

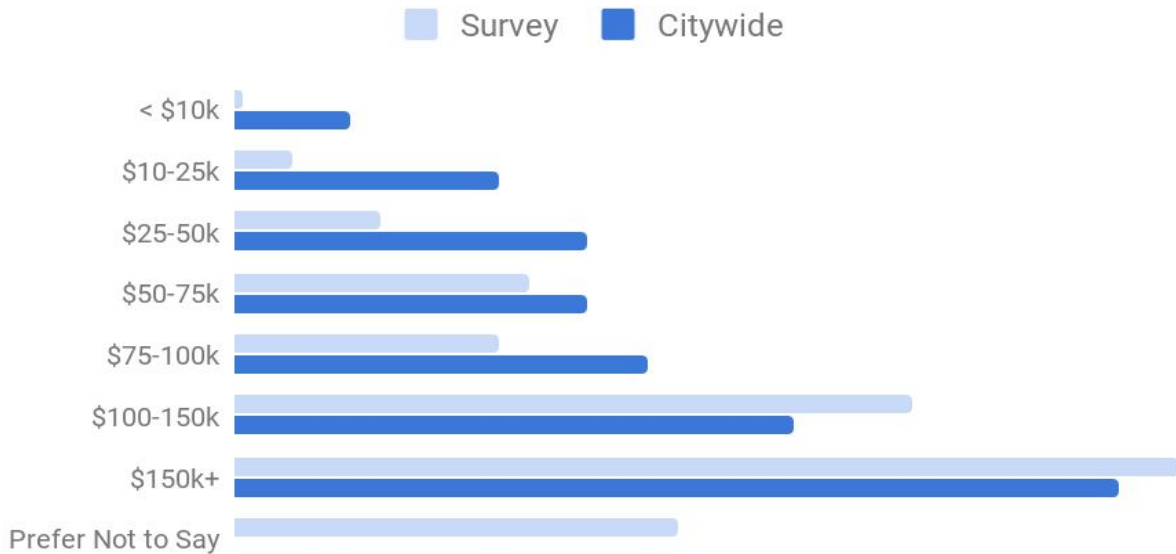
Survey #1 - Assessment and Summary, August 18th - August 31st

Alameda General Plan Update

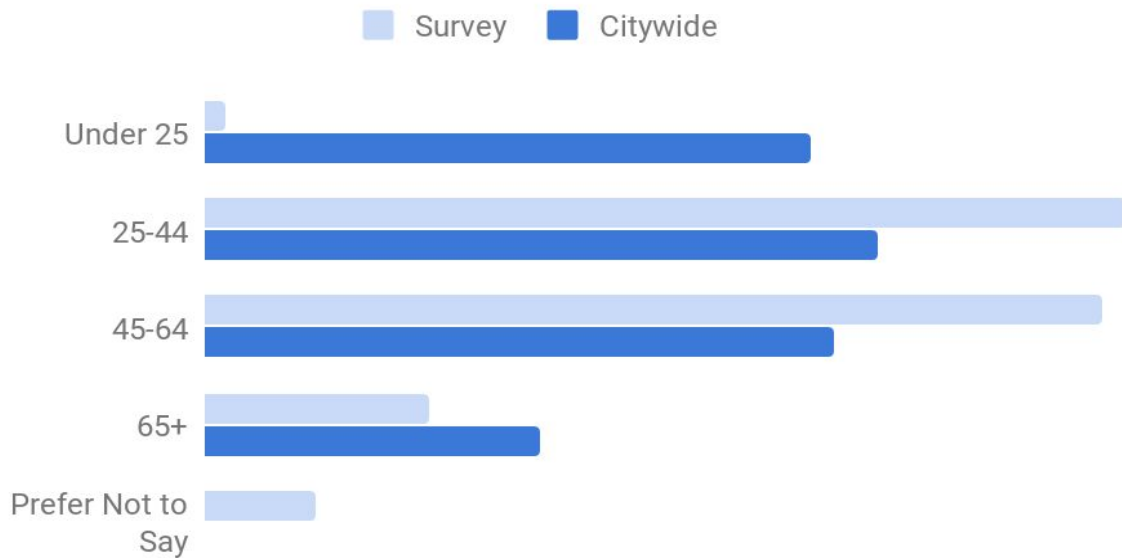
First 379 Respondents

Exhibit 1: Who Is Taking the Survey

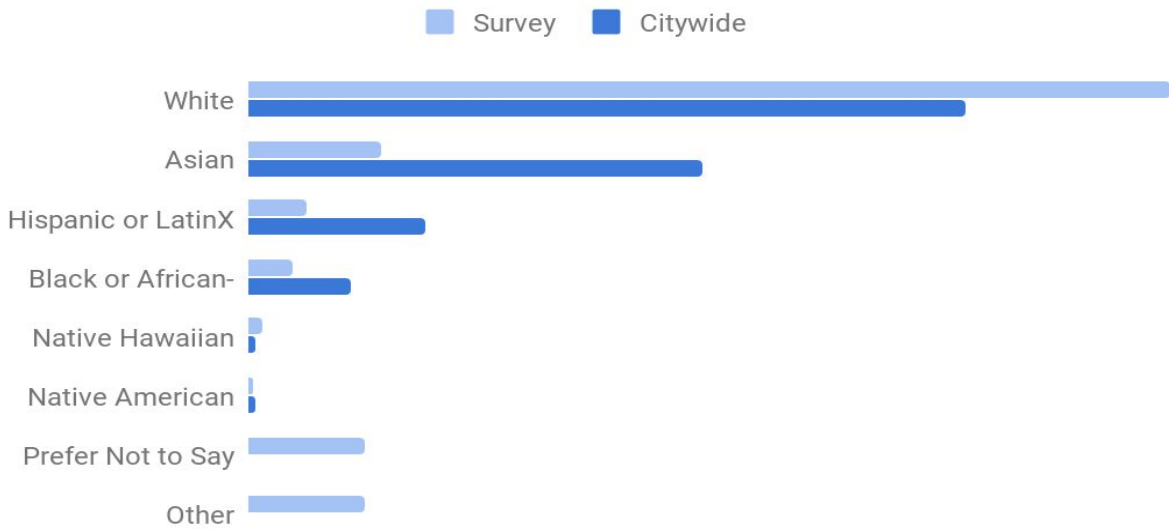
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Age



Ethnicity



Neighborhood

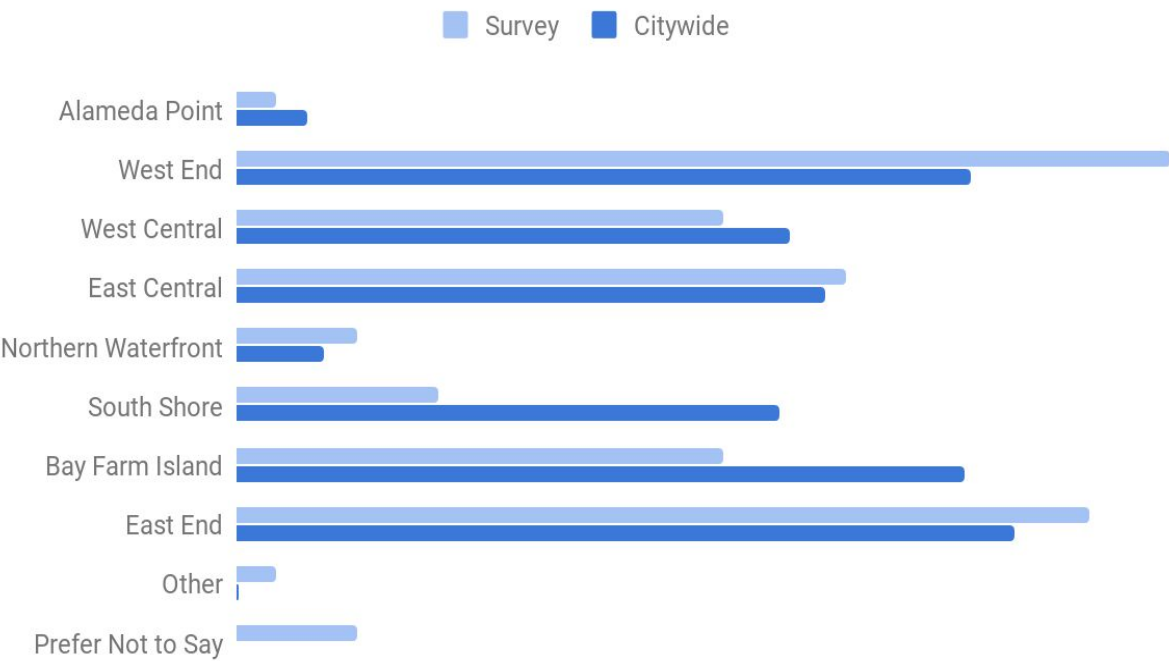




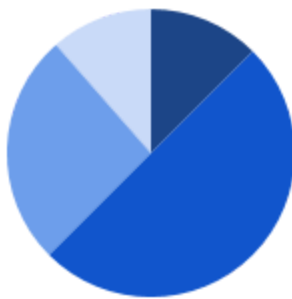
Exhibit 2

Question #1

Alameda Residents answer the question:

Would you agree or disagree with this statement?

Alameda is a safe and healthy community with a high quality of life for everyone regardless of income, race, cultural background or physical abilities.



I agree strongly
I somewhat agree
I somewhat disagree
I disagree strongly

I agree strongly

AUSD extremely inclusive and accommodating, numerous volunteer and City-sanctioned programs in place to accommodate all people

Alameda is welcoming to all

Multicultural & ethnically diverse, and well known as LGBTQ friendly, Alameda is generally welcoming.

There are some issues (no city is perfect), issues include increasing multi-unit developments without infrastructure to support it (lack of sufficient police, and mental welfare workers & resources to deal with unstable people)

Good mix of business, residential, and pleasure (parks)

Everyone has the opportunity to participate in activities equally. financial support is provided for people who need such assistance. The operative word is opportunity.

love that there is so much diversity on the island

Been here since 2005 and haven't personally experienced any real problems other than property theft.

Excellent schools and civic activities as well as strong business community and shopping opportunities, open space.

No

It's a great place to raise your kids and it is still one of the safer neighborhoods although this is changing.

Because Black Live do Matter in Alameda and the Homless

Alameda is a wonderful community and it has the best features for families and two strong commercial corridors

because we are a community of liked minds who want a city government that is open and helpful

We have a diverse community with opportunities for all.

Lots of open spaces, good bicycle areas

It's a wonderful, honey city.

I like that there is a mix of people, not just families but also single people of many ages.

good stuff

skip

It costs a lot to live here, so people living here must have a good source of income, regardless of race.

Small Town Vibe - NorCal

slow streets and safe biking make this a healthy city

I somewhat agree

I'm not low income or a person of color. For me, it feels safe.

Too many progressives are intolerant of people who don't share their views

Alameda has preserved much of our historic part, including unfortunately systemic racism, poverty, cronyism politics and NIMBY fanatics

Its hard to call any place healthy when a pandemic is going on.

Not completely safe

I only put somewhat agree because there seems to be an increasing and troubling trend of criminal activity. Multiple cars stolen on my block. Recent shooting in daylight on Park street that put my daughters daycamp on lockdown. Had to have difficult conversation with a 6 year old about it. Combine that with this sentiment from some in city council that want to defund the police or at least not fund the additional police needed. Very troubling.

A response to "Black Lives Matter" impacting a local Alameda "black" family when their car was vandalized.

Alameda is a relatively safe city. However disparities based on income and race exist as exemplified by disparities in educational outcomes between schools

I don't think we place enough emphasis on providing for those with less. I also think there is a lot of open space that could be better used for low-income/middle-income housing.

Because at schools in alameda are racist and a lot of bullying

I agree that healthy lifestyles are available to all in Alameda. I somewhat disagree that living in Alameda is achievable at any income level.

Issues on the west side

My car was stolen multiple times three years ago and I am being single profiled at times

The city is evolving to be open to more residents of black and brown heritage.

We're not perfect and we must continue to improve

There is a presumed need to build more housing to take care of low income and homeless but I believe too much additional housing without infrastructure upgrades is unwise.

Alameda is an expensive city. Rent is unreasonably high, and our community actively resists efforts to make housing affordable.

I watch local news.

Increasing crime homelessness and outrageous rent are just a few problems

Crime has increased exponentially the last 10yrs.

We can do better, but for a city our size, we do pretty good

Housing is too expensive for true diversity and inclusion.

Alameda has changed in the last few years. I have lived on the island for almost 30 years and there has been so much development we no longer have the small community feel. The classrooms are more crowded, traffic is terrible during commute hours, school hours. Crime has increased, I often see homeless enter the grocery stores and walk out of Raley's and Safeway. The recent shooting on Park St and robberies make me fear walking around the island. I never felt like this until the last few years. I have a kid in college and a middle school age kid and I do not let her walk around by herself.

There are plenty of old time Alamedans who still villainize Oakland, dense housing, and black and brown people

Needs to hamper down on crime.

Crime is rising due to the poor economy, and rent is too high

I generally feel safe in Alameda, but I suspect others might feel less so. Recent armed robberies are concerning. Also, I think some people are priced out of Alameda, even though they have full time jobs

There are still obviously great divides in the quality of life depending on the area of the island you live on, but I feel that everyone shared the amenities and resources here well

Homeless population appears to be growing

Expensive

Home prices are very high and rent is just as high it's difficult for

People of color seem to face more issues from police.

it is for me, but doesn't appear to be so for everyone

There are some somewhat ghetto areas of Alameda on the west end. Also new development is attracting more crime, i.e. Alameda Landing, Target in particular.

I think it's safe and comfortable for most. but difficult for those w/ lower means.

We've made some progress with rent control for residential tenants but we have a long way to go to truly love up to everyone belongs here.

You have to be affluent to live in Alameda now.

are used to think it was safe and inclusive but in light of recent events I'm not sure it's either.

I don't think there should a safe place for homeless folks and I've heard that Black and African American folks don't feel comfortable here

There are still issues for lower income people and POC. It's getting more expensive to live in Alameda.

Racists

For people who can afford to live her, it is great. But teachers, police offices, restaurant workers, etc can't afford it and the rent laws are pro-landlord

Amazing quality of life with safe neighborhoods and fun things to do

Several areas can be significantly improved upon. Parks, public roads need work... homelessness is something we also see a lot these days. Gotta find a way to help these people out.

Not everyone has access to the same opportunities

Well, I don't know enough to know how life is here for everyone. But I do know that my family and I have lived here for many years safely and happily.

While Alameda is safe, it's really not affordable for anyone making less than 100k anymore. I make above 100k and struggle with high rent. The only path to home ownership is luck bidding on a condemned property.

Recent homeless presence and uprise in crime has made Alameda less safe.

Very safe, but stressed by high housing prices.

Given the social unrest with respect to the black lives matter movement, Alameda is not entirely equitable and inclusive of all people.

There is massive income inequality in Alameda, and there is a general racial divide in income.

I don't think there is as much affordable housing as there should be

In the last few years, there has been more racism. A member of my family experienced xenophobia and was told to "go back to where he came from" despite living in Alameda for 30 years.

Repeal Article 26.

I'm not aware of a lot of affordable homes for middle income families.

Alameda could be more inclusive for minorities.

You seem to go for the result that gives the city less heat

I still hear low key racist comments from people I meet casually. I'm white so I think they feel comfortable saying shit. On the other hand I also have friendly interactions with all kinds of people around the island so 7 out of 10

City invests in parks and beach areas that are all free. But standard of living huh and housing prices very high making it very challenging to live here unless you have money. Low income housing mostly closed down with few rebuilt units

Housing is quite expensive here.

Need more affordable housing

As of lately, too many burglaries, shootings, etc is making Alameda less safety.

Nice neighborhoods for the wealthier and not as nice/safe neighborhoods for those less fortunate. If you live in one, your experience is vastly different than that of someone living in the other

More crime

We still have many individuals/families working more than one job to afford to live here. Especially in the West end

Recent armed robberies and lots of stolen cars

The 25 mph speed limit is not enforced. It is frightening being a pedestrian

While Alameda is idealic in many ways we saw the incident of the Black man harassed by police for dancing. Also the schools on the west side which have for racial and socioeconomic diversity do not get equal resources, and should get more of we care about equity, and the history of residential segregation.

Housing priced are going up, public school teachers need higher pay, and traffic in and out of the island needs to be improved (more ferry options, water taxis, pedestrian/bike bridges etc).

While Alamedians "Talk the talk", we haven't fully "walked the walk" yet. Our commitment to raising the minimum wage, including more affordable housing in proposed developments, and support for local businesses are commendable. However, we still haven't gone far enough. For example, the recent "defund the police" efforts failed to adequately address alternatives to policing that may better serve our Black/Brown community. Also, the amount and location of affordable housing still needs to be pushed - even if it means that a development must wait until the market is right.

The cost of living in keeps out many minorities

Vast income inequality. Rising crime and homelessness. Major traffic issues.

I would like to see more genuine concern expressed for people of color.

Alameda has attracted outsider that do most of the crimes here.

Needs Work

Good public schools and nice public spaces

In general, it is safe and healthy. We could do better to include those who are low to moderate income in our community.

I think Alameda is better than many places, but it could still be more inclusive.

It is very expensive to live here and I worry that restricts people's ability to choose to live among us

There is increasingly bold crimes committed by non-residents and there are Alamedans with a less than livable income.

Not always safe, not always high quality of life, not enough support for kids with special needs.

The majority of the island seems to be equitable income/quality wise, as well as largely diverse. There's still a lot of work to do but I think it appears to be a solid base.

I feel that people of color, especially black and brown people, experience a different level of safety and comfort with regard to policing and schooling

it is what you make of it

It's nice for the people who participate in keeping it nice. We have scummy people too and I doubt they enjoy the charm.

While overall Alameda is a safe place, there are definitely disparities between different parts of Alameda and the sense of safety and security.

Car was tampered work in parking spot of apartment

Great location and climate but public schools have less money than before and some homeless issues
I still don't think we've reached a color-blind little bubble here on the island.

Too much focus on cars not enough safe pedestrian routes that prioritize the safety of pedestrians over the ability of cars to speed.

while overall safe and healthy, there are instances where crime gives me pause (especially near our home and children's school)

I don't feel that Alameda is as accepting of black people as it is of other races.

