

Displacement and gentrification's impact on transportation, Part 2

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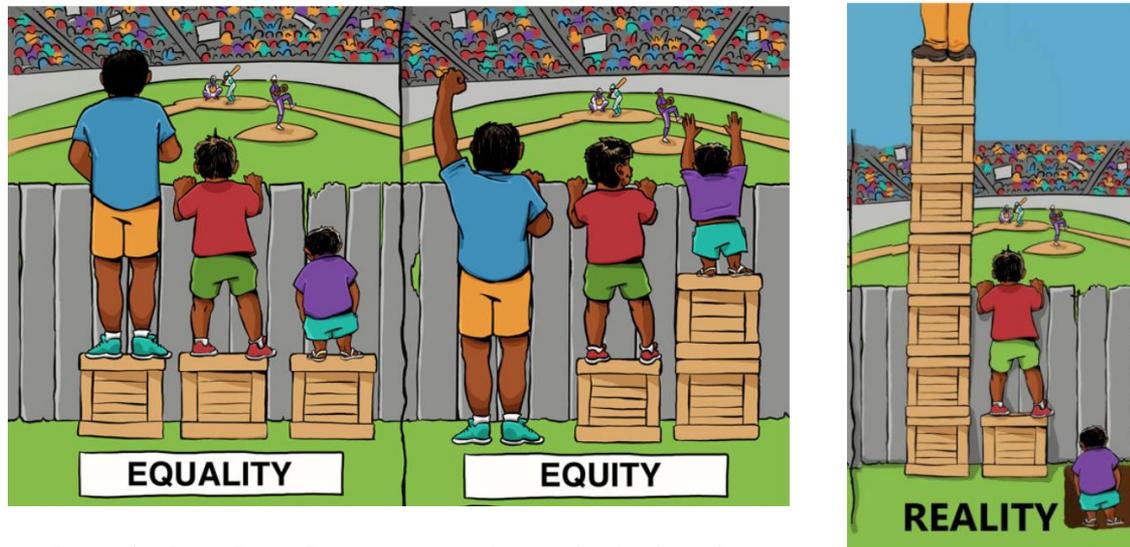
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What Is Equity?

Equity is just and fair inclusion into a society in which all can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential.

Equity requires recognizing systemic and institutional barriers to resources and opportunities and acting to dismantle barriers, level the playing field, and expand opportunities.



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Three critical guiding questions:

