

HIV: A look back to look forward

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a dense forest. Sunlight filters through the tall, thin trees, creating a hazy, golden atmosphere. The path is covered in shadows and dappled light from the surrounding greenery.

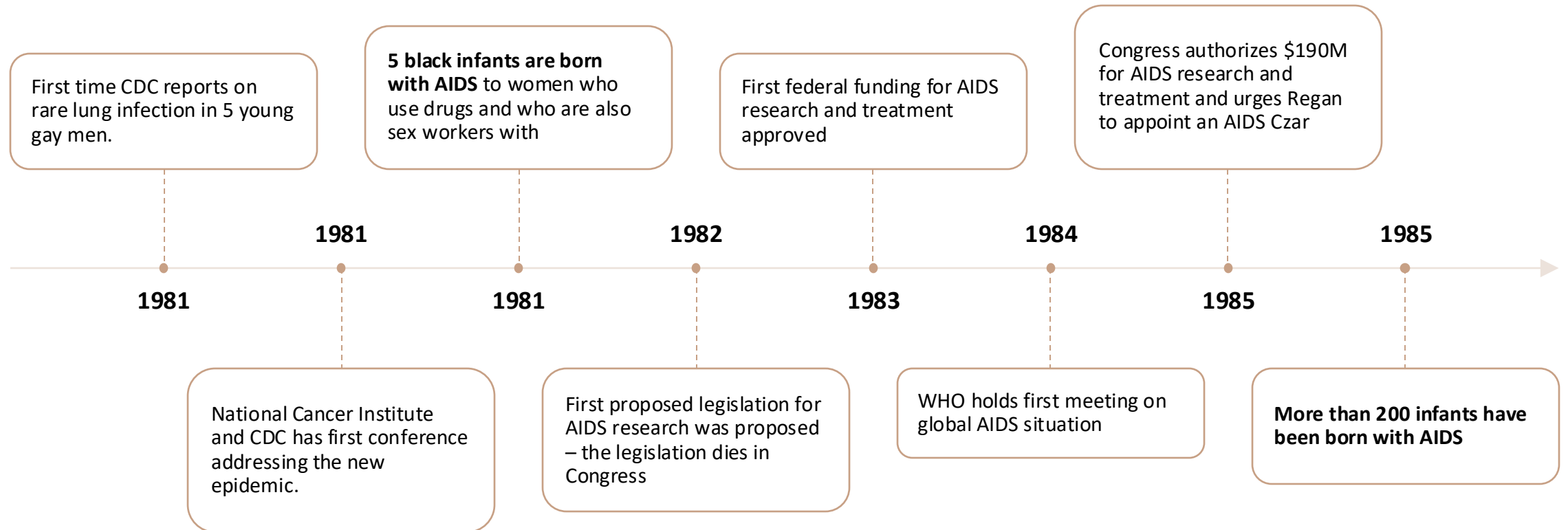
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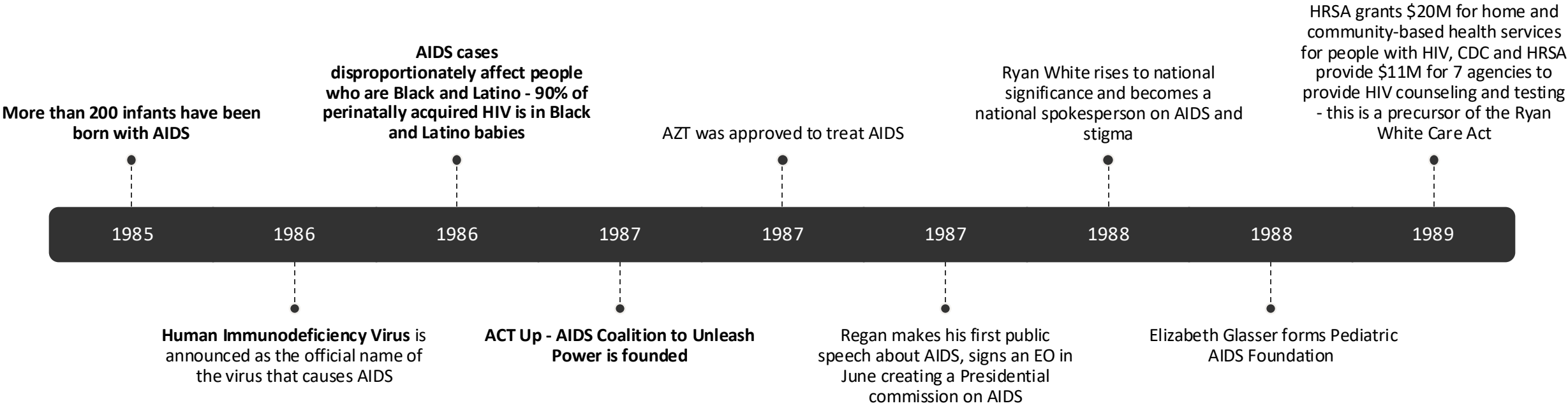