I think that Alameda needs more diversity and awareness of the seniors and those with disabilities.

Four armed robberies this week and a shooting

Maintenance of sidewalks and lagoons is below standard.

The city still lacks enough more affordable types of housing for average income earners

I think we do better than a lot of Bay Area communities, but I don't think we do enough to make everyone feel safe, welcomed, and cared for.

crime has increased lately

I am aware of little crime, I know many Alamedans that take advantage of our parks, take advantage of walking, biking, and mass transit. At the same time, I know the Alamedans I talk with are not necessarily representative of the city's population as a whole, otherwise I'd be more confident in my assessment.

Measure A is exclusionary

Not familiar enough with the disparities that may exist within the community, but generally speaking quality of life seems quite nice relative to neighboring communities.

We only know our own experience

with easy access to the island from East Oakland where crime stats are exponentially higher, this bleeds over on to the island. That coupled with the increased suppression of law enforcement and city policy that handcuffs citizens from being able to seek investigation should they feel the need is emboldening criminals to terrorize the citizens of Alameda in which my family has resided since the 1930s. The lackluster direction of APD to "comply with criminals, give up your property, and do not resist" is only the first stage in stripping law abiding citizens of their ability to live a free and safe existence.

Our roads are dangerous, and we have some work to do to fix systemic racism.

The cost of buying a house in alameda is still out of reach for many

Relatively safe, but as homeless and high density housing come to town, there is more crime.

There is still inequality by race and socioeconomic status

Recent racial injustices by police reduced my positive perception of Alameda

Safe? Shootings, robbery at gun point, etc

That has been my experience. I'm aware that it's not everyone's.

Alameda has relatively low violent crime rates, and relatively low rental and home price to other nearby cities. Also, we have more racially integrated neighborhoods relative to our neighboring cities.

Crime, reckless driving, crowds and littering on rise.

Recent increase in robberies, theft and car jacking.

historical bias against black people by our police

We are very diverse

High cost housing excludes many possible residents. Flat level terrain makes it easier to bike around.

There are always exceptions but most people are respectful and fair.

I did not feel good about the arrest of the man dancing/exercising in the street. Perhaps the protocol would have resulted in a similar outcome for a different race person, but it felt like the protocol for "someone might be in danger" (NOT "someone might be A danger") should not be focused on handcuffing and putting in a police car - and race might have played a role

Financial inequities result in inequitable attention and investment between neighborhoods. Alameda has also not fully and honestly addressed with its racist history and how that prejudice has impacted our laws.

I agree that Alameda is generally safe and inclusive, but violent crimes (e.g., shootings, gunpoint robberies) happen often enough to be worrying. The north end of Alameda is just across the bridge from some rough neighborhoods.

Cost of living is high, just like the rest of the Bay Area

Not totally safe as more police are needed, with no cuts

It's not as racially diverse as it could be.

I somewhat disagree

Cost of housing, to rent or buy, excludes a large majority of middle or working classes.

My husband is Latino and feels unsafe and unwelcome in Alameda. People stare at him or make comments. On the other hand, I'm white and feel welcome and safe but I'm constantly worried about my husband. Alameda is not inclusive all income backgrounds. We couldn't afford to live here until we became a 6 figure household.

We need access to more reliable healthcare on the island

We don't often see the folks who are homeless and/or begging for \$\$\$. We ignore them, or don't go wherever they gather.

CRIME HAS EXPLODED IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS B/C THE CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER HAS DISABLED THE POLICE DEPT. FROM ENFORCING THE LAWS THAT KEEP ITS CONSTITUENTS SAFE.

Not all have the Income needed to live here. We do not provide affordable housing for our Teachers, Police and Fire Fighters. Failure to Develop MIXED Housing for Essential workers and Low Income within Developing Neighborhoods.

Alameda is home to many multi-generational families, that have passed on their homes to their children and so on. This is great, and yet it leads to an idea of a "true" Alamedan and the exclusion of others regardless of length of residency. Minority families are particularly excluded in the community.

The current events with Mr. Watkins prove that not all people are treated equally in our town.

more and more unaffordable for anyone but the very wealthy

Don't always feel safe on the West End. Police sometimes don't even come when called.

Two incomes and were priced out unaffordable we will never be able to buy a home here

I don't think it's inclusive of all people.

Alameda has a class and race equity issue

Need to do better on creating a safe environment for ALL alamedans, not just white ones.

More policy needed to support true equality.

Housing shortage, lack of police response to crime, sidewalks that are not wheelchair safe, no enforcement of mask rules, very little law enforcement

Buying a house here is expensive. Middle class or low income families cannot afford to buy in Alameda. So right off the bat Alameda is not welcoming to people of all classes. This is a form of discrimination towards BIPOC & because of systemic racism BIPOC are more likely to be low income & middle class.

It's the racism

Quality of life is high for people who can afford it, but only wealthy people can afford it.

Speeding and dangerous driving; smoking everywhere despite smoke-free ordinances

There is a high quality of life for the wealthy, but there is a lack of affordable housing and a racist police force.

People can't afford to live here. Not as diverse as everyone says it to be.

Alameda is not accessible to all people, and those lashing back for such don't make it any safer.

I'm not sure POC are living the dream in Alameda.

I don't believe Alameda is inclusive of every race and income due to high cost of housing and systemic racism.

Can't enjoy life when alameda rents are too damn expensive.

I believe there is racial and economic inequity

Feeling unsafe, not protected by our police. Once we stopped enforcing our laws. Seen three hit and runs in the last week.

Only people with 6-figure incomes have a good life here.

while diverse in population i still feel alameda caters to the more privileged

Not safe not inclusive

Crime has significantly risen and continues to rise. Sense of safety is diminishing daily.

Income disparity in housing in Alameda is extreme. Entry to the housing market here is outrageous

There is, even within Alameda, a substantial wealth gap. This is particularly strong in the areas of education. I live in the bronze coast and I know that our PTA raises a lot

It's certainly not sustainability for middle class and anyone in a class below that. And racism is still rampant.

As a white resident and homeowner, I feel included. But folks who are people of color and/or Black have shared experiences of racism and prejudice. Renters have shared stories of discrimination and bias.

Increasing rents

It's gotten dirtier, homeless encampments popping up, crime is more prevalent, housing is relatively expensive for what you get.

People of color (darker color) are treated unfairly.

Very little opportunity for those who are not wealthy to live here.

I don't think it's as diverse as it used to be say 5 years ago. People have been priced out of rental properties and homes.

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More violent acts make me feel unsafe here.

Income/wealth inequality exists here too

Our schools are not practicing true equity. No TK at all, some full day K, some before care, some not. Parents ability to work is based solely on childcare.

Racism

You have to make a lot of money to afford living in Alameda these days. Minorities are being pushed out. Crime is increasing as the Bay Area gets more expensive and people get more desperate

Systemic racism, Ableism.

African Americans are not treated well in this community by the police

Too much racial harassment

The cost of living and sometimes hostile mom and pop landlords make housing difficult for many.

Lower income people are almost priced out.

Like all of the Bay, it's expensive. And many people of color, especially AA's have been harassed by neighbors and police.

Not enough free resources

Cost of living & small BIPOC community drives people out/away. Need economic diversity to truly be a welcoming community.

Too expensive and pushes everyone out

History of exclusion; not enough affordable housing.

Alameda has pockets of diversity, and other places where it is very purposeful that there is no affordable housing. I also worry that the increase in the cost of living and the fact that it is growing in popularity is gentrifying the area. I loved to the west end in part because of its diversity, and I'm worried that quality will be gone in a few years

I think there are many hidden inequities, and a history of systemic racism.

Crime has become worse and too many houses have been built.

The income disparity has become so pronounced. The cost of housing on the island takes up such a large percentage of income I worry for those that are under the median income.

It's not safe for everyone but it should be. Major disparities

There are definitely areas that seem less supported.

Racism is still strong in Alameda and BIPOC are often not accorded the safety and quality of life that others have.

Alameda has priced people of certain races out. There is a clear divide between upperclassmen and lower class in Alameda.

The average working person can not afford to live in Alameda. Crime is rising daily too.

There should be more emphasis on pedestrian accessibility, particularly with seniors..

There is still discrimination and homelessness here.

The low income housing on the old base is in a bad state and I don't think the children living there have a safe place to play and be outdoors.

I don't believe Alameda is a safe, happy, healthy place to live regardless of race or ethnicity or income. It's extremely expensive to live here, and there is a large disparity between the haves and have nots. Just this summer we have witnessed firsthand the racial inequities that exist here. We may be in a slightly better (read: more tolerant, more progressive) position than many towns and cities, but we have so much work to do.

The West End is known to have pollution issues due to being near the base and that is where the more affordable housing on the island is.

It's great if you can afford it! But it's unaffordable and unfriendly to others.

I think we care for each other & are working to make things equitable

I think Alameda is all of those things... if you're white and financially secure. There are still so many racist undertones (or outright racism) and it is very hard for people struggling financially. There is a lot of feeling that renters aren't wanted.

I think Alameda does not feel equally safe for people of all backgrounds. I think certain practices by the police including excessive traffic stops of people of color and other negative interactions make some residents feel unsafe.

The city is experienced differently by people due to systemic racism, classism, ableism and other factors. Doesn't reflect the income or racial diversity of the Bay Area and doesn't address the societal issue of housing and homelessness of the region that Oakland is forced to address.

It seems that Alameda is becoming more divisive.

Definite red lining occurred with housing in Alameda.

It's becoming just another overpriced bedroom community

Housing costs...my kids can't afford to live here

Low income people and people dependent on public transportation are poorly served by transit services that are spotty and often infrequent.

Influx of homelessness and crime

I think that Alameda is becoming less and less secure for low-income families, seniors, and the homeless. I would like to see action taken to address housing security and safety for them.

Non white communities are really marginalized in

housing prices are through the roof, the city is overcrowded, and there still remains a lot of racial injustice and inequality based on race/economic status

I see two Alamedas: one of very affluent homeowners and then the not so affluent folks who are often renters.

There has been little to no support for renters losing their homes. The trash has been so bad on the west side.

The city is trying to be like oakland and others, letting crime take place and not responding

I disagree strongly

Because it is a haven for white people and I often see alameda police harassing POC. Also there are videos of black people being told "go back to oakland" by alameda residents

Housing is very expensive with not to s of support for lower income housing areas - politicians rarely even step into base housing. And there is rampant racism throughout this city from police response, profiling, and the way we speak about our neighbors in Oakland.

Housing inequality. I am a college professor in a very small 1 bedroom and I can barely afford it.

I've heard countless stories from BIPOC friends in Alameda, about their mistreatments from APD and other residents

The quality of living varies greatly from block to block. And amenities that should be accessible to everyone are limited to geographic location and/or income.

I have seen people be blatantly "anti" or just downright mean to people who are different than or perceived as "less than" by other people in our community. I have also educated myself on situations that have happened in the community that I was not personally part of (the Black man being harassed by police for exercising in the street during COVID, the family whose cars were defaced with "ALM" during the height of Black Lives Matter awareness), etc.

Alameda has racist housing policies, street names, etc. Also known for the most racist police department

I'm a Black woman - the racism in Alameda is so thick it could be cut with a knife.

Sidewalks are often non-accessible.

People of color are accosted on the street and told to go back to oakland. Affordable and accessible housing is limited.

Alameda lacks cultural competency, low income housing, affordable and accessible child care and has a problematic (at best) policing system. Youth have few options and of those barely any a affordable. Additionally public transportation discourages differing social strata to intermix- leading to further problems with over zealous police.

Stark discrepancies between quality of life for communities of different racial/socioeconomic backgrounds

Black families, residents and visitors have been harassed and terrorized by white supremacists in Alameda. Alameda's history of redlining still very much shows up in residential segregation which affects things like public school quality, access to healthy food, increased police presence in underresourced/Black/Brown neighborhoods,etc.

Alameda does not have the same standard of living based on race and class. Living in Alameda while poor or Black is not the same as living here while wealthy or white.

There are too many homeless and the East end west end divide still exists. Racial profiling still exists.

The schools are terrible, the community is full of aggressively conventional people who are full of anxiety and overwhelmed by group think. The businesses are collapsing, the beach is filthy and the bay is disgusting to swim in. The quality of the municipal water is very unhealthy and it's atrociously expensive to rent or own on the island.

Racism and profiling, class inequity, negative views on renters and homelessness

There is a well known (unwritten but well understood) discrimination to Black and Brown folks on the island. It is not a surprise that people are calling the cops on a man dancing in the street, it is not surprising that that same man was attacked by several cops. Alameda is a beautiful place to live if you fit in the image of the "American Dream"

Black people and people of color don't feel safe in Alameda

The West end and it's needs continuously ignored

We are building too much housing and we don't have the infrastructure to support it. I'm not sure why the council believes that people are limited to one car per household. Traffic is a mess around town and more housing is contributing to the poor air, congestion and over crowding of our infrastructure.

This place is not made for African Americans to thrive at all. Over the years the prices of everything had risen so high the it has pushed out African Americans. Plus this is one of the most racist cities I have ever seen. The police target every brown person they see whether in the car or his walking. This place is only fit for the white race.

I know black families who do not feel safe or welcome here, and I have witnessed the harm Black and Latino students face in our schools due to bias.

Alameda has a real problem with racism and classism and no real mechanisms for support of our most vulnerable and marginalized citizens.

"regardless of income" - This is absolutely untrue. It's a larger issue for the bay area, but without the job that I have, I wouldn't be able to live here.

Buena Vista North ghetto

Well, look at Ruby Bridges. Children who attend that school are bussed in, while Alamedans keep their kids from attending the school due to low scores. This predominately wealthy, white community talks the talk of speaking out for providing opportunity, but they don't contribute to it.

If you are black, or poor, it is not safe or healthy.

Middle class families cant afford a home and are forced to rent at high costs or leave Alameda

Alameda is not a safe or equitable place for BIPOC

Racism is a public health emergency. It's unclear how we are supporting our unhoused populations. Police violence towards people of color.

There are gross inequities in people's health that are not necessarily the fault of the city; they exist in American society and are reflected in our town

This is a town for wealthy white and Asian people. Historically, the bridges were closed to keep "undesirables" out. The few people of color who still live here are pushed into filthy, dilapidated public housing that should be torn down and given to a developer to build high-rise market-rate condos on instead.

Not welcoming to POC

It is very difficult to live here if you are not rich. Also, the racist attacks and terrible police responses do not make me feel confident that city officials care.

Alameda has slowly become a place where outside investors/developers or tech funds have taken over. An average family can not afford to live comfortably or buy a home in Alameda any longer.

City Hall staff and administrators do not reflect the community; We have a lot of white administrators that do not reflect, the Black, Indigenous, Filipino, Chinese - People of Color. Duplicity of systems - - Why have a ARPD Maintenance when Public Works can handle this; Why bank with Wells Fargo when it has demonstrated countless times of predatory lending and unfair banking practices to senior community.

Alameda reflects the inequalities pervasive in our national society: income, education, health, housing, systemic racism, access to capital, etc.

I was born here, I am disabled and will not be able to afford to live here once my parents die. The city has become crowded. It no longer gets safe.

Lower income and people of color are marginalized in Alameda. Schools, healthcare, job opportunities and treatment by the justice system. The city has always ensured that the most wealthy of our city are well taken care of. This is easily seen in how the city invests, or rather doesn't invest in the West side of the city.

Exhibit 3

Question 3

Alameda Residents answer the question:

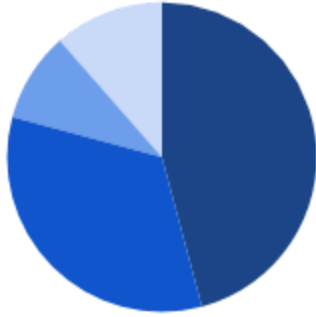
Does this policy reflect your values and priorities?

Policy from Land Use and City Design Element:

COMPLETE AND SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS: Maintain complete and connected neighborhoods that support a mix of uses and meet the needs of residents of all ages, all physical abilities, and all incomes.

Actions:

- *Family-Friendly Neighborhoods. In all neighborhoods, provide equitable access to parks and recreation facilities, community services, public facilities, schools, child care facilities, and amenities.*
- *Parks and Open Space. Maintain a comprehensive and integrated system of parks, trails, open space, and commercial recreation facilities within a safe and comfortable 1/4 mile walk from all neighborhoods.*
- *Affordable Housing. In all neighborhoods, provide housing opportunities for all income levels, ages and family types and sizes. Provide both “for-rent” and “for-sale” affordable housing units.*
- *Accessory Dwelling Units. In all neighborhoods, allow for accessory, in-law or secondary units to provide affordable housing opportunities for seniors and small households.*
- *Shared Housing. In all neighborhoods, allow for shared housing opportunities, including co-housing, congregate housing, senior assisted living, single room occupancy housing, transitional housing, emergency warming shelters, and shelters for the homeless.*
- *Cottage Business and Home Occupations. Allow employment and business opportunities by permitting “cottage businesses”, home occupations, and live-work opportunities in all neighborhoods to reduce distances between home and work and home and shopping.*
- *Local Food. Allow for farmers’ markets, fresh food stands and community gardens to supplement the availability of healthy food throughout the City.*
- *Prohibit Barriers. Prohibit land use regulations that are not equitable or that are exclusionary.*



excellent policy

good policy but needs work

pretty weak policy, could be better

bad policy

excellent policy

It covers several topics important to me

Seems fine

I would like to see a more comprehensive marketing of this policy showing how it creates safe and loved communities. Also, the community garden/urban food production component is critical and needs more concrete resources

Policy sounds great but not happening in the Real World of Alameda. Without specific plans and goals it is all JUST WORDS without ACTION

Seem like good ideas, I hope the execution is good too.

I live in affordable housing which is great help and I know many of my friends who want to be able to live in affordable housing. That is why it is a great idea. More green are means better air quality

I like that it addresses the needs of people for housing, recreation, fresh & healthy food...

I support building neighborhoods that embrace the "live, work, play" model. Not having to rely on vehicles to access residential, commercial, and recreational areas is great for quality of life

Until all have opportunity we all fail.

