

# “Fair Housing at Fifty: The Danger Zone is Everywhere”

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Fair Housing Advocates of Northern  
California Conference

To ensure equal housing opportunities and to educate the community on the value of diversity in our neighborhoods.



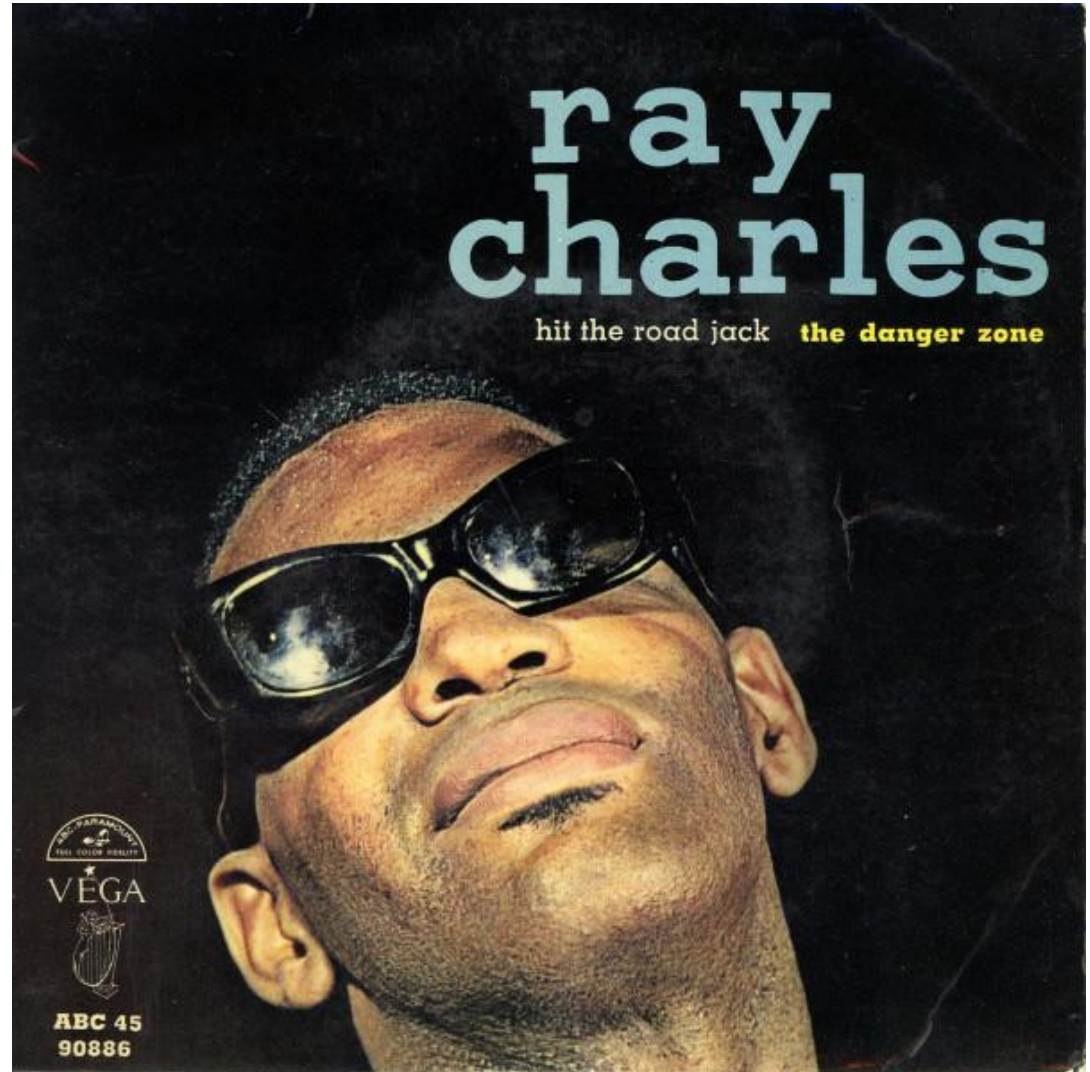
## Percy Mayfield's "Danger Zone"

Just read your paper  
and you'll see --

Just exactly what  
keeps worrying me --

The world is in an  
uproar--

and the danger zone is  
everywhere



# Incommensurable Opposites?



# Mutually Constitutive Elements



# Safe Interiors/Dangerous Exteriors



# Pumps vs. Wetlands and Trees



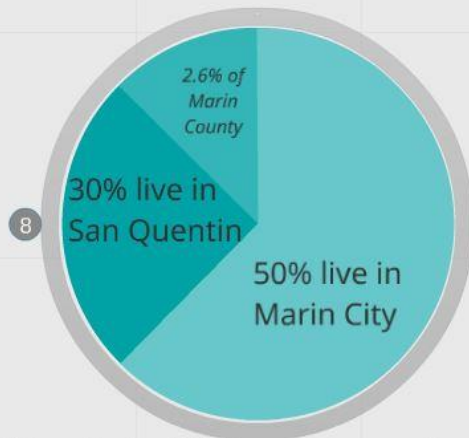
# The Long Fetch





# A Wealth and Health Gap

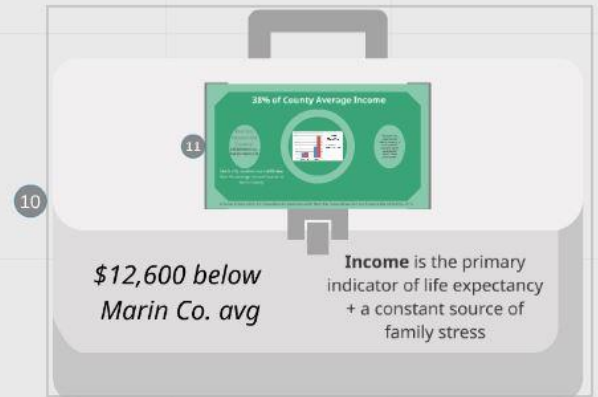
## Portrait of Marin: Social Determinants of Health



