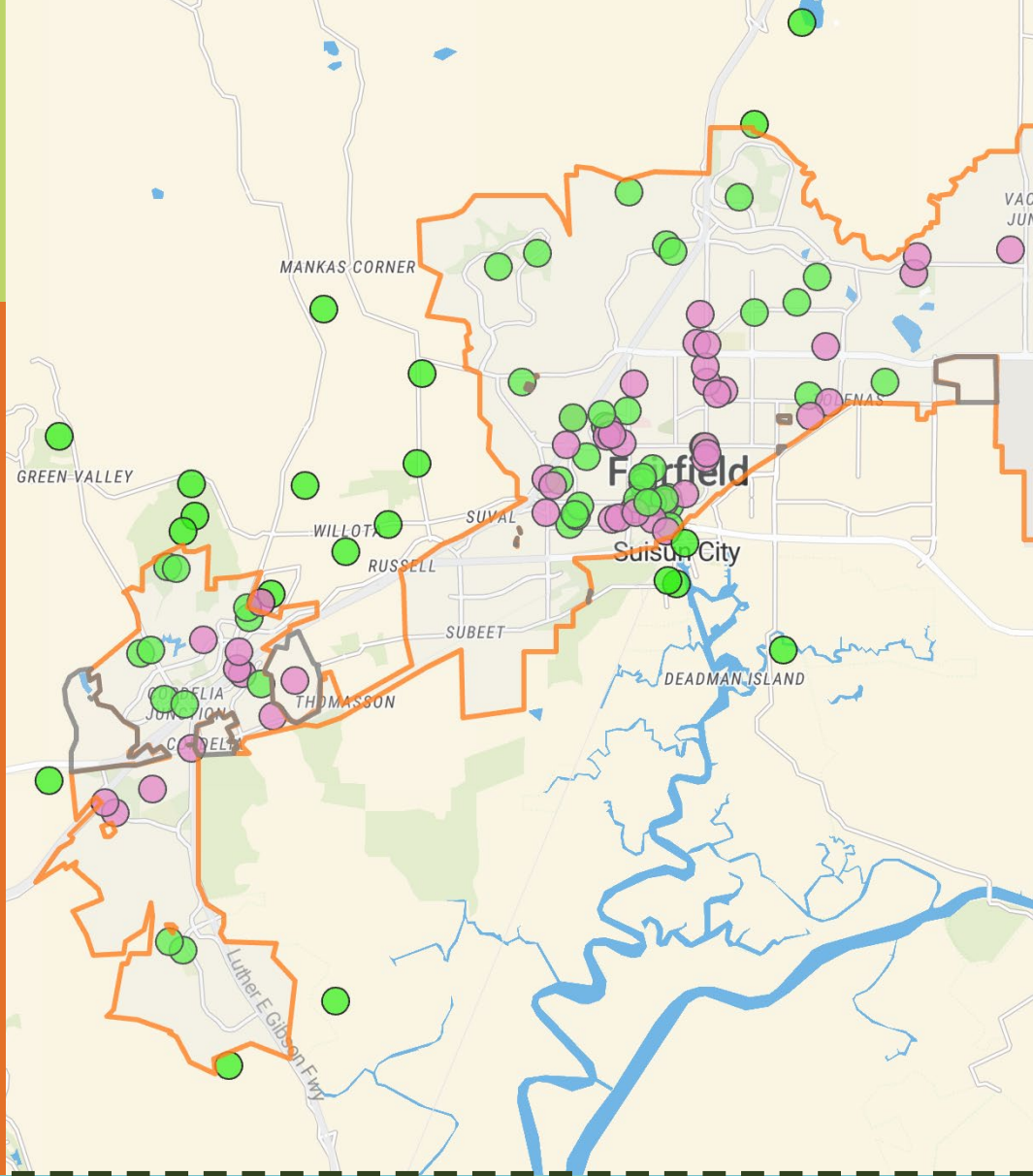


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| Rockville Park (4) | Suisun Valley (2) | Trails (safe) (2) | Texas Street | Leaven center |
| Downtown (2) | Parks off Clayton | Golf courses | Farmer's Market | One Lake |
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| More use of vacant lots | Housing (2) | Homeless solutions (3) | Public transit expansion | development at Tabor area like grocery stores |
| Smart transit (synced lights) | Traffic management at Air Base Parkway | Night safety | Safe pedestrian walking | Youth programming |



FAIRFIELD FORWARD 2050

Community Workshops on Vision, Issues, & Priorities

Workshops Held On:

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- February 13, 2021

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1 Introduction

1.1 General Plan Update

The City of Fairfield is developing an updated General Plan that will help facilitate its ongoing transformation to a vibrant 21st century community. The State of California requires each city and county to have a comprehensive General Plan that outlines the community's long-term policies related to growth and development. Fairfield's current General Plan was last comprehensively updated in 2002. The updated General Plan will address a spectrum of topics including land use, housing, transportation, public services, environmental quality, and safety.

1.2 Public Involvement and Participation

The process of drafting a new General Plan enables the community to assess opportunities and challenges, establish a vision for the city's future, and outline a systematic process to achieve the vision. Preparation of the General Plan is far more than a legal formality – it is an opportunity for community members to define Fairfield's future, and to ensure a high quality of life for themselves and for subsequent generations.

While the planning process will take direction from many sources, the most important voice is that of the community. The valuable input of community members is essential to the creation of a new General Plan that accurately reflects the common goals, needs, visions, and desires of the community. Key outreach efforts in the General Plan process to date include:

1. Fairfield Forward Visioning Survey (February-March 2021)
2. Stakeholder Interviews (February 2021)
3. Virtual Community Workshops (February 2021)

Along with updates to the project's status, reports on these outreach efforts will be made available on the Fairfield Forward website, www.FairfieldForward.com.

2 This Report

2.1 Community Workshops

This report describes the process and results of two community workshops. The workshops were designed to engage the attention, interest, and active involvement of a broad spectrum of Fairfield community members and provide opportunities for energetic discussion of and effective input into the community's vision of Fairfield's future. Participants discussed what the community would like to preserve, improve, and create to ensure that all residents of Fairfield feel included in and proud of the future of the city.

SCHEDULE AND ATTENDANCE

The community workshops were held virtually over Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The first workshop took place on a weekday evening (February 11, 2021), and the second on a weekend morning (February 13, 2021). Both workshops focused on providing an overview of the following General Plan topics:

- Land Use and Mobility;
- Housing;
- Open Space, Conservation, Recreation, and Public Facilities;
- Economic Development;
- and Public Safety.

The workshops followed a similar structure, including an informational presentation and interactive polling, followed by small breakout group discussions, and report back discussions. Peak attendance (not including City staff and the planning team) for the two workshops was 37 and 26 members of the public, respectively.

WORKSHOP STRUCTURE AND ACTIVITIES

Each online workshop began with a PowerPoint presentation over Zoom led by members of project staff. At the workshop opening, a Zoom poll collected basic demographic information and insight on community priorities from the participants. To keep the format engaging, the workshop followed presentations with virtual interactive activities. Workshop 1 included a mapping activity on the platform Maptionnaire, while Workshop 2 included a "Headlines" activity wherein participants were asked to respond to the following prompt: "You're a reporter writing an article about Fairfield in 2050, describing a major change or accomplishment over the past 30 years. What's your 6-word headline?" In both workshops, participants engaged in 35-45-minute breakout discussion groups led by a project staff facilitator and guided by staff-provided discussion questions. Upon reconvening with the larger group, facilitators shared key points from the discussion.

2.2 Report Organization

The remainder of this report delves into the key themes that emerged from the community's input during each workshop. These themes reflect input from the breakout group discussions as well as the Zoom polls and interactive online activities. The complete record of the workshops' activities can

be found in the appendix. Further community input, including stakeholder interviews and community survey results, are summarized in separate reports available on the project website, www.fairfieldforward.com. The key themes, priorities, and conclusions from these early reports will guide development of Fairfield Forward's vision and guiding principles, and will inform land use, urban design, and circulation alternatives to achieve the community's goals through the planning process.

3 Key Themes

The following summary reflects key themes that emerged from zoom poll results and breakout room discussions for Workshops 1 and 2. A full record of materials can be found in Appendix A and B, respectively.

IDENTITY AND COHESION

A common theme among participants discussed Fairfield's "identity" as a city, or lack thereof. Several participants noted that Fairfield feels as though it lacks any defining features or cohesive features. These participants noted that building a strong sense of place and identity is critical to attracting businesses, residents, and visitors. Many called for more activities that brought together the whole community. Other participants felt that Fairfield's identity exists in its small-town feel within the Bay Area. Many of these participants emphasized that what sets Fairfield apart from other cities throughout the Bay Area region is its rural, agricultural setting. Participants suggested maintaining Fairfield's small-town feel while building on its agricultural reputation.

