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Visioning Survey Report



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I Introduction

This report summarizes findings from a visioning survey conducted for preparation of the City of Oakland General Plan Update. The survey was conducted online and was available to the public from June 3, 2022 through July 11, 2022 through a link made available on the project website. The remainder of this chapter provides the context for the General Plan Update and demographics of survey respondents. Chapter 2 summarizes findings of the survey. Detailed responses to the questions, including all responses to the open-ended questions, are provided in the Appendix.

1.1 General Plan Update Context

The City is undertaking an update of its General Plan – its “constitution for development.” The current General Plan was adopted over 20 years ago, and the City and the broader context have changed dramatically since. The General Plan Update is an opportunity for all Oaklanders to work together to create a visionary blueprint for the future of the City over the next two decades. As a start, the City must acknowledge the burden of past practices on today’s Oakland, particularly on communities of color. This is an opportunity to begin the work to eliminate the root causes of inequity and undo the harms of the past.

The project is being undertaken in two phases. Phase 1 focuses on the Housing Element and Safety Element update, as well as the preparation of a new Environmental Justice Element, Industrial Lands Policy, Environmental Impact Report, and Planning Code and Zoning Map update. Phase 1 is slated to be completed by early 2023. Phase 2 will update the Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE), Estuary Policy Plan (the Land Use Element for much of the land below Interstate 880 along the Oakland Estuary), Open Space, Conservation and Recreation (OSCAR) Element, Noise Element, and preparation of a new Infrastructure and Facilities Element. Phase 2 of the General Plan Update is slated to be completed in 2025. A Racial Equity Impact Analysis (REIA) conducted before and during the development of General Plan elements will help ensure that policies, programs, and actions will prioritize historically marginalized communities and maximize equitable outcomes.

More information on the General Plan Update can be found at the City’s website: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/general-plan-update>.

1.2 Community Engagement and Survey

The Oakland General Plan Update will be successful when it reflects the goals and values of the community. Throughout the planning process, residents, employees, and visitors of the area have been invited to give feedback through multiple activities on ways the community can be more connected, equitable, sustainable, and economically vibrant.

The survey was open from June 3, 2022 through July 11, 2022 and received 488 responses in total. The survey included a mixture of short answer and prioritization/ranking questions, and multiple choice questions. The survey was also available in Spanish and Cantonese, which drew 10 and 9 responses each. The survey was not a scientific survey, meaning it did not follow standards typically followed in a scientific survey including sampling and representation, and therefore the conclusions and findings are not statistically representative of Oakland’s population. However, the information can serve as a valuable

reference for decisionmakers in evaluating priorities and issues that will inform policy development later on in the project.

The survey focused on identifying community priorities and recommendations for housing, mobility, economic development, conservation and open space, community facilities, and social equity in the General Plan. The survey was promoted through multiple avenues, including:

- Promotion on the project website
- Multiple e-newsletters to interested parties signed up to receive email notifications regarding the plan update
- Posts in Oakland's social media channels (Instagram, Twitter and Facebook)

1.3 Survey Respondent Demographics

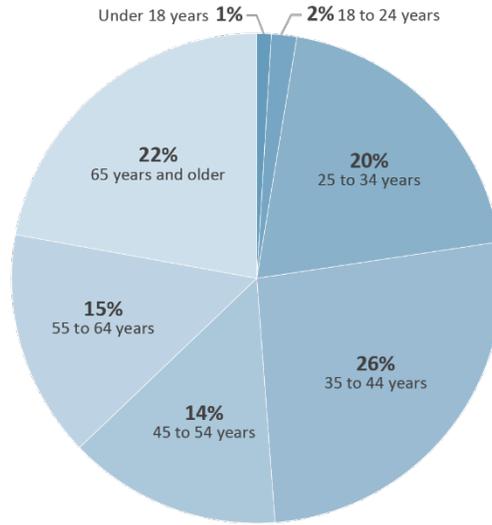
Four hundred eighty-eight respondents took the visioning survey, with an average of 457 responses per question. All demographic questions asked at the end of the survey were optional and did not receive complete participation; hence, the responses may not reflect the demographics of all respondents who answered other sections of the survey.

A. What is your age?

Respondents were asked to provide information regarding their age (Figure 1-1). Out of the 420 respondents, 26 percent reported being 35 to 44 years, 22 percent being 65 years or older, 20 percent being between 25 and 34 years of age, 15 percent being 55 to 64 years, and 14 percent being between 45 and 54 years of age. Less common age ranges included 18 to 24 years, and under 18 years of age, who each represented two and one percent of the respondents. Comparatively, more survey respondents were older than the City's demographics as a whole—19 percent of Oakland's current population is under 18, and 13 percent is over the age of 65.¹

¹ American Community Survey, 2021 1-year estimates

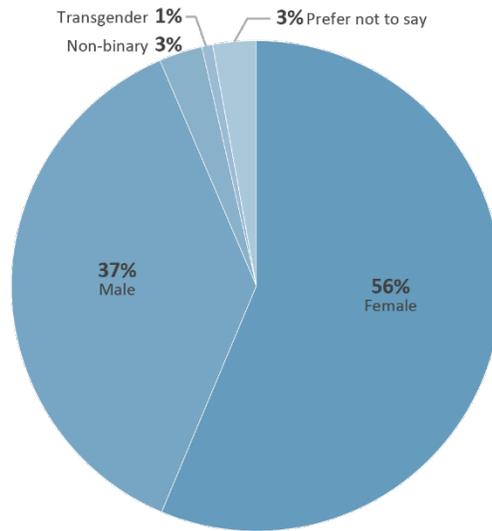
Figure 1-1: What is your age?



B. What gender do you identify as?

Respondents were also asked to provide information about their gender identity (Figure 1-2). The survey skewed more female than the citywide population, which is almost evenly split; 56 percent of the 419 survey respondents identified as female, 37 percent identified as male, three percent identified as non-binary, one percent identified as transgender, and three percent of respondents preferred not to answer.

Figure 1-2: What gender do you identify as?

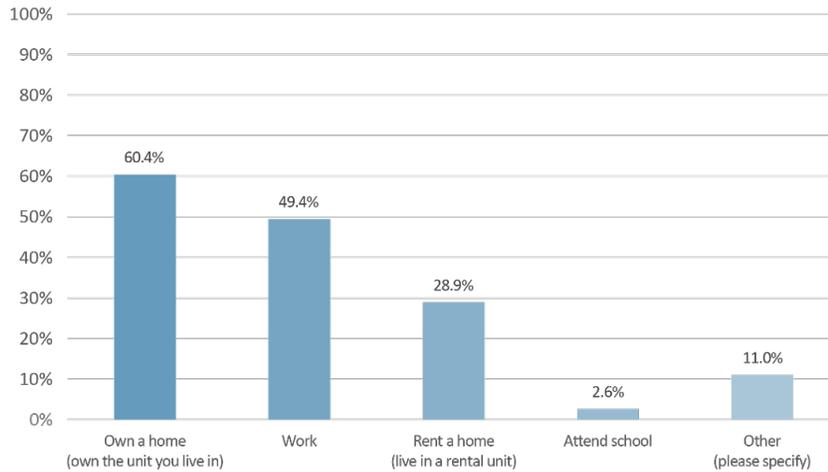


C. Do you _____ in Oakland? Check all that apply.

Respondents were also asked to describe their relationship to Oakland and were permitted to identify more than one relationship type among “Own a home (own the unit you live in),” “Work,” “Rent a home (live in a rental unit),” “Attend school,” and “Other.”

Figure 1-3 shows the percentage for total number of times a response was recorded; respondents who selected both work and attend school, for example, would be counted towards both categories. Of the 419 people who responded to this question, 60 percent identified as residents (homeowners), 49 percent were employed in the community, 29 percent identified as residents (renters), three percent attended school in Oakland, and 11 percent identified as something else.

Figure 1-3: Do you _____ in Oakland?



If other, please describe below.

Respondents who selected ‘other’, were prompted to specify in an open comment box. Among the 46 respondents who selected “other,” 15 percent are residents (but do not own or rent the unit they live in); 11 percent are business owners, and another 11 percent own rental property but do not live in Oakland. Other respondents included property owners, frequent visitors, volunteers, parents whose children go to school in Oakland, as well as former employees and residents. A full list of comments is provided in the Appendix.

D. If you live in Oakland, which zip code do you live in?

Of the 375 respondents that provided their zip code, 15 percent resided in the 94611 zip code, 12 percent resided in 94610, 10 percent in 94607 and another 10 percent in 94602. Other common zip codes included 94609 (nine percent), 94608 (seven percent) and 94618 (seven percent). The other 29 percent resided in a variety of zip codes as seen in Figure 1-5.

Figure I.4: Zip codes in Oakland

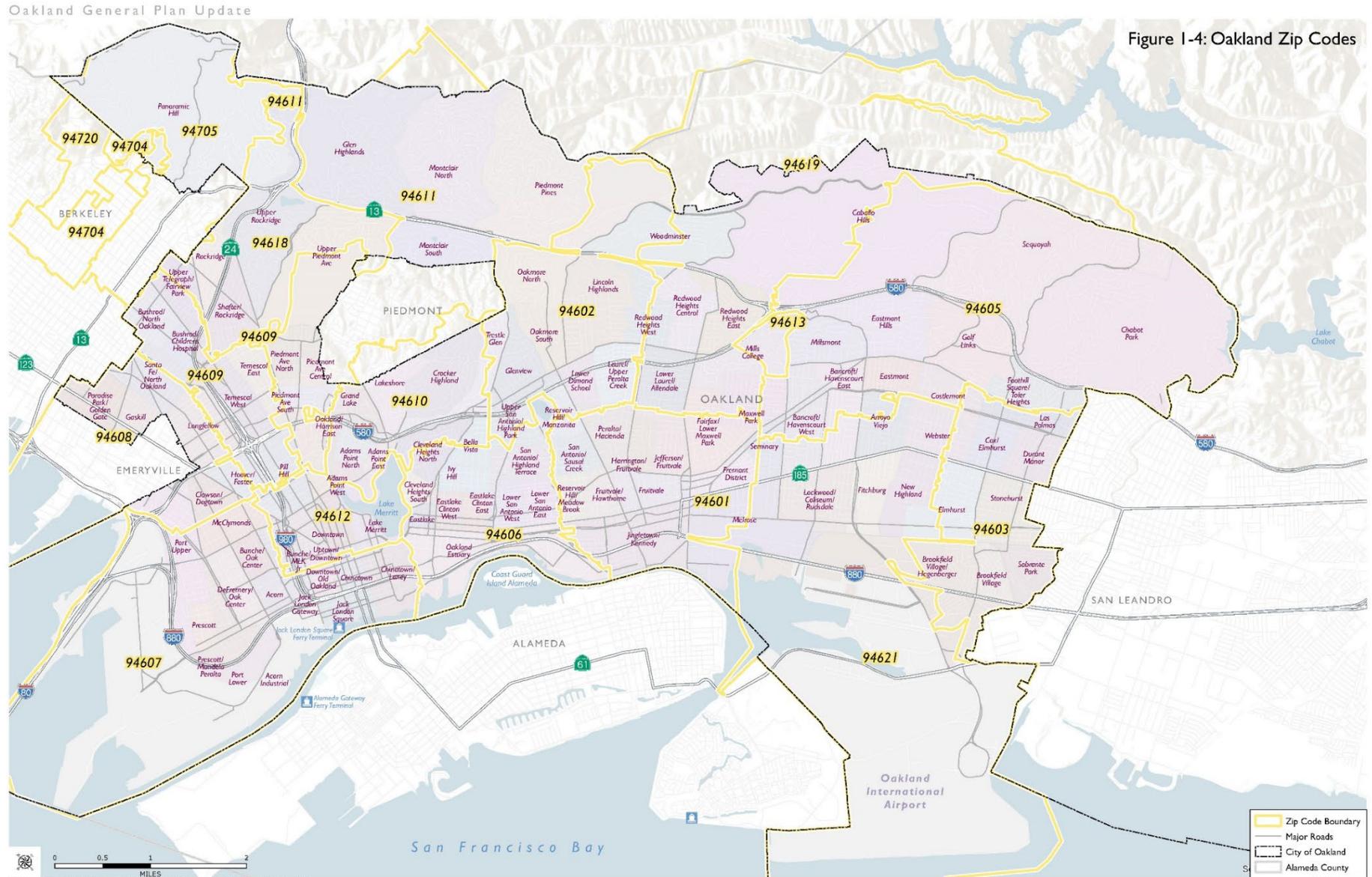


Figure I-4: Oakland Zip Codes

SOURCE: Census, 2020; City of Oakland, 2021; ALAMEDA County GIS, 2021; Dyett & Bhatia, 2022.

Figure I-5a: Which zip code do you live in?

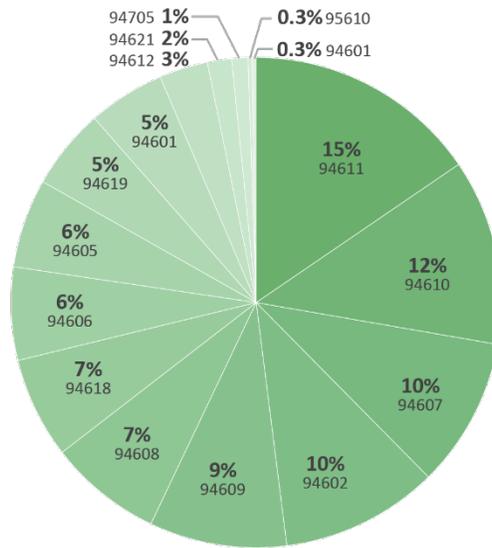
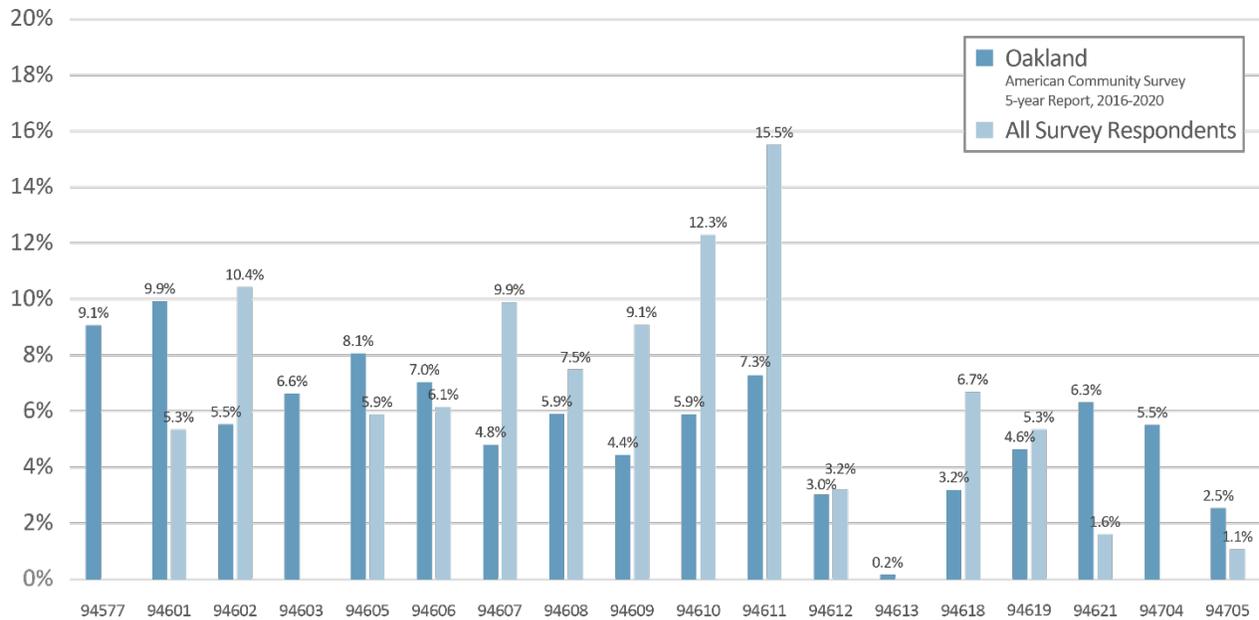


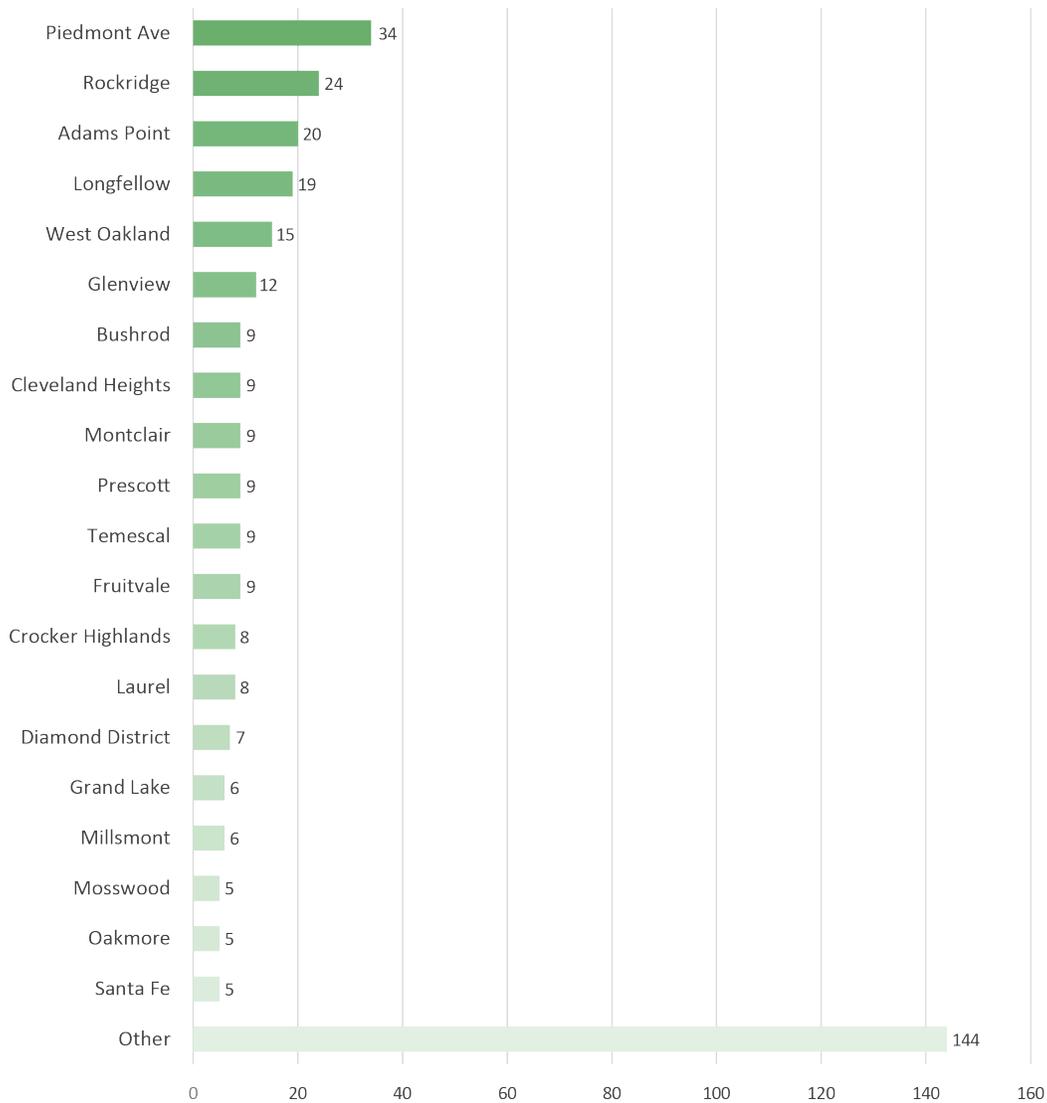
Figure I-5b: Which zip code do you live in? – Oakland vs. Survey Respondents



E. What neighborhood do you live in?

Respondents were then asked which neighborhood they resided in (Figure 1-6). Of the 372 respondents, nine percent resided in the area around Piedmont Avenue, seven percent in Rockridge, five percent in Adams Point, five percent in Longfellow, and four percent in West Oakland. Other common neighborhoods included Glenview (three percent), Bushrod (two percent), Cleveland Heights (two percent), Montclair (two percent), Prescott (two percent), Temescal (two percent) and Fruitvale (percent) as seen in Figure 1-6. A list of other neighborhoods mentioned by respondents is included in the Appendix.

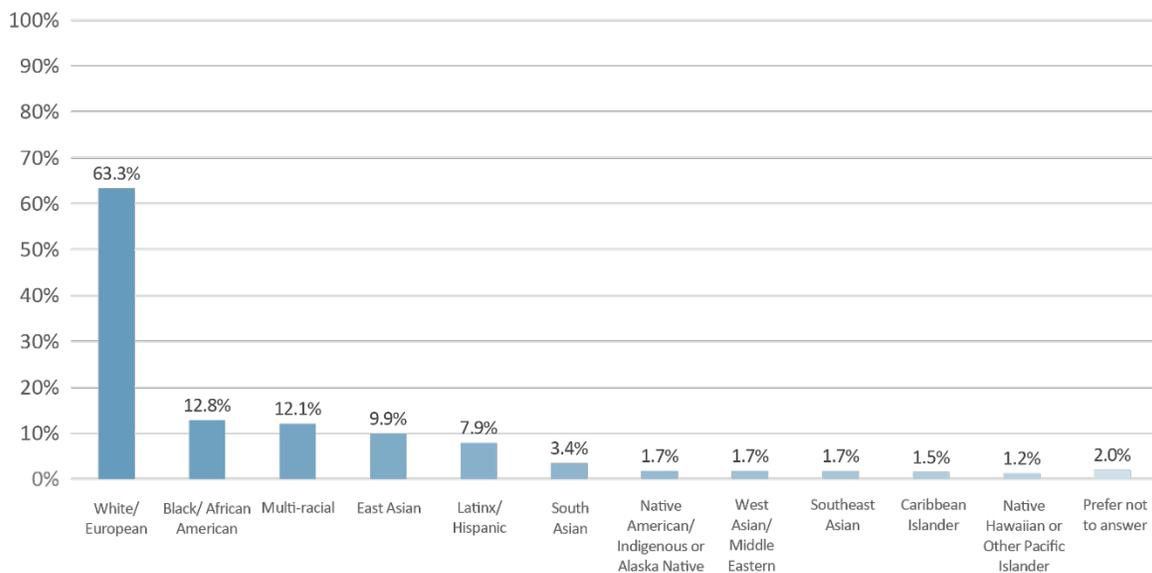
Figure 1-6: Which neighborhood do you live in?



F. Which of the following best represents your race/ethnicity? Please check all that apply.

Respondents were then asked to share information about their race/ethnicity (Figure 1-7). When given the opportunity to select a number of possible ethnic/racial identities, 406 people responded, out of which 63 percent identified as white; 13 percent identified as Black/African American; 12 percent identified as multi-racial, 10 percent identified as East Asian, and eight percent of respondents identified as Latinx or Hispanic (non-white or Black). Less common ethnicity identifications include South Asian (three percent), Native American/Indigenous or Alaska Native (two percent), West Asian/Middle Eastern (two percent), Southeast Asian (2 percent), Caribbean Islander (one percent), Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (one percent), and two percent of respondents preferred not to answer. Respondents who identified race and ethnicity in the survey were disproportionately white (63 percent as compared to the overall city percentage of 34 percent). Black/African American and Latino/Hispanic respondents were underrepresented compared to existing percentages of race/ethnicities in the city (making up 23 percent and 27 percent of the City’s population in 2021, respectively).² These results further reinforce the importance of using other means of engaging Oaklanders of color. Other direct community engagement outside of this online survey, including pop-up and other community events, have been conducted primarily with Black/African American, Asian, and Latinx/Hispanic communities. Event summaries are available at: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/meetings-and-events>.

