

Plan Bay Area		
January 2012 Public Workshops		
Open Comment Station -- Oral Comments		
County	Comments	
1	San Fran.	Basic premise of process is accepting growth; more discussion is needed.
2	San Fran.	More urban-favored in process; how do comments tonight and the spring input feed into the process?
3	San Fran.	Concerned that no costs are included in the trade-off discussions.
4	San Fran.	Percentages are more important than absolute number of votes [in the prioritization exercise].
5	San Fran.	Please summarize key differences between the spring session and tonight's meeting.
6	San Fran.	What is the impact of redevelopment areas being eliminated?
7	San Fran.	How does this process square with the recent \$6 billion for exurban development highway toll lanes?
8	San Fran.	Concern about assumptions regarding complete communities: People drive because services aren't available, even if they ride transit, too.
9	San Fran.	Process has contradictions: It's a regional plan that maintains local control. Proposition of preserving neighborhood character vs. redevelopment. Emphasis on transit and housing misses importance of schools and jobs.
10	San Fran.	Frustrated by process of framing: need more positive framing; i.e., impact on private property rights.
11	San Fran.	Process does not include costs -- e.g., cost per passenger mile; or for GHG reduction strategies.
12	San Fran.	Look at Sharon Hudson's new publication, "Urban Bill of Rights" for good questions and information.
13	San Fran.	Meeting process was superficial and at middle-school level.
14	San Fran.	Need to take more time for comments.
15	San Fran.	Not enough emphasis on affordable housing.
16	San Fran.	Process is too general and high level; no one has signed up to support this.
17	San Fran.	San Francisco is urban and hasn't grown in 20 years. There are 7 million people in the region living close to the land. This is a "high-performing" area.
18	San Fran.	The notion of urbanizing suburban areas is madness: 4-story walk-ups are not desirable.
19	San Fran.	Let's discuss how we capitalize on the region's beauty, high quality and peaceful living.
20	San Fran.	Not clear in this meeting whether we were to focus on San Francisco or on the region.
21	San Fran.	The Visitacion Valley exercise didn't synch with how the questions were posed.
22	San Fran.	A survey of Gen-X and Gen-Y found they want to live in denser neighborhoods.
23	San Fran.	More people are taking transit so they can use their electronic gadgets.
24	San Fran.	If you plan for 2 million people, 4 million will come. There will be unintended consequences. Densification theories are based on Europe and won't work here.
25	San Fran.	Where is growth coming from? Explain why we are doing this.
26	San Fran.	Noise and air pollution come with density; we need mitigation for neighborhoods that accept growth.
27	San Fran.	Glad to see this process may address public health issues, such as childhood obesity.
28	San Fran.	I want to emphasize the importance of education; bring in UC Berkeley's Center for Cities and Schools.
29	San Fran.	Look at numbers needed to get transit in good repair and operations funding. Plan won't work without the supporting transit service.