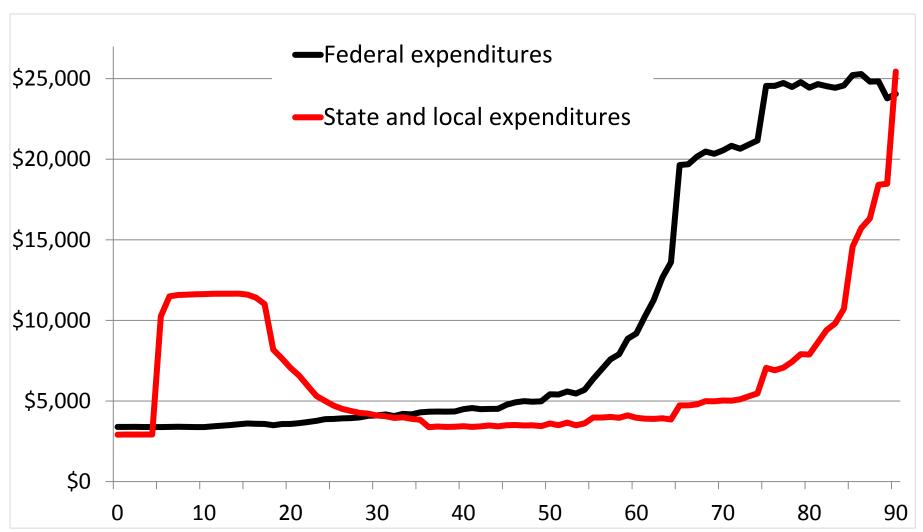
#### Federal and State/Local Spending on Elderly and Children



Data Source: Isaacs, Julia, 'How Much Do We Spend on Children And The Elderly?' Urban Institute, 2009. Figure constructed by Mildred Warner.



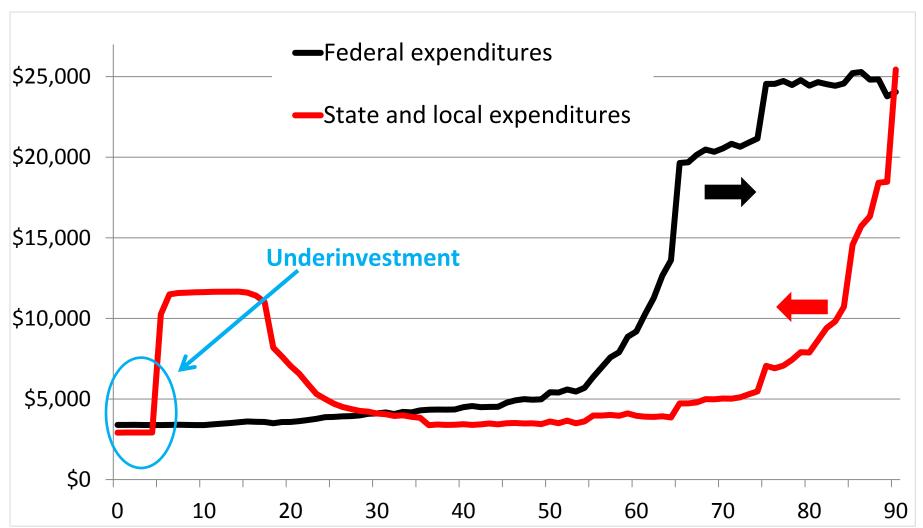
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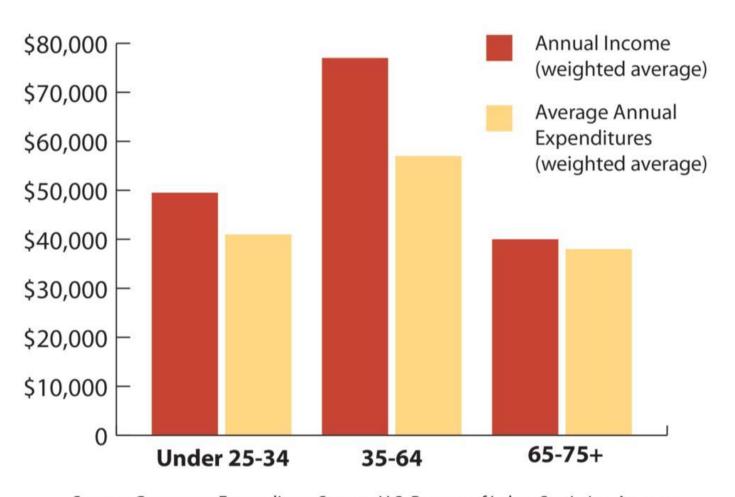


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# **Economic Development Imperatives:**Retain Families with Children

