

Alameda County — Causa Justa Just Cause

Plan Bay Area Community-Based Outreach

Outreach area:

East and West Oakland, California

Outreach description:

Outreach in April and May 2011 through door knocking, interviews, and presentations at tenant meetings

Participants: 239

(Note: Not everyone voted in all segments of the outreach.)

Priority Transportation Investment Strategies

Participants were given 21 options for investing future transportation funding and asked to select their top six priorities.

Rank	Strategy
1	Invest more transportation funds to support cities that build new housing near transit that is affordable for Bay Area residents with limited income
2	Expand commuter rail services (BART, Caltrain, etc.)
3	More frequent service on transit routes with high ridership
4	Expand express bus and local bus services
5	Increase funding to maintain local streets and roads
6	Improve safety of streets and intersections

Priority Policy Initiatives

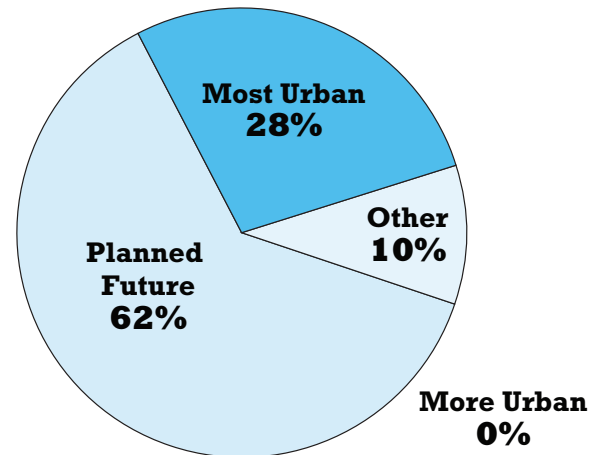
Participants were given six options for new policies that could be adopted (at the local, regional, state or federal level) and asked to select their top three.

Rank	Initiative
1	New requirements for employers (e.g. allow employees to work from home one day per week; allow employees to pay for transit with pre-tax dollars, etc.)
2	***
3	***

*** Organization did not provide survey numbers

How will we grow?

Participants were asked to choose a preferred scenario for future growth, with "Planned Future" (labeled "current Plans") reflecting adopted MTC and ABAG plans, and "More Urban" and "Most Urban" applying increasingly higher concentrations of housing and development.



Comments

Participants who took the survey were asked what one thing in their neighborhood (and in the Bay Area) they would like to see changed, and what one thing they would most like to keep. Some participants also submitted general comments on a separate comment card. Below are the most common responses and comments in no particular order.

- Maintain trees, parks, open spaces
- Maintain ethnic diversity in the community
- Maintain wildlife conservation
- Improve community unity
- Maintain and expand bicycle and pedestrian lanes
- Improve equal access to basic necessities like grocery stores throughout Alameda County
- Expand low-income housing options
- Increase job opportunities
- Decrease crime, violence, drug use
- Expand youth programs and educational activities
- Stop gentrification
- Expand current transit options, particularly buses

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Below are all comments received in response to the following two-part question.

QUESTION 4a

What is the one thing in your neighborhood or community that you would most like to keep? What one thing in the Bay Area would you like to keep?

COMMENT

Trees

To keep more drug stores and a place to shop

Loitering, prostitutions, drugs

Park clean and crime free

Income

The people

Crazy people

School

Why have to secu to talk about

Schools, good teachers, sports teams, and good cops

Keep parks open. For homeless people

Schools

I'd like to keep trees and parks and see them made safer to more welcoming for kids and old people

Community and diversity

Housing and schools

Keep the stores

Community

Peace

Community and hads personal

The Walgreens across the street

BART

Diversity x2

I would like to keep the people and food markets. The Bay Area would like to keep their jobs and homes.

Organizations that educate the communities

Organizations

The black people (A) and (B)

Ethnic diversity and cultural resources and natural (museums and parks)

Mini bike (little motorcycles)

Diversity in age, race, gender and sexual orientation. Safe space for all humans

Community

Culture

Parks

The park and recreation systems. The maritime school

Youth programs. Green spaces

Consistency in the neighborhood is really important to keeping everyone feeling safe. Making sure folks who have been in area a long time, have the resources to stay.

Stop cutting bus service

Help long time residents who stabilize neighborhoods and promote cohesion and community stay in the neighborhood

Diversity

Our culture and historic communities

I would love to keep my neighborhood the way it is. I'd love to keep transportation going

I'd keep the parks in my neighborhood. I'd keep the programs.

I would keep the bus services that connects East to West Oakland.

The wildlife conservation

I would like to keep long term residents in their homes. In the Bay Area, I would like to keep the libraries open.

Whatever friendly people live there. Keep BART and extend its routes.