OPEN SPACE

There was broad agreement among most participants that Fairfield should avoid sprawling into existing open spaces. Rather, many participants emphasized the need to preserve Fairfield's agricultural and open space lands both for environmental reasons and for economic reasons. While recognizing the growth pressures in Fairfield, these participants stated that growth cannot come at the cost of the city's and surrounding area's open spaces. Participants also noted the need for the City to better maintain its existing park spaces in terms of safety and cleanliness. Rockville Hills Regional Park was noted by many participants as one of their favorite open space recreation assets in Fairfield, while Allan Witt Park and the Linear Park Trail were noted as facilities in need of renovations and measures that will increase feelings of safety. Regarding safety concerns in open space facilities, many participants indicated the importance of addressing homelessness to make open space facilities accessible to all.

DEVELOPMENT PATTERN

In line with participants' desire to see agricultural and open space lands around the city's peripheries preserved, most participants indicated the importance of focusing primarily on in-fill development to avoid sprawl. While some indicated that expanding Fairfield's edges or developing around its peripheries may present opportunities, most emphasized the importance of Fairfield's Urban Limit Line (ULL) policy and extending it into the future. Some said that the City should not build any additional housing or commercial along or beyond its edges until more central areas of the city are built out. Workshop participants pointed out that in-fill development creates a more sustainable land use pattern that helps support other goals. In addition, they stated that increasing mixed-use development across the city is needed. Additionally, participants pointed out the importance of preserving land around Travis Air Force Base in order not to interfere with base operations, as Travis is vital to economic base of the community.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

A common theme among workshop participants was the need to revitalize and improve upon Downtown Fairfield. In the Maptionnaire activity from Workshop 1, the Downtown area was a

hotspot both for people indicating it as one of their “favorite places” and for people indicating it as an “area of change.” Many participants stated that they like the existing small, local businesses in Downtown for adding a unique character. However, workshop participants noted that Downtown has struggled recently, and the situation has only been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Several participants noted that vacancies Downtown are increasing. Many expressed concerns about feelings of safety downtown, particularly at night. These participants stated that, with most businesses serving a daytime to early evening clientele, Downtown can feel empty, dark, and unsafe at night due to a lack of “eyes on the street.” Participants expressed a desire for more nighttime activities and greater social life amenities Downtown. The Downtown Theatre was noted by many as a great asset for the city, but that there is often nothing for attendees to do after getting out of a show. Some participants asserted that the City should build on its existing performance, local arts, and diverse cultural assets to expand activities in downtown. In line with the broad desire for a focus on in-fill development, workshop participants expressed a desire for more mixed-use development Downtown along Texas and West Texas Streets to help support businesses by bringing in more residents. Some brought up that more residential uses would also help to improve the “eyes on the street” factor.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In line with participants’ desire for a revitalized Downtown with thriving local businesses, many participants emphasized the importance of support for small businesses in Fairfield. Several participants brought up local establishments that had closed after only a short period of being open. Some participants proposed that the City could invest in “pop-ups” to help small businesses get their start by expanding their customer base without having to invest heavily up front. These participants also noted that these pop-ups would provide valuable social life opportunities for residents. Participants also indicated agritourism as a potential area for Fairfield to grow its economic base. Given the importance of its agricultural sector to Fairfield’s identity, many participants stated that tasting rooms or similar businesses Downtown could help to promote this sector and teach residents and visitors about Fairfield’s offerings.

Other participants brought up the importance of supporting a diverse economic base to provide jobs for Fairfield youth. Similarly, participants pointed out the need for ladders for lower-wage workers to achieve middle-class salaries in Fairfield. These participants pointed out the need for wages in the area to maintain pace with the costs of housing. Additionally, some focused on the economic development needs of the city regarding changes in the nature of work, such as the need for high-speed Internet across the city and potential expansion in “green” jobs such as wind and solar energy farms.

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMING

Many workshop participants brought up a lack of programming or “things to do” in Fairfield. They noted that many residents travel to neighboring cities for leisure activities. In particular, participants pointed out the need for more programming for youth and families. Some participants suggested that additional cultural or education-focused activities would be particularly beneficial for youth. Additionally, some participants indicated the importance of ensuring that these activities be affordable and accessible to all segments of the city. Other participants also indicated the need for the City to better communicate to residents about existing activities and programming, such as after school programs.

MOBILITY

Participants pointed out the need for greater mobility options to serve future needs and address traffic congestion in the post-Covid-19 era. Participants discussed the importance of Fairfield becoming less auto-centric as a critical factor in promoting both sustainability and public health. Many indicated a desire for enhanced bikeability across the city including additional secure bike parking, particularly Downtown. They also discussed the need for a safer pedestrian environment, especially major roadway or railway track crossings, and provision of safe routes to school. Participants also discussed the need for a more robust and dependable public transit system that serves the needs of both youth and elderly who are unable to drive themselves. Some described the current bus system as having limited routes and operating hours, and as being difficult to navigate. Several brought up that the Cordelia neighborhood should be better connected to central Fairfield through transit and bike trails. Lastly, participants also stressed the need to plan for future mobility technologies, in particular electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

One of the most salient topics across all discussion groups was the need to address homelessness. Participants stressed the need for long-term solutions to provide housing. They discussed the pressing need for comprehensive services for unhoused individuals to address mental health, transitional housing, job training, and other needs in order to achieve long-term housing stability. Addressing homelessness was typically brought up in the context that it would be a necessary step in revitalizing Fairfield's Downtown and park spaces to increase feelings of safety.

In addition to housing solutions to address homelessness, participants also discussed the particular housing needs of seniors. They brought up universal design features as a means to ensure seniors' ability to age in place, as well as the need for more diverse types of housing for seniors beyond just dedicated senior living facilities, such as smaller homes for those looking to downsize.

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Some participants brought up the importance of climate change adaptation and emergency planning across the city. As part of this, participants suggested updating plans for sea-level rise adaptation and evacuation plans to better prepare for increasing wildfire threats. In particular, participants discussed the need for planning to address narrow roads with limited egress options. Additionally, participants discussed the need for more sustainable power and energy options to become available to homes across the city.

EQUITY

Many participants called attention to the need for equity to be a part of the planning considerations across topics areas. They pointed out that diversity is one of Fairfield's greatest strengths, but that diversity does not automatically equate to equity. Participants brought up the need to address disparities between areas within the city in terms of access to opportunities for youth, health outcomes, and housing stability and affordability. Several participants also brought up the need to face head-on and address the racism present in historic city actions, which has institutionalized some disparities in the city along racial lines.

4 Appendix A: Workshop 1

4.1 Appendix A-1: Workshop Overview

The first workshop presented attendees with an overview of the General Plan topics. Interactive portions of the workshop included two Zoom polls, a mapping activity using the platform Maptionnaire, and small group discussions focused on key questions and facilitated by the project team.

MAPTIONNAIRE ACTIVITY

Maptionnaire is a community engagement platform that helps facilitate community input in the city planning process. It is a map-based tool that allows users to collaborate to collect and visually analyze information. Participants in Workshop 1 were provided link to a Maptionnaire map of Fairfield and asked to place pins indicating their favorite places in the community and places where they would like to see change occur. Comments explaining the pin placements were encouraged but not required.

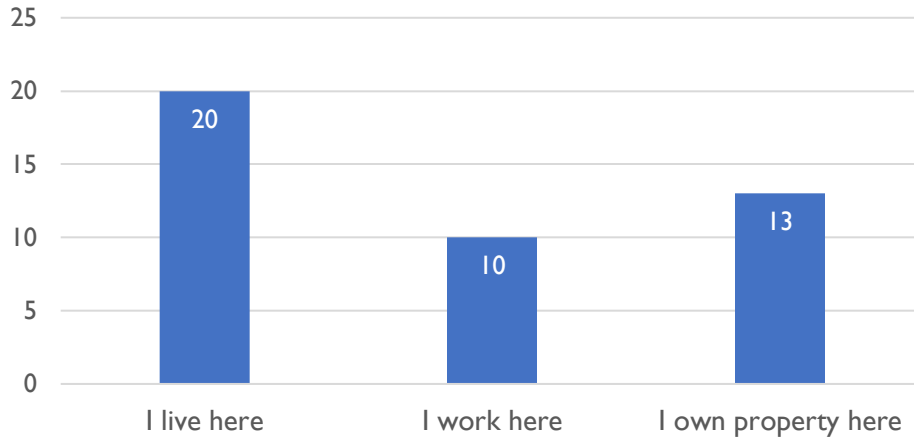
BREAKOUT ROOM DISCUSSIONS

Following the presentation and mapping activity, participants were sent to Zoom breakout rooms to discuss their priorities for the General Plan. Each room had a project team facilitator and 3-6 participants, and discussions lasted 40 minutes before everyone was reconvened for a report back, led by each room's facilitator. The project team provided each facilitator with a series of discussion questions, intended to serve as rough guidelines for the conversation. Facilitators took detailed notes as well as saved any messages sent in the breakout room chat. The discussion questions provided for Workshop 1 are as follows:

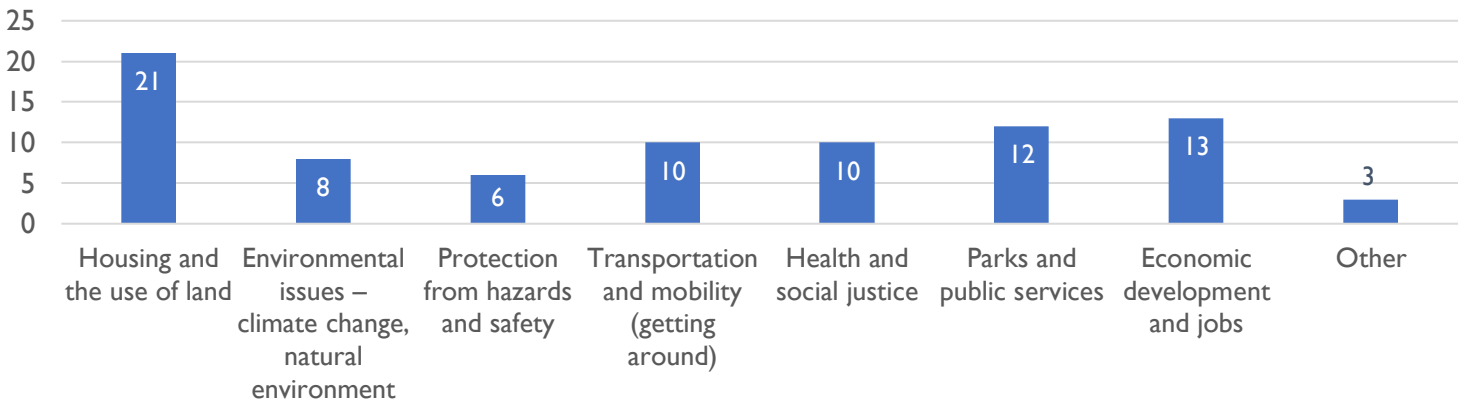
- **Visioning:** If you were to describe Fairfield in 30 years to a friend, how would you describe it based on the future you want to see?
- **Issues:** What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?
- **Priorities:** What do you feel are the most important issues or opportunities that Fairfield should address as a city over the next 30 years?

4.2 Appendix A-2: Zoom Poll Results

**What is your relationship to Fairfield?
(select all that apply)**

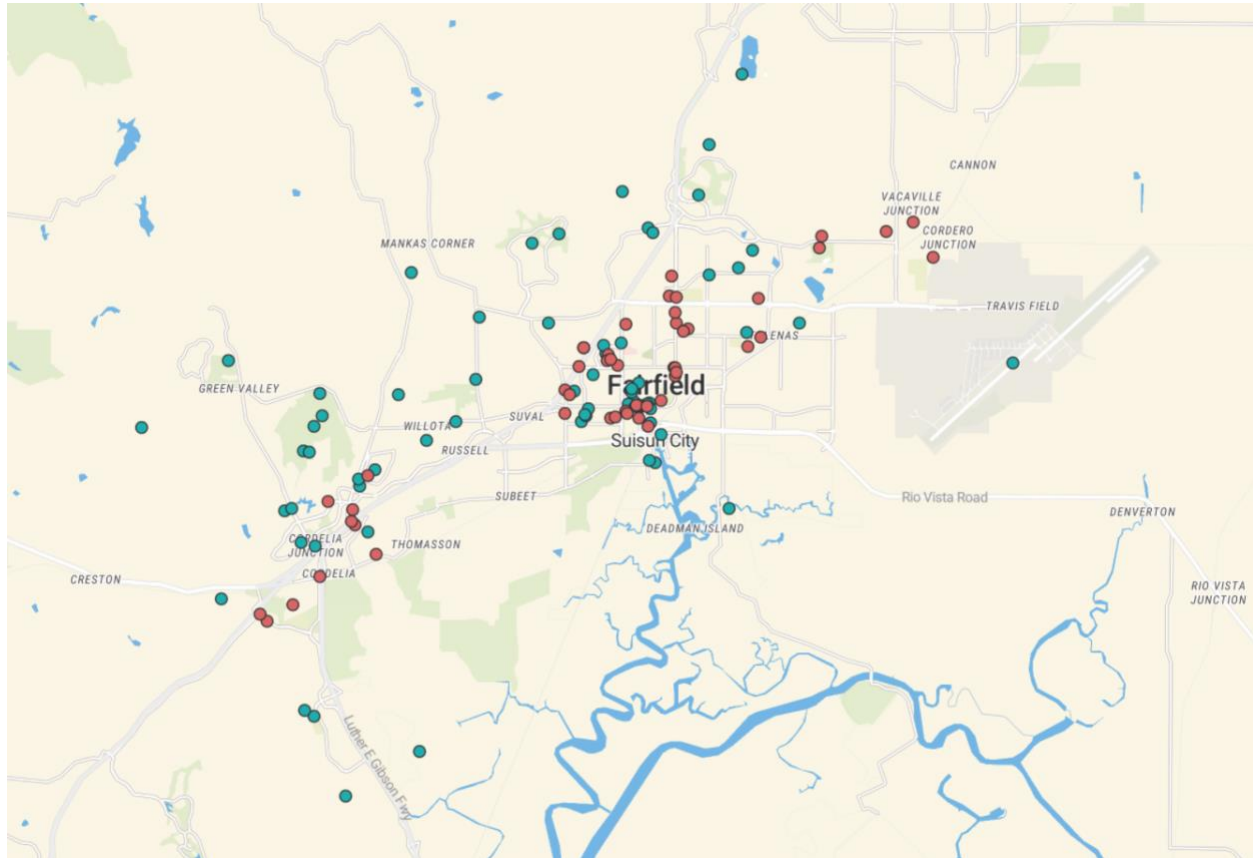


**What General Plan topic areas are you most passionate about?
(select all that apply)**



4.3 Appendix A-3 Maptionnaire Activity

25 workshop participants partook in the activity, which generated 69 points marked as “favorite places” and 49 points marked as “areas of change” for a total of 118 map responses. The image below shows the location of respondents’ “favorite places” in blue and “areas of change” in red.



4.4 Appendix A-4: Chat Transcript

18:01:09 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Everyone : Welcome!

18:01:26 From Rhoda Chandler to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : Hi Hazel!

18:01:51 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Rhoda Chandler(Direct Message) : Hello!

18:07:37 From *Roxana Damas to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : How will we know if we are needed to translate

18:07:51 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to *Roxana Damas(Direct Message) : I thought that the slide said to raise their hands?

18:07:59 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to *Roxana Damas(Direct Message) : I will speak out another update mid-meeting

18:08:12 From *Roxana Damas to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : ok great thank you

18:08:12 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to *Roxana Damas(Direct Message) : No one requested it who signed up, unfortunately, so I am not sure we will get anyone

18:08:57 From *Roxana Damas to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : No worries I figured this round we wouldn't, but just checking. Thanks

18:09:55 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Everyone : <https://www.fairfieldforward.com/>

18:11:21 From Rhoda Chandler to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : what does the (D & B) mean?

18:11:24 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to *Alison Moore (D&B)(Direct Message) : Can't see

18:11:47 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Rhoda Chandler(Direct Message) : Dyett & Bhatia is the consulting team assisting the City of Fairfield with this project

18:11:52 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Rhoda Chandler(Direct Message) : We shorten our names to D&B

18:12:56 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Everyone : <https://app.maptionnaire.com/en/9919/>

18:14:57 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Everyone : <https://app.maptionnaire.com/en/9919/>

18:16:05 From *Alison Moore (D&B) to Everyone : Add comments here if you prefer!

18:17:38 From Jenel Hagemann to Everyone : Cordelia Community Park/Favorite

18:17:45 From Marilyn Farley to Everyone : I don't see how to get to the mapping activity

18:17:55 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Everyone : <https://app.maptionnaire.com/en/9919/>

18:18:29 From Jenel Hagemann to Everyone : Downtown area from W Texas to N Texas needs a lot of help

18:18:55 From mark petersen to Everyone : I'm sorry but I'm technologically challenged and can't seem to be able to put the pins where i want to

18:19:56 From Jenel Hagemann to Everyone : The lighting on Kentucky Street is great

18:20:10 From Marilyn Farley to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : favorite areas - open spaces around Fairfield, especially north of Rancho, Rolling Hills, Paradise Valley.

18:20:33 From Allison Smith to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : I am unable to get the pins to work. I think Allen Witt Park needs help. My favorite place is Laurel Creek Park.

18:20:35 From mark petersen to Everyone : i love suisun valley and green valley. Downtown and north texas need change

18:20:47 From Marilyn Farley to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : improve - mall, downtown, west Texas St.

18:21:20 From Marilyn Farley to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : all parks need safe, clean restrooms

18:21:28 From Joseph Green-Heffern to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : Downtown Theatre

18:21:47 From Marilyn Farley to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : we need vibrant shopping/gathering spaces.

