

# Social Economic & Environmental Justice Committee

The Civic Alliance To Rebuild Downtown New York

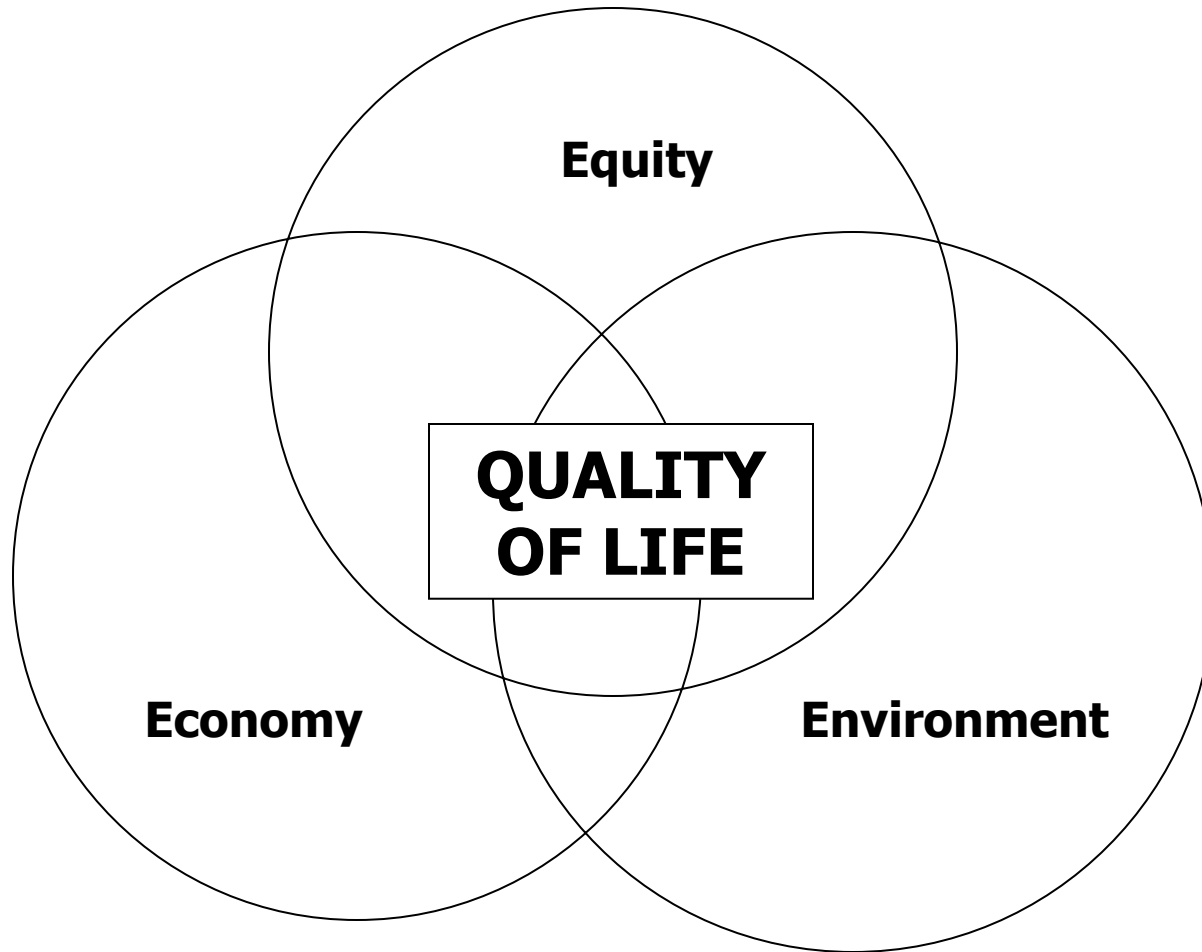
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# Overview