Figure 1-7: Which of the following best represents your race/ethnicity?

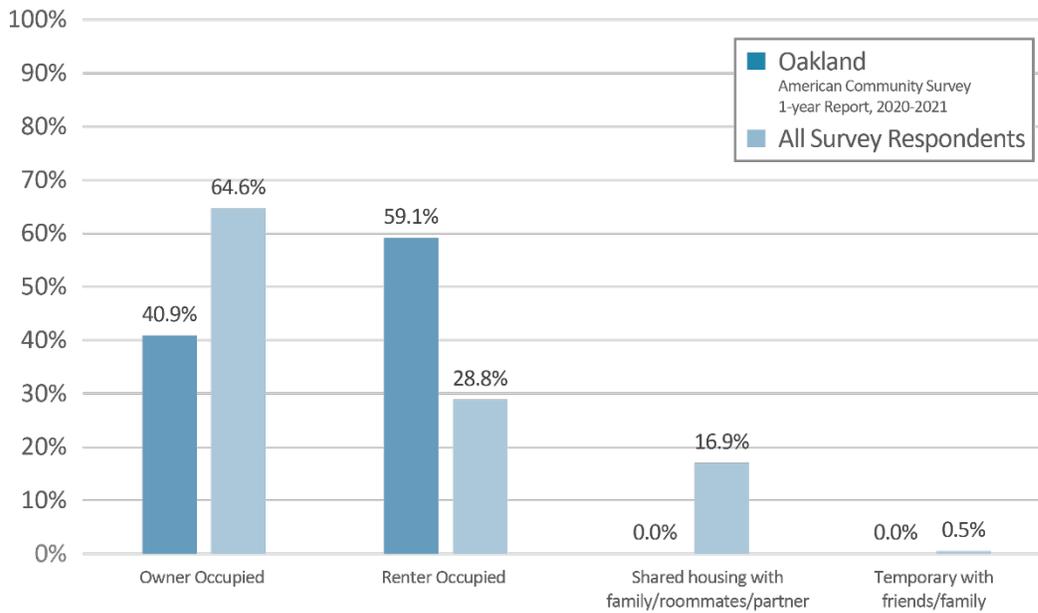


G. What type of housing do you currently live in? Check all that apply.

² Census and survey categories may not provide a direct comparison; for example, the Census collapses some categories.

Respondents were finally asked what type of housing they currently resided in. At 65 percent, the majority of the 413 respondents reported that they owned the dwelling they currently live in, while 29 percent rented and 17 percent shared housing with either family, roommates or their partner. The responses to this question indicate that there was a disproportionately greater number of property owners in the survey sample than there are in Oakland as a whole (40.9 percent), and that renters were underrepresented as seen in Figure 1-8.

Figure 1-8: Own vs. Rent – Oakland vs. Survey Respondents



Note: The ACS data only includes Owner/Renter Occupied data.

Source: United States (U.S.) Census, American Community Survey 1-year Report, 2020-2021

2 Survey Results

Highlights of the online survey are discussed and summarized below. The full set of responses to open-ended questions is included in the Appendix.

2.1 Analysis of Survey Responses

Survey participants were asked nine questions about their ideas and priorities for Oakland. Some questions were open-ended while others prompted respondents to rank their priorities among choices. Open-ended responses were synthesized and summarized to reveal broader patterns of responses.

The percentages below refer to the number of responses for that particular question or named the given subject in their response to an open-ended question. Many questions allowed participants to check multiple topics as priorities, and in some instances, respondents did not fully answer a question; thus totals may not add up or may add to more than 100 percent.

OVERVIEW

Question 1: What do you love about Oakland?

Key Takeaways: Respondents mentioned their love for Oakland's diversity, great year-round weather, the community and the wealth of culture.

When compared across the largest racial/ethnic groups who provided information (including White, Black, Latinx/Hispanic, and East Asian), Latinx/Hispanic respondents mentioned the culture, diversity, the people, and the weather. Black respondents mentioned Oakland's diversity, culture, and the sense of community. East Asian respondents wrote about their love for Oakland's cultural diversity, the variety of food, and its location. White respondents mentioned all of the above, as well as its proximity to open space and regional parks.

The survey began by asking respondents what they love about Oakland. Through 447 individual comments, respondents wrote enthusiastically about a variety of topics (Figure 2-1), including Oakland's diversity, climate, the community, culture, food as well as its proximity to parks and public spaces. A full list of comments is provided in the Appendix.

- **Diversity.** More than half of all respondents mentioned Oakland's diversity—including race, culture, economics, gender, neighborhoods, and perspectives—as one of its greatest strengths.
- **Weather/Climate.** About a quarter of respondents mentioned the great year-round weather and opportunity to enjoy the outdoors no matter the time of year.
- **Community/People.** Another quarter of respondents mentioned the character of the community as one of the things they love about Oakland, describing Oakland's community as being forward-thinking, down-to-earth, friendly, and accepting.
- **Culture.** Around a quarter of respondents also mentioned the Oakland's wealth in terms of culture, including diversity in art, music and creative spirit.
- **Food.** Building upon Oakland culture and diversity, respondents noted the variety of great food found in the city, from local small businesses, to restaurants and food trucks.

- **Proximity or Parks/Open Spaces.** Eighteen percent of respondents mentioned good proximity of parks and open space (including local and regional parks), and easy access to nature.
- **Other.** Other topics mentioned included Oakland’s location within the Bay Area, the diversity of its neighborhoods, its natural beauty, Lake Merritt and the activities that happen around it, as well as the general vibrancy and energy of Oakland. Less common topics mentioned by respondents included the libraries, access to services/amenities, great schools, the representation of BIPOC in elected office, and that it is not as crowded and hectic in comparison to San Francisco.

Figure 2-1: What do you love about Oakland?



Question 2: How do you envision the city in the year 2045?

Key Takeaways: Respondents envisioned a safer city with less to no crime, a city where issues related homelessness have been resolved, and a city with enhanced public transit that is accessible to all.

When compared across the largest racial/ethnic groups who provided information (including White, Black, Latinx/Hispanic, and East Asian), Latinx/Hispanic respondents wanted to see more affordable housing, cleaner streets, and less violence. Black respondents envisioned the city as still being diverse with less to no displacement of current residents; with more housing, jobs and businesses. East Asian respondents mentioned wanting to see a safer, sustainable and cleaner city, with accessible amenities for all. White respondents mentioned all of the above, along with wanted to see a denser, more walkable, with more street trees and paved streets.

The survey then asked respondents how they envision the city in 2045. Through 437 individual comments, respondents wrote about a variety of topics (Figure 2-2), including a cleaner Oakland, a city which has resolved homelessness, less crime, a safer city and better public transit. A full list of comments is provided in the Appendix.

- **Safer/Less Crime.** More than a quarter of respondents envision a safer city with less to no crime. A city with no trash on the streets, no graffiti on public or private property, regular street sweeping, and safe to walk and move around.
- **Resolve Homelessness.** 16 percent of respondents commented on homelessness and very seriously wanted to see the issue addressed in a meaningful way. Permanent housing, job training, and mental health services for unhoused residents were suggested solutions.
- **Enhanced Public Transit.** 13 percent of respondents envision Oakland with better public transit. Suggestions included additional BART and bus stops, more accessible buses with a higher frequency, and an overall expanded transit network.
- **Affordable Housing.** 12 percent of respondents mentioned the importance of building more affordable and low-income housing in Oakland so that housing is more affordable and flexible for everyone.
- **Other.** Other common themes included cleaner and better-maintained streets, better-maintained parks and open spaces, more jobs, and a pedestrian- and bike-friendly city that is still diverse, and that has enough housing for all. Less common topics mentioned by respondents included wanting to see lower rents, more sports teams, resources for the homeless, access to healthcare, and no more highways/freeways.

- **Safety.** 11 percent of respondents commented on Oakland’s need to resolve issues related to public safety. This includes creating safer neighborhood environments where kids can play outside, parents can walk their kids to school, as well as creating safe spaces for the youth.
- **More Housing.** Nine percent of respondents commented on the need for more housing in Oakland. Comments suggested including building a variety of housing typologies (multi-family, co-living spaces, accessible housing and high rise apartments) to provide opportunity for all people in Oakland to be housed.
- **Affordable Housing.** Eight percent of respondents mentioned the importance of building more affordable housing in Oakland. Several responses focused on different types of housing (such as co-living, duplexes, quadplexes, multifamily, modular, and mixed income types.)
- **Resolve Homelessness.** Seven percent of respondents commented on homelessness and very seriously wanted to see the issue addressed in a meaningful way. Permanent housing, job training, and mental health services for unhoused residents were suggested solutions.
- **Cleaning Up the City.** Seven percent of respondents want to see a cleaner city, with a focus on cleaning up trash in parks, public spaces, streets and areas around the lake, and improving air quality.
- **Other.** Other common themes included a desire for increased government accountability and more diverse leadership, sustainability and increased resiliency, better schools, improved public transit, and a focus on business development. Less common descriptions of Oakland’s future included respondents wanting to see a human scale city, with more trees, clean air, more mixed use development, more sports teams, and lower taxes.

LOOKING AHEAD

Question 4: How important are the following actions for the City of Oakland to take over the next 20 years?

The survey asked respondents how important each of the following actions were to them from a scale of “1 - not at all important” to “5 - very important”. Responses are shown in a descending order of highest to lowest priority in Figure 2-4. The actions shown below, in no particular order are:

- Prioritizing development of housing for lower-income (including extremely and very-low income) and moderate-income Oaklanders to promote affordability
- Investing in Oakland’s youth
- Attracting new employers and future-oriented businesses (such as biotechnology or green energy) to Oakland
- Improving connections (like roads, bikeways, sidewalks, or greenways) and ways to get around the city with a variety of transportation options
- Make communities feel safer and reduce community violence and crime through community-based solutions
- Promoting more and different kinds of housing (e.g. fourplexes or multifamily housing) in all neighborhoods, including those that are presently single family
- Preserving industries that provide middle-wage jobs, such as manufacturing jobs (like furniture making, or food processing), while minimizing impacts to nearby communities
- Finding solutions to house more Oaklanders without homes
- Promoting greater resilience to disaster, hazards, and climate change, such as wildfires and temperature swings
- Creating more green spaces and higher quality parks in the city
- Making it easier for existing small businesses to thrive and new small businesses to start up
- Adding more shopping, services, grocery, entertainment, and cultural uses to existing neighborhoods
- Preserving and supporting Oakland’s arts, culture, and historic resources
- Creating ways to help people and businesses remain in their homes and communities

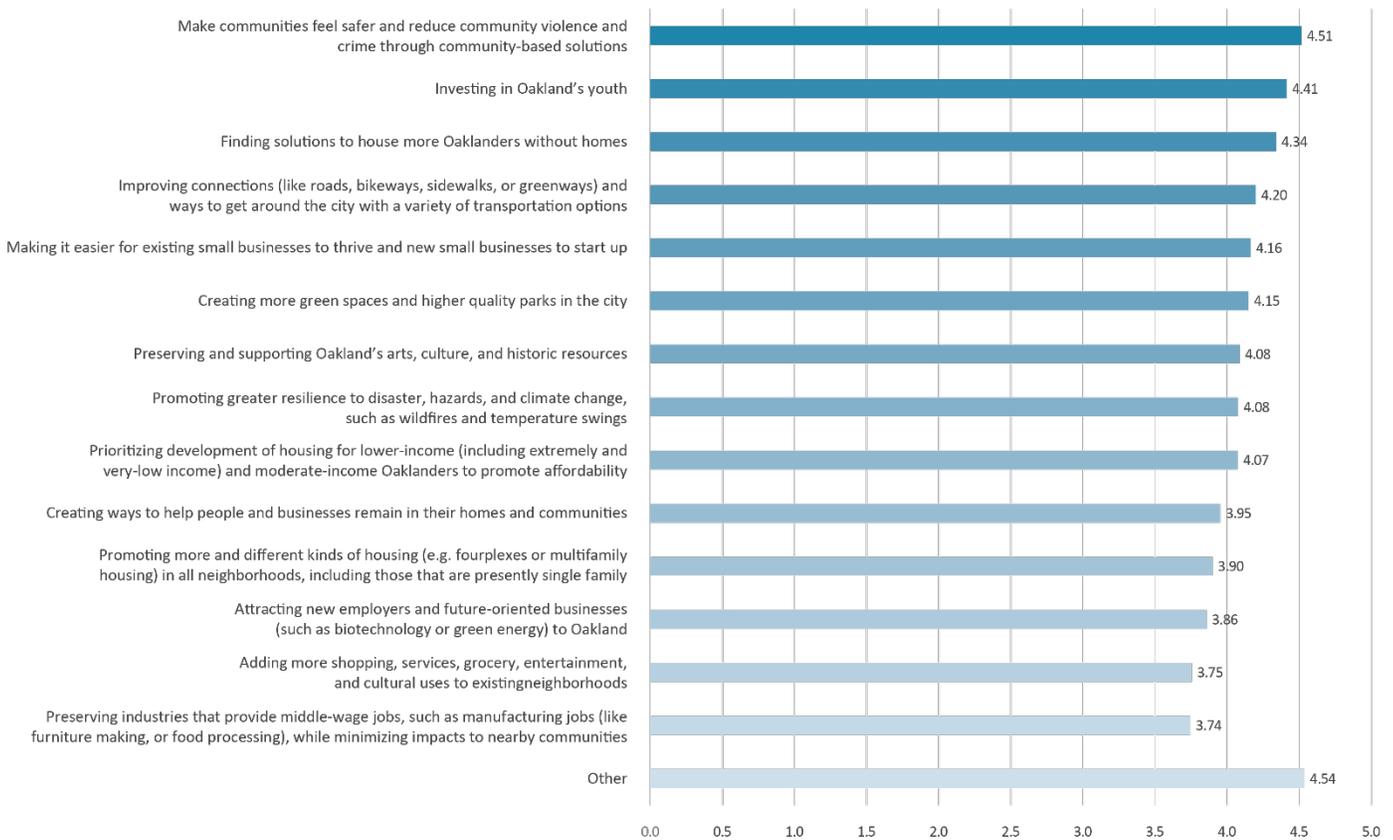
As shown in Figure 2-4, all 14 actions received strong levels of support, with none receiving an average score lower than 3.7 out of 5 as seen in Figure 2-4. ‘Make communities feel safer’ received the highest level of support with an average score of 4.51, with 89 percent of respondents ranking this statement as important or very important. Followed by ‘Investing in Oakland’s youth’, which received an average score of 4.41, with 88 percent of respondents ranking this statement as important or very important. ‘Preserving industries’ received the lowest amount of support with an average score of 3.74, and only 69 percent of respondents ranking this statement as important or very important.

When compared across the largest racial/ethnic groups who provided information (including White, Black, Latinx/Hispanic, East Asian, and Multi-Racial groups), Latinx/Hispanic respondents were more likely to indicate adding more shopping, services, grocery, entertainment, and cultural uses (48 percent of respondents); improving connections (68 percent of respondents); and making it easier for small businesses to thrive (60 percent of respondents) as very important priorities.

Black respondents were more likely to indicate more and different kinds of housing (63 percent of respondents); investing in Oakland’s youth (70 percent of respondents); attracting new employers and future-oriented businesses (51 percent of respondents); and making communities feel safer (75 percent of respondents) as very important priorities.

East Asian respondents were more likely to indicate improving connections (76 percent of respondents); investing in Oakland’s youth (69 percent of respondents); and making communities feel safer (88 percent of respondents) as very important priorities.

Figure 2-4: How important are the following actions for the City of Oakland to take over the next 20 years?



If other, please describe below.

Respondents who selected ‘other’, were prompted to specify in an open comment box. Among the 186 respondents who selected “other,” respondents mentioned wanting to see better schools, a better trained police department, a cleaner city with less trash in the streets and more trash cans, as well as a safer city with less crime and affordable/accessible healthcare. A full list of comments is provided in the Appendix.

WHERE WE LIVE

Question 5: Have you or your family members struggled with the following housing issues? Please check all that apply.

In response to salient housing issues, respondents could select multiple options including overcrowding, homelessness, displacement, and affordability, among others. As shown in Figure 2-5, 57 percent of respondents have faced issues related to affordability, 50 percent have struggled with issues related to environmental quality (poor indoor or outdoor air quality, noise, etc.), 19 percent have struggled with housing quality issues (such as mold, pests, lack of repairs, etc.), and another 19 percent have not been able to find housing they can afford near well-supported schools. Other common struggles including not feeling welcome in their community (16 percent), inability to find housing of the right size for family (15 percent), displacement (10 percent), homelessness (10 percent), and overcrowding (10 percent). Five percent of respondents or their family members have been unable to find housing that accommodates disability or mobility impairments. 25 percent of respondents selected other.

When compared across the largest racial/ethnic groups who provided information (including White, Black, Latinx/Hispanic, East Asian, and Multi-Racial groups), Latinx/Hispanic respondents were more likely to indicate an inability to find housing of the right size for their families (26 percent) when compared to white households (11 percent). Sixteen percent of Black respondents indicated struggles with displacement (compared to 8 percent of white respondents), and 30 percent reported feeling unwelcome in their communities (when compared to 13 percent of white respondents). Responses by the largest racial/ethnic categories are shown in Figure 2-5b.

Figure 2-5a: Have you or your family members struggled with the following housing issues?

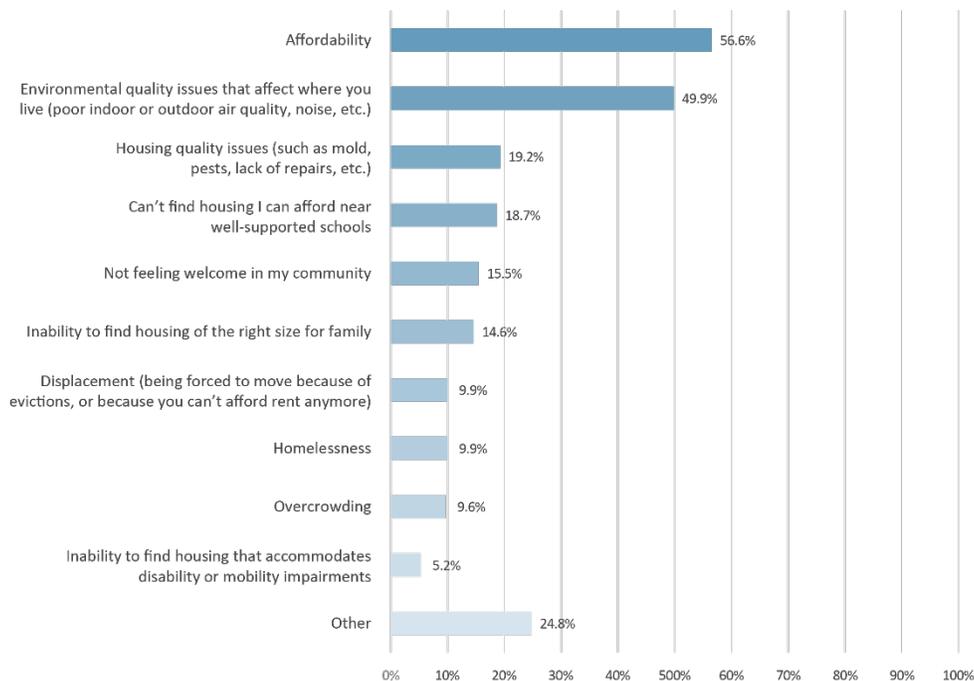
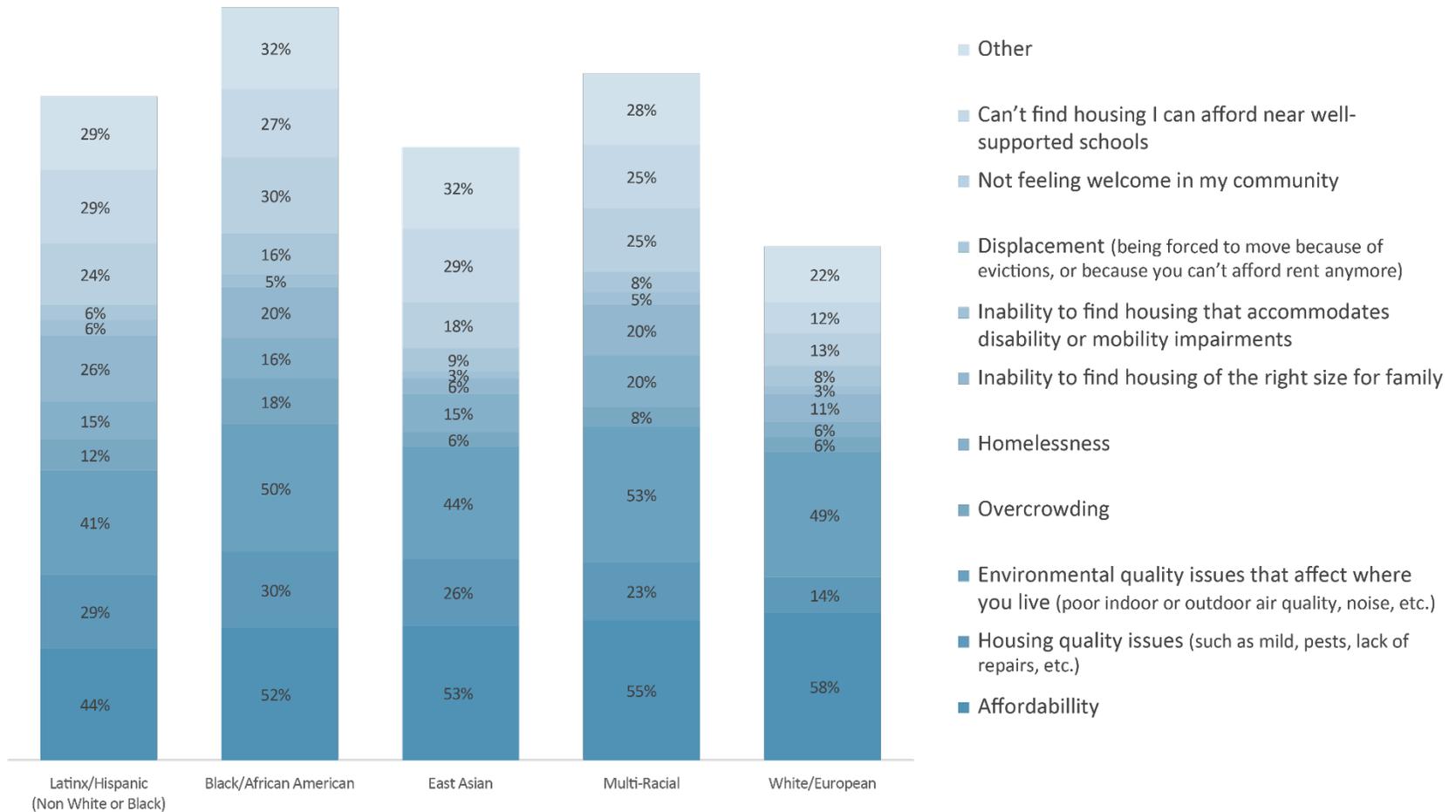


Figure 2-5b: Have you or your family members struggled with the following housing issues? Please check all that apply.



