

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
COMMISSION**

Commission Meeting

Public Meeting

November 23, 2024

10:00 AM

Aaron Price Fellows Office (City Heights Center)

4305 University Avenue, Suite 640

San Diego, CA 92105

Call to Order

Commissioner Wednesday Pope, Chair

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Land Acknowledgement

Commissioner Wednesday Pope, Chair

Review of the Agenda

Thomisha Wallace, Executive Director

Public Meeting Agenda

November 23, 2024

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of Distinguished Guest
3. Public Comment on matters not on the agenda
4. Consent Agenda- ACTION ITEM Approval of September 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes
5. Possibility Lab Training: Policy 101

LUNCH

6. PANEL: San Diego's Stories of Housing Justice: The Intersectional Problem, Approach, & Solutions

BREAK

7. Commission Visioning: Shaping the California Youth Empowerment Commission's Strategic Direction
8. Next Steps for Staff Action
9. Adjournment

Establishment of Quorum & Public Comment Process

Agustin Arreola, External Affairs Manager, Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

Public Comment – *Welcome*

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Introduction of Distinguished Guest

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Thomisha Wallace, Executive Director

Josh Fryday, Chief Service Officer of California Volunteers

Public Comment

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Agustin Arreola, External Affairs Manager, Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

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Possibility Lab Training: Policy 101

Professor Amy Lerman, Executive Director, Possibility Lab at UC Berkeley

Jesse Melgar, Senior Advisory for Strategy & Public Affairs, Possibility Lab at UC Berkeley

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YOUTH EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION



Branches of Government*

***Executive:**
Proposes and
implements
policies

***Legislative:**
Drafts, debates,
and passes laws

***Judicial:**
Ensures policies
align with the law



*Executive Branch Governor

- Signs bills into law
- Appoints judges
- Proposes state budget
- Oversees California state departments and agencies

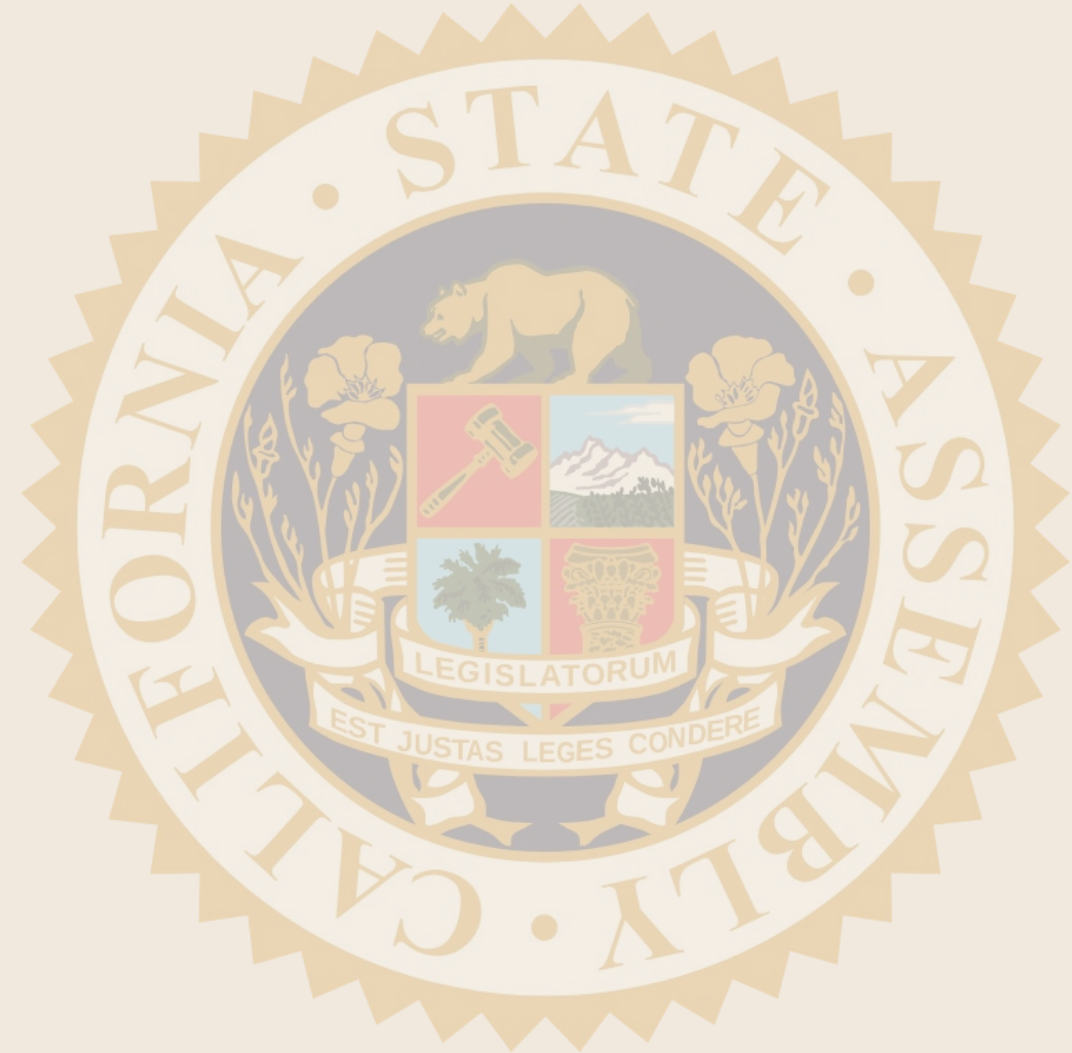


Branches of Government*

*Legislative Branch

State Senate State Assembly

- Passes bills
- Sets the state budget
- Raises, lowers taxes
- Can override vetoes



Branches of Government*

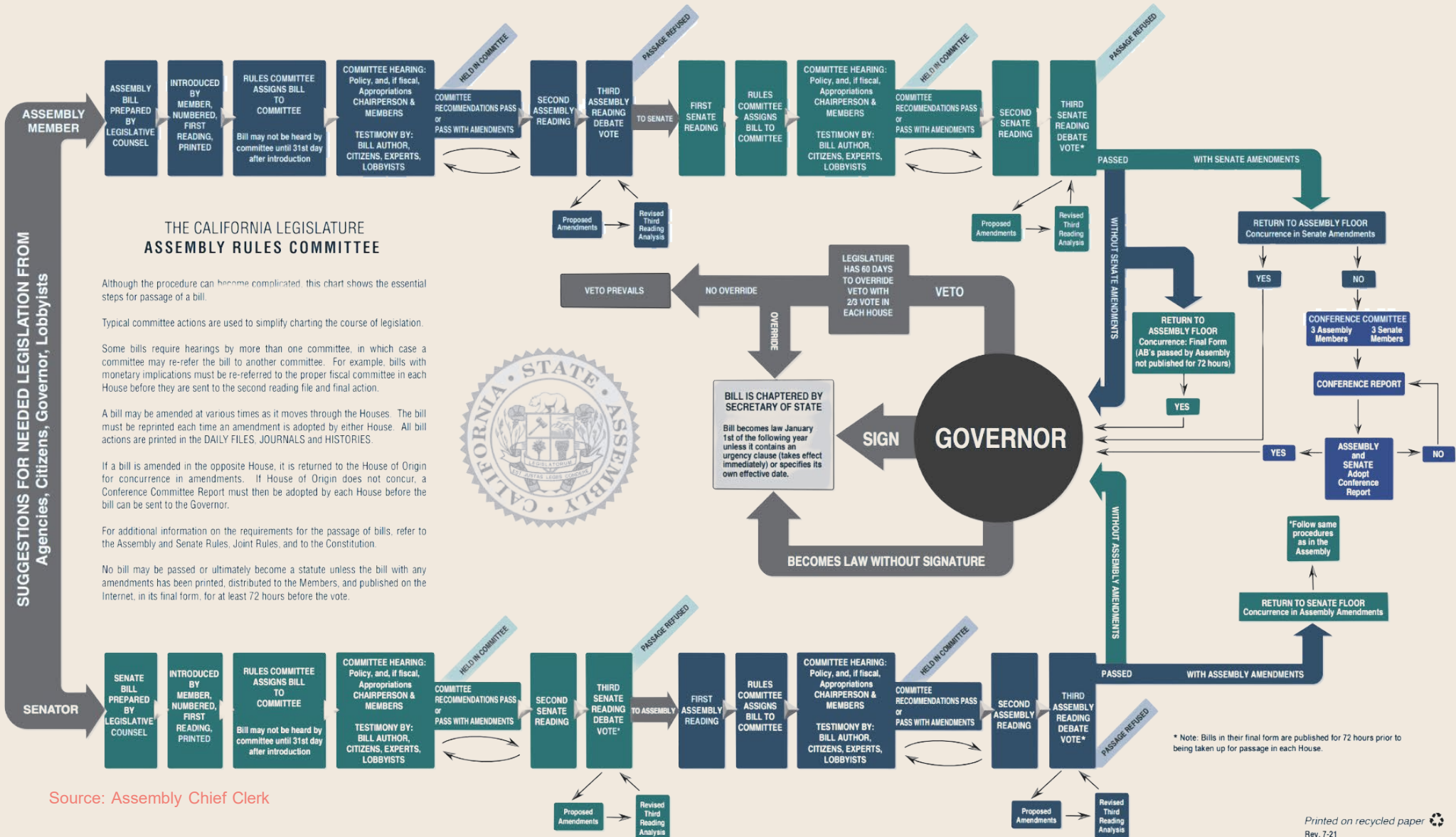
*Judicial Branch

California Supreme Court

- Interprets, applies the law
- Provides settlement of disputes
- Protects individual rights



