

# Silicon Valley's Future: Obstacles & Opportunities



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# “THE” Issues

- Traffic
- Housing
- Education



# Silicon Valley Competitiveness Project



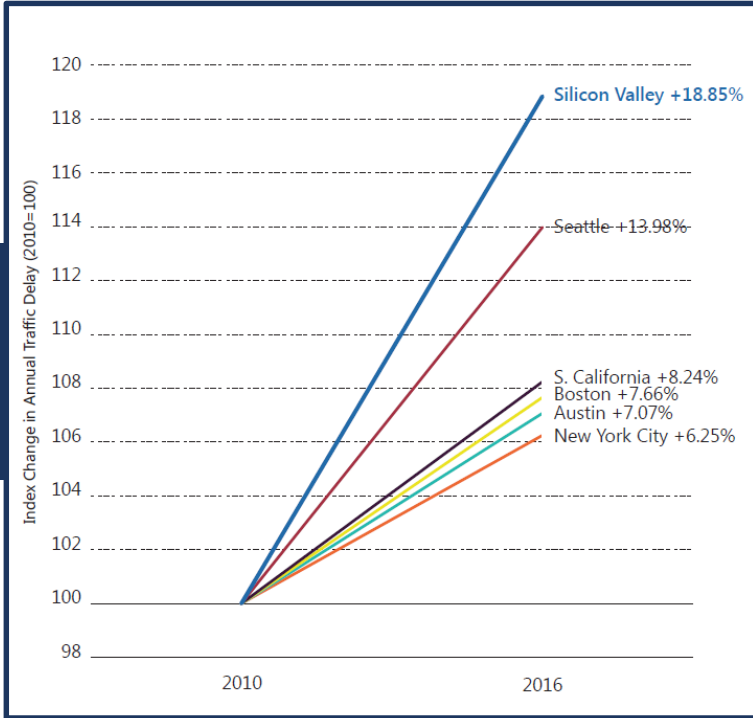
- Austin
- Boston
- New York
- Seattle
- Southern California

# Strengths

- Collaboration
- Competition
- Colleges
- Cash
- Climate



# Obstacles: Traffic



Change in average round trip commute time

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## Average round trip commute times