Honoring Our Past

Points in our History

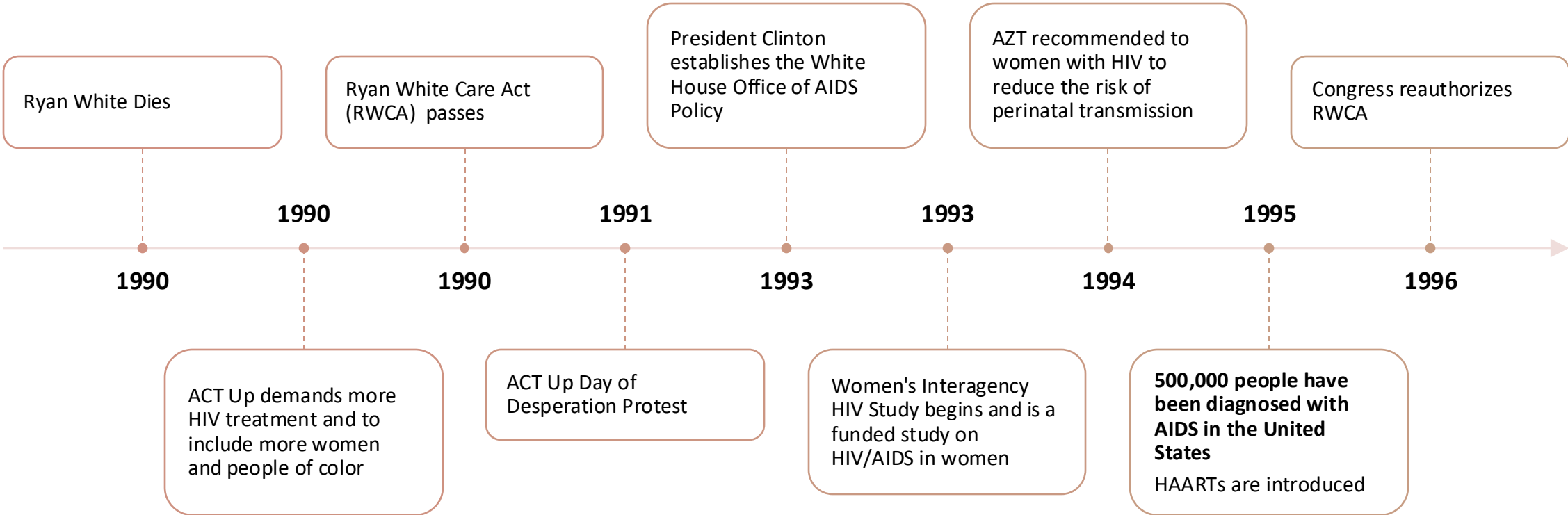


Points in our History



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African American account for 49% of AIDS related death, almost 10x that of white people and 3x that of Latinx.