Legislative Process



Source: Assembly Chief Clerk

Legislative Engagement

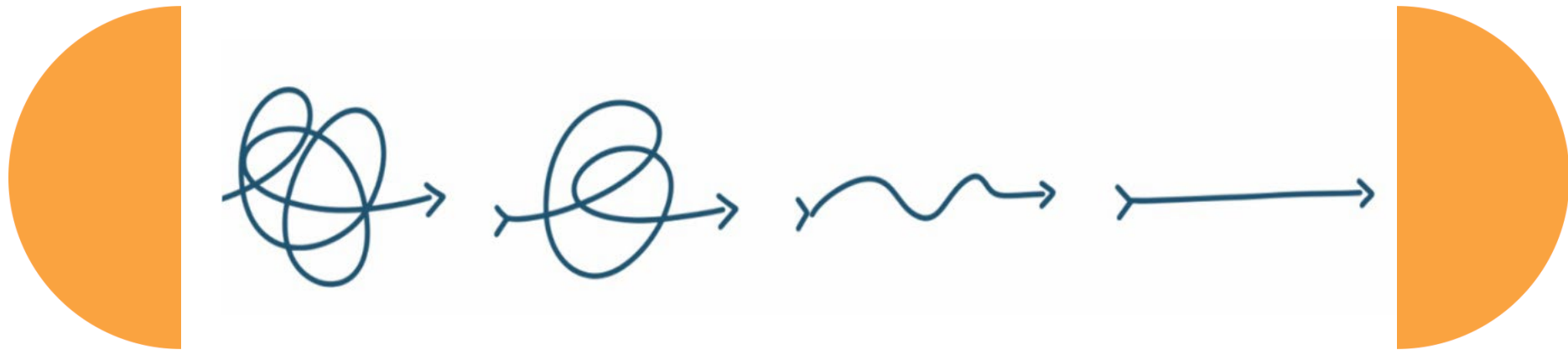


Making Your Voice Heard

- Meet with legislators about legislative ideas
- Testify in support or against bills
- Call legislative offices
- Write your legislators



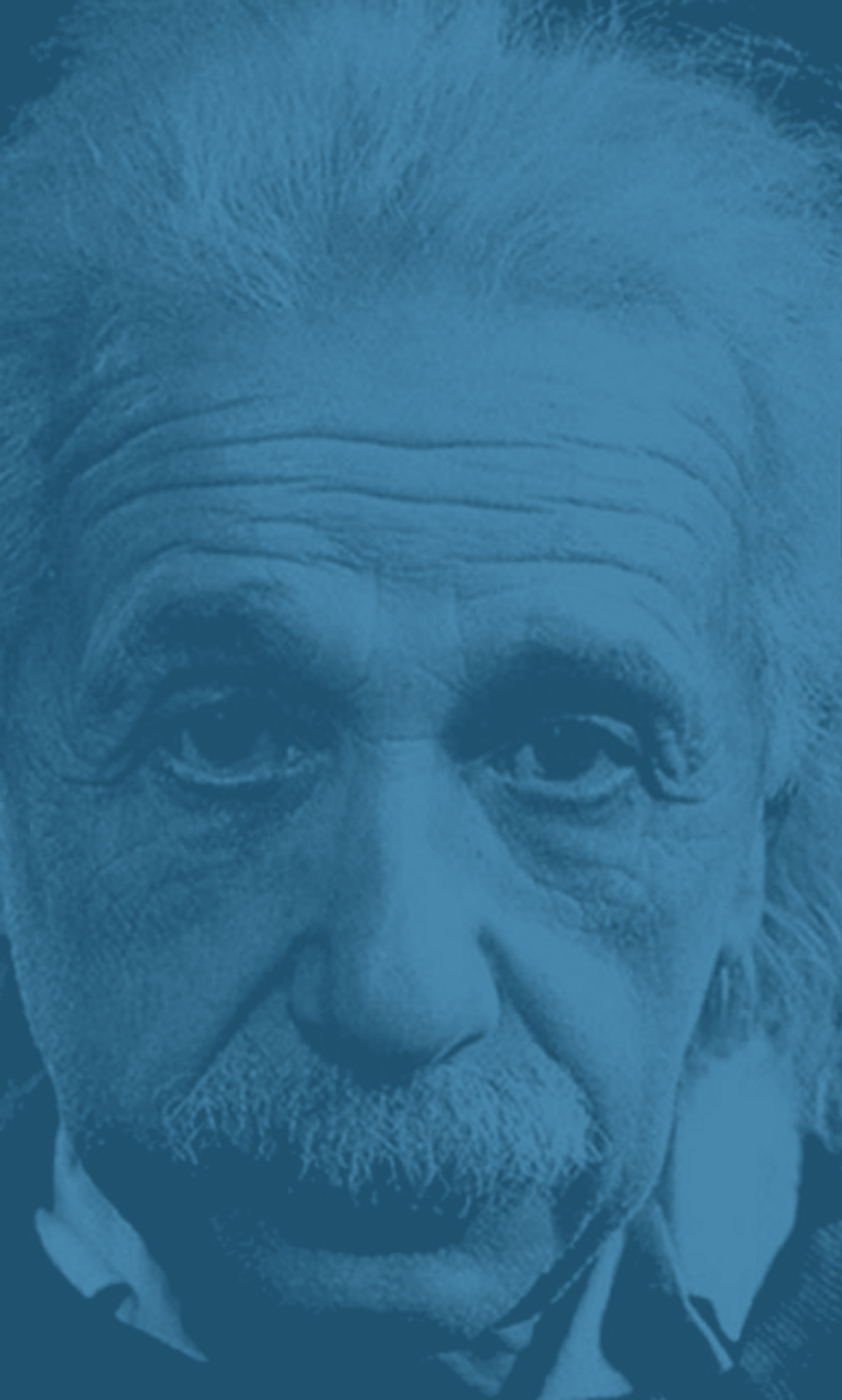
Evidence and Public Policy



What is policy analysis?

- Understanding policy problems
 - Evaluating potential solutions
 - Selecting policy interventions to address those problems
 - Evaluating if those interventions are working
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“If I had an hour to solve a problem, I'd spend 55 minutes thinking about the problem and five minutes thinking about solutions”.

Albert Einstein

How to define a policy problem

FRAME: too little of something good, too much of something bad (ex. too many young people in California without healthcare)

QUANTIFY: size of problem, is it increasing over time, does it vary across locations (ex. 6.2% of people, decreasing over time, lower than other states, varies across ethnic group)

DIAGNOSE: what causes the problem (ex. can't afford healthcare, don't qualify for state Medi-Cal program, signing up too difficult or confusing)

How to define a policy problem

RATIONALIZE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION:

why is this problem a public problem (ex. uninsured have greater burden of diseases/disabilities; greater \$ costs over time to government, rely on emergency services)

STATE OBJECTIVES:

What do you hope achieve (ex. increase the amount of people insured and improve healthcare access in California)

What **tools** does government have to address problems?

- taxes
- subsidies
- social insurance programs
- public assistance
- rules and regulations
- others?

Measure Objectives

Outputs vs. outcomes vs. Impact

*Outputs

The actual good or service produced by our program or policy

Number of patients discharged from state mental hospital

*Outcomes

The intended end result or change generated by our program or policy

Percentage of discharged who are capable of living independently

*Impact

The overall social/environmental/economic good that is advanced as a consequence of our program

Increases in the overall well-being of the mentally ill



What **values** help us evaluate public policy options?

- effectiveness
- efficiency
- equity
- feasibility
- others?

What types of data could we use?

Models of Political Feasibility

STATIC

Is this policy solution likely to be enacted?

