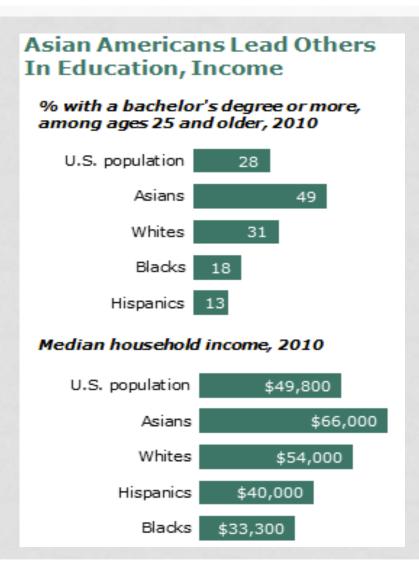
# INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON SURVEY RESULTS OF 500 ASIAN YOUTH IN OAKLAND

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## ASIAN AMERICANS, AT A GLANCE



Pew Research Center, June 2012 "The Rise of Asian Americans"

#### WHY WE DID THIS STUDY

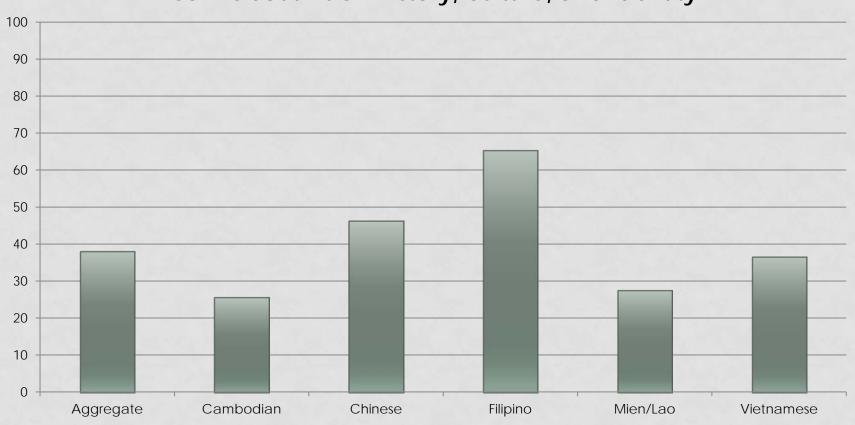
- Statistics on Asian Americans like that from the PEW Center don't seem to match the experiences that we as Asian Americans are having in Oakland
- In particular, for Southeast Asians, over 60% never attending college, and many living below poverty (CARE, 2011)
- AYPAL, Banteay Srei, and The Spot Youth Center wanted to track data ourselves to get a clear picture of what the experience of Asian and Pacific Islander (API) youth in Oakland is like

#### **RESULTS**

- The survey covers Likert scale responses for culture and climate in the following categories:
  - School
  - Economic
  - Personal
  - Neighborhood
- Data is also informed by a focus group conducted at Oakland High School with a group of 5 youth
- Data was tracked and disaggregated into these API sub-ethnicities: Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Mien/Lao, and Vietnamese

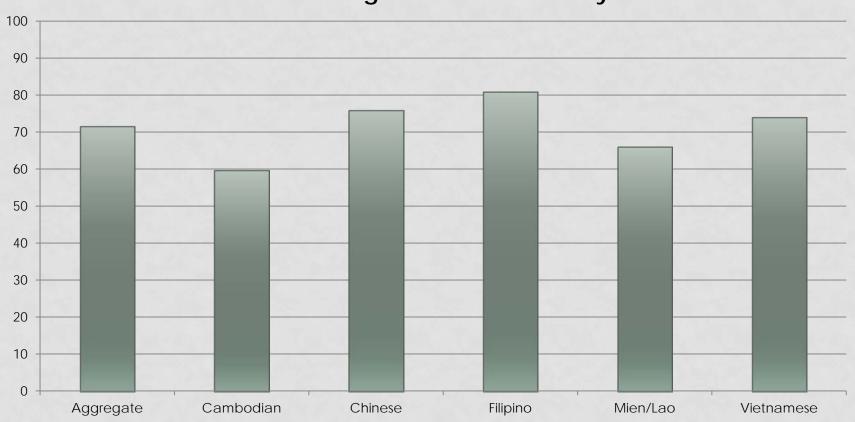
## SCHOOL SURVEY DATA

#### Learn about Asian history, culture, and identity



### SCHOOL SURVEY DATA

#### Feel College and Career ready



#### SUPPORTING DATA

• This is a concern because 46% of Cambodian and Laotion youth do not continue their education after high school.