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COMMENT
In both my neighborhood and in the Bay Area, I want to keep the housing protections public transit and bike lanes we already have.
The diverse culture and arts
Keep police from fucking with people
Bus system (aside from price) is decent
Keep coming out and asking the people what they think
Historical buildings
SSI
Black people. Parks
Nothing.
In my neighborhood, I would like to keep affordable housing. In the Bay Area, also affordable housing.
Diversity (true diversity). Experiencing different cultures and ways of life all over the Bay.
Nothing
I would like to keep the diversity
Walgreens and other businesses in our neighborhoods in East Oakland.
Community welfare for seniors
More togetherness with each race.
Walgreens store/pharmacy. East Oakland youth development center. Senior housing. Churches. Libraries.
Senior
The one thing I would like to keep is the diversity.
I will like to see people that I know stay in their home without displacement. I will likes to see the Bay Area stop building technology industry that is polluting the water.
Public transportation.
Keep my house, keep me. Friendly neighborhood. Knowing that my neighbors are looking out for me and working/willing to help relationships.
The urban areas.
Jobs and bring in more
Speed bumps
More parks
Parks, libraries
Housing
Neighborhood watch, so less thefts occur to the hard working class in our society.
My house, schools
My house!
The public transportation system takes me everywhere
Public transportation. Diversity of food choices.
There are a good amount of traffic lights. I like the diverse stores and cafes. Public transportation is cool too.
Bike lanes.
Bike lanes.
I would keep the programs that are still around such as the recreation centers, etc.
The public transportation such as BART should stay and spread so most people can use it and decrease the traffic freeway use.
I would like to keep all the art around the neighborhood. I would like to keep the historic buildings around the Bay.
I would most like to keep is AC transit. I would like to keep all the schools in the Bay Area from closing.
I would like to keep the diversity.
I would like to keep the diversity.
The diversity
The trees and plants. I love the diversity and street arts
Walgreens store and senior housing.
EYDOC
The bus service is pretty good. No further reduction in bus lines. I do agree with some of the reorganization of the bus lines.

QUESTION 4a
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COMMENT
I would like to keep the parks, increase the community gardens and continue to celebrate our diversity
To keep more jobs that's here
A place to live
A job
All the historic housing
Parks, libraries, stores and the plants
Good folks doing surveys. More input from neighborhoods
Schools
Running bus services to BART to bus
Jobs
My people
Housing
I'd like to see the diversity stay the same in my neighborhood and community
Self help organizations. Peer-support
Non-profit organizations. Unity, diversity
I like the program. The Bay Area has great people
I like to keep the community center in my community. I like BART in the Bay Area.
Home
Job
Day care center on Holly 90th
I would love to keep the street crossing guards which help students and adults cross major intersections during school times
Personally, I would like to keep the parks and Boys and Girls club nearby.
Nearby transit for schools properties so it won't be so hard for my son to get to school
Peace
Security
NA. The few programs they do have for the youth.
Schools
Our house and family
The parks
Better or more counseling to give our youth a thorough understanding about their neighborhood and community
Diversity
Family housing
Parks
Transportation/AC transit and BART and programs and recreation centers
Noise
Giving out food on the streets
Parks, nature
"Transportation"
Community bond. Bus lines. They should not take public transit lines away from communities that need them.
Grocery store is close.
I want to keep
One thing I would like to keep would be the continuing changing "old parks" to new public places.
I want to keep everything
Youth groups like aypal
I would like to keep aypal!
Walgreens
Neighborhood restaurants in our areas in Oakland. Walgreens
Keep the bussing running in my neighborhood.
Diversity

QUESTION 4a

What is the one thing in your neighborhood or community that you would most like to keep? What one thing in the Bay Area would you like to keep?

COMMENT

Our community centers. The centers for the children more affordable housing.

Community centers

Apartment complexes

Open public facilities

Not really sure.

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QUESTION 4b

What is the one thing in your neighborhood or community that you would most like to change ? What one thing in the Bay Area would you like to change ?

COMMENT

Sidewalks, crosswalks, lights, road, freeways

Vacant house use for the poor and allow use of public lands for car dwellers like me without costs

Streets

Jobs

The sale of drugs, needs to stop. Young people killing each other. To integrate jobs, housing, transportation and schools

In my community I would like for them to have more supermarkets

Stop loitering, noise, bad language, loud cars, loud motorcycles

Neighborhood restaurants in our areas in Oakland, Walgreens

Free transit passes for you8th, students and seniors for public transportation

I would like the road to change.

People judging one another, but we're really all going through the same things.

I would like to change the...

I would like to make it more pretty

One thing that I would like to change in my community would be to get more money in education so I would spread into clubs, organizations. One thing I would like to change in the Bay6 Area would be more money for environmental organization to reduce the poverty as an environment.