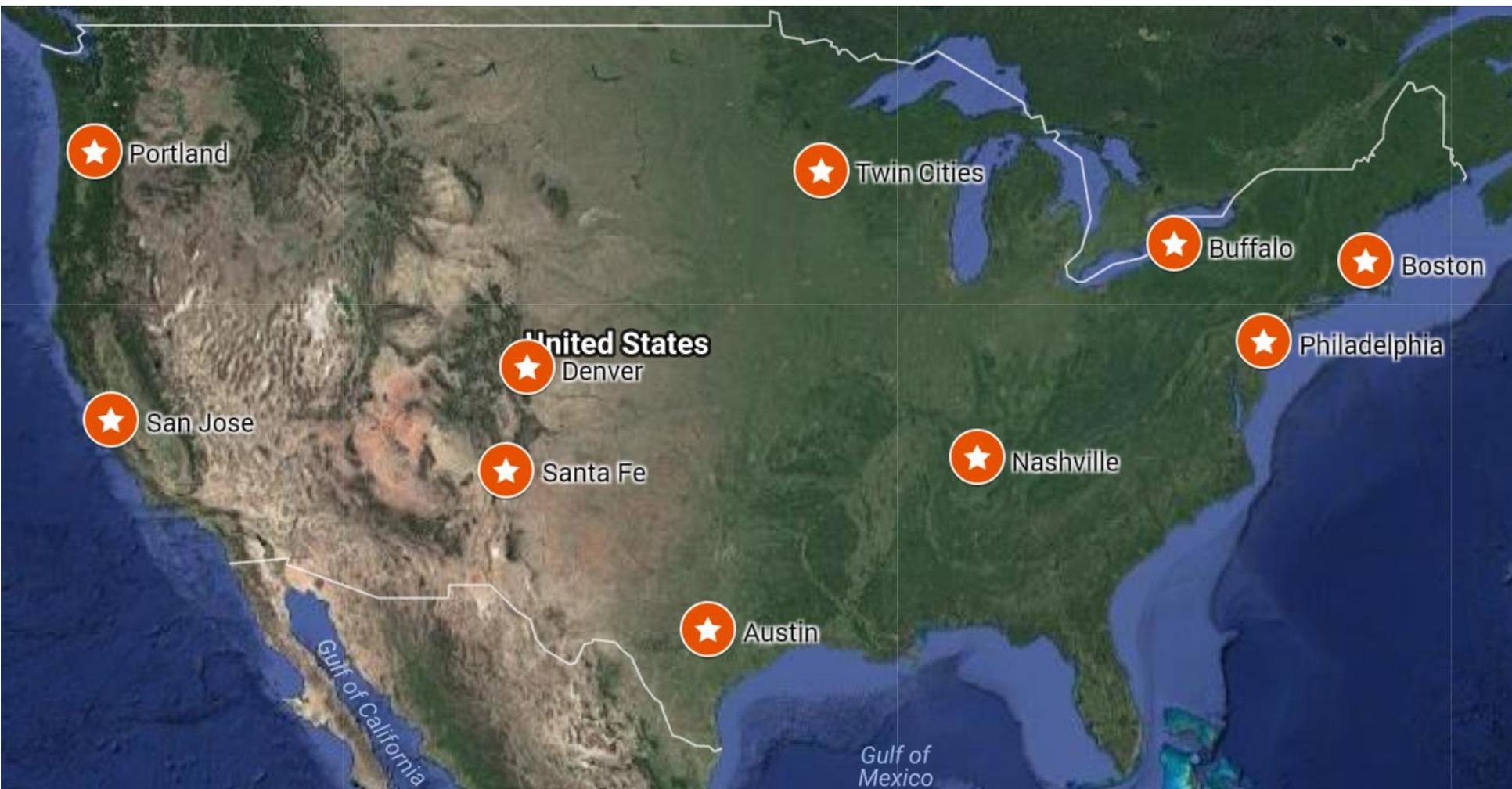
- **Who benefits?**
- **Who pays?**
- **Who decides?**



All-In Cities: Framework

1. **Grow good jobs**
2. **Increase economic security and mobility**
3. **Cultivate home grown talent**
4. **Create healthy opportunity rich neighborhoods**
5. ***Increase affordable housing while preventing displacement***
6. **Expand democracy and justice**

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Defining displacement

“Displacement is about power. Power over the market, over policy, over the meaning of place. Displacement is the erasure of cultural meaning.”

-- Manuel Pastor, University of Southern California

Drivers of displacement

Direct

Who has been forced to leave?

- Eminent domain
- Eviction, foreclosure, habitability
- Incarceration

Economic

Who can afford to live here?

- Rent gaps/rising land values
- Outside investments
- Speculation

Cultural

Who belongs?

- Cultural and religious events, institutions
- Local businesses, goods, services
- Policing and gentrification

Climate

Who is at risk from climate events?

- Green infrastructure investments
- Extreme events readiness and response
- Resilience and recovery

A framework for addressing displacement

1. Center those most impacted
2. Acknowledge and amend past wrongs (reparations)
3. Advance housing as a human right
4. Build community wealth and ownership

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Where to start

- 1. Timing is everything!** Put protections in place before projects start.
2. Partner with housing/tenant organizations active in your community.
3. Be explicit about racial equity – Who benefits? Who pays? Who decides?

Thank you!

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