

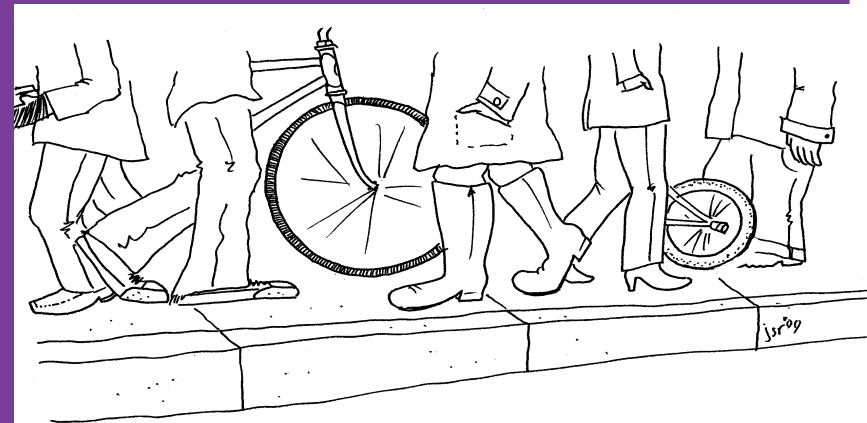


*Injury, Violence, Physical Activity & Disability*



## Introduction to Health Impact Assessments; Laying the Foundation for HIA in Your Community

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# Background of HIA in California

## Early CA HIA innovators:

- SF DPH – Rajiv Bhatia’s team
- UCLA – Brian Cole’s team
- Human Impact Partners – Co-founded Jonathan Heller/Rajiv Bhatia





## Capacity Building Activities

### CDPH Local Public Health and the Built Environment (LPHBE) Project, ASTHO Pilot State Grant (2-years)

- LPHBE: 2005 – present; ASTHO HIA: 09/10 & 10/11
- BE/HIA Mini-grants: \$5k - \$20K.
- Teleconferences/webinars: bi-monthly, various topics.
- BE 101 + 201 Training/HIA training.



#### **Other Key Efforts:**

HIA-specific trainings by: UCLA, SF DPH and HIP for LHDs and CDPH.



## CA HIA projects (mini-grants and state-led HIAs)

- Year I: Mendocino County, CA
  - HIA of alcohol outlet density in a rural community.  
(CAABC limits permits but locals can circumvent, 5x recom'd #, links to crime and DUIs)
- Year II: Alameda, Fresno, and San Mateo
  - Planned HIAs of varied retail grocery models in a food desert, blighted pedestrian mall revitalization scenarios, and major transportation corridor planning.  
(also participating: Contra Costa County)
- CDPH HIA Working group has selected “case studies” to focus on
  - land use example  
(Cordova Hills, edge of Sacramento Co.).



# HIA Successes

Good progress thus far on:

- # of CA LHDs trained in HIA: ~1/3
- Increased participation for 2011 CDPH HIA mini-grant RFA over 2010.
- More jurisdictions statewide considering HIA and doing HIA.



## Challenges in Implementing HIA

### Issues:

- Time and money (state/local budget issues).
- “Newness” of HIA for some key stakeholders.
- Concerns with additional levels of regulations/bureaucracy ~ “red tape.”



## Suggestions for LHDs interested in HIA

### Lessons-learned during implementation:

- Seek training, coursework, and review case studies available on-line.
- Don't be shy – “jump in” - ask colleagues for assistance and advice, but do a thorough screening/scoping steps first.
- Start small with a concrete, specific, policy or program.





# Stay Connected!

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