I want better quality houses for better living

No

More working together. Organizing together more.

Section 8 HUD I have a three bedroom for four people and we can't get a bigger unit. We have four people and they should allow us to have four. Affordable housing. And lower the rent. And inspections on lead in homes.

Not so many liquor stores around and near schools. More housing for low income.

Liquor stores to grocery stores. Efficient buses. Arrive ON TIME.

Have youth centers.

Roads need to be fixed and the levees. Make recreation centers and schools better.

There are too many liquor stores; instead grocery stores with no liquor.

More change making things better.

Crime/drug use

Well lit streets and cleanliness.

Youth to have better teaching? And more better understand toward each other.

I want kids to feel safe walking around, I'd like more positive alternatives for kids to do after school.

You know for all people they to have a way to get to A-to-B and public transportation is a must for everybody.

Please widen streets, more speed bumps. More street lighting. Stop taking hard working family property.

NA. In the Bay Area I would like to see better schools and programs.

Lower rent

Homeless/housing.

Get these young people off the street. Need jobs.

More jobs and less potholes.

I would like more involvement with the youth and more after school programs.

People or person hanging out in the front of store. Also playgrounds selling drugs and drinking alcohol.

The damaged/pot holed streets which cause major problems for vehicles and bike riders.

Better streets.

Housing quicker.

Jobs

One thing I like to change in my neighborhood is more walkable/bikable and safe access to shops, recreations, schools and community centers. One thing for the Bay Area, more frequent access to public transportation.

Our parks and garbage. Bay Area has too much trash.

Violence, safety. Violence, gang injunctions, unemployment, homelessness.

QUESTION 4b
<i>What is the one thing in your neighborhood or community that you would most like to change ? What one thing in the Bay Area would you like to change ?</i>
COMMENT
More community involvement among neighbors. Regarding issues to improve public relations.
I would like to change the availability of jobs in my neighborhood. Have healthy environments for children to play in. See people in my community have access to healthy affordable food. Also see less trucks coming through the neighborhood and less emissions.
Busing - transportation.
Keeping it clean and safety.
Need a lot of work.
Housing
More safety in the streets
I would like to change speed bumps.
Lighting and repairing streets.
Nothing
Need jobs
Too many vacant houses not enough parks too many homeless
Better maintenance as far as keeping this City streets, sidewalk, parks, city owned property clean. Improve strategies as far securing the safety to help stop this violence.
I like a place to live at my price rent.
The housing crisis; evictions, foreclosures, abandoned homes and homelessness is a sin and a crime in the Bay Are. I would like to see neighborhood association take control of housing, be provide3d funds for creating co-housing communities with support services close at hand. Money generated, from tourism should be directed toward co-housing communities.
The number of blighted properties all over Oakland. We can convert this into decent housing for the poor.
Clean up the street corners; stop the killings
No hanging out!
Less crime drugs
Security, transportation
To make police stop harassing youth.
I would like the most of crimes to decrease.
I would like to change public transportation for the Bay Area make BART, AC Transit, Muni more affordable.
One thing I would want to change is putting more busses on the streets. One thing in the Bay Area I would change in fixing the roads.
Oakland is not good with youth programs and gang injunctions will affect us negatively.
For my community, I want to change the housing. For the Bay Area, I want to change the commute.
I would change the street and housing structure. Many houses are next to freeways and the streets are not complete roads. I would also change the educational system. It is not as adequate for schools in low-income area.
I would provide more funding for non-profits that provide places for children to be in programs that are interesting.
Education system. Increase jobs.
Less potholes. Better transportation.
Clean up the beach in Alameda.
Nicer garbage cans that encourage people not to litter. If there were more shops/restaurants that stay open later, it could encourage more lively foot traffic.
Better schools, more jobs, especially for youth.
Safety - I want to feel more safe walking to or waiting at the bus stops
Lousy neighbors; violence
Less violence, better streets
I would change the violence in the community. Same as the Bay Area.
Make the Bay Area more safe, offer more opportunities for individuals to obtain a job.
Jobs
Local jobs, better paying jobs
Local jobs
Violence, less cars on streets and highways
Crime

