



## **General Membership Meeting**

**Friday, February 16, 2018**

**10:00AM -12:00PM**

**Alameda County Public Health Department**

**1000 Broadway, Room 5000B, Oakland, CA 94607**

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### **Traffic Fines, Asset Stripping, & Health Equity**

California's traffic fines and fees are some of the highest in the country, and new data shows that current California policies disproportionately impact people of color and middle and low income families. Fees associated with the traffic offenses are one part of the overall financial burden. Those who cannot afford to pay a fine for a traffic citation face harsh consequences: experiencing license suspension, arrest, jail, wage garnishment, towing of their vehicles, and job loss—for the same minor offenses.

The Lawyers' Committee For Civil Rights found that Bay Area traffic fines are having far-reaching health equity impact, resulting in suspended licenses and a host of other consequences that create barriers to employment. Since jobs increasingly require drivers' licenses, these suspensions make it harder for families to find economic stability. Ultimately, fees keep people in long cycles of poverty that are difficult if not impossible for many to overcome.

#### **Speaker:**

- Elisa Della-Pianna, Legal Director for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of SF Bay Area

#### **Objectives:**

- Deepen our understanding of the impact of traffic fines and fees on healthy equity and employment
- Learn about recent fine and fee reforms in Alameda and Solano County
- Receive updates about statewide efforts to create permanent reforms in inequitable fines/fee policies
- Brainstorm how to engage and support these policy reforms for Health Equity



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### **AGENDA**

- 10:00**      **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements**
  
- 10:15**      **BARHII Updates**
  
- 10:20**      **Presentation: Lessons from Alameda and Solano County**  
**Elisa Della-Pianna (Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of SF Bay Area)**
  
- 10:40**      **Q&A and Discussion**
  
- 11:45**      **Next Steps**
  
- 12:00**      **Adjourn**