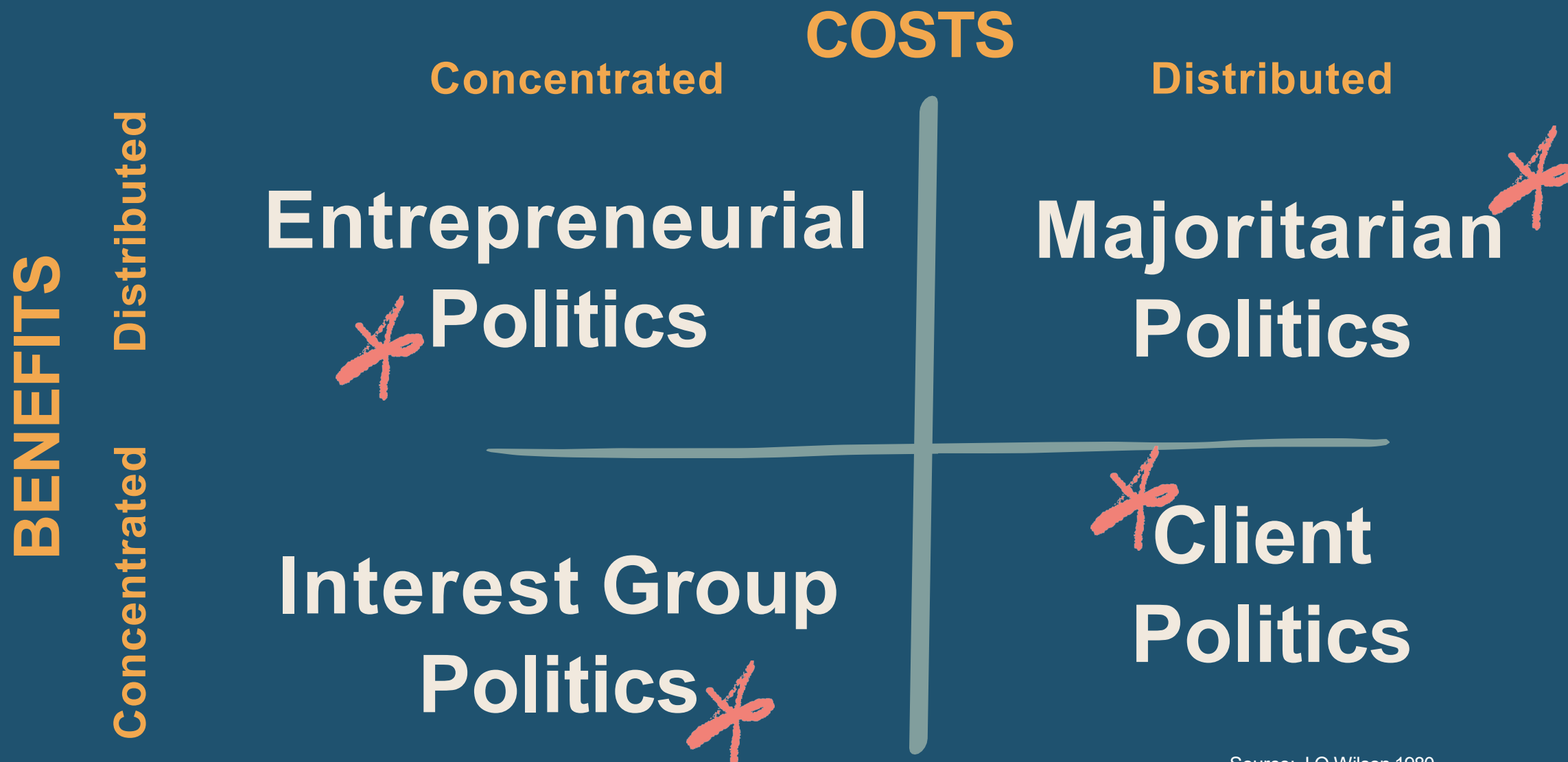
DYNAMIC

Can we make this policy solution more likely to be enacted?

ASPIRATIONAL

Do we care if this policy is likely to be enacted?

Typology of Policy Environments



Types of Public Opinion Data

Common Sources

Surveys

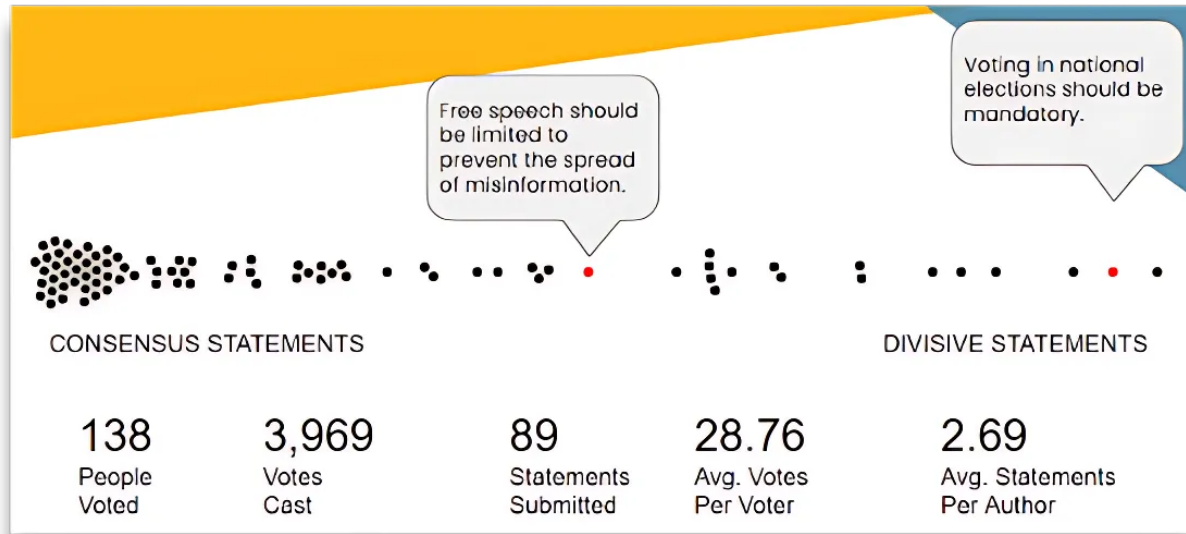
Focus Groups

Interviews

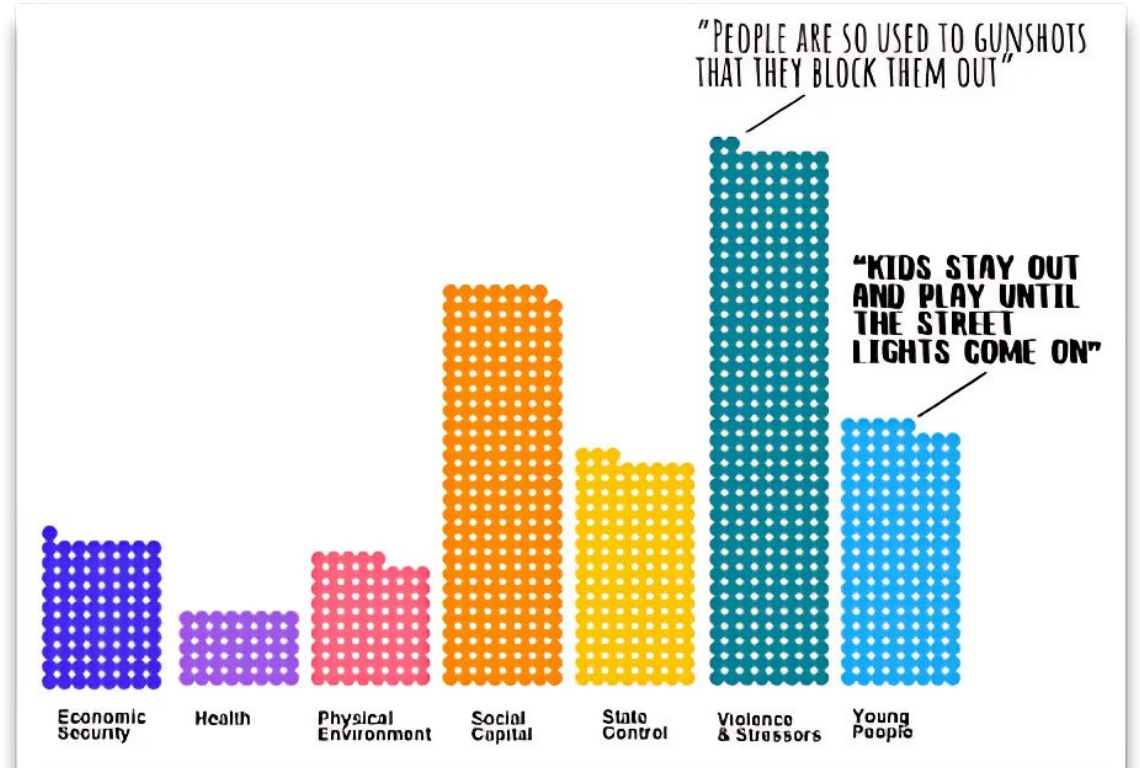
Standardization
is key

Types of Public Opinion Data

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Firsthand Framework for Policy Innovation



What **types** of questions should we ask of young people?

- knowledge
- experiences
- needs
- preferences
- expectations
- others?

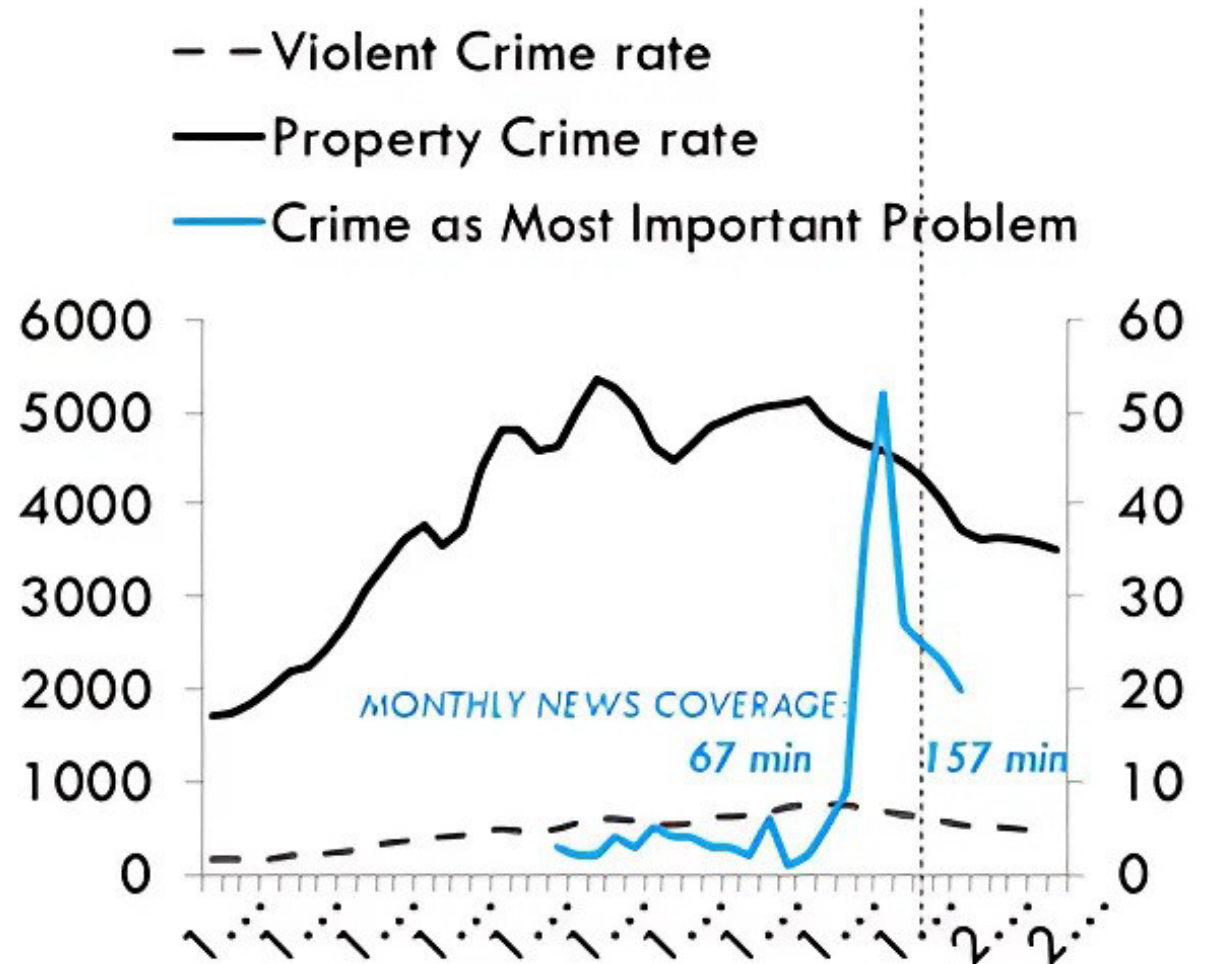
What types of administrative data could we use? 

