



SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK

1. Meetings Attended:

MACG organized two community meetings on September 10th and 11th. Both community meetings had identical agenda with a focus on gathering comments and questions from a presentation about the *Draft Affordable Housing Policy Framework*. We also requested, through social media and email, that our membership complete the PHB survey.

Total number of people in attendance at both forums: 70

Total number of people who clicked on the survey links: 120

2. Summary of Feedback and Comments

Agreement about Distributed Siting in Mixed Income Environments

There was agreement that siting affordable housing across the city and in mixed income environments was preferred vs. concentrating affordable housing.

- People understood and valued that affordable housing must be integrated into our neighborhoods. There was a desire to have members of our community's value the benefits of affordable housing but we are not there yet.
- Concerns about NIMBYism; what is the strategy to create welcoming environments.
- Prevent gentrification and a need to keep people in their own communities

Accountability and Transparency

A predominant response from forum participants was around accountability and transparency.

- There was a general lack of trust about decision-making: will decisions be made that are consistent with the Framework and with the Guiding Principles.
- There was concern about how the community would track progress.
- Based on a lot of history, there exists a high level of skepticism about the city's ability to deliver housing and keep its promises. Therefore, the city through PHB and the Bond Oversight Committee needs to be as transparent as possible. This transparency includes regular reporting to the public.
- People were concerned about the Bond Oversight Committee's processes. These processes are unknown and the BOC is the oversight body for implementation. Would BOC meetings happen in the community? Would they happen in such a way as to be accessible to working people? Are affected community members (or representatives) part of BOC and part of the decision makers?
- Regular reporting on progress was seen as essential. Reports need to be written and communicated so they communicate progress to goals in language that was

understandable to the public. Consider reporting “roadshows” to make it easier for people to access the information.

- If one goal of the work of the SAG was to build confidence and trust in the “process” then effective communications must be planned and executed. Who is watching to assure this happens?

Other Priority Groups

Other priority groups were identified:

- Based on Race
- Elderly
- Mental Health
- Disabled

Interest in Institutions Contributing to Housing Solutions

There was discussion and questions about how congregations with land could be involved in providing land for affordable housing.

- Some faith-based organizations are interested in contributing to solutions. Can bond money be used to facilitate this?