



# Health and Housing in Oakland:

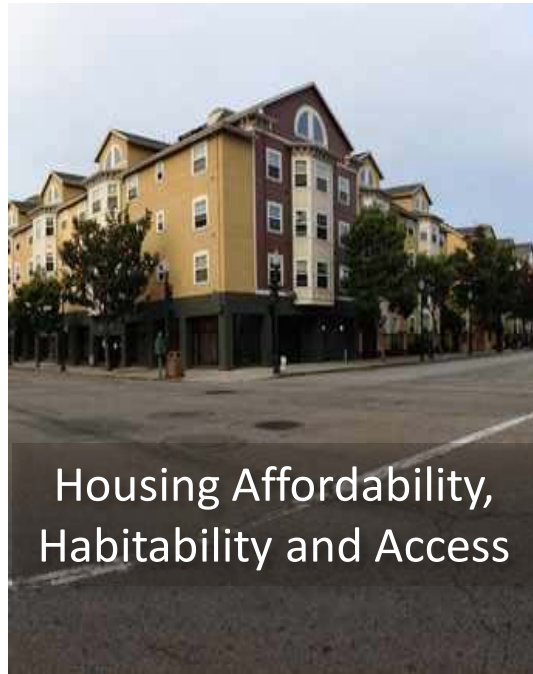
The need for comprehensive solutions to the housing crisis



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# Housing impacts health both directly and indirectly and in different ways.



Housing Affordability,  
Habitability and Access

Less disposable  
income



Poor nutrition  
& Lack of medical care

Stress



Heart disease  
Mental health disease,  
(Depression, Anxiety, etc.)

Overcrowding



Respiratory  
infections (TB)

