



# Forces of Change

## Political

- State Gov. Budget Deficit
- New Administration
- Immigration Policy
- Legislation (federal, state, local)
- Low Wages
- Compromised Government Safety Net
- New Politicians
- Political Influence
- Political Priorities
- Health Care Policies
- Government policy affecting air quality
- Public Housing

## Economic

- Overall national economy/Recession
- Financial Crisis
- Bankruptcy
- Unemployment
- Business Shutdown
- Foreclosures
- Poverty
- Job Shortage
- Rising prices (gas, food, housing, etc.)
- High Cost of doing business (high fees)
- Lay offs
- Limited funding for Community Org.
- Reduced total tax base

## Social-Cultural

- Lack of Housing (foreclosures, etc)
- Emphasis on Education
- Revision to the No Child Left Behind Act
- Family Separation (immigration, etc.)
- Lack of Student Support & Preparation
- Race Relations
- Cultural Practices
- Rising Teen Pregnancy Rates
- Limited Skills
- Immigration status
- Collaborations (agencies, groups, etc.)
- Attitude toward aging/Senior Activities
- Influx of refugee families
- Increased utility fees
- Substance abuse (drugs, alcohol, etc.)
- Limited social services (no TANF, etc.)
- Lack of job security
- Social instability
- Fear
- Homelessness
- Undocumented residents

## Technological

- IT advancement both clerical & Admin.
- Technology access
- Access to Internet/online information

## Health Care System

- Physician Shortage
- Medicare/Medicaid cuts
- Uninsured population
- UC Merced Medical School
- Universal coverage/single payer system
- Alternative Treatments
- Mental Health/Psychological problems
- Depression, stress, anger
- Insurance eligibility standards
- Potential Health Care Reform
- Prevention Programs

## Environmental

- Existing Infrastructure: bike/walking trails
- Bad Air Quality
- Access to Healthy Foods
- Climate Change
- Unfair Home Buildings (area used, etc.)
- Barriers to Transportation
- Limited friendly outdoor recreation
- Safety (crime, gangs, etc.)
- Bad Diet (limited access to food)
- Sedentary lifestyle