Affordable housing is my biggest concern for Alameda. As someone who has grown up in Alameda I would love to be able to stay here & raise my family here without needing to spend nearly 1 million dollars.

Lack of affordable housing in particular is a huge problem in Alameda, so any policy that creates affordable housing ALL THROUGHOUT THE CITY and not just out in no-man's land, is good

Love the inclusion of affordable housing, and the call to provide all types of housing in each neighborhood. I hope that the city will make sure that this includes traditional hold out neighborhoods like the gold coast.

We need to be flexible about housing, even (And especially!) if it's in our own community, if we want to improve the housing and homelessness crisis in California.

I appreciate that this allows more accessibility. Rent control is important

seems pretty progressive, and an approach to undue the restrictive/protectionist policies of the past

Affordable homes and better opportunities for home based businesses are good.

Skip

Appreciate the openness to land use projects and accessory dwellings

I think we should at least try some of these things. Especially if they have been effective in other places.

This is a long list and more aspirational than immediately achievable, but parks, open spaces, affordable housing, flexible regulations around cohousing and local biz all make sense.

Inclusive while allowing and encouraging diversity. I would add putting commercial zones, like the rail stops, in all neighborhoods.

...

We need affordable housing and low income housing

Sounds like utopia.

remove fences around public schools so families can access during the weekends

Fine

Strong concepts. But, we do need to figure out how to break down racial and economic barriers naturally created and reinforced over time. More investment in west side vs East side. Target black and brown communities and provide the right kind of supports

Alameda has a history of racism, and classism. The community loves the idea that "everyone belongs here" but needs to take more concrete steps to do so.

I especially liked the statement regarding parks/trails and affordable housing

ADU/JADU are a low-cost, quick way to provide housing. Similar projects get us away from relying on large developers & expensive projects that appeal to wealthy buyers in order to get a small handful of "affordable" units.

I like it because it applies to all neighborhoods.

comprehensive with thought for all

Being a city where people of all income levels can live and feel welcome is more important to me than property values. (I am a homeowner.)

The city needs to do a better job maintaining parks & streets. Give homeless people a place to go so parks can be used by all.

I'm not sure about 'how' these policies will be enacted, but I think their heart is in the right place.

Very comprehensive

Community is the backbone of a town.

Equal opportunities for most, gives options

All items are great!

Addresses all areas needed

I agree with all of these. Especially the ability to build accessory houses for additional housing and rental income for homeowners.

It's a balanced approach that will take careful consideration and support

Seems to be inclusive of all, and forward-thinking

Sounds like good things to keep in mind when making plans for the city.

Sounds like it would make the city more live able and accessible for all kinds of families.

I believe it's what we want.

Alameda needs to be inclusive! Housing is a major part of that.

I think Alameda needs to balance more dense and affordable housing with open spaces and parks.

I especially like the allowance of cottage industries in homes, provided there are guidelines (allowing an at-home auto repair service no more than two parking spaces on a street).

You seemed to cover everything

skip

We should allow homeowners to do with their property what they want

All these values are good; they require acknowledgement by many residents of their part in making it so

I think this addresses many of the needs. I would like to see more about public transit as well.

I love this policy. I am blessed to live with in easy walking distance of parks, groceries, markets and business and to have a wealth of local businesses to patronize at my doorstep. I think everyone, regardless of income, should have access to the same.

Love the access to parks, the combination of rentals and owned units, etc. One of the reasons we moved to Alameda was to live near people of all ages!

good policy but needs work

There may be a need for senior neighborhoods further from schools but closer to shopping and senior center for example. I would also like to see consideration unhorsed communities throughout the city.

We should not be encouraging more homeless

These policies sound good, but we need to find out how they work, and why they work.

How will you enforce equitable housing when the city's affordable housing is monopolized by just a handful of rental agencies who are inflating housing costs and sending the profits out of Alameda to distant shareholders or owners that dont even live here.

Can Alameda afford to enforce, regulate, etc these policies? Is there a scorecard to measure how Alameda is doing on these policies versus the cost?

Affordable housing is good, but the number of new housing authority developments has not made much of a dent in the massive lotteries for those housing. Consider sticking to affordable building requirements of the Point/Marina developments instead of allowing money towards the housing authority. Hard to build affordable housing at \$900,000+/unit in <20 unit complexes. I'm all for more building (not just affordable) in the wealthier parts of Alameda that may help to reduce housing prices overall for the island.

The "cottage business" part gives me pause. I would hate to suddenly have a towing company, like the one on Everett, near my house. I hope that the city will take into account what types of home businesses are allowed in established neighborhoods. Also, similar to the Wellness Center plan, which I love, if you have transitional housing in residential neighborhoods, the city has to make sure that it has staff and security in place as well, 24/7.

I think there is always room for some improvement.

cottage industry seems a separate issue

Needs to include a plan to rename all streets, parks, etc named after racists

Alameda is getting too crowded for resources available.

transportation and parking issues are already a challenge.. For example ADUs without parking spots are making situations worse and worse

not feasible to include "all" neighborhoods in all of the "inclusions". Yes be connected and accessible but packing more people in a limited space is not reasonable. There is still a vast amount of land at the naval air station site that could address many of the low income and multi use housing issues. But I don't believe Alameda needs to be responsible for all low income and homeless populations.

Crime and safety seem missing

Some neighborhoods are more conducive to some of the priorities than others. I am also generally opposed to more development as well as introducing multi-unit structures in single family neighborhoods. ADUs are permitted by state law so there isn't much the city can do there. Walkability is key. Focus on small commercial districts to serve residents is key.

Low income housing is needed but not at the expense of decent housing.

I agree with most of the items... but I'm concerned that our existing neighborhoods could lose some of their positive character aspects if, say, an investment firm buys houses, converts them into MUDs, then fails to maintain. If we increase housing density, we also need to increase the requirements and responsibility on landlords for property appearance (including not taking a "pave the entire front lawn for parking" approach)

No short term rentals. It displaces residents

ADU too restrictive on sq footage for unit. More work on house for low income and homeless

Would be good to also eliminate single-family zoning.

Not making us any safer, keep the people here that would like to stay.

Can't have more housing without more egress off the island. Not a fan of low income housing.

How?

Missing resources for public safety - providing funding & education for citizens to reach out to (social workers, etc) instead of an overfunded police force

Please add strong public transportation infrastructure and you're all set

Section 8 is already forced on every landlord. Where is this new housing going to appear from?

More details are needed. This is very broad and needs defining terms.

Alameda is an island with limitations to housing accommodations for the needy. We have to set some form of limits to what we can do to help others reintegrate and build up their lives again.

I would like to see more about street maintenance and cleanup. We have several streets nearby that haven't seen a weedwhacker in 6+ months.

next question

How will we secure enough available units for these intended purposes? Will we be building new structures, or designating existing ones?

I would like to see alameda work harder to desegregate the island, making sure there is more affordable housing (including low income housing) in all neighborhoods, not just on the base

Good start but no silver bullet.

Yes, housing is important, but adding more people to an ISLAND without providing infrastructure (ways on and off the island) is short-sighted.

Priority for affordable housing should go to Alameda natives at risk of being pushed out (or already pushed out). The number of houses should not exceed capacity of the island, and people with jobs on the island and Alameda natives should get first priority.

It could include other aspects that could enhance the community, including emphasis on walkability and a commitment to creating safe spaces for all community members

I would like to see live/work policies and practices specifically created for the arts.

Everything looks good on paper. Define "affordable." How will you establish equity? How will you make these policies accessible for victims of systemic racism? Without specifics, this is just rich people building tiny houses to rent out for \$1500 a month while they sell artisan cultural appropriation. Meh.

Don't prohibit anyone from business

Equitable housing is a great goal, and our transportation infrastructure needs attention before we add more housing.

Less dense housing.

I like the general idea, however I think it's lacking details.

If we are providing homeless shelters "in every neighborhood" put them in every neighborhood- do not dump them all in the West end. We have enough "support housing" out here keeping our neighborhoods down

There is little affordable housing and you are lucky just to find a housing WAIT LIST that is open. Alameda is becoming too exclusive

Can we make public transit more frequent and free during rush hours?

The current home owners and Alameda Old Timers will dispute their tax dollars being pent this way.

Accolades for solid policy goals! The details, however, often fall short or create barriers for achieving these goals. For example, ADUs are often curtailed by antiquated off-street parking requirements (especially in our older homes/lots). And, of course, funding for recreational areas is always an issue.

Affordable housing is an issue that Alameda has long struggled with. We need rent control, actual renters' rights - not the nonsense renters' rights and this Bay Area inflated idea of "affordable housing."

Where is a commitment to local employment and small businesses? We have a unique opportunity for supporting artisan businesses linked to our maritime history.

Need more details

needs stuff

There are lots of good ideas in the policy. I would like to see this happen.

there isn't enough on infrastructure (parking, public transit, etc) to reduce traffic

the set of policies are too diverse to consider all together. parks and recreation policies seem sound and reasonable. Housing, while intellectually fair, need structure to ensure people feel comfortable with them. Many neighbors may not want to see mixed use or mixed income housing. Finally, there is not enough attention paid to school and safety policy proposals

Good ideas but Alameda is already crowded and prices are too high as it is for most people to be able to afford.

How will these policies be enforced? They look good in writing, but I'm curious to know what they will look like in practice.

i think it is unrealistic to expect that all types of neighborhoods would be able to accommodate every type of amenity and housing. Because of Alameda's level of density, feel strongly that fewer larger, more centralized recreational and sports centers make more sense. Intra-island electric shuttles would be integral in carrying residents to these facilities.

Great theory, but seems not to consider that more traffic, limited parking, and poor public transportation are very likely to create problems unless they're addressed BEFORE building more housing.

more input from current residents

I don't think it's practical to expect the housing market to provide for these things in every neighborhood. Generally these are worthy aspirations.

Parks are often used to preserve racial segregation

What is the mechanism for providing affordable housing? The single best way to ensure that housing prices don't escalate is to ensure that sufficient housing is produced.

I don't know that every service belongs in every neighborhood

Improve sustainability and decrease carbon footprint where possible

The other items are fine, but the push for affordable housing in the current form is little more than a blatant, clumsy intervention in the free market. Such "social engineering" just wastes taxpayer money and results in little improvement, while raising the cost of living for every resident. The time and money would be far better spent addressing the factors that create high housing cost.

It is important that we distribute affordable housing across the island. We cannot create poverty pockets.

Please no "Affordable Housing" or co-housing(people are fleeing Bay Area and even California)

These policies seem vague to me and leave me with more questions. I think part of Alameda's charm is the availability of (relatively) affordable single family housing. My husband and I bought a home here five years ago, when we were aged 25 and 26 without help from our parents. Having our home in Alameda is one of my proudest accomplishments. These statements all seemed geared towards higher density housing, which will prohibit younger couples in the future from attaining the lifestyle that I have attained. I'd like to see more focus on city programs designed to promote affordability of single family housing, maintaining the current culture and aesthetic of Alameda, instead of running towards all higher density. If someone wants to live in a condo with no outdoor space, move to San Francisco or Oakland. Alameda should review it's principles of a smaller town feel and homes with gardens and outdoor space instead of trying to keep up with our big-city neighbors.

lameda.

Ignores NIMBYism

Difficult to please everyone

needs more specifics of *how* this can be achieved, not just blanket "make things equitable" with no true action steps

I am on board with this on the whole, except for the city's involvement with affordable housing. These initiatives don't have a truly meaningful impact and complicate the planning and development process. If we as a city and a region want to improve livability, we should focus on accelerating development in

Alameda point and increasing land use around Webster and Park by building up. Eventually housing stock will catch up with demand and the region will become more affordable.

There is no mention of addressing racial inequities in particular anywhere in this policy.

I don't know how realistic it is to "provide housing opportunities for all income levels in all neighborhoods". Some locations are more desirable (e.g., views, noise level, transit access) and are naturally going to be more expensive. I also don't know enough about land use regulations or how they would be impacted by measuring them on the basis of equitability or exclusivity.

Overall a reasonable proposal. Some additional detail will be helpful.

ALL neighbor hoods impossible

Growth is good to an extent, controlled growth is better some of this plan allows criminals to gain housing in our city

pretty weak policy, could be better

Prohibit barriers is vague & can be interpreted broadly. Also do not agree with so many statements about housing. The island is already densely populated, we are not responsible for solving the BayArea-wide high cost of housing. Responsible shared housing and ADU ok. Single family housing for new developments, but a large majority of new developments include huge multi-story town houses & condos, without the schools and police, firefighters and transportation, and other social services to support the influx of residents.

I'm not opposed to affordable housing but you don't define what that means. Plus it's just impractical to believe you can put that in all neighborhoods. Is the plan to tear down some large Victorian and put in a multistory affordable housing unit in a neighborhood? Because some neighborhoods pretty much have only that housing stock. Plus there should be a greater emphasis on home ownership. Maybe plans to help first time homebuyers? Also why not help more people with moderate income as well. There are plenty of working class people that aren't wealthy but don't qualify for the very low income requirements that are being pushed out of Alameda. What ends up developing is either very wealthy people who don't need any supplemental help and people who need a lot of government assistance adding to a community with a great wealth disparity gap.

FAIR HOUSING NEEDS WORK. IF YOU CANT AFFORD TO LIVE IN ALAMEDA THEN DONT. PASSING POLICIES AND LAWS THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR LANDLORDS TO EVICT PROBLEM TENANTS (TENANTS WHO DONT PAY RENT OR TENANTS WHO TRASH THE PLACE) HAS

DIRECTLY CAUSED A HOUSING SHORTAGE ON THE ISLAND. PEOPLE PULL THEIR RENTALS IF THEY LOOSE CONTROL OVER THEM.

There are no specifics noted.

This is obviously biased to lead the reader toward supporting what will turn out to be high-density MARKET RATE homes with few, if any, actual affordable or BELOW MARKET RATE homes. What a charade!

I think it should say something very specific about libraries. I didn't see support for libraries in there. That is a major omission.

Overpopulation

Nothing about police and ensuring equal treatment and safety for all. Also allowing ADU's does not translate to affordable housing... how will the city ensure ADU's are available below market rate for low income people?

What is a "complete" neighborhood?

I don't agree with half of

Half of the island is a decommissioned Air Force base which is largely wasted space. The island needs a lot more parks and greenery and more ways to get on and off the island among other things.

I am not sure of the ramifications for making the policy for "all neighborhoods".

I don't think it is good policy to try to make it "affordable" to live in the bay area. If someone is struggling to make ends meet, they are probably better off in a community where the cost of living is less expensive.

Doesn't specify equitable land use; too open to developers and doesn't mention population density and infrastructure

It talked mostly about maintaining. What is currently in place is not good enough as it stands.

Too much emphasis on being "equitable". It's good to be charitable, but let's not roll out the welcome mat for people who don't contribute.

These are mostly areas preempted by State Law (ADUS, cottage foods, transitional housing, etc.). Please tailor policies to Alameda specifically and come up with innovative actions to address our unique issues and opportunities.

Well intended but does not protect open space or light industrial or maritime - things that drive jobs and quality of life

Omitted policy decision of supporting local business, property owners, and property values

When you have staff and managers not reflective of the community especially people of color then it is a problem; Lack of stream line of permits that often take a year; White inspectors who have problems with homeowners who are Black and Brown wanting to improve their homes; Lack of cohesive building structure that matches the current style; Lack of policy to promote very green and universal building styles; Not enough safety for walking neighbors - - Lincoln is not safe to walk on and cross the streets.

The local government of Alameda have no clue how to run this city, sorry for this statement but it is 100% true. You are packing the island with more residential dwellings without a fraction of the infrastructure in place to support it. Unless more bridges and access to the freeways and off of the island are built, you cannot sustain the growth which the additional revenue for the city comes at the unfortunate expense of the citizens. Real Estate in Alameda is OFF THE CHARTS over 1m for a 2/1 cottage??? how can anybody who grew up in this city afford to live in this city? I certainly can't and I know many other livelong original Alameda 'staple' families move away. Parks, bike paths, all the things in this policy sound great on paper but in reality do not address the larger problems with the city and infrastructure. I've watched over the last 30 years as the ability to traverse the city has become increasingly worse year over year with bad choices by city leaders that have no clue on the impact. Such as, turning Shoreline Dr into one lane, such as turning Broadway into one lane (each way of course, happened years ago) , residents of Bayview Dr taking it among their selves to widen driveway approaches to increase access to their driveway while simultaneously reducing the already very limited parking (which was brought to the attention of the city and even in person with Flavio), residents deciding they want to paint parking markers on city streets in front of their houses to carve out parking for their homes (San Antonio Ave, reported and resolved by the city). These are just a few examples of bad or poorly vetted with no impact evaluation performed prior to execution

Too much high density houseing being built. I worry that single family homes will be torn down to make way of high density apartments, destroying neighborhood. alameda is going in the wrong direction trying to remove measure A

Developing Parks and Keeping open space is good. Doubling residential footprint on existing lots is bad. Garage or workspace for current owner seems fine. Promoting ADUs would seem to require a bigger and more robust infrastructure—which I'm against that kind of growth.

In the 60s and 70s many beautiful homes were torn down to build ugly crowded apartments. In my neighborhood a tiny spot of land was recently sold and a big ugly multi family dwelling was put in that does match the rest of the neighborhood. Let's preserve our unique neighborhoods. Our streets are so crowded there is never parking adding more units or inlaw units will worsen this.

agree with family friendly neighborhoods, parks and local food. I don't agree with increasing housing.

There is a great deal in the above statement. Most of it I agree with but there are lots of "what ifs" that could be a problem. There needs to be room for neighbors to have some say in their neighborhood.

bad policy

warming shelters, etc not appropriate/publicly safe for IN ALL NEIGHBORHOODS

If adding so much new housing you need to provide more bridges

I moved to Alameda because it is safe. I do not want low income housing in my neighborhood or homeless services because they contribute to crime

It is overreaching

you are not focused AT ALL on building affordable housing, only on bankrupting the city's current mom and pop landlords

The statements clearly are written so that forced changes in neighborhoods would be implemented with no consideration as what is already in place

You can't lump all of that into one policy, each should be addressed individually.

