A Blueprint for Health:
Planning for Communities that Promote Equity

Speaker Biographies
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Allison Allbee
Changelab Solutions

Allison Allbee is a planner at ChangeLab Solutions, where she conducts research and develops tools for city planners, public health staff and community advocates to improve health outcomes in their communities. Before joining ChangeLab Solutions, she worked as an educator in San Francisco. Allison graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in community studies and received concurrent master’s degrees in building science and city planning from UC Berkeley.

Staff of the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research

The OPR Team has expertise in sustainability, planning, health, equity, and data informed planning. The team includes:

Sahar Shirazi, Senior Planner, has worked on sustainability planning through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Michael McCormick, AICP Senior Planner, has worked on climate mitigation and adaptation and recently returned from a detail at the White House and NOAA.

Elizabeth Baca, MD, MPA Senior Health Advisor, has worked on integrating health and equity into planning and joined OPR after teaching at Stanford.

Joe Donlin
Strategic Actions for a Just Economy

Joe Donlin is the Associate Director and Director of Equitable Development at Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE). He coordinates the United Neighbors In Defense Against Displacement (UNIDAD) coalition in South Central LA, is a Host Committee member of ACT-LA and reps SAJE in the Renters' Day coalition. His policy work includes the areas of land use, equitable development, community-serving economic development, tenant rights and healthy housing. Outside of work, Joe loves to play sports, make songs with his son and spend time with trees, rivers and family.
Tamika Butler  
Los Angeles Bicycle Coalition

Tamika joined the LACBC staff as the Executive Director in December 2014. Prior to leading LACBC Tamika was the Director of Social Change Strategies at Liberty Hill Foundation, where she oversaw the foundation’s boys and men of color program and the foundation’s LGBTQ grant strategy. Before Liberty Hill, Tamika worked at Young Invincibles as the California Director. As the CA Director, she was responsible for the development of all of Young Invincibles’ programs in California. Tamika was responsible for building out Young Invincibles’ operations on the West Coast and grew the office to the largest regional office outside of their DC headquarters. She transitioned to policy work after litigating for three years as an employment lawyer at Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center.

She received her J.D. in 2009 from Stanford Law School, and in 2006 received her B.A. in Psychology and B.S. in Sociology in her hometown of Omaha, Nebraska. Tamika currently serves as the co-chair of the National Center for Lesbian Rights Board of Directors, serves as the Institute Co-Director of the New Leaders Council - Los Angeles, and is an advisory board member for the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center’s Fair Play for Girls in Sports program.

Gwendolyn Flynn  
Community Health Councils

Ms. Flynn is the Policy Director with Community Health Councils, a non-profit community-based, health policy advocacy organization in Los Angeles, California. Her background includes more than ten years experience addressing social justice issues in various capacities. She joined the staff of Community Health Councils, Inc. in 2001 working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s national REACH initiative to eliminate chronic disease disparities in racial and ethnic populations. One of her responsibilities was to create and implement strategies that transform the community infrastructure, one component of the Project’s comprehensive efforts to reduce cardiovascular disease (CVD) and diabetes disparities in the African American communities of South Los Angeles County. As Policy Director, she oversees efforts that improve access to nutritious food and physical activity opportunities through polices that change institutional practices, promote local investment, and improve existing resources in South Los Angeles. Ms. Flynn represents Community Health Councils on various committees and boards including Roots of Change Stewardship Council, the Food Commons, California Convergence, Los Angeles Food Policy Council and is an American Public Health Association member.