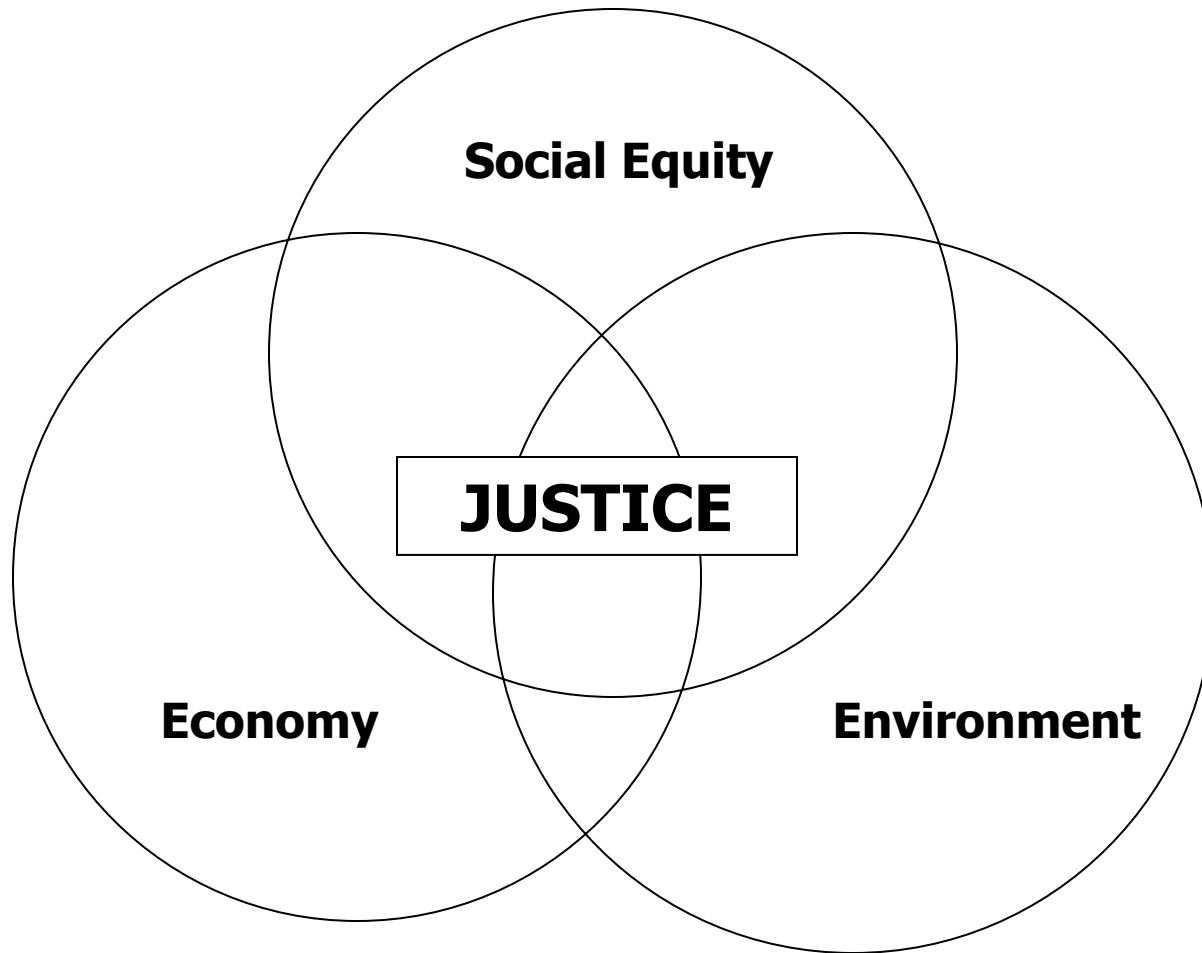
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# The Three E's

A Region At Risk: The Third Regional Plan For The New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Metropolitan Region



# Sustainability = The Three E's



# Healthy Sustainable Communities

## ■ Schools

We must plan and build healthy schools for ALL children with a stake in Lower Manhattan (residents, workers' children, magnet school attendees)

## ■ Mobility

How do we rethink and revitalize the infrastructure needed to move people, goods and waste for Lower Manhattan? We must go beyond just the restoration of train/bus service for Lower Manhattan.

# Healthy Sustainable Communities

- Civic amenities

This is an opportunity to distribute resources more equitably to provide civic amenities for ALL of lower Manhattan (e.g. waterfront access, parks, community rooms).

- Built environment

The places where people live, work and pray need to protect their health and make them more productive. We must incorporate green architecture and link development to health and quality of life outcomes.

# Affordable Housing

- Housing is essential and universal; foundation for civic and community life
- Housing conditions and costs fundamentally affect life chances
- Poorly allocated by the market resulting in negative spillovers
- Neighborhood, citywide and regional impacts

# Guiding Principles

- **Mixed use communities**
  - Diverse, resilient local economies, reduced transportation impacts, rich community life
- **Mixed income communities**
  - Minimize economic segregation; optimize spatial mobility
- **Ladder of housing opportunities**
  - Tenure, configuration and support options for households at all lifecycle stages and economic levels
- **Public investment**
  - Public resources are critical to bridge the gap between costs and ability to pay
- **Sustainability**
  - Design and structure for long-term financial and social viability; contextual planning and design

# Economic Development

- Diversified economy

The structure of the new economy must seek to create and support a broad, diverse economic base.

