Join the Movement

Blue Zones Project

FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES





Our Mission: To improve well-being

"Health is the state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."

> Preamble to the Constitution of the **World Health Organization** as adopted by the International Health Conference, June 1946



Individuals • Experts • Social Connections • Environment • Policy



Blue Zones Areas





Presented by

Thriving Into Their Later Years





Blue Zones[®] Areas



In Blue Zones areas, people share a common lifestyle, diet and outlook that leads to better **quantity** and **quality** of life.



Blue Zones Power 9[®]

Move Naturally

1. Make daily physical activity an unavoidable part of your environment

Right Outlook

- 2. Know your purpose
- 3. Downshift: work less, slow down, take vacations

Eat Wisely

- 4. Eat until 80% full
- 5. More veggies, less meat & processed food
- 6. Drink a glass of red wine each day

Belong

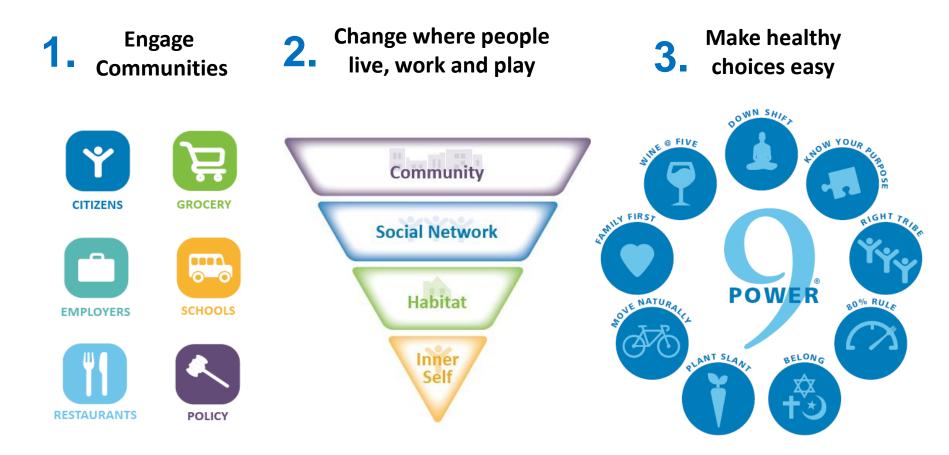
- 7. Create a healthy social network
- 8. Connect/reconnect with religion
- 9. Prioritize family



Lifelong Friends in a Moai









Blue Zones Project[™] Certification





25% of grocery stores designated Blue Zones Grocery Stores™



25% of schools designated Blue Zones Schools™



Adopt recommended policies and complete recommended projects





Why the Beach Cities?

Beach Cities Pilot Site











Key Selection Factors:

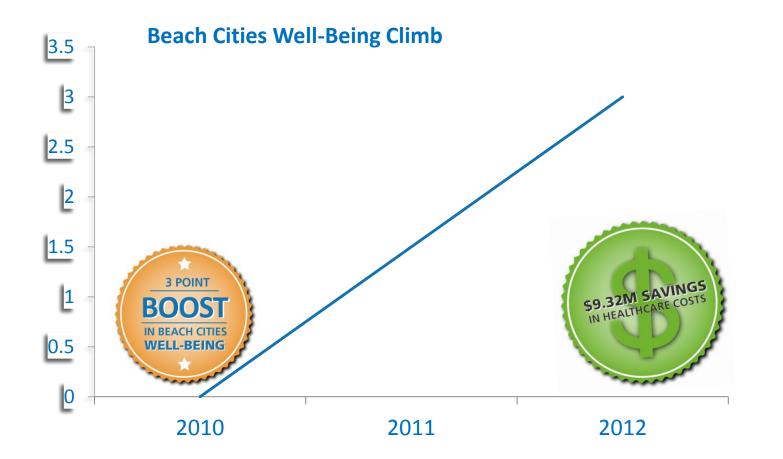
- Readiness, motivation and leadership
- Strong partner for innovation with the Beach Cities Health District (BCHD)
- A diverse and aging population (Silver Tsunami)
- Opportunities to improve walkability, bikeability and emotional health
- High profile media near Los Angeles





Three Years Later







Dramatic Well-Being Improvement Results!

"The positive well-being trend in the Beach Cities is both authentic and impressive. The rate at which the community has improved since 2010 far surpasses what has been measured in the large majority of other communities nationwide.

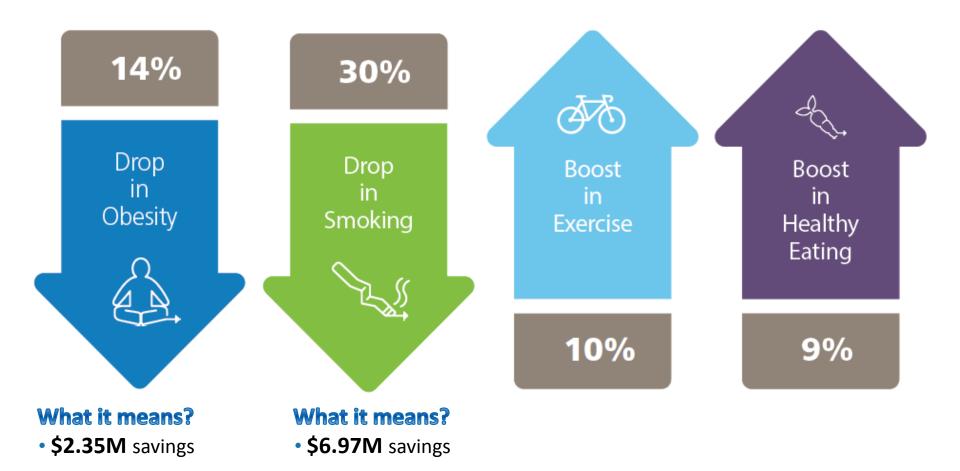
Given the timing of this progress, we believe the Blue Zones Project has been a strong driver of the Beach Cities success."