Substandard  
conditions



Headaches, skin  
disease, asthma

Foreclosures and  
Displacement



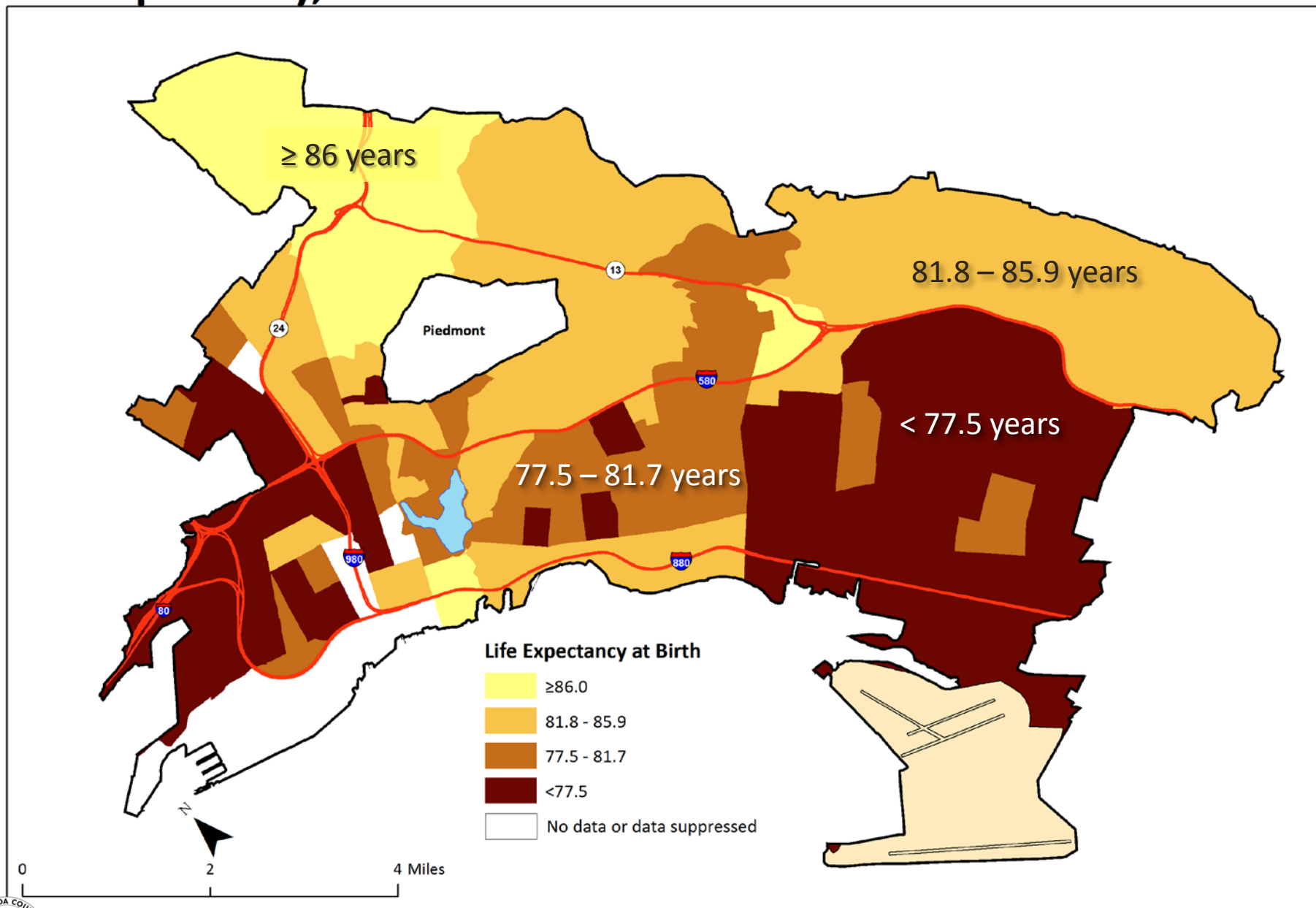
Stress & Blight  
Family instability

Homelessness



Poor health & wellbeing

# Life Expectancy, Oakland

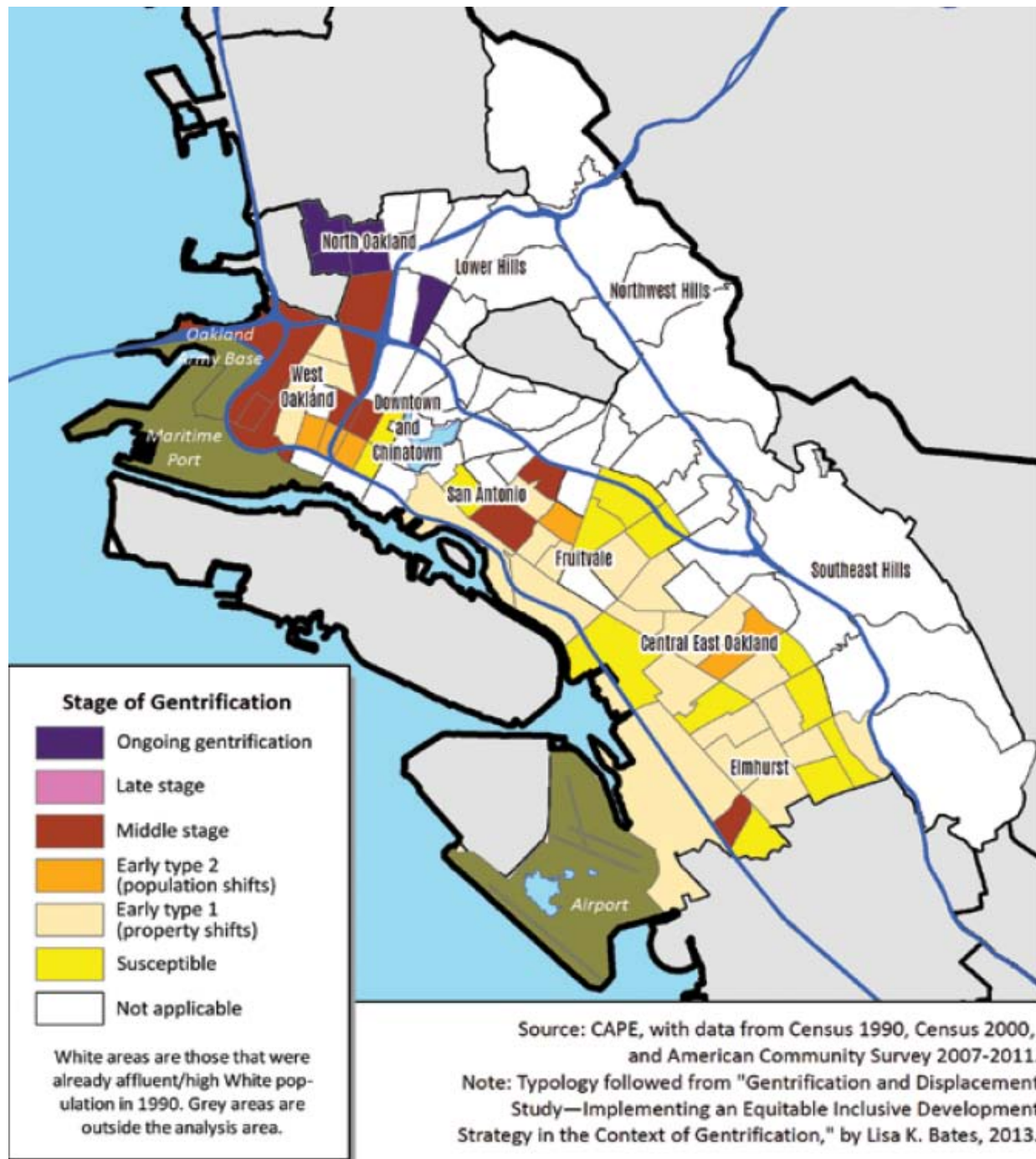


Source: CAPE, with data from Alameda County vital statistics files, 2011-2013.



Oakland is experiencing rapid change before our eyes.

Gentrification is happening at different stages in these same neighborhoods with lower life expectancy.



