

6 WINS FOR SOCIAL EQUITY NETWORK: OUR 2021 VISION FOR A JUST BAY AREA

The **6 Wins for Social Equity Network** (6 Wins) strives to build a region where tenants, workers, and low-income communities of color have the decision-making power and resources we need to thrive. Our strength comes in working together as a coalition of grassroots labor, environment, faith-based, tenant-organizing groups, and policy advocates to develop intersectional solutions and campaigns.

Since 2010, 6 Wins has amplified the relationships between regional development patterns, climate justice, and racial justice and advocated for regional solutions to these interconnected inequities. Ten years later, we are facing an unprecedented confluence of crises during the COVID-19 pandemic: public health, racial injustice, economic inequality, and government austerity. We are working to rebuild the systems that have failed during these crises to ensure that they will be equitable, racially just, and environmentally sustainable.

6 Wins is a coalition of 20+ organizations, including: Breakthrough Communities, Center for Sustainable Neighborhoods, Council of Community Housing Organizations, East Bay Housing Organizations, Monument Impact, North Bay Organizing Project, Public Advocates, Sacred Heart Community Service, Urban Habitat, and Working Partnerships USA.

OUR PRIORITIES

- Ensure reliable, affordable, and safe public transportation
- Protect tenants and invest in neighborhoods without displacing longtime residents
- Produce affordable housing across the region
- Assure quality jobs and healthy neighborhoods
- Build community power and advance racial justice



ENSURE RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE, & SAFE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Transit ridership has fallen dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic, while state and local revenues for transit operations declined. Transit, however, is more important than ever, with frontline workers and transit-dependent residents relying on transit to get to essential workplaces and resources. The federal government has provided emergency transit operating support in 2020, but it will not be enough to ensure that transit survives this crisis.

The 6 Wins Network, through the Voices for Public Transportation Coalition, is advocating to:

- Make transit **safe for workers and riders**.
- Ensure local and regional capital funds are available for **emergency transit operating assistance** to preserve our transit systems from near term collapse.
- Fight for **progressive new revenues** (including a regional funding measure) to realize a long-term Green New Deal for Public Transportation.

PROTECT TENANTS & INVEST IN NEIGHBORHOODS WITHOUT DISPLACING LONGTIME RESIDENTS

Rising housing costs, job concentration, and new investment flows, combined with the legacy of disinvestment, has contributed to the resegregation of the Bay Area by pushing communities of color out of sensitive, inner core neighborhoods to the edges of the region. The pandemic has only made clearer that to ensure everyone's health, we need to keep tenants in their homes through stronger tenant protections and bold, tenant-driven strategies for preserving existing affordable housing.

To avoid a redux of the 2008-09 economic and foreclosure crisis, where corporate landlords and Wall Street consolidated power over the rental market, we need to:

- **Extend eviction moratoriums** at local levels to keep tenants safe and healthy in their homes, and enact policies to ensure that vulnerable renters are not saddled with rent or consumer debt over the long term, which would destabilize families and communities.

- Launch the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority in a way that supports **tenant protections and affordable housing preservation** through financing, technical assistance, and data collection.
- Support the passage of **right of first purchase policies** to shift ownership to tenants, community land trusts, co-ops, and nonprofit developers, and work with local and regional agencies and philanthropy to fund acquisition-rehabilitation and related costs.

PRODUCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACROSS THE REGION

Even before the pandemic, many Bay Area residents, particularly low-income communities of color, were already struggling to keep their homes due to rising housing costs. To keep everyone healthy and safe, our region needs substantially more affordable homes. We need to:

- Ensure that Plan Bay Area 2050, the Regional Housing Needs Allocation, and the new Bay Area Housing Finance Authority plan for and invest in affordable housing across the region. Exclusionary areas are legally required to affirmatively further fair housing by planning for their fair share of affordable housing **to combat racial segregation and preventing the over-concentration of luxury development in communities that are at-risk** of gentrification and displacement.
- **Invest in and incentivize affordable housing production for households making 80% of AMI or less**; for example, award One Bay Area Grant money to jurisdictions that meet affordable housing and anti-displacement targets and policies.
- Work with local jurisdictions to **comply with the strengthened Surplus Land Act and use public land** to provide deeply affordable housing to the residents who most need it.

ASSURE QUALITY JOBS & HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS

Due to the pandemic, millions of service and gig workers have lost their jobs. Others are essential workers who continue to go to work every day and risk exposing themselves and their families to COVID-19. Even before that, land use and zoning decisions had forced these workers, who are disproportionately Black and Brown, to live in neighborhoods with environmental hazards.

To improve the health of our low-income communities of color, we need to:

- Support an **essential worker fund** for transit workers to provide personal protective equipment and additional sick leave and family leave. Invest significantly in public transit, and walking and biking infrastructure, through Plan Bay Area 2050 to support good union jobs and healthy neighborhoods.
- **Invest significantly in public transit, and walking and biking infrastructure**, through Plan Bay Area 2050 to support good union jobs and healthy neighborhoods.

BUILD COMMUNITY POWER & ADVANCE RACIAL JUSTICE

We are in a new phase of reckoning with the past and present of anti-Black racism in this country, along with other forms of race- and class-based inequities. 6 Wins stands in solidarity with the Movement for Black Lives.

To build community power for housing justice, we need to:

- **Shift local budget priorities** to move funding from policing to chronically disinvested social programs and community priorities, like affordable housing and parks.
- **Move land and housing out of the speculative market and into community control** by pushing for the ownership of distressed properties by nonprofit affordable housing developers, community land trusts, co-ops, and tenants, especially Black and Brown-led organizations.
- Ensure that **public land is used for the public good** by developing revenue strategies for funding public investments, such as affordable housing and other community needs, on public lands and keeping them off the private markets.

6 Wins is a coalition of 20+ organizations, including: Breakthrough Communities, Center for Sustainable Neighborhoods, Council of Community Housing Organizations, East Bay Housing Organizations, Monument Impact, North Bay Organizing Project, Public Advocates, Sacred Heart Community Service, Urban Habitat, and Working Partnerships USA.

Learn more: bit.ly/6WinsNetwork