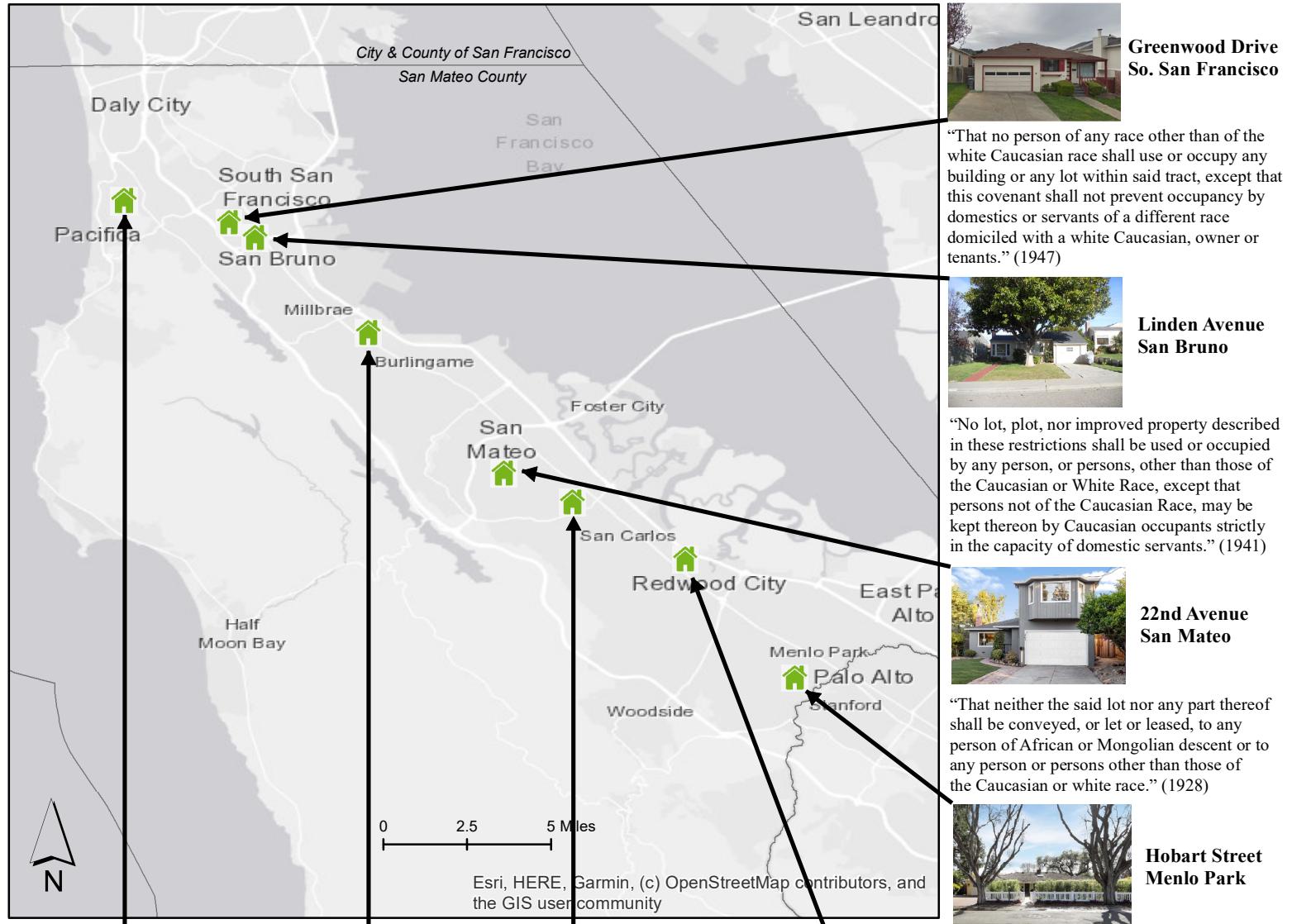


Legalized Racism: Restrictive Housing in San Mateo County

In the United States, the sale of land often includes complex restrictions that accompany the lot deed, known as "covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs). Beginning in the late 1800s, these restrictions often included exclusionary covenants to restrict the sale of property to certain races. This was true across San Mateo County where racially-restrictive deeds can be found in virtually every city. In 1948, the landmark Supreme Court case *Shelley v. Kraemer* rendered these racial restrictions unenforceable, and years later they were declared unconstitutional. Although these clauses have no legality today, they can still be found in the deeds of many homes. This poster shows examples of this racially restricted language in deeds across San Mateo County.



Hibbert Court
Pacifica

"No person of Negro, Japanese, Malay, Chinese, Hindu, Indian, Korean, or Mongolian descent, or person not wholly of the Caucasian race shall be permitted or suffered to use or occupy said property or any part thereof, except that persons not of Caucasian race may be kept thereon by Caucasian occupant strictly in the capacity of domestic servants, gardeners, or chauffeurs." (1948)



Westmoor Road
Burlingame

"Race Restrictions: No persons other than members of the Caucasian or White race shall be permitted to occupy any portion of said property, other than as domestics in the employ of the occupants of the premises." (1940)



Sunnyslope Avenue
Belmont

"No person of African, Japanese, Chinese, Hindu, Indian, Korean, or Mongolian descent, or person not wholly of the Caucasian race, shall be permitted or suffered to purchase, own, lease, use or occupy said property or any part thereof, except that persons not of the Caucasian race may be kept thereon by Caucasian occupants strictly in the capacity of domestic servants, gardeners or chauffeurs." (1938)



Greenwood Drive
So. San Francisco

"That no person of any race other than of the white Caucasian race shall use or occupy any building or any lot within said tract, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestics or servants of a different race domiciled with a white Caucasian, owner or tenants." (1947)



Linden Avenue
San Bruno

"No lot, plot, nor improved property described in these restrictions shall be used or occupied by any person, or persons, other than those of the Caucasian or White Race, except that persons not of the Caucasian Race, may be kept thereon by Caucasian occupants strictly in the capacity of domestic servants." (1941)



22nd Avenue
San Mateo

"That neither the said lot nor any part thereof shall be conveyed, or let or leased, to any person of African or Mongolian descent or to any person or persons other than those of the Caucasian or white race." (1928)



Hobart Street
Menlo Park

"Race Restriction: No portion of said property shall be used or occupied at any time by any person or persons whose blood is not entirely that of the Caucasian race, provided that persons not of the Caucasian race may be kept thereon by a Caucasian occupant, strictly in the capacity of domestic servants of such occupant." (1945)



Arguello Street
Redwood City

"That the second parties or the second parties' heirs or assigns, shall not at any time sell, lease or rent, or in any way convey said property to any person or persons of the African, Mongolian or other Asiatic Race." (1933)