## Today's Economy: State of Affairs and Issues

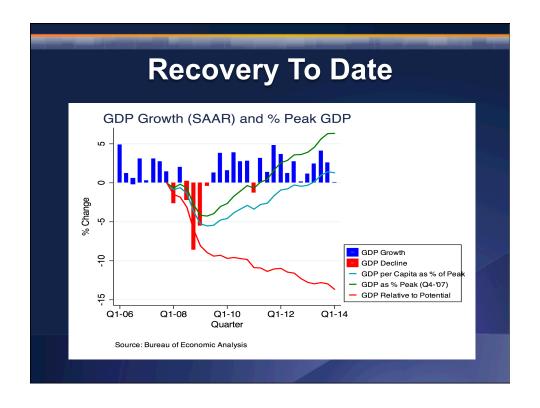
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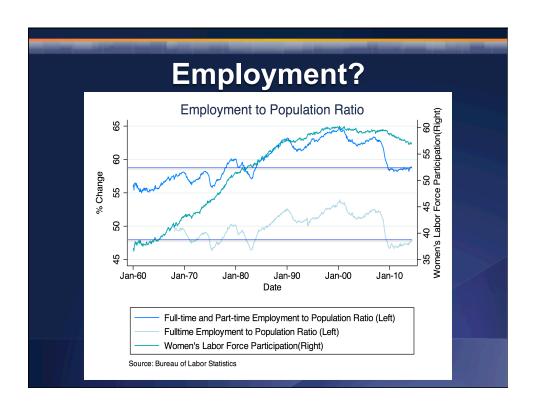
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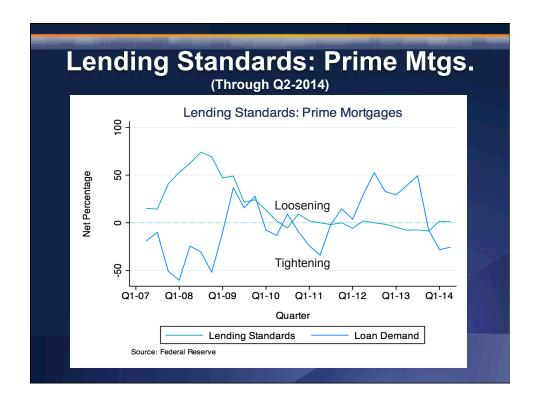
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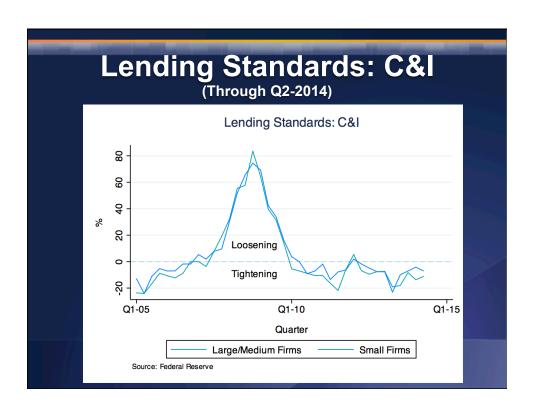
## **Topics**

- US Economy briefly
- California Economy
  - Broadly
  - Bay Area specifically
- Housing and Inequality as problem areas
- Prosperity Strategy
- Technology in the Bay Area
  - Growth
  - Venture Capital
  - Bubble?