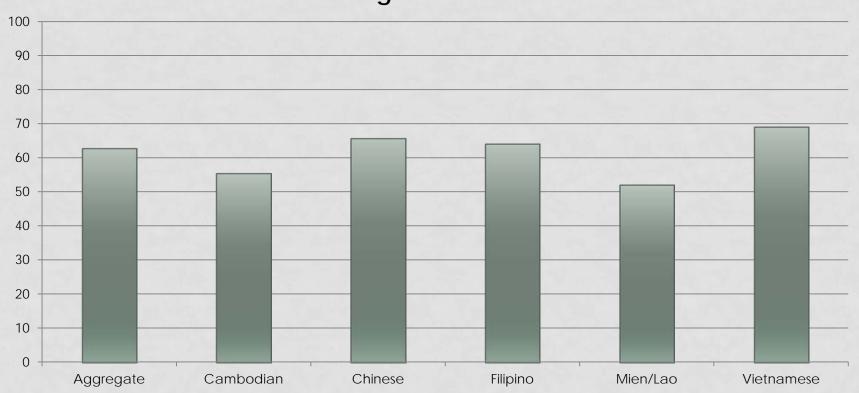
(Huzhong, 2015)

#### RELEVANT FOCUS GROUP DATA

 "Asians in particular are picked on a lot, and I feel that a lot of them don't have a voice".
 (Person 6)

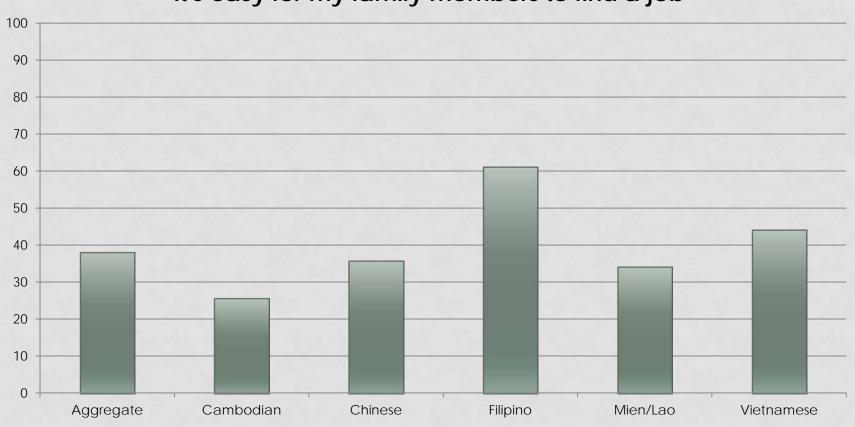
# **ECONOMIC SURVEY DATA**

# My family doesn't have enough money to eat, or buy groceries



# **ECONOMIC SURVEY DATA**

#### It's easy for my family members to find a job



#### SUPPORTING DATA

- This is a concern because:
  - 13% of Vietnamese
  - 14% of Laotions
  - And 24% of Cambodians

Live in poverty in CA

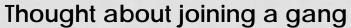
 Compared to 10% of total families living in poverty in CA

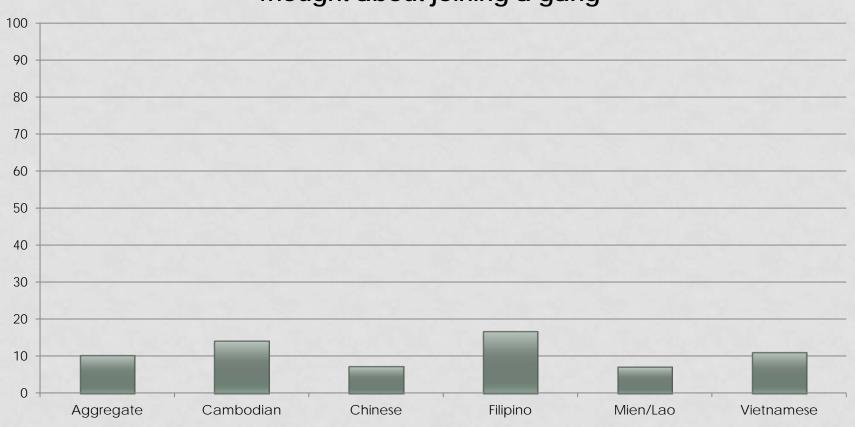
(SEARAC, 2011)

