

September 24, 2025, Fillmore Western Addition Open House

Community Comment Card Findings

1. Central Themes & Priorities

Housing & Affordability

- Strong and repeated calls for affordable housing, particularly for Black residents who have been displaced or priced out of San Francisco.
- Concerns existing “affordable” housing is not affordable for most Black families.
- Requests for low-cost housing for educators, seniors, and displaced residents, with specific mentions of **Midtown Park Apartments** and the **Fillmore Center**.

Economic Development & Small Business Support

- Community emphasized the need to support small and Black-owned businesses and support for an entertainment district to revitalize Fillmore’s economy.
- Requests for technical assistance, business proposal support, and funding access to help small businesses grow and create local jobs.

Workforce Development and Job Access

- Calls for paid job training, re-entry opportunities for formerly incarcerated Black and Brown residents, and youth employment programs.
- Specific proposal: City-funded security training programs covering guard-card fees and partnering with the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.
- Interest in connecting youth ages 13–17 with life skills, financial literacy, and cultural enrichment programs.

Placemaking, Cultural Preservation, and Inclusion

- Strong emphasis on Black empowerment, representation, and inclusion in decision-making (“a seat at the table”).
- Desire for youth education in Black history and culture, as a counter to erasure.
- Requests to support local jazz musicians and cultural events that honor the Fillmore’s heritage. Concerns only 1 jazz location in the Fillmore.

Public Health and Safety

- Mentions of health and safety as community priorities, including veteran support and COVID-safety at events.
- Calls for the City to ensure safe, accessible venues with parking and security.

2. Key Outcomes and Expectations

- Action, not more planning: Multiple respondents emphasized frustration with repeated engagement processes without visible results.
- “We want and deserve action now.”
- Accountability and follow-through from City agencies on long-standing commitments.
- Cross-agency collaboration (“All agencies as it will take a village”) to address interconnected needs in housing, jobs, safety, and culture.

3. Notable Direct Requests

- Implementation of **Dream Keeper Initiative** funding to reach individuals directly.
- Immediate assistance for elderly residents seeking permanent care.
- More City support for ex-offenders and youth programs to prevent recidivism.
- Ensure music and entertainment hires for City-sponsored events include local Fillmore talent.

Feedback Received

15 comment cards collected