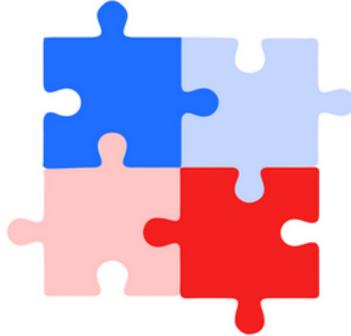


# TOPEKA NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH



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## WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH?

### 1 PLANNING TOOL

Measures "need" for assistance

Metric-based



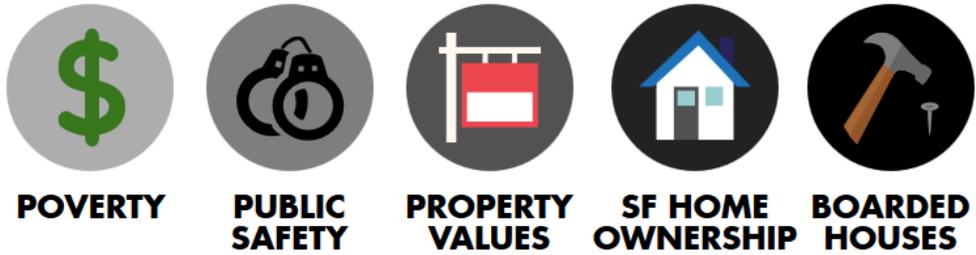
### 2 HELPS PRIORITIZE RESOURCES

Shows where to target resources

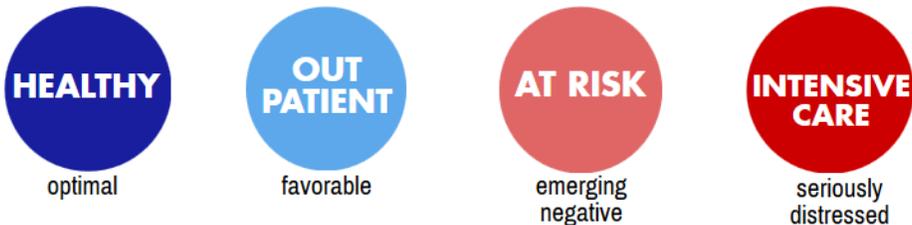
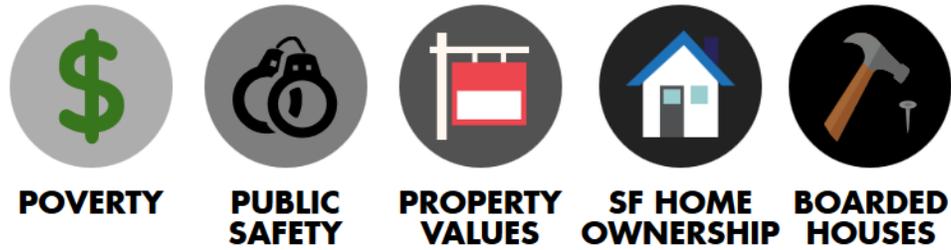
Led to SORT, NRP, NetReach/Hi-Crest, etc.