Types of Data

Content Analysis

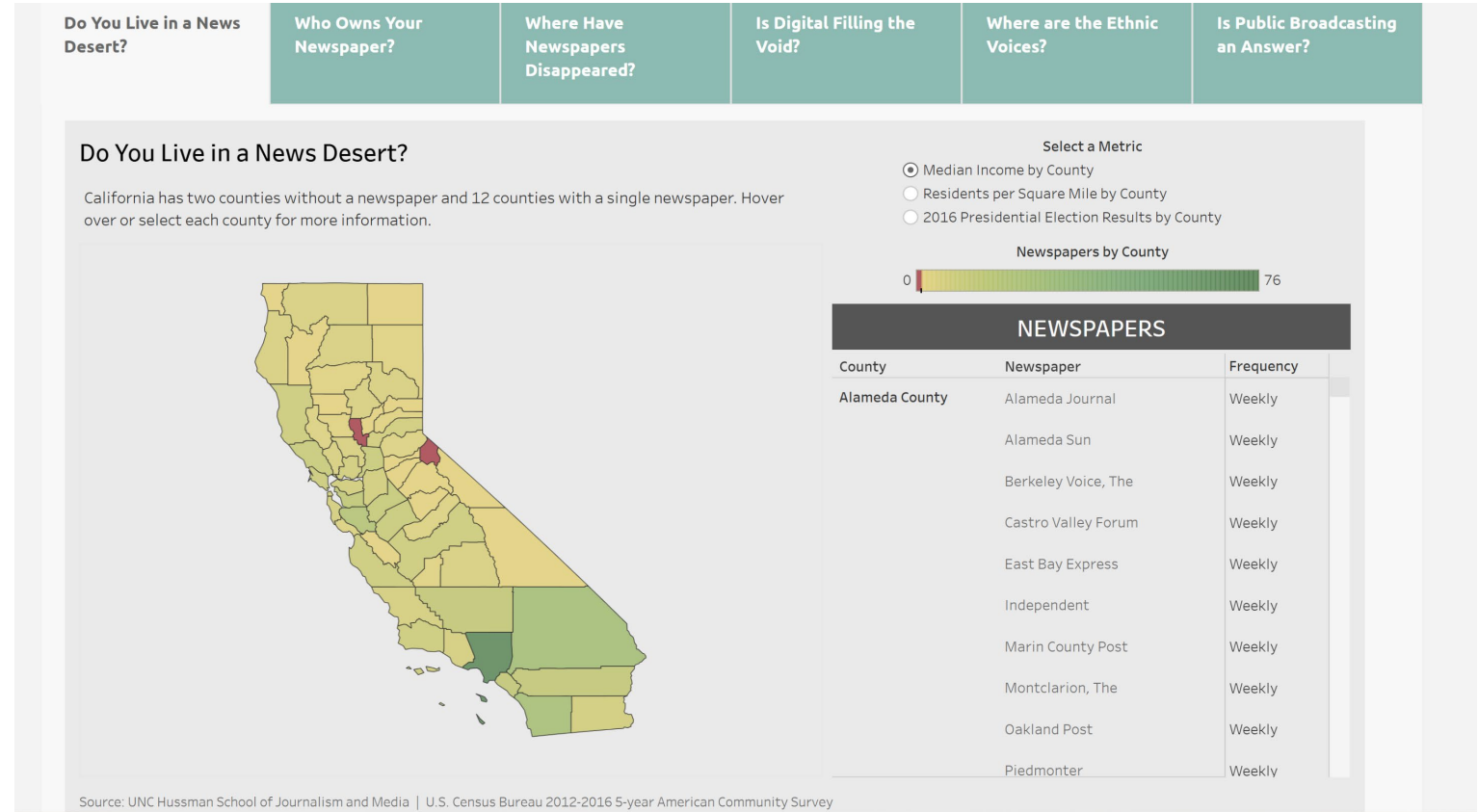
Geomapping

Big data



Types of Data

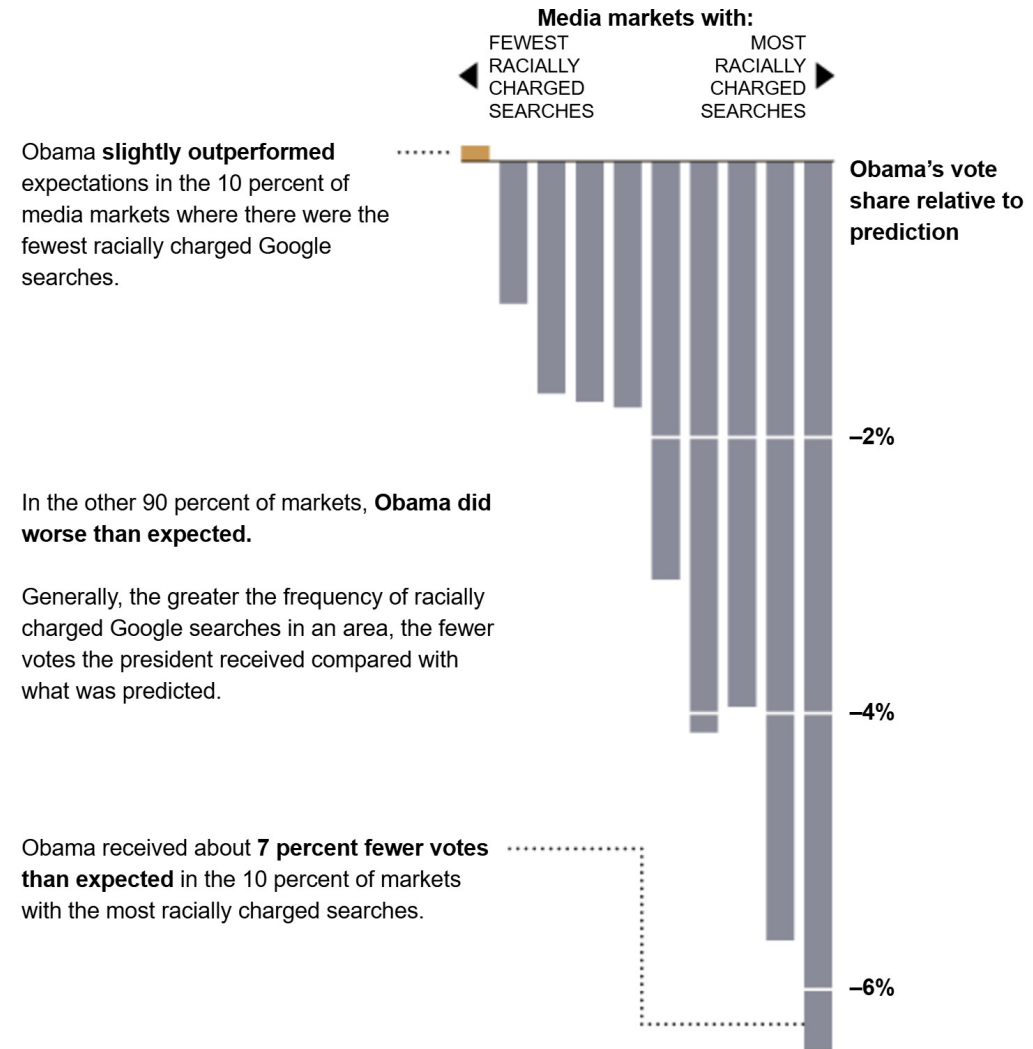
Content Analysis
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Big data



Source: <https://www.usnewsdeserts.com/>

Types of Data

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Evaluating policies

Why do we evaluate policies?

