



## Healthy Sacramento Coalition Meeting

February 18, 2020

Meeting Notes

**The Vision of the Healthy Sacramento Coalition (HSC) is to eliminate Inequities in Sacramento through Advocacy and Convening of Resources. With a mission to eliminate racialized health inequities in Sacramento through movements that advance policy and system change resulting in neighborhood impact.**

### Meeting Objectives

- Update on Measure U Implementation
- Information on Upcoming Sacramento Ballot Measures Affecting Youth
- Input on Inclusive Economics Letter to Government Officials

### Welcome and Overview

*Lynn Berkley-Baskin, SacNAACP Education Chair/Jewish Community Relations Outreach Chair, provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda and led introductions.*

### Building Support for Youth Education and Programming

*Connie Chan-Robinson, Executive Director, Center for Collaborative Planning, moderated a panel discussion on the upcoming Sacramento ballot measures affecting youth.*

### Sacramento City Ballot Measure H (upgrade facilities in SCUSD)

*Nathaniel Browning, Policy and Governance Manager for the Board of Education, Sacramento City Unified School District*

- Measure H strives to improve facilities in the Sacramento Unified School District. Goal is to upgrade student classrooms, labs, libraries and learning technology in the STEM field to meet current academic and safety standards and increase access. To learn more about Measure H, please use [this link](#).
- Measure H is in the process of developing an equity index to identify all the needs in the district and outline how often a facility is utilized.

### Sacramento City Ballot Measure G (Sac Kids First)

*Jim Keddy, Executive Director, Youth Forward*

- Measure G is being put forward by Sac Kids First Coalition to create a stable funding source for children and youth. It requires the city to set aside 2.5% of its unrestricted funds from the growing general budget and does not raise taxes. There will be a three-year plan on how to best use the new funds. To learn more about Measure G, please use [this link](#).

## **Los Rios Community College District, Measure E (upgrade facilities in LRCCD)**

*Pamela Haynes, Member, Board of Trustees, Los Rios Community College District*

- Measure E is a general obligation bond proposition that will authorize \$650 million of locally controlled funds to repair and upgrade educational facilities, classrooms and labs across the Los Rios Community College District if approved. To learn more about Measure E, please use [this link](#).
- Measure E is an extension of similar bonds and is the third bond of its kind. There will be an oversight committee to make sure funds will be used appropriately.

## **Measure U Implementation Update**

*Dr. Flojaune Cofer, Research and State Policy Manager, Public Health Advocates and Chair of Measure U Advisory Committee*

- The Measure U Community Advisory Committee is entering month 10 of existence. To read more about the advisory committee, please use [this link](#).
- Measure U is a general tax that increased to a full cent in March 2019. Its revenue goes in the City's General Fund. Even if the sales tax is paid elsewhere (where the item is bought), the use-tax will be paid to Sacramento because the person lives in Sacramento.
- There is an online portal that allows organizations to submit project proposals on how Measure U funds should be spent.
  - Received approximately 90 proposals by January 2020. Most of the proposals are pre-proposals and someone in the city will reach out for follow-up.
- Measure U Advisory Committee recommendations for how the city should be using the Measure U funds.
  - Every allocation on the agenda should have a funding source associated with it so council members know where the money is coming from.
  - The Committee recommended to extend the youth pop-ups which are focused on prevention.
  - Recommended to include the Measure U Advisory Committee in the process when it comes to using Measure U funds.
- Questions and Answers
  - Transparency in how the Measure U funding is used will make the people/citizens more certain that their choice is right.
    - Measure U Committee meetings are open to the public. Public comments are taken at the beginning. Usually happens the third Monday of every month.
  - Whatever money that is left this year that has not been allocated will be used for the Measure U 2020-2021 budget. There is a big focus on what should be in next year's budget.
  - What is some advice that the Measure U Advisory Committee could give the other measure ballots to better address inequities?
    - If these measures passed, there needs to be a focus on accountability and trust.
    - Be transparent and build trust.
    - Consider who is going to be involved.
    - Evaluate what the short-term and long-term investments are and should be.
    - Express what the criteria under the measures is.

**ACTION ITEM: Letter to City and County Government Officials on Decision Criteria**

*Kim Williams, Director, Building Healthy Communities*, facilitated a group activity where members brainstormed items to include in a letter to city and county government officials in response to when decisions are made.

- The HSC can write a letter to the city with what they should consider before decisions are made.
- Table groups suggested the following items be included in a list of criteria:
  - To see if the mission statement aligns with what the organization is doing and the goal of the grant.
    - Does it support health? What makes the organization unique? What makes it different? What about financial health?
  - To build space for letters of support.
  - What makes a difference for some communities to become engaged? What are the barriers to the communities? Examples are language barriers, comprehension and literacy.
  - To have a review process not only at the front end, but throughout the process with an eye toward the health and racial equity impact.
  - To be transparent in the actions and decisions.
- The Steering Committee will draft the letter and have coalition members review the letter.

**Next Steps, Appreciation and Evaluation of Meeting**

*Lynne Berkley-Baskin* closed the meeting and reminded everyone to complete the evaluation.

**Next Coalition Meeting Date** – May 19, 2020