18:22:14 From Jenel Hagemann to Everyone : Warehouse buildings on Cordelia Road are attractive

18:22:22 From Marilyn Farley to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : put housing in deteriorated commercial areas or at least mixed use

18:22:41 From Julianna to Everyone : some of my favorite places are Laurel Creek Park. And I also agree that downtown can be fixed more

18:22:53 From Marilyn Farley to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : I love Suisun Valley also - support our farmers

18:23:01 From Jenel Hagemann to Everyone : I am hopeful the Brownstone Project at old Sem Yeto will happen soon.

18:23:10 From Joseph Green-Heffern to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : Bike & Pedestian access across I-80 at Suisun Valley Road and Travis Blvd needs improvement

18:23:35 From Jack Batson to Everyone : The ULL bears preserving. Otherwise, we build on hills surrounding FF and make us look like Oakland/Berkeley.

18:23:39 From Marilyn Farley to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : continue to protect Travis from encroachment

18:24:04 From Joseph Green-Heffern to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : Yes - ULL needs preserving to maintain ag buffer to separate Solano Cities

18:24:05 From Ruth Clawson to Everyone : I agree, Jack.

18:24:12 From Marilyn Farley to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : need a fire safety section with criteria for new construction

18:24:35 From Jack Batson to Everyone : Of course, stay out of Suisun Valley.

18:24:41 From Quinten Voyce to Everyone : Rockville Park should always be preserved

18:24:45 From Joseph Green-Heffern to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : Rockvill Hills Park is great

18:25:07 From Marilyn Farley to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : yeah Rockville Hills Park

18:25:08 From Sandra Jacobson to Everyone : Linear parks should be more attractive and safety to use

18:25:11 From Jenel Hagemann to Everyone : Yes..protect Rockville Hills Park

18:25:12 From Ruth Clawson to Everyone : Infill development and redevelopment is important.

18:27:47 From Rhoda Chandler to Everyone : Please resist using acronyms everyone may not be familiar with.

18:28:10 From Joseph Green-Heffern to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : Retail and schools lacking in North Cordelia Area on N side of I-80 and East of Green Valley Road

18:28:46 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to *Amy Kreimeier(Direct Message) : You will not need to facilitate, but I will put you in Rajeev's room to listen in/participate

18:29:12 From *Amy Kreimeier to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : sounds good

18:29:23 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to *Devaki Handa (D&B)(Direct Message) : You and Katherine are paired up — one of you can take notes

18:29:31 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to *Katherine Stiegemeyer (D&B)(Direct Message) : You and Devaki are paired up — one of you can take notes

18:30:02 From *Katherine Stiegemeyer (D&B) to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : Ok

18:30:30 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to *Katherine Stiegemeyer (D&B)(Direct Message) : I take that back, sorry we bumped up to another group. Please ignore!

18:30:38 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to *Devaki Handa (D&B)(Direct Message) : I take that back, sorry!

18:30:50 From *Katherine Stiegemeyer (D&B) to Hazel O'Neil (D&B)(Direct Message) : No worries!

18:33:09 From Kellie Jensen to Everyone : where does ugh speed internet access fit in?

18:33:20 From Kellie Jensen to Everyone : high speed. 🤖

18:35:53 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Everyone : Questions: • Visioning: If you were to describe Fairfield in 30 years to a friend, how would you describe it based on what you want to see?

18:35:54 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Everyone : • Issues: What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?

18:35:59 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Everyone : • Priorities: What do you feel are the most important issues that Fairfield should address as a city over the next 30 years?

19:10:07 From *Roxana Damas to Everyone : Are we all back to the main room

19:10:18 From *Alison Moore (D&B) to Everyone : yes, join us Roxana!

19:10:23 From Joseph Green-Heffern to Everyone : Can the Caltrans Yard on W Texas be relocated so the site can be used for inclusive housing and retail that would better fit in with The Heart of Fairfield?

19:10:46 From Heather to Everyone : Yes - Great idea Joseph!

19:10:58 From Laryssa Reed-Hernandez to Everyone : hmm I 3rd that

19:11:48 From Rhoda Chandler to Everyone : Caltrans yard should not be allowed to leave their windows boarded up as it is now. It is right off the freeway and it looks blighted.

19:12:03 From Heather to Everyone : I agree Rhoda!

19:17:41 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Everyone : fairfieldforward.com

19:18:06 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Everyone : <https://www.fairfieldforward.com/>

19:18:17 From Joseph Green-Heffern to Everyone : What is the time commitment for GPAC; how many slots are envisioned?

19:18:24 From Sandra Jacobson to Everyone : what is the GPAC?

19:18:34 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Everyone : <https://www.fairfieldforward.com/gpac> information about the GPAC here

19:18:41 From Hazel O'Neil (D&B) to Everyone : (General Plan Advisory Committee)

19:19:07 From Marilyn Farley to Everyone : time commitment?

19:19:16 From Rhoda Chandler to Everyone : Thank you!

19:19:28 From Heather to Everyone : Thank you. See you next time.

19:19:32 From Sandra Jacobson to Everyone : Thanks!

19:19:39 From Thomas Rangel to Everyone : Great job on the presentation. Well done. :)

19:19:48 From Marilyn Farley to Everyone : good job!

4.5 Appendix A-5: Small Group Facilitator Notes

Facilitator name: Alison Moore

Visioning: If you were to describe Fairfield in 30 years to a friend, how would you describe it based on the future you want to see?

- Vision for a vibrant downtown and preserved agricultural open space so we have a lovely town, great neighborhoods, no sprawl, and infill development. Revitalize places that are blighted.
- “I want to be able to say it’s great- not only do we have access as adults to events and great locations, but also our youth as well.”
- Desire for more things to do, including recreational things to do, that families can do, take the kids to. Kids and adults- being a biking community, promoting health by having alternate transportation. Desire for bike paths that adults and kids can use.
- Vision to be resilient and sustainable. Sea level rise- fair portion will be underwater if maps are true. Planning for having a plan as part of development so we’re not flooding out.
- Would like a community where the youth have something to do besides get in trouble. There are currently no roller rinks, bowling alleys. If you live on the other side of Waterman, there is no public transportation. Would like something closer for high school-age and middle schoolers. Need to make sure kids have something to do. Love to see that growth. Raising awareness about connections and transit is also important.
- Things to do, how to get around. It’s boring here. For most things, people go to the next town over. Funds for youth activities would be helpful for students/kids whose parents are working/don’t have the income for it.
- When it comes to choosing activity and careers (hard to find the right kind of employment), many youth feel like they cant come back. They cant afford housing, not much to do, cant find job to do here.
 - Ties into the whole economic development segment- make the town a place that youth say, “I love it here and see myself coming back here”
 - Jobs housing balance- not just numbers but employment segments as well. Housing that matches available labor market. We don’t quite yet have those jobs or education. Need something that would pay as well as the jobs they’ve found elsewhere.
 - Jobs where growth might occur: medical jobs.
 - Need commensurate balance of earning wage and housing wage.
- For one participant homeowner, what was attractive at the time they bought their property was the price, and the location near the train station, where they foresaw new development occurring in light of the specific plan.
- Vision for mixed use in downtown corridor.

Vision:

**Opportunities for things to do for youth, for things to do reasons to stay (housing and jobs)
Vibrant, mixed use downtown with a draw.**

Issues: What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?

- Senior community- 55+ no public transportation. One friend walks to Walmart on Texas, from Martin road

- Need for transportation for elderly. While there are buses, they're not easy to use/have limited routes. Some seniors have to call a cab, may not be as tech savvy. Would be great if there was a bus goes the College or Rockville Rd.
- Public transit important for those at lower end of economic spectrum.
 - Those without personal vehicles also tend to live in food deserts. Hard to take a weeks worth of groceries on bus.
- High speed internet is also needed.
- Some businesses downtown can hardly function downtown as part of homelessness issue. Need better way to manage maintenance of public areas.
- Nobody wants to come to Fairfield if there is blight. Homelessness and trash, tying into idea of connectivity- roads that we need to be walking on, but they're inaccessible and full of garbage.
- Roads and emergency exits. Some participants noted the challenges with emergency egress during the fires. If they would have just made every street one way during that time; police should have been out.
- Fires- need for better evacuation planning. Some roads are small and narrow. Curiosity- what going on with roads and development near train station.
- Downtown businesses are known as being creative. Mom and pop shops that work really hard- sandwich shops, etc. Discouraged because many people go to bay area for shopping, but nothing else to draw us in. People feel like they don't want to come.
- Revitalizing downtown area. Have things that will be attractive.

Priorities: What do you feel are the most important issues or opportunities that Fairfield should address as a city over the next 30 years?