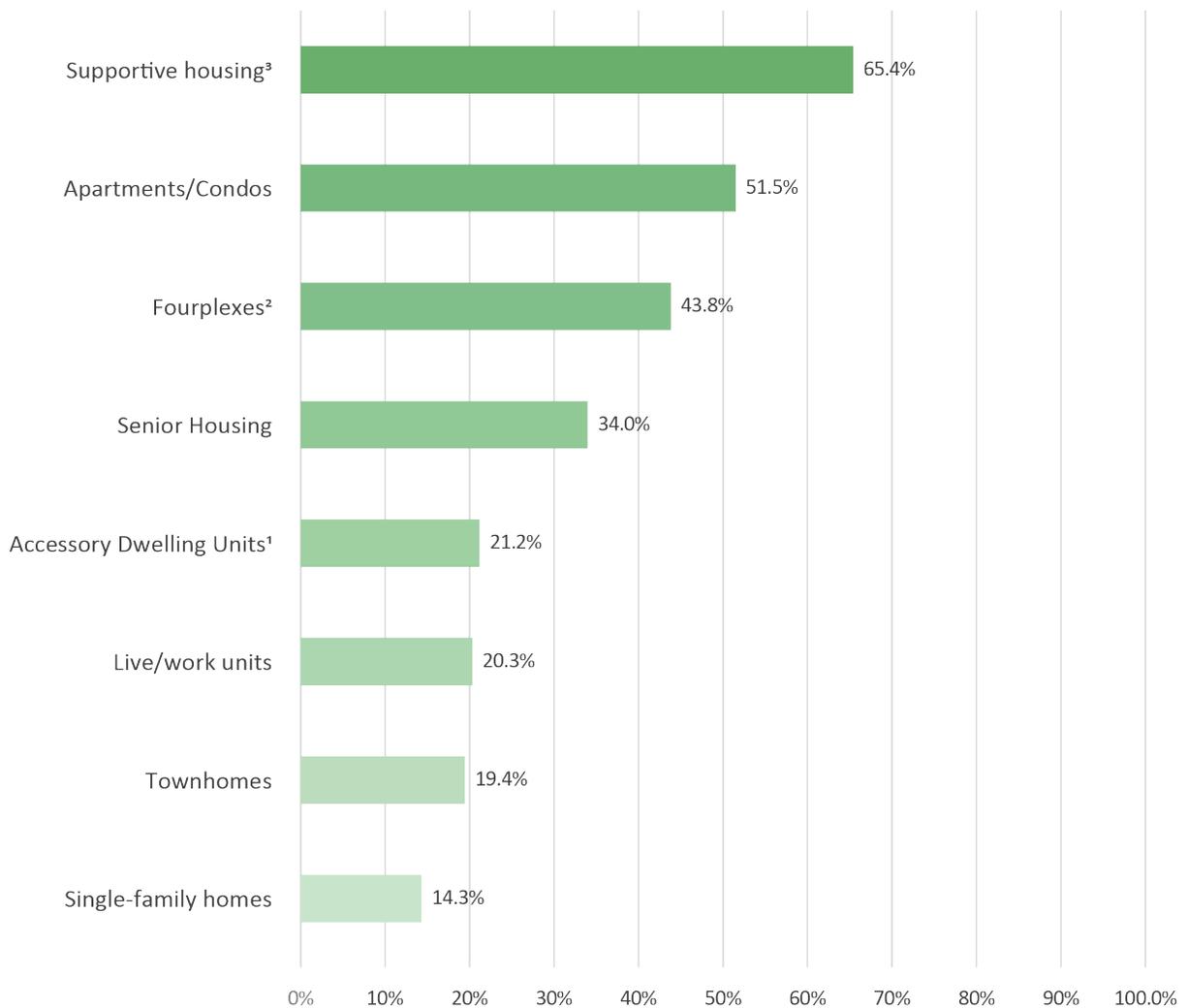
If other, please describe below.

Respondents who selected 'other', were prompted to specify in an open comment box. Among the 98 respondents who selected "other," 15 percent had housing issues related to safety and crime, (not being able to find housing in a safe neighborhood, feeling unsafe due to poorly lit streets, etc.), another 15 percent had issues in relation to affordability, and 11 percent have had no issues. Other comments mentioned addressing homelessness, better upkeep of public infrastructure, and not being able to find housing near amenities. A full list of comments is provided in the Appendix.

Question 6: Which types of housing do you think will be needed the most in Oakland over the next 20 years? Please choose your top 3 answers.

Respondents were then asked which types of housing they think would be needed the most in Oakland over the next 20 years, and were permitted to select multiple options. These included accessory dwelling units, apartments/condos, fourplexes, live/work units, senior housing, single-family homes, townhomes and supportive housing. Among the 468 respondents, 65 percent felt that supportive housing will be needed the most, followed by apartments/condos (52 percent), fourplexes (44 percent) and senior housing (34 percent). Housing typologies with less support include accessory dwelling units (21 percent), live/work units (20 percent), townhomes (19 percent) and lastly single family homes (14 percent) as seen in Figure 2-6.

Figure 2-6: Which types of housing do you think will be needed the most in Oakland over the next 20 years?



Notes:

¹ Small homes/structures on a lot of an existing home.

² Buildings that look like large homes but are divided into four housing units.

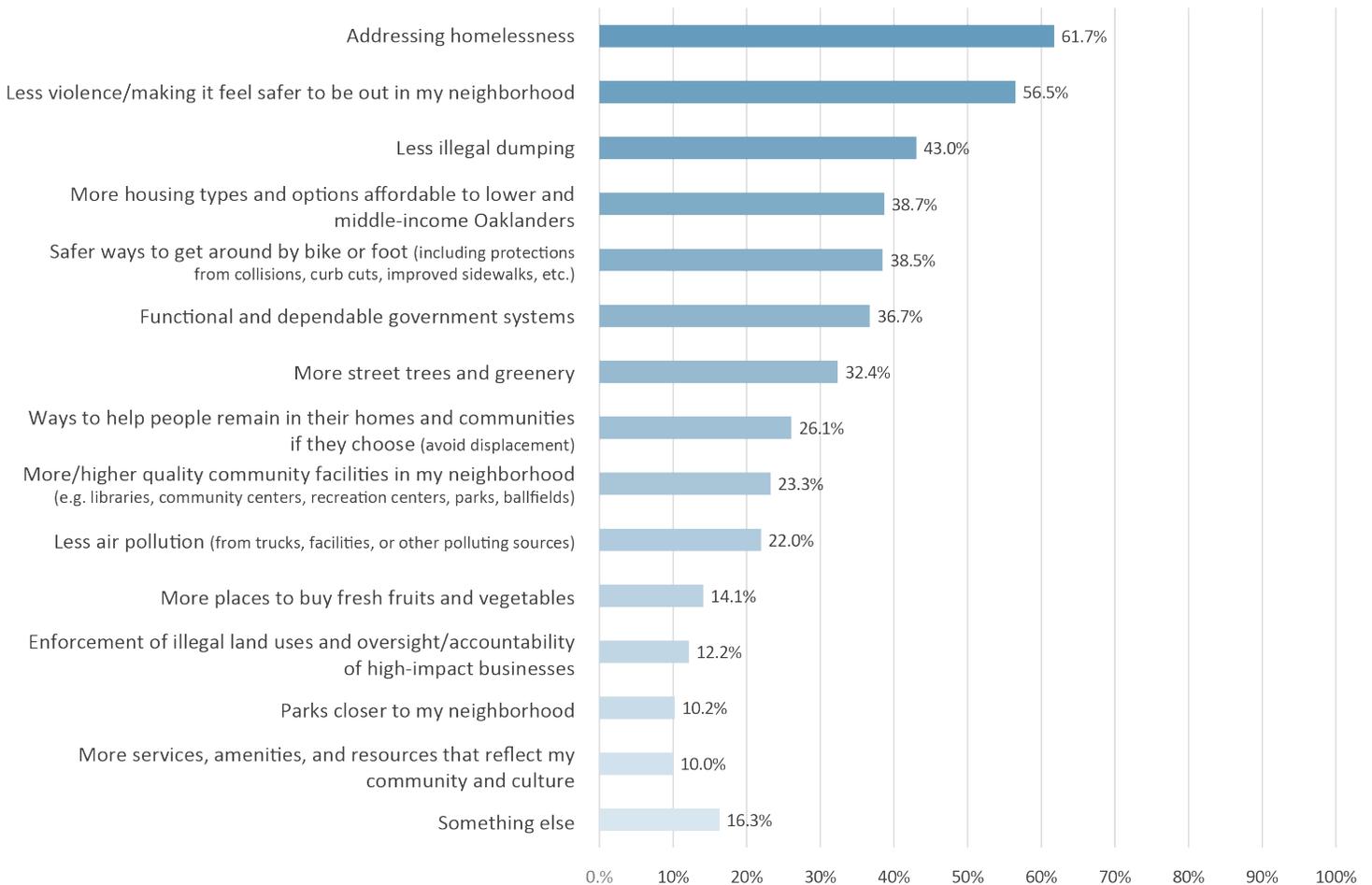
³ A combination of affordable housing with intensive coordinated services, particularly for people experiencing homelessness or people with disabilities.

OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Question 7: What things would most improve the quality of life in your neighborhood? Please select your top five responses.

Respondents were then asked which of the following options would most improve the quality of life in their neighborhood, and were permitted to select multiple options. Potential choices included issues related to housing, safety, parks and community facilities, and others. Of the 460 respondents, 62 percent indicated that addressing homelessness would make the biggest difference, followed by less violence/making it feel safer to be out in the neighborhood (57 percent) and less illegal dumping (43 percent). The fourth and fifth most frequently selected strategies for improving quality of life included more affordable and varied housing types, and safer ways to get around by bike or foot (both approximately 39 percent). The least frequently selected options included parks closer to neighborhoods, and services, amenities, and resources that reflect community culture (each at approximately 10 percent). These priorities are indicated in Figure 2-7a.

Figure 2-7a: What things would most improve the quality of life in your neighborhood?



For those respondents who reported zip code, Table 2-1 shows the top three quality of life issues.

Table 2-1: Top Three Quality of Life Issues by Zip Code

Zip Code	Top three quality of life issues (in order of frequency)
<p>94601</p> <p>Bartlett, Coliseum Industrial, Fairfax, Fairfax Business (Wentworth), Fremont, Fruitvale Station, Hacienda (Peralta Hacienda), Harrington, Hawthorne, Jefferson, Maxwell Park, Meadow Brook (Reservoir Hill), Melrose, North Kennedy Tract, Oak Tree, Patten, Sausal Creek, South Kennedy Tract, St. Elizabeth</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Less illegal dumping 2. Less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood 3. More street trees and greenery
<p>94602</p> <p>Bartlett, Dimond, Glenview, Highland Park (Lynn), Laurel, Lincoln Highlands, Meadow Brook (Reservoir Hill), Oakmore, Redwood Heights, Sausal Creek, School, Trestle Glen neighborhood, Tuxedo, Upper Dimond, Upper Laurel, Upper Peralta Creek, Woodminster</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addressing homelessness 2. Less illegal dumping 3. Less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood
<p>94605</p> <p>Arroyo Viejo, Bay-O-Vista, Caballo Hills, Castlemont, Chabot Park, Eastmont, Eastmont Hills, Foothill Square, Frick, Golf Links, Havensourt (Bancroft Business), Hegenberger, Hollywood (Sheffield Village), Leona Heights, Mills College, Millsmont, Northeast San Leandro (Northeast), Seminary, Sequoyah, Sheffield Village, Toler Heights</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Less illegal dumping 2. Less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood 3. Functional and dependable government systems
<p>94606</p> <p>Bella Vista, Cleveland Heights, Clinton, East Peralta, Highland Park (Lynn), Highland Terrace, Ivy Hill, Laney (Peralta/Laney), Meadow Brook (Reservoir Hill), Merritt, North Kennedy Tract, Produce and Waterfront, Rancho San Antonio, South Kennedy Tract, Tuxedo</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood; Less illegal dumping (tie) 2. Safer ways to get around by bike or foot; Addressing homelessness (tie)
<p>94607</p> <p>Acorn Industrial, Chinatown, City Center, Civic Center, Clawson, Downtown, Ironworks District, Jack London Square, Laney (Peralta/Laney), Loft District, MacArthur Maze (The Maze), Mcclymonds, Oak Center, Old City, Old Oakland, Prescott, Produce and Waterfront, Ralph Bunche, South Prescott, Waterfront Warehouse District, West Oakland</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood; Addressing homelessness (tie) 2. Less illegal dumping

<p>94608</p> <p>Clawson, Gaskill, Golden Gate, Hoover (Foster), Longfellow, MacArthur Maze (The Maze), McClymonds, Paradise Park, Santa Fe, West Oakland</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addressing homelessness 2. Less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood 3. Safer ways to get around by bike or foot
<p>94609</p> <p>Bushrod, Fairview Park, Hoover (Foster), Longfello, Mosswood, Pill Hill, Santa Fe, Shafter, South Berkeley, Temescal</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addressing homelessness 2. Less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood; More housing types and options affordable to lower/middle-income Oaklanders (tie)
<p>94610</p> <p>Adams Point, Bella Vista, Cleveland Heights, Crocker Highland, Gold Coast, Grand Lake, Harrison Street, Highland Park (Lynn), Ivy Hill, Lake Merritt District, Lakeshore, Lakewide, Trestle Glen, Waverly</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addressing homelessness 2. Less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood; More housing types and options affordable to lower/middle-income Oaklanders (tie)
<p>94611</p> <p>Claremont, Forestland, Glen Highlands, Grand Lake, Harrison Street, Merriwood, Montclair, Montclair Business, Piedmont Avenue, Piedmont Pines, Shepherd Canyon</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addressing homelessness 2. Less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood 3. Functional and dependable government systems
<p>94612</p> <p>Broadway Auto Row, City Center, Civic Center, Downtown, Gold Coast, Harrison Street, Hoover (Foster), Lake Merritt District, Lakewide, Northgate, Oak Center, Old City, Ralph Bunche, San Pablo Gateway, Uptown, Waverly</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addressing homelessness 2. Safer ways to get around by bike or foot 3. Less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood
<p>94618</p> <p>Claremont, College Avenue (College), Fairview Park, Hiller Highlands, Rockridge, Shafter, Upper Rockridge</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addressing homelessness 2. Less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood 3. Functional and dependable government systems
<p>94619</p> <p>Allendale, Caballo Hills, Crestmont, Laurel, Leona Heights, Maxwell Park, Redwood Heights, Sequoyah, Skyline - Hillcrest Estates, Upper Laurel, Woodminster</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood 2. Addressing homelessness 3. More housing types and options; Ways to help people stay in their homes (tie)

94621

Arroyo Viejo, Coliseum, Coliseum Industrial, East Shore (Hansen), Elmhurst Park, Fitchburg, Harbor Bay Business Park, Havensourt (Bancroft Business), Hegenberger, Highland, Lockwood Tevis, Seminary, Webster, Woodland

1. More housing types and options; Addressing homelessness; Parks closer to my neighborhood; More places to buy fruits/vegetables; Less air pollution (tie)

94705

Claremont, Claremont, College Avenue (College), Elmwood, Hiller Highlands, South, South Berkeley, Southside, Telegraph Avenue (Telegraph)

1. Safer ways to get around by bike or foot; Functional and dependable government systems (tie)
2. More housing types and options; Addressing homelessness; Less violence/making it feel safer (tie)

95610

Citrus Heights (Chase), Sunrise Oaks, Sunrise Ranch, Sylvan Old Auburn Road (Soar)

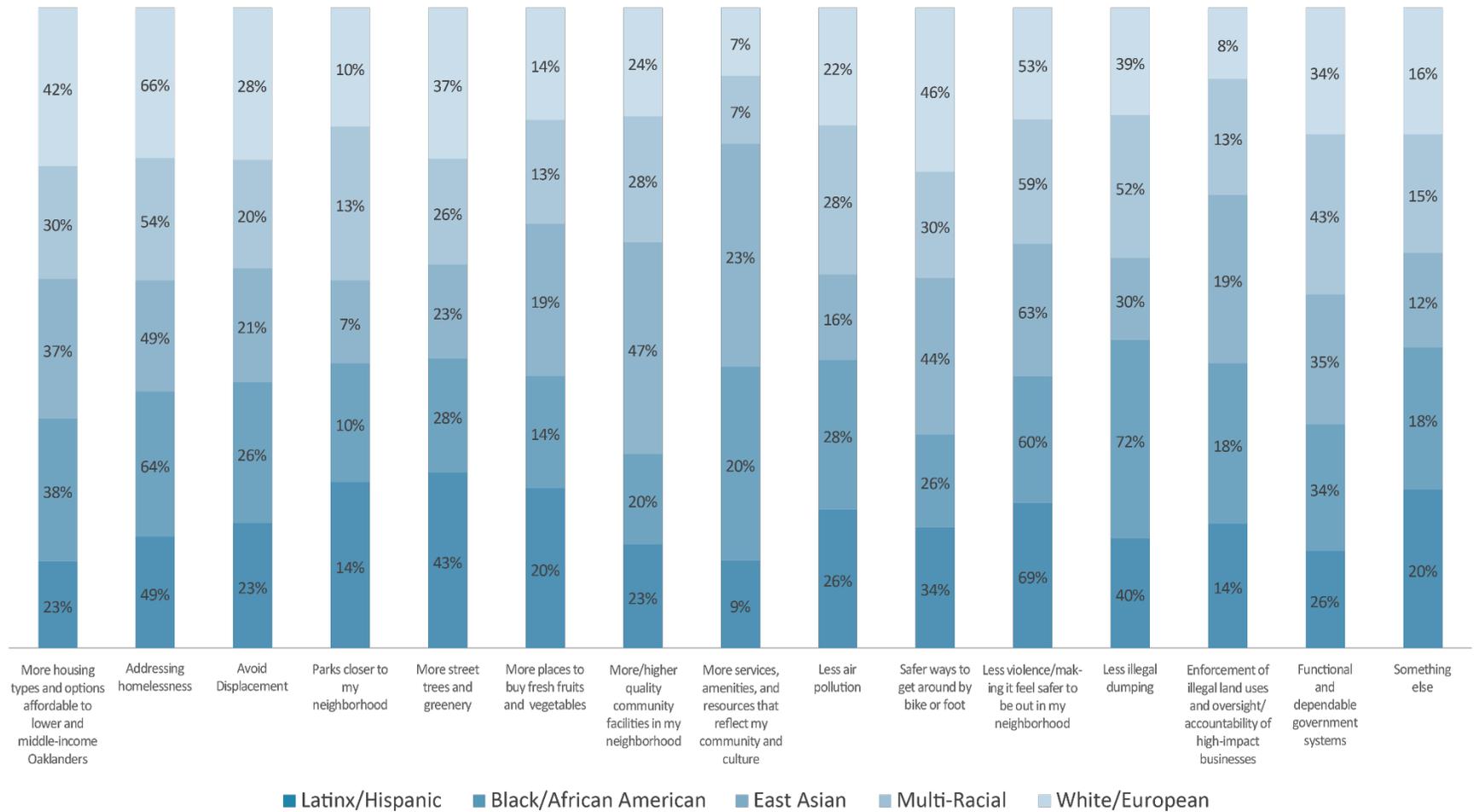
1. More housing types and options; More street trees and greenery; Safer ways to get around by bike or foot; Less violence/making it feel safer; something else (tie)

If something else, please describe below.

Respondents who selected ‘something else’, were prompted to specify in an open comment box. Among the 92 respondents who selected “something else,” 20 percent indicated that resolving issues related to crime would greatly improve their lives, followed by improving existing roads by repaving them, getting rid of potholes, and overall better road maintenance (12 percent), and cleaning up all the trash (11 percent). Other comments mentioned building more housing, supporting local businesses and better maintained parks. A full list of comments is provided in the Appendix.

When compared across the largest racial/ethnic groups that provided information (including White, Black, Latinx/Hispanic, East Asian, and Multi-Racial groups), Latinx/Hispanic respondents most frequently selected less violence/making it feel safer in the neighborhood (69 percent) as their top quality of life improvement. East Asian respondents were much more likely to select more/higher quality facilities in their neighborhoods (47 percent) than white respondents (24 percent). Black respondents most frequently selected illegal dumping (72 percent) and addressing homelessness (64 percent) as their top quality of life issues. Responses by the largest racial/ethnic categories are shown in Figure 2-7b.

Figure 2-7b: What things would most improve the quality of life in your neighborhood?



GETTING AROUND

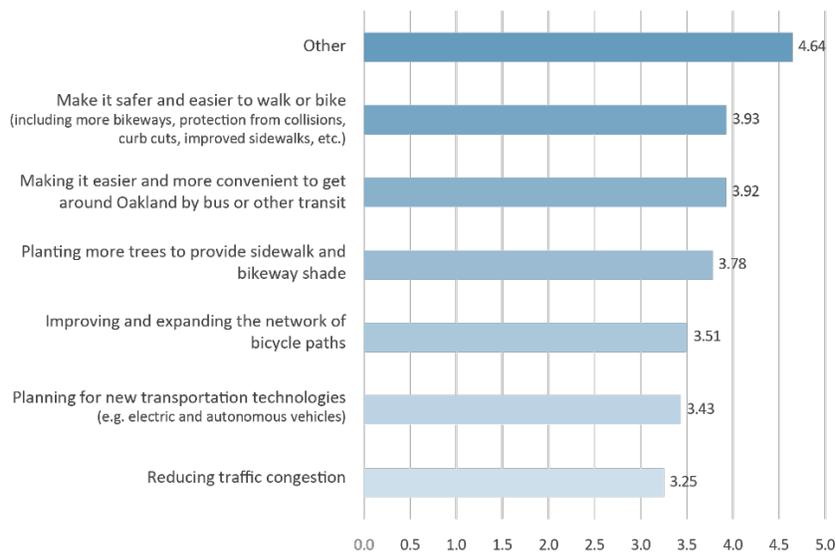
Question 8: Please indicate how important each statement is to you.

The survey then asked respondents how important each of the following statements were to them from a scale of “1 - not at all important” to “5 - very important.” Responses are shown in a descending order of highest to lowest priority in Figure 2-8. The statements were:

- Planting more trees to provide sidewalk and bikeway shade
- Make it safer and easier to walk or bike (including more bikeways, protection from collisions, curb cuts, improved sidewalks, etc.)
- Planning for new transportation technologies (e.g. electric and autonomous vehicles)
- Making it easier and more convenient to get around Oakland by bus or other transit
- Improving and expanding the network of bicycle paths
- Reducing traffic congestion

As shown in Figure 2-8, all six actions received strong levels of support, with none receiving an average score lower than 3.25 out of 5 as seen in Figure 2-8. ‘Make it safer and easier to walk or bike’ received the highest level of support with an average score of 3.93, with 74 percent of respondents ranking this statement as important or very important. Followed by ‘Making it easier and more convenient to get around Oakland by bus or other transit’, which received an average score of 3.92, with 73 percent of respondents ranking this statement as important or very important. ‘Reducing traffic congestion’ received the lowest amount of support with an average score of 3.25, and only 50 percent of respondents ranking this statement as important or very important. While generally there were not major differences by racial/ethnic group, Latinx/Hispanic respondents were more likely to indicate traffic congestion as a very important issue (39 percent of respondents) than other racial/ethnic groups.

Figure 2-8: Please indicate how important each statement is to you.



If other, please describe below.