On paper it sounds nice, but what does it mean? It sounds extremely crowded to me. It sounds like way more traffic. I live in an apartment right now and I'd like to live in a home, in a neighborhood, without high density. It's why I first moved here. Many of my neighbors are great, but not all of them, some treat our common spaces poorly, no respect, because "they just rent, it isn't theirs." I wanted to live somewhere without apartments and high density everywhere, which is why I originally chose Alameda.

The policy statement makes heavy use of "equity" and related concepts without defining what they're supposed to mean; taken literally, it's impossible and would be disastrous to try, and taken otherwise, it's unclear. Please eliminate the buzzword and say in realistic terms what the policy actually is.

No

if the goal is to turn Alameda into Berkeley, this is the direction you should be taking. Personally, I don't wanna live in Berkeley. I wanted to live in Alameda.

We are an affluent enclave in the Bay Area. To say that everyone should live here fails to address that some people can't and will not afford to live here. That would be like saying everyone should be able to afford to live on Park Avenue on the Upper East side of New York in a \$25M home regardless of income. There is plenty of available housing further East of Alameda that is much more affordable and we should just accept that we can't house everyone on the island. This is neither racist, or discriminatory and to express that it might is not factoring in basic economics and income distributions in the population.

unrealistic. You can't make everything affordable and accessible to everyone. There is not enough money in the world. Also you have to be careful not to degrade property values too much and lose your tax base

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cant force every neighborhood to offer homeless housing etc.

I don't want my neighborhood any more crowded, or have any more crime, traffic, or noise.

We don't need more housing

All of the secondary units, shared housing, and the preoccupation with "affordable" housing is a crock of shit.

The question is complex and the policies are too general to rate. Bad survey to say the least

Started off great but then headed into high density solutions such as mixed use homes. Also, I don't think the government should control what is for rent and what is for sale. I also don't think the government should sell their units for and to whom. I'd rather developers have to build parks rather than provide units below market value.

Not everyone is going to ride a bike

We should only be building single family homes with ample space, there are too many homes compacted together. We should let the market dictate how much each home is worth. It is not necessary to provide more low income housing, we have too much of it already.

This is not Alameda

I dislike strongly the way Alameda is heading

I agree with some—like need for more accessible parks—but I do not agree with shoehorning multi-unit buildings and ADUs in established neighborhoods.

Alameda should be honest about what it wants to be: an exclusive enclave for the super-wealthy in the East Bay. Stop pretending to care about working/middle class people.

skip

The island is crowded and has limited means to exit in case of emergency. We don't need more people living here.

do not like multi family dwellings on limited infrastructure

Should not allow unrestricted ADUs

I believe Alameda is already overpopulated.

it has to be well thought out. I do not believe in adding a huge amount of people into a small area.

This policy is too vague - it is like saying "Do you like saying should children be fed everyday?"

allowing shelters for homeless, cottage business, etc in all neighborhoods is not appropriate for all neighborhoods
snior housing etc in all neighborhoods

Exhibit 4

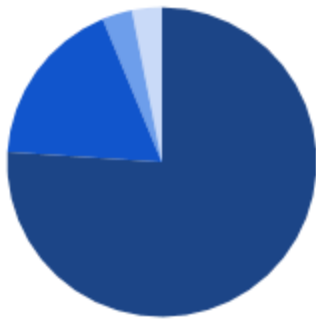
Question 5

Alameda Residents answer the question:

Does this policy reflect your values and priorities?

Policy from the Parks and Open Space Element:

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL. Continue to upgrade parks, trails, and community facilities to ensure accessibility and inclusivity for all residents.



excellent policy

good policy but needs work

pretty weak policy, could be better

bad policy

excellent policy

This can't be a city that reinforces haves and have nots

Sounds fine

It's huge for me that Alameda is extremely walkable and there are safe places to be outdoors

My family uses the public parks and trails daily

Maintain the parks! Repave paths, replant trees, general maintenance is all good

PARKS AND TRAILS ARE FOR THE PUBLIC. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THEY ARE MAINTAINED AND MONITORED. PLEASE ENSURE THAT PEOPLE FEEL SAFE USING THEM.

We are a work in process, Sweeny trail is great start. Safe bike lanes along beach need to be expanded to Lincoln, Central and Encinal, Broadway, High Street, Grand, 9th Street. No parking on Webster or Park Street, make them Vehicle FREE Zones.

Parks are a big part of what makes Alameda great.

It creates the opportunity for participating without favoring any one group over another.

I think the open spaces are accessible enough. I want to see more space for public pool including adult swim, kids play area, and diving. The pools now are limited in availability (access/hours) and very expensive.

Everyone belongs here. All have the same right to have access to all places in alameda

Public

Parks must be maintained and inclusive

Appreciate the open space of alameda let's not put condos everywhere

Again... this whole survey is built on leading questions to get approval for what the planning department already wants.

We need to fix our sidewalks for those in wheelchairs first

However, you need to ensure all abilities can access the parks and trails. It needs to be handicap friendly.

Sidewalks are not currently wheelchair safe

I love being able to walk & bike around Alameda. We have beautiful views & neighborhoods & it should be accessible to everyone!

We need more open space on the island. We need more facilities for the children on the island to participate in baseball, basketball, soccer, football, volleyball, all activities for the youth of the island.

Not ensuring accessibility would be against the law.

These are necessary attributes for a wonderful community.

Pro parks!

Shouldn't even need to be a policy, but glad it's a priority

Love accessibility for all.

seems the right thing to do

Dedicated bike lanes are needed for bikes only. Very dangerous for bikes to share the road.

Bikes are a great way to get around the island.

of course parks should be accessible to all. Unfortunately many of them have been taken over by transients.

All areas should have open space and recreation to all people of all physical abilities and incomes.

Skip

We should have great parks and amenities as we live in an affluent suburb, with high property taxes, expensive homes and citizens who contribute high tax base.

Continued evaluation towards improvement is always good.

Disabled friends have shared about difficulty navigating sidewalks and shared/community spaces

Would love it to be safer on streets. Easy fixes: more designated slow streets, paint curbs red near intersections (there are many examples of low-visibility intersections with high rates of accidents and near-accidents... Versailles and Santa Clara is one).

next question

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We also need to add a public pool(s) accessible to all Alameda residence.

Accessible is necessary.

Great idea

Bike trails and walking paths are a great feature of Alameda.

I love that Alameda is centered around Community and Family

Love the update to some of ten playgrounds that include play structures for special needs kids

We shouldn't restrict who gets access to parks

Na

I would like to see more parks with better amenities.

The parks are a major draw for Alameda. They are one of my favorite parts of the city.

Sure.

Everyone should have access to parks

NO one in our community should be left out of what our city has to offer.

It gives many opportunities to people that have not had any in many years in Alameda.

I agree with this statement.

Parks are a huge, important resource for kids & adults; especially important for those without yards

Great to be inclusive of all people!

City has more parks than many communities

Makes a more livable city

All people should have access to their community

We need park space

Keep open spaces and not build more housing or commercial over any existing

We all love parks

Because "All" includes everyone who deserves to enjoy what we have in our neighborhood

Everyone should be able to take part in the beauty of our island, no matter their circumstances!

Makes sense.

Access helps everyone. Disability is caused by our choices to make things hard to use for people with different needs.

It's only fair.

If you mean accessibility for disabled people, then yes, that is important.

Many people don't have yards (and that should continue, with dense housing) so parks etc are essential.

It is necessary to provide access to all our community members.

Parks and trails are a city strength.

more parks the better

This is very important. And continuing to seek funding for further development of Jean Sweeney Open Space Park and the Jean Sweeney Community Garden, which one day will be a regional jewel (disclaimer: I sit on the steering committee for the Jean Sweeney Community Garden).

Universal access is critical to creating inclusion

parks and rec are a reason for living in Alameda. They impact property value and create community spaces for all.

Inclusion for people that are differently abled.

it's important that everyone be able to access our public parks

The diversity and abilities of all residents need to be taken into consideration.

I support inclusive policies.

Open space is important

I use the Alameda Parks and trails on a daily basis and they are a key element of the high quality of life here.

Parks are a fundamental public good and the city should prioritize their upkeep and expansion.

Parks should be accessible to all

Nature and open space is always preferred over congested residential space.

Everyone should be able to take advantage of our public spaces, as long as that does not mean increasing space dedicated to parking.

Need ramps, etc. so that wheelchairs, strollers, etc. have access to our shared amenities

Recreation and open space is vital

always for parks

good policy but needs work

Too expensive

How do we pay for this? That's missing in this question.

All of this is too vague. HOW will you protect park accessibility from nimbyism?

Idk

I think Jean Sweeney is accessibility gone overboard. I really really like the idea of the park but there is way too much hardscaping in the name of accessibility. There are many ways to accommodate those with special needs, pedestrians, and bikes in a more natural flow. Maybe I will like it more when the vegetation grows but now it just feels odd.

Need policies to keep homeless from camping in.

What does this even mean? Of course, let's improve our parks. How is this a policy? Who can't use them right now?

Park on Eagle that could use climbing equipment for children

You're not from here, are you?

needs something about preserving and prioritizing our environment in connection with the upgrades

It sounds like a mission statement but how?

Pools need work.

Needs to be filled out. What, specifically, are you (we) going to do?

This is a good policy. I would like to see the work done, for example, an elevator installed at the gazebo at the former Jackson Park at Park Ave to make the facility usable for local musicians.

People who need the accessibility need to be making the decisions on how this happens

Define inclusivity. When you say accessibility, define better.

Not sure how it will be done. That's the 'needs work' part.

Be specific. Name that all new park structures will be usable by people in wheelchairs etc

Needs to better define what inclusivity means

I like the accessibility but not everything is going to be used by all. I just don't want to see things get extreme like taking out certain park items because they aren't accessible. For example I'd hate to lose swings because a wheel chair can't get through the bark or sand.

Too broad - I'd prefer a more realist it's goal that provides direction for limited resources. For example, what sites are of the highest priority? Is Alameda going to develop new recreational sites or maintain locations that are equally spread (the aforementioned 1/4 mile goal) or focus on large parks (Washington and Shoreline) first when funding gets tight?

Not just the facilities but the ARPD programs need more offerings for individuals with special needs. Check out what the city of Walnut Creek is doing.

Keep on

We're an island. Where is mention of our access to our coastline for boats large and small?

needs more stuff

If it include additional modifications to road layout, I don't think that's it's a good solution.

Parks are fairly sterile. Lack biodiversity and native habitats

Cost of housing too high

Need to focus on actual resources and housing.

Aren't parks already accessible? Shouldn't city funds go to improving roadways or other more pressing issues?

Maintaining parks for all is highly important. Need to ensure homeless camps do not invade the parks, specifically the crab cove area with the wellness center

access points still hit against traffic and bad urban designs. accidents will happen if not already happening

I feel like parks are mostly good already. Bike & walk trails across the island need improvement and expansion.

Capital improvements are fine - what is missing are the services that foster inclusive use.

does not need to be all parks, facilities, trails

Statement is too vague and doesn't stipulate intended outcomes.

I agree in general, but I think it's acceptable to have some wilderness trails that are not as accessible to the less able. In some cases, it's impossible to make a park fully accessible without completely changing the character. As an extreme example, how would one go about making Mount Everest accessible to all?

pretty weak policy, could be better

I just don't know what that means. Details? I can also see some things that would be impossible or prohibitively expensive to make accessible for everyone.

Needs more focus on environmental sustainability and public health

It's unclear what "accessibility and inclusivity for all residents" means. It sounds like a statement of virtue more than an actionable policy.

Updates may help with accessibility for the disabled but what about ensuring people of color are not harassed by citizens or police?

bad policy

Parks are good as is. No need to overreach more.

so far what you mean by this is to create bike lanes that disabled people can't utilize and create more traffic issues by decreasing the number of lanes

Use money to fix our roads

unrealistic

You should leave everything alone and stop trying to social engineer our city.

The public and residents have access to all parks and water. Maintain the beach for our community.

More money spent to create new access only means more money spent to police it. That is overlooked by our council.

Oft times, making something accessible to the tiny minority means making it less accessible to the majority.

COVID is not going away due to the mishandling of the situation at every level. Close the parks and pave them over, and then build the most lavish, absurdly expensive homes possible instead. Be honest about who and what you want living here.

Parks are used an excuse for segregation

ARPD does not do enough; We need staff to reflect people with disabilities and people of color on their management and full time employees; How continue doing the same type of activities when the persons managing are not from the community; All white male and female. Encourage changes and reduce duplicity like why have three middle managers. Money can be well spent on inclusive policy and practices to improve policys. You have people there for 10 years and their leadership is not great; Amy Wooldridge needs to go.

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It's a bad policy because there are more important policies that should be addressed before access to parks.

Exhibit 5

Question #7

Alameda Residents answer the question:

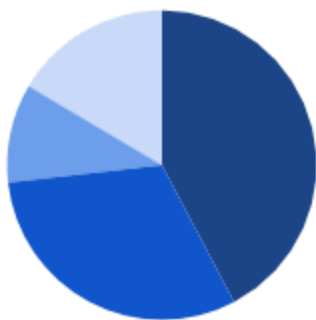
Does this policy reflect your values and priorities?

Policy from the Housing Element:

Provide housing that meets the City's diverse housing needs, including affordable housing, special needs housing, and senior housing.

Actions:

- *Expand the City's supply of affordable rental and ownership housing for extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate-income households.*
- *Create rental, homeownership, and other housing opportunities for special needs populations such as the elderly, homeless and people at risk of becoming homeless, people with physical and/or developmental disabilities, single-parent households, and young adults.*
- *Ensure equal housing opportunities by taking appropriate actions, when necessary, to prevent housing discrimination in the local market.*



excellent policy

good policy but needs work

pretty weak policy, could be better

bad policy

excellent policy

It will be tough to get but it's a good goal

In a time when 30m face eviction we need more accessible housing now more than ever. Also hopefully it will promote diversity on the island

It would be wonderful if this could be done without building massive complexes or destroying land

We face an enormous housing crisis in the state and locally. Anything that can be done to help not only low-wage workers but middle-income workers as well is a benefit to our community as a whole.

Also not allowing HOA's to be so discriminatory. Do better with evil landlords. Establish low income housing based on rising population not current.

I currently pay an excessive amount to live in Alameda

It is grate

Rent increase has pushed many out

Only affordable housing can make living in alameda possible which means access to better education

We need it. No more NIMBYs.

In addition, keep tent cities from popping up along the Webster tunnel area

Ease the housing crisis

Like I've said I'm very concerned about housing. It's a human right to have a place to live & we need to be able to provide resources to everyone.

Opportunities for people of varied income levels is necessary for a healthy community.

Housing should be a born right.

we shouldn't build walls around the city - we need to be inclusive to the bay area

Affordable homes should be top priority.

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It's the Godly thing to do...we can't keep ignoring the most vulnerable of our community.

Creating a community that is diverse on all metrics (including class/economic means) is important to me. I chose Alameda because of its diversity, because of its walkability, because of the mixed types of housing.

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Please Please do this policy

Everyone needs a decent place to live.

Yes, housing security is an issue essential workers and teachers

Teachers and other valuable community members cannot afford to live here.

I enjoy living in a diverse community.

Needs actual affordable housing not higher costs.

I agree with this policy.

As a homeowner I'm happy to support this. It'd be great to achieve this in an integrated fashion, and not having sectors or certain areas that are 'low-income'.

Don't see how you could improve on this

Diversity and opportunity should be available to all

Allows for multiple housing needs

I agree with this with the qualification that homeless residences need to start with Alameda's homeless before opening potential floodgates for other municipalities to send their homeless populations here. It's a hard call but has to be made to make the system work in the long term

Housing in the bay area MUST be accessible to everyone.

Affordability is a key issue in Alameda.

It's the direction we want to move in.

We need more affordable housing and we also should help populations that are marginalized including by providing housing for people who have historically been excluded from Alameda.

I am especially concerned with the lack of affordable housing. enough with the "market-rate" housing! Let's retain Alameda's spirit as a middle-class small town, not a Blackhawk-by the -bay.

Inclusion and helping people meet needs.

It's the number one challenge this city faces is equity in housing

Need to repeal Measure A to support this policy

Housing has to be more affordable here. We shouldn't have homelessness.

It is our moral duty to make sure that everyone, regardless of income or background or ability, has access to safe housing.

There's a need for more housing that is affordable but there'll also be a need to improve transportation to prevent traffic issues

It's great policy but will it actually be enacted? Highly doubtful. Seem like platitudes as usual.

good policy but needs work

I want to see more information on this and ensure low income housing is not relegated to one area of the city but incorporated in every neighborhood.

This will take a goodly amount of work...especially for those living in the Fernside and Gold Coast areas. And Harbor Bay Isle? How are you going to do this?

Money needs to come from somewhere

This is NOT Happening!!! Words not Action!!! We need mixed housing with essential workers living with the people they serve. Stand alone Low income housing become Ghetto's.

I see larger developments where the population density is increasing - I thought Alameda adopted controls on building height. Did this get over turned?

I think there should be greater renters protections / rent control

It's a good goal. I still think it's tough for the City to build meaningful amounts of affordable housing at \$900k+ a unit. I'd personally go for increased development overall to put downward pressures on housing costs. I think the developments at the Point/Landing/and Marina are a great start. Let's try to make more of those units affordable. And allow for more multi-unit building through-out the island.

I think the policy is a great idea. Regardless of who the housing is for, we need to keep things like capacity/overcrowding and the ability to get on/off the island (traffic) in mind

Home ownership is key to building family stability and wealth

Overcrowded already

I believe that as we add housing of each sort we need to watch it for a period then see what worked and what didn't. Rushing just to add without review will not serve those in need

again traffic concerns and egress are challenge with increased density

Details needed for what appropriate actions will be in place to prevent housing discrimination.

But you won't actually create affordable housing - all that planning department plans, and council approves, is market rate housing by for-profit developers who contribute campaign funds.

Please ensure that we also expand social services to support new populations, ensure smooth integration into existing communities

I am not generally aware of the measures currently taken to address these issues so cannot comment adequately. I think it is important to make sure that we're not just building high income housing, although I personally would like to see less building generally. If the city takes on the commitment to serve underrepresented communities, it needs adequate resources to do so - transit, social services, police, fire, parks, etc.

Set a specific goal for new affordable units

Needs to also address land use and space devoted to cars

Expand by how much? The wording is vague. I would like to see actual numbers.

