

Milpitas Housing Element Community Workshop #3 Summary Results

Overview

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, from 6:00-8:00pm, the City of Milpitas hosted its third community workshop for the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update. The primary objectives of the meeting were to:

- Provide background on the Housing Element and process;
- Share highlights from community engagement findings;
- Review the Public Draft Housing Element, including the housing goals and programs and the sites inventory; and
- Receive community feedback on the Public Draft Housing Element.

The workshop was held virtually on Zoom, and interpretation was offered in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Mandarin for the entirety of the meeting. A total of 48 people participated at some point during the workshop.

Hanson Hom, Senior Special Projects Associate of the City of Milpitas, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The first part of the meeting consisted of a presentation by the consultant team that provided background information on the Housing Element, findings from community engagement to date, and an overview of the main housing programs and the sites inventory. The second part of the meeting consisted of a virtual open house, where participants could visit six different rooms, one on the sites inventory and five on the five housing program themes. Below is a summary of this discussion.

The slides and video recordings for this meeting are available on the project website: https://milpitashousingelement.com/past-meetings/.



Open House Discussion Questions

Room 1 - Sites Inventory

- 1. What are your thoughts on these sites?
- 2. Do any surprise you?

Rooms 2-6 – Housing Programs by Theme

- 1. Where and who should these programs prioritize?
- 2. Are there any program ideas missing?
- 3. In your opinion, which program is top priority to meet the City's housing needs?

Housing Program Themes

- Housing Production
- Housing Preservation
- Housing Diversity & Affordability
- Fair Housing
- Housing for Special Needs Population

Sites Inventory

Traffic Considerations

 Consider how traffic will be impacted where new housing is being proposed, such as in CA Circle.

Priorities

• In these proposed housing locations, the City should prioritize fair housing and teacher housing particularly in City- and County owned land (such as parking lots).

Constraints

• The cost of housing construction is not going down.

Balance

• Housing needs to be balanced with the new jobs that would come with more people moving in, and those jobs lead to more office space required to be developed.

Financing

• Specific Plans could increase commercial linkage fees in commercial development areas to build Below Market Rate Units.

Part 2 -Housing Programs and Policies

Housing Production

Affordability

• Overall, the City needs to build new housing of all types. Prices continue to be outrageous even when it's moderate-income housing.

Limitations

• Area Median Income doesn't fully capture people's reality when it comes to what they can afford for housing. Need to keep this in mind as the City develops housing for different income levels.

ADUs

- The City should be creative in how it influences homeowners to make ADUs for low- and moderate-income people. It can look to San Mateo as an example, which ensured that a certain number of ADUs were built and made available for three income levels(very low, low, and moderate).
- The permitting process should consider asking and keeping track of the affordability status of an ADU.

Missing Middle Housing

• Build more as it will help balance the high-density projects already happening in Milpitas.

Housing Preservation

Rehabilitation

- In the past, this program has largely benefited homeowners, but it should also consider older multifamily units that are in much need of repair.
- It should also assist Sunnyhills residents and others that have mold and single pane windows, among other things, that need improvements.

Funding

• Could the State and Federal climate bills and funding sources provide energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades?

Preservation of At-Risk Home

- Sunnyhills residents continue to be concerned about the contract renewal and losing the affordability status protection and becoming market rate.
- Some residents have asked for the City to purchase this area through eminent domain and pass it to a nonprofit to manage.

Housing Diversity & Affordability

Financial Assistance

 Some expressed hesitancy in only assisting very low- and low-income people in becoming homeowners. Needs to be balanced.

Approach

• In-lieu fees may provide more units than inclusionary zoning and could leverage and maximize opportunities to help more households.

Fair Housing

Mobile Homes

 People wanted to better understand how mobile home rent control related to zoning for mobile home parks.

Displacement

- Concerns were raised related to displacement when redeveloping older commercial corridors, such as Dempsey Rd.
- Displacement may have also occurred as a result of landlord-driven eviction during Covid despite Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds.