- Priorities- Don't add extra if we can't maintain what we have. We have to start with what we've got. How do we prioritize better taking care of city we have, versus adding without a plan-- maintenance needs to happen.
- Prioritize maintenance and safety. Elmwood park- putting a bandaid on a burning building. More we need to address. Do a better job with what we've got.
- Not waiting to look for long term- as we go, building infrastructure day to day, make sure there's extra capacity for demands we don't know about yet. Encourage homes for universal access to age in place, energy alternatives. Infrastructure, safety. Address what needs are not being met now first.
- Current attractions: Dave and busters going into mall. great that we do have North Bay here, and different train stations. Hospitals and more accessibility to that in town is great.

Facilitator Name: Calvin Chan

Visioning: If you were to describe Fairfield in 30 years to a friend, how would you describe it based on the future you want to see?

- Nice community place where you can raise your children; safe place
- Love Fairfield for its **housing affordability** – CA in general has high housing costs – we will continue to see more ppl move to Fairfield so we need to make sure housing/**thoroughfares are not congested**
- Marilyn Farley (former City Council member): Values Suisun Valley – open space; highlight other open space amenities; We face growth pressures – important to keep open space
- Homelessness – take a lot of police resource – we just move them from one place to another – long term solutions needed – NIMBY attitude
- More vibrant social scene esp in Downtown – live/work/play (theater, diversity, cultural arts aspect)
- **Day trip destination!** Make Fairfield an engaging place to visit – attractive amenities close to transit options

Issues: What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?

- Homelessness
- Traffic congestion
- West Texas corridor needs rehabilitation
- More economic opportunities – VIBRANT DOWNTOWN THAT CELEBRATES LOCAL ARTS, CULTURE, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
- Beautification
- Public services/amenities that are better maintained—safe, clean presentation
- Re-purpose and re-use of some of large commercial/real estate – current buildings that could be re-vamped for other purposes to attract jobs suitable for a wide range
- Some of the commercial spaces could be transformed into mixed use (e.g., all of Downtown, West Texas St corridor, North Texas St corridor, the mall, strip commercial where Orchard Supply used to be—Oliver Rd./Travis Rd. intersection)
- DESIRE TO HAVE SURVEY ADDRESS JOBS – WORK FROM HOME? REMOTE? – POST COVID NEEDS

Priorities: What do you feel are the most important issues or opportunities that Fairfield should address as a city over the next 30 years?

- Vibrant cultural environment; protection of open spaces (also TAFB—vital to quality of life)
- **Vibrant, beautiful, live/work/play destinations with diverse, safe, and family-friendly attractions and amenities for locals and residents, all underpinned with focus for strong economic growth**
- Safe open spaces for recreation; economic development
- Eric: Transportation and Economic Development (fear for congested city; economic opps for all)

Other notes/comments:

- Set up for EV Vehicles – have a good network in place
- Explore micro-grids

Good Engagement Opportunities:

- Neighborhood Homeowners Association (Rancho Solano, Cordelia Village)
- Solano Community College
- families who work with local police activity league programs (sponsored by police organizations—community programs for youth)
- Citywide afterschool program
- Police Academy (junior high school)
- Tech: NextDoor – leveraging their contacts
- Churches that are doing food drives
- Solano/Contra Costa Food Bank
- Reach Spanish Speakers at the 2 Mexican grocery stores (esp. weekend mornings)
- Wal-Mart (lots of Spanish speakers)
- Home Depot and Lowes (esp. weekend mornings)
- Look at summer festivals and celebrations – opps to participate virtually or in-person.

Facilitator Name: Devaki Handa

Visioning: If you were to describe Fairfield in 30 years to a friend, how would you describe it based on the future you want to see?

- Better balance of jobs and housing, there should be more employment opportunities that serve the community.
- There shouldn't be a separation of affordable housing from other types of housing, but mixed income neighborhoods.
- Fairfield has a lack of identity. What is Fairfield? There is a defining feature of the city.
- Building of mixed income communities, there is currently too much segregation. There should be more intermingling in neighborhoods, schools and communities.
- Something that makes us different if that people are real, we shouldn't lose that.
- The Travis Air Force Base creates diversity, as it attracts people from all types of backgrounds.
- Mini town centers in large housing developments for better access to basic amenities.

Issues: What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?

- Dying downtown, this will get worse if you expand city limits by building more suburban housing areas.
- Better connectivity between downtown and Cordelia, link them using transit/bicycle paths, etc.
- The Senior Center is a good resource, but is at risk due to increasing homelessness in the area. This is similar to what is happening in other public spaces including the Allan Witt Park. We need to find a humane way of helping these people.
- Fairfield should become the Amazon warehousing for the Bay Area. Uses such as warehouses provide low jobs per sq ft, which are also low paying. Shouldn't take land that would be suitable for better uses for something that provides short term tax returns for the city.
- Downtown should be a space for everyone to feel included.
- For many residents, it is easier to travel to adjacent cities for basic amenities.
- Fairfield is too auto-oriented, you have to drive to access everything.

Priorities: What do you feel are the most important issues or opportunities that Fairfield should address as a city over the next 30 years?

- The city should have a tier system of addressing issues. For me (Delon), the top issues are homelessness and businesses, followed by improving schools.
- Support initiatives such as the proposed West Texas street master plan, there should be similar initiatives for areas including downtown.
- Improve livability. For example currently the Allan Witt Park is surrounded by the Caltrans storage lot, making the park unusable due to lack of 'eyes on the street'. This could be better used by other uses such as housing. Uses such as industrial/storage should be moved out of downtown and replaced by better fitting uses.
- Better land use designations. North Cordelia is designated as business parks, but developers want to build housing even though there are no amenities such as neighborhood retail/schools in the area.
- Transportation issues, people without access to cars/senior citizens have no way to reach basic amenities. There should be 'on demand' public transit (micro-mobility) in the form of shuttles/vans/elective vehicles/etc.

- There should be more creative land-use ton address issues related to housing, jobs, homelessness, and better serve the citizens.
- Create sense of identity for Fairfield.
- Infrastructure for homeless population in one area (to make is more easily accessible), for example refuge centers with everything they could need (food/medical needs/education).

Other notes/comments:

- North Texas – there are no businesses/retail, increasing homeless population are driving people away from downtown to adjacent cities which is leading to more businesses to shut down. There is also a growing issue related to the increasing number of RV’s being parked in the area, which could lead to future problems for the city.
- Safe pedestrian access across tracks.
- Better access for Gold Ridge residential to access schools. Currently students have to be dropped of by their parents in cars, there should be safe routes too schools. Elementary school located on hill is also difficult to access for students.
- There are too many new housing developments being constructed, which are now starting to infringe on the Travis Air Force Base.
- Golf courses are bad use of land and water, and not used to residents of surrounding communities.
- Neighborhood councils should be involved in General Plan planning process. It would be more representative on citizens of Fairfield.

Chat Logs:

From Quinten Voyce to Everyone: 06:55 PM “Heart of Fairfield”

Neighborhoods of Community Members:

- Quinten Voyce – Central Fairfield (near mall)
- Delon Jackson – Paradise Valley
- Joseph Green-Heffern - Solano Community College Area (lived in Fairfield for 5 years)
- Riitta DeAnda - (doesn’t live in Fairfield, works in Travis Unified School District)

Facilitator Name: Katherine Stiegemeier

Visioning: If you were to describe Fairfield in 30 years to a friend, how would you describe it based on the future you want to see?

- Fairfield feels like it's stuck – nothing has changed
 - There's nothing to do except the mall, and the mall is so sad – downtown and the mall need a facelift
- In 30 years, I hope things have changed so that there are things to do
 - Bring in more of the city
- Feel more cohesive as a city
- Downtown has gone downhill – Fairfield is considered the low rent district now
- Homelessness is an issue downtown – makes it difficult to live here
- More attention needs to be given to downtown Fairfield
- We need to have discussions addressing homelessness
- We need to address getting around in more eco-friendly and affordable ways
- Keep the hills preserved (Rockville), but take advantage of areas that can offer housing (Travis AFB)
- Needs to address homelessness – in 30 years, this is a nice small city with a great downtown and we've figured out how to take care of people who can't take care of themselves
 - You can go in many directions to visit lots of fun things
- Having lots of parks and activities for kids
- Activities for the community – we don't have much that brings the entire city of Fairfield together
- Downtown needs to become a place you feel safe – feels unsafe after dark when businesses close
- The farmers market has shrunk over the years
- We used to have a music program outdoors once a week – doesn't happen very much anymore
- Small businesses need more support – pop-up locations for them downtown
- Some blocks downtown have high vacancy – those should be converted to restaurants
- Vallejo on Saturday mornings has events downtown by their waterfront – very local focused
- A great, lively community

Issues: What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?