**Marin's African American Residents**



**Marin's Life Expectancy**



**Marin City Median Income**

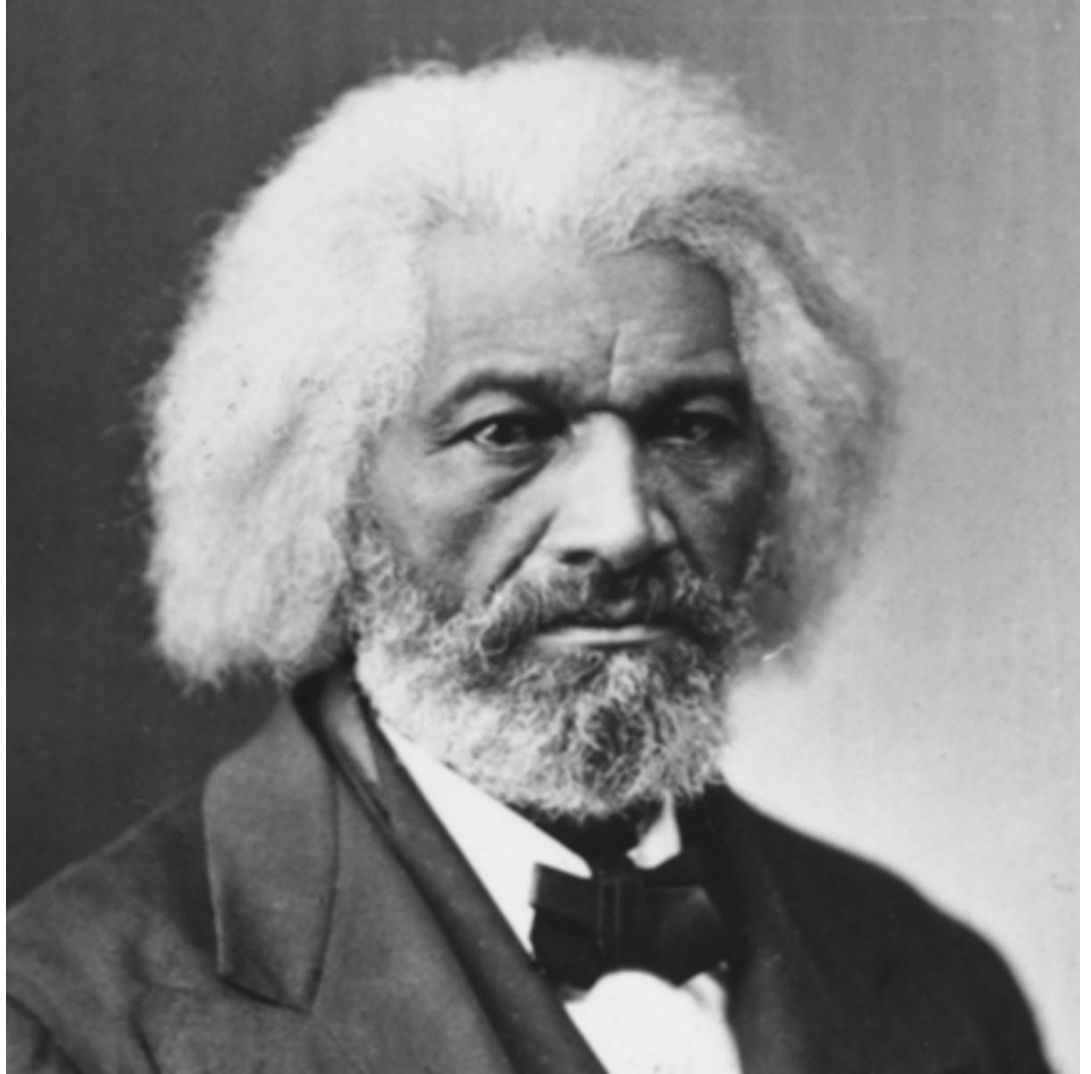
# Marin Shipyard WWII



# Frederick Douglass

It was not color but  
crime....What man  
can make, man can  
unmake.

-- *My Bondage, My  
Freedom*



# FrameWorks Institute

- Cows are Sick
- Who Is to Blame?
- Who is Concerned?



Credit: The Frameworks Insti



**Mortgage  
redlining**

**Realtor steering**

**Insurance Redlining**

**Predatory  
Lending**

**Racial Zoning**

**Language discrimination**

**Refusal to take  
Section 8  
vouchers**

**Environmental  
racism**

**Profiling and  
punitive policing**

# **Racial Inequity in a Structural Race Frame**

# Helping Everyone





# Harming Everyone

- Societies with inequality have higher incidences of
- Violent Crime
- Infant Mortality
- Mental Illness
- Use of Illegal Drugs

# Place as a Proxy for Race

- School District Attendance Zones
- Tax Revenues and Expenditures
- Poverty
- Pollution
- Policing
- Transportation isolation from entry level jobs, fresh food, stores, health care, mortgage and insurance redlining

# Hostile Privatism, Defensive Localism

## Charlottesville



## Berkeley



# Long Waves of Our Own

- 1866 Civil Rights Act
- 1961 Unruh Act
- 1968 Fair Housing Act
- 1988 Fair Housing Amendments Act
- *Inclusive Communities 2015*

# Forward Together

