For communities of color, opportunities to achieve health equity were and continue to be impeded by unfair policies that undermine social determinants of health. Lines drawn long ago by the federal government through “redlining” created tangible differences between neighborhoods that are still felt today. Furthermore, “liquorlining” – the process of overconcentrating neighborhoods with liquor stores – is creating conditions in which inhabitants are left to fight for health equity in a system that was never built for their benefit.

The Alcohol Policy Panel of San Diego County hosts John C. Finn, Ph.D. for a presentation about the historical and modern effects that the built environment has on perpetuating health disparities in marginalized communities. Dr. Finn is Chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology at Christopher Newport University.

Guest speakers will also include:

Nathan Fletcher, Chair, County of San Diego Board of Supervisors

Luke Bergmann, Ph.D., Director, County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services

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