Advances LUGMP strategic core investment

# HEALTH = 5 VITAL SIGNS



**NOTE:** Primarily influenced by larger market trends



# LARGER MARKET TRENDS

## FORECLOSURES

foreclosure "echo" hit older/lower price range homes later

## POVERTY

increasing as lower end wage market struggles in recovery

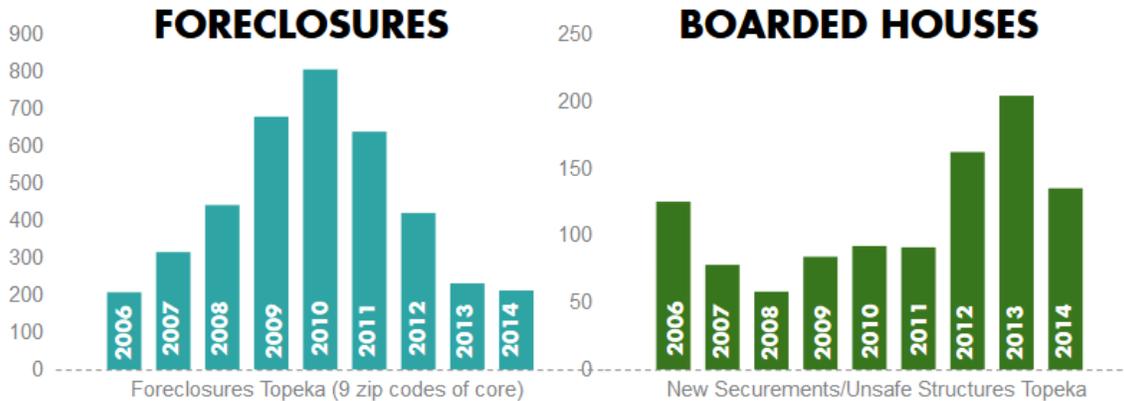
## HOMEBUYERS

more cautious post-recession; lending tighter

## SUPPLY

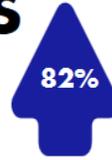
new housing units grew faster than new households in 2000s