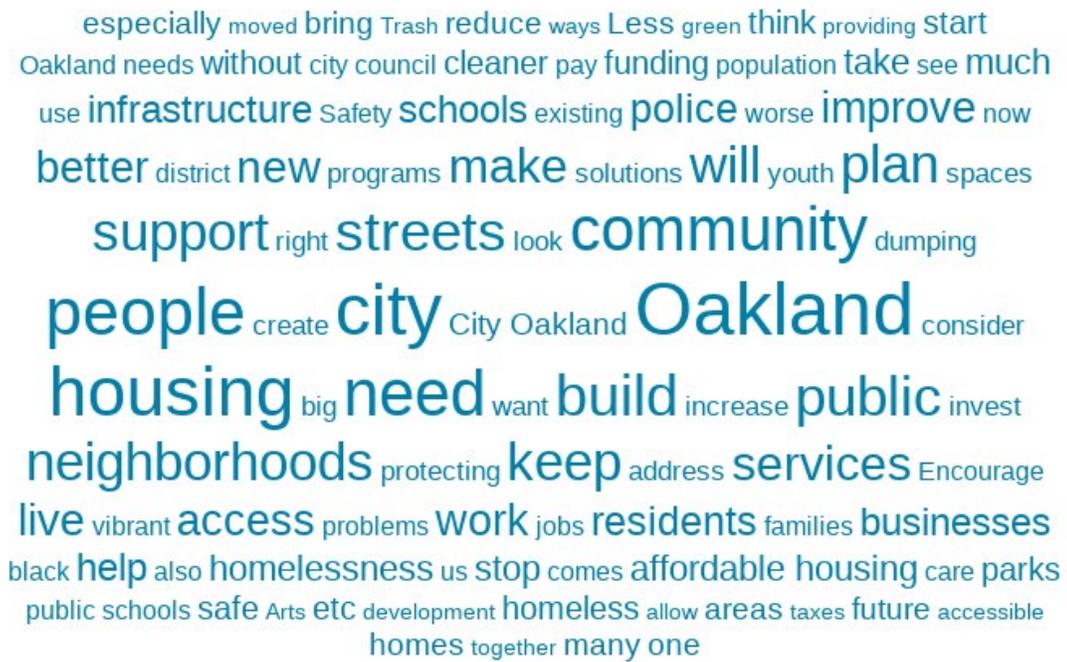
Respondents who selected ‘other’, were prompted to specify in an open comment box. Among the 114 respondents who selected “other,” 13 percent indicated that resolving issues related to crime and safety would greatly improve their lives, followed by improving existing roads by repaving them, getting rid of potholes, and overall better road maintenance (12 percent), and resolving traffic issues such as speeding, congestion and eliminating sideshows (12 percent). Other comments mentioned making Oakland more pedestrian friendly (11 percent), improving public transit (11 percent), less car dependency (seven percent) and better safer bike lanes (seven percent). A full list of comments is provided in the Appendix.

OTHER**Question 9: What else should be considered as the City of Oakland plans for the next 20 years?**

The survey ended by asking respondents if there was anything else that should be considered as the City of Oakland plans for the next 20 years. Three hundred and forty one respondents commented on this question. Comments covered a variety of topics (Figure 2-9) including concerns about crime and safety, addressing homelessness, cleaning up the city, well-funded schools and more housing. A full list of comments is provided in the Appendix.

- **Less Crime/More Safety.** 12 percent of respondents commented on Oakland’s need to resolve issues related to public safety. This includes creating safer neighborhood environments, as well as reducing crime to make sure the residents feel safe.
- **Resolve Homelessness.** Nine percent of respondents commented on homelessness and very seriously wanted to see the issue addressed in a meaningful way. Permanent housing, job training, and mental health services for unhoused residents were suggested solutions.
- **Clean Up the City.** Nine percent of respondents want to see a cleaner city, with a focus on cleaning up trash in parks, public spaces, streets and areas around the lake, and improving air quality.
- **Well-Funded/Better Schools.** Eight percent of respondents want to see the city investing in its public schools, making sure everyone has access to a proper education, and find a better way to recruit teachers.
- **More Housing.** Six percent of respondents commented on the need for more housing in Oakland. Comments suggested including building a variety of housing typologies (dense housing, high rise apartments, mid-rise apartment, townhomes, ADUs, social housing and subsidized housing) to provide opportunity for all people in Oakland to be housed.
- **Other.** Other common themes included a desire for more affordable housing, improved public transit, investing in public services, climate resiliency and attracting new businesses to Oakland.

Figure 2-9: What else should be considered as the City of Oakland plans for the next 20 years?



2.2 Next Steps

Responses from this online survey and input from other community outreach activities, including community workshops, pop-ups and other events, stakeholder interviews, and additional online engagement, will help inform the development of project alternatives and strategies and policies in the updated General Plan.

3 Appendix: Open-Ended Responses

C. Do you _____ in Oakland? Check all that apply. Other (please specify):

Live and work
I am born and raised in Oakland
Own a four-plex in Oakland, and lived in it
Live with my brother and help him with rent & groceries.
Rent a room in a home.
Moved to another county after living in Oakland for 40+ years. Still own residential property in Oakland.
I used to own a home until the greedy bankers took it from us. I don't think I will ever be able to afford to buy another house in this city again due to the outrageous housing market and low wages.
travel to east bay locations for work on BART
Own a business
visit
No
Pay taxes
Go to church
Rent an apartment
Rent to own from a long-time Oaklander family member
Visit Oakland. I live in a nearby insulated town, and visit often to watch A's games.
I'm self-employed and live in the house that my partner owns.
I have worked in Oakland went to school in Oakland I have been in Oakland all my life.
Retired from working in Oakland and have lived in rental and owned units.
Visit/Shop/See family
I lived in Oakland for 4 years and recently moved to another town nearby
own a business
Live in family home
Disabled
Own a business in Oakland
provide housing for others (i own a duplex in addition to the home in which i live)
Rent from family
Affordable Housing Advocate/Community Organizer
Provide free services to Victims of Crime
Own a business
Child attends school
ardent volunteer to schools, elections, human rights
Rent or my home. Live in partners home.
retired after working in Oakland
Have lived here all my life. Now I am thinking of moving, so disgusting.
Own rental housing

Retired
Elected member of a community group board.
Own a business for 32 years
Parent two OUSD students
Moved out because of crime
Past and hopefully future Oakland resident. I own a home which is currently rented out.
own one rental unit and one home as part of duplex (owner-occupying small landlord) as well as longtime Oakland resident, previous renter
Own rental property
Live
Resident of Oakland.

E. What neighborhood do you live in? Other (please specify):

Allendale	4
Downtown Oakland	4
East Lake	4
Fairfax	4
Lake Merritt	4
Lakeshore	4
Redwood Heights	4
San Antonio	4
Golden Gate	3
Jack London	3
Lower Bottoms	3
McClymonds	3
Piedmont Pines	3
Upper Dimond	3
Uptown	3
Chinatown	3
Lakeside	3
Brooklyn Basin	2
China Hill	2
Claremont	2
Clawson	2
Clinton	2
Dogtown, West Oakland	2
East Oakland	2
Frick	2
Jingle Town	2
Leona Heights	2

Malcolm Hill	2
Maxwell Park	2
North Hills	2
Piedmont	2
Reservoir Hills	2
Upper Rockridge	2
Bartlett	1
Bella Vista	1
Broadway-Auto Row	1
Castlemont	1
Crestmont	1
Coliseum	1
Deep East Oakland	1
Fitchburg	1
Foothill/Sausal Creek	1
Forestland	1
Gaskill	1
Grand Ave	1
Haddon Hill	1
Harrington	1
Havenscourt	1
Hillcrest Estates	1
Ivy Hill	1
Jefferson-Fruitvale	1
Kono	1
Lincoln Highlands	1
Lincoln Heights	1
Lower Dimond	1
Lower Glenview	1
lower Golf Links/Foothills	1
Meadow Brook	1
Melrose	1
near Alcatraz	1
near temescal	1
North Oakland	1
Oak Knoll Golf Links	1
Oak park	1
Old Oakland	1
Paradise Park	1
Parkridge Estates	1
Peralta Hacienda	1

Rose Garden	
San Antonio	
Sausal Creek (D5)	
School	
Sequoyah	
Shafter	
Tuxedo	
Woodminster	
Other	4
<i>Survey (Spanish Translation) Responses</i>	
Glenview	
Fruitvale	
83 ave	
Longfellow	
Lincoln Heights	
No se como se llama	
San Antonio	
<i>Survey (Cantonese Translation) Answers</i>	
MacArthur Blvd	
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湖边。	
Coliseum	
China town	

I. What do you love about Oakland?

Diversity, neighborhoods with personality, historic houses and buildings, spirit of volunteerism, community connections, all the artists (though we are losing them as live-work spaces shut down and housing becomes more expensive).
The geographic terrain that make west, north, and east Oakland unique. Ethnic diversity in block parties and events that celebrate culture, music, arts, dance, and food. Strong CBO and Community relationship to be innovative and stand together.
Location, ethnic demographic, weather,
Location on the bay, best weather
diversity of neighborhoods for living and working
Diversity. Proximity to natural beauty.
diversity, walkability (compared to many other us cities), bike infrastructure, east bay regional parks district, proximity to other cities and great nature!
The diversity of racial and ethnic backgrounds. The hills, parks, creeks, and lake. The walkable neighborhoods. The great food.
It's parks, culture, diversity, walkability, lake
Cultural diversity - Restaurants, event venues, small businesses, movie theaters
Plus parks, beauty etc.

Love the diversity.
Neighborhoods, location at center of region, weather, people, urban feel
Temescal neighborhood.
Diversity, food, proximity to SF & Berkeley, Lake Merritt, farmers markets
Proximity to SF but cheaper rent.
Year round sunshine and outdoor activities.
Lake Merritt
Nice suburban area, not overly crowded like SF.
Diverse cultures of friendly people, variety of art appreciation
It's a diverse, vibrant, beautiful, urban city. International cred, local community, and a historic sense of place.
The vibrancy. The people. The amenities. The vibe. All it has to offer.
"Diversity of people and activities. Natural spaces. Weather. "
Beauty, diversity, history, architecture of neighborhoods. Devotion to culture & arts. Food!
Beautiful setting and good weather
The sun, the fun and friendly neighborhoods, and the diversity of residents
The weather and food.
It's diverse population and what it offers to the Bay Area- culture, food, thought, and innovation.
The cultural diversity. Also being a Shiloh church member is like having heaven on earth.
Climate, people, restaurants, parks
Weather and diversity
Right not much
Diversity of people, food, housing options, activities.
The Museum.
Lake Merritt and the different neighborhoods
Nice weather. Good Chinese food and markets. Easy Transportation both air & land. Nice lake & great ice cream
It's diversity, culture, location, size, Lake Merritt, everything.
Diversity - open spaces and parks - the vibe, make sure to let people express themselves and have fun
It's diversity. It's relatively warm weather. It's Cuban salsa scene. Bike East Bay. Lake Merritt. Brooklyn Basin public space. East Bay Regional Parks.
The weather and things to do!
Diversity, not a ton of tourists, food, lake Merritt, cultural opportunities
Kind of like a city but not really
Diversity, culture, weather
diversity, vibrance
The people
Weather and access to Northern California.
Diversity
Easy access to beautiful nature, trails, etc., easy to get around town on foot or by bike, lots of great restaurants, stores, my friends live here :)
Diversity of people, good food, low(er) housing prices
Its beautiful location in the hills and its diversity.
Diversity, walkability, climate, neighborhood

It is multicultural, it has a long history of art and protest, it has distinct and interesting neighborhoods, a lot of the art and institutions are accessible to people, it has character, the lake is beautiful, it feels like people can be themselves.
Community, diversity, nature, food, culture
Diversity, progressive politics, food/art/culture - especially led by PoC
culture, weather, food, it's not San Francisco, waterfront, Lake Merritt, access to Redwoods, nightlife scene
I love the diversity of people and history, and the longevity of visions that make what we have that much more special.
Diversity, weather, culture
Culture, food, diversity
The people! It's so diverse. Also the green space and hiking paths. I also love the restaurants and night life, great bars and clubs!
the diversity
The weather, Lake Merritt, East Bay Regional Park District, Grand Lake Farmer's Market, the diversity of dining options and entertainment options.
The people and the vibe
Food, weather and people.
Diversity of community, proximity to open space, different restaurants, small independent shops
Diversity of people, regional parks and waterfront
The people! The grit, the geography, the scale (not too big, not too small)
The weather, different neighborhoods, variety
Diversity of cultures
The people
Diversity of residents, geography, neighborhoods; easy access to different transportation modes; proximity to SF Bay and the East Bay hills.
The people climate architecture
Location, weather, restaurants, proximity to open space (thanks East Bay Parks!)
The culture, the food, the diversity.
Everything. The food, nightlife, festival, the original culture
The people, Lake Merritt,
The weather, the views, the parks, the entertainment, the culture.
Oakland feels like home.
Its diversity, Its access to great city and regional parks, its great food scene
Food, diversity of people and neighborhoods, art, murals, DIY venues, proximity to nature, parks, the lake, mutual aid groups, general vibe.
The diversity of people, culture, food.
The people, the food, the bars, the culture, the diversity, the climate, the lake, the redwoods, the Oakland Museum.
Not much
Vibrant diverse (racially, economically, with activities, politics) city that seeks to struggle with our biggest issues and problems (homelessness, racism, climate change)
Geographical location, weather, general quality of life
Different dining options
Diversity, weather, rich variety of things to do and see.

The small businesses, community, and progressive beliefs.
Creativity, people-power, authenticity, small businesses, beauty.
The diversity.
My neighborhood, my neighbors, the Splash Pad farmers market. The Estuary.
The food, people, diversity, and weather.
Location in the bay, natural beauty, historic
Its diversity.
Diversity, liberal mindset, people have ideas similar to mine
Diversity
It's diversity; outdoor space;
The weather, how bike-able it is, how I can walk/bike to grocery stores, Kaiser doctors, etc.
Its diversity and arts/culture venues and opportunities. The Lake Merritt pedestrian path (if only it would be kept clean and free of trash and garbage dumping).
It used to be camaraderie in the neighborhood.
So many different things and people
Location, weather, good transit, walkability, diversity
Climate, diversity, location in the dynamic Bay Area with great jobs and schools.
Diversity, natural beauty of hills and bay, trails, mountains, architecture, climate
It's grittiness combined with love for all. Oaklanders aren't "high and mighty;" we recognize our flaws.
It's diversity of culture and especially food. Interesting and sometimes hidden neighborhoods.
the diversity, the energy, the caring, the beauty, the location
The weather and the diversity of people
Diversity
Diversity, vibrant urban culture, growth and growth potential (development), food scene - quality restaurants, Bay Area location - central.
The community, history and food
Diversity of people and life experiences; great food; arts; I love my neighborhood and the nearby parks
Beautiful location with great weather.
neighborhoods, diversity, history, food
The Culture and Diversity.
The diversity of the population. The access to wonderful Lake Merritt and Jack London Square. Access to good restaurants and libraries.
I love the diverse community.
I love that Oakland is a start of a loving community, is always open to helping each other even though sometimes it's hard to see it.
The diversity of its people
Nothing. Very disgusting and disappointed. I wish I could afford to move.
The City's rich cultural diversity, the art community, the beauty of Oakland's natural setting
The diversity of interesting and engaged people, the district communities that have restaurants/shopping unique to them, Lake Merritt, Rose Garden, Regional Parks hiking areas, Parks and Rec., generally progressive citizens and politicians, and the great weather.
Location

Diversity of people, diverse neighborhoods with distinct vibes/cultures, proud history as a Black rights and protest town.
Diversity. Retail corridors. Food haven. Lake Merritt. Port of Oakland. Oakland A's.
The people, the weather, the potential
Its vibrancy, diversity, beauty, and proximity to things I love about living in the Bay Area.
Everything. Diversity.
The redwood groves. The diverse racial makeup. The diverse cultural upbringings.
The diversity of the people and food/culture they bring to the city.
Diversity
Diversity, natural beauty, vibrant downtown
diversity in terms of population but also landscape. lots of parks to hike, parks to play
Single family homes.
Nature - redwoods, diverse
The diversity, weather, proximity to beach and hills, green spaces and trees, and the open diverse culture.
I am an Oakland native and I love just about everything about the city with the exception of gun violence.
Proximity to other parts of the Bay Area, the food scene, the diversity of its people
The diversity of the people
There's still Black people here. There's still are still thriving subcultures here, for now.
I love the people who live here. It's always felt a little more down-to-earth compared to other parts of the Bay. And I think that's because for a long time, the East Bay was the affordable part of the bay, so it attracted more people from all walks of life here. For example, I find restaurants are better here because it's (comparatively) cheaper to open a business here, so chefs are willing to take more risks and be more creative with their dishes. The same goes with arts, entertainment, you name it. It's a creative enclave, and that's because it's been the affordable enclave for so many in the Bay Area. And I think it's important the "town" keep its people at the center when thinking ahead to the year 2045.
diversity of its people
My husband and I both grew up in the Bay Area and will raise our child here. It feels like home and we can't imagine living anywhere else. We like living in a lively, diverse area with both city life and natural beauty.
Culture of caring for one's neighbor, access to nature
The weather, the Bart, but mostly because of the A's.
Diversity, culture, food, access to nature
Climate, park access, diversity, friendliness
I love the diversity, food (from haute farm to table cuisine such as Commis to food trucks), art, music, public spaces like Lake Merritt and Brooklyn Basin, and regional parks with Sibley, Redwood Regional, and Joaquin Miller.
Diversity, weather. I love some of the parks. The different neighborhoods
Culture and lake Merritt
Its diversity
It's historical and cutting edge people's perspective and stance against social ills. It's diversity.
Culture first— the diversity and progressiveness of the people and its policies. Secondly, the natural beauty of this place.
Nature and diverse communities
I love the authenticity of this city, the deep heart and its passion to stand up for a more just world. I love its people, its biodiversity and its creativity.
It's diversity

Culture
I love the diversity; many cultures adding a rich variety in foods, entertainment, etc. I love the culture of Oakland. We are big city - leading urban society.
the diversity in terms of people, food, music, design new/old architecture and history.
Moderately more affordable than SF, more housing actually being built.
The diversity!
Weather, parks, ethnic diversity, central proximity to mountains, beaches, OAK.
The diversity
Diversity and my neighborhood is the Laurel District.
Diversity
The neighborhoods, each with an identity, the people, who care about the community, the rich history and historic buildings and places like Lake Merritt, art and culture and great food.
I love its unique and diverse neighborhoods and its pleasant walkable and bikeable areas.
The diversity, liberal politics and weather!
I love Oakland's heartwarming spirit of kindness, it's natural beauty, and authentic style.
I love the people, food, mix of cultures.
Diversity
Nice weather, fairly close to other parts of the bay
I love the complexity of the creative community- all shapes, sizes and offerings
I love the intersection of so many cultures and communities. I love the history of the various communities that generated the town. I love that I have a place where I can still see black culture in the Bay area. I love the creativity that is painted across the town displaying the hardships and disparities but also the fight for a better tomorrow. Lastly I love the weather where it is not too hot and not too cold.
Diversity, culture and people
climate, diversity, people's love for the City
I love that it is a diverse (racially and economically) city. I love the old buildings and the architecture. I love the culture. That's what makes a city and all of that is being displaced.
Location, community, diversity, parks, activists/organizers
Culture
Diversity, vibrancy, history
It is and has been my home since the 1950s
I love the scale of the city. I love being able to explore so many different cultures, histories, streets, forests, port cranes, etc. simply by crossing from one neighborhood to the next.
The people and communities. The community organizing and political involvement. The places and views. The restaurants and bars.
Nothing at the moment. I love the diversity and culture that USED to be here. Thanks you Libby and Jerry Brown, we've let developers ruin this city.
The landscape, the climate, and the variety of the people.
Diversity
Urban environment in proximity to nature. Multi-ethnic nature of the population
Its diversity and its spirit.
Diversity.
Unique neighborhoods; diversity of cultures;
The diversity of people and cultures.

Diverse community, outdoor activities, excellent selection of food choices (markets/stores, food trucks, restaurants)
diversity, LGBTQ++ community, friendly culture
It's varied and livable neighborhoods. It's accessible to pedestrians, bikers and automobiles alike. Which provides for an active and vibrant life on the streets and parks.
Diversity, murals
Diversity, Lake Merritt
The diversity. The authenticity. The lack of pretension. The sense of community.
The weather, the hills and the access to the parks and trails.
Lake Merritt
The diversity, the vibrancy, the people.
diversity
Diversity, food, music, neighborhoods, Bay Area
It's diversity
Lake
Our rich cultural roots, history of Black power, indigenous people, arts and healing. Beautiful landscapes, our creeks and parks. Oakland museum. Commitment to building spaces of belonging and mutual care. Great food from so many different cultures. Black Cultural Zone. OACC. Lincoln park. Robert's regional.
Vibrant queer community. Values of diversity and creativity and so many people and organizations working for social & economic justice.
Rich diversity, investment in big improvements like Lake Merritt, libraries, proximity to SF and nature, cultural institutions and activities, small business, nonprofits of all sizes, unique neighborhoods with personality.
The people and their diversity and capacity to be open and welcoming, local businesses, being able to bike more comfortably with every new project
Oakland has good neighborhoods and good weather. Good city government.
I love the culture of diversity, dance, music, tradition, familiarity and warmth that I grew up in. I love the accessibility of the people, and spaces, two things that I feel are constantly being put at more and more risk with many of the new developments in the city.
diversity, art, food, weather
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The sense of belonging, community, and inclusivity - Support of small businesses - East Bay parks (Redwood Regional, Claremont) - Public transit options
I love that Oakland is a vibrant place that maintains its heartbeat of activism, art, diversity, and community despite change and challenging times. I love the spirit of creativity and resilience.
The people. The diversity. The food. The culture. The environment. The cycling. Waterfront.
The diversity and the weather.
The diversity, wealth of culture, weather, food
Its diversity - racial, and socio-economic. The people - there are lots of smart people here working towards a better community. The neighborhoods with good restaurants and local businesses.
I love the diversity, location, weather, food, and music scene. I love seeing people of all races and color on a daily basis. Everyone has their own struggles and successes to learn from. It's easy to access the entire bay area from here. The food scene is very vibrant and changing. Love all the music venues and diversity there.
weather and community
I love the cultural vibrancy of the city, and the beautiful weather and landscape of the Bay Area. I love the community efforts toward sustainability and equity, and I love the neighborliness of my particular neighborhood.