Source: Causa Justa:Just Cause's *Development without Displacement: Resisting Gentrification in the Bay Area*



# Public health impacts of gentrification are felt by individuals and in society.

## For longtime residents in gentrifying neighborhoods

- Overcrowding
- Rent burden
- Eviction
- Exclusion or alienation from new development
- Widening health inequities



## For those who are displaced

- Financial strain
- Disruption to work, school, and health care access
- Loss of community support networks
- Psychological distress
- Unhealthy relocation

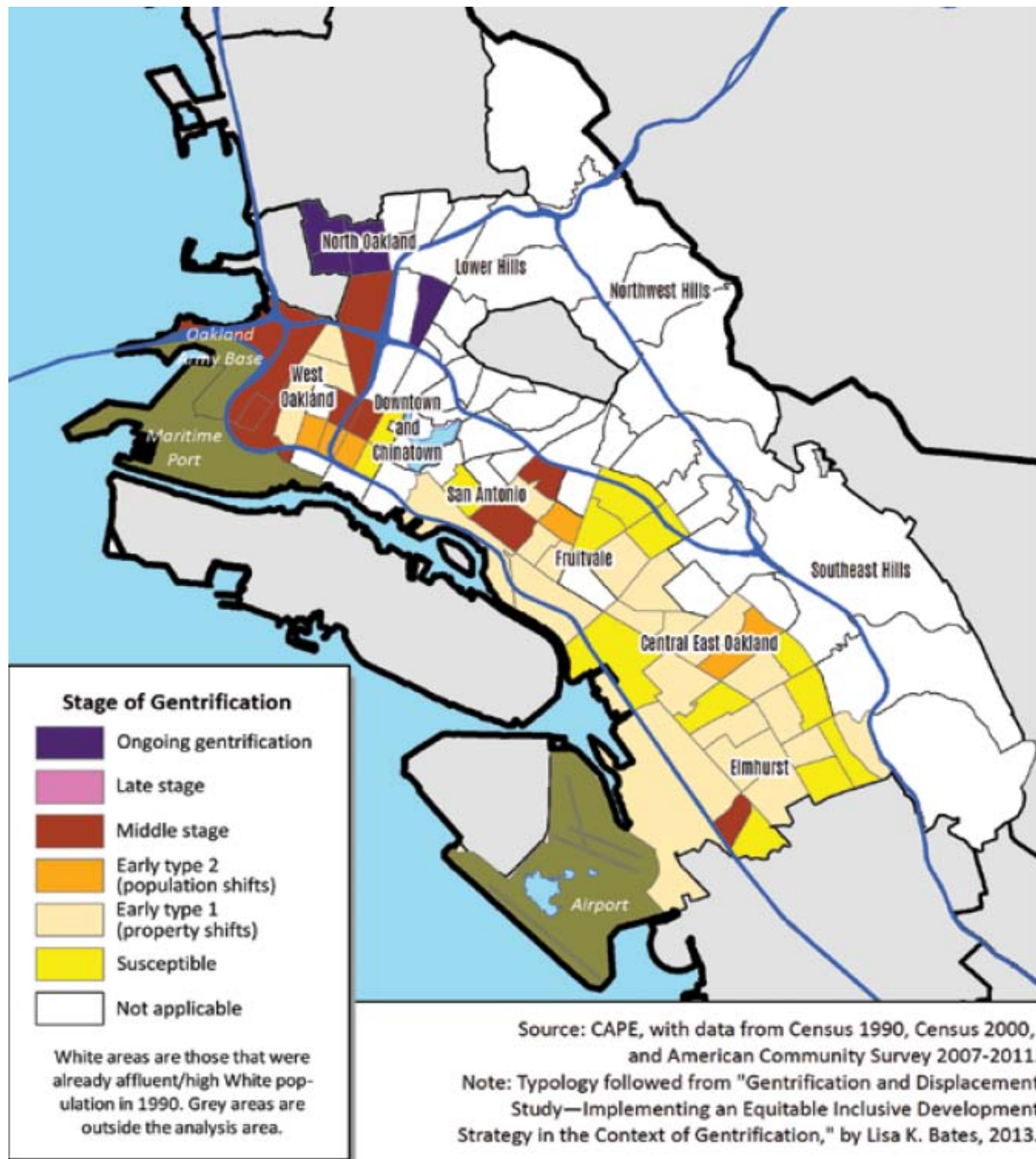


## For our broader society

- Increased driving and greenhouse gas emissions
- Resource strain on outlying areas of the region
- Increased segregation



City government can mitigate the short- and long-term negative impacts of both new development and market changes for both existing and new Oaklanders.



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# The Housing Equity Roadmap lays the foundation for many policy solutions.

- Protecting access to housing for all income levels (affordability)
- Protecting housing habitability
- Using public land for public benefit
- Using equity analyses to inform policy and drive action to “close the gaps”



Homes for All National Campaign Launch, Oakland