What do you define as affordable?

this is one of those things that sounds like a good idea, but putting projects all over alameda is going to be a disaster.

Policy could be expanded. People need a place to live. Communal housing for people in transition could be added. More short term, long term and permanent shelters could be added.

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This is tough. In writing it sounds great but in practice affordable rentals will require the city to take over and cap rental prices which pisses off landlords. It's a situation that unless someone drops the hammer, it will continue to grow out of control. I'm glad to have a great landlord but fear rent increases every year. I go above and beyond as a tenant to care for the property in hopes that rent increases don't come. I can't imagine adding a kid to this situation and forget saving.

Need to add disincentives for owning multiple homes. Also should mention multifamily, and the need for differing unit sizes.

All of these policies are vague. They are more like goals.

Great idea, but again, where are these properties coming from? Will the upfront cost turn any kind of profit for the city? Are there tax breaks for designating such properties? How will that money be allocated?

I have issues with increasing the population on an island.

The policy should mandate a certain % of units that must be well below the area's mean income level.

Needs stronger anti racist language

Where is this housing to be located? We're an island with limited and already filled space. Roads and access are already limited/insufficient. Before more buildings go up, this needs to be addressed.

I would add a commitment to increasing housing as even if we add affordable housing, many will get squeezed out of the market if we don't actually increase the number of units.

Again, good intention but doesn't address transportation realities and the carrying capacity of the space we have here

In general it's OK, however what does your income levels mean? Also a surprisingly large number of single family homes in Alameda are owner unoccupied (rentals), I would like to see policies put in place that would encourage owners to sell their rentals so that permant residents can own their own homes.

Ease permitting requirements so folks can add units etc

Yes, just be careful where you put this. If it's all concentrated together, there will be higher crime in this area

Needs to clarify that this applies to all neighborhoods, even Bay Farm

consider regulating annual rent increases for large housing units (maybe this is in place already)

The current home owners will fight this saying it lowers the value of their homes.

Need to articulate the scope of this.

Establish policies for affordable housing but also consider issues that would help homeowners so that the island continues to enjoy increasing demand from homeowners that want to make this their home.

The policy reflects my values, but is again not "operational". It lacks appropriate metrics and "actionable" items. How will the City provide such housing? The City doesn't build housing, it must have goals that provide appropriate direction to developers in the private markets.

Landlords don't seem to have checks and balances. That's why so many stores are fleeing Park St.

Need more affordable housing

Use space for this fairly and uniformly through the city

I want to see affordable housing for all, but how can we expand? We live on an island. We are already at max capacity. We don't have the infrastructure to build more housing. Use what we already have, sure, but we need more access points, more public transport, more services and resources for the people who would be moving in.

There should be some sort of extension to help these people out of their situation that has established their income disparities.

This is all great but there is still a large population in Alameda (middle class) that are unable to buy a home or afford rent. What about incentives for first time home buyers or not allowing so many air bnb homes so there are more homes on the market. Subsidies or incentives for families who make 90,000-150,000 but aren't even close to being able to compete with the housing market in Alameda.

The actions do not seem specific as to how the identified housing will be created.

Clear renter protections

not if it means tearing down houses for apartments

needs better than more stuff

Subsidized homeownership is not viable or prudent in this market.

As long as there are increased services to support homeless who may have addiction or mental health issues.

Needs a specific percentage associated with affordable housing

policy is solid but needs definition. what is the current ratio of low and very low income housing to not? how are the elderly of alameda (and their relatives) accounted for in these policies vs. anyone else. given homeowners and renters make up a substantial part of the tax base for the city and county, those parties will want clarity before being convinced.

Still concerned about all the housing going in on the West End with no additional local route on/off the island

New development to date has not been affordable and has resulted in net losses of jobs, affordable commercial space and open space

Your list of marginalized and disproportionally disadvantaged is not nearly full enough. Do better

Cost of housing

i'd like to know how you propose to accomplish these goals

What is considered income levels? A lot of people are getting priced out and/or services cut.

Sorry for being repetitious: transportation must be addressed BEFORE population density increases.

Rental rules are toxic to landlords/ more fairness for all.

Even balance low income housing across the island

I am concerned about the effect of this policy on existing property prices.

This policy also focuses on physical elements and offers no solution to access to capital or income needed to serve the targeted low-income individuals and families. low-income needed

Agree that existing housing should meet these criteria, don't agree with building additional housing to meet these needs

To maintain the balance in our community, we must commit to creating at least 30 percent low income housing in existing and new developments. This is the essential to maintaining diversity in this community.

Generally, I agree, but how do you just generate these opportunities? Where do they come from? What is there less of as a result?

Expansion only if on / off ways to alameda are expanded

I would like to see this happen with homes already built. Adding so many new homes is not a great idea for traffic

pretty weak policy, could be better

There shouldn't be a discussion about housing without a discussion of another way to get on and off the island. Most people who live here are not interested in having a discussion about a great deal of increased housing without that. Additionally, to put such a heavy emphasis on very low income affordable housing seems to not recognize the importance of maintaining a tax base. I live in a modest Condon and spend over 10k a year in taxes. Presumably those low income housing units may not bring in the same revenue to the city to provide essential services. Maybe a greater mix of market rate will help maintain city government

WHERE ARE THE PROGRAMS FOR FIRST TIME HOME OWNERS. How will you stop A
THERE IS NO MORE ROOM TO BUILD HOUSING ON THE ISLAND. STOP ADDING MORE
APARTMENTS WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE TRAFFIC AND CRIME ISSUES THAT ALREADY
PLAGUE THE CITY.

don't need more housing on an already extremely crowded island

Almost all "affordable " housing projects seem to be placed in the West End. Why none in the East End?

I need to do more research on this one. You want thing to be affordable but you want to maintain the integrity of the island

Again alameda should not be responsible for providing low income and homeless housing to everyone. Adding low income housing to all neighborhoods would just lower real estate values and make people move.

Yes, we need affordable housing for all at risk individuals. I am not in favor of adding substantial new housing to the Island before the proper infrastructure is done before. We need additional ways to leave the island in the case of an emergency, we need to make sure we have enough space in our schools, we need to make sure we do not increase traffic, we need to make sure we have enough fire and police services. Alameda is a small island that people like our family moved to because we did not want to live in a city like SF that made it difficult to get around when you wanted to go to the grocery store or take your child to their practice. We continue to build more housing on this island it will drive families out to live in an area that is more conducive to a relaxed lifestyle.

Would this require new laws ?

low income housing is fine, but not very low and extremely low.

More details on HOW to make more affordable housing available. What percent of total housing would be for affordable housing?

There need to be better enforcement for developers that do not actually install below market rate housing, the means testing needs to be considered and adjusted to meet the needs of long term residents to prevent gentrification and further opportunities for current and long-term term residents to by into the market on island.

"Affordable" by definition in Alameda is "unaffordable" to most people.

Housing discrimination is already illegal. Where are the new affordable housing facilities coming from? What about traffic?

Provide resources specifically for Black people. Call it reparations

low income housing will lower property value

My rent is 70% of my income

tired of renters trashing the neighborhood. i fully support the support for low-income to become home buyers

Ok, but how? And how while balancing traffic on the island?

I'm not sure, given the exodus from the Bay Area, that we should be focusing on expanding housing.

Addressing the historical inequities caused by redlining, and prioritizing Alamedans in those areas/neighborhoods

I doubt that the first two policies can be done in a cost effective way. I support housing assistance to some degree, but if taken too far it causes too many undesirable effects on the overall market. I support policies that reduce discriminatory housing practices.

Again, this policy only needs work to the extent it is too vague and doesn't seem rooted in any real principles. It's like saying "the sky should be blue." Which could be a "good" policy but doesn't tell me much and therefore isn't a good policy. What are we going to promote affordable homeownership. What types of financial programs or new ways of home financing is the city considering to promote homeownership. The 30year fixed mortgage is incredibly out of date and there are cities and states who are piloting downpayment assistance programs for teachers or other specific groups, and I'd like to see the city focus on that. Instead of a vague statement about "creating opportunities" I'd prefer a more specific policy such as "explore new and innovative financing programs ..."

Given that Alameda has gon all out to build more housing f

Housing cannot be addressed without consideration of impact to traffic, parking, access on and off Alameda Island.

Provide for everyone is good. Create low-income options from existing units could work. Land development for the pure sake of new residential units is a poor option. Why are policy makers interested in increasing island population further? Close the bridges!

Great in theory. I've been trying to get help with this for years and have gotten no where . We are at capacity. Stop building more!

This statement completely leaves housing insecurity faced by existing tenants unmentioned. The word "landlord" doesn't even appear. Ignoring this power dynamic between renters and landlords renders this policy weak and nearly meaningless in the face of the reality faced by renters. Any policy that does not clearly prioritize housing security over landlord profits is unacceptable.

I have two areas of disagreement here. 1. My wife and I rent a 2-bedroom home for \$3,000 per month. This same home anywhere else in the US would rent for \$500-1,000 per month. I don't believe that we necessarily need to add more low-income housing. If we added more housing, period, then people with more to spend could spend it on nicer homes, and older homes could gradually come down in cost due to having less competition from wealthy renters and buyers. 2. I expect that unconditionally providing free or low-cost housing to the homeless or to low-income individuals would correlate with higher crime. I would support subsidized housing provided that it's attached to reasonable stipulations about being a crime-free household.

bad policy

City should not be in the business of determining housing policy or managing market dynamics

Policy does not include working or middle class. It is primarily focused on creating "affordable" housing for low income and those considered at risk. Policy should reflect ALL groups to be able to live here.

Already too much traffic and now increasing significantly with more housing all over the island

Landlords should be allowed to rent to whomever they choose. I don't want low income housing near me due to associated crime rates

Alameda is tough place to afford if you have extremely low income - even if rent is covered, everything (including groceries and gas costs more here!), building more is not the answer. We have excellent and new senior housing.

Too communistic, overreaching.

It addresses the needs of only a small segment of Alameda's residents and completely ignores the rest.

i was looking to provide a rooming situation for a low income senior but can't afford to do it because of the way your rent control handles roommate situations where the landlord lives on the property. not worth the risk to let someone in my home at a lower than market rate

Again: you really need more specifics to make sense of this.

Again, this is not worded like a policy. It's worded like twisted propaganda. If you don't agree with it then you are racist or discriminatory, when really I moved here to get away from the overcrowding of the city. Also, I'm sorry to say but it is reality, but I lived in Lower Nob Hill and it wasn't fun. Low income housing may of course house wonderful people (my sister is low income housing) there is typically more crime, more littering, no upkeep of apartments or homes. Sorry, I don't want this and this survey is starting to sound really skewed, like you agree or you suck. There is no in between.

We don't need more housing. We have enough.

This is a small island, and already over crowded. Also, getting to Oakland from the West Side is terrible, especially for bike/ped. Even cars have massive waits to get through a tiny tube.

This is a terrible idea. The city fails to understand that we can't house everyone regardless of income. Most of the residents are affluent and to put low income housing in the island degrades property values. Look at the average home price, the more expensive housing gets the more likely our standard of living will go up. Look at Berkeley, they tried to put in affordable house of and now it's the most expensive city to live in outside of Piedmont. Like it or not we're becoming an exclusive city like Piedmont.

Not enough money. The schools need the money. And the public parks and public pools and beach. That does more for the community.

Some mix is good but Alameda is small and needs to set limits to what it will/can commit to e.g. per capita max - affordable housing doesn't exist really here any more - it's expensive for everyone but for homeowners without a mortgage

Housing in alameda is very limited, seems to be a bad choice to live in one of the most expensive areas in the world if you can't pay.

This kind of nonsense is what is ruining the island.

We don't have the space for more people moving on this island without better and more infrastructure to support it.

Housing for seniors is good but affordable housing isn't necessary. If you can't afford to live here move to where you can.

See my previous comment on "affordable" housing.

Why should I pay \$1,000 per month and my neighbor pay \$200 for the same unit. It won't stop there either it will continue for good.... also, in order to get to what you're referring to will require more high density building and it's already awful getting in and out of our island. The tunnel is awful at rush hours and all weekend our infrastructure does not support more building

It is not efficient to spend an average cost of \$500,000 per unit in the bay area to build housing for people who cannot afford it. In Montana, some houses can be purchased for as little as \$50,000. Given this, the city could help 10 people by purchasing homes for the homeless in low cost areas rather than trying to build a home for 1 family in a place than cannot afford.

Do not agree with more county homeless shelters nor building multi complex housing

No free rides

Needs to address Population density, infrastructure and sustainable

We cannot accommodate all

Seniors, yes. Very important. General homeless population, no. Affordable housing, no. That isn't fair when the rest of us have a half million dollar mortgage for a 600 sq ft condo. We are at the top of our budget, with good jobs, for a home we can't even fit a family in. If there is no breaks for us, people working hard to make ends meet, then no breaks for people who don't work hard or make bad choices. That isn't fair and it isn't right.

Affordable housing is not affordable and I don't want that kind of housing in Alameda anyway.

Assess existing changes first, including our new homeless shelter

No more housing needed. There are too many people here.

The police already hassle people of color, and you want more of them to move here? TERRIBLE IDEA. The rioters will burn this entire island to a crisp once one of them decides to murder someone in cold blood because they didn't assume the position fast enough. Stop kidding yourselves.

Any housing opportunities for homeless needs to include accountability and an actual plan to help the homeless. (e.g. providing jobs, requiring that they work, etc.) Otherwise it is just throwing empty money at a growing issue. Disagree with forcibly increasing affordable housing as that creates long-term problems. Also there already is overcrowding and traffic congestion in Alameda, which makes me think a better use of funds would be to help support a "good" plan in a more suitable city/location.

Again, demand inclusive policies; Make a racism a public health issues; survey should done to get people of color and different levels of social economic perspectives; INve

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Another bad policy because with the institution of the rental control board and draconian restrictions placed on landlords makes Alameda one of the most undesirable cities in the bay area to own investment property in. And back to my original point is there should be more focus on infrastructure and less focus on overpopulating a VERY SMALL island. Ever hear the term 'no vacancy' it should apply, you can only inflate a balloon so much before it explodes in your face.

this combines way too many things. I would like to maintain a good quality of life but too many people general means too many cars and too much traffic. Quality goes way way down that way

Do not want Alameda to be one huge homeless center or magnet for homeless

The other items are fine, but the push for affordable housing in the current form is little more than a blatant, clumsy intervention in the free market. Such "social engineering" just wastes taxpayer money and results in little improvement, while raising the cost of living for every resident. The time and money would be far better spent addressing the factors that create high housing cost.

Once again, the island is already crowded with limited means of exit in case of emergency. There is no need to add more people, particularly people who require expensive services.

It is too dense here already, roads and traffic are already maxed out. Parking is already a "nightmare". Do not build more high density housing.

all the measures taking my money for homelessness and

People are leaving Bay Area. No need to waste tax money (think: Detroit?)

The city should certainly prevent discrimination against protected groups, but when it comes to housing policy, the city should focus on increasing the housing stock by making development easier and reducing regulation that increases the cost of new construction and renovation.

Not everyone needs to live any every area. Shoving high density housing in all areas is not always the answer. You will get an exodus of people who have paid a lot for their homes and prop values will go down.

There are already many very low to low apartments in Alameda. My concern is that many small landlords will be driven out of their businesses. We owned an 11 unit building in Alameda but sold it because the paperwork, controls, and fees were becoming onerous. As often happens, we sold it to a large landowner from out of town who is not invested in keeping Alameda the fair place it is now.

No police presence and let criminals in for housing? Bad Policy

We need more home owners, less renters and less housing subsidies.

We have way more development happening down here on the west end. It has become way too dense. It is not equitable to the other areas of the island. It has definitely impacted our infrastructure in our traffic. This was a very very poor decision that has degraded our neighborhood down here.

Exhibit 6

Question #9

Alameda Residents answer the question:

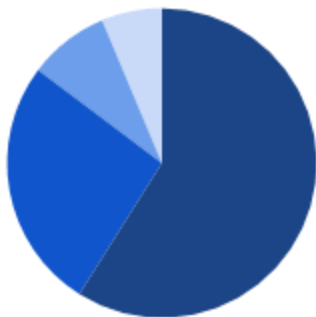
Does this policy reflect your values and priorities?

Policy from the Housing Element:

Encourage public participation of all segments of the community, including low- and moderate-income residents, the business sector, renters and homeowners, in the formulation and review of City housing policy.

Action:

- *Public Notice and Participation: Provide ample public notice and opportunities for public involvement in the public decision making process.*



excellent policy

good policy but needs work

pretty weak policy, could be better

bad policy

excellent policy

Community organizing should be accessible to all, not just those with means.

All voices should be heard and listened to

Everyone should be encouraged to participate in local government

Involve young people as well.

Should always strive to get representation from all residents. Make sure activists don't dominate, include long term residents and newer residents, make sure the views are representative of the actual residential population

The city's current public notice system seems very weak

Again nice words, so far NO ACTION!!! All Alameda Development to date FAILS to implement this Policy. Talk the Talk is just that without Walking the Walk.

policy is good but your explanation of execution really shows that you don't have any intention of doing anything different than is already being done

Not enough engagement in local government

The community must work together so that everyone appreciates and understands what is happening

Everyone should have the opportunity to voice their opinions.

See answer above. This allows for balanced access for all people.

Pro diversity

This is a no-brainer.

Important for community to feel voice is heard and they have an opportunity to participate in process

More people should have more opportunities to be aware of and become involved in their communities

one person, one vote, don't let special interests (or unionized city employees) dominate the agenda

sure, no argument with this one.

Skip

Having citizen input is of course important, but inviting citizens in to understand the pressures and constraints of government policy is important as well. People need to understand how government works, when and how to give input. City Hall should be as transparent as possible about how the city is run and how decisions are made and policies and programs are implemented.

equity!!

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Great

Democracy is the ideal.

It should be easy for everyone to participate and have agency in our community's future.

An informed public is an engaged public

A variety of perspectives and experiences is really beneficial.

I value democracy/

Everything should be discussed openly. What a concept!

Everyone should have a voice. Although I think that lower income voices will need the most encouraging to be heard.

It is very important to make sure that you are intentional in getting involvement. This means not just posting announcements and expecting people to see them and take action.