QUESTION 4b
<i>What is the one thing in your neighborhood or community that you would most like to change ? What one thing in the Bay Area would you like to change ?</i>
COMMENT
Jobs. No jobs around.
Drugs, dealers on the corner.
More jobs in the urban community
Stop cars from driving dust in our streets. I like to see the building of condos coming to a halt. It is causing displacement to our community.
One thing that I would change the most is the school system and the funding towards them.
Less drugs, crime, loitering.
Less crimes, prostitutes, drugs, loitering
To decrease so much loitering in the neighborhood and community. Decrease much violence.
Less crime, drugs
More protection for the community
Less crimes, drugs
Loud cars, radios, loitering on the street corners
Safety of the community and children in the schools. More teachers and more funds for students after school.
I would like buses to be on time so I could rely on public transportation more. The one thing I would like to change in the Bay Area is I would like bus and BART to be or connect every part of it.
I need a bus line and more frequent bus services. Make public transit cheaper.
That there be more surveillance around, because lately they're burning rubber very often and there are a lot of shoot-outs, and we have children to take care of.
Less reliance on those with incomes/better means to pay bills to come in and "improve" neighborhoods, thereby kicking residents out of neighborhoods they've lived in for years.
I would love to have Prop 13 repealed! As well as stronger tenant protections, extending rent control, etc. Oakland is losing the communities and people who have made Oakland great, because of gentrification.
In Oakland, need a mall
Police violence and corruption
Change things to help the visually impaired
Violence
Morale overall
Offer more jobs
Make BART a lot cheaper
More services. Soup kitchens for hungry
More low-income housing
Repair blight and offer more affordable housing. Increase safety
In both my neighborhood and in the Bay Area, I want to see an expansion of housing protections, including rent control, and an expansion of bus services.
Fill the potholes. The health condition of the City.
I would like to see my neighborhood be safe from law enforcement violence, and in the Bay Area I would like to change the way displacement of communities is happening through as a result of gentrification.
The number one thing is stopping the spread of the city (conserve the forest).
In my immediate community, I would like to increase the amount of jobs for low income peoples. In the Bay Area, I would like to change the amount of emissions that destroys me health of the younger generation
I'd like my neighborhood to be safer and take hoodlums off the streets. In the Bay Area, I'd change the education system because CA is prioritizing students.
I would like for bus stops to be safer, but I know that's a challenge. Public transportation to emit less pollution.
Stop gentrification by providing better rent control and more affordable housing.
Make it so funding for transportation is equitable and protect/expand affordable housing and more jobs with no discrimination for people who were incarcerated.
Lack of support for those suffering the impact of the current housing crisis including foreclosures and evictions by landlords.
More buses near where people live. More buses
I would like to see more alternatives for youth to gather and take pride in themselves and communities. Seeing the value of workers who allow the Bay to be what it is by allowing them to stay in their homes and communities without fear of displacement.

QUESTION 4b
<i>What is the one thing in your neighborhood or community that you would most like to change ? What one thing in the Bay Area would you like to change ?</i>
COMMENT
Less criminalization. More housing resources for low-income communities of color
More access to bus lines within walking distance of my home. Reliable and affordable busses.
More job training will definitely help the community. The minimum wage amount.
No banks.
I have more of a question. Does the offering of Section 8 in areas like Modesto, Tracy actually help our urban area? And what about the additional services for low-income like mental health - non-existent in those areas.
Healing hurt, respect, love, mental health.
Building the economic base of low-income/POC/flatland and working class communities in Oakland should be top priority. Jobs and economic opportunity now! Rich people and corporations pay taxes.
Making housing more affordable and transportation more affordable and available - more access to grocery stores in low-income areas.
Improve schools. If the schools in West Oakland were better it would be a wonderful place to live. As it is, it is only wonderful if you can find somewhere else for your kids to go to school.
Vacant buildings and housing. Foothill square is a joke. Eastmont needs more businesses.
Less crimes; drugs.
Men
The funding communities get for organizations and youth programs. The City should give out grants (good size) to organizations that strengthen and educate the community.
Not so much pollution. In the Fruitvale area, where most people live in poverty, many young ones are getting diseases such as lung problems and asthma. Having trains passing through the middle of the City is already a lot of pollution. Plus, the trucks and cars... transportation should not increase.
How we feel unsafe walking alone but that's an unchangeable issue.
Expanding BART to other cities. Having efficient busses.
A place to go shopping and a safe to place to visit.
Violence and crime in the city of Oakland.
Maintain cleanliness
More crime fighting. More activities for youth.
Get drugs off the streets
Recreation
More civic responsibilities
Get rid of vacant properties, I want to see parks and recreation centers. Keep it affordable
Job
Violence community. Gang. Drugs
More even distribution of wealth and resources and safety
Better safety
More city workers because there is so much trash. Keep Oakland clean. Also more opportunities for homeless folks
Put more companies and jobs, bars, attractions and stuff.
Everybody get along and long live god bless
Church
Crime and blight
End class warfare. Poverty add single payer health care
Remove trash from the streets
Housing
Crime, drug addiction, safe places for children to play, mandatory notice when dangerous felons are released.
Church and worship. Libraries. Senior housing.
More department stores in the area.
More nice neighborhood and cleaner Bay Area
Trash
Clean up the streets. Stop the killings. EYDOC