- Figure out what's working and what's not
- Inform recommendations for change

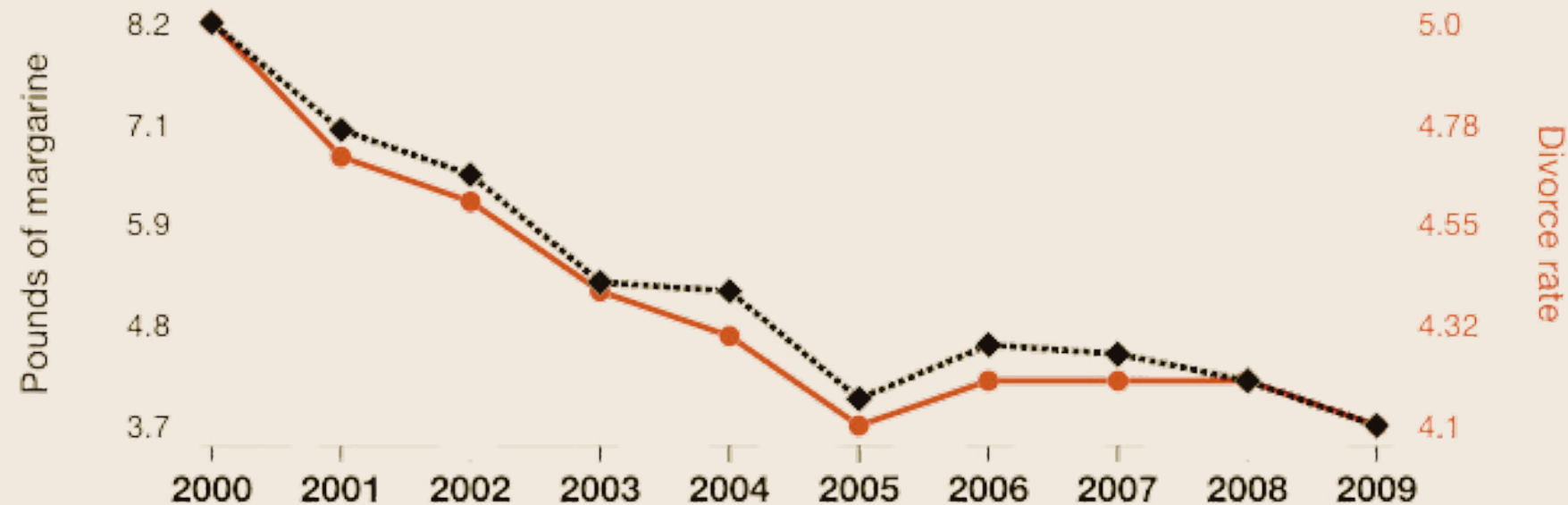
How do we evaluate policies?

Causation vs. Correlation

Per capita consumption of margarine

correlates with

The divorce rate in Maine

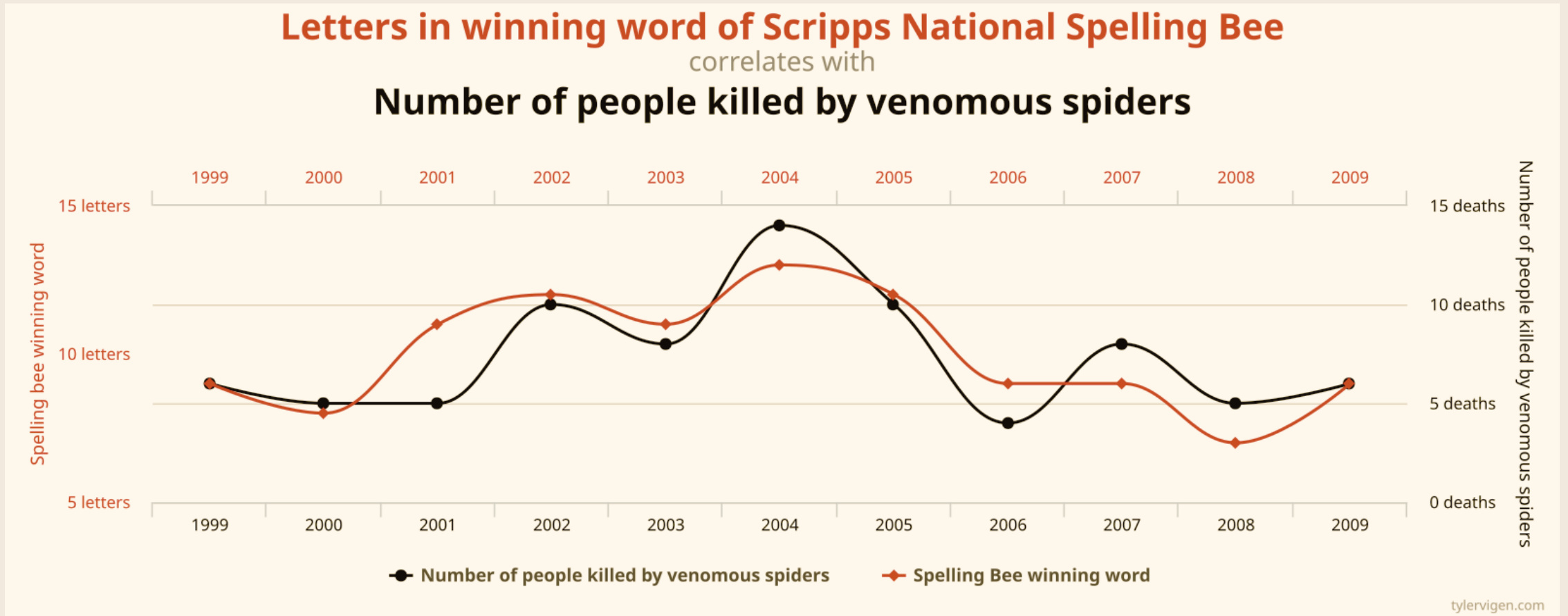


◆ Per capita consumption of margarine in the United States · Source: US Department of Agriculture

● The divorce rate in Maine · Source: CDC National Vital Statistics

2000-2009, $r=0.993$, $r^2=0.985$, $p<0.01$ · tylervigen.com/spurious/correlation/5920

Causation vs. Correlation

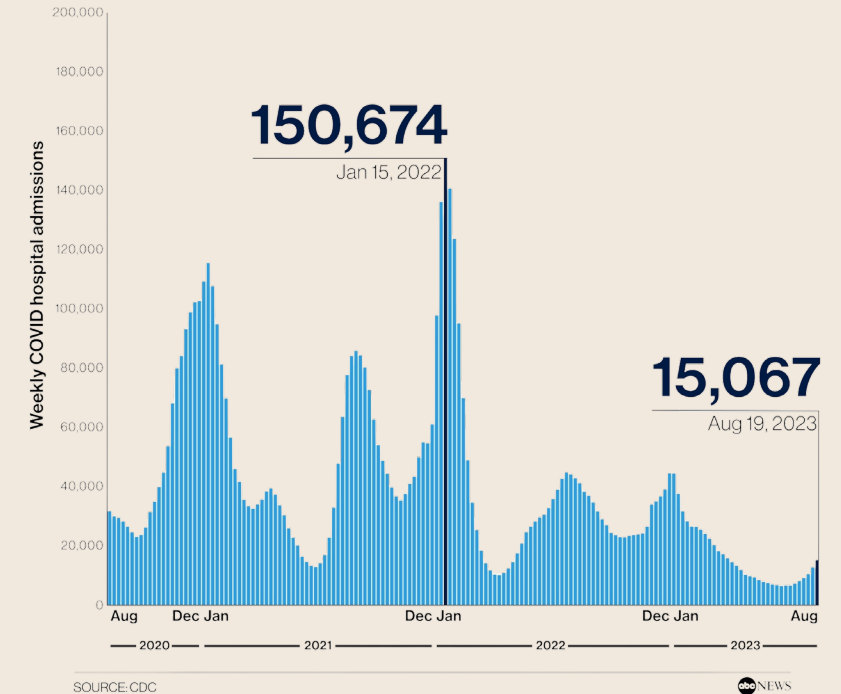


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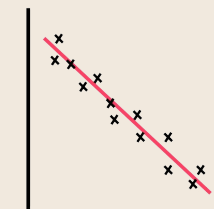
→ **Causation:** One variable **causes** the other variable to occur
ex. increase in COVID-19 cases, more people hospitalized

→ **Correlation:** Two variables vary together, either positively or negatively.
ex. increase in COVID-19 cases, more BLM protests

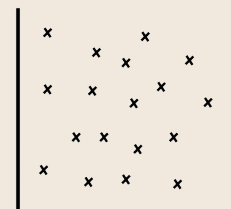
Weekly COVID-19 Hospitalizations in the U.S.
AUG. 8, 2020 – AUG. 19, 2023