#### RELEVANT FOCUS GROUP DATA

 "It puts a lot of pressure on me because I come from a family of 9. It puts a lot of pressure on me [be]cause now I gotta get good grades, and go to a good college to try and get a job and get money. It's kinda stressful too, but it's motivation [be]cause it pushes me through school and hardships and teaches me lessons." (Person 5)

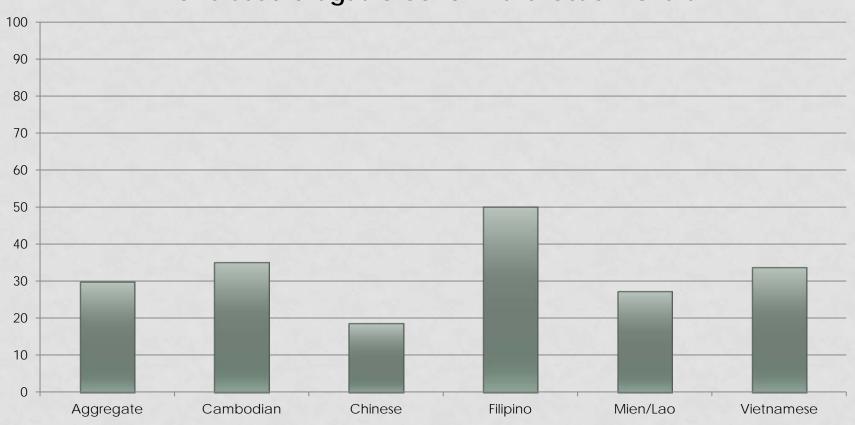
#### PERSONAL SURVEY DATA





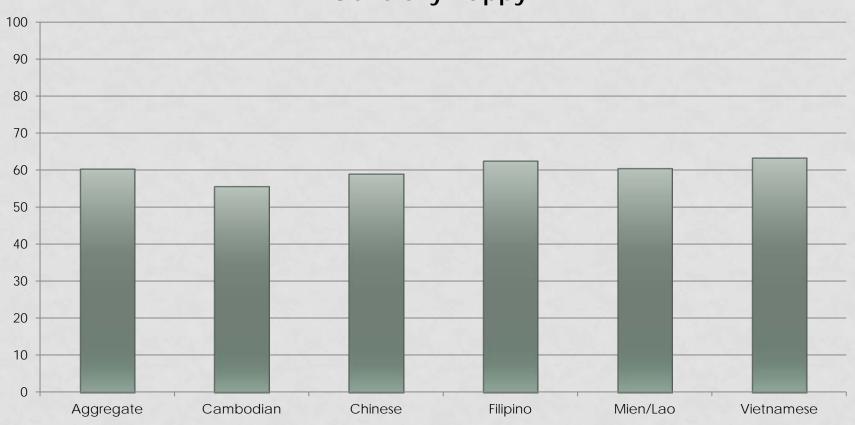
#### PERSONAL SURVEY DATA

#### Have used drugs / alcohol in the last 6 months



### PERSONAL SURVEY DATA





#### SUPPORTING DATA

- This is a concern because 40% of Southeast Asian refugee families suffer from depression
- 70% of Southeast Asian refugee families suffer from PTSD

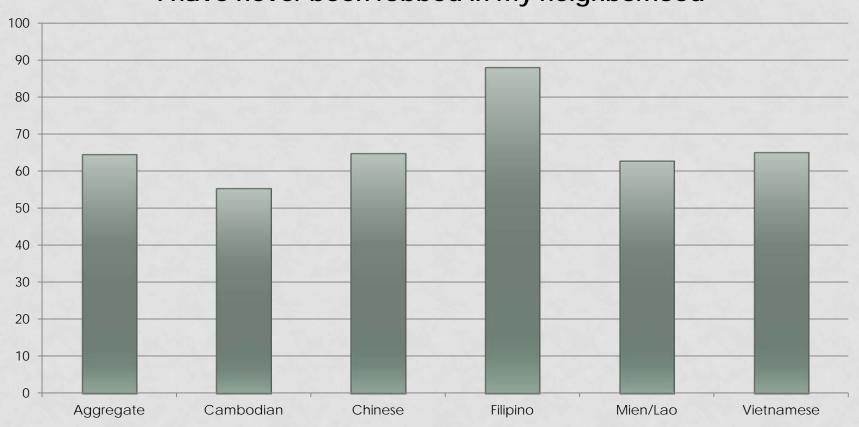
(NIH, 2006)