Rent Review Ordinance

• It is missing teeth; only voluntary follow-through.

Housing for Special Needs Population

Large Units

• The City needs to prioritize these units specifically for families.

Supportive Housing

Collaboration

Collaborate with the Office of Supportive Housing to find funding sources beyond
Measure A, and with San Andreas Regional Center, to provide more housing opportunities
for people with disabilities.

Accessibility

• This housing type needs door and stair modifications for greater accessibility.

Balance

• Equally important to building more housing for special needs population is ensuring that the facilities are also serving a purpose, such as access to open space.

Outreach Effort

The Milpitas Housing Element team sent an invitation and log-in information for the public workshop to over 300 stakeholders and advocates. The team also created a flyer notice in four languages (English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese simplified) that was shared via the City's social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor), the City's digital and printed newsletters, at the library, City Hall permit center, senior and community centers, and with several email lists, including the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce's Hot Topics and the Economic Development Department's Constant Contact.

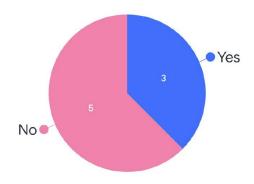
This is one of many opportunities to provide community input throughout this yearlong process. To learn more and get involved, please visit our website here: https://milpitashousingelement.com/get-involved/.

Appendix

Participation Polling Results

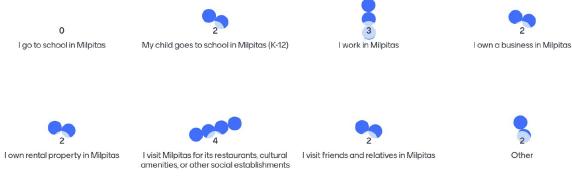
Do you live in Milpitas?

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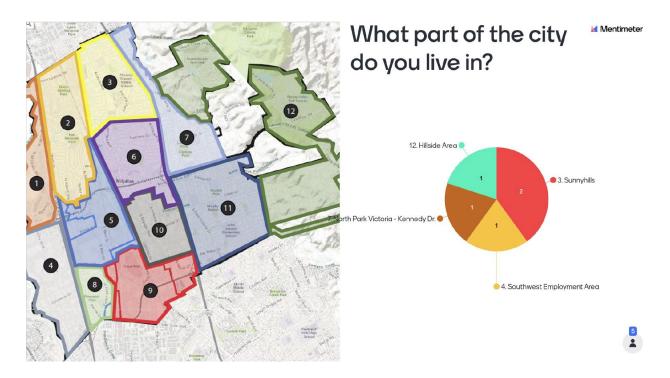




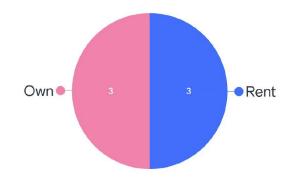
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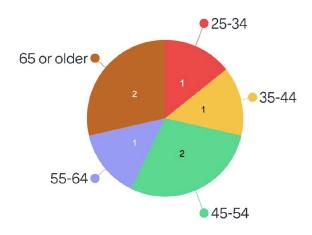
Do you own or rent your residence?





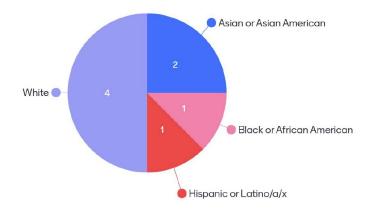
What is your age?





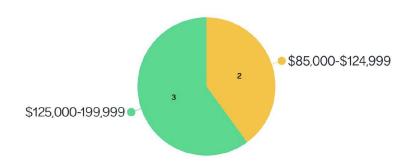
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How do you identify? (Select all that apply)





What best describes your annual household income level?