# LOCAL EXAMPLE



# S.O.R.T. MATTERS

9 of 11 target area scores improved



*Chesney Park*

*Tennessee Town*

*Ward Meade*

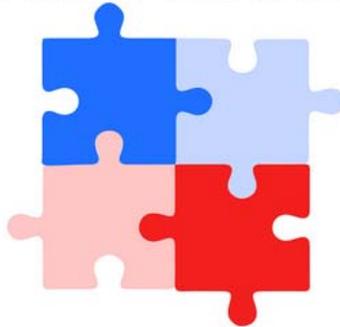
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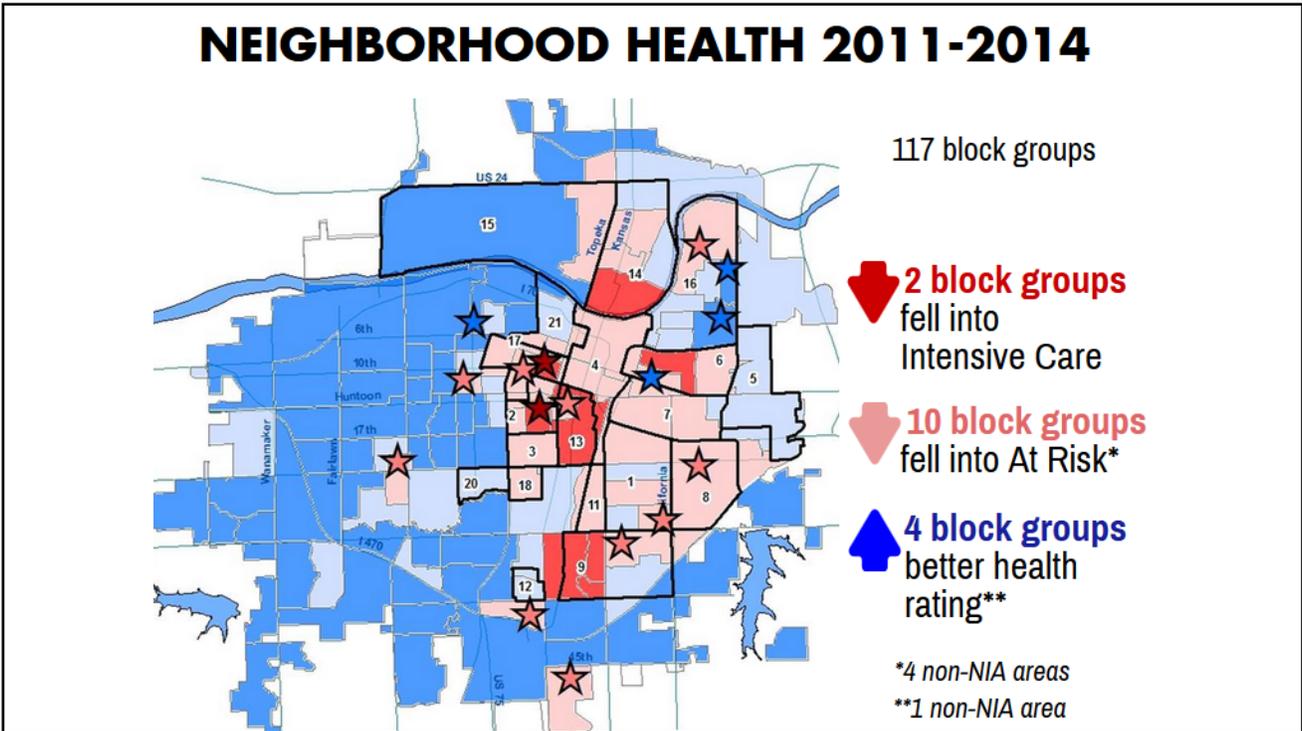
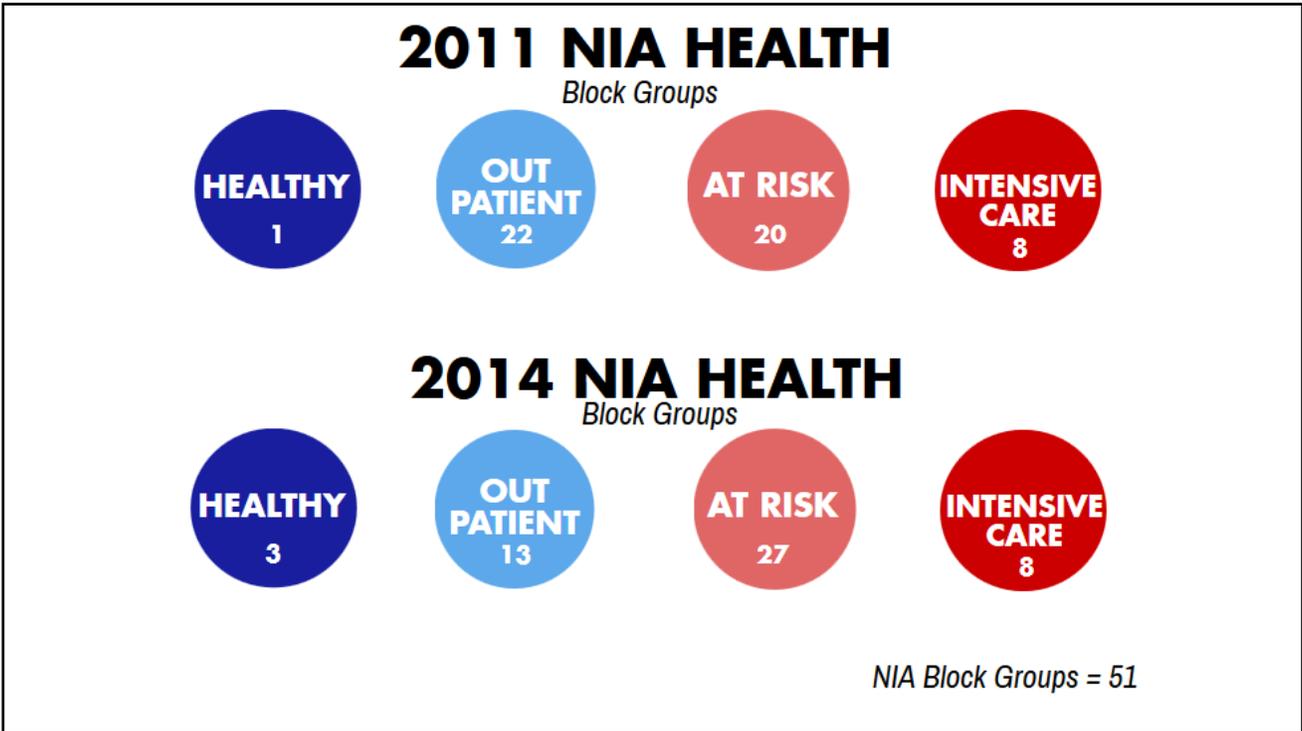