Positive
Correlation



Negative
Correlation

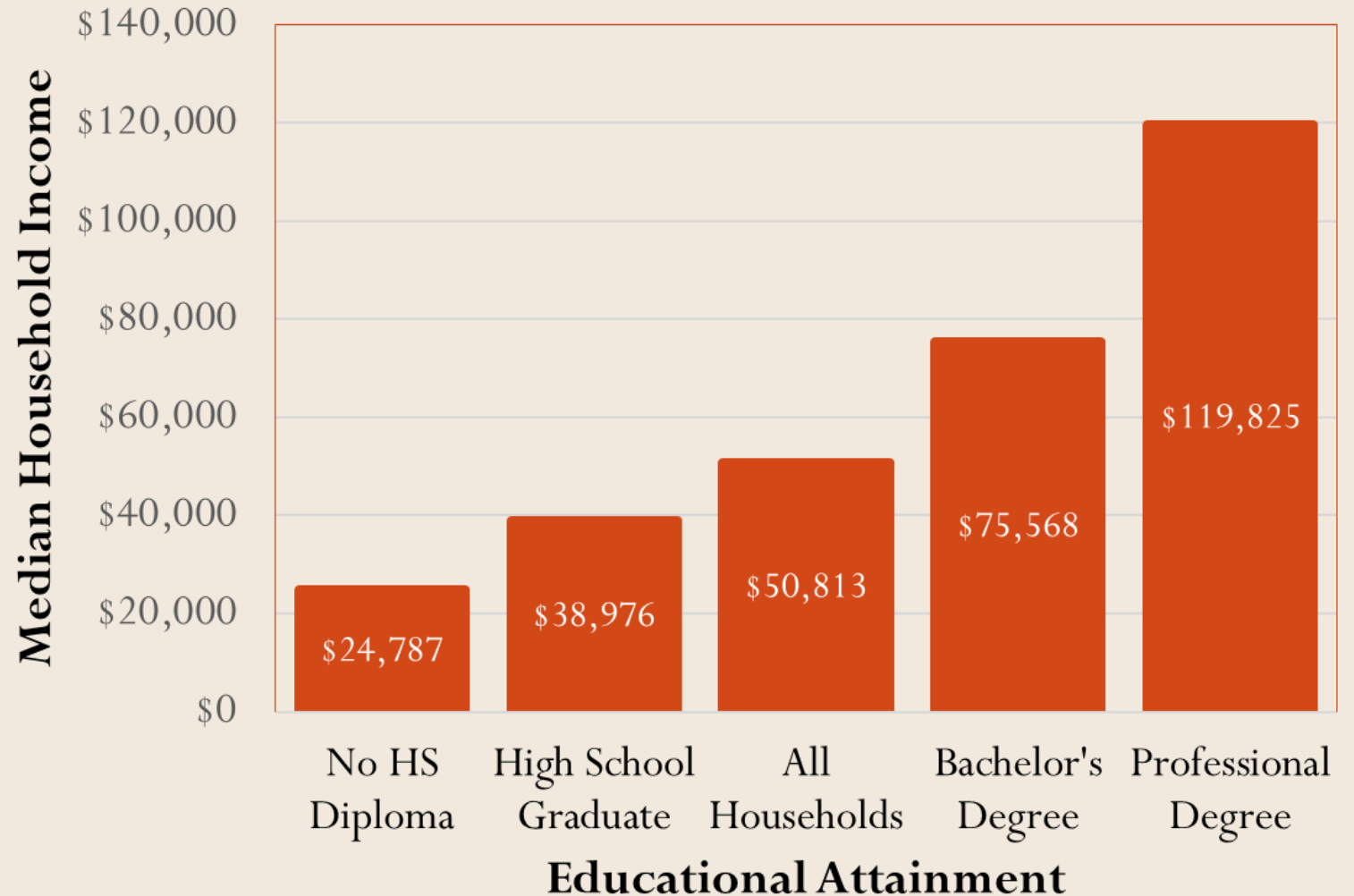


No
Correlation

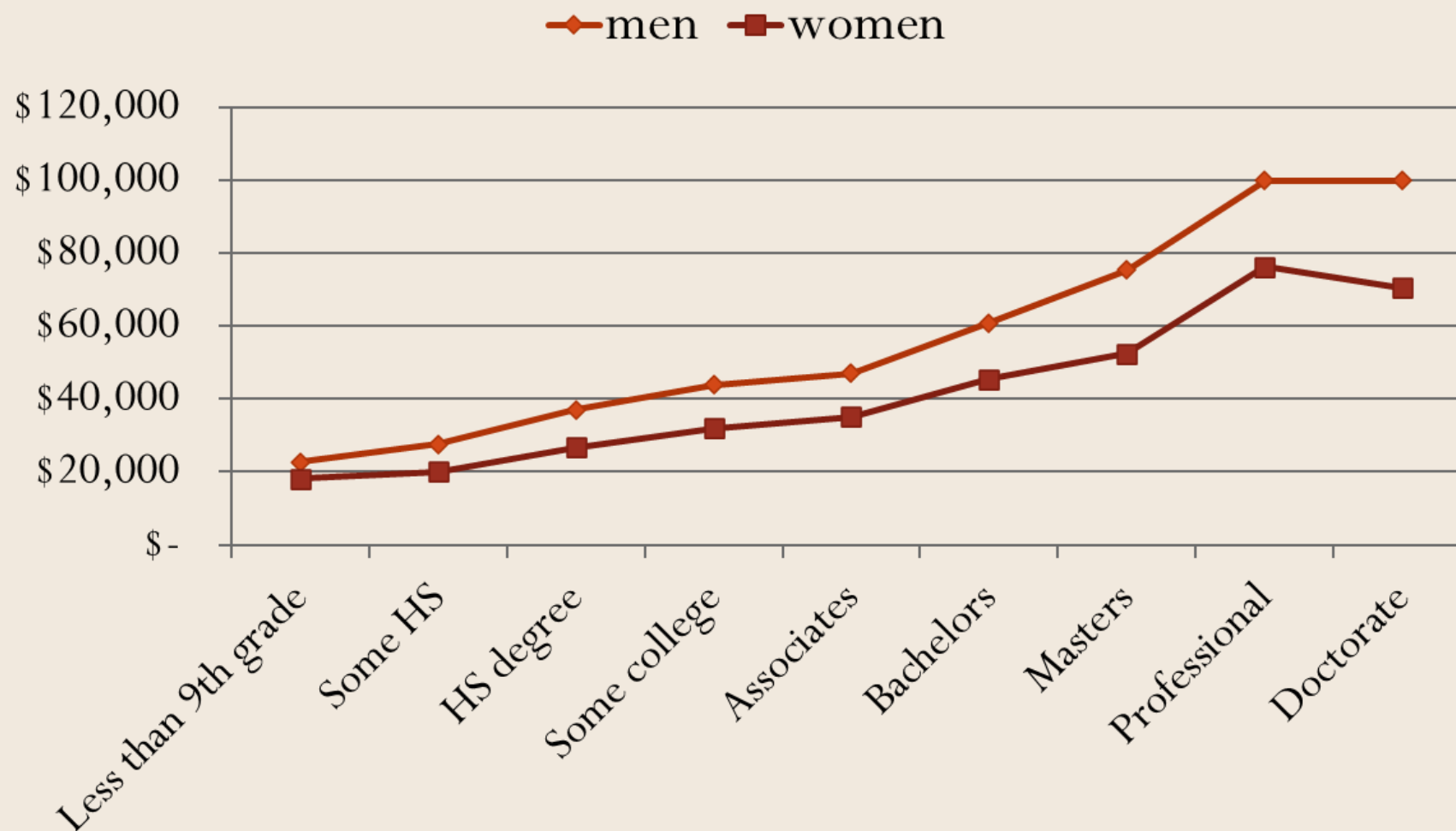
Causation vs. Correlation

Confounding Variables:
Z causes
both X and Y

Reverse Causality:
Y causes X



Heterogenous Effects



The Power of Experiments



What's Next?

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Meet our Youth Commisson

The Youth Empowerment Commission is committed to collaboration with state lawmakers, educators, mental health professionals, and nonprofit organizations to bring about meaningful change.



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Public Comment – *Possibility Lab Training: Policy 101*

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LUNCH

30 Minutes

We will be back at **TBD**

Panel: San Diego's Diverse Approaches to Youth Housing Insecurity & Injustice

Commissioner Wednesday Pope, Chair

Commissioner Aidan Lin-Tostado, Vice Chair

Panel: San Diego's Diverse Approaches to Youth Housing Insecurity & Injustice



Aidan Lin-Tostado
(He/Him)

Vice Chair
California Youth
Empowerment
Commission



Amy Denhart
(She/Her)

Executive Director
Funders Together to
End Homelessness
San Diego



David Baker
(He/Him)

Youth Systems Director
YMCA of San Diego
County



Nicole Lillie
(She/Her)

Executive Director
Our Time To Act



Zee King
(They/Them)

Community Leader

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RECESS

10 Minutes

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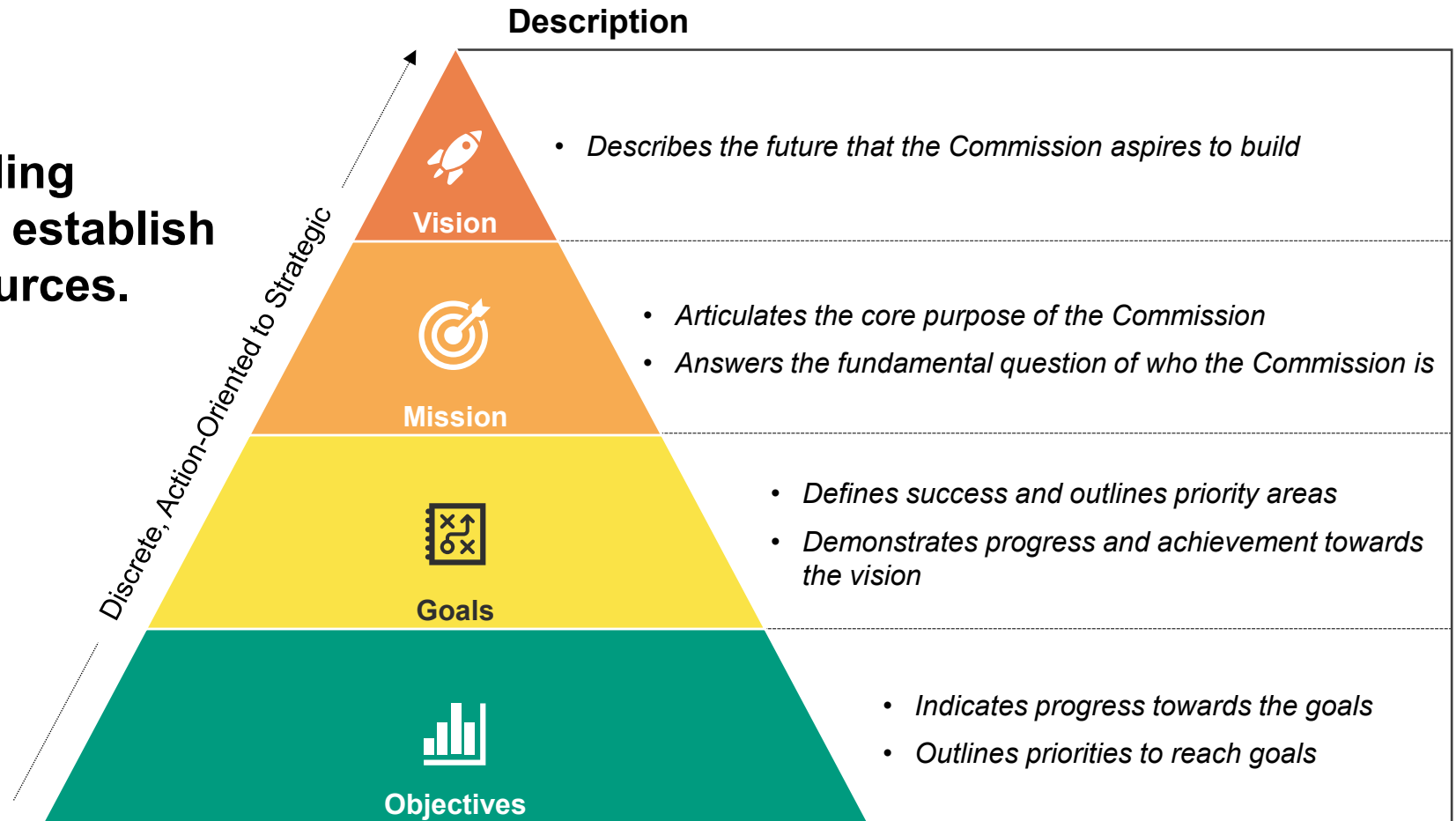
Visioning: Shaping CA Youth Empowerment Commission's Strategic Direction