#### RELEVANT FOCUS GROUP DATA

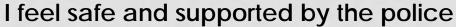
 "I have a friend, who I talked to for over 4 years and she felt like she didn't have anyone to talk to. She didn't have anywhere to go, and now she's somebody who sells themselves. She doesn't see a way out of it, she dropped out of high school. She thinks it's really hard to back in[to] school." (Person 4)

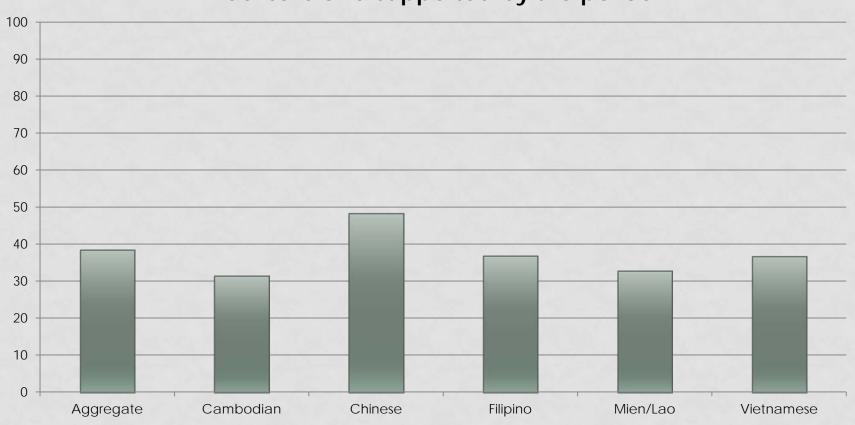
### NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY DATA

#### I have never been robbed in my neighborhood



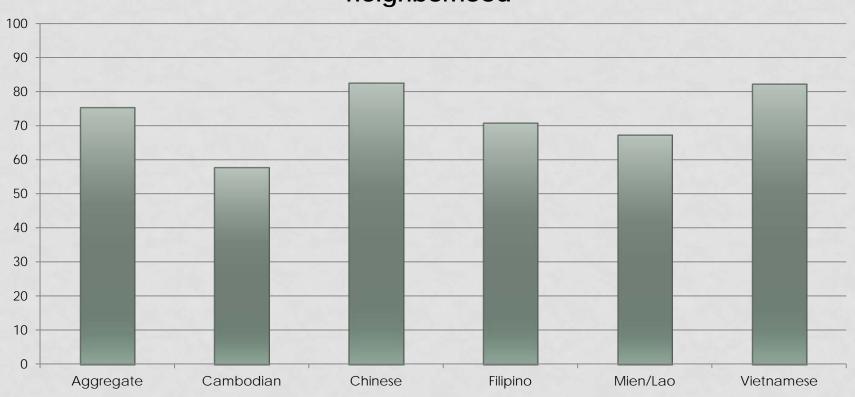
### NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY DATA





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# My family can buy fresh and affordable food in my neighborhood



#### SUPPORTING DATA

 This is a concern since 50% of poor Asian Americans live in the highest rent cities nationally

(NATIONAL CAPACD, 2013)

### RELEVANT FOCUS GROUP DATA

 "My next door neighbor got robbed [by] a group of three men. [They] came in and tied them to chairs and took all their belongings. They're Cambodian, they don't know how to speak [English] and were also old, so like they're easily targeted so the [three men] invaded their house." (Person 6)

#### **CONCLUSION**

- "We don't fix what we don't know" Mayor Libby Schaaf (2016) regarding data tracking in the city at a recent My Brother Keeper city wide convening of which AYPAL was a participant
- This data set reveals the need for having a process to look at specific, disaggregated data, not just for the API community, but all underrepresented communities

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Disaggregated data tracking city wide
- Culturally competent vocational training targeted to non-English speaking populations
- Increased support for education and mental health services and programs within the Oakland Unified School District
- Prioritizing budget resources for city spaces serving underrepresented populations (e.g. Lincoln Recreational Center)