Chinatown and the greenery
the diversity, community pride, natural beauty, youthful energy
Diversity, climate, parks, entertainment opportunities
the weather, the abundance of healthy food options, the vibrancy of the different neighborhoods
Diverse city with great libraries, Lake Merritt and the potential to be great place to live.
Diversity, weather and creative culture
Geographic environment and diversity.
Arts and culture, food and drink, hiking
Convenience to everywhere in Bay Area.
Farmer's Markets, parks
It's inclusiveness.
The diversity, the nature, the restaurants, parks, and culture
The diversity, the cultural activities and events, the neighborhood events, community gardens, and the parks.
people, public spaces, small biz
Diversity
My neighborhood and diversity.
The constant liveliness. People are always out and about. The parks, the culture around the lake, open art studio/cafe corridors, music and performances in west Oakland and Fruitvale
Walkability, diversity, vibrancy, nightlife
Diversity
The climate, the people, the diversity, its proximity to so many other things.
The diversity, the public green spaces, the art
Diversity, bikeability, climate,
Racially and ethnically diverse, arts, people rooted here and not just transient tech workers
The diversity of people, culture, and the arts here!
Oakland has great cultural diversity in people, politics, music and food. The people of African descent that migrated here are a major, and positive foundation and influence to Oakland's culture.
parks, trees, community, food. vibrancy, diversity, transit, bike lanes, trails
I love all of the food and cultural events that go on here. First Fridays, people skating by the lake, Lake Merritt itself. It's so eclectic here. I also love all of the street art and art in general.
The views and the diversity.
The community and history
Diversity
diversity of thought, ethnicity, things to do
The diversity of cultures and people, the lively and active public spaces (like Lake Merritt), the parks and forests, the movie theaters, the strong bike culture, the festivals and open markets, first Fridays.
Access to bike paths, perfect blend of urban and natural environments.
It's diversity, the good restaurants, pop-up and farmer's markets where community gathers.
Values, Diversity, weather, proximity,
The people
Culture, energetic and creative, forward thinking population. The climate and surrounding region.
Regional parks, small commercial streets in neighborhoods, progressive politics

The diversity and the redwoods
The vibes
trees, walkable neighborhoods, buses, Bay air, human diversity, proximity to public parkland, groceries, recycling
People, food, nature, activism, community, music, culture.
Diversity, artwork in public spaces, Chinatown, international foods
So much! Sense of community, diversity of people, distinct neighborhoods, rich culture, good food, used to be more affordable housing.
Diversity, great food, my neighbors and neighborhood, easy access to both city activities and nature.
The proximity to both green space and parks and a vibrant multicultural urban center.
The food, culture, community, and getting around
-Great weather that allows you to always be outdoors -Different cultures -Great food -Bikeable
diversity, creativity, neighbors, different neighborhoods, small-city feel, weather, flowers, trees, restaurants, a personal history, hiking in the hills.
I love the blend of the urban and the wild, from downtown around to the shipyards and up into the redwoods. I couldn't imagine a better place to live.
Diversity, well-funded public parks and green spaces, vibrant farmers markets, abundant pedestrian and bicycle paths and routes, vibrant publicly funded arts scene and arts festivals.
I love the diversity and the community feel
diversity
Diversity of residents and professions
Diversity and history of fighting for social equity and justice
Community
I love the tree- and garden-lined streets, I love the hidden staircases that you can climb for sweeping views of the bay, I love walking and biking and taking transit, I love the Temescal farmer's market
Regional parks, lake Merritt, Mountain View cemetery
My house and my neighborhood.
Diversity, more integrated communities of color (not as segregated as SF), history, balance of city things and proximity to nature (redwoods)
Knowing my neighbors / community. Diversity. Trees, access to parks and nature, gardens. Fresh food. Lake Merritt. Biking, hiking, walking. Having a backyard. Not everyone working in tech.
We have beauty and we have grit. Lots of diversity in age, race, ability, gender. Keeps things interesting and sometimes frustrating.
The diversity, food, natural and architectural beauty. Variety and access to services
Diversity (people, restaurants, neighborhood types), availability of parks (especially off leash dog areas), farmers markets, more affordable than surrounding areas,
I love my neighborhood and being able to walk to restaurants and shops.
Walkable neighborhoods with reasonable density. Decent public transportation Different economic classes of people
The oak trees.
Diversity, range of housing types

Diversity in all senses: racial, social economic, gender, sexual orientation. How those rich cultural differences are nurtured and appreciated. Parks and gorgeous natural areas. Exciting music and art. It really is a vital, creative and innovative city.
Nothing any more. It used to be safe and clean. Now the City Council and mayor have allowed crime, homeless people, garbage to take over.
I love that it's a small, bikeable city with access to both nature and culture.
cultural and it's not San Francisco. Freedom to move around walking and driving without the traffic jams, and parking availability. (except for Temescal, what a mess)
Diverse neighborhoods with single family homes on the same blocks as apartment buildings.
Its eclectic nature and well-planned roots.
Diversity of cultures, ethnicities, topologies, architecture.
Weather, food, regional parks, and history
Diversity, open space
Trees, a variety of housing styles, diversity and the moderate climate.
variety of people and shops
So many local small businesses and pop-ups (food, music). It's fun to just walk or bike around different parts of the city with friends. Feeling of Oakland pride-- people smiling at each other The bustle of commercial streets with restaurants, parklets, people out and about on foot (less during the pandemic) Lots of great food. Affordable enough that many friends with different kinds of jobs could afford to stay here, though that's becoming less the case.
It's diversity of neighborhoods and cultures and its (overall) tolerance of diversity.
The community and how the center of the bay area.
Diversity, beauty, friendliness of residents, tolerance, accessibility to park system, educational institutions (UCB, Peralta Community Colleges; East Bay Regional parks, SF, gorgeous views of the city
Population diversity, access to open space/natural habitats, progressive policies
Its diversity and character
weather
Culture/Diversity & Food & Easy Access
nicely urban without the bustle.
The weather.
I love the rich culture and diversity of its residents. I love the city and shifts toward a stronger car free city. I love the neighborhoods and people that make the neighborhoods amazing.
That intelligent residents of Oakland do not use visioning as a verb. Seriously. What I love is the people, the climate, the location.
Climate, small "downtowns" in neighborhood, good location in the Bay Area, diversity (although the economics of this is very disturbing).
the community and neighborhoods
Location
It's diversity and activism.
Diversity
Diverse citizens, close to nature and warm climate
Diversity, hipness, weather, location

Diverse people, cute neighborhoods, great restaurants, access to nature and trails
I love the diversity, natural beauty, and climate.
The people. The physical setting from bay to hills.
Diverse people and neighborhoods, parks and outdoor spaces, arts, civic life, weather, food scene
Cultural diversity; weather
The food The weather The way it used to be: plenty of parking, Lake Merritt not a zoo, beautiful architecture.
Weather, diversity, that it's popular with young, vibrant, creative and often well-educated or education-caring people.
It's a big city in Northern California and has "weight".
The diversity, the music and art scene, the weather, the community
The general freedom to do what you want, the diversity and inclusion of all people. The beauty, clean air, and weather are perfect.
The diverse cultures that make up the fabric of our town. That our community celebrates so many different voices and experiences. The combination of cultural offerings of a dynamic urban area with the down to earth vibes of a much smaller town. The progressive values of a sanctuary city.
Diversity. PLEASE DEVOTE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO COMBATTING CITYWIDE TRASH PROBLEM.
Diversity, hills, parks
The diversity and community of people
The diversity of people, hiking, culture, food, things to do, friendly neighbors.
Beauty, weather, diversity, gritty and non-pretentious nature of the community.
First, the people: diversity and acceptance of difference. Second, the combination of man-made and natural beauty including parks. Third, the culture - great music, restaurants, nightspots, etc.
Centrally situated in the Bay Area, Oakland is a perfect reflection of the region's diversity, talent, physical beauty and complexity.
For years, Oakland lived in the shadow of San Francisco; it existed as an under-loved stepchild of the region's dominant metropolis.
But no more! Oakland has arrived, figuratively speaking, and has firmly established itself as one of America's truly great cities.
Oakland is far from perfect; it faces many social, financial and cultural challenges. But in spite of its challenges, Oakland is undeniably America's most vibrant and culturally rich communities.
Many people have lamented Oakland's broken political machinery, dysfunctional government, rampant crime and high cost of living. But it's fair to say, Oakland has been on an exciting journey ever since the late 1990s, when former Mayor Jerry Brown envisioned and took steps to foster growth and prosperity for all of Oakland's communities. The results of his efforts, and those that followed, have been overall impressive.
As a 30-year resident and homeowner in Oakland, I love my city because of
It's diversity and vitality
Diversity and arts culture, proximity to awesome natural areas, lots of independent small businesses
It's a great mix of city and nature.

affordable, diverse
D Diversity
location, weather, interesting people
The variety of neighborhoods, the people, the outdoor activities.
The population is less transitory than SF, it's got diverse people and cultures, it's big enough to have cool events and attractions but small enough to walk and explore, it's got natural beauty with the lake and hills.
My neighborhood
The community
innovation. Oakland is rich in beauty -- varied geography, many cultures, tremendous creativity, and a history of change and struggles and triumphs.
It is a small city. After living in Chicago for 25 years, it feels a little like a suburb but with all the problems of a larger city.
the weather
It has enough of a downtown to feel like a city, but the people seem more open and welcoming than in most big cities. Lake Merritt is gorgeous, and it's really nice to have a walking/jogging spot so close
I love the diversity of the people and the old architecture.
Culture, diversity
Diversity of residents
History
Natural beauty
Great location, weather, and places to eat.
I don't know anymore. I don't love much about it anymore
diversity
Suburban neighborhoods, food and weather.
Lake Merritt and outdoor activities.
The energy and vibe
My family and work is here.
Trash, crime, homelessness
diversity & lake
People and culture
I love being a long time resident where I know small business owners and am always running into people I know. Sadly, the new politics in Oakland are too progressive for the longtime residents who made this town fun and cool.
Weather, suburban culture
I love all the family, friends and familiar local small businesses in Oakland. Also the wonderful weather and proximity to San Francisco with its many amenities.
The weather, it's central Bay Area location and it's feel of small communities.
Climate/food
Diversity, public transportation, lively, beautiful
small town feeling, great weather year round, beautiful layout from the water to the hills, lots of good diverse foods, good place for small businesses to thrive, Oakland airport
Multicultural, walkable, friendly locals, down to earth
Fwy access, great climate, ease from city to nature
Cultural mix, history

Lake Merritt park, beautiful old architecture, grand lake theater, diversity of the population
Not much right now.
I love the culture. I don't mind the fireworks so much. And i actually grew up going to side shows so I'm glad those have survived and continued.
Diversity of people, food, places and experiences. And the great weather and access to nature.
diversity and artistic expression of the residents and businesses here. I feel as a black gay man I belong here and am safe and welcomed
The diversity, the lake, the hills, and the weather.
It's diversity
Climate. Multi-ethnic. Lots to do.
Weather, diversity, easy access to the bay area.
diversity of race, income, experience and perspective
I love that Oakland has city attractions like walkable commercial streets, Lake Merritt, good food, good bars without the overhyping and craziness that often happens in San Francisco. I like that Oakland has room for many kinds of people, on several dimensions.
Art, culture, creativity, food, diversity, independent businesses, lake merritt.
My neighborhood. Rockridge-Elmwood
Diversity, scenery, culture, history, walkability
Culture, diversity, food, nature
People.
Culture, creativity, community, soul
Diversity of people, Lake Merritt and access to nature, quality public transit options and walkability.
Diversity, humility, how it welcomes everyone. Great climate and culture and food. Relatively affordability of housing. Natural beauty and central location with great access to San Francisco and transit and nature.
The location, people, culture and the Oakland A's.
the history, the architecture, Lake Merritt, the estuary, downtown, uptown, BART, the bus system, the weather, the proximity to Bay area happenings, the diversity, the people.
The diverse mix of people, nestled between the Bay and the Redwoods.
The open space parks
The geography and the diversity
Diversity and laid back attitude
Black community and history; Lake Merritt; representation of Black, Latino, and AAPI in elected office (would love more BIPOC representation)
Gritty vitality, bay shore, and parks in the hills
The diversity, the scrappiness, the A's, the culture, the weather, the views, the lake.
The weather
The people with different ethnicities, cultures, "races" (actually a meaningless term), gender orientations, and opinions. The wide range of food options from small stores, restaurants, and food trucks. The weather. The ability to cycle in the hills and flat areas. The parks and trails. The long-time friends who live here.
Arts & Culture, Community, Diversity, Weather, Activism, Location
I love that downtown Oakland is one of the very few truly walkable cities in the country, a place where one doesn't need to own a car to live a full life. I also love that we are a diverse and vibrant city that isn't trying to preserve itself in amber.
All the different people and food and culture

Discount stores
People, places and things
It's a beautiful place with accepting people.
Mix of urban/nature. Zones of creativity.
Its' not San Francisco. There is a feeling of renaissance and revitalization here.
Its diversity in terms of people, businesses, and geography.
The walkability and accessibility of mixed community resources (retail, business, entertainment, outdoors, parks, schools). The clustered neighborhoods give character and interest. The food and brewing culture and options. The local and regional parks.
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Social justice culture and history, racial diversity, regional parks, queer family friendliness
The diversity of people, cultures, and
The weather. The racial and cultural diversity. Lake Merritt and its parklands. Regional Parks. Generally friendly, good-natured population.
Geography, climate/weather, diversity, creativity/arts/music, wonderful restaurants, proximity to UC Berkeley and SF
Diversity, weather, natural beauty, great neighborhood businesses and food
It's natural beauty, architecture and diversity
Weather, racial diversity
Everything...the weather, the people, the diversity, its uniqueness, it's different populations and cultures, it's laid-back vibe.
diverse population
Ethnically, racially, sexually, and gender diversity. Progressive politics.
the diversity of cultures and people, the weather, great food
The diversity of the people
Proximity to SF, parks, water.
It's vibrant (and also close to stunningly beautiful nature)
Diversity, easy to do outdoor activities
Diversity, Community resilience, Lots of things to do.
DIVERSITY!
Not much.
the weather, and the fact that I was born here!
The natural beauty
<i>Survey (Spanish Translation) Responses</i>
La gente y la comida.
El apoyo que existe para la comunidad de inmigrantes.
Que hay muchos lugares que dan comida
Mi familia y La comunidad
La diversidad cultural de las diferentes razas que aquí habitan.
El clima y su gente.
Las comunidades

Survey (Cantonese Translation) Responses
多元化, 交通方便, 氣候宜人
Diamond area
气候宜人, 交通便利。
美丽湖
---不确定, 哪里好哪里安静和安全就是喜欢的地方.
Chinatown
Steve Nosh
Weather

2. How do you envision the city in the year 2045?

I hope we can target our growth to retain our smaller scale neighborhoods. I hope we can have more affordable housing and gentrify out our multicultural neighbors and our lower-income neighbors, including artists
1) Increased affordable housing options for families, homeless, students, and disabled groups, 2) Safe, clean, and green parks with updated playgrounds, 3) More grocery shops, food distribution coops, and gardens, especially in East Oakland, 4) Increased transportation - Bike program presences nears parks, 5) Solar Panels in outdoor parks 6) More resources in youth development and senior care facilities
I want Oakland to be a non-violent, not congested, pedestrian friendly, self-sustainable, clean place where people are respectful to each other and where all ages can thrive. Establish a refugee camp for homeless with comprehensive social services at the old Army base, clean up the streets, stop prostitution, drug dealing, etc. Make Oakland a place where business want to establish so there are enough jobs for everyone.
many more oak trees and an end to the lawless dumping and the un-homed to be housed
Unfortunately, I see more homelessness and blight
more walkable, more bike infrastructure. safer streets to use your bike, less cars. more parklets, less parking.
Better bike lanes. More easily connected. Taller.
All parks connected through pedestrian/bike friendly corridors, 980 underground with park on top, Lake Merritt connected to bay, access to shoreline easy and safe for pedestrians and cyclists, all rec centers and libraries open 24/7, all rec centers open in the evenings, safe police, no environmental injustices, non-toxic, net zero, everyone adequately housed, excellent school system, functional government!
Hopefully like it is now but with greater equality so that all residents of the city can take advantage of the "things you love" not just the better-off ones.
Hopefully in 2045 Oakland will be a safe place to live! Affordable housing!
More jobs, more activity, more cultural and retail activities.
Neighborhood restaurants and local shops everywhere.
No homelessness, no gun violence, fewer cars and more pedestrian-centered public spaces, diverse, inclusive development that prioritizes PEOPLE not PROFITS
More tech jobs in Oakland.
More urban and denser.
No shelter-in-place lockdowns.
Hopefully more balanced moderate policies -- less radical.
Hopefully not run into the ground with city council idiocy, more businesses sustaining the city revenues, city-run and owned Affordable Housing (and NOT taking away from current small mom & pop landlords), getting more revenue from Port Of Oakland for use of city's waterfront

Hopefully it maintains it ties to the past, while building up its diversity and helping to strengthen historically underserved communities. Also continuing to be a destination for eclectic restaurants, arts, and businesses.
Diverse, affordable, comfortable and safe place to live and work. Quality schools for all children regardless of neighborhood. Easy to get around without a car. Family friendly.
No more highways. Fewer cars Less trash Less homelessness
Would love it to be cleaner, safer with well paved streets; it's architecture cared for; a continued history of people who have enriched history and helped to heal our society & the planet. A cosmopolitan hub for the growing Pan-Pacific culture being fueled by the growth of Asian economies.
If current trends continue, dismal.
cleaner, less crime, less homelessness, less cars/more bikes, more public parks in the city itself
Dense, vibrant, and diverse urban neighborhoods linked by seamless transit
Bigger city with skyscrapers like SF.
Clean! Free of trash on the streets, in the underpasses and along the highways. Less dusty and raggedy. Repaired streets and paved potholes. A place where families can take an evening walk without looking over their shoulder, where the police will respond in a timely manner when called, where homeless population has decreased, and politicians care about ensuring a quality of life for all its residents.
All of us having smaller electric cars. Freeway speed reduce to 50 mph. Less storefronts. Solar panels on all homes and apts. More neighborhood parks.
Honestly it's going to be a corrupt socially stratified dangerous place like today filled with haves and have nots.
Clean, safe, green
More density to support more businesses, particularly along major commercial corridors, like Telegraph, Park, in Montclair, Lakeshore
Improved public transportation, better access to businesses & services for seniors & disabled. Cleaner. No dumping no littering. No one living on the street.
Sad to say worse than it is now.
Pedestrian friendly, mass transit focused, affordable housing
Best city to live and work
Fewer unhoused people. Less trash everywhere. Plan/strategy for fires. More walkability. More electric cars, less traffic, more walking, bikes, transit.
Continues focus on community space, free space/parks and acceptance of all the different people who call it home
Oakland does what it takes for stay ethnically and economically diverse, supporting innovation and the arts. Oakland has made massive investment public education and educators salaries so that Oakland had attractive public schools that serve all students. Massive investment in housing and public spaces means people can live well and work in Oakland. The balance of local jobs and housing means that people can use bicycles, public transportation and other non-car methods to get to work and do errands. Investments in public transportation and non-car transport infrastructure means everyone feels safe and fashionable using these ways of getting around. Police is reformed and focused on real threats to people and property, and other quality of life issue are dealt with by appropriate non-police entities. Restorative and community focused justice is used to deal with punishment, remediation and rehabilitation of most people who commit crimes.
Ideally with lots of shops and restaurants and no tents.
Sadly gentrified even more than it already is - less diverse based on income and race/ethnicity, less affordable to live here
Safer

An even more vibrant community, and hopefully not that different. With all freeways still remaining
no more inept local govt, no homelessness, no crime, clean streets
Someplace that a 90 year old single woman can safely live.
Probably a dystopian nightmare if city officials don't get their act together.
Opportunities for all, less crime
Better public transportation: More BART lines running more frequently, allowing people to easily get around town, not just to SF. Many more ferries to get between Oakland and other destinations that are not SF (Alameda, Richmond, Marin, Hayward, etc.)
More access to bikes and personal transportation (scooters, etc.) for more people. Bring back the closed streets that we had for a short while, but figure out how to make this workable for people who need to drive.
Better planning for people who bike around the city, both for those who CHOOSE TO and those who CAN'T AFFORD TO DRIVE. Talk to people who HAVE TO ride a bike or walk and figure out how we can make life easier for them so that they don't immediately buy a car as soon as they can afford to.
Much more dense, way less cars, better transit, more parks
No more homelessness. Streets are paved - everywhere, not just in Montclair and Rockridge. Trees are planted in all neighborhoods, parks are clean, maintained, and litter-free. No more dumping and litter.
Hopefully cleaner, safer, housing for everyone who wants it, culturally tolerant
I envision it providing housing and services to everyone who lives on the streets and making sure that food access, jobs, and livelihoods are accessible for everyone. I envision clean, beautiful streets, a rehabilitated west Oakland (with contamination there cleaned up), many events and arts and a vibrant culture. I would like to see improved transit with a BART station in East Oakland, better bike lanes (swept bike lanes without trash), police with more oversight and less violence. Things affordable enough that regular people can live and work in the City.
Cleaner. Safer and still fun
The city will have affordable housing, child care, well-paying jobs, and will be climate-ready. Oakland residents will be from families who have lived in the town for generations, and there will be economic growth/opportunity that is not limited to the tech industry.
I want Oakland to be dense, affordable, clean, easy to get around without a car, and the cultural and hub of the Bay.
I wish for food deserts to become flourishing food centers. I wish for vacant spaces to be activated by the local community. I wish for commerce and relationships to develop between neighbors and locals so we can keep Oakland true to its roots and its loving population.
Everyone is housed in complete communities with access to lean & safe parks and public restrooms. Drought tolerant. Renewable energy leader. Family-friendly, free of violent crimes. City workers are proud and services are delivered in an efficient and streamlined manner.
Thriving area with access to affordable housing, safe neighborhoods, restaurants and cultural diversity
Better connected with clean, quick and comprehensive public transit that is easy to access.
less crime, more equity, better transportation
More dense housing, better maintained streets, fully-staffed police and fire departments
Low crime, no trash in the streets, no illegal dumping, Lots of trees on the streets. Well maintained roads. And, EV charging built into the roads (Electreon Wireless is working on that). Also, I imagine autonomous vehicles everywhere so maybe fewer parking lots will be needed. Also, the whole city will be powered by solar!
Cleaner and safer streets
More affordable housing, less unhoused people on the streets, parks better maintained, more public transportation options that are more frequent and reliable, more EV charging stations

Hopefully safer, with less poverty and more prosperous.
I hope we can get on track to provide more affordable housing and keep thriving small businesses.
Polarized
It feels dystopian right now if some major things are not done.
All white
More population and development and a greater gap between rich and poor households. Continuing problems with lack of affordable housing, poor public education, and crime.
Hopefully it will stay beautiful as it is in a mixture of people are still here
In a perfect world, it would be cleaner, safer and continue to be diverse. In reality, I'm very concerned that it will be less clean and less safe.
There will be no people of color, no culture & look like downtown San Francisco (bland & boring).
Very gentrified! All the original cultural will be gone because of people that don't understand the culture
More protected bike lanes, more bus only lanes, better sidewalks, more trees in east Oakland. A 15 minute city!
No homelessness, or trash strewn all over the streets and parks. Nicely paved roads. Affordable homes for people, not huge apartment buildings no one can afford. Food bearing trees around the city to help feed the people of Oakland. A city government that care about what the people of Oakland want and need, not prioritizing what big corporations want in our city. Clean water...getting rid of forever chemicals in our water and more options for our utility choices. Pg & E raises our rates at every turn and we have no other choice.
Denser, safer, walkable, and greener. I would like more transportation, safer roads, and more housing please.
a city that is more connected physically - more neighborhoods connected by public transit - everyone with ability for mobility.
Hopefully above water, taking care of its unhoused folks, making sure less people go hungry, and preserving/inspiring the diversity we have.
No homeless, low crime, good jobs for anyone who wants one and cheap public / electric transport
Cleaner, easier to get around, more recognized as a tourist destination, less violence, better schooling, continuing to reinvent itself.
Dense, affordable, sustainable housing communities connected by complete green streets that is carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of climate change
No comment
I worry that there will be more crime, dirty streets, etc. I'd like to see a cleaner city with less vandalism, crime, etc.
I hope we have gotten on top of the problems by then!
I hope that the city will have found solutions for the rising crime and homelessness. I would love to see the city clean, supportive of families, and better affordability.
Zero emission, zero-waste, greener, more self-sufficient, better community skills for surviving and thriving through a lot of turmoil and change. Demographic changes from today.
Less senseless killings and more equality.
I would love to see more tenants on Lakeshore Avenue, Grand Avenue downtown and Jack London Square. No homeless and crime. I would like to feel safe when I walk around lake Merritt and everywhere else in Oakland. I would like to see regular street sweeping and clean up along streets that currently have garbage on them.
I hope it's safer to bike and walk. I live off High Street, I'd love to have bike paths to Lake Merritt and Downtown. I'd hope The roads are smoother to drive on. I'd like to see more Lyft bike stations so I don't have to use my own bike. But I mainly say that because I'm afraid of my bike being stolen, so if it was safer that would be less important. Ideally it's safe, easy to walk/bike to downtown.

