

The Our Voice Initiative aims to increase health equity among people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and in diverse parts of the world. Using the Stanford Healthy Neighborhood Discovery Tool, Citizen Scientists document features of their environment that impact health. They then review their own findings, prioritize areas for change, and mobilize to promote healthy improvement in their own communities.

Bringing Latinos Together to Make Their Voices Heard

San Mateo, CA

- Created a Community Advisory Board to address trash, illegal dumping, and other community health issues
- Developed a community resource guide with contact details for city officials and local service providers
- Lobbied successfully for video surveillance on frequently travelled paths



Safe Routes to School

Gilroy, CA

- Developed strategies to improve walking/biking rates among citizen scientists
- Established "Walking Wednesdays," a "Walking School Bus," and a bike assembly at the school to promote safe riding
- Collaborated with city engineers on a 3-year action plan to improve street safety



Food Environment Assessment Study (FEAST)

San Mateo, CA

- Formed a Senior Advocacy Team to address older adults' health issues
- Improved traffic and pedestrian safety at senior housing site
- Lobbied for increased funding for affordable senior housing at a statewide affordable senior housing advocacy convention



Senior Housing in Northern California

East Palo Alto, CA

- Improved access to local resources and services
- Organized cooking classes on-site to learn new ways to eat homegrown produce
- Lobbied city council successfully for the allocation of \$1 million to create a safer "public health" environment
- Motivated the implementation of a comprehensive sidewalk repair program