- Decentralization

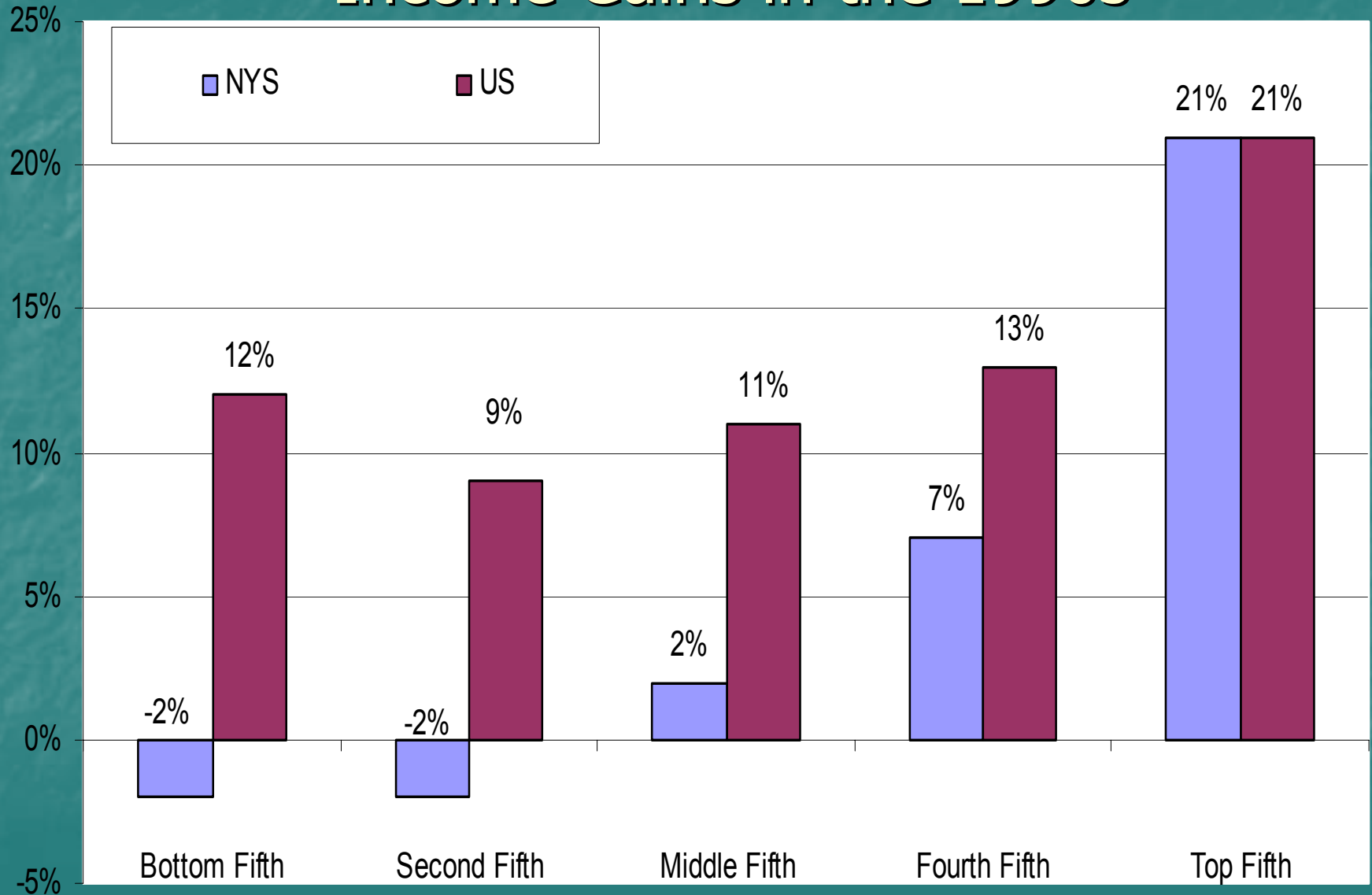
We need to restructure the economy in a way that is less polarized and is more integrated.

- Job creation and training

Guarantee of prevailing-wage or living-wage union jobs for displaced workers in the reconstruction of Lower Manhattan, with priority given to local residents.

- Community participation

# Most New York Families Did Not Experience Income Gains in the 1990s



# Environmental Quality, Protection & Justice

## ■ Air Quality Impacts

- LMDC should establish environmental quality ombudsman to coordinate risk communication and outreach to residents, schools and workers.
- Establish pollution controls for debris removal.

## ■ Environmental Regulation

- Regulatory work group must ensure that current public involvement and response periods for environmental review are not abbreviated, but enhanced given the burdens and trauma experienced by area residents and workers.
- Procedures should not obstruct the rebuilding process and residents should have real participation in the environmental review process.

# Environmental Quality, Protection & Justice

- Occupational Health and Safety
  - Economic development work group should recommend the incorporation of OSHA and environmental standards into the contracting process.
  - Adequate standards for worker safety must be established for both union and non-union workers, including the monitoring of air quality and prevailing wage concerns.

# Conclusion

- How can we ensure that social, economic and environmental issues permeate all of the Civic Alliance working groups?
- What role will the Civic Alliance play to ensure that these issues remain a focal point throughout the rebuilding process?