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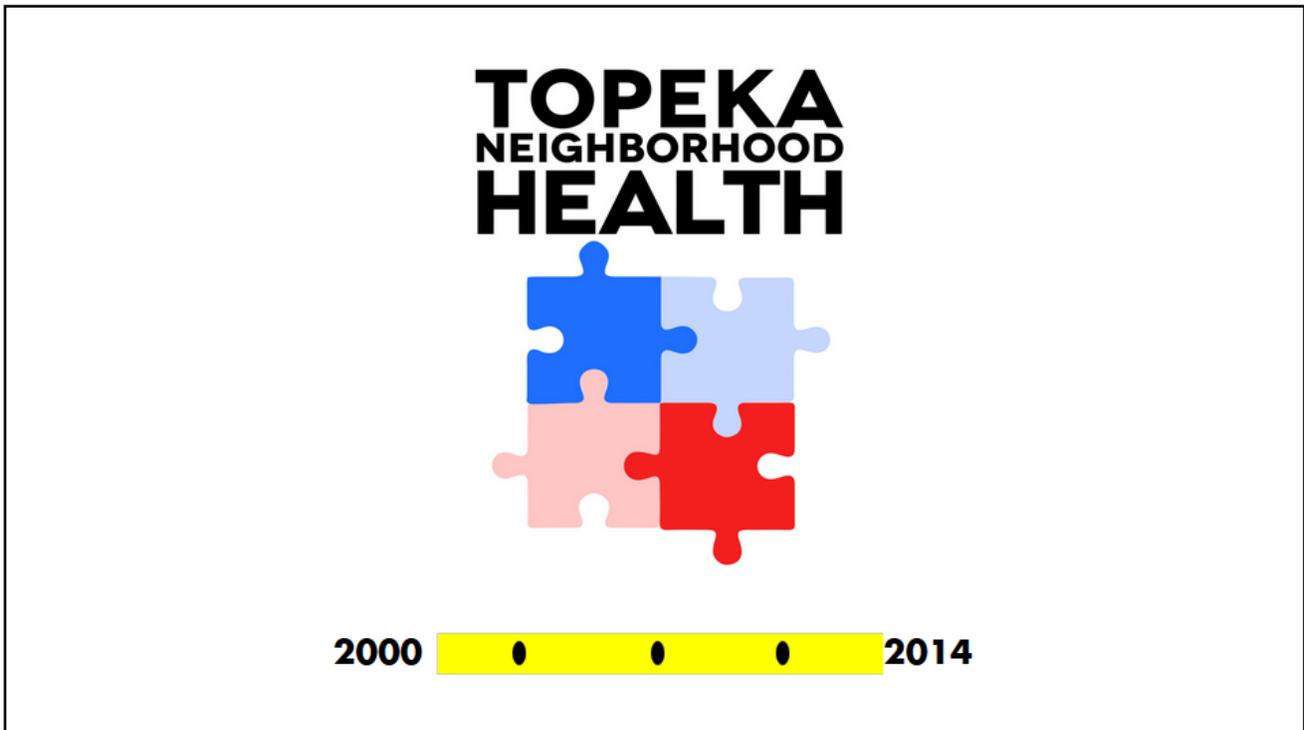
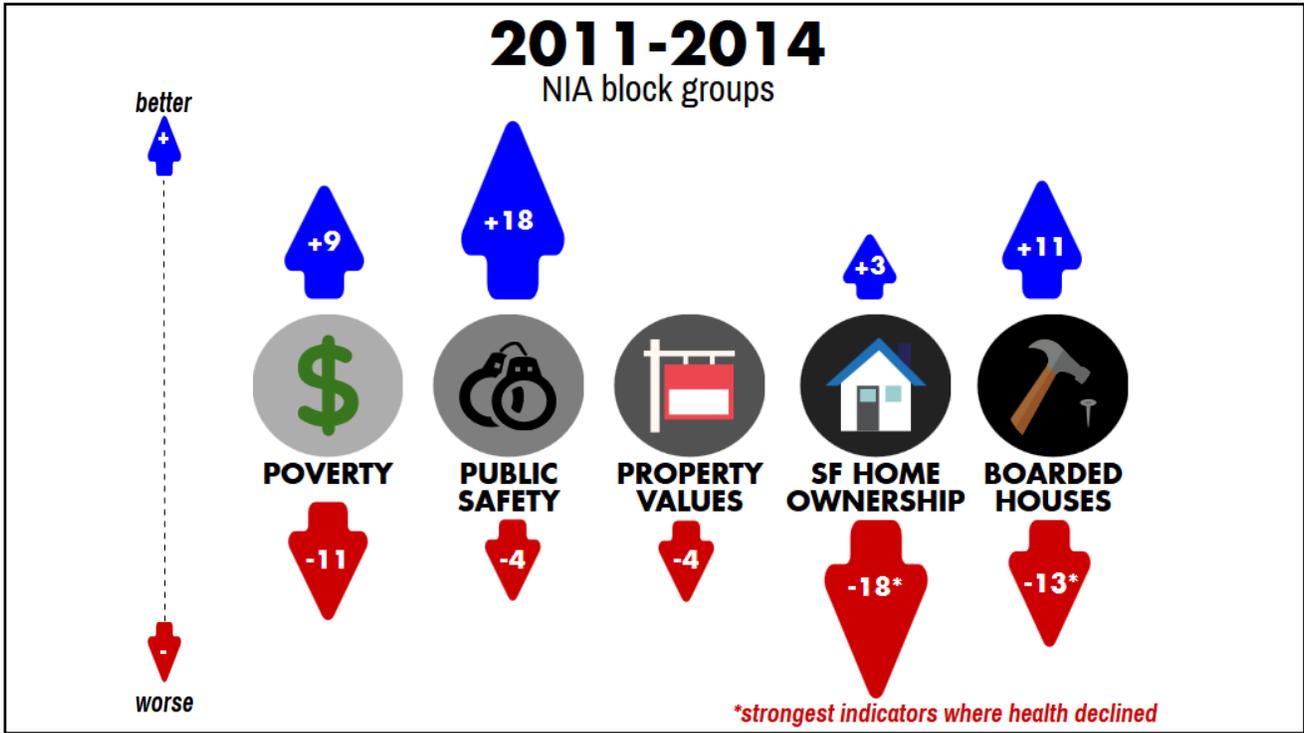