# Average Annual Expenditures and Income, by age group (2010)



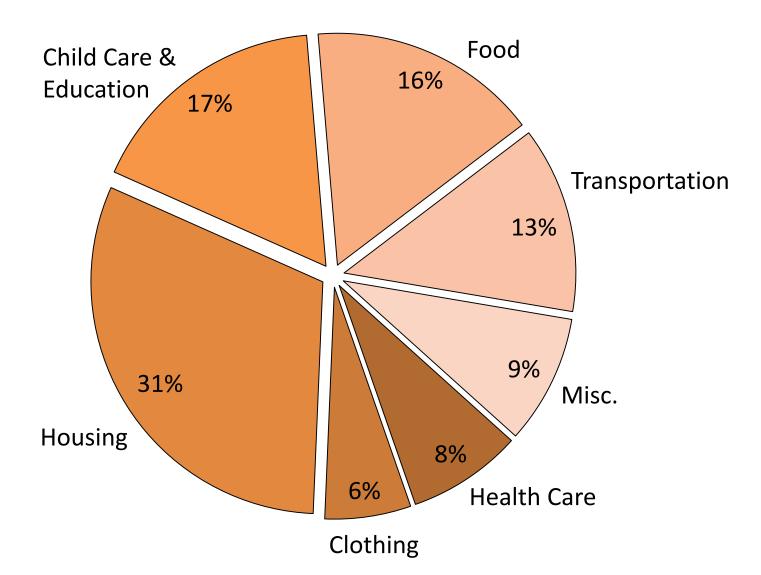
Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Average Annual Expenditures, October, 2010.

## Family spending on children fuels the local economy.

\$222,360:

Average total spending by family per child (birth to age 17)

77% is spent in the local economy.



Source: Lino, Mark. 2010. Expenditures on Children by Families. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. Misc. Publication No. 1528-2009.



## The Critical Role of Planning



- 2008 Family Friendly Planning Survey, American Planning Association
- Surveyed attitudes, barriers, actions, zoning and site planning
- 944 planners responded, Data tables that follow show % responding

See Warner and Rukus, **Planning for Family Friendly Communities: Motivators, Barriers and Benefits** <a href="www.mildredwarner.org/p/165">www.mildredwarner.org/p/165</a>

Planners' attitudes towards families are positive	Agree
Families are important to community growth, sustainability and diversity.	97%
Families represent a valuable consumer population.	97%
Communities that keep people for the whole life cycle (children, single adults, parents, elderly) are more vibrant.	90%
Families are the most likely population group to reinvest in their community through time, money and other forms of civic engagement.	78%
The needs of families are similar to the needs of the elderly with regards to the physical environment (e.g. parks, transportation, affordable housing).	64%
Most families do not generate sufficient tax revenue to cover the cost of services they demand.	53%

APA Family Friendly Planning Survey, 2008 (944 planners responding)

#### **ACTIONS:**

Many local actions promote child and family friendly cities.

#### Housing

- » Have a variety of types 67%
- » Have an adequate supply of 2+bedroom apartments 45%
- » Promote transit-oriented development 45%

#### **Transportation & Mobility**

- » Have sidewalks 97%
- » Have bike lanes 76%
- » Have walk-to-school programs 52%

#### Education

- » Collaborate with school district to site schools 45%
- » Co-locate services in schools 43%
- » Have an adequate supply of child care 20%

#### Use impact fees to subsidize...

- » Park and recreation facilities 45%
- » Schools 22%
- » Transit 16%
- » Child care 7%

#### Routinely use local, state, or federal funding to support...

- » Streetscape improvements 80%
- » Affordable housing 57%
- » Parks 58%
- » Child care 21%

#### **SITE PLANNING & ZONING:**

Key site planning and zoning elements can advance the interests of families.

#### **Housing:** Zoning regulations promote...

- » Multi-family housing 66%
- » Family-sized housing (2+ bedrooms) 60%
- » Affordable housing 39%
- » Accessory apartments by right 25%

#### Child Care: Zoning regulations promote...

- » Siting child care centers 41%
- » Family child care homes by right 34%

#### **Development:** Zoning and subdivision regulations...

- » Allow for mixed use 90%
- » Require parks/playgrounds 69%
- » Provide density bonuses 58%

#### Transportation and Mobility: Zoning and subdivision regulations...

- » Mandate sidewalks 80%
- » Require street connectivity with adjacent developments 75%
- » Consider pedestrian needs in site plan reviews 74%

#### **Design/Safety:** Community has...

- » Traffic calming measures in residential neighborhoods 74%
- » Lighting guidelines that address/promote safety 60%
- » Design guidelines that facilitate neighbor interaction 53%
- » Street furniture that facilitates "eyes on the street" 37%