Silicon Valley **72 minutes**

Seattle **64 minutes**

New York City **74 minutes**

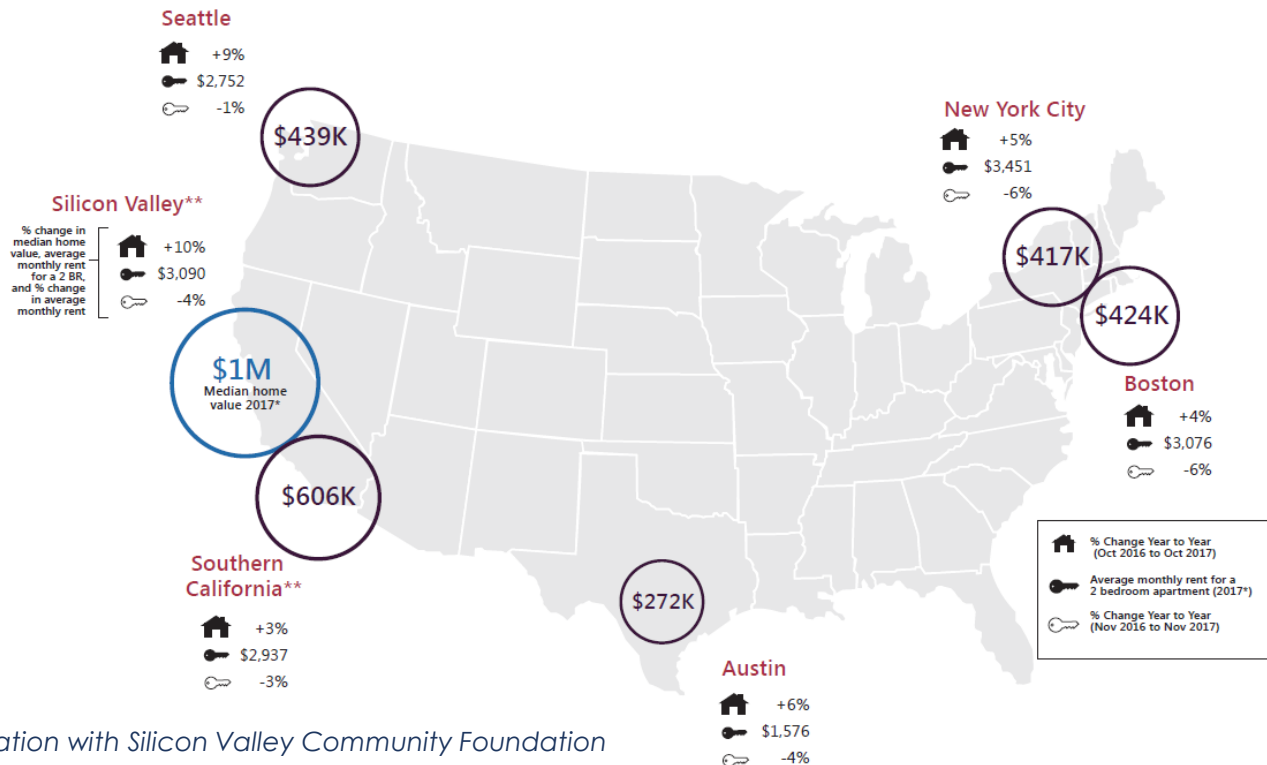
Austin **54 minutes**

Southern California **62 minutes**

Boston **66 minutes**

# Obstacles: Housing

## Median Housing Costs in Innovation Regions



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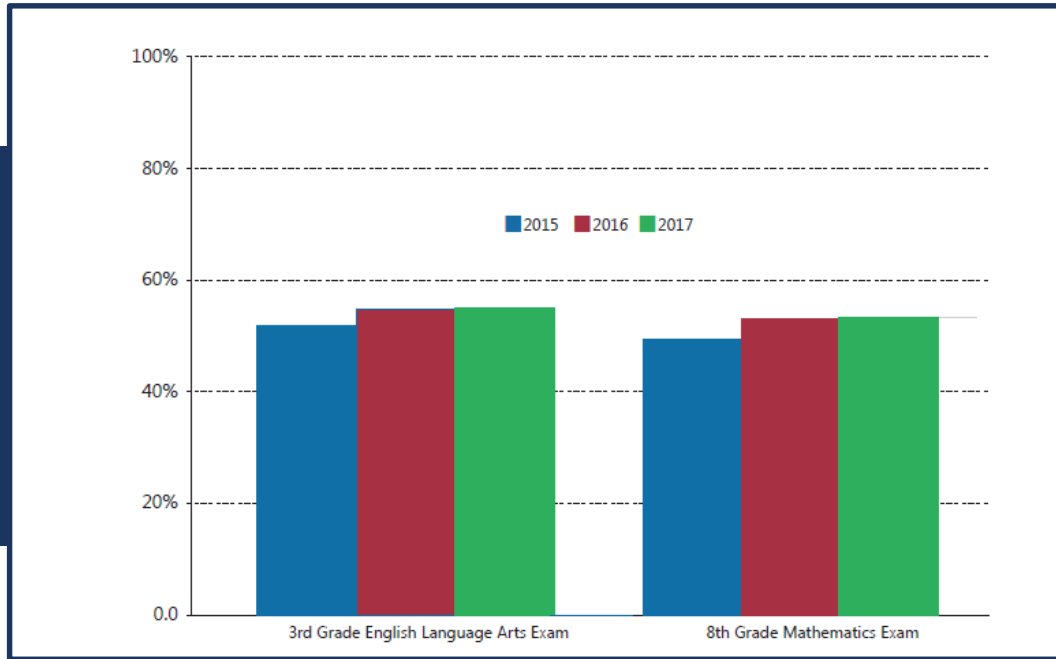
2010-2016 **Growth in Employment, Population, and Housing Stock**



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# Obstacles: Education



Share of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Learning Standards in Third Grade Language Arts and Eighth Grade Mathematics