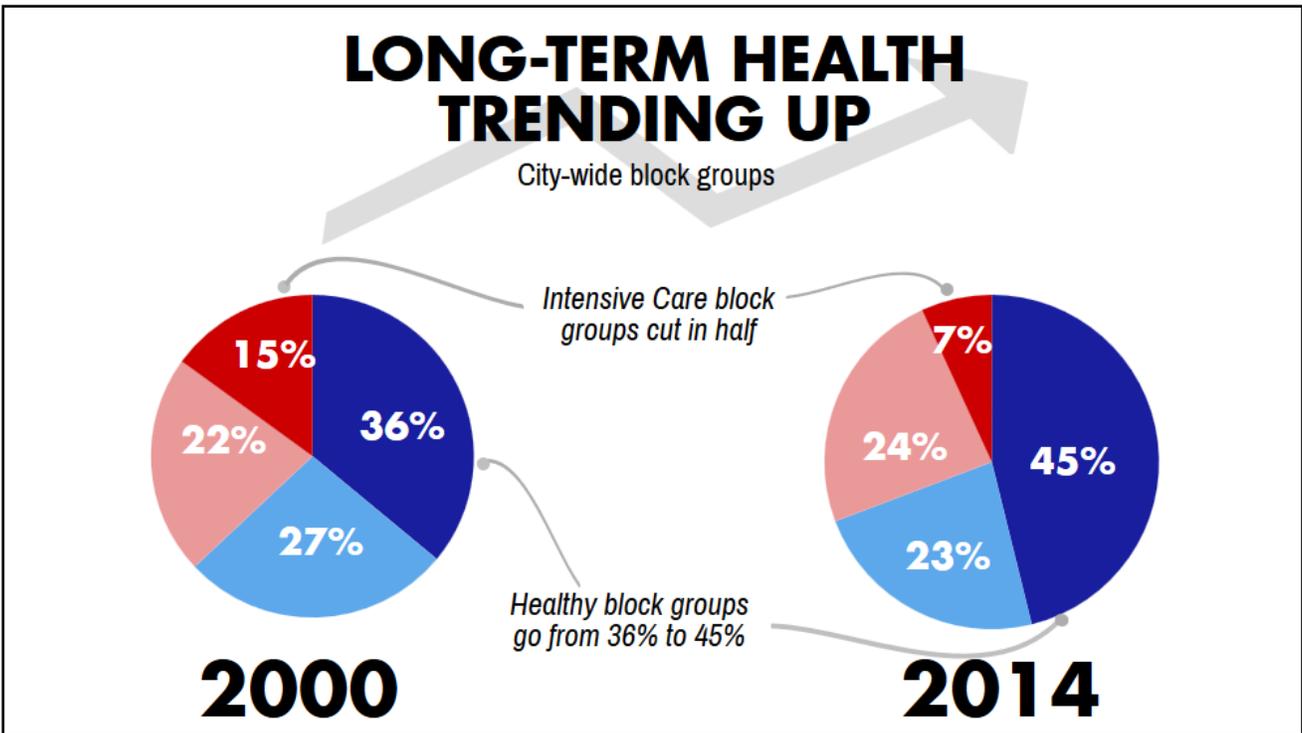
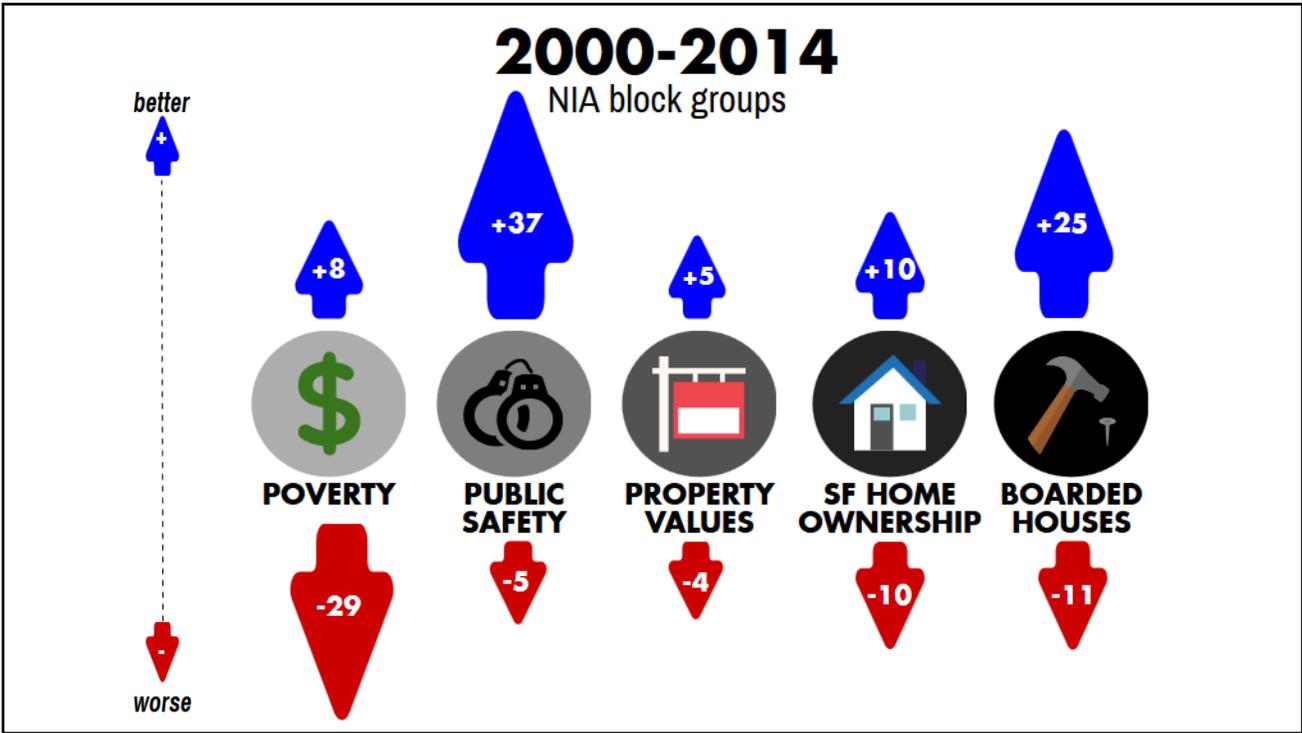
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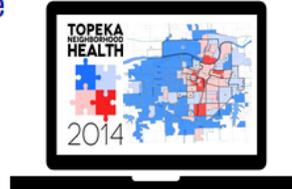