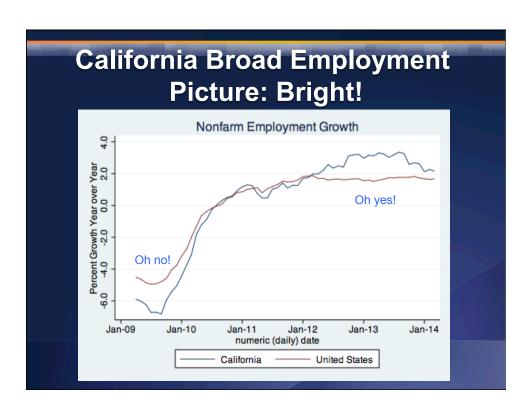










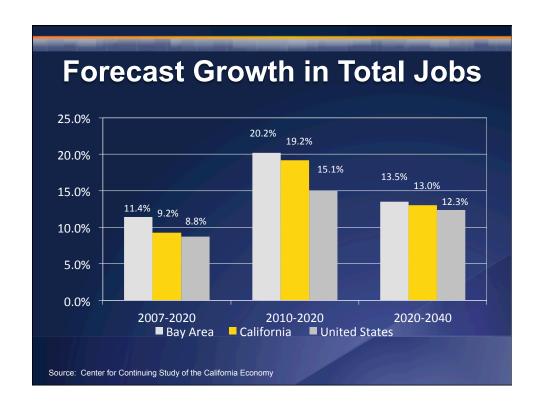


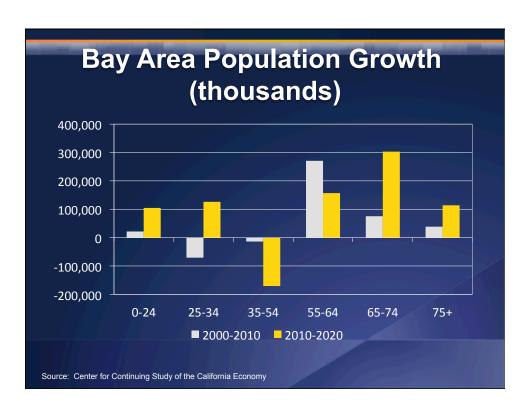
Regional Recovery					
Region	Employment March-14	12 Month % Chg	% Above Peak		
San Francisco MD	1,088,701	2.6	7.0		
San Jose MSA	990,481	4.3	6.4		
Bakersfield MSA	253,307	1.9	4.4		
San Diego MSA	1,338,638	2.5	1.0		
CALIFORNIA	15,365,500	2.2	-0.5		
Fresno MSA	313,542	3.9	-1.0		
Oakland MD	1,048,259	1.9	-1.4		
Los Angeles MD	4,174,738	2.2	-1.4		
Oxnard MSA	290,089	1.5	-3.3		
Inland Empire MSA	1,246,304	2.7	-3.6		
Sacramento MSA	877,598	1.9	-4.7		

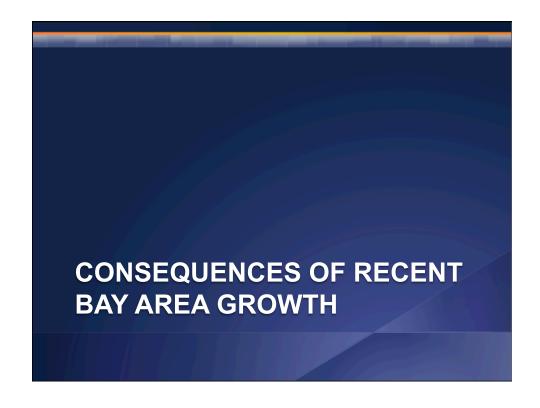
# Bay Strengths Relative to CA & US (12 month % growth to March 2014)

Industry	Bay Area	California	U.S.
Total Non-Farm Employment	3.0	2.2	1.7
Transport/ Warehouse	5.6	2.3	1.8
Manufacturing	3.6	-0.1	0.7
Information	5.8	4.3	0.2

Statewide: fastest growing include Prof/Bus, Information, Leisure & Hosp, Other Services



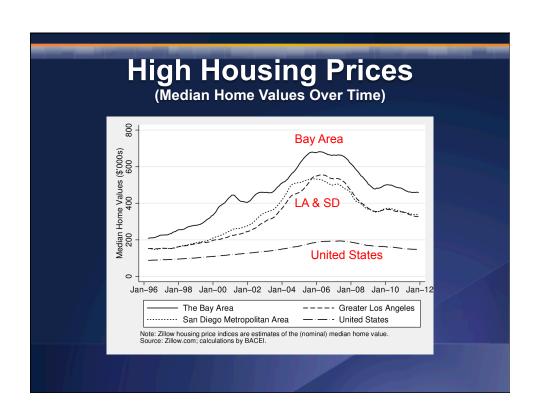






#### **Facts on Income Inequality**

- Top 1%:
  - Collect 24% of all income
  - Own 40% of all wealth
  - Hold 50% of all stocks, bonds, and mutual funds
  - Received 63% of all income gains in recent years
- Problem for residential real estate:
  - Hollowing out of the middle creates a bifurcated residential market. Softening at the bottom and tightening at the top.

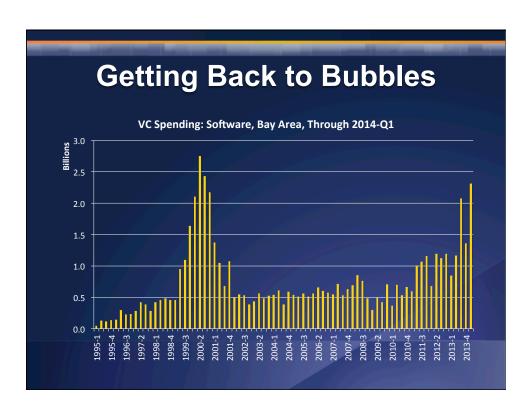


## **Bay Area Prosperity Strategy**

- Motivated in part by vanishing middle age/ skill workers
- Aggressively generate potential and opportunity for low skilled workers to move up
- Create conditions locally to bring back middle class
  - Housing, housing, housing
- Grow the local economy

**TECH/VENTURE CAPITAL** 





#### **Summary**

- Economy may be slow but artificially so
- Employment
  - Growing: faster in CA, faster still in Bay Area
- Lending standards are an impediment
  - How long will cash drive markets?
- Bay area
  - Demographics will play a major role going forward
  - **VC** will likely continue, but is facing problems
  - Tech likely to be a driver for some time, but no guarantees. Bubble, bubble....

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