Yes! And please get a more diverse group in the conversation-asking the questions.

yes we need more public transit. More frequent during rush hour and make free during rush hour (on island) or discounted.

I agree with this policy.

Let's hear all voices

Everyone needs a voice in how their city is run

Everyone should be involved

Don't allow last minute postings for all meeting including city ones

Of course, in a democracy, all should have equal representation and say in how we develop

Makes sense

Fair representation

It's hard to find a way for lower-income residents to participate because of barriers like child care, but it's very important.

A

It speaks for itself.

All should be included when forming policy

Community feedback from all levels

Everything covered

skip

I can't see any downsides to this policy.

Landlords have too much influence over policy, and too much money

Everyone should have input in the city's housing policies, particularly the people paying the most taxes.

We need more online participation. It is hard for us to be involved more but having online meetings are sure helpful

Everyone should have a say in crafting fair and equitable housing policy.

Make better use of the digital channels for policy feedback and approval.

All should have the opportunity to participate

only very wealthy folks could buy (new condos at

The need for transparency and community involvement is obvious.

Notice is always good. I think it has to be in many places, in case people don't walk past city hall, don't spend time on social media, don't happen to be friends with people on the City board, etc.

Everyone should have an equal voice in the creation of policy, including those we might disagree with.

All must be heard

I was never informed personally about the huge development that's happening down here at the base. I was simply informed about the noise as they are doing their construction. Yes all residents need to have more decision making.

good policy but needs work

City should encourage input, but exclusively from actual confirmed residents when developing policy. Alameda is a small and unique place and should not attempt to reinvent itself as an urban center

Policy should have detail timelines of how much "community" input is needed prior to decisions and an outline of who is considered the community. What checks and balances are implemented to oversee that community input is coming from a diverse make up

What do you mean by "business sector"? Let's help keep our local businesses alive before trying to draw more corporations in.

How will this occur - it's good to say this but email and websites aren't always the best for folks. Need more strategy around communication methods. And third party summaries of what policies mean for folks in a style that all residents can understand.

SOUNDS GREAT EXCEPT THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DOES NOT FOLLOW IT. FACEBOOK ALERTS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AS APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION.

Let's face it. The people that will spend the most time shaping the housing policy on the island are those with the available time, resources, and knowledge of how the system works. I'd like to see Planners take a stronger role in identifying the path forward rather than having to cater to the desires of well-resourced NIMBY's.

As a resident, I love to work for alameda and give back to the community but I don't have then info where to go and how to help and how to contribute

It's good in theory, but in reality, the voices of business and homeowners, considered the prime tax-payers, normally ends up drowning out the voices of everyone else

Sounds good. Not sure what details of this might be.

How would that notice be provided? How would those opportunities be made equitable for everyone?

The public should not be given full discretion to formulate policies that are contrary to state housing law.

how do you reach everyone? seems like that would need more details.

Doesn't include the why or how

It doesn't say his notice will be provided. Not everyone has Internet or a smart phone. Not everyone can read English.

I don't believe the our City Council is representing "all" segments of our community. Their biases are more than evident

Agree but would like more details about how to increase public engagement. Current processes really disfavor working class and low income folks who may not have the bandwidth/ time to participate in current formats.

There needs to be more digging into why certain groups of people do not participate or do not know how. Saying "encourage" doesn't address any deeper issues.

It's just not enough to tell over worked people there are meetings. Meetings should go into communities. Consider times like weekends. Offer meals and other ways to make meetings accessible.

As long as the people voted into office do their jobs. Public input is crucial but governing by ballot is not efficient.

How will those not on social media be reached? Or non-housed people?

need stronger renter's rights

Needs a "push" element. Actively encourage religious and civic organizations to hold forums. organizations

How? How will homeless populations with no access to internet, mail, or television know about these issues, or when their participation is wanted?

There needs to be a better way of engaging your residents, a poorly ran instagram page should not be how one finds out about important surveys like this

It may be helpful to explicitly mention inclusion of diverse groups to encourage active recruitment of a diverse group of community members

Needs stronger anti racist language

This is a passive policy. Relies on proximity & mail. Be more proactive about notifying people.

The city council should be districted and the number of councilmembers increased to create actually better representation of all Alameda residents.

Ample notice often doesn't address that not everyone has the same access to literacy or the internet

Commit to hosting conversations in the places our most vulnerable folks live

I have participated in these focus groups and their results are largely ignored When the development starts

How will we make sure people know about these things?

Ensure meetings are at times when people are not working and provide childcare free of cost so that people can attend. Offer compensation for participation in these boards

I'm sure you'll get NIMBY responses to low income housing. I'm not sure what the solution is... it's good to have these discussions in the public forum, but feel like there has to be careful consideration in the framing of the discussion in order to get constructive feedback.

City Council doesn't always abide by this

Does not address the role that race plays in housing opportunities

The aim is good but folks need more than notice. We need to identify the barriers to participation and lower them.

More specific information would be helpful, including multi-lingual outreach.

While input from the community is important, homeowners who have a NIMBY perspective can't be allowed to obstruct building of affordable housing. There have to be safeguards against such behavior.

stuff is more or less stuff

More than just "ample notice" is required- there needs to be specific and targeted outreach

Need much more inclusion of small businesses

Vague, needs more clarification.

I think there should be more emphasis on outreach and different ways to participate

I think the city fails to get people who don't normally show up for meetings to become engaged. I suggest going to parents and businesses to get people more involved

How will you do this?

Vague

Too one sided and do not listen to owners like their doing charity

Give citizens more notice of events and meetings.

lot of last minute so no one notices

The action here is too weak. "Provide notice" is simply not enough. We need to meet people where they are, not require them to take time out on a Friday at noon with a zoom call, in order to participate. Has anyone canvassed the lower income neighborhoods and asked them how they'd like to be involved instead of forcing them to be involved in the way most convenient to the city?

How?

Statement does not address the need to meet certain communities who are historically less inclined to participate in local politics where they are at. Mere notice is not enough. What about meeting people within their own spaces? What about addressing language barriers?

providing notice is good but outreach would be better

The city allows comments but doesn't heed comments

pretty weak policy, could be better

Renters should not have more say than homeowners!

This sounds great but the City's planning staff and elected officials have an established pattern of giving biased and manipulative reports that have been sprung on the public with only the minimum notice prescribed by law. Public participation is limited to two to three minute sound bites at public meetings which are clearly intended to give the public the impression that someone's hearing them when, in fact, the decisions have been made behind the scenes.

only hear about surveys and such through instagram! city needs to up it's communication for those that aren't active on social media

It could be better if our city council would listen to the residents. From what I have seen and heard in the city council meetings the majority seem to only care about addressing the low income housing. Don't get me wrong, I am a person of color and I want everyone who wants to live here the ability to live here. I just don't like the plan that was shared by the city planner a couple months ago. He talked about 8000 new units in the next 8 years (that is approximate from my memory, I could be wrong on the exact numbers) but the numbers alarmed me. That could bring 20,000 new residents. That scares me because that will impact schools, traffic, leaving the island in an emergency, fire and police services.

"ample public notice" is not a real action. Call for deliberate and intensive engagement efforts that include all demographics

Outreach to lower income residents, renters, single family households must be prioritized. meeting scheduled on weekends, carecare provided, etc to encourage participation.

It doesn't work now...

This is so vague

What are the actionable items for this policy? For instance, I am signed up for what I thought was every possible newsletter and alert system and I only found out about these surveys through a friends re-post on Instagram

How will you contact low income residents to get their input?

Needs definition of public notice, and needs to find ways to support deep involvement - providing childcare, meals, etc.

There will always be a select few that participate in this.

Face it - this is just a technical/legal requirement statement. If the City really wants to get (and hear) the input of all in the community, a lot of resources will have to be made available.

Timing and process should be clarified here

I don't have the solution but providing notice seems like just the minimum for encouraging participation.

Oh my

Action step does not make objective

policy decision making is difficult and technocratic. While getting input from relevant groups is important, the policy and implementation proposals should be left to the council/leadership

Ha! It will never happen. But it 'sounds' good. PC points!

If we hope to engage low-income individuals in civic conversation, there should be options to financially compensate them for their time. Participating in public discussion could be in place of working/making a paycheck. If that's not provided, the public conversation could be skewed to those who can afford the time away from work.

Establish a inclusive policy, bias training and invest in top 5 consultant team to stream line government operations, outsource maintenance, and outreach to renters and elderly for concrete changes.

this is very weak, because even though the city might provide a platform for these topics, at the end of the day they still will decide to pander to the voters which are mostly made up of renters. People that do not pay property taxes get to vote on measures that someone else has to foot the bill for. Stop pandering to the majority and create a fair and equal platform that allows for all parties involved to contribute to solutions and policies.

bad policy

Business leaders should determine+plan such.

Homeowners will not want to cooperate with rental laws.

You left out landlords. As always.

I'm predicting that in the next decade we will become home to only Dr, lawyers, accountant and tech workers. You can't fault people for being successful and being able to afford a home here. There is plenty of affordable housing further East.

unrealistic. Again, who is going to pay for this. Don't starve the schools and parks and pools and beaches to put in unrealistically low cost housing. People choose to live here - they don't have to.

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Council could decide without that

Lots of words, no meaning.

Homeowners should make these policies. People who don't live here shouldn't dictate these policies.

How are you really going to get involvement?

Everyone has the ability to be heard. Why must we dangle our certain groups

needs a lot of work

The focus should be on keeping Alameda beautiful, nice, and safe. Inclusivity is a lower priority.

All planning and council reports should have a community engagement section to reflect a priority and an assumption that every project is required to do community engagement as part of the process. Also, more detail about noticing should be included in the policy: ie notices to neighbors, outreach to organizations, signage, etc.

Low and high income people don't have the time or don't care enough about their "communities" to waste taxpayer money on a program like this. If anything, Alameda should become a giant gated community with minimum income and education limits just to set foot on the island.

The desire for inclusion is important, but too heavy of community involvement can bog down processes.

This is a vague policy. Only actual Alameda residents (in good standing) should be involved in these kinds of reviews.

City council is owned by developers and fringe liberals.

Exhibit 7

Question #11

Alameda Residents answer the question:

Does this policy reflect your values and priorities?

Policy from Land Use and City Design Element:

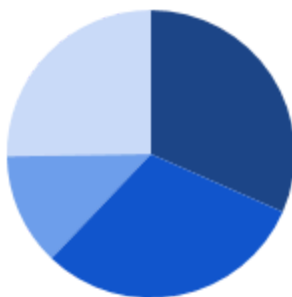
HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AREAS. Provide opportunities for new housing and appropriately zoned property to accommodate the regional and local housing needs consistent with the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy, in Mixed-Use, and Community Mixed-use areas.

MIXED-USE AREA HOUSING OPPORTUNITY SITES:

- + Alameda Point*
- + Alameda Landing*
- + Northern Waterfront*
- + College of Alameda*
- + Coast Guard Island*

COMMUNITY MIXED-USE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY SITES:

- + Webster Street (north of Lincoln and Neptune Plaza)*
- + South Shore Shopping Center*
- + Park Street north of Lincoln*
- + Marina Village Shopping Center*



excellent policy
good policy but needs work
pretty weak policy, could be better
bad policy

excellent policy

More housing is good as long as we don't build "luxury condos"

More Words without Execution to DATE

The skip function not working.

seems balanced and fair

Skip

What about Bay Farm or even the East End?

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Good policy

Traffic is concern, however we should do what we can and plan ahead for traffic congestion.

NA

Ok

Yes. And current residents should be allowed to stay if their current housing is torn down

I love the idea of converting the naval base into a wildlife area

Makes sense

We need more housing.

Be sure we build green & solar

Appropriate locations to accommodate growth.

We need more varied housing and neighborhood diversity to have a thriving community

I'm all for more housing, dense, varied in all parts of town

There is a housing shortage here in Alameda and plenty of land, previously occupied by other buildings, available for development. I am not okay with destroying parks or wildlife/outdoor areas for housing.

These areas make sense for development and expansion.

I believe from personal experience that a walk-first lifestyle leads to healthier, happier lives. Mixed-use zoning helps make that possible.

This seems ok. As long as mixed use doesn't start into the medium and low density housing neighborhoods.

good policy but needs work

Density should NOT be increasing significantly

Add high st and fruitvale bridges

It would be nice to see more mixed-use property mid-island.

How will this effort be paid for?

Why the overwhelming focus on housing? Mixed use at Alameda Point is an excellent plan. The hangars have a great and diverse set of businesses, don't drive them out for more high density housing.

I think a lot is still kept in low density housing that doesn't need to be

I don't see why their needs to be a low-density residential area. That could all be medium-density. I may be commenting on another section, but I'd rather have a cap on the number of medium-density units allowed in a given area than restricting medium density altogether.

I'm worried about the South Shore plan. 8 story buildings, no thank you!!

Again, I just want to make sure we are accounting for people being able to get on/off the island without creating even more bottlenecks than already exist

I don't see how you can count Coast Guard island for potential housing site?

I don't want to see this progress without coupling it to expansion of infrastructure. The island is crowded already, and streets/traffic are bad most of the time, nearly impassable during rush hour. The current fires make me very afraid of how we would evacuate, if it became necessary. Not everyone would make it.

Leave south shore alone

Many of the listed areas feel dirty or unsafe. Create clean safe spaces for housing

I need a better measurement & definition of "mixed use". I also think there is a lot of opportunity for businesses to come into Alameda so less people have to commute off the island while also providing more jobs on the island.

There's a big chunk of the island not included

don't know what community mixed use means

Concerned how the City handle Park Street restriping. Other intersections need more work, improvements and safety measures.

I think the regional development goals will require high density housing options. We should build that honestly and objectively into the planning. I don't want to end up like Manhattan, but we are roughly the same size as NYC with 5% of the population, so we can clearly handle more folks here. Just need to figure out how to do it gracefully.

Need to ensure housing affordability

The policy doesn't include how the infrastructure will be developed to support additional housing

Would really like more information about roads & public transportation to these areas.

More density in residential neighborhoods.

I may be an outlier, but I'd like to see more higher density housing in all neighborhoods.

Great. How will these areas stay maintained so they don't wind up like current low income properties near the base?

Good start

There are too many people on the island and insufficient Infrastructure to support them. Priority for any new housing should go to Alameda natives and people who work in Alameda.

more work is needed on Southshore living

I'm sorry but it's already so hard to get off the west side of the island. Give us another tunnel or bridge or even a bike bridge and then you can put all the housing you want on the west side

Coast Guard Island? Are they leaving?

The east end of alameda is continually left out of plans- it may be that there is no space there, but I worry about that segregated part of our community becoming even more so.

Again, good direction and intention and sustainable needs to be defined

More low density housing. How will these people get off the island? Address increased traffic.

I worry about housing density on the west end. Already trying to leave through the posse tube is problematic during commute time.

I think we should maintain a higher limit, and solve our traffic issues before building more housing

I feel like there is a hidden agenda here. The map is too small to really see. I'm not in favor of the high-rise plans for South Shore Center

It seems like the East End and Bay Farm are untouched with this policy. Is there anything we can do to make those areas part of this plan?

This policy is too broad, there needs to be specific details for each location.

No reason to have random pockets and streets as low density. All of Alameda should be minimum of medium density residential.

Seems a little too simple for a nuanced issue

The "low density" areas are keeping huge parts of Alameda in the past. We all love the quaint look and feel of Alameda, but keeping old buildings just because they are old is not sustainable.

Should be good for the whole island.

Nothing to add

Again, we would need the infrastructure to support these expansions. How are people getting on and off the island? Where is the additional public transport?

Needs to be linked up with accessible, effective public transit.

I'm questioning why coast guard island is included here when it's not even accessible to non-CGI residents

I'm not sure we need all that housing in all those areas. We should focus some commercial/business space on North Waterfront.

don't put everything on the west end. I love housing on the west end! But it shouldn't be limited to that.

We definitely need more housing but we also have to make sure appropriate transportation corridors whether they are for cars or public transport are available so traffic does not increase.

Community mix use needs more thought

How will roads and infrastructure support increased population on the island?

Any new building on landfill (e.g., South Shore Shopping Center) should be limited to 3 stories max.

More specificity on how it would impact traffic and what types of housing in those area

While I think it is good to convert some of South Shore to housing, I think the current proposal of 8 stories is ridiculous. 3 or 4 would be more appropriate.

skip

Your policies are great. Your execution needs help.

I support mixed use and community mixed used housing.

I am a proponent of adaptive re-use of existing buildings. It seems that the need for creative housing solutions is far greater now than the need for large retail and commercial clusters on the island. I see quite a bit of empty commercial space languishing, while more is being built. Why couldn't excess commercial space be transformed into new pods of small apartments/flats for co-housing and transitional housing for our shelterless citizens?

We need high-density residential and more medium-density residential

Overpriced

I support thoughtful investments in housing density. Transit and access to jobs needs to be integrated into this planning.

Not all new housing should be on the West End

I would want to know that island access and parking are being considered whenever density increases.

I'd like more information about the "appropriate zoning" I'm afraid we're pushing too much change too fast, and we should respect decisions made in the past and consider their benefits. Throwing zoning laws out the door to meet some quota by the state is short sided and not in the best interests of the city.

Again, needs to assess environmental impact, traffic, parking, etc

In-person retail is dying but the need for affordable housing grows. Please account for this.

I don't understand enough about this to comment. Would be good to get more education on this.

Add new ways in and out be explored

Need to fund the police more so that the city can cope with the higher crime that the city is letting in

pretty weak policy, could be better

Housing builds need to stop unless we address school attendance, traffic, and island services.

Require two parking spots for every unit

All the new housing is \$900,000 and above. How is this considered affordable? Also, more needs to be done to ensure safe living conditions for renters. For example, homes should have central heating unit w/ a fan option to circulate air through a filter for "spare the air days" days when we can't control the smoke from outside. Also, a minimum cooling standard should be implemented for each unit. Either a central cooling unit or at least a ceiling fan in each bedroom. Some days, we can't even open our windows for weeks on end and with the heat waves, it become intolerable.

Bridges and streets already overcrowded to get off island.

if you do not upgrade infrastructure you only are adding more issues. Getting people in and off the island has been getting worse for years with no added ways to make it better.

Focus on desegregating multi unit and low income housing. You are creating ghettos.