Commissioner Wednesday Pope, Chair

Joyce Chiao, Consultant, Abundance

What is a Strategic Plan?

A Strategic Plan is a guiding document that is used to establish priorities and focus resources.



How will we build this Strategic Plan?



September

Discussion of key issues impacting Californian youth to inform key priorities



November

Visioning exercise to define the Commission's approach



January

Initial draft of the Strategic Plan to refine and finalize

Key



Past activity



Today's activity

September Recap: Key Issue Areas

Priority Issues



Mental Health



Educational
Inequity



Housing &
Homelessness



Civic Engagement
& Voting

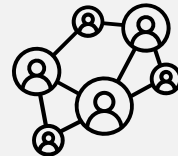


Climate

Approach



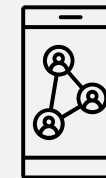
Geographical
Tailoring



Strategic
Outreach



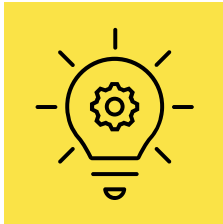
Accessibility
(Disability, Language,
Youth Engagement)



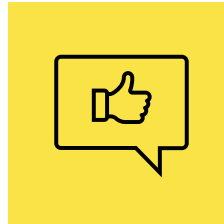
Social Media
Practices

Let's get into visioning!

Group agreements for sparking ideation:



Be Bold



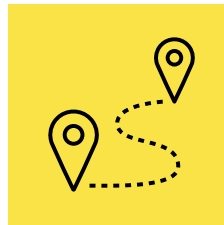
Build on Others
("Yes, and...")



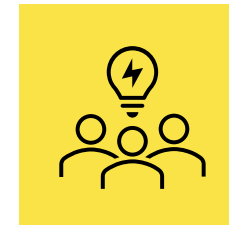
Be
Curious



Welcome
Dissent



Expect & Accept
Non-closure



Take Space,
Make Space



Starting with People

Californian youth is a large community. Who are we serving?

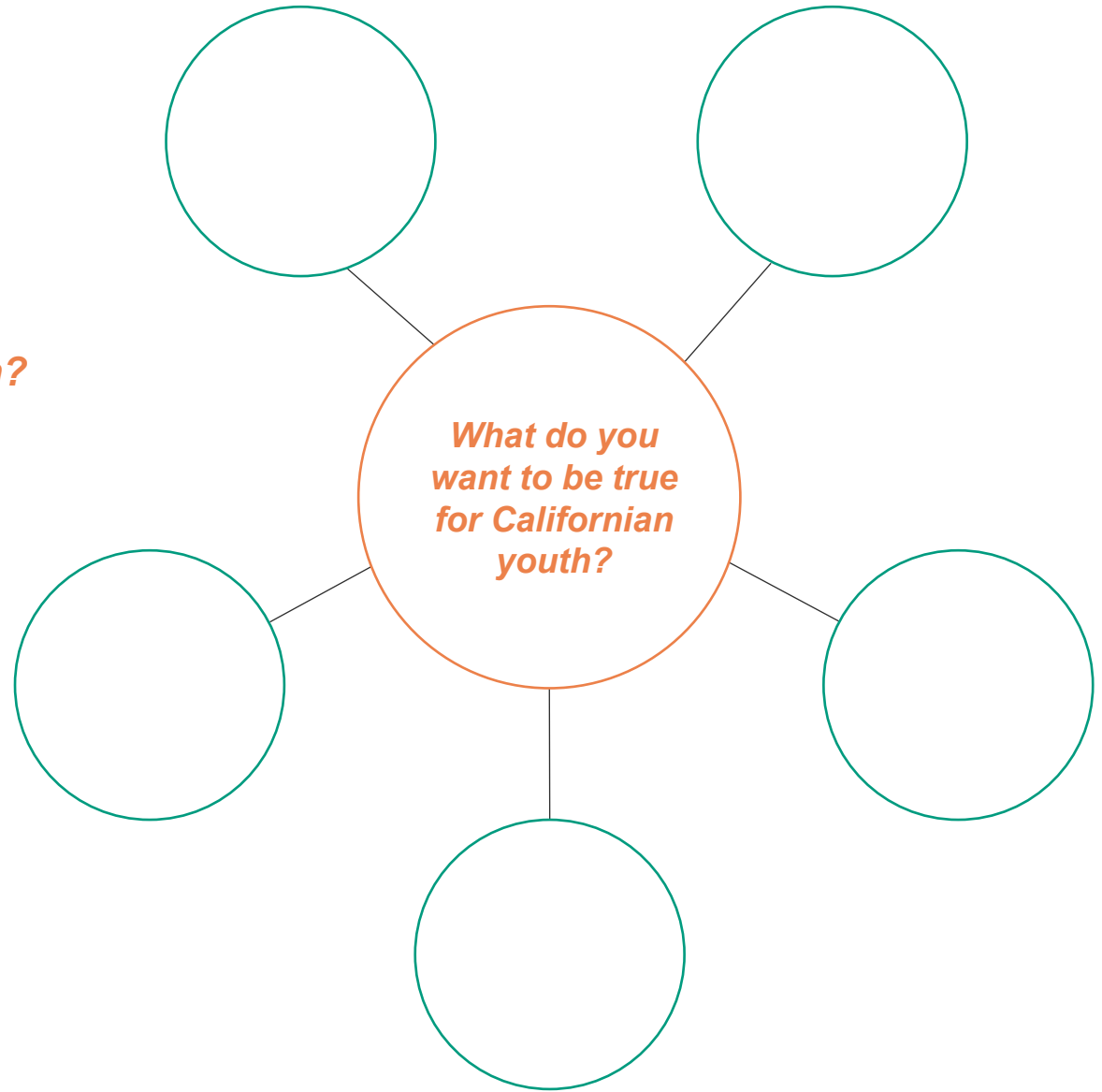
How are Californian youth impacted by policy today?