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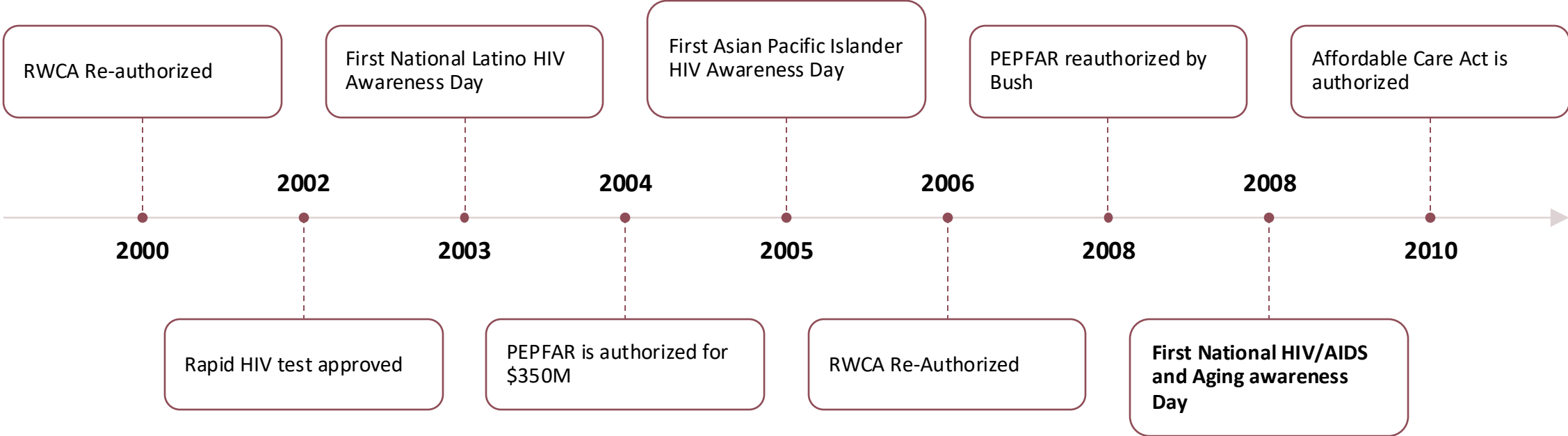
Congressional Black Caucus announces a state of emergency for the African American Community - Minority AIDS Initiative is Funded.

Alameda County Board of Supervisors declares a state of Emergency in Alameda County

First Nation Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

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President Obama announces efforts to increase availability of HIV/AIDS treatment

2011

Care Continuum Initiative to move people swiftly from diagnoses to treatment to viral suppression

2013

NY Times runs an article on HIV "Faces of HIV" and "People think it's over"

2013

Affordable Care Act provision that prohibits insurance companies from discriminating against people with HIV and cannot impose annual limits on coverage

2014

CDC announces **huge declines in new diagnoses in heterosexual people, people who inject drugs, and African Americans, especially African American women, but rates continued to rise in Latinx people**