We need to look at the impact to infrastructure and traffic before we keep building

Housing and mixed use should be distributed more equitably

You can't convince me that more housing in Alameda is a good idea until you show me where all the infrastructure would come from to accommodate the development. Our planners and council think it will magically take care of itself.

Put the low income and affordable housing on the NICE side of the island, on the east end, instead of always putting the poor people in the same place on the west end. Give the poor people something nice to look at

Alameda doesn't need more residents--if new bridges or tunnels aren't being built, it will be a mess.

This is a good start, but is essentially segregationist. The East End should be upzoned as well to legalize duplexes, triplexes, etc of an appropriate scale.

Needs to be more evenly distributed throughout Alameda, i.e. Gold Coast, Bronze Coast, Fernside & Bayfarm too.

This does not directly address AFFORDABLE housing. Just increases inventory that could just be at market rate

Don't build a bunch of crap boxy buildings that will ruin what makes Alameda so uniquely aesthetically pleasing. I'm all for new housing, but please hire a good architect who has actual taste.

All the development project make me nervous. They don't really seem to benefit residents more than the developer.

feels like a lot of low income housing being added, not sure why we think we need to do this.

What's the difference between mixed use housing and community mixed use?

How will people get off the island?

next question

Without bridges/tunnels, these are all horrible ideas!

The zoning is not well integrated and would lead to sections of the island that are segregated by race and income. Neighborhoods need more economic diversity.

Other parts of the island should be developed.

Needs to identify suitable sites (Bay Farm shopping center, etc.) on Bay Farm and other non-west end sites as well

Trying to house my elderly father in Alameda last 4 years. I'm hopeless and disillusioned with my community

I love Alameda's housing character (and own a home built in 1906). I also want to see our older architecture preserved. However, we increasingly an urban-like enclave. We need to push "mixed-use" into some of our main corridors - Lincoln, Encinal, etc. — and change zoning to encourage redevelopment. Limiting "mixed-use" to larger sites at the point, the College, etc. is too easy. Push the envelope.

I love the idea of more housing but if you are going to house more in alameda then there will also need to provide another bridge and or tube. Public safety and evacuation needs also need to be considered before just building more homes.

Too dense. No new off island access.

Zoning changes throughout bathe island should be made to accommodate more housing and density. It should not only be the designated opportunity areas.

Cost of housing

Too much. Holding will increase traffic, please consider this when thinking about adding numbers of people.

Hire from the island community; Build high density housing at shopping centers; Dorms at COA;

Concentrates mixed use and low income in a way that may not support building neighborhoods and long-term care for the community

I do not understand this policy.

Alameda Point seems the only reasonable expansion... IF any.

Alameda is a small area and the traffic is bad, adding more high density housing units for such a small area is a problem. People can move to areas outside of Alameda and commute if necessary.

Define "opportunities". Define "appropriately zoned". What is the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy? Who had defined what are Mixed-Use, and Community Mixed-use areas? Are these definitions concrete? Too many unknowns to determine the true meaning of this statement.

Seems like it the plan that's already in place, what's new?

bad policy

Trees not more housing

Building should be placed on pause until current issues with maintain residents are addressed. Each day individuals and family's are forced out of Alameda due to unreasonable housing cost.

What are you going to do with the huge increase in traffic add more bike lanes

No new multi-unit housing w/o more bridges

Again why no discussion about new ways to get on and off the island first before more housing. I feel Alameda already does more than it's share to help with affordable housing. We have a housing Authority with many properties. We are doing better than most already that are our size

Why are the areas with mixed housing segregated like this? Why cant mixed housing be available everywhere? This is a nimby approach to appease the wealthiest residents.

CRIME RATES AND TRAFFIC ISSUES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE ADDING MORE HOUSING.

This policy gives me the understanding that Alameda is intending to add new housing units. I am concerned particularly in the Alameda Landing area where the Webster and Posey Tube will likely need to support the additional people traveling in and out.

Why are we building housing when we can build farms we don't need more housing and traffic there could be more shooting ect

Can not safely evacuate island population with existing housing. No more housing.

Abdicating policy decisions to the people feeding at the public trough in Sacramento is only going to downgrade the quality of life for the residents of Alameda. The State is mandating numbers without providing funds for improving infrastructure that will be necessary to accommodate the additional population. In addition, most of the locations will severely and negatively impact traffic re ingress, egress and within the City.

the city already has one of the highest sales taxes in the country due to poor management of finances and unethical behavior of Oddie and Vella. Alameda point should be primarily business/commercial to increase the city income and not housing which, as you are well aware, costs significantly more in services than can ever bring in revenue, not to mention the traffic and pollution you are causing by your build build build mentality. whose paying you off to ignore the actual needs of alamedans in favor the the developers???

Alameda is a small island with limited transit options. Increased housing without addressing that makes it a worse place to live

we already have 80k+ residents, heavy traffic and absolutely no available parking.... don't need more people living on the island, commerce sure, open recreation areas great, but not housing and certainly not multi family or apartment complexes

I know we need housing I can't afford housing but I really dislike all the condos going up

Fix the transportation network FIRST - that's why you always have opposition to new housing in Alameda. Nobody wants to be late for work. Put the transportation network in first, and truly provide BMR homes, not just for-profit homes. But you never do that....

We need to build infrastructure first so that our quality of life is not destroyed by overdevelopment.

Not enough infrastructure to handle the influx of people.

We have too many people already on the island. Turn South Shore into a wetland and park. No more homes. No more people speeding down Otis!

We do not need additional housing in the numbers the city council is proposing. We are not a big city like
No more housing on the already congested island.

Traffic concerns

No thanks. Do you drive around the island right now? The traffic is almost unbearable. There is no parking. Just piling in housing on an island is not what most people here want.

We can't even get off this island with all the traffic. Fix traffic before fix housing issue.

We are full.

Dont build at south shore. Need the parking spaces during holidays.

Again, can't cram more people onto our small island without more access to and from the mainland. Also, Alameda is losing its small town charm by cramming too much housing onto the island.

The last thing we need is more people.

Alameda too crowded and unsafe

Too much traffic. Bike lanes already made the island a mess.

This is a terrible idea. Mixed use housing brings in crime. What Alameda is really saying with all of these smaller proposed apartments is that smaller dwellings are acceptable for "some" people.

You are trying to add too dense of housing. There are not enough services to support the influx of people.

No room for much more housing- limitations should be put in for future development and encourage green space conversion

New housing should be significantly limited

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It's already too crowded! Less apartments, more houses with decent property size, houses no bigger than 50% of lot size

Housing Opportunity Area is a terrible term and seems racially charged. It reinforces bad policies from the past, including exclusionary zoning

save south shore no matter what no high rises anywhere esp the beach

Roads, access, traffic during commute hours are already impacted with current population. Adding in high density housing to provide affordable options will be a disaster without widening roads (how?), making more "main roads" (how?), adding more public transportation (not bus, but BART). Infrastructure updates to address current needs/issues FIRST. Then we can talk about increasing population density.

We live on an island. We don't need more housing.

You just keep adding housing and pretty soon there will not be enough space to even walk the streets of Alameda. Traffic is already bad in that little city it's only going to get worse.

Again we don't have the infrastructure

All of this is concentrated in already heavily populated areas of town with one single egress for getting on and off the island, which is unsafe. There needs to be another way to get off the island in a car on the west end before any new dense housing is built. Put more housing on the east end where there are multiple ways on and off the island.

Until we have BART or other public transportation we should not be building more housing in Alameda.

The city can not sustain this type of development and you can't force people to think everyone should bike/walk is weak

Bad

Needs to address population density and sustainable investment in infrastructure; these should be critical requirements for any new development being considered

no more new developments/housing

Just concentrate on Alameda Point

We don't need to pack a bunch of people on our island. There are zoning experts who know what is optimum for quality of life for citizens. That's our priority - best quality for current residents. Not meeting regional needs to pack more people in a small area.

all housing proposals need to be met with infrastructure accommodations. Additionally, most residents of alameda would argue that the island does not have capacity for more residents, with its current housing footprint (which many find favorable to higher density housing).

Too much development on the West End

Infrastructure and small businesses are being ignored as are traffic impacts

Stop over populating the island you dingbats

We do not have enough room for more housing. It will take away the small town atmosphere that everyone who lives here loves.

Too many homes. Not enough infrastructure. No way off the island with so many cars.

The minimum price for ANY new housing on the island should start at \$5 million and go from there.

There is not enough parking, or adequate routes to get off the island in case of emergency

skip

NO MORE HOUSING IN ALAMEDA, see other remarks for why.

NO !! Population density is already too high! Same as SF and LA. No more housing!! Viruses like COVID are crippling Alameda economy and higher population density will make it worse.

There is still far too much focus on low-density housing. And, the inclusion of CG Island is a spurious attempt to make the plan seem more friendly to mixed use housing.

I disagree with the characterization that neighborhoods are only of only low or medium density. Alameda is as dense, or more dense, than other Bay Area cities.

City should keep it all low density housing. Roads, infrastructure, parking is maxed out already. Keep south shore shopping center commerical. NO 8-story residential structures

crime and lawlessness is bad already.

Infrastructure first! (remember Lum school?? or Carnegie art center fail?? or Del Monte?.. Build THAT first...))

No place for marine industries or recreational boating access

Totally disagree with the shopping center sites

I think the focus should be on the housing that exists already, rather than creating more and crowding the city even more than it has already become

The idea of building more at Southshore or certain other areas is ludicrous. We are overcrowded! Building big apartments won't help. Build single family homes and provide assistance for low income, disabled etc to give home ownership

Shoreline expansion should not be addressed until transportation egress and ingress explored thoroughly

The traffic is already really bad and if there is a major earthquake or other incident I think it would be bad to have added a bunch of highrise apartments at S. Shore. Once we get past this Covid-19 and the commute returns things will be very tough.

Too much development, create more green space or more wetland instead.

I definitely like the green wildlife areas. As you can see from the map the west end is more scenic than any other part of the island. This is inequitable. We are the ones giving the brunt of low income and senior housing. I am a minority single woman who has worked very hard to buy my house. I should also get the same equitable treatment. Everyone should be given the same priorities. Homeless

say no to gentrification

Exhibit 8

Question #13

Alameda Residents answer the question:

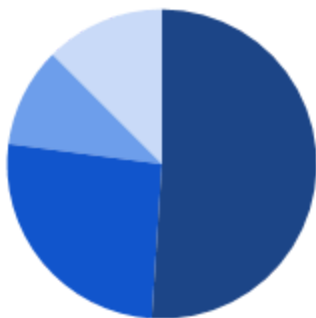
Does this policy reflect your values and priorities?

Policy from the Mobility Element:

EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING. Consider the needs of the most vulnerable communities when prioritizing public investments and improvements to the transportation system.

Actions:

- *Equity. Ensure opportunities for participation and actions to improve mobility for Alameda's low-income, senior, youth, and disadvantaged communities from environmental and climate change impacts.*
- *Assessments. Identify neighborhoods with high levels of social vulnerability in order to prioritize locations for action and improvements.*
- *Legislative Agenda. Support strong regulatory efforts to prioritize safety for people walking or biking, and reduce creation of tiered access to transportation options based on socio-economic status.*
- *Environmental Justice. Ensure the fair treatment and meaningful participation of all people regardless of age, culture, ethnicity, gender, race, socioeconomic status, or geographic location when considering the environmental impacts of transportation facilities and services.*



excellent policy

good policy but needs work

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bad policy

excellent policy

Agree, but input should be considered exclusively from confirmed residents. City Council should not be implementing social programs in a vacuum

Sounds fine

It seems to serve both 94501 and 94502

Consider not just what happens on the island but the businesses we invest in and house here.

When will this START to be implemented??? When will we Walk the Talk?

Help alameda yay

instead of the inequitable proliferation of more and more bikes lanes that only able bodied persons can use, why not bring back the trolley that is good for all???

The more housing, the more crowded it will get. Public transportation and bike usage needs to be AMAZING to reduce influx on roads.

skip

Pro mass transit

Sounds fair and reasonable

Check yes.

well off people like me can and do drive, need to make city accessible to everyone

Self explanatory.

Skip

Bring back the trolleys; create more spaces for walking and biking; with global warming we should get the f out of our cars on this flat, small island asap. It is outrageous that we are still driving around everywhere.

Inclusive. So will spur economic activity as people are able to participate in our community.

Bikes alone are not enough. Reliable, predictable public transit is key.

K

It sounds perfect.

This helps the environment and traffic congestion.

yes to all. Reduce car use on island, especially during rush hours.

I agree with this policy.

I am a senior with mobility problems

Mostly oka

Also needs to address accessibility and more modes of transportation

Transportation is key to keep traffic low

Considers the needs of all residents while recognizing all residents don't have equitable access

It all sounds quite Utopian. It would be lovely if Alameda was able to achieve such an equitable sense of community.

We need policies that reduce reliance on private automobiles drastically. We need better transit access, better biking and walking access, better connectivity for people that doesn't involve cars

skip

Affordable transportation and access for all.

We need more and better public transportation for everyone

More bus lines, please

all inclusive input is needed

Transportation is important. There's not been enough consideration to the traffic which has become a nightmare on this island. Making more bike space does not help with the car traffic.

skip

good policy but needs work

I would hope that if the housing goal is realized, there aren't pockets of low income people. The community should have a mix throughout the island

We need better protected and better paved bike lanes and paths across the island. And no one should be more than a 10 minute walk to a bus stop.

Don't prioritize one group over another the goal is to provide fair and equitable transportation options for all Alamedans. If a strong network of easily accessible public transportation that connects to Bay Area wide transportation (like ferries & BART) then it would benefit the whole island by reducing traffic, allowing for more frequent busses on more accessible routes for everyone. Consider thinking outside the box and offering a trolley that runs entire length of island and out to BART!

Again lacking specifics. Commuting by bus from Alameda to East Bay sucks, the busses are too few and always late in the afternoon.

GREAT IDEA BUT DISALLOWING THE POLICE TO ENFORCE TRAFFIC LAWS (SPEEDING, RED LIGHT/STOP SIGN VIOLATIONS..ETC..ETC) RENDERS THIS POLICY MUTE.

I appreciate this policy, but this makes we wonder if we can afford this effort. Today we have areas of bike lanes which start/end, like an oasis in the desert. True, eventually these will be connected, but in reality it appears Alameda is struggling to keep perform basic work let alone enhance mobile transportation. Perhaps this type of improvement to tied to economic areas with major pathways to and from related to the different areas.

Transportation and housing policy need to go together. Additional housing on the west end requires additional egress from the island beyond the existing tunnel.

I like the intent but it feels really inactionable

I think transportation is a lower priority than housing. I don't even think you'll find that clear of a transportation divide at lower incomes. Many low-income families drive cars. I do think we could improve our biking and bus access to Ferry/BART.

what about auto traffic?

Legislative agenda for regulatory efforts for bikers & walkers? Makes no sense as written.

Make this a lesser included part of the aforementioned housing policies

Ensure reliable and frequent access to public transportation such as to the BART stations and to the ferry terminals.

Traffic laws are not enforced (running theme in Alameda) making walking or using wheelchair incredibly dangerous

I like the big picture of investing into our most vulnerable communities. I need to know more on how we're going to do these things. I also think it's important to include people that are part of those vulnerable communities in the entire process.

All levels of society need adequate access to transit. I am very dismayed by the AC Transit proposal to eliminate the O. Just because people who work in the City may be able to afford to drive, doesn't mean they should. Transit should be for all and the more transit stigma is reduced the more successful transit in general will be. But of course, those without cars must have a means to get around and therefore transit should be focused on their needs too.

There definitely needs to be a priority on walking and biking safety! And more police presence to get drivers to slow down. It's a free for all out there.

Congestion? Safely getting on and off the island in the event of emergency?

I think while Alameda is relatively walkable and bikeable on the East End, there is lots of room for improvement in the realm of accessible public transit all over the city for people of different ages, abilities etc.

Sounds great in writing unsure how it would play out in practice. The cyclists vs driver war is alive and well in Alameda and policies don't do much. What does work are comprehensive public education programs, signage, bike schools and campaigns. Look up the City of Santa Ana transportation safety campaign.

While making sure transportation helps the most vulnerable, if it's now also useful for everyone, it will continue to have low ridership and be less useful for everyone.

next question

Good policy but also should address street harassment and the right of womxn and all people to feel safe in public.

Transportation in/out of SF needs to be regular and reliable. Bus to ferry to reduce cars.

Good policy- but be careful assessing- don't assume low income people are the walkers, bikers and bus riders... I live in the West end and LOTS of low income families around me have multiple cars and would never walk or bike.

another hidden agenda? Bike lanes on major streets causing traffic jams?

An increased minimum income would be necessary to offer this to most people mentioned. The current income level is way too low and if a person only received that much monthly/yearly they clearly would never be able to afford to live in Alameda.

Fine, but need to articulate percent of resources

Yes, consider the needs of the most vulnerable but also consider the needs of working professionals and families, who rely on public transportation to get to places like South Shore, the ferry, and Alameda Landing and Oakland 12th St Bart.

Where is the money for this coming from

Transportation issues should define the future of Alameda.

That all sounds good, but dealing with the car issue is #1. Cars and streets lead to wasted space with streets and parking. One thing the pandemic has shown is how shutting off streets to traffic makes life better. Rethinking our priorities from "managing the problem" to looking at new solutions is the way to go. Lime Bike and similar was a good try, but limited success. Maybe "transit corridors" with free buses running up and down the island. I don't have the answers but I know more cars are not going to work.

My concern is how vehicular traffic will be impacted. There is still need for vehicular means of travel on/off and around the island, and we don't have any plans for ensuring that will still be feasible.

I feel like it's assuming that transportation is needed in all cases. If there are jobs and shopping and schools very near the housing then less travel is necessary. So I would put in something about encouraging development where less travel is even needed (which puts less strain on the road capacity)

In addition to public transportation and cars, I think there should be support for diversified private options such as Uber and Lyft. These are very important options for seniors who need to go to doctors appointments, people who take public transit to work and come back late on BART, to/from OAK, etc.

Mobility into Alameda should also be addressed

Public transportation lacking

What about adding tree maps and temperature to this? Less green space impacts immediate environment - historically white areas typically have more trees, and all Alamedans should have access to share and greenery.