-Dan Witters, Principal at Gallup-





Well-Being Jump by the Numbers!







Community Policy



City Commitment

POLICY





Beach Cities Health District

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complete recommended projects

Community Policy Pledge



| BLUE ZONES PROJECT | | | |
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| EALTHY EATING AND ACTIVE LIVING POLICY, continued | URRENTLY DOING | POINTS | WILL DO |
| . Increase access to fresh water drinking fountains. | | 1 | |
| . Restrict mobile vending of unhealthy foods near schools & public playgrounds. | | 1 | |
| Create policies to increase Healthy Mobile Markets. | | 1 | |
| Establish zoning to limit density and location of fast food establishments. | | з | |
| . Prohibit establishment of new fast food drive-thrus. | | 1 | |
| Establish land use protections for community gardens and farmers markets. | | 1 | |
| . Provide incentives to attract supermarkets/grocery stores to underserved neighborhoods. | | 1 | |
| . Establish a healthy food and beverage policy at city-sponsored youth sporting events. | | 1 | |
| Adopt a written worksite breastfeeding policy that provides space and time for breastfeeding for city employees. | | 1 | |

TOTAL POINTS HEALTHY EATING AND ACTIVE LIVING POLICY:





Built Environment Projects

- ✓ Bicycle Master Plan project
- ✓ Pedestrian Master Plan project
- ✓ Complete Streets project
- ✓ Safe Routes to School project
- ✓ New Community Garden
- ✓ Urban Greening project







N. Harbor Drive Cycle Track Project



by HEALTHWAYS Presented by s Health District

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Why Complete/Living Streets Policies?

- AB 1358: California Complete Streets Act of 2008
- 10 Elements of a Strong Complete Streets Policy
- 1. Vision and intent: The policy outlines a vision for how and why the community wants to complete its streets.
- 2. All users and modes: The policy specifies that "all users" includes pedestrians, bicyclists and transit passengers of all ages and abilities, as well as trucks, buses and automobiles.
- **3.** All projects and phases: Both new and retrofit projects are subject to the policy, including design, planning, maintenance and operations, for the entire right-of-way.
- 4. Clear, accountable exceptions: Any exceptions are specified and must be approved by a high-level official.
- 5. Network: The policy encourages street connectivity and creates a comprehensive, integrated and connected network for all modes across the network.
- 6. Jurisdiction: All other agencies can clearly understand the policy and may be involved in the process.
- 7. **Design:** The policy recommends the latest and best design criteria and guidelines, while recognizing the need for flexibility in balancing user needs.
- 8. Context sensitivity: Community context is considered in planning and design solutions.
- 9. Performance measures: Performance standards with measurable outcomes are included.
- 10. Implementation next steps: Specific next steps for implementing the policy are described.



Living Streets Policy Drafting Workshop







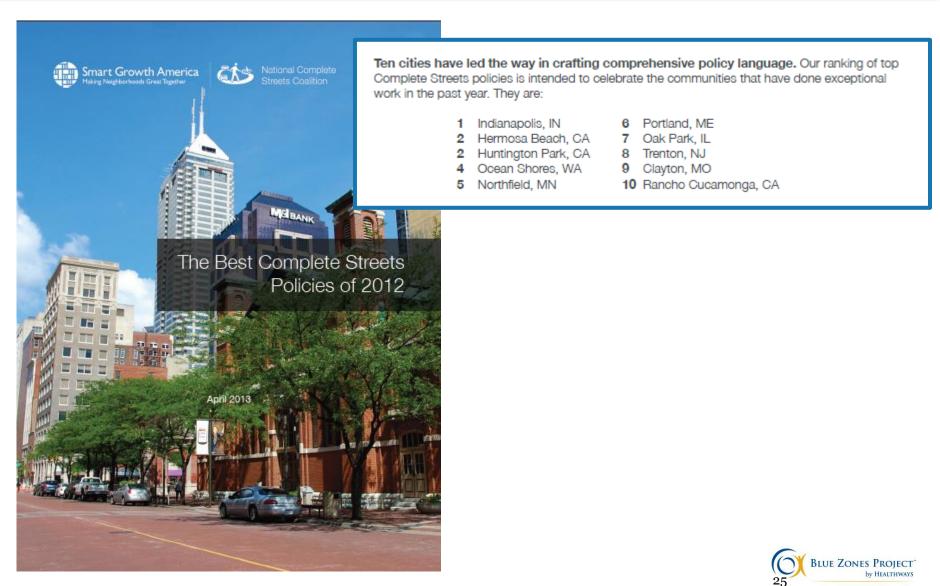
Different Cities, Different Approaches

- Ordinance: Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach
 - *Pros*: Favorable for grant funding, stand-alone document signifies importance, easier for advocates to refer to
 - Cons: May face implementation challenges
- Mobility Element: Manhattan Beach
 - Pros: More implementation "teeth"
 - Cons: May be less favorable for grant funding

Best case: Adopt as ordinance AND incorporate into General Plan



Hermosa Beach's Policy is 2nd in the Country!



Hermosa Beach Achieves Designation