2015

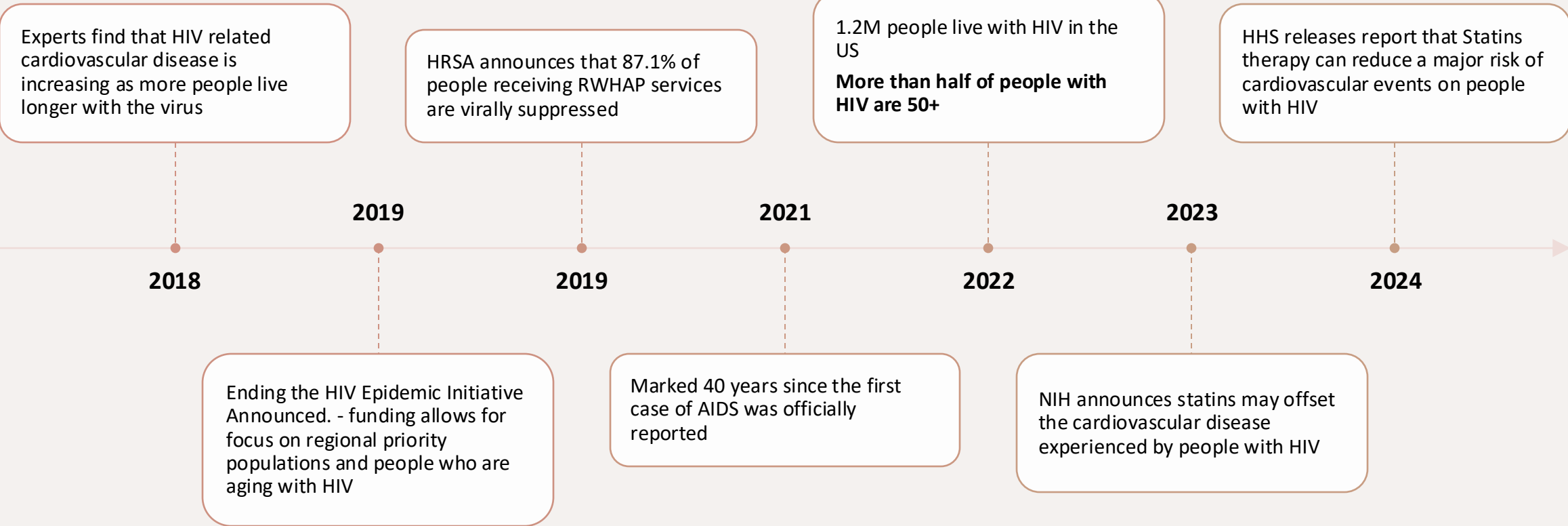
California decreases the penalty for knowingly exposing a partner, taking the U=U approach


2017

CDC Announces significant decrease in AIDS related deaths between 1995 and 2015

2017

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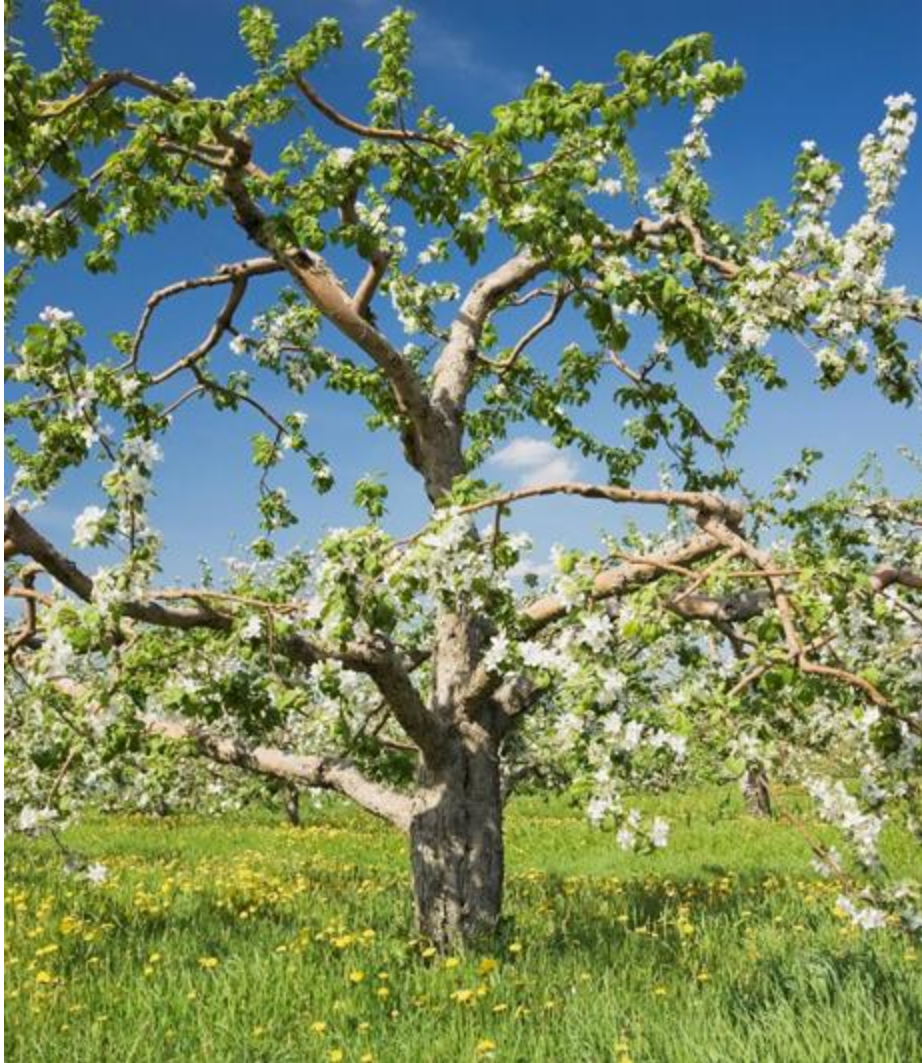