Homeless problem solved once and for all. No more tent cities of depravity. Less crime and safe streets. Government that is pro development. Way more housing. Paved roads. The A's in a new stadium. Wood Street and Prescott neighborhood fully developed, 16th St Train Station redeveloped into positive community usage (think SF Ferry Building), Frontage Road redeveloped into multi modal neighborhood friendly street (think Mandela Parkway) with bike/pedestrian lane, greenway, safe traffic calming, bike bridge along west grand over tracks and freeway, CWS long gone from the neighborhood, The Phoenix project (at 8th and Pine St) thriving with maker space and transitional supportive housing operation, West Oakland Bart developments completed and 7th street thriving.
Impossible to say.
Hopefully cleaner, less expensive cost of living.
Better housing options/affordability, low crime and enhanced infrastructure
a vibrant diverse city that has an active and involved residents. a city committed to social justice and not afraid to take the lead to find alternative ways to govern.
Near zero homeless, no encampments, clean, safer, less robbery/theft/vandalism, well-funded and well run schools. Police force that protects (not racist, not abusive).
Borrowed from my neighbor, John Sander, but covers my thoughts exactly, "Clean, violence-free, no side shows, gun/gang activity, Wood Street and Prescott neighborhood fully developed, 16th St Train Station redeveloped into positive community usage (think SF Ferry Building), Frontage Road redeveloped into a multi-modal neighborhood-friendly street (think Mandela Parkway) with bike/pedestrian lane, greenway, safe traffic calming, bike bridge along west grand over tracks and freeway, CWS long gone from the neighborhood, The Phoenix project (at 8th and Pine St) thriving with maker space and transitional supportive housing operation, West Oakland Bart developments completed and 7th street thriving."
Seems to be a displacement of African American. You are slowly removing African American from the neighborhoods.
Probably still housing problems. I see no traction on this. Diminished port due to ballpark construction.
Much less violence, cleaner streets, better infrastructure. In the Prescott neighborhood specifically, more housing, no trucks, pedestrian and bike friendly Frontage Road, more neighborhood serving restaurants.
The capital of the East Bay and a hub for tourism and commerce. Less industry.
If city government continues on its path of neglect, incompetence, inaction or inadequate action on social issues and infrastructure, Oakland will have imploded in the next 20-plus years.
Clean and housed.
I just hope I live that long and can remain in my home.
unsheltered people off the streets, trash cleaned up on all the streets, a political will to make this a great city
Clean, homeless free, more affordable housing
Welcoming to people because housing prices have dropped after the city opened up a areas to new development.
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Hopefully with reduced disparities across all areas of life. Enough affordable housing for all who need it. Stable school district.
Affordable, sustainable livable city
Hopefully less crime.
My vision - as someone who absolutely intends to still be living here in 2045 and beyond - is that Oakland in 20 years is a thriving, diverse urban city that is (a) denser, in terms of housing and commercial activity in all

neighborhoods, (b) bigger and busier, with more residents and more jobs at all economic levels, (c) safer and more enjoyable for walking and cycling and taking transit across the city, and (d) still as culturally and economically diverse (if not more so) as it is today.
Trade Schools, less Homelessness, Clean Streets, and parks /recreation activities for youth and families
Safer (much less crime). Better paved roads (so many are awful now). More public swimming pools (indoor and outdoor). Better public transportation options. No homeless!!
Clean, bustling, diverse.
I envision peace throughout the community and love behind every wall.
Quality leadership. The path we are on will lead us to be the next Detroit.
Being an zero emission leading city full with a balance of great paying jobs, family restaurants, bars and fun night life activities.
I suspect the city is likely to continue to gentrify and risks becoming a wealthy enclave for tech workers, much as San Francisco has. Much will be lost.
I would love to have a cleaner and more crime-free city that takes care of all its citizens. I would love to have the public schools be well-funded, excellent, and safe for all our children. I would love to have more and better services so that people do not become unsheltered and that people with mental health need are attended to. I would love for there to be a holistic understanding and implementation of community services such as first responders (911, crime response) that is responsive and responsible to all of our citizens.
At this rate, a cesspool of homeless and crime.
A thriving diverse city that is providing universal basic income for all, Oakland has brilliantly leveraged the wide range of necessary climate adaptation activities to engage tens of thousands of politically diverse residents in working together on active land and resource stewardship. Through this approach, social polarization has reduced dramatically and diverse people are actively building a resilient local/regional economy that works for everyone, within the environmental limits of the planet.
Tech and transportation hub.
Less garbage, more housing
Safer, cleaner, better maintained and managed, and evolved into a Town that feels more sophisticated and far less prone to violent outbursts that don't do anything to further its progress.
Neighborhoods retain own characteristics
I envision Black and brown folks staying in Oakland because they can afford to and are appreciated and respected here. I envision a profoundly defunded law enforcement agency so that the funds can go to schools, healthcare (including mental health) transportation, parks and recreation, employment development, housing, libraries, and childcare. I envision community policing, rather than the militarized police we currently have.
A city without trash and dumped waste. A city that has rooted out violent actors and will continue to keep vigilant. A city without a homeless street population. A city with less dense and dilapidated housing in the deep east. A city without hidden corners where outlaws can thrive. A city where poor residents, and children with broken families get fulfilling social services like public libraries and parks and enriching events and critical transportation for no or very low cost.
Clean, safe, & thriving.
Crime is under control, new businesses flock to Oakland, citizens feel safe and happy living in Oakland. Homelessness is managed with continual sanitation, drinking water, and shelter.
city to develop more land for low income people, help develop business (big and small) to bring more revenue to the city. create a thriving downtown or outdoor mall with shops, upgrade playgrounds structures and create a "magic mountain for kids"
too dense.
Sustainable, POC leading,

Oakland should become a thriving business and cultural community where forward-thinking families and businesses flock to locate and visit.
I envision a safe, equitable Oakland with shelter for the unhoused, more access to mental health, and gainful employment by 2045
Eliminating homelessness, creating more walkable neighborhoods and reducing reliance on cars, and thriving mixed use neighborhoods
Clean inclusive environment
I would love it if the new residents of Oakland included Black people. I would like it if long term residents could remain and a thriving multi-racial arts culture could evolve. I would like tiny houses eliminated and real housing with dignity for low income and poor people- no more sheds. Decrease large scale luxury projects.
I think I envision Oakland becoming the Hub of the Bay. I hope to see more housing being built, bringing more people over, and with it jobs. I see and investment in public transit to let people commute up, down, and across the Bay. And I hope to see the same (and even more) of a vibrant community Oakland is so well known for.
hopefully, everyone will have decent, affordable housing.
I hope things like crime, homelessness and income inequality will improve! I also care a lot about initiatives to support public schools, plant trees and cleaning up trash and debris and hope to see improvements in these areas.
Cleaner and greener
Either very happy with a new stadium for the A's, or sad and decrepit with the A's in Vegas.
Crime down, more housing, more development, more restaurants and bars, much cleaner streets.
I envision it petroleum-free, with more beautiful outdoor public spaces, accessible charging stations for electric vehicles, bike lanes and pedestrian foot paths. I envision "islands" of fruit trees and vegetables so everyone can "urban forage" healthy food. I envision many more outdoor dining opportunities and streets devoted to outdoor dining, not just funky plywood structures. I envision more large scale art installations, more gorgeous trees to help keep mitigate the heat of global warming. I envision more people meeting "in real life" in beautifully designed outdoor spaces that are safe and inclusive for all ages and identities. I envision habitat restoration for wild animals, and comprehensive spay/neuter for domestic animals. I envision micro-farms right here in town. I envision fewer chain stores and multinational conglomerates, and more small businesses and artisans. I envision a town and a world without plastic!
Hopefully there will be more investment in infrastructure, and maintenance. Programs to engage young people with opportunities. Policing would be designed to de-escalate . More sense of community and cooperation.
More public transportation and less violence
Until infrastructure is repaired/upgraded and people can afford housing here, I don't believe there will be substantial change in the coming years.
Optimistic: Lots of structural security for people— ample housing and services for unhoused and mentally ill folks, clean and safe parks and public spaces, protected bike lanes, more traffic easing and enforcement, well - utilized open spaces (like below freeways) etc.
Pessimistic: Continued squalor and unsafe conditions in middle- and low- income neighborhoods, predominantly white and high-earners overtaking much of the desirable developments, more rampant dangerous activity like speeding and gun violence.
Free of street violence.
Affordable housing
It's hard right now to envision Oakland in 2045 right now because it's hard to imagine our world. But to really try, I'd see Oakland as a place that is leading through giving massive amounts of land back to the Ohlone people. A city who is leading in reparations for formerly enslaved persons and who is being redirected and recreated under a leadership guided by love, care for the environment and with deep communal values and practices
Clean and vibrant

Thriving
Bigger and better. Maritime hub, more culture and arts, leader in transportation systems. More tech jobs. Cleaner parks and open spaces.
one of the great cities of the world, a travel destination, a think hub, innovative design, safe city
Abundant housing, safe streets, good transit.
More parks and affordable housing for all. Electric transportation with more convenient stops.
Cleaner!
I envision a city where there is housing for all incomes so that all the members of the Oakland economy can both reside and work in this city.
A haven for culture and a safe vibrant city.
Affordable housing continues to be a major problem
As a high performing, energy efficient community, a hub of culture, art, music and community. A community of equitable opportunities for housing, education, jobs and creativity. A safe City.
I imagine an Oakland committed to massively increasing its housing stock, not just in gentrifying areas but in affluent neighborhoods as well. I hope the city will dismantle its restrictive and exclusionary land use regulations and invest in bike, pedestrian, and transit infrastructure to challenge the dominance of the car and make it easy to live in Oakland car-free.
Much better local government management that allows for more effective and efficient public services i.e. after school programs, libraries open every day, parks maintained, happy and fairly paid public employees committed to providing high quality services to the citizens of Oakland.
I would like to see Oakland maintain its aging public assets (parks, landscapes, buildings) and be a vibrant metropolitan center.
Better housing, less/no displacement. Less/no homelessness. Less violent crime.
Inclusive
Bigger, better, and more welcoming to everyone. Competitive with other cities in the bay, and even nationally.
More of that, more health services, more of an international hub, and more upgraded standards around art cars and vehicles on the edge of legality.
I envision the city to have the necessary investment and equity so that Oakland can still hold onto the cultural spaces that it has now. I'm not a native here, but I've heard time and time again how the city is continuously losing its character due to economic shifts in housing and affordability. I envision Oakland having more green spaces where people can enjoy nature and the outdoors in their community whether it is the hills or the flats. I envision that our city officials and leaders will have better imagination and creative solutions than they have today. Where our budgets reflects the actual needs of the communities that live here. That we have bigger investments in Education, in environmental justice, in housing justice and in self-care and restorative justice. I envision a city where there is not a presence of law enforcement because the needs of the city are met so that all basic needs for living are met for all of city dwellers. I envision a city that addresses the harms and trauma of the community in a more thoughtful way than locking people and using them for cheap low wage (i.e. slave) labor. I envision a city that provides people who choose the pathways of arts and creativity to thrive. I envision a city that is prepared for the effects of climate change that are locked in because of the mistakes our predecessors have made.
Hopefully, better schools, less crime and cleaner streets
I envision a sustainable city, where everyone who needs housing is housed and housing is not used to enrich speculators. I envision a city that has lots of blue collar jobs and is not catering to rich techies. I envision a city where buildings are maintained and preserved, not knocked down and rebuilt hella cheaply. I envision a city with no displacement.
Greener! Pollinator corridors, reducing urban heat islands, cleaner air with more electric trucks supporting the port. World class schools fairly funded for the amazing youth. No more invasive Eucalyptus, replaced with grand oak trees that belong here. California native plants in all city owned properties. Thriving wildlife. Safe pedestrian

and cycling corridors. Clean, free, and safe public transit. More birds, with the quieter roads thanks to electric cars. Housing for ALL. No more predatory landlords, and a vacancy tax so no more derelict properties held by corporations. A strong urban center populated by B-Corps and green tech. Clean and repaired streets cared for by a strong public works department. Social services in place of violent police, preventing crime through real diversion programs, and UBI.
Vibrant
more public transportation, more green space, more environmentally friendly ways of living, more inclusive living, enough homes for lower income folks, more investment in schools, alternative education
As a welcoming place that recognizes where it's gone wrong, works to correct that, makes room for all, stops the discriminatory way that it operates, a City that operates from ethics not greed.
Accessible, dense, beautiful, connected. New homes built atop parking lots are connected to the city via bus lanes, bike lanes, clean sidewalks, and inviting paths through public parks.
Hopefully still full of Black and brown folks who have the resources that they need to thrive. Plentiful affordable housing options, reduced car dependency, beautiful parks and open spaces, community-serving retail, a robust school system.
If things continue to go the way they are, 2045 will be apartments and signs of gentrification everywhere but east Oakland. The police force will be existent and Black and Brown people will be the minority.
I'm 76 years old. It's unlikely I'll be around in 2045.
A place where there is equal opportunity, safe home and full employment. City not like San Francisco!
Improved public transportation; less need for cars, more safe biking and walking. Affordable housing throughout the city. Improved schools.
Unfortunately, more gentrified
Vibrant and still diverse
Clean; beautiful green Spaces; neighborhoods keep their uniqueness
Housing and providing care and understanding to our populations that are houseless and under resourced.
I fear that it will be full of only rich people and the unhoused. My wish is that there is massive construction of affordable and subsidized housing so that there is a place for everyone.
all Oakland residents housed and affordable housing for all. Reversing gentrification-- Historically marginalized groups able to live in their neighborhoods-- for example Black communities in West Oakland. Rematriating land to Indigenous folks. Well-funded public schools for all.
30 hour work weeks and free childcare.
Cleaner, safer, more investment in redevelopment and renewal. More friendly to businesses. More focused on outcomes and objective benefits. Less driven by identity politics, ideological interests, favoritism to special interests.
No trash and debris, no homelessness, mental wellness esp. for the most traumatized communities, OUSD literacy rates at or near 100%, long time East and West Oakland communities thriving
Historical, clean, zero traffic fatalities (car-free zones), safe (no shootings), no sideshows, vibrant (more city art).
Everybody who needs healthcare and a home has one. Vibrant public art. Community events. Lots of clean public bathrooms.
I will be dead by then.
Full of tall buildings
A place where everyone can afford a home, there is no homelessness, quality healthcare, mental health for all that need it,
everyone housed, good schools, jobs, no violence, no poverty
homeless center if America unless decent housing for all becomes a public commitment.
More police protection is established leading to safe streets whereby people can walk anywhere without the realization of crime, all the homeless are in fully comprehensive treatment and training facilities where they can

<p>get well and back into a productive society, road infrastructure is improved to minimize traffic and auto damage, and there's no graffiti on public or private property</p>
<p>Total distraction.</p>
<p>Clean air and water - the city is a garden. Multigenerational families thriving. Multiracial neighborhoods where everyone is housed. cooperative structures for businesses and social housing where elders can age in place. Wellness centers in every neighborhood. Thriving and vibrant arts scene. Safe - no more police, community peace keeping & restorative justice, no more gun violence. Joyful schools where all kids have access to inspiring learning. Black, Indigenous, immigrant, queer & disabled people are thriving.</p>
<p>I envision a city that prioritizes human rights over policing. That invests in permanent supportive housing for all who want housing and currently cannot access it. A city that invests in Black communities.</p>
<p>Rich diversity, a city that invests in infrastructure that benefits ALL neighborhoods and for-profit/nonprofit businesses, green, inclusive, a cultural center for arts of all kinds, good schools, safe -- little crime, unique neighborhoods with personality.</p>
<p>Maintaining its diversity, more supportive of people learning and growing, more supportive of bus transit, bicycling, and having a much improved pedestrian environment. Having many more Oaklanders!</p>
<p>More low income housing, no homelessness. More parks and money for existing parks. More low income senior housing.</p>
<p>I envision a place that has preserved and maintained its essence. Where the people who serve the city, teachers, custodians, and public servants, can afford to live in the city. I envision a place where housing is available for everyone regardless of income. I envision abundant access to nature and parks through all parts of the city, and healthy nutritious food sources in neighborhoods that have historically lacked access to it. Protection of the arts and culture. Protection of the public spaces that allow people to gather and celebrate without financial barriers.</p>
<p>clean, safe, good schools</p>
<p>I would like to see the city expand on my above points, specifically by encouraging more small businesses to thrive, allowing housing and transit to be affordable and more accessible to all residents, and maintain the parks.</p>
<p>In 2045, one will not need to own a car to get to work and the grocery store easily. Bike lanes will be on every major road, trees will shield sidewalks from the hot sun, and for those who do need to drive, zero emission vehicle chargers will be available and affordable for public use. All residents will be within a 10 minute walk of their nearest bus station and zero emission buses will be free for Oakland residents and come every 15 minutes or less. In 2045, longtime residents especially Black, Latinx, and API immigrant residents will be able to afford to live in Oakland. Parks will be thriving neighborhood gathering places, urban gardens will be prevalent so people can learn to grow their own food, and affordable culturally relevant grocery stores will be no more than a 15 minute walk for any resident. The city will have fewer freeways, investments in policing will be replaced by investments in community health workers, schools, and social services, and zip code or race will no longer be the primary determinant of someone's health outcomes.</p>
<p>Hopefully more safe. More bike friendly. I'd love to be able to ride around with my kids along greenways and protected bike lanes to visit parts of our beautiful city.</p>
<p>No encampments, human trafficking and illegal dumping at the minimum. A prosperous City where all can share the prosperity.</p>
<p>A safer space for pedestrians especially children and the elderly. Less desirable place to own a car</p>
<p>An exemplar of environmental sustainability, including bicycle infrastructure and electrified solar-powered buildings, and more trees & greenery. An incubator for small businesses & entrepreneurs. A welcoming community with ample affordable housing for all.</p>
<p>More tiny home communities for people to enjoy. Better developed water front, especially public use lands.</p>
<p>struggling with many of the same issues</p>
<p>Leading the world in eco-city design! Urban farms, high-quality public education, public programs that truly serve everyone (health care, transit, etc.), innovations in sustainable business practices (closed loop, zero-waste), clean</p>

<p>parks, safe public spaces, effective homeless services instead of camps and trash. Reasonable rents/ownership and a thriving middle class.</p>
<p>A city free of crime and graffiti</p>
<p>Housing for all! Clean and safe streets, more cultural integration, freedom from fossil fuels, cheaper BART and other public transit, fewer cars on the streets, fewer guns and shootings, more funds for our schools</p>
<p>I'll be very very old or dead by then - I don't think about that</p>
<p>A place where I can walk freely without fear of being mugged or from numerous other ongoing crimes in our neighborhoods! Where I can drive my car without hitting deep potholes every 5 ft. And where the city stays on top of sanitation in all neighborhoods.</p>
<p>A hell hole if homeless encampments pushing into every neighborhood with no effort from the government to protect home owners and renters.</p>
<p>Hopefully safer streets (more pedestrian and bike friendly streets), less income inequality and homelessness, less gun violence</p>
<p>Not sure, hopefully the unhoused crisis will be diminished including littering and sleeping on the streets.</p>
<p>I'll be 64! Hopefully I'll like it as much as I do now.</p>
<p>Unless management can improve crime rates and education, business will stay away and the City will deteriorate. a lush canopy of trees shading all the streets and homes in West and East Oakland (may need to underground electric lines), more walkable spaces, connection to a high speed rail, less airplane travel/pollution, electric vehicles on all the freeways, more equalization of incomes</p>
<p>More equitable and more aware of climate change and active in mitigating it.</p>
<p>Streets will be clean and bike friendly, public transportation will be fast and safe, Everyone will have access to quality education and healthy food, there will still be vibrant art and culture and great restaurants. There will be free community activities for kids & teens and there will be zero gun violence.</p>
<p>Safer</p>
<p>Cleaned up - from the port air pollution to the homeless. Less restrictions on businesses and landlords.</p>
<p>The west Oakland/downtown division has been knit back together by the 980 interstate park rivals the charm of the panhandle in San Francisco with its wooded walking paths and grassy gathering spaces and sports fields. Nearby buildings have ground floor community spaces, grocery stores, and low income housing above. The park remains a prized fixture for all users. Oakland residents all have a place to live and sleep. Homeless encampments under overpasses, at the lake, and in empty lots have been reduced by offerings for other low cost community developments. The weathers good like always, and everyone loves going to A's games on the water. The Oakland Roots and Oakland Soul share the waterfront fields.</p>
<p>Bike lanes and street art, reliable and safe public transit system, city-sponsored events at Lake Merritt. Clean streets.</p>
<p>More Housing for cheaper, allowing Oakland diverse native population to stay in place instead of being wholly replaced by outsiders.</p>
<p>A more affordable, less car dependent, more protected bike lanes.</p>
<p>More plants and less police</p>
<p>More evenly distributed diversity of residents</p>
<p>a city that has been investing in its people and communities (not big businesses) that has put humans first and provides people with homes, services, and funds schools more than police, and has a plan for continuing to desegregate neighborhoods.</p>
<p>A city that puts its people before the interests of capital and the police, a city that invests in its people and actually houses its people instead of subjecting itself to the whims of the private real estate market. I know the general plan doesn't change the budget on its own, but its policies should reflect these priorities, and changing zoning and building regulations to shift to community ownership can help us get there.</p>

Oakland holds on to its cultural diversity, anchored by people of African descent that makes Oakland the town it is. This will be demonstrated by holding space for Black Cultural Zones and Environmental Justice Zones. Most importantly, Oakland will have a fully housed population, people will have good healthy jobs and clean air to breathe.
A green, beautiful, diverse City with affordable housing
I hope there is more public and low-cost housing and more pathways to become housed. I want there to be strong mutual aid networks and strong maintenance of our parks.
High rise high density housing, bars and barbed wire everywhere, dirty streets with homeless everywhere and useless city officials and services.
I pray safer with more affordable housing
Even more diverse, better infrastructure, lively, and safe for everyone
increased density, easier and less invasive public transit, and safer micro transit (walk, bike, scooter, etc.)
A more equitable city, where everyone can afford a roof over their head, where there is less racial and economic inequality in public education and access to public services, and where jobs are plentiful and well-paid.
Even more bikeable and safer for bikers whether commuting or out for a ride. I envision it as a place where all people can thrive, where rent is not out of control like it is today and the city maintains its diversity (in types of individuals and types of careers ppl have)
With more community resources that prevent people from living chaotic lives, affordable housing and better roads.
I'd like to see healthier, happier, more honorable citizens focused on community contribution through sustainable development of necessary education and health infrastructure that supports each individual to develop their unique brand of citizenship and social contribution. We are all on team Oakland, trying to improve the quality of our citizens and shared lived experiences.
Community building is prioritized, different groups intermingle and trust each other
As a world class destination that embraces culture, service and beauty. A city that prides itself on helping others.
I really hope it is safer, cleaner, and that people show compassion towards one another.
Safer roadways and affordable housing
no idea!
Significant increase in supportive and preventative services like housing, education, and other community support. No police.
Cleaner
Lots of bike friendly paths, no homelessness, paved roads everywhere, car break-ins are addressed
Crowded! Still connected to Black culture, still centered around Lake Merritt. Hopefully healthy and thriving.
I hope more of the same above, with less violent crime, fewer homicides, decreased poverty and virtually Zero homelessness.
Much more higher density and affordable housing close to expanded transit, no homeless encampments (because they are housed, not because they are pushed out of sight). Robust municipal electrical grid.
More people living in harmony, more people getting around by bicycle, more services and shops
-Fewer cars and freeways that make neighborhoods less cohesive and harder/less safe to walk around. Redefining streets to make them more
-Adding "Missing Middle" housing (allowing densification in single-family housing areas so that there are more 3-to-4 storied buildings throughout the city, therefore reducing the pressure of too much/too fast densification in the very few areas that currently do allow higher density, such as corridors like Telegraph and Broadway).
Without distributing density, it'll feel like two different cities
-More green pockets
-More public spaces to gather as a community and take refuge on spending time outdoors in the city without

