

RISING HOUSING COSTS & RE-SEGREGATION IN THE BAY AREA: IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE POLICY

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About the California Housing Partnership

- Created by the State Legislature in 1988 (no ongoing state funding).
- Work across California with nonprofit and government housing agencies to create and preserve housing affordable to lowerincome households.
- In 30 years, our staff has helped private and public housing agencies leverage \$18 billion in funding to create and preserve more than 70,000 affordable homes.
- Also provide research and leadership on housing policy and funding issues.

Post-war redlining + other racist housing policies created a racially segregated geography of opportunity in California



Source: University of Richmond Digital Scholarship Lab, 2019. "Mapping Inequality: Redlining in New Deal America."

<u>Neighborhoods</u> account for most of the variation in longterm earnings of children from low-income families



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Race appears to be a stronger determinant of who lives in high-resource neighborhoods than income



San Francisco Bay Area (2015)

Segregation patterns do not reflect actual location preferences of people of color



Data cited from a 2004-2005 survey conducted in Cook County, Illinois (which includes Chicago). Source: Krysan, et al. 2015. Diverse Neighborhoods: The (mis)Match Between Attitudes and Actions. PRRAC, Poverty & Race, Vol 24, No. 4.

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<u>Recent trend of re-segregation</u>: as housing prices rose from 2000-2015, the racial geography of the Bay Area shifted



Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey

Low-income households of color were more vulnerable to rent increases than low-income White households



Change in median rent paid, 2000-2015 (% change, inflation-adjusted)

30% tract-level increase in median rent (adjusted for inflation) in Bay Area from 2000-2015 associated with:

- 28% decrease in lowincome households of color
- No relationship with number of low-income White households

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Displacement & migration of low-income people of color contributed to new concentrations of segregation and poverty



Source: U.S. Census 2000 (Table P007), ACS 2011-2015 (Table B03002)

Geography of opportunity in the Bay Area

"resources" = tract-level predictors of upward economic mobility for low-income children



Source: California Fair Housing Task Force, 2017

Access to high-resource neighborhoods more pronounced between racial groups than between incomes of same race



State and local housing policy & investments should affirmatively help low-income people of color live in any neighborhood & reduce neighborhood inequality

- Create new affordable homes in high-resource neighborhoods;
- 2. Stabilize housing prices and protect tenants neighborhoods where prices are rising fastest; and
- Increase economic opportunity and institutional supports in racially segregated, high-poverty neighborhoods.



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