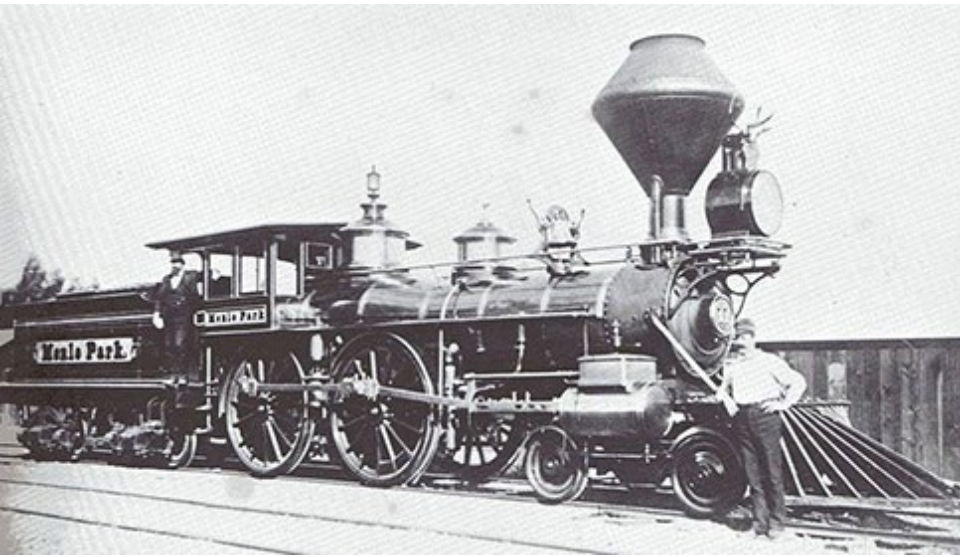
# Obstacles: Education



- CSU/UC 6-year graduation rate: 61% CSU | 84.4% UC
- Community College students achieving calculus readiness: 4%
- High School Graduates “college and career ready”: 51%
- 49% of Silicon Valley students will not graduate with the minimum requirements to apply to a UC/CSU
- 56% ESUHSD cannot apply to UC/CSU
- 71.2% Latino students in ESUHSD cannot apply to UC/CSU

# Opportunities: Traffic

## Regional Caltrain → 3-County



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# Opportunities: Traffic

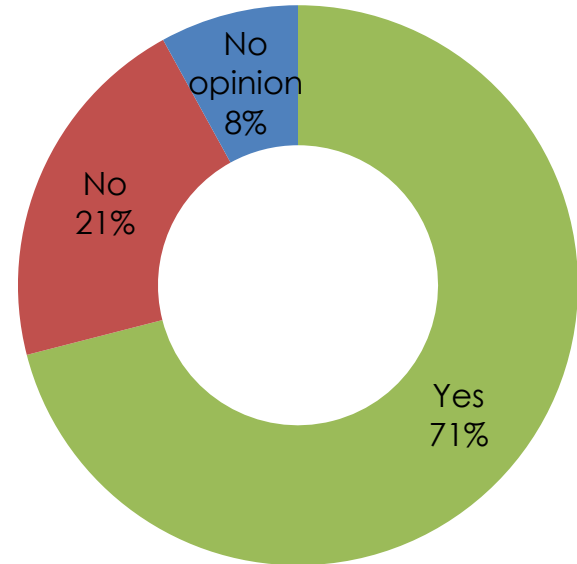
## Regional Solution

For the purpose of easing traffic on Highways 101, I-280 and the El Camino Real corridors, and reducing air pollution by converting Caltrain rail service to run on cleaner-burning electricity rather than diesel fuel, and doubling Caltrain ridership capacity between Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Francisco counties.

Shall the Caltrain Joint Powers Board enact a one-eighth cent sales tax with annual audits overseen by an Independent Citizens Watchdog Committee to ensure accountability and project compliance?

*Silicon Valley Leadership Group: 2018 Silicon Valley Poll*

Would you vote "Yes" or "No" on this measure?



+/- 2.3%

# Opportunities: Housing

## Programs for Housing Solutions

### **Housing Trust Silicon Valley**

- \$200 million invested in affordable housing
- 30,000+ people served
- 17,000+ housing opportunities
- \$3 billion leveraged by partners



# Opportunities: Housing

## TECH Fund

- Technology
- Equity
- Community
- Housing



- \$52 million raised from Cisco Foundation, LinkedIn, David & Lucile Packard Foundation, Pure Storage, Sobrato Family Foundation & Grove Foundation
- 17 developments = 1,840 new affordable homes



# Opportunities: Education

## Education Solution: **Coding 5k Challenge**

**CODING 5K**  
CHALLENGE  
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[sjpl.org/Coding5k](http://sjpl.org/Coding5k)  
#coding5k



# Opportunities: Education

## Education Solution: **Coding 5k Challenge**



- Launched in February 2018, with a goal of serving 2,500 students in five libraries.
- By years-end, we met and exceeded our goal with 4,500 students completing a Coding Academy in 10 San Jose Libraries in 8 of the 10 City Council Districts.
- Our 2019 goal is also 2,500 students, before we officially ramp to 5,000 students in 2020, and in each year following.





“No snowflake in  
an avalanche ever  
feels responsible.”

- *Stanislaw Jerzy Lec*