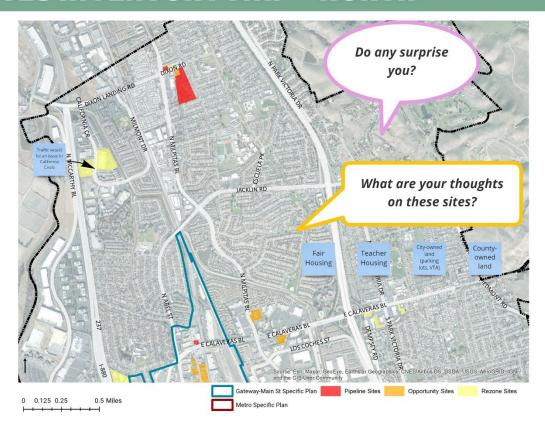


Breakout Room Results

Sites Inventory Room

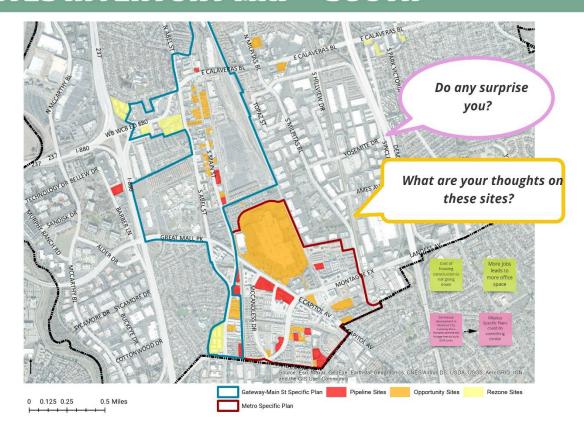
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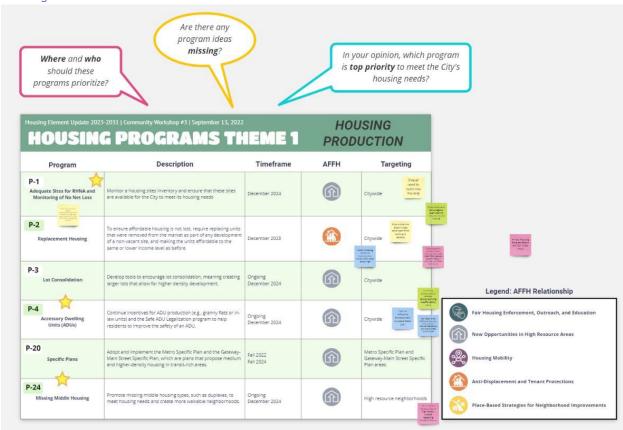
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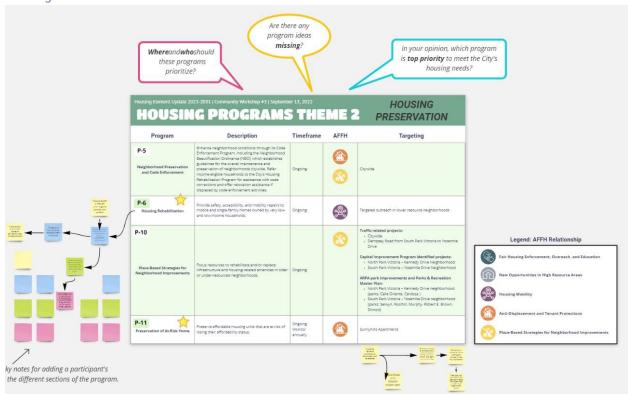


Housing Program Themes Room

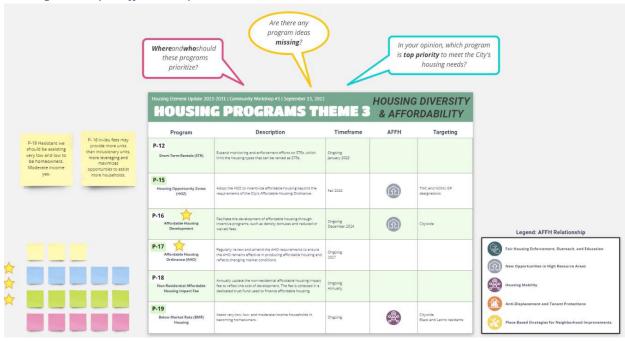
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