Our Epidemic
Our side of the Bay

Our epidemic, our side of the Bay

- Vastly different epidemiology than the City across the Bay
- Oakland TGA has more than 9,000 people with HIV and San Francisco has more than 15,000 – the impacted communities look different.
- People with HIV in the Oakland TGA reflect the national epidemic impacting more Black/African American men, more women, and more people of color than San Francisco.
- Culture, stigma, and access to health care and sexual health education are barriers to messaging and reaching people



Legacy of Advocacy

We earned what we have
through fierce determination

Lifting Voices

1982 Gay Men's Health Crisis founded in NYC

1982 Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence creates a sex positive guide

1985 San Francisco AIDS Foundation is founded

1987 ACT Up is founded

1989 ACT Up protests leads to lowered AZT prices

1991 ACT Up protest at White House demands a more urgent response

Lifting Voices in our Community

1984

CAL-PEP is founded to provide HIV outreach, education and services to underserved communities in the East Bay

1986

YA Flunder Foundation focuses on AIDS education and services in the African American community

1990

Ryan White Funding comes to the Oakland Transitional Grant Area with Alameda County and Contra Costa Counties.

1991

WORLD - Women Organized to Respond to Life threatening Disease is founded by Rebecca Denison and a small group of women with HIV

1992

HEPPAC is founded to respond to the HIV epidemic among people who inject drugs in Alameda County

1994

Allen Temple AIDS Ministry provides free lunch, nutrition counseling, and companionship for people with HIV

1998

Alameda County Board of Supervisors declares a State of Emergency that has not been lifted

Aging with HIV – Surviving and Thriving

- Accelerated aging
- Ongoing inflammation
- Heart disease
- Cancer
- Maintain healthcare connections
- Maintain social connections
- Find places that make you feel safe and valued

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Caring for myself is not self-indulgence.
It is self-preservation, and that is an act
of political warfare.



Forging a path forward

How do we pay for HIV Services?

- Private Insurance
- Medi-Cal
- Medicare
- HealthPAC
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and Ending the HIV Epidemic