<p>feeling like you have to be spending every time you want to step out of your house (especially as things continue to become more expensive)</p> <p>-Much more affordable housing, keeping from single young people to working families in mind</p>
<p>Every day I envision my city with its problems solved - without garbage piles, homeless encampments, drug users slumped on the streets. I see more affordable housing, high-functioning mental health services, and ENFORCEMENT strategies for basic human decency and public health, like people not pooping on city sidewalks. Sure there is a way to solve these problems - other cities have done it.</p>
<p>All of today's problems—environmental, social, political—are likely to intensify in the coming decades. I envision Oakland taking these challenges as an opportunity to show the world how to solve problems by coming together and making tough decisions for the good of the people.</p>
<p>A world leader in green transportation. Combustion vehicles are not allowed on Oakland streets, electric and human powered vehicles and pedestrians only. Abundant public transportation replaces the use of freeways for most travel in the state of California. Gas should be taxed so much by the city of Oakland or county of Alameda so it costs 10x or more its current cost in 2022.</p>
<p>It is the pinnacle of a diverse and United city. It's sustainable. It's clean. It's safe</p>
<p>more local, small businesses</p>
<p>Oakland should be a safe, walkable, high-density city with reliable public transport, vibrant open spaces, and a variety of affordable housing options.</p>
<p>Hopefully not having lost its Black and Latinx populations, still a diverse and integrated mix of races and families/neighborhoods who have history and roots in the city. A city which is growing in a way integrated with, aware of, and celebrating its history and communities which founded it.</p>
<p>More green space, better access of public transportation, and walkability</p>
<p>More parks, cleaner air, drought-tolerant plantings, fewer highways and cars</p>
<p>Diverse, safer, success in addressing housing costs and homelessness</p>
<p>Less homelessness and crime</p>
<p>More affordable housing, more mixed housing and communities, less pollution in west Oakland</p>
<p>World class bicycle infrastructure like Amsterdam that connects all parts of the city and increases access and equity.</p>
<p>Improved, equitably excellent schools for all. Housing for all. Having our arms around climate change and not fearful for the next big fire.</p>
<p>Encampments cleaned up and gone with the mentally ill forced into treatment through the change in conservatorship laws. Hard drug dealers - meth and opioids - arrested, incarcerated or deported.</p>
<p>Big push on public transportation. Not everyone can bike— it's a very ableist assumption to give the streets to bikes w/o fortifying public transportation. Buses are outdated. We need clean energy shuttles. Stop being beholden to bike zealots.</p>
<p>More high density housing along public transit corridors, increased parking along transit corridors for commuters, unhoused people off streets, cleaner streets, improved pavement, roofs of large buildings used for solar or gardens, continued /expanded presence of parks/natural areas/trails- especially through lower income neighborhoods such as near San Leandro creek, long distance transit options (like electric rail) servicing neighborhoods they run on top of/through.</p>
<p>A safer city with affordable housing. Right now, only the wealthy can afford to buy property.</p>
<p>walkable, livable neighborhoods intact</p>
<p>presence of decent public transportation</p>
<p>different economic classes of people (this will of course change as the economy changes)</p>

Above sea level.
Better active transport access, safer streets with slower vehicle speeds, enhanced parks and use of parks in flatlands, more housing and affordable housing
I worry that gentrification and an emphasis on bringing in tech companies will flatten and homogenize the town, pushing out the cultural vibrancy. Art music and culture need to be supported thru living wages, quality public schools, affordable housing and an investment in the folks that have been here for generations. I don't see that happening.
A slum if we do not get a mayor and new city council who know how to govern.
I think a dream that would improve the quality of life for both the housed and unhoused residents would be to give homeless people housing and to increase mental health supports for the many people who live on the streets right now. I think the vibe of the city would be better if there were increased affordable housing for all.
Hopefully the freeways will not have people shooting up and living in tents underneath them. Lake Merritt will still have green lawns around it and no dog parks, it will remain a sanctuary for the birds and people who do not have dogs.
More mixed income neighborhoods with well-maintained open space and community space walking distance in every neighborhood. More bike lanes and slower streets with medians and roundabouts to slow traffic in residential neighborhoods.
Hopefully, more open in its solutions to systemic problems such as homelessness, housing, crime, and inequality.
As a true "central city" with a full range of job opportunities, housing, and services, that is walkable, inviting, safe, and fascinating.
Given the lack of attention by the Oakland politicians and government workers, I see Oakland crime, homelessness, pollution, and infrastructure getting worse.
Denser population, more low income housing, more peaceful.
Much more diverse with many more residents
more farmers markets
Lots of self-sustaining neighborhoods with plenty of housing and local businesses with enough foot traffic to thrive.
Many young entrepreneurs start businesses here (whether that's food, retail, services, or manufacturing), and then keep them here as they grow them.
Not one massive downtown, but many neighborhood mini-downtowns with sections closed to cars and accessible by walking and transit-- the street life and bustle of an active city.
I would hope it would not become a smaller-scale San Francisco. I hope it will maintain racial, cultural and economic diversity and will not become another "playground for the rich." I hope it will limit market-rate development to leave room for affordable housing and lower margin commercial (e.g., retail catering to working class folks, not the rich). I also hope it maintains its historic building as more than shells (i.e., not like the Market Street facades in San Francisco.)
Easy and accessible city/county/state based facilities and top-notch public K-12 education and library system. Not so much bureaucracy so citizens can get jobs done quickly, effectively and efficiently. A great and secure policing system.
Bike friendly and cleaner roads. More greenery for cleaner air.
Ideally: less economic disparity, housing for all, safe & new pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, urban forests that sequester carbon and provide jobs, clean parks and streets, free rapid transit, traffic enforcement, improved schools
Greener, more equitable, and safer.
Absent of all Liberal politicians therefore ridding the city of crime.

More affordable housing, more public transport/BART stops, better paved roads, cleaner...public restrooms, water stations, trash/recycle cans.
much more divided
Challenged by crime, education, traffic, economic inequality, and climate change.
More AFFORDABLE higher density housing, a 20 year old ballpark in Howard Terminal, thriving schools, and a sanctuary city for all.
More income equality. Minimal police presence. Great schools. A functioning city government taking care of basic services. Free contraception. Everyone has food, housing, health care.
No answer
a progressive oasis, where beauty is everywhere and includes everyone.
More poor infrastructure and homelessness
Hopefully much cleaner and safer.
Public transit. Bike lanes. Wider sidewalks. Less free-ways slicing up the city. More pedestrian friendly infrastructure. Build for people, not cars.
Worn out
More people housed, more bike lanes,
Downtown absorbs most housing and economic growth. Artistic and cultural identity retained. Safe to walk and move around. Unhoused are housed. Public spaces and pedestrian infrastructure along shoreline
Better schools, less homeless people on the street, less crime
Dirtier. More smog and poverty.
Quieter and safer.
We solved the housing crisis. We have a vibrant economy. We have attractions and civic experiences that delight residents and draw visitors from outside the city.
A non-toxic city not using poisons like glyphosates (Round-up), a cleaner and safer city where the police and the youths aren't the enemies! More inclusion of EVERYONE! Better roads to drive on, more amenities for the people. Oakland is a very RICH city where are our parks, and safe places to walk or ride bikes. Lower property taxes (They are outrageous and we have nothing to show for them) I want the city to give back to its people. I hope that is clear enough! I also want Oakland to be pro small business and protect clear water and air!!!
The dream would be an end to gun violence; housing for our unsheltered community; true equity in education and opportunities for kids across ALL of Oakland; the realization of the Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors vision of a safer, better city without gentrification; and real support for the arts (not just lip service).
It will get its flaws and weaknesses fixed and become the example of justice/good health/equanimity, smart governing with no corruption FIXED.
Hopeless if we don't combat the TRASH PROBLEM
A city that is safe, protects its citizens and their property. One that prosecutes criminals rather than letting them walk freely to continue to commit crimes.
A city that is responsive to its citizens—city staff that provide real, courteous, helpful customer service. Current departments are hard to reach, staff is rude and uncaring, won't follow up provide accurate I formation.
A city that is Clean, streets that are paved, routinely maintained, homeless encampments eliminated, junk cleaned up, medians landscaped in ALL areas not just certain ones.
A city that is diverse and welcoming to all cultures and faiths. Freedom from fear and harassment.
Leaders that sincerely care about its citizens— not just their political careers. Leaders that listen to its citizens and takes action and not hide is their offices.

A city that attracts others: Conferences, seminars, sporting events, concerts. But we need hotels, safe public transit, safe venues, etc.
A city that values children, youth and seniors with quality schools, recreation, and programs that support their growth and needs.
With lots more trees, green spaces and protected bike lanes. Also with more affordable housing.
A city full of respect for, and deep appreciation of, our differences
Recover from COVID, people on the streets, community events, safe streets
I hope for a more thriving city and its people, i.e. more employment opportunities for young & old, support for small businesses, less crime, more staffed and trained police officers, more social services, more affordable housing, less people living on the street and less trash around.
A diverse, thriving, economically vibrant with a plethora of jobs and opportunities for youth, and residents of all ages. Oakland should have a strong infrastructure base with a thriving port and public transportation system.
Much more housing so that housing is more affordable and flexible for everyone. That means more Oaklanders too, which is great! And thriving neighborhoods.
By 2045, Oakland will have permanently overcome its financial challenges, not by levying more and more taxes on a weary population, but through economic growth and increasing prosperity for all of Oakland's communities.
By 2045, Oakland will no longer be a magnet for the chronically homeless and mentally ill. By that time, society will have found compassionate ways of caring for unhoused people without making other residents have to put up with feces-smearred, trash-strewn sidewalks and public parks.
By 2045, Oakland will have moved beyond the resentful, "us-versus-them" antipathy that today characterizes the attitudes of "flat-landers" towards Oakland hills residents.
By 2045, Oakland will have found effective ways of tackling poverty and crime by providing meaningful economic opportunities for ALL of Oakland's diverse communities.
With equity for all its people
More walkable and bikeable areas, more accessible/dependable and widespread public transit, less individual car dependence, trees lining most residential streets, healthy food available in every neighborhood.
More interconnected
safer, cleaner, smarter
Richer
At the current rate, it is not looking good as the town gets more violent and filled with mentally ill individuals
Hopefully with less homelessness and crime.
Safe streets, more native oaks and flora (vs non-native plants), thriving downtown and waterfront, a clean Lake Merritt, less violent crime and theft.
Grim
Less trashed and less homelessness
The city is thriving under experienced leadership who are committed to sound fiscal oversight. City staff and city council are committed to the health, safety and well-being of residents, first and foremost. Staff use fair, consistent and transparent processes to deliver timely, high quality services. Residents trust the city again and the city trusts and cares about her residents. Oakland has been able to overcome the toxic divisiveness and scapegoating of the 2020s and usher in a new era of cooperation and respect among everyone who cares about Oakland. Different perspectives are welcomed and harnessed to create to high quality services that deliver best case long-term

<p>outcomes. Residents, councilmembers, and city staff understand that they don't all have to agree to be able to work together effectively. Small businesses are thriving. Through down payment assistance and fiscal education programs, homeownership has increased dramatically making Oakland a model for other urban areas. Mental health, rehab, rent vouchers, supported education and employment, other social support services are easily and readily accessible. To ensure it never ever happens again, Oakland has memorialized the terrible time of “homeless encampments” when our neighbors-in-need ended up on the streets and were then exploited for political gain rather than being provided appropriate care. Oakland’s police and criminal justice reform have also become national models for success. Crime rate and recidivism have plummeted. Charter school reform has enabled charter schools and district schools to work harmoniously and glean the best of all worlds on behalf of the students. Together they are able provide the highest quality education throughout the city with sustained increases in graduation rates and career successes. Through fiscal best practices, taxes have actually decreased while the quality of services has significantly increased. Oakland has been able to explore and adopt the best environmental policies and approaches. Through cooperation, sound oversight, accountability, renewed trust, and improved quality of life, Oakland has become the city of the future.</p>
<p>Younger people, more affordable housing, better public schools, more & better police and city services (e.g., Public Works, etc.)</p>
<p>sort of like the movie "Escape from New York"</p>
<p>I'm on team abundance - I hope that, by 2045, Oakland has expanded its current downtown and created additional centers for people to live and work. Ideally, expanding the housing supply would bring down rents while allowing people of all races and classes to live near one another, in neighborhoods nicer than what we currently have</p>
<p>I envision a city where every building is rent controlled, all new construction is carbon neutral and high quality, and Oakland is affordable to the working class. I envision a city where there are zero millionaires or tech bros. All the streams have been daylighted and native plants are thriving. Land has been given back to the Ohlone people.</p>
<p>Affordable housing, improvement on house less situation (housing for house less), after school programming for black low income, low income neighborhoods with fixed streets and updated plumbing, clean streets</p>
<p>Bureaucrat nightmare Collection of nation’s most troubled, addicted people, 1984</p>
<p>I worry that it is going downhill with too much crime. No retail means no tax base.</p>
<p>It is run so poorly now I can't even envision it's future</p>
<p>Full of life and prayerfully more abundantly for the poor</p>
<p>Less trash and homelessness to attract more businesses.</p>
<p>We will be more urbanized and bigger, hopefully with more jobs and businesses.</p>
<p>Homeless encampments everywhere. No more private small housing providers offering 1-3 units left in the city. Properties managed by nonprofits crumbling and decrepit. No coherent plan for the city to develop more affordable housing.</p>
<p>Cleaner streets and less violence.</p>
<p>More trash, crime and homelessness</p>
<p>lots of public services ; clean ups the parks, well fund the schools diverse, all parts of the city are kept clean,</p>
<p>It looks like Oakland is heading toward a city with no pro sports teams that welcomes homeless drug addict while pushes out longtime residents and businesses through higher and higher taxation.</p>
<p>Cleaner streets. Solved crime and homeless problems.</p>
<p>Less crime, less homelessness</p>
<p>I hope Oakland will grow to be a SAFE city and is able to attract and retain small businesses and local jobs.</p>
<p>I'll likely be dead</p>

<p>If you live in the flats the current apocalyptic conditions bode poorly for the city. Prostitution is allowed to flourish in front of poor people’s homes, homeless encampments continue to encroach into neighborhoods where poor people live. This will bring down rents making Oakland the only affordable place for poor people to live. This will cause property to depreciate taxes to come down and a lack of police and other public services. Oakland will go into bankruptcy.</p>
<p>Innovative, dense, colorful</p>
<p>Clean, safe, good schools (preschool thru junior college), paved clean roads, Oaklanders take pride in Oakland and respect each other.</p>
<p>Higher density housing, bike and pedestrian safe - progressive climate policy, diverse (both race/ethnicity & class), local arts & culture</p>
<p>depends- continue down current path and it is a failed city with tons of problems: no services, crime, and bad schools. Or hire qualified staff and vote in qualified leaders who truly care about the city(vs. their agenda) and we can be the greatest city with tons of shopping, safe streets, good schools</p>
<p>Larger population. Hoping for neighborhood commercial to rebound post-pandemic</p>
<p>More crowded. Hopefully fewer homeless people</p>
<p>Hellhole at the current rate it's going.</p>
<p>Cleaner, safer, no homeless, more focus on taking care of the streets and parks.</p>
<p>More black people OWNING property in east Oakland.</p>
<p>Dedicated, and connected bike infrastructure with secure bike parking. roads that are dedicated to mobility, not cars. Major increase in green infrastructure and tree canopy, particularly in East Oakland and West Oakland. Safe and robust downtown with lots of housing and entertainment.</p>
<p>with a LOT more people but still diverse, quirky, and amazing.</p>
<p>More vibrant and urban, more density and housing, more infill and vacant lots utilized, better public transportation, safer bicycle and pedestrian environment, a thriving park system, and a cleaner and greener city with no illegal dumping and encampments.</p>
<p>A dense, walkable, and diverse urban center.</p>
<p>On the rise. Prosperous. Good schools. Still multi-ethnic.</p>
<p>More housing of all types. Less empty lots and abandoned buildings. Complete activation of the downtown core. Howard Terminal and Coliseum development completed and both West/East Oakland improved with more investments.</p>
<p>people are healthy and happy. there's abundant parkland, people can take buses and bikes to easily get anywhere they want to go, people make enough money to comfortably take care of themselves and their families, people have access to affordable, safe housing, schools are excellent, people feel connected to their families, neighbors and communities.</p>
<p>I think that Oakland will be fundamentally the same city then, just as it is now fundamentally the same city as 20 years back, in the year 2000. I think transit-oriented development will increase and spread to new locations, strengthening the city's commercial districts. I hope that most vehicles--including ships and trains--will be zero emissions at the tailpipe, cleaning up the air, especially in West Oakland. I hope and think that people in Oakland will travel less by car, and more by bus, train, and bike.</p>
<p>Hopefully much safer and cleaner.</p>
<p>Safer, cleaner and more prosperous</p>
<p>More housing, longtime resident families supported in keeping their homes, safer community through community support, safe schools, safe streets</p>
<p>More people. Denser communities. Better transportation and opportunities. Hopefully less bulk garbage in the streets.</p>
<p>Equitable, sustainable, safe, thriving, fun. Easy, safe, and affordable to get around on public transportation and by foot, bike, wheelchair. People that work in Oakland can afford to live in Oakland. Neighbors know each other.</p>

I envision Oakland becoming a place of housing abundance where existing and new residents can find affordable and accessible housing options in all types of neighborhoods. The City will become a center for sustainable living and access where residents can take buses in dedicated lanes, ride down protected bike lanes, and take advantage of expanding regional transit to access everything Oakland and Bay Area have to offer.
Largely the same, but with even more people living happily together. And hopefully with generally better public safety, and with safe housing for everyone who wants to live here.
Hopefully with t
Unsheltered in homes, trash off the streets, a pride in the town by everyone, the A's in their new arena at Howard Terminal, the roads and parks maintained and clean, air pollution non-existent, clean bay waters, safe walking streets, closed downtown to cars, safety for citizens and kids.
Safer streets, more green, more public beautification
At peace with no guns
Most people living in multifamily homes and taking public transit, regardless of income. I want there to be enough density for buses to adequately serve Oakland residents with high frequency. I also want designated bike paths that are separate from the roads that cars use.
Unfortunately, covered in Chipotles and Starbucks
Plethora of affordable housing, missing middle housing, Black community sustained, Latino community sustained, AAPI community sustained, immigrant community sustained; NO more parking meters; more free social services (summer camps, reading services, transit, charging stations, carbon-negative for all public spaces);
Much denser, more cultural spots like museums and theaters, less crime but hopefully not less diversity
There is ample housing because just cause laws have caught up with the reality of home owner desires.
A city that demonstrates how business and community can make all residents safe and prosperous; a city without homelessness; a city that knows how to handle formerly divisive issues by recognizing that while all viewpoints are important, the most important result of any political process is to reach an understanding that we can't move forward without compromise and agreement on common goals.
I hope we are able to be a model of creativity, inclusion, belonging, culture, community, growth & sustainability for other cities. Where people can have (most of) what they want and really need to create a fulfilling life.
Here's spicy take: I think Oakland should at least DOUBLE in population by 2045. Lots of people would love to live here. Why shouldn't we remove all the constraints on building homes and be the big vibrant city we would be if we didn't actively prevent that from happening?
More equitable housing, treating the unhoused community with dignity and working to make sure all Oakland residents are thriving
Less crime
Dense & walkable, but still with the chill Oakland vibe.
Surviving near-apocalyptic events with resiliency. Some of " us"(?) will be part of tight-knit affinity groups of mutual resource sharing. Some others will be armed and defending their bunkers, cribs, boats, whatever they have left.
Starhawk said it in the 80's in a futuristic novel: "The Fifth Sacred Thing"
Unless radical changes are made to build enormous amount of housing for ALL income levels across all of Oakland, Oakland will be filled with slums and encampments in the flatlands, burdening those unhoused residents and the mostly minority residents in those neighborhoods with the effects of this dislocation, while richer whiter residents continue to fight all changes to their neighborhoods so they don't have to accept the burden of social services and housing in their neighborhoods.
Completed ballpark for A's by water; more vibrant entertainment scene connected to that.
Cleaner. More welcoming of development and renewal. Easier to do business in. Less entitlement and identity politics. More efficient with spending. The homeless are housed. Growth and business is welcome.

Cleaner. More welcoming of development and renewal. Easier to do business in. Less entitlement politics. More efficient with spending. The homeless are housed.
A beacon of ecological sustainability, equity, and justice. Governed through democratic processes that have reined in the power of multinational corporations and greedy developers that are currently wreaking havoc on the community. A community that lives in right relationship to Indigenous communities, the land, our ancestors, and descendants.
Improved public transportation. Rooftop garden patios on apartment buildings. More bicycle lanes. More hybrid work options. More after school activities. More high school curriculum and police training related to emotional health.
All the great things without all the negative things that have been diminishing quality of life here: homelessness, crime, lack of civility, failure to provide generative pathways for youth into productive adulthood
Everyone housed, vibrant, clean, less hardship and crime
Hopefully a more law abiding, cleaner city where it's residents respect the law and our environment because this fairy tale 2045 has NO chance of becoming reality
Chaos, crime ridden,
I'm having trouble wrapping my head around 2045, but if I were to "dream" a little, I see clean, well-lit streets, no homeless on the streets, no more high-rise condo buildings or other strange buildings or strange street configurations like what they've done to Telegraph Ave, more people walking about and enjoying themselves.
probably full of tech workers living in expensive luxury apartments
Much safer, less unhoused, more mental health services, income diversity as well as ethnic, racial, etc.
less dirty (both streets and air), safer, affordable to all
Well, there's how I envision it and what I fear will happen. My fear is that crime will skyrocket as bleeding hearts fail to act on tough issues. My hope is that Oakland will be just as vibrant but safer, with better opportunities for residents. But you can't hate businesses and tech and expect that to happen I suppose.
I hope it will be cleaned up.
A place that has maintains its diversity, manages to house everyone affordably, maintains social and racial justice
More dense, more housing
If we don't build more housing, the city will become more and more gentrified.
Less unhoused population; still a major sport team in town; more affordable housing
A city of civil unrest and crime.
An anarchist's paradise since there is NO enforcement of ANY of the laws in this city anymore!
Hopefully cleaned up a lot- both physically and in terms of crime.
<i>Survey (Spanish Translation) Responses</i>
Mas grande con mas latinos.
Mas limpia con menos violencia y drogas.
Quisiera pensar que ya no hubiera tanta violencia y caminar tranquilo por las calles
Sigue lo mismo
Hoy está venida a menos, mucha delincuencia, rayados de murallas, poca cobertura policial, etc. Me imagino en 23 años mas, será decadente vivir en Oakland.
Oakland es una ciudad donde personas de todas las razas y nacionalidades y niveles economicos pueden encontrar una gran variedad de vivienda de acuerdo a sus necesidades y economia. Hay buenos trabajos para todos y esos trabajos pagan lo suficiente vivir comodamente. Todas las calles estan limpias, hay arboles por toda la ciudad y parques donde los chicos pueden jugar sin peligro, ya no hay balaceras, robos y violencia y se puede caminar por toda la ciudad, andar en bici o tomar trnasporte publico sin miedo de que te roben o te encuentres en medio de una balacera o te ataquen por que " no debes de estar en esa area." El gobierno local es administrado correctamente y se ha eliminado la corrupcion y los abusos laborales de los empleados de la ciudad.