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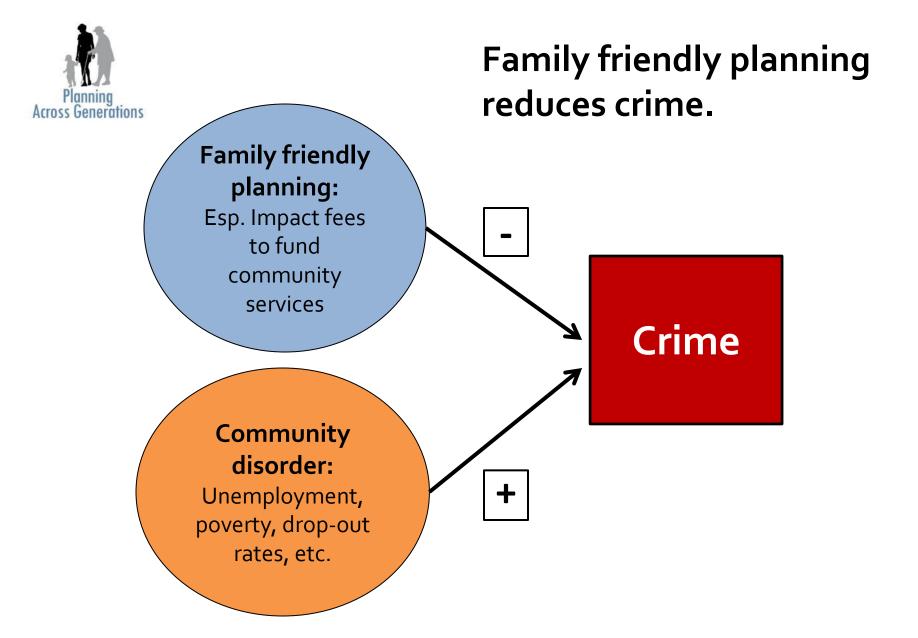


Fruitvale BART Station and Head Start, Oakland, CA



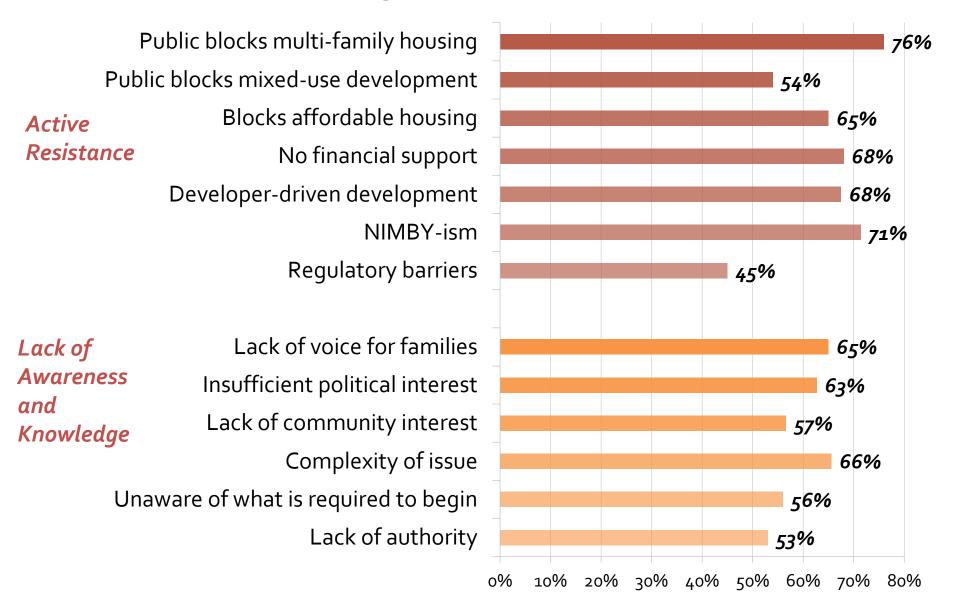
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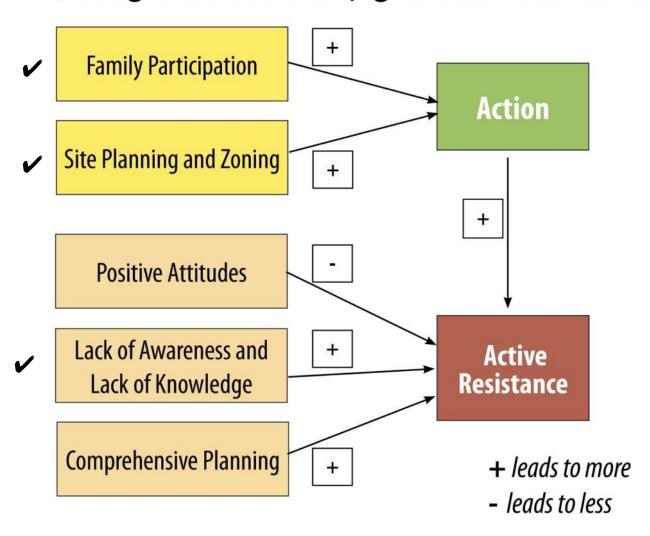
Warner, M.E. & J. Rukus, 2013. "Crime Rates and Collective Efficacy: The Role of Family Friendly Planning," *Cities*.

## **Barriers to Building Family-Friendly Communities**



Source: APA Family Friendly Planning Survey, 2008, (944 planners responding)

### Planning Leads to Action, Ignorance Leads to Resistance



Key variables from regression results.

## A Vision for the Future



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