- Homeless people need assistance (they're not in a place to hold a job)
 - They need mental health services
- We need affordable housing but only if other cities are also adding affordable housing
 - Right now, people are coming to Fairfield when they can't afford elsewhere
 - Don't want us to attract only low-income residents
 - (she owns property in Benicia) Benicia is much better
- Vacaville has more community outreach
- No one really knows what's going on in our city
 - That's why we go to other cities nearby
 - Suisun City downtown is close and much better
- Homelessness is caused by lack of affordability but also by lack of funding for transitional housing and mental health resources/rehabilitation

- We need to have the conversation about homelessness and face it head on
 - Tax payer dollars need to go to supportive services for homeless
- Fairfield needs to maintain its limit lines
 - Don't provide water to subdivisions outside the city before we complete the infill inside the city
 - Don't expand housing on the hills
 - If we lose our agriculture we just become like any other area from here to SF
- Our warehouse/industrial area seems to be good (they heavily rely on Napa)
 - Pop-up business locations can help increase jobs/economic development
 - Event spaces – ex/baking pop-ups: all bakers come on a night
 - Pop-ups can grow from a shared space to have their own store
- Housing, community, downtown, open spaces need help – big priorities
 - Keep the open spaces as open spaces

Priorities: What do you feel are the most important issues or opportunities that Fairfield should address as a city over the next 30 years?

Facilitator Names: Rajeev Bhatia and Amy Kreimeier

Visioning: If you were to describe Fairfield in 30 years to a friend, how would you describe it based on the future you want to see?

- Sandwiched between Benicia with a cute downtown, and Vacaville with retail. What we have are ag., wineries which they don't. So we should focus on linkages with ag., arts, culture.
- Love walking in downtown. There is a huge potential: Maintain small town feel. Have really interesting restaurants. Have to work to keep businesses independent and unique. E.g. small inland towns like Campbell, Lafayette in the Bay Area.
- Mall needs help. Surprised hasn't been redeveloped.
- Pasadena is great example. Downtown historic preservation is important. We have great Art Deco facades and other historic resources in Fairfield.
- City arts, culture, open spaces, Shakespeare in the park.
- **Our headline: A city that maintains its unique small town quality and heritage, while preserving open space and agriculture surrounding the city, and infusing the community with arts, culture, music.**

Issues: What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?

- Homeless issue has gotten worse. Lot of people living under the freeway. Scared to use bike paths. City has tried to address but still an issue. Free food giveaway one block away from downtown is the biggest problem.
- Crime: not sure how much tied to homelessness, but some and others are well. This is a deterrence to businesses.
- People living in RVs.
- Spot vacant lots. One owned by the City in downtown (at least the City fenced it out)—can we turn it into a quarter block park, with chess boards, benches.
- Used to live in Cordelia – no amenities to support these people. Need a balance – would love another grocery store.
- Improving Downtown livability/ Downtown doesn't have a close by market. There is a huge opportunity there. Trader Joes/espresso/sandwich. Corner of Great Jones/Texas. Just lost Starbucks at Jefferson.
- Keeping and attracting small independent businesses downtown.
- Zoning on West Texas: Mechanics, autobody, etc. Need around park more businesses. [Have rezoned as part of Heart of Fairfield plan. New auto uses are not permitted]

Priorities: What do you feel are the most important issues or opportunities that Fairfield should address as a city over the next 30 years?

- Bringing in new businesses, small stores in downtown. Art walk. Museum needed. Events that attract people -- Fremont does Magic Walk. Have to get really creative. Lot of this is so limited because of Covid, but a difficult time even without Covid.
- Improve West Texas uses. Gateway to the city
- Downtown businesses – support and encourage
- Preserve vineyards and ag. Support tourism, wineries, events, and link to unique restaurants in downtown. Livermore is a good example of that. Ways to bring people off from I-80
- High speed internet and broadband infrastructure

Facilitator Name: Roxana Damas

Name and year's living in Fairfield or being part of Fairfield Community

- 3 participants had over 30 years living in Fairfield were involved in the past general plan for FF
- 1 participant has worked with the Nelson's family lands for over 20 years
- 2 participants have lived in Fairfield for 20 years now only work and shop in Fairfield

Visioning: If you were to describe Fairfield in 30 years to a friend, how would you describe it based on the future you want to see?

- We are one of the most diverse counties, and would like to see it stay this way
- To incorporate not incorporated areas of Cordelia to Fairfield. The Nelson's family would like to work with the city planning to make this happen.
- See amenities and parks in certain areas
- Transportation access improved.
- See us be part of accountability for police actions and homelessness
- Be part of the climate action plan
- We should not extend growth of Fairfield

Issues: What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?

- Education extracurricular activities that are affordable
- Types of housing are limited (We do large multiplex, single housing, studio, town houses, 2500 lots, multi-family housing,
- More public recreation spaces.
- Homelessness support and safety impact to business
- Better use and promotion of open space of Fairfield for recreation like the Rolling Hills Ranch area.
- Better ways to assess for accountability for police actions and homelessness

Priorities: What do you feel are the most important issues or opportunities that Fairfield should address as a city over the next 30 years?

- A place afterschool programs and intramural sports
- Prioritize agricultural lands
- The Airbase is important for this community and jobs
- Extend growth of Fairfield {RD note: both suggestions were made to extend and not to extend).
- Fire safety- Green Valley Fire Safe Council. Idea to avoid development in higher risk areas

5 Appendix B: Workshop 2

5.1 Appendix B-1: Workshop Overview

The second workshop presented attendees with an overview of the General Plan topics. Similarly to Workshop 1, interactive elements of Workshop 2 included two Zoom polls and small group discussions focused on key questions and facilitated by the project team. However, instead of a mapping activity, Workshop 2 utilized Miro Boards to gather feedback on participants' favorite places and their desired areas of change. It also included a "headlines activity" wherein participants were given a prompt and asked to respond with a six-word headline.

LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION AND MIRO BOARD

For Workshop 2, instead of using the Maptionnaire platform for participants to indicate their favorite locations and areas in need of change, participants were invited to use the chat feature within Zoom to indicate these places. Simultaneously, project staff entered responses into Miro, an online platform that simulates a poster board with post-it notes. Participants were asked to respond to the following questions:

1. What are some of your favorite places? What should be preserved?
2. What are some areas that you would like to see change? What might that change be?

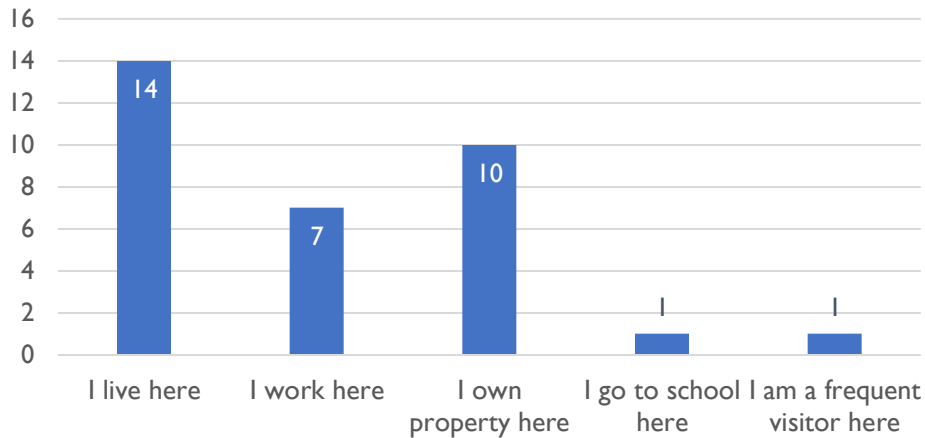
BREAKOUT ROOM DISCUSSIONS

Following the presentation and headlines activity, participants were sent to Zoom breakout rooms to discuss their priorities for the General Plan. Each room had a project team facilitator and 5-6 participants, and discussions lasted 40 minutes before everyone was reconvened for a report back, led by each room's facilitator. The project team provided each facilitator with a series of discussion questions, intended to serve as rough guidelines for the conversation. Facilitators took detailed notes as well as saved any messages sent in the breakout room chat. The discussion questions provided for Workshop 1 are as follows:

