

## ***Health Impact Assessments:***

### *How Communities and Government Can Work Together to Improve Community Design*

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# POLL #1

I am attending this Web Forum:

- a) Individually
- b) In a group of 2-5 people
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- d) In a group of 11 or more people

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Work Together to Improve Community Design

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## Matthew Marsom

Director of Public Policy, PHI

As Director of Public Health Policy and Advocacy for the Public Health Institute (PHI), Matthew is responsible for designing and implementing PHI strategy for monitoring and influencing public policy, legislation and regulations affecting PHI projects and public health policy relevant to PHI interests.

Matthew was previously Chief of the Policy, Partnerships and Planning Unit within the Cancer Prevention and Nutrition Section of the California Department of Public Health, where he provided support for policy development, legislative analysis and government relations, and oversaw the policy and partnership activities of the *Network for a Healthy California*.



## Andrew Dannenberg, MD, MPH

Team Lead, Healthy Community Design Initiative  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
National Center for Environmental Health

Andrew Dannenberg is Team Lead for the Healthy Community Design Initiative where he oversees activities in NCEH related to examining the health aspects of community design including land use, transportation, urban planning, and other issues related to the built environment.

He has a particular focus on the use of a health impact assessment as a tool to inform community planners about the health consequences of their decisions. In addition to his work at the CDC, Dannenberg serves as an adjunct professor of epidemiology and of environmental and occupational health at the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health.



## **Gil Kelley**

Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Metropolitan Studies  
Lincoln Loeb Fellow, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Gil Kelley is an urban and strategic planning consultant based in Portland, OR advising city, county and regional governments on strategies for addressing climate change, sustainable urban development and organizational aspects of local planning and development functions. Prior to this, Gil served as Director of Planning for the City of Portland for 9 years and as Director of Planning and Development for the City of Berkeley, California for 10 years.

Gil will be a Lincoln/Loeb Fellow at the Harvard University School of Design this year and is at work on a publication entitled "The Intentional City".



## **Rajiv Bhatia, MD, PhD**

Director of Occupational and Environmental Health,  
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Rajiv Bhatia has served as the Director of Occupational and Environmental Health for the San Francisco Department of Public Health since 1998, where he has developed and implemented environmental health policy for San Francisco, broadening his agency's environmental health practice to extend to labor rights, working conditions, housing design, land use and transportation policy and planning, and community foods resources.

Rajiv has been a pioneer in the field of health impact assessment (HIA) and teaches a graduate course on the health impacts of public policy at the University of California at Berkeley and regularly conducts HIA trainings for peers, public institutions, and community organizations.



## Jonathan Heller, Ph.D.

Director, Co-Founder  
Human Impact Partners

Jonathan Heller is the co-founder and Director of Human Impact Partners. At HIP, he has worked collaboratively on many Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) including HIAs on the built environment (e.g., general plan updates, specific area plans, and development projects) and on other policies (e.g., paid sick days legislation).

Prior to HIP, Jonathan worked for nine years in the biotechnology industry. Jonathan received his bachelors degree from Harvard University. He spent 1990 and 1991 in the Peace Corps in Papua New Guinea. Upon his return, Jonathan got his doctorate at University of California, Berkeley in Biophysics, where he was a Howard Hughes Pre-doctoral Fellow.



## Jennifer Lucky, MPH

Research Associate  
Human Impact Partners

Jennifer Lucky is a Research Associate at Human Impact Partners. In addition to conducting Health Impact Assessments, Jennifer currently leads HIP's HIA Training program, which aims to build capacity among community organizations, public agencies and other stakeholders to conduct HIA and apply findings and recommendations to effectively bring health to the forefront of decision-making.

Prior to her work with HIP Jennifer was involved with on a number of initiatives throughout the state that aimed to address environmental health and justice issues by bridging the gap between scientific research and community advocacy.

## POLL #2

How familiar are you with the concept of HIA?

- a) I've never heard of an HIA
- b) I've heard of an HIA, but never used one
- c) I occasionally use HIAs
- d) I wish I had more use for HIAs
- e) I deal with HIAs almost daily

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## POLL #3

Do you perceive a benefit to using HIAs in your or your organizations work?

- a) Not at all for my organization
- b) Not yet, though perhaps there are some benefits to be found
- c) Yes, though I haven't yet used an HIA
- d) Yes, I have used some HIAs
- e) Yes, HIAs are crucial to my work

## POLL #4

Would you be interested in an HIA training session to help incorporate HIAs in your own work?

- a) No thanks
- b) Possibly: keep me informed, please
- c) Absolutely! I'd sign up!

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