

# California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy

## HEALTH EQUITY METRIC



# OVERVIEW OF HEALTH EQUITY METRIC

1. **Equity Measure**-County must ensure that test positivity rates in most disadvantaged neighborhoods is not significantly higher than overall county positivity rate
2. **Targeted Investments**-County must demonstrate how they are using COVID-19 funding to help the most disadvantaged neighborhoods
3. **Improving Data Collection and Reporting of Race and Ethnicity Data**-State will publicly post county level data on race and ethnicity: testing, case rates and deaths



# EQUITY MEASURE IN DETAIL

- The Equity Measure is based on the Healthy Places Index (HPI)
- The indicators that determine HPI score are:

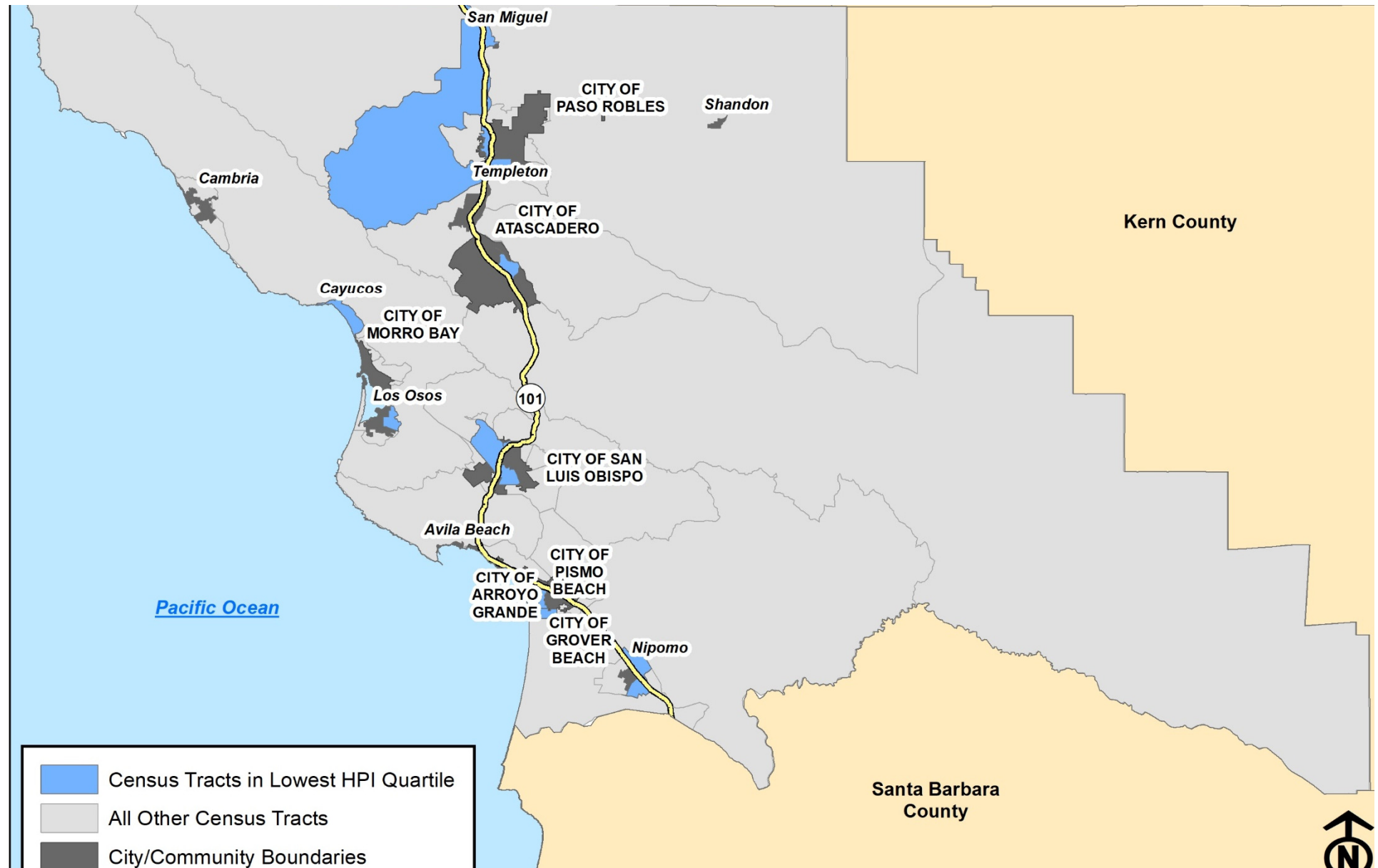
<u>Economic</u> 32%	<u>Education</u> 19%	<u>Transportation</u> 16%	<u>Social</u> 10%	<u>Neighborhood</u> 8%	<u>Housing</u> 5%	<u>Clean Environment</u> 5%	<u>Healthcare Access</u> 5%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Employed</li><li>• Income</li><li>• Above Poverty</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In Pre- School</li><li>• In High School</li><li>• Bachelor's Education or Higher</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Automobile Access</li><li>• Active Commuting</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two Parent Household</li><li>• Voting in 2012</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Retail Density</li><li>• Park Access</li><li>• Tree Canopy</li><li>• Supermarket Access</li><li>• Alcohol Outlets</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low-Income Renter Severe Housing Cost Burden</li><li>• Low-Income Homeowner Severe Housing Cost Burden</li><li>• Housing Habitability</li><li>• Uncrowded Housing</li><li>• Homeownership</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ozone</li><li>• PM 2.5</li><li>• Diesel PM</li><li>• Water Contaminants</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Insured Adults</li></ul>

- The HPI divides census tracts into four quartiles statewide
- County has list of census tracts in the bottom quartile for SLO county



# SLO COUNTY BOTTOM QUARTILE CENSUS TRACTS

- 12 census tracts that fall into the bottom quartile countywide



# EQUITY MEASURE IN DETAIL

County Risk Level	Adjusted Case Rate (Daily new cases per 100K)	Positivity Rate: Entire County	Positivity Rate: Health Equity Quartile
Purple : Widespread	More than 7	More than 8%	
Red: Substantial	4 - 7	5 - 8%	5.3 – 8%
Orange: Moderate	1- 3.9	2 – 4.9%	2.2 – 5.2%
Yellow: Minimal	Less than 1	Less than 2%	Less than 2.2%

The equity metric will not be considered as a factor in whether a county needs to move to a more restrictive tier.



# SLO COUNTY BOTTOM QUARTILE CENSUS TRACTS DATA

- Of 3,059\* cases countywide (cumulative totals through 10/18), 1186 cases (39%) lived in the bottom quartile census tracts
- Between 10/4-10/18 there were 221 total positive tests countywide and 107 of those (52%) lived in the bottom quartile census tracts
- From the State's last reporting period (10/4-10/10) the positivity rate for bottom quartile census tracts is 4.0 compared to the overall county rate of 2.0

\* The Equity Metric excludes 5 census tracts, including Cal Poly and CMC, so the cumulative number of cases is lower than what the County dashboard reflects.



# MOVING FORWARD-HOW TO BRING DOWN POSITIVITY RATE IN BOTTOM QUARTILE

1. Create Equity Taskforce
2. Develop plan based on State Equity Playbook that may include the following strategies:
  - Testing, contact tracing, isolation support, data, communication, language access and cultural competency, community and stakeholder engagement
3. Implement strategies in bottom quartile census tracts