# HOW WILL WE USE FINDINGS?

- Help neighborhoods understand trends/data
  - Meet with each declining neighborhood (and others as requested)
  - Open access to interactive data online



- Assess/adjust housing, property maintenance, and infrastructure delivery
  - **Pilot program to target abandoned/vacant structures**
  - Consolidated Plan update/SORT
  - Citywide Half-Cent Sales Tax projects
  - Pedestrian Plan/infill sidewalk program
  - NRP tax rebates

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## Pilot Program for Abandoned/Vacant Structures

- Add resources and partnerships to re-purpose 400 abandoned/vacant properties
  - Rehab
  - Demo
  - Infill
  - Tax Sales
- Greater code enforcement to address deterioration before it starts





## SUMMARY

### LARGER MARKET TRENDS

sluggish recovery hitting core areas harder; equilibrium from 2000s

### S.O.R.T. MATTERS

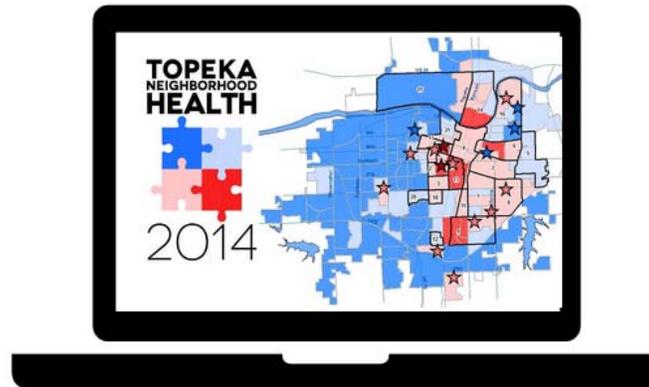
City's strategic and targeted investment is improving health in core areas

### "AT RISK" BEYOND CORE

4 out of 10 new "at risk" block groups are non-NIA

### LONG-TERM HEALTH TRENDING UP

nearly half of all block groups are "healthy"; dramatic gains in public safety



find more information &  
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