I believe one interesting way to make streets safer and more navigation-friendly is to consider small grids of one-way streets in certain neighborhoods to accommodate alternate methods of transportation.

Ensure that public transit in ALL parts of the city are in place and functional, with 24-hour service and frequent runs, regardless of ridership.

Vague

Environmental Justice yes too much development no

Safe areas should be for all people, regardless of income and age. When adding bike lanes, make sure it is not at the detriment of drivers. Shoreline bike lane now force drivers to park near the middle of the

street. When the driver gets out of the car, it is dangerous now. The bike lanes are too wide which make the driving lanes too narrow.

Equity is fine, yet the larger problem is getting the general population of able and financially stable individuals to use public transportation.

agree with including vulnerable communities, but that should not be the only focus for improvements. Those who pay high taxes to own property in Alameda should also be able to benefit from their tax money at work.

I saw an article that said that several bus routes on Alameda were going to be eliminated in 2021. I don't know enough to say that those particular routes are needed, but I haven't seen anything about it since, and I would imagine that buses are a major source of transit for various incomes. Would want to know more about this.

Would like to see a more decisive connection between need for transportation reform and direct environmental impact and a more clear commitment to prioritize ecological solutions. Also there is no mention of working with neighboring cities and the county to develop a holistic solution.

When prioritizing public investments and transportation infrastructure, I think it's most important to maximize the public benefit. I think it's fair to "consider" the needs described here, but the policy doesn't seem to provide any guidance for how to weigh these considerations against other ones.

It's OK but you need to also police the cyclists and walkers not to think they have the exclusive right of way, seen folks walk out in front of vehicles without looking, cyclists claiming exclusive right of way, etc

Remember to keep motorists in mind as well. I feel motorists, bicyclists, walkers, etc. All need to work together but I feel the city is pushing out the motorist and making it hard for them to drive in town with new lane merges and what not.

Much better bus routes are needed. But I think the city needs to do a lot of work now that Covid is an issue. There must be examples in other cities to look at to make mass transit as as possible.

pretty weak policy, could be better

Way too liberal.

Sounds like a "plan". but transpiration on the island just sucks. I live on Bay Farm and work at Alameda Point, but have no way to get from home to work and back using public transit w/o multiple transfers and walking long distances. :(

This policy furthers the myth that everyone is going to take bicycles to work. Some 80% of working adults in Alameda leave the island to get to work, and they cannot all ride their bike to work.

We need to make sure our vulnerable are able to go to sites they need to get to when needed. But we do not need to add additional housing. We need to take care of the people who live in this city. They need to be our first priority.

Wording is confusing. Should instead focus on how to make sure communities are involved in planning transportation options near them

Prioritizing biking and walking makes little sense. Make sure buses run regularly in vulnerable neighborhoods to get to ferry and bart

So vague

way too vague.

Policy should be more forceful in pushing all forms of transportation for all people. We need to develop ways to encourage all of our residents to take public or human-powered transportation.

No mention of the transit agency that will begin cutting routes in 2021.

Black people. Say Black people. It's not a bad word. "Disadvantaged communities" is meaningless fluff

You should already give fair treatment.

Address increased traffic issue

Too general

We should be doing this for the entire community not just some of it

If the goal is to provide mobility to low income people from the impact of the environment why would you build more housing on an island that is in a flood zone in the face of global warming?

Again, I just don't see how the City intends to direct action to accomplish these goals. There isn't any proposed metrics or a suggested course of action.

Too much traffic

Too much focus on bicycles and nowhere near enough for seniors

needs alot of work

Environmental justice should focus on making Transportation environmentally friendly (ie supporting walking, cycling, carpooling, public transportation) and plant some trees!!!

Ok, but how? Seems vague.

By supporting locally owned small businesses more local walkable jobs are created. The goal should be to eliminate commuting as much as possible

Demand that Racism is a public health issues; Include inclusive policy; Hire 50% people of color in management and leadership areas; City Manager and Department Leaders needs to Black, Latinx, Filipinx, etc. Enough of the 1970 leadership style.

It feels like "climate change" in the policy will effectively mean that it will be used to create anti-flood barrier around the island, and I'm against it.

Sounds like add people, then add bike and ped lanes to restrict cars even further. No thank you.

as shown here, policy lacks clarity and may not consider practical implications

Its lovely to think of Alameda being a place where everyone busses, walks or bikes to work. However it's just not realistic. As a teacher I used to have to bring bags, boxes and other things to work every day. My husband work at Stanford. Neither one of us could commute by public transportation and I think that is true for most people. As there is no hope of building another access point to the island, adding more cars is just not acceptable. So there is the conundrum.

bad policy

If your worried about climate change the dumbest thing possible is to create more housing! Really stupid!
It's nonsense.

Need multimodal policy. Public trans costly, germ-ridden, inefficient.

This is way to complicated and ignores the current world in favor of someone's idealized future. The future should be allowed to evolve without penalizing those of us living now.

Not of the intent as Alameda is not solely in charge of AC Transit

This policy is full of buzzwords but lacks real meaning. It's also small-ball; I'd prefer a policy built are integrating Alameda into the regional public transit network.

Buses and public transportation brings in crime. Look Fruitvale. Most Alamedans have access to private transportation.

With more housing being built, there needs to be more thought around transportation infrastructure. Public transportation and biking doesn't work for everyone. There needs to be traffic improvements especially with Webster tunnel.

Unrealistic

Unclear. Needs more specifics.

Stop the focus on equity, focus on equality.

,khyiy

The US is less than 5% of the earth's climate issue and carbon footprint...stop making policies for that

Especially there are few people walking. As weather gets worse and smoke increases we need to be realistic about how people are actually traveling in and around Alameda. It's already a very bike friendly city and walking friendly city but we do not have adequate means for safe transportation in cars especially when people are leaving the island. We also need to do more to regulate uber and lyft and other rideshare apps, which are placing bad drivers on the road.

Not everyone rides bikes

We should certainly consider the demographic of people who use public transportation when creating route plans. A lot of us ride the bus. I don't have a car, so I use it for work. But I can also afford an Uber from time to time. Poorer people rely on the bus even more and they're needs should be considered. But the basis should be actual bus users and what their collective needs are.

WTF does all that mumbo jumbo actually mean? Seriously. In simple terms? Like, build more sidewalk ramps and run a bus to the poor side of town. You're so full of high fallutin garbage, it is a joke.

This sounds like communism.

Vague on what specific action and fiscal consideration

Waste of money that the already corrupt city council will blow on drugs and prostitutes faster than you can say "Hey, where's my money going, really?"

It's not clear to me what this policy would actually accomplish, though it feels well intentioned. If it only said "Ensure equitable access to transportation, especially for socio-economically or otherwise disadvantaged populations" I'd be more in favor.

Any kind of long-term funding in helping "disadvantaged" citizens or otherwise cannot be a blank check. For example, perhaps someone can only qualify for 1 year (could be longer/shorter) & invest in them during that time to help equip them to get out of their situation. These benefits should not be their for those that are impoverished due to laziness (not studying, not doing minimum wage jobs, etc.), poor habits (quitting when life gets hard, excessive expenses, etc.), and/or bad life choices (e.g. drugs, theft, intoxicated, etc.) . Someone who continues to engage in this kind of activity/lifestyle should NOT benefit but rather cut off and live out the consequences. Otherwise it just becomes a crutch for life, and an unfair cost for all others who are paying for it (e.g. me and many others). We also cannot use sensationalized examples/perceptions to result in extreme (and foolish) plans of action which ignore the individual's responsibility/failure. It seems everyone has an excuse today for why life is hard/unfair/difficult and there is no personal ownership/responsibility (which is often the real issue creating the problem).

skip

Too much emphasis on low income and bicyclists and not enough on people who use cars.

You are essentially proposing to transition public transportation from a public good enjoyed by all towards becoming a welfare benefit. Improvements should be based on demand, not some ideology.

There is no point in adding to the island's population, particularly if the new residents require additional services, which must be funded by the taxpayers already living here.

things are bad already

Please no more green bike lanes like along the beach

Biased approach at policy

This plan is a bold faced lie - the plan for Alameda Point is supposedly only adding one more car to traffic - that sounds like a joke on SLN. Too many people on the island already, the more we build, the more it ruins the island's culture.

Exhibit 9

Question #15

Alameda Residents answer the question:

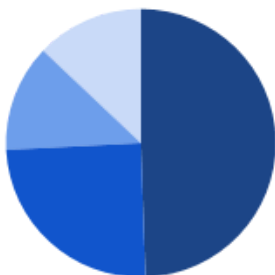
Does this policy reflect your values and priorities?

Policy from the Conservation and Climate Action Element:

SOCIAL VULNERABILITY. Consider the needs of the most vulnerable communities when prioritizing public investments and improvements to address climate change.

Actions:

- *Equity. Ensure opportunities for participation and actions to involve and protect Alameda's low-income, senior, youth, and disadvantaged communities from environmental and climate change impacts.*
- *Environmental Justice. Ensure the fair treatment of all people when considering actions to reduce the adverse impacts of climate change on residents regardless of age, culture, ethnicity, gender, race, socioeconomic status, or geographic location.*
- *Assessments. Use Alameda's Social Vulnerability Assessment in the Climate Action and Resiliency Plan or similar tool to identify neighborhoods with high levels of social vulnerability in order to prioritize locations for action and improvements.*



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Yes

skip

Pro environmental justice

Feel like we already went over this

yes

Gotta do something to adapt to climate change.

Skip

Don't forget to be data driven. Yes, vulnerable communities need to be noticed, but the climate is bigger than us. Where will the *Island* be most affected, start there.

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Good policy

Help those who need help

This is a necessity.

The General Plan needs to provide balance between rich & poor, and underserved communities need to be a focus.

Yes - it will be (and is) the poor who will suffer the most with the impact of climate change

Don't forget placement of cell phone towers in this

It is simply something I agree with.

I'd love to hear more about how we're planning on dealing with the sea level rise. New projections are 7 feet by 2050.

All should feel safe here

We need help during hot summers and cold wet winters

EQUITY & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. Yes. Please, please, keep your word on this.

We know the effects of climate change are harder on the most vulnerable

I hope this is already being done.

holistic

Learn from New Orleans

Using CARP to identify areas of need may well be one of the best early means of going about ultimately satisfying its demands by 2040.

good policy and could benefit from stronger positions on environmental considerations

Reflect the needs of all people and reduce smog and bad air quality.

I agree with this as well; I doubt many people will disagree even if they really don't want any policies that effect their neighborhoods

Vulnerable communities bear the brunt of racist zoning policies
skip

good policy but needs work

Again, nice words. I'm not sure if this means much in practice, but doesn't sound like it'd hurt. Sea level rise predominantly impacts the coast, which is likely not a disadvantaged area. Other than that you are maybe looking at supporting EVs and other forms of electrification.

Same thing.... leading questions. You ask leading questions, and then, when people agree, you then translate that into support for what you already plan to do.

I don't think this is clear.

Again, I'd like to know how these actions will be ensured & assessed.

This lacks specificity

I think environmental justice is about more than treating people fairly- it's about reversing generations of systemic racism in our built and environmental systems.

Need to ensure prioritizing support for small businesses and penalizing corporate businesses with low commitment to ethical, sustainable practices/supply chain

Would like to know what exactly it means to prioritize vulnerable communities. Would like to see some real investments in Alamedas Black community and tangible resources / protections offered to them in a year of uprising, police brutality and community members harassing and brutalizing Black people in Alameda. Would like to see Alameda Police Department defunded and financial reparations / material investments made directly into Alamedas Black community.

I have no clue how this aspirational statement translates into action.

next question

Needs to include protection for other individuals who may be discriminated against, including gender identify and sexual orientaton

Provide free city wide wireless internet access

See above about supporting deep engagement, and also call out neighborhoods where social vulnerability doesn't exist and develop policy for their participation in achieving equity (maybe a social vulnerability tax on low vulnerability areas?)

These are a little vague

I think actions with regards to climate need to be looked at first by the most urgent actions needed and then by community vulnerability.

Again, articulate division of resources. Specify what this actually looks like

Yes, consider the impact on the most vulnerable but also think about the role Alameda can play in the greater Bay Area, with increasing demands from commuters to SF, South SF and San Jose.

No idea what's being done now so communication must be better

Ok, but how?

Focusing on disadvantaged communities is great but it can overlook that problems that impact disadvantaged and at risk communities originate in privileged communities.

Much work to do on environmental restoration, living shorelines and carbon sequestration
skip

What is the social vulnerability assessment? Will it be published alongside these policies?

The past has proven that Alameda city council and leaders do not actually support this.

Need more info

Of course, everyone should be treated fairly. This policy seems more aspirational than anything. What, exactly, does this policy require?

This comes across as a "feel good" statement with no specifics.

As equity is being provided, the need to also ensure that source of funding is affordable so that it isn't coming from increase property tax that has been increasing over the last few years!

Yes, provide for the "vulnerable" but don't build an amusement park on the Navy base with handicap accessibility and call it done.

Again, the policy doesn't clearly indicate how to weigh these needs against others when it says to "consider" them. I think it's important to improve the most vulnerable areas regardless of socioeconomic status, but I do think it's also important to consider socioeconomic status in the calculation since those individuals are more vulnerable.

What is the assesment tool /

Heat and smoke seem to be major threats for marginalized groups. Every summer is hotter and smokier, we need education on how to deal with smoke and heat during these periods. Maybe some discounted fans and air purifiers for the low income households. Even I've packs given to people to keep cool without using extra electricity. We have to get creative, the rolling blackouts leave many people in the heat and the smoke makes it u safe to pop the windows.

pretty weak policy, could be better

It's clear some neighborhoods suffer due to landlord neglect. Dry, dead spaces surrounding neighborhoods. No place for kids or families to be outside. No parking for tenants w/ streets overrun with vehicles. It's like living in San Francisco with no street parking if you get home late from work.

Climate change impacts everyone. Not fair to rank order people other than looking at at risk areas.

I'm not sure how climate change affects populations differently on this island. It seems we would all be equally impacted by this.

Equity policy is worded poorly and providing "opportunities" is vague. Climate adaptation using public resources should center disadvantaged communities rather than being colorblind

To my understanding most of the impact is on landowners. And most of the money for these programs will come from landowners. The policy should be more specifically targeted.

Sounds lovely. Meaningless, but lovely.

Prioritization based on social vulnerability is inequitable. Prioritization should be done on a percentage-populace benefit analysis.

Too vague. Needs more detail.

What are we actually doing for the environment? I'm glad that you want to make sure everyone is effected equally, but what actions does this mean? This seems more like a goal/mission than a policy

Too general, could be used to justify almost anything. We are all vulnerable to climate change.

We should be doing this for the entire community

The best way the city can consider the needs of the most vulnerable is to acquire housing in an area that they can actually afford to live. For example, if you are homeless on the streets of Alameda, it is very unlikely that you will be able to turn your life around and be able to afford the cost of living in the bay area. The best way to help the most homeless people would be to acquire housing in a LOW cost location, NOT the bay area.

That sounds like a lot of words saying nothing. Climate change will affect us all, especially with flooding I expect. I'm not sure how well the island will do in 50 years, but seems like we need a plan for all of us.

needs work

Environmental justice should specify that trees will be planted and maintained everywhere, not just the Gold Coast!!!

Not sure where you are going with this. Support in concept, but don't see anything concrete.

Ditto

Again, just from the text it's hard to understand what this would mean in practice. Clearly well intentioned, but hard to reason what outcomes this would actually contribute to, as written.

Create policy centered on Racism is a public health issue; Start honoring communities of color and reflect this in all the policy. You need to hire people of color who can be at the table to increase value.

Just looks like a repeat of the last question

These ideas are too nebulous and it's hard to tell what this means in practice, this could promote fairness or foolish decisions. Priorities for investment should always be based on a comprehensive assessment of risk/reward.

These should focus on all people, not just the ones determined "vulnerable"

Again, need more specifics and action steps rather than flowery language about being equitable.

Unfortunately, Alameda is going to be very vulnerable to climate problems in the future. The entire island is going to be impacted. I don't think it's a good idea to add housing in places that are going to be vulnerable to rising sea levels.

Any improvements to combat climate change are good. I don't think the perfect (ensuring that lower-income residents have a say, even if that includes me) should be the enemy of the good.

Why not protect folk now. Instead of just more platitudes.

lumping 2 subjects into one rarely works,

bad policy

Too communistic, overreaching.

I don't see how you can advocate for protecting the most vulnerable when you are building more housing, creating more congestion on the island, and building those homes on landfill and low elevations which will be flooded in 50 years. This seems completely misguided. Also, it is the wealthy who consume the most resources so when focusing on reducing Alameda's environmental or carbon footprint the best people to target for change are the upper and middle classes.

It's dominated by buzzwords and jargon; I don't know what it actually means.

It doesn't actually say anything.

Too general, how?

Why? What environmental differences are there?

I'm all for senior housing but, not low income housing. Why should someone that refuses to work or who doesn't pay taxes be afforded the live here at a reduced rate. This is unfair to every home owner that scrapped every penny to buy a house here.

yes it should be fair but no it should not prioritize more vulnerable. Then we will be in the trap of protecting homeless people from elements etc and that is not realistic. It has resulted in filth and crime and a more dangerous city.

Too much vague equity talk

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Enough with climate change!

You always put race last. It's an afterthought. Culture and age? Come on.

Why is the need of one community valued over another? And given the woke way this is worded you are going to dismiss my Opinion anyway

Just don't agree

Ugh, enough with the socialist mumbo jumbo. Have at least a semblance of consideration for how that sounds to regular, politically moderate people.

Why would we prioritize low income for climate change? We need to prioritize climate change period.

This sounds like a political power grab.

vague

"Vulnerable" people need to be processed into food for livestock. They are a burden on our society. Nature does this with every other species. Humans should be no different.

(see above)

skip

work harder

I do not believe that Alameda as a city has means to impact or protect itself from the climate change.

Don't know what this means

All Alameda residents should be considered, not just vulnerable communities

Another biased viewpoint

I do not think that more vulnerable people need to be higher priority than people that have worked very hard. There have been transitional homeless housing projects and they turned into be permanent. The west hand has the brunt of all of the low income and senior housing. It is not a fair distribution.