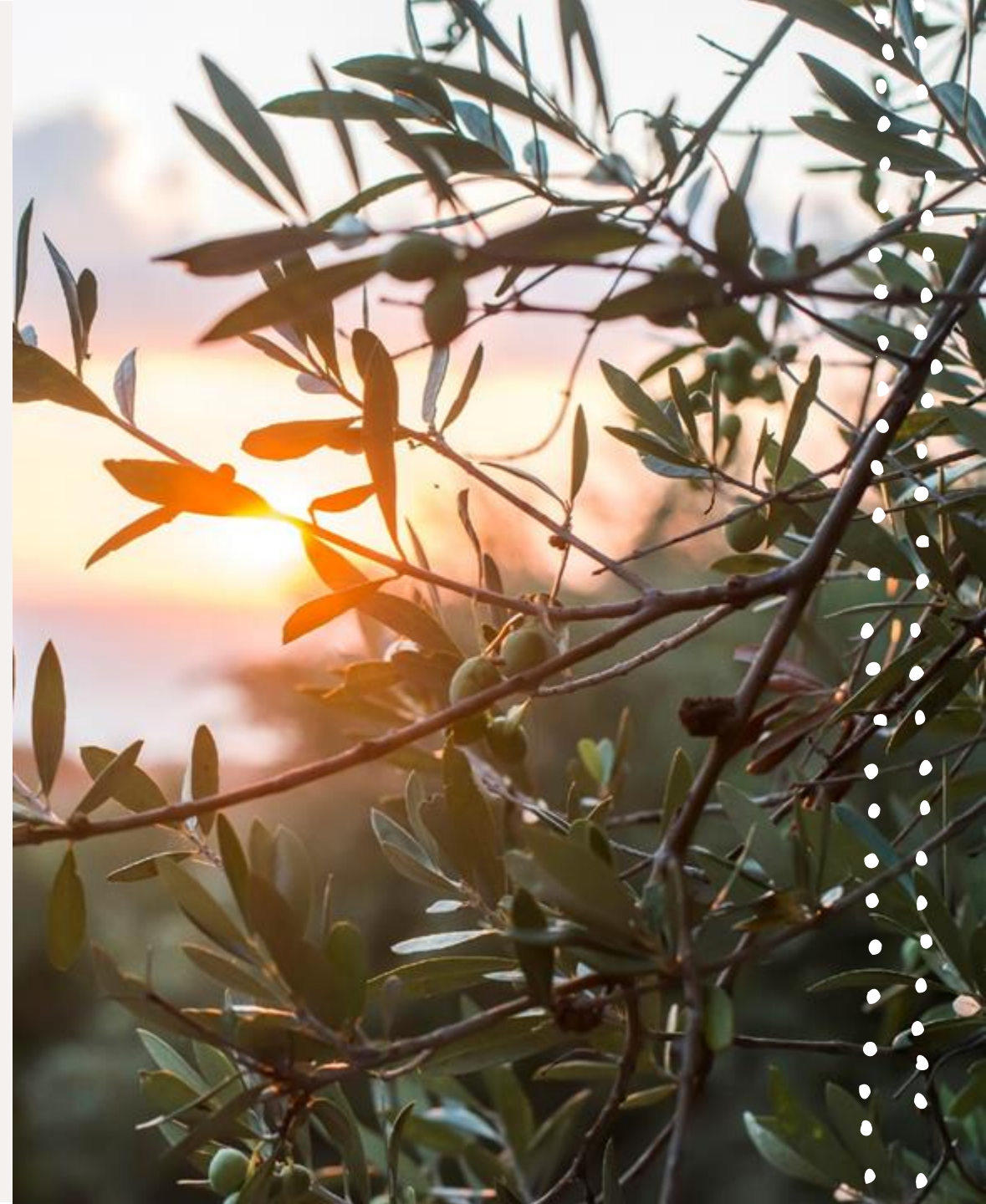
Federal Funding for HIV Care Services

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP)

- Authorized in 1990 to provide resources for low-income people with HIV
- Serves about 500,000 people in the US
- Serves about 4,000 people in the Oakland TGA

Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE)

- Launched in 2019 and funded in 2020 for phase 1
- Four strategies – Diagnose, Treat, Prevent, Respond



General Order of Precedence

Level of Policy	Examples
US Constitution	Foundation of all laws, rules, and policies
Statues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program authorizations and appropriations• Federal grant and cooperative agreements act of 1977• Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006• Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA) of 2014
Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards: 2CFR 200 & 45 CFR75
Policies, program guidance, and Award - Specific Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Orders• OMB Memos• HHS Grants Policy Statement• Agency Specific Grant Policies

What do we know about the state of HIV Funding?