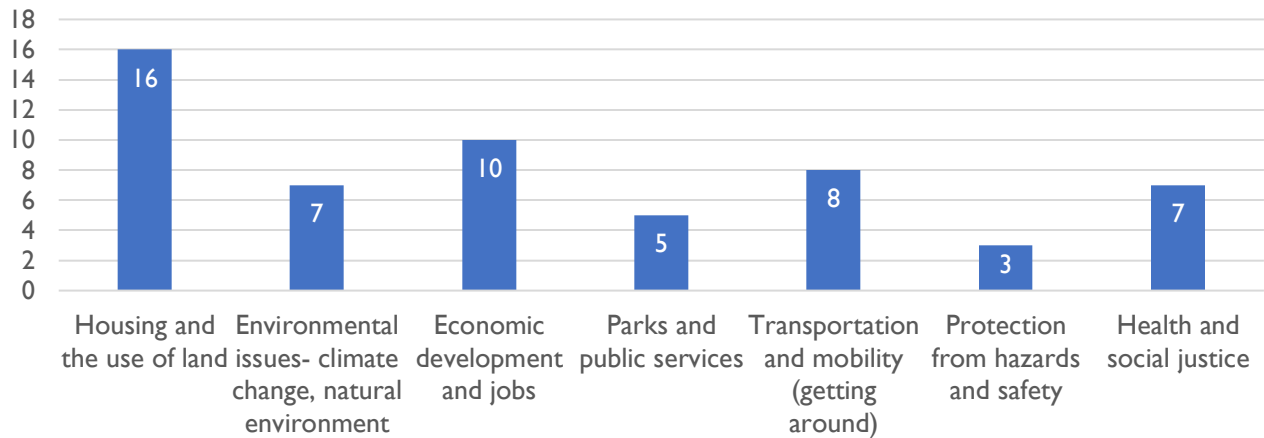
- **Visioning:** What does Fairfield look like in 2050? What big-picture changes do you want to see?
- **Issues:** What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?
- Further backup questions:
 - **Transportation:** How do you get around the city today? How do you think your transportation needs will change by 2050?
 - **Jobs:** What opportunities do you need to help you feel financially stable and secure? How will your employment needs change between now and 2050?
 - **Housing:** Are you satisfied with the housing options available to you right now? If not, what's missing? How will your housing needs change between now and 2050?
 - **Environment:** Is Fairfield doing enough to improve the environment? If not, what's missing? How do you think your life will be different in 2050 as a result of climate change?
 - **Community Engagement:** We'll be going out into the community to hear from people where they are. Do you have any suggestions for where we should go? Who we should talk to? Ideas about how to make this meaningful for people?

5.2 Appendix B-2: Zoom Poll Results

What is your relationship to Fairfield? (select all that apply)

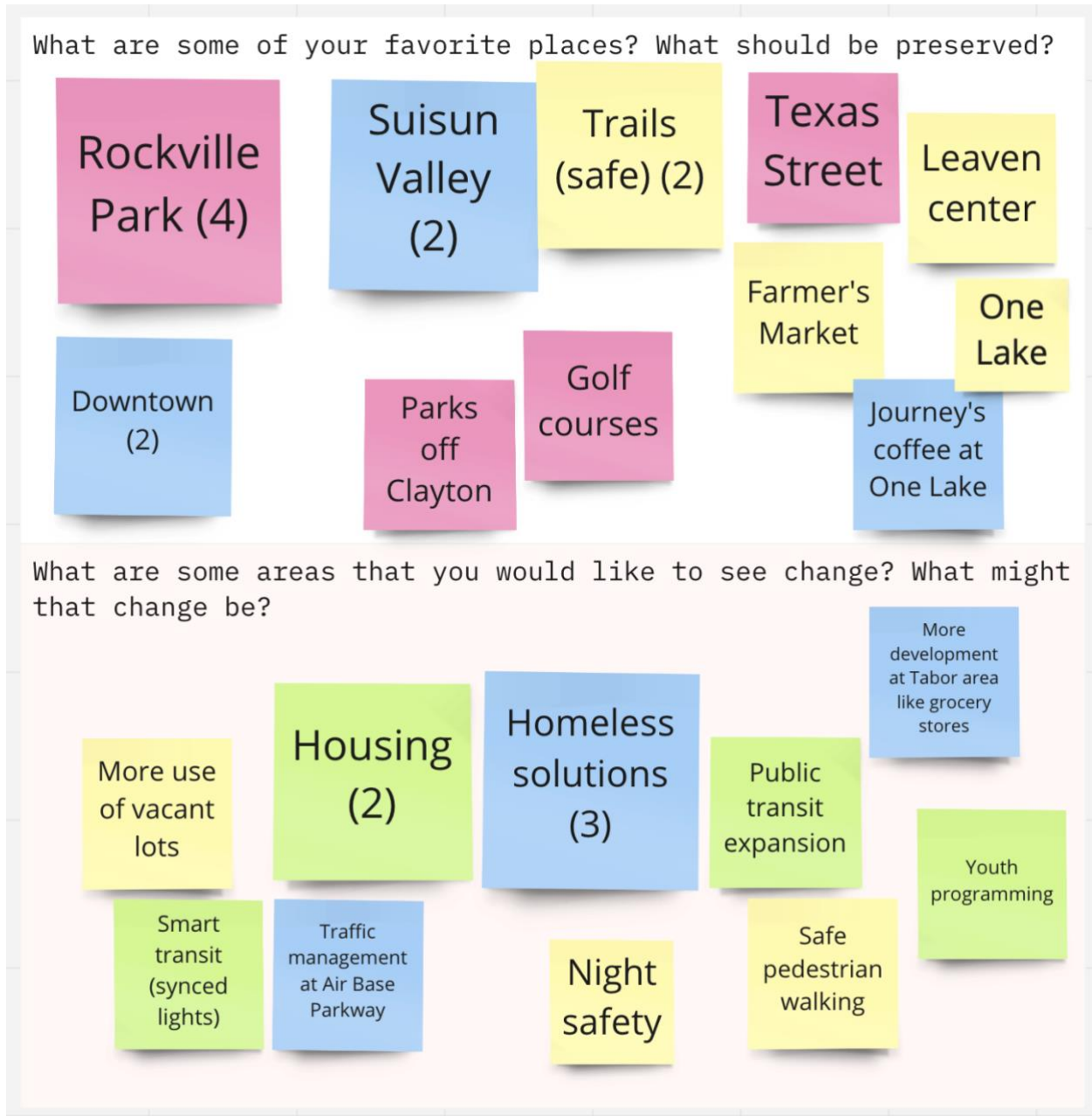


What General Plan topics areas are you most passionate about? (select all that apply)



5.3 Large Group Discussion & Miro Board Activity

Below is an image of the final Miro Board that was displayed to participants on the Zoom meeting shared screen. Participants entered their answers to the Miro Board’s questions into the Zoom meeting chat and project staff entered their responses into the Miro Board.



5.4 Appendix B-3: Chat Transcript

00:29:54 Hazel O'Neil (D&B): <https://www.fairfieldforward.com/>

00:32:52 Patricia Young: My favorite color is green

00:33:32 shanon singh: raised in Fairfield

00:34:15 Glenn Loveall: Same here; I also represent an organization with members in Fairfield and across Solano

00:35:30 Mark Ledford: Rockville Park and the Suisun valley

00:35:52 Rosemary Ingram: Favorite places are the safe walking trails

00:35:55 Susan Stern: Farmer's Market, Rockville Park, The Leaven Center

00:36:19 Garnett Evans: Favorite Places: Texas St Downtown Area, Parks off Clayton

00:36:36 Naomi Gordon: Rockville park, Larry's produce, walking trails,

00:36:44 Dale Anderson: Golf Courses

00:36:45 Mark Ledford: Changes - Solutions to the homeless population.

00:36:47 shanon singh: Rockville Park, One lake community is a awesome place for a quick walk and coffee

00:36:50 Deanna Deckard: Rockville park. One Lake development. golf courses. Downtown corridor pre COVID. Downtown restaurants.

00:37:04 Garnett Evans: Desired Change: More use of the vacant lots for enhanced housing and education

00:37:07 shanon singh: the have Journeys Coffee at One lake

00:37:21 Judy Kahle: Rockville hills park

00:37:35 Judy Kahle: Rockville hills park

00:38:31 Glenn Loveall: Change - Public transit expansion

00:38:34 Judy Kahle: agree. solutions for homeless population

00:38:50 Susan Stern: What is One Lake?

00:38:53 Charmaine Sweatmon: homeless housing

00:39:32 Judy Kahle: safety for pedestrian walking

- 00:39:49 Susan Stern: are there grocery stores or health care near there?
- 00:40:43 Judy Kahle: safety at night
- 00:40:46 Susan Stern: Traffic management on Air Base Parkway has increased, that needs to be considered.
- 00:41:19 Judy Kahle: smart traffic lights, so there is not unnecessary waiting
- 00:41:25 Tina Werblin: More places for youth and increase development of the Tabor area - banks, grocery, limit the check-cashing places and liquor stores
- 00:53:34 Glenn Loveall: "Fairfield - Smart equitable growth achieved mid-century"
- 00:53:49 Garnett Evans: Headline: Fairfield, the 1st True Smart City
- 00:53:54 Patricia Young: Traffic on Hwy 80. Better lighting at night throughout the city. Youth engagement and presence in community irrespective of income and family education level qualifications & restrictions
- 00:53:56 Mark Ledford: Homelessness-A thing of the past!
- 00:54:00 Naomi Gordon: Hidden Gem located in Northern California
- 00:54:03 Michael Zeiss: Proactive planning for environmental justice and resiliency
- 00:54:09 Judy Kahle: infill housing development
- 00:54:15 Susan Stern: Fairfield, a model for renewable energy
- 00:54:28 Patricia Young: Community Unites for Betterment of ALL Residents
- 00:54:48 Tina Werblin: Thriving to make Fairfield a place where everyone is welcome!
- 00:54:59 David Gassaway: Downtown Fairfield, Envy of Solano County
- 00:55:25 David Feinstein: West Texas Street: Downtown's Vibrant Gateway
- 00:55:27 Michael Zeiss: Easy to dream, hard to realize
- 00:57:23 Judy Kahle: Since the last general plan, which promoted infill development, I have seen infill housing be built, esp. compared to Vacaville or Suisun, which haven't done so much. unlike
- 01:01:57 Hazel O'Neil (D&B): Visioning: What does Fairfield look like in 2050? What big-picture changes do you want to see?
- 01:02:04 Hazel O'Neil (D&B): Issues: What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?
- 01:36:09 Michael Zeiss: Thanks for letting a Suisun City resident participate. Hope that some of you will participate in future Suisun planning!