Visioning Brainstorm

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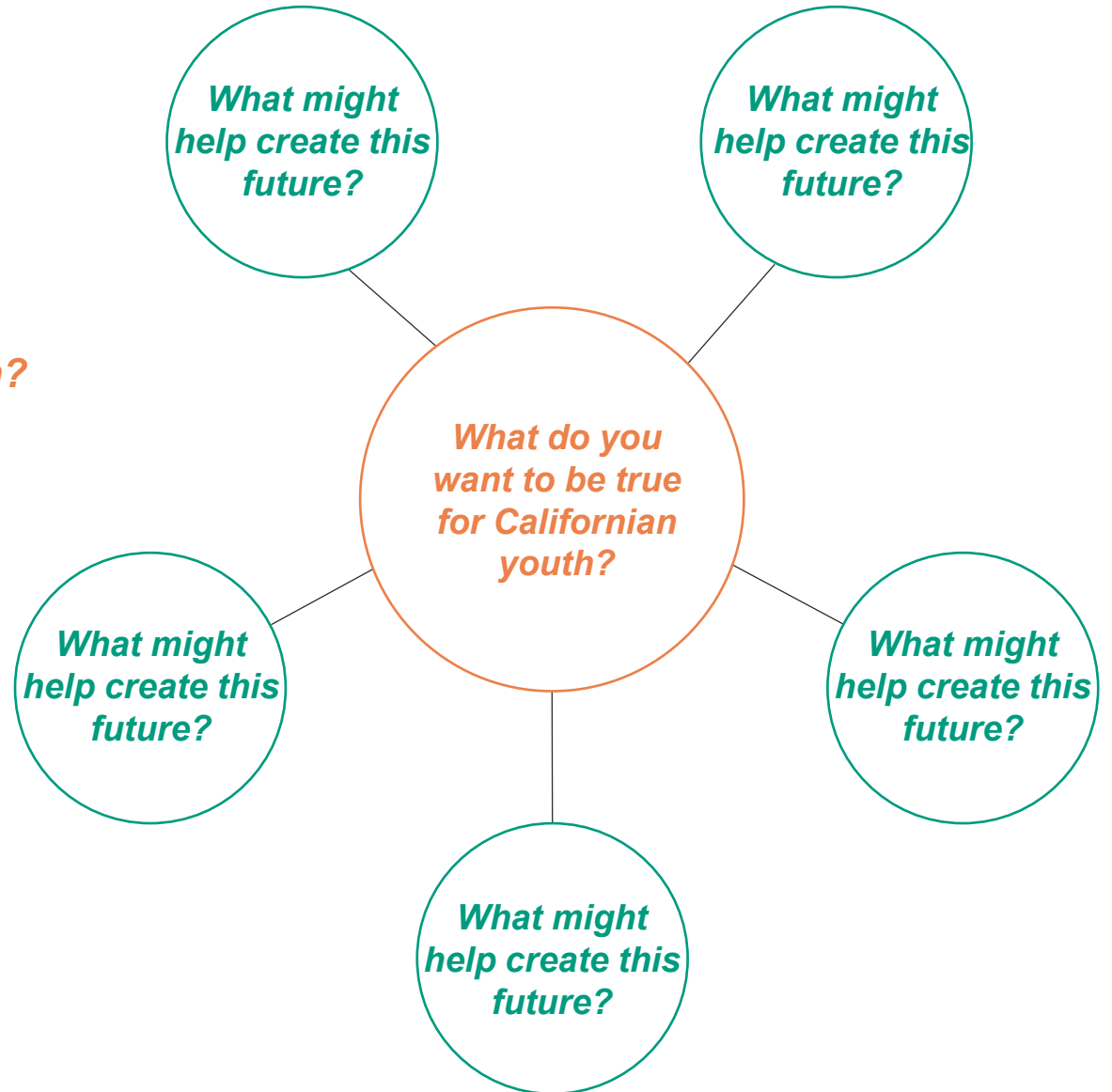
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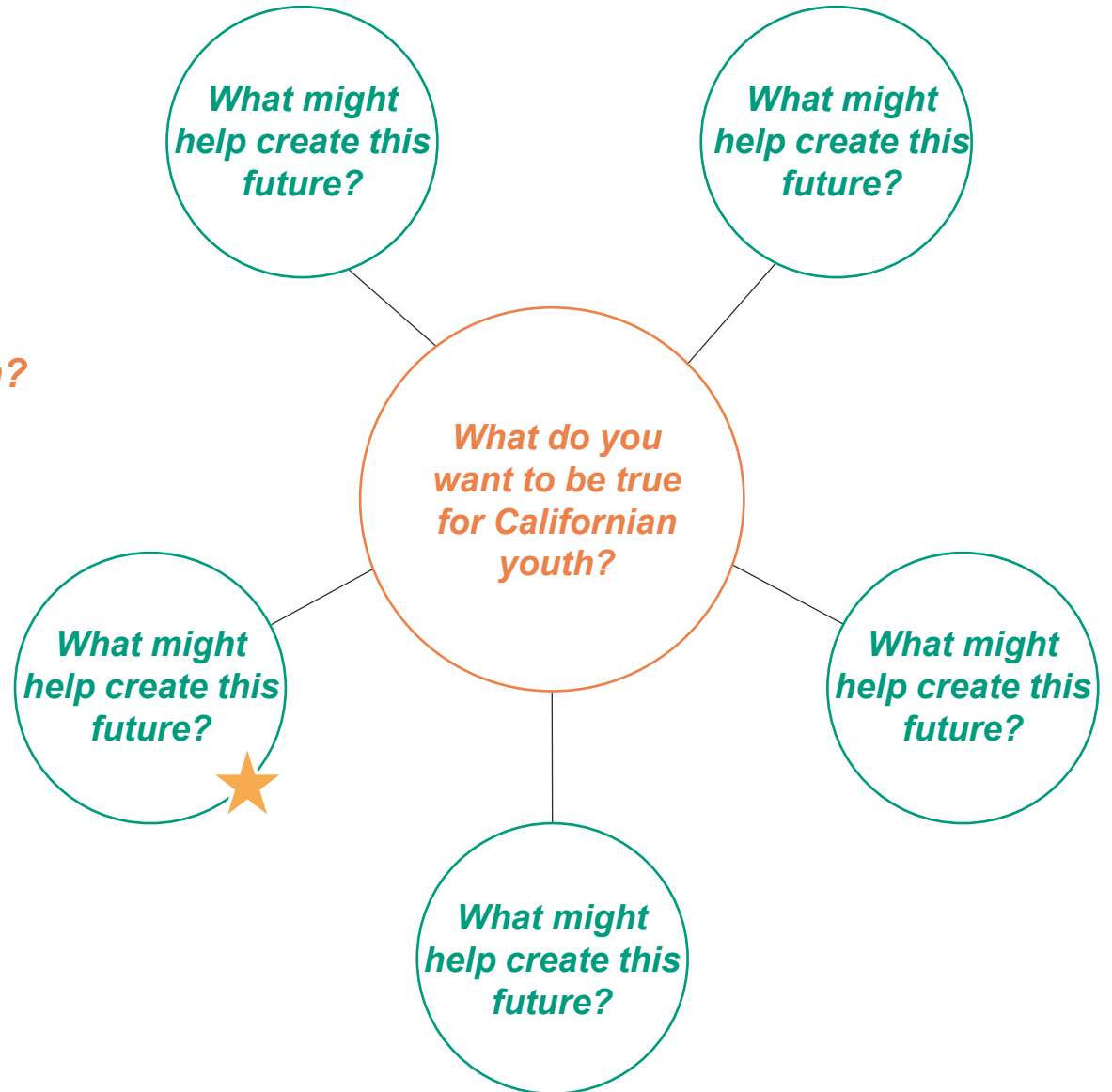
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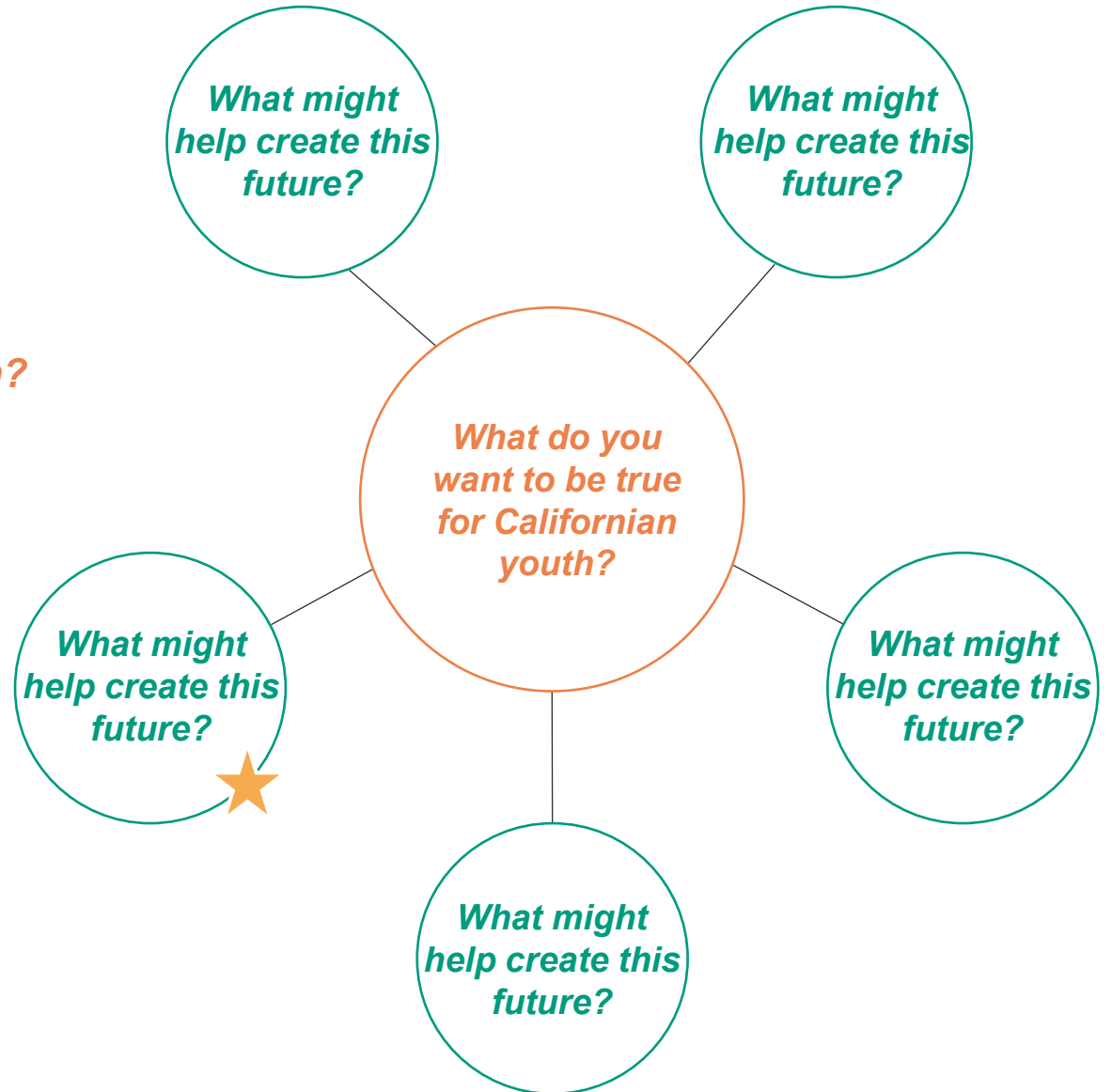
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Next Steps for Staff Action

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Adjournment

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