

## **Community Equity Council Meeting Summary**

**Date:** October 24, 2024

**Attendees:** Will Cartagena, Del Seymoore, Mahsa Hakim, Mary Travis Allen, Ben Wong, Majeid Crawford, Anni Chung, Tiffany Carter

**Staff:** Miriam Chion, Rich Hillis, Aurion Wiley, David Garcia, James Pappas, and Oscar Grande

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## **Webpage Updates**

The council discussed updates to the webpage, including replacing the current photo, linking the Equity Communities word cloud prominently in the council's description, and adding veterans to the word cloud.

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## **Housing Forum**

The council explored themes and logistics for an upcoming Housing Forum. Coordinated entry and anti-affirmative action policies were identified as barriers to achieving equity housing goals. The forum presents an opportunity to foster collaboration, rebuild community trust, and focus on actionable solutions rather than discussions alone. Concerns were raised about Planning's role, particularly when community efforts are sometimes overridden by legislation. A co-design role was preferred over co-sponsorship, with a focus on clear goals, roles, and equitable partnerships. Proposed topics included Black homeownership, policy solutions, community power building, and sharing best practices across neighborhoods. Potential venues included City College, UC Law, and 49 South Van Ness, though parking concerns were noted. Workshops could address community visioning, power mapping, and resource-sharing, with a resource fair included.

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## **Working Group Updates**

**Wealth and Jobs Working Group:** Challenges in supporting BIPOC businesses to become city suppliers were discussed. Issues include the lengthy process to convert bidder numbers to supplier numbers, lack of upfront payments for city contracts, and limited capacity of small businesses to fulfill contracts without financial support. Clecha's support for 12 vendors was highlighted as a tangible step forward. The group brainstormed additional data fields, such as anchor tenants and sales volume, to holistically assess commercial corridors.

**Housing Stability Working Group:** Although the BAHFA bond was pulled, Prop 5 remains critical for future housing bonds. MOHCD committed to outreach for Yerba Buena COP holders in 2025. The housing tool is complete and ready for translation, printing, and presentations. Focus groups were suggested to gather feedback and inform future improvements.

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## Planning and Community Updates

- **Planning Updates:** The PRO Housing Grant was submitted to support affordable housing production, process improvements, and SRO rehabilitation. Planning is completing its Staff Culture Survey and Equity Plan draft by December. Upcoming Planning Commission hearings include Tenderloin (November 14), Mission (November 21), and the Equity Plan (December 5).
- **Community Updates:**
  - **Oct. 26:** Casa Guadalupe Grand Opening.
  - **Nov. 2:** Día de los Muertos at Potrero del Sol.
  - Sunset Night Market attracted over 22,000 attendees.

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## Next Steps

- Finalize webpage edits and reach out to councilmembers for input.
- Begin co-designing the Housing Forum program.
- Schedule working group meetings and finalize dates for the Full Equity Council meetings on **November 18** and **December 17**.