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- 01:36:51 Michael Zeiss: Or maybe send to Garnett privately?
- 01:37:51 Judy Kahle: Judy
- 01:40:47 Hazel O'Neil (D&B): <https://www.fairfieldforward.com/>
- 01:41:19 Leo Callejas: Leo Callejas
- 01:41:28 Garnett Evans: FYI.....If you have shared your e-mail to keep the discussion and actions moving forward, you have been sent an email
- 01:41:37 Garnett Evans: For verification.
- 01:41:43 Glenn Loveall: Glenn Loveall
- 01:41:51 Hazel O'Neil (D&B): <https://www.fairfieldforward.com/gpac>
- 01:42:06 Hazel O'Neil (D&B): <https://www.fairfieldforward.com/participate>
- 01:42:13 shanon singh: Shanon Singh

5.5 Appendix B-5: Small Group Facilitator Notes

Facilitator Name: Alison Moore

Visioning: What does Fairfield look like in 2050? What big-picture changes do you want to see?

- Sheltering homeless population. Housing and mental health need to be addressed.
- Resources- Rich in resources, but not well publicized, marketed, and dispersed. Long term for them, need housing. public transportation system is kind of ridiculous- doesn't work, can work faster.
- All areas of the city need to know about resources, that they are introduced, and made to feel like they're available. Need to disseminate this information and use resources that we have to benefit everyone.
- Education- making sure that our education system is tied closely to the community k-12 to all the post 12-14 secondary edu.
- Connectivity and sustainability, more eco friendly power and energy options, but not to detriment of our health. Energy sources that are not health friendly. Plant in Suisun- concern.
- Fairfield is a hometown feel, small town feel- don't want to lose that. Quaintness, going downtown and meeting people
- Suburban sprawl- get to real clear boundaries, greater densities, all of that tied into systems and built environment that is eco-friendly, sustainable.
 - Unsustainable model with PG&E. Creating much better connectivity, plan for broadband, getting fiber out, access.
- Broad provision of public services, greater degree of denser development. Workforce commutes elsewhere. To diversify economic base, what are no class level employment that is here in the city and county. Greater eye toward mixed use development.
 - Wherever policies are targeted, ensure wages are fair and simulate employment for local residents. How can we provide jobs that want to stay here. Support anything that diversifies the economic base and makes pathways for residents to work in middle class career paths.
- Love small town feel, keeping that is very important, but still having it be a desirable place to live, and makes them want to stay. Want to see city that is equitable across the board, housing, health, access to affordable housing, but still a desirable place to live when it comes to better safety, schooling, parents to send kids to school.
- Youth in Fairfield. Youth members- affordability for youth. Programs. Voucher- public doesn't even know that they can have help. After school programs, etc. get it all advertised and communicated.
- Senior population- wonderful community, great place to retire, kept in mind as we develop places, housing, etc. many people work in their 70s.
- Institutionalize stakeholder input across the board. Multiple stakeholders in a consistent extended process.

Issues: What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?

- Preservation of Travis AFB.
- Challenge from staff perspective is implementing the plans. What are the highest priorities? Any conversation so community starts. How to implement that in tangible way?
 - **Homelessness.** Making sure we're maximizing every resource we have within city limits. And homelessness. Homelessness. Downtown. Homelessness and mental

health (helping youth). What is going on in that population. Training and job development (livable wage).

- Social justice system and making sure that sentencing and everything else is equitable/ not more punitive for black and brown people. **Social justice, opportunities for youth.**
- **Equitable growth-** smart, integrated growth with high labor standards, and sustainability. And equity in all dimensions for underserved people. Redistricting- make it easier to have those discussions.
- **Business development-** infill with what we currently have and make it shine.
- **Transportation-** youth so that they can get around and seniors. Dependable system

Facilitator Name: Rajeev Bhatia**What is great about Fairfield:**

- Diversity
- Accessibility/location
 - Close to 80 to get to other places
 - Close to work, in-between husbands' and mine
 - Crossroads of Bay Area and Sacramento
- Become safer over 20 years
- Weather
- Suisun Valley
- Setting. Hills are fantastic for bike riding – Suisun Valley, up to Lake Berryessa. Vineyards. Locally grown food

Visioning: What does Fairfield look like in 2050? What big-picture changes do you want to see?

- Hope it looks somewhat like now – not have growth change the character of the area, not sprawl, more infill. Retain small town feel
- Bikeable/walkable
 - Traffic will be a big issue in future. Think about closing the Main Street to cars, or more bike paths, safe bike lockup for farmers' market (bike theft). Ride bike to open air concert (have to watch bike). Free Uber for seniors
 - More walkability (amenities are too far and have to backtrack the way streets are)
 - Fairfield can be more bikeable and walkable. Reduce the need to own a car. Access to BART. Access to country. Biodiversity/not monoculture.
- Improved West Texas. Does not give a good image for Fairfield, as it's gateway into Fairfield and downtown. Clean up the businesses that are there.). Also improved North Texas
- Solar farms and windmills. Could be new economic base and jobs. Tax incentives for apartment buildings to install solar
- Expand public transit, especially for younger, who are dependent on their parents to drive them. Takes too long.
- More diverse types of housing – condos, townhomes, mixed-use buildings. Definitely along West Texas North Texas, and in Cordelia.
- Town squares or centers that people walk to and gather, socialize. Get out and be with people. Don't want to live in an empty streets. Vacaville has one. City of Sonoma has a main plaza. In the center of the City. Davis, famers' market acts like a town square. Two people second.
 - Even non-commercial places like parks
 - Town square with mixed use and zoning with cafes etc.
 - Town square in downtown. Community centers in other parts of the city

Issues: What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?

- Aging population. Escalating needs (health provision). Aging in place or cooperative housing types where people can be together
- The more employment of any kind, would solve many of the problems, including homelessness.
- STA moving forward on expanding Suisun City's Amtrak station. Think about housing and jobs closer to THAT station. Heart of Fairfield is a good plan, build on it
- Homelessness.

- Impacts city's image
- Impacts walkability and bikability
- It's almost an unsolvable issue. Money alone cannot solve it – SF became a magnet because they are providing benefits. Hopefully Fairfield will not make the same mistakes.
- Eviction moratorium: when over, people will owe a lot of money, which is going to cause problems. Should the City do something about this?
- Bike lanes. Paint bike lanes when roads are repaved (Hillborn Road bike lane was not repainted when the road was repaved). Paving materials (they use crushed glass in the asphalt, which is not bike friendly)
- Agriculture monoculture, need diverse agriculture, and more local- grown food

Facilitator Names: Katherine Stiegemeyer and Roxana Damas

Visioning: What does Fairfield look like in 2050? What big-picture changes do you want to see?

- More activities for the public that are safe
- Increase diversity in City Council and Solano County Board of Supervisors – more representation of what Fairfield’s population looks like
 - Diversity is our strength, but diversity doesn’t equal
- Smart city by 2050
 - Fiber powered Internet
 - Green jobs
- Bring jobs within the community – people be able to live and work here
- Potentially annexing areas into the city for the expansion of jobs
- More resources for gig-type workers
 - Especially for Spanish speaking community
 - Resources to help them grow
- Disparities between school districts need to be eliminated
 - Every child should have everything they need

Issues: What are the most important issues that your community faces right now?

- Increases in vacant lots and buildings – need to be repurposed for the community
 - What non-profits do we already have in the city that can help repurpose
 - Need more info easily accessible on vacant lots/buildings
- Downtown businesses are struggling – being forced to go to places like the mall for better prices
 - We’ve allowed for the deterioration of the buildings
 - Due to homeless issues we’ve had to work with small business owners on safety issues that their insurance won’t cover (broken windows)
 - Vacant lots increase feelings of unsafety
- Aging population
 - We need various types of senior housing – places for seniors to downsize
 - Not just senior assisted living facilities
 - Smaller homes needed – not two-story, small-lot development
 - No single-story homes at One Lake (1000s of homes there)
- Mammoth issue between the Black community and law enforcement in Fairfield
 - Always an elephant in the room when we talk about economic development and other issues in the city
- Public Resources Academy (Matt Garcia) – has made national news
 - Need more resources for young people like this – people who are struggling
 - Education resources for people who are incarcerated