RWHAP Part A has not been the target of cuts

Ending the HIV Epidemic funding for HIV Services has not been the target of cuts

RWHAP Part C and F have been rumored for cuts

HIV Prevention through CDC has been targeted for cuts

California will limit access to Medi-Cal by some immigrant populations based on documented status

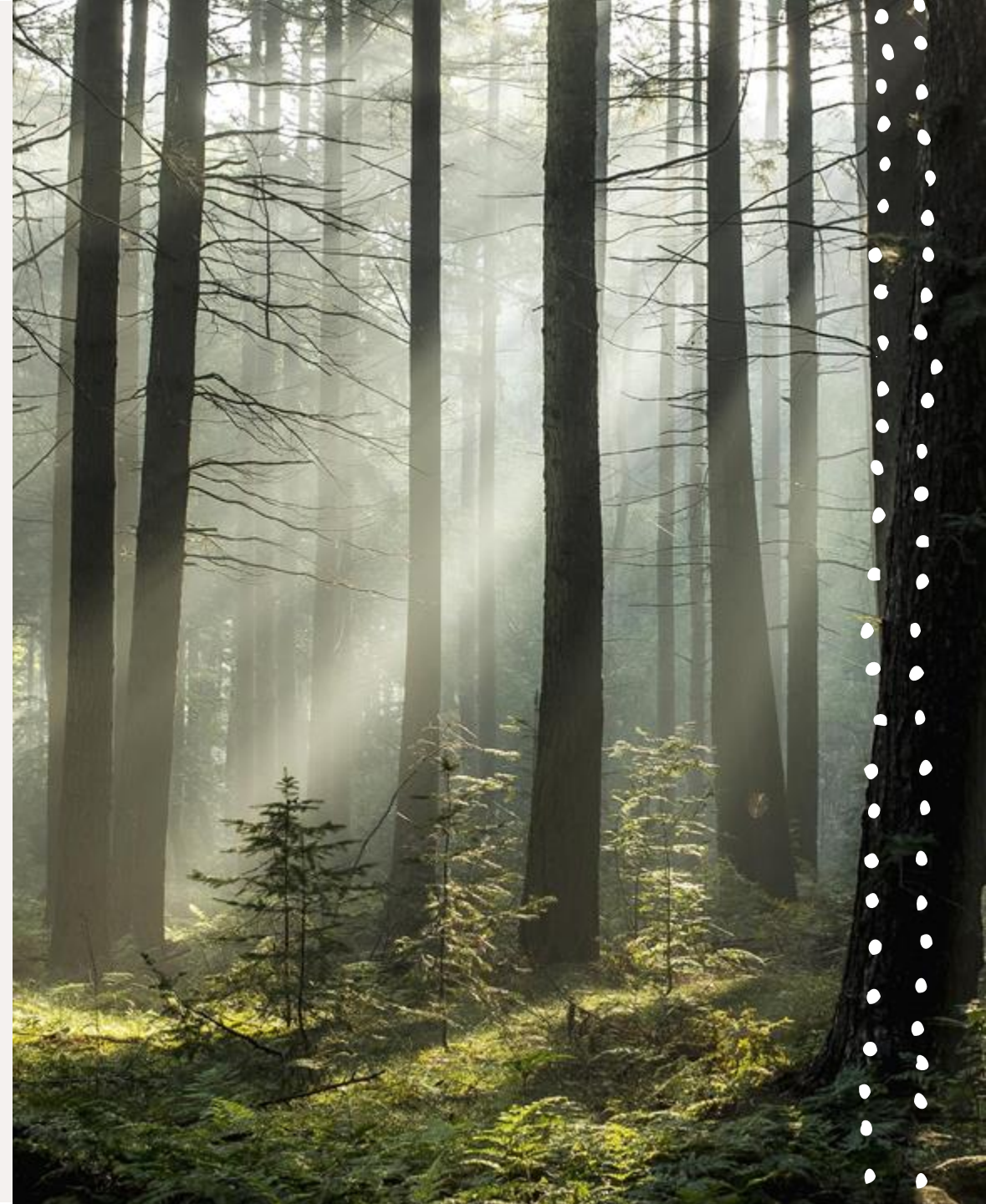
Work requirements for Medi-Cal because of HR1 may move people off coverage

Reimbursement rates will decrease because of HR1 and providers will struggle

There may be a greater reliance on Ryan White funds to cover services

What do we do?

- Stand up
- Show up
- Work with your local politicians
- Nurture advocacy in those around you
- Make sure you vote



Fight for the things you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you.

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