Sino hay un plan para detener la delincuencia, lo veo mal
Survey (Cantonese Translation) Responses
安全, 治安良好
Road leveling
加强公共治安治理; 及时跟进道路维修; 尽最大的努力👉确保居民出入平安, 起居安全。
安全, 卫生, 绿化, 繁荣的城市。
---希望奥克兰越来越好, 但或许改善有进步但完善很难。
NA
security. It's crime rate is always so high.

3. In 10 words or less, describe your big idea for Oakland's future.

Green, safe, clean, and resourced Oakland for happy and healthy residents. .
Low crime, ethnic diverse neighborhood, tech center, affordable housing, equitable
Clean up streets, establish townships with defined borders to limit c a r traffic within, make streets pedestrian friendly
many small businesses and mixed throughout neighborhoods
Do what Theaster Gates did to improve the south side of Chicago
human scale, walkable, bike-able, less cars
More bikes, less cars. Higher buildings, richer parks.
All green spaces connected with safe walk-bike corridors
More public goods available for ALL
Safe
Facilitate Downtown to grow and thrive with Jobs, retail, cultural facilities, and new housing.
Thriving local business community.
Diverse, housed, pedestrian-focused, safe capital of art, food, and culture
Embrace tech culture, it's here to stay.
Hopefully less known for violence and crime.
No regressive socialist policies.
Lock the criminals away!
Generate more business revenue through incentives for longevity of business residence
Strength in equity and growth in diversity.
A thriving world-class city with everything accessible.
A clean, affordable beautiful city
Vibrant housing and culture
Build more housing, everywhere!
YIMBY
Equity across neighborhoods, most in need receive direct resources, services.
No litter and graffiti free city.
No homeless, pensions reduced, good schools, functional government, no cops.
Build infrastructure.

Improved mobility around the city for all modes, safe and clean.
Improve the schools so more people will want to raise their families here.
Stopping the zip code discrimination.
Pedestrian friendly, mass transit focused, affordable housing
Love your neighbor
Super dense and lively downtown area — all the way to the lake and back.
Safe, welcoming, fun
Diverse, innovative, dense with local housing, public space, and jobs.
It's an amazing climate! Don't let the tents spoil it.
More deeply affordable housing
Urban and safer
Diverse, caring, glamorous, housing and high-tech jobs Mecca.
better and more accountable leadership
Lead with compassion and without fear of change.
Clean streets, parks, transit options, density, culture, safe.
Buy houses for POC
De-emphasize car travel. Improve all other options.
Trading cars for people and parks.
More green spaces. No more homelessness.
Housing for ALL income ranges
A vibrant, actually inclusive, electric place
Affordable housing, universal child care, economic opportunity for all
Make Oakland the principal city of the Bay for entertainment and living.
I wish for Oakland to flourish with food, activities, and families in a safe and equitable way.
A model for inclusive growth, from free childcare, affordable housing, to green infrastructure
Access to affordable housing & mental health services
A light rail reaching most Oakland neighborhoods.
less cars, more community
How about we get a large tech company to build a campus at the Coliseum?
Roads have EV charging built in and whole city powered by solar!
Safety, safety, safety!
Bikes, transit, housing, safety
Integrated community supporting economic and environmental sustainability
Trash picked up, parks. And public spaces clean, traffic signs obeyed by pedestrians bikes and cars and no tent's encampments
target minor crimes such as vandalism, loitering, public drinking, jaywalking, and fare evasion
Diversity, safe, clean, rich, unity, equity for ALL, more housing
No immediate thoughts come to mind.
I love the Building at the port more trees planted when
Police that actually prevent property crime (and violent crime).
Getting back to our Oakland roots, embracing the culture & diversity and creating a safe space.

More people of color leaving just as well as all others! People that work in the city will be able to live in the same city.
A 15 minute city with denser housing
Clean, affordable, less crime, better roads. Affordable Housing 4 all.
Yes in my backyard
Jetpacks for everyone
Universal basic income leading to future prosperity.
Use big data analytics to fight crime, homelessness and transport problems
The Town living up to its potential
Pass the ball park
nature-based solutions to reduce GHG and adapt to impacts of climate change
Strong, functional police department. Good restaurants, lively arts.
Different distinct neighborhoods with quirky, eclectic shops and restaurants
Oakland needs to get on top of the homeless situation. Even if it takes time to provide or find shelter for people, there need to be sanitary places for people to be. Those who are mentally ill need to be helped. Those who are not mentally ill need to be hired to clean up the camps.
Provide a clear path to home ownership.
Human Scale City.
To Tackle down gun violence and make the streets cleaner, also more programs and safe places for the youth.
I would like Oakland to have a positive reputation.
Ideally it's safe, easy to walk/bike to downtown.
No homeless tent cities, safe, YIMBY, more housing.
Better city government less beholden to developers and the wealthy.
A place people can feel safe in
Makeover
see above
Curb crime with better housing and work opportunities while enhancing city aesthetics.
lower taxes
Prioritize rental assistance much more than we do. We put all kinds of restrictions on housing providers without making a real difference. A source for help with rent right now will give the biggest bang for the buck. Second focus on new housing units actually adding real units instead of all these programs that make people feel hood but don't produce housing.
More pedestrian waterfront space, less trucks, less violence, cleaner streets
Focus on the walkable areas and make them nice.
City residents must elect officials, mayors, City Council members that have bold vision and are willing and able to tackle the problems that Oakland faces. Those officials need to be willing to learn from other cities and take the best ideas out there, combined with their own, to improve housing, schools, infrastructure, trash, dumping, landscaping, blighted neighborhoods, after school and jobs programs for young people that address the needs of the middle and lower income families.
Put people to work picking up the trash.
keep Oakland, Oakland. don't try to be copy somewhere else.
innovation rewarded, out of the box solutions to our problems of crime and homelessness
Trash free, homeless free, pothole free, affordable housing, more jobs

Allow apartments everywhere, especially around transit and parks like Lake Merritt where people want to live.
Clean, safe, Wood Street and I 6th St Train Station redeveloped.
shade for everyone from wheels to toddlers
Small/micro modular apartments that are deeply affordable to ALL residents and can end homelessness for many ppl.
Advertise the great transportation and convenience of the central location.
Mixed use transit/bike/ped-oriented affordable housing development
Trade Schools for the Youths to enroll into after High School
All homeless encampments dismantled and enough tuff sheds available.
That are city is full of clean parks and open space for everyone to enjoy. And that we continue to have markets in all neighborhoods for all communities to enjoy the delicious produce our state has to offer.
My idea is dreams. making dreams turn into a reality.
To end the disparity gap by creating programs to help the poor and less fortunate be able to get the help and assistance needed to become productive citizens in the city. To bring in creative companies that will produce technologies to help Oakland be in the forefront of environmentally safe products while creating jobs for our citizens to bring a NFL and NBA team back to Oakland to update our schools so that we are creating and grooming some of the great forward minds in the country
Bring business into Oakland to create jobs. Shop building. Overcrowded.
Oakland Proud - What You See is What We Value
Enforce the laws.
UBI + 200,000 residents + permaculture-informed climate adaptation + bioregional/local economy.
Tech hub.
Eminent domain of neglected properties with absentee landowners
I want Oakland to grow up and become more sophisticated.
Create another BART tube across the Bay
Oakland embraces liberal and conservative ideals without blame or victimhood.
Health, housing, and employment equity, fewer police, and homes for everyone.
SAFE PLACE TO LIVE
A diverse, safe, and vibrant community.
new economic center
Men and women and children.
We need to create a safe, healthy, integrated downtown area where companies, small businesses, and families can thrive.
Safe, equity, resources, housing, jobs, schools, beautification, gardens, and community
15 min city where you can walk for the majority of your shopping needs by your home.
A place where community builds and educates itself about our common values
Real housing for low income folks.
Housing brings people, which is the life-blood of our community.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL
Homes and jobs for houseless cleaning Oakland's public spaces.
An amazing new stadium for the A's, and affordable housing.
More housing, more police, more investment in public works
Improved schools

A model of sustainability in a lush, creative environment.
People looking out for and helping people
Keep first Fridays / maybe switch up where it takes place
Clean/repair the City so people have pride in where they live.
Vibrant, social, and engaged communities participating and benefitting.
Leadership by the people and less dependance on City Hall.
A place that people of diverse backgrounds and incomes can comfortably call home
A city of belonging leading deep change through example of what is possible.
Homelessness resolved, clean streets and seniors able to move around freely.
Economic growth, more equitable society, safer.
Reduce violence, cleanup encampments, improve education
So much new housing landlords have to compete
Oakland could be a beacon for a thriving multi-cultural city.
Where people respect each other and the environment.
Excellent schools produces excellent minds
Multicultural and welcoming to residents and tourists.
End homelessness with mental health and affordable housing and job training
Convert spending on blight and crime to housing and beautification.
Densify, pedestrianize, invest in bike and public transit infrastructure
Best public transportation and education systems in the USA
Keep up with the times, yet remain authentic
More neighbors, less displacement.
A place that can feel like home to anyone.
Be THE place where everyone wants to be in
Recipes for Literacy- I wrote a book! Cool Sandwich Club
Anti-racist, thriving, thoughtful, loving, belonging, caring, joyful, liberated
Invest in the children
Model City for beauty, healthy ecology, opportunity, and diversity
Chase out all the housing speculators.
Green the city, create a resilient future.
New City leadership that lives here and accountable
An environmentally friendly, inclusive city that honors the history of the space.
All are housed, all belong, reparations have been negotiated
People are valued more than cars or single family homes.
No one having to live on the street.
We need large corporations to invest in BIPOC developers and business owners from Oakland.
More and better housing.
No big city construction. We are a working class city!
Multi-ethnic, multi-racial clean, safe, good schools and transportation
More attention paid by city administration to city's problems.
Destination city

Get the community to work together every day to make Oakland a better place to live.
End to tech money development and bringing in unaffordable housing.
Build vertically. More 5-6 story apartment buildings, rooftop gardens.
See above
Get Stuff Done though creativity, construction & outcomes.
HeL and transform the mental and emotional state of impoverished communities
Historical, art-filled city built for walking, eating, play.
The big businesses that make money here pay for better quality of life for everyone.
Vibrant urban living close to nature
Being disabled, I am having trouble getting around in my neighborhood on foot with a walker. I am forced into the street because so many cars park on the sidewalk!!! Mothers and baby sitters are also on the street with me because the sidewalk public access is blocked by cars parking on the sidewalk. I live on Underhills Road, District 2, and the city has stopped the police department from citing cars illegally parked because the road is narrow. This is a bad solution for the disabled. Many cars park 100% on the sidewalk now and are taking advantage of being able to partially park on the sidewalk.. This injustice must stop. Please help.
Safety, security, quality early care and education, and a safety net for all who need it
everyone is treated with care and respect
Affordable and decent housing for all.
Eliminate loitering and provide facilities whereby the homeless are rehabilitate
World class mental health & wellness. Piedmont absorbed by Oakland - no more segregation - every neighborhood is safe and desirable.
Housing for all!
A unique, diverse space and place for everyone.
Don't have a big idea.
No homelessness
Improved access to housing, public spaces and health resources for marginalized communities
return to rewarding the middle class for hard work
Allow more residents to live in the city affordably.
Deeply connected and thriving communities. Eradicate the impacts of redlining.
More bikes. More pedestrian avenues. Less cars.
An Oakland where our equity goals have been achieved.
A city for people not cars
Upzone commercial corridors, eliminate parking requirements to make housing affordable.
World class water front experience.
Affordable housing -- I mean affordable. Not what the tech industry average worker thinks is affordable.
Equitable sustainable community. Safe, affordable, beautiful.
More police, no more homeless tents
green technology leaders, leveling playing field for poorest
Public space for housing, A's at Howard Terminal
A city gov't with public safety at the top of their agenda.
Clear out the encampments. Empower the police.
Adapt to a changing world but hold onto its past
Affordable for generations to come remain in Oakland

Keep it desirable and affordable
Get Jerry Brown back.
jobs, clean air, shade, public parks, libraries and play spaces
Unity and belonging through community involvement
more affordable, more walking / biking, thriving retail districts
Cleaning up, not spreading our issues around.
Housing, 980 Park, A's, Clean Lake, More Music, Community Spaces
Safe, diverse, clean, happy
Rezoning, duplexes, quadplexes, high rise apartments, mixed use developments
Every time a street is replaced you put in a protected bike lane
A refuge for all the weirdos of the world
Solve homeless crisis
invest in people, not tech/business/police.
Start a City land bank, buy land, build community-owned housing
Zoning Districts for Black Culture, Environmental Justice, no homelessness policy
lower barriers to build more housing
Eclectic, safe, beautiful, diverse, affordable, community
Stop catering to special interests and get shit done.
Capitalism with a conscious...parts of Oakland definitely need attention and this doesn't mean gentrification. Include the community, not exclude
The best and most diverse place to live in the US
intentional iteration towards progressive community living
More affordable housing, more public services, less police and incarceration.
Healthy, creative, with all its panache —old and new
Community building is the path
Free lifelong healthcare and education serves and grows Oakland.
The coliseum, Eastmont, Macarthur corridor developed without losing its residents.
I can walk my kids to school safely
Neighborhood oriented public spaces and housing for all
Create services so poverty doesn't lead to crime
Preserve the local black community and be safer
seniors respected/integrated more-community life, excellent public schools, vigorously honest government, everyone accountable for actions
Invest in local community, divest from police.
Cleaner, smoother public transit (buses are often not on time), less homeless clusters
An amazing and safe place to ride bicycles . Please take inspiration from Amsterdam and Europe in general.
Healthy, thriving, authentic communities with deep respect for diverse cultures.
I think Oakland is basically moving in the right direction. I think we currently have the right people in leadership positions, and I look forward to seeing where things go from here.
Housing, opportunity, clean air, and access for everyone.
Having an almost car-free town.

Oakland centers and designs itself with people first in mind, before cars, developers, corporations, and group interests.
Fire all of city government and only hire back people who want to work on behalf of the city and not just collect a paycheck and preserve the status quo.
Investment in social programs for a safer and happier city
Oakland is net carbon negative with green transportation networks built for racial equity
Economic progression by trusting the infinity genius of residents
more outdoor seating and community
Be a leader and an exemplary city
Supporting entrepreneurs of color and affordability to avoid displacement.
Rezoning to allow more housing
Walkable, bikeable, and tree-filled, with clean air and blue skies
Reasonable public transport everywhere, housing for all
More affordable housing
use empty lot at Broadway & Pleasant Valley. For garden/benches
An equitable, integrated, supportive community
Walkable, bikeable, interconnected, equitable hub
I'm not good at that so I'll pass
We need more multi-unit housing bit restore height limits. The beauty of Oakland lies in it gorgeous flora and these towers block the sun and sky. I'm all for them when they're 5 stories or less. We need better public schools, less corporate charters much, much better teacher pay. Concentrate on gin violence- bring back buyback programs and fortify a gang task force.
Sustainable, equitable, affordable, safe Oakland with outdoor community hubs.
A safe place with affordable housing.
decent public education and no money for professional sports
The new Hollywood.
Slower traffic, safer streets
Invest in families and communities not business
Give homeless people true and permanent housing
Do your best to look at gentrification ruined SF and took/pushed away the artist.
A green City with accessible housing and well-funded schools and public services.
Retain a sense of place, honored by all.
Projects highlighting our interdependence.
My big idea is to retire and move away.
Bring back the electric street cars!
safer environment
Lots of housing. Opportunity and support for new small businesses.
Focus on maintaining affordability, both residential and business.
A safe, secure, beautiful living space for persons of all walks of life.
A sustainable city that provides jobs and housing for all
Exemplar green city with high quality of life for all residents
Bring in a Conservative Government

Safe & Sustainable, more of a cohesive identity (SF is tech, North Bay is wine, what is Oakland?)
i have to think about it
Equality.
Sustainable, affordable, equitable urban living.
Focus on basics.
Oakland, City of Progressive Opportunity for all
clean, sustainable, inclusive, wholesome, joyous
Construction of a big complex for the homeless
Cleaner and safer!
Public transit. Bike lanes. Wider sidewalks. Less freeways slicing up the city. More pedestrian friendly infrastructure. Build for people, not cars.
Improved transportation Reduced crime Thoughtful leadership
A web of bike lanes and free bike kiosks
World-class Downtown, Artistic and cultural destination, affordable
Equality and safety for all
Urban renewal.
A city without internal combustion engines.
Oakland is the most vibrant, diverse, and flourishing U.S. city.
Clean and fix up the city!
Oakland is a SMART town - actually acts/embodies its principles.
A vibrant, diverse, safe green city
GIVE back to the people of Oakland. Start Listening to the PEOPLE!
BIPOC leadership in city hall.
Fight the trash problem
An integrated wildfire management plan
Partnerships with businesses and community organizations supporting all our residents
More balanced, politically.
More competent city and county government that are working together to solve problems, research into successful social programs for cities comparable to Oakland that can be implemented here, more efficient use of tax dollars, less corruption and more unity and cohesion amongst different services.
A clean vibrant livable compassionate community that is resident-first.
More people and more jobs!
Oakland will surpass San Francisco as the region's greatest city.
Supportive and prevention services available to all children and their families from birth
Community-oriented resilience where everyone has the opportunity to thrive
More multimodal options within the city and connecting elsewhere.
no guns. no murders. one big happy family
Deregulate to allow more home building
Oakland needs practical policies and solutions not ideology
A welcoming melting pot of culture and activities
A safe, welcoming, equal community.
Redevelop existing public housing sites for higher density mixed income housing

More opportunities of success
Oakland works together, and together Oakland works.
Better government with enough money to support city initiatives
Where all citizens take responsibility for themselves
Build a city that we can be proud of
Affordable, sustainable, indigenous-led, community-controlled, diverse, working-class
A city that prioritizes black and brown low income communities. Fights to address houselessness and maintain the city's rich community focused culture.
Affordable housing always comes from overbuilding, not new construction!
Reduce crime, improve retail, attract investment.
A city where there is balance in leadership and no longer a magnet for untested theories. A city with retail
A city with LESS crime more police involvement in activities with folks open up parks with recreation centers !! kids need a safe place to play
Clean up the streets and parks.
Adopt a more business friendly environment like Emeryville to generate big tax base.
City establish housing first program and build SROs.
Politicians talk less because they are doing more.
Keep the same politicians to keep our trash, crime and homeless problems
equity --good services and housing for all
Oakland needs to attract bigger business with lower taxes. More jobs
Crack down on drug addiction which is causing homelessness and thefts/crime.
More democratic and practical, less extreme socialist agenda
No to the TOPA/COPA False Promise - Oakland needs Responsible Housing! www.No2TOPA.org
A city that Works for it's residents!
Respect and obey the laws of our land.
Non car transit. Co living housing clusters.
The diverse group of Oaklanders working together effectively.
Sustainability & community action
kick out staff activists, put all residents first, deliver quality services, remove all housing policies that affect small mom and pop owners
Great neighborhoods and connection to nature
Truly integrated housing with people from all social economic levels in proportions that reflect the city's population.
Needs new leadership and some adults in the room
Eliminate rent control.
A model city that is carbon neutral, equitable, healthy and promotes a high quality of life for everyone.
Use EIFD to build more affordable housing everywhere leveraging state funds
Clean and green the city to build community respect and awareness.
Replace San Francisco as economic engine of the Bay Area
Redevelop the coliseum. Continue the Brooklyn basin.
Build housing of all types to provide opportunity to all people in Oakland.
everyone has what they need to survive and thrive

Building a lot of social, non-market housing.
Thriving arts scene with plentiful art galleries, music venues, theaters, performing arts
House the homeless
Deck over I-980, underground I-880 and UPRR Downtown and JLS
Linear parks along all creeks, connecting the hills to the Bay
A diverse community that supports its residents to thrive
Many diverse and dense neighborhoods that are well-connected
An environmentally sustainable housing abundant future
Great housing, education, and equity for everyone
Oakland Pride; loyalty to Oakland, care for its people and environs.
Clean, green, friendly not mean
Economic equality, clean streets, watered street trees
New housing and better transit to serve the growing city
Opportunities for all residents to prosper and contribute
Model of anti-gentrification, free transit, affordable housing, and racial reparations, diversity, and inclusion;
Get your shit together, Oakland.
Oakland weighs the wants & needs of all citizens.
Forget the sports teams, focus on housing and business development.
Space for deeper collaborations between the city and community leaders.
Oakland can and should be a much bigger city.
More equitable housing
Less crime and cheaper shopping stores and affordable low income housing
Fewer cars, fewer guns, more housing
Housing and justice for all; less cars
Huge community gardens/ eco-shelters self-governing
Oakland needs to leverage the Port of Oakland way better than it does now. How can the third busiest port in the state, and 12th in the country not pay for a Type I fireboat. Where does all the money the Port makes go to?
By right housing approvals for compliant projects, quadplexes legalized city-wide.
Growth, renewal, sustainability, public safety, pride, equal opportunity not legislated outcomes
Accountability. Less entitlement special interests driving the agenda. Consolidated and better schools.
A just transition to living in right relationship to the SF Bay bioregion.
Being famous for pedestrian & public transit tree lined streets.
Everyone has enough and can realize their unique potential
Enforce our laws and teach our children the value of respect and treatment of our environment
Criminals incarcerated, held responsible for crimes committed
clean well-lit streets, no homeless or tents or garbage on the streets, plenty of good medical care and free education (especially college) for any resident that wants it.
keep it affordable to live here
A lot less crime and a city that is able to have people from many diverse backgrounds.
SAFE, affordable, clean
Oakland will be a welcome places for all

Clean, great transportation, no crime.
A vibrant and diverse city with modest crime and homelessness
Provide more housing, including affordable housing, while maintaining City character
More affordable housing
better/more _independent_ "watchdog" orgs for city gov't and OPD
Enforce laws and remove all homeless encampments.
Hire more police officers who are willing to do the job, make arrests, and enforce the laws!
Safe to go outside again to enjoy nature
<i>Survey (Spanish Translation) Responses</i>
Mejores escuelas para los niños.
Asistencia para pagar la renta
Vivir más tranquilo
Espero que haya menos violencia y crimen
Mejorar la calidad de la enseñanza en las escuelas, llenas de principios y valores Cristianos.
Oakland,CA es la ciudad modelo del futuro.
Mejores líderes capaces de trabajar en unidad con toda la gente y lograr cambios productivos
<i>Survey (Cantonese Translation) Responses</i>
安全, 治安良好
Travel safety. Severely punish violent crimes .
居民能够安居乐业!
只有唯官很为老百姓着想·明天会更好。
望奥克兰每一年迈大步.
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Security, safe, more jobs and education opportunity.

4. How important are the following actions for the City of Oakland to take over the next 20 years? If you selected “Other” as one of your top priorities, please tell us more.

Evaluating schools and programming for youth. Investing in the arts and music to encourage young people off streets. And invest in financial literacy classes for parents.
"Stop the high speed driving in neighborhoods and stop donut driving shows on regular streets by giving venue for people to drive crazy like vacant lots.
Put cameras on streets and send tickets to registered car owners. "
plant more oak trees
"Progressive" policies are ruining Oakland.
Support the police and their work to fight crime and drugs.
Clean up the streets and encampments to ATTRACT investors and businesses to come and stay
Quality and equitable public education
Improving K-12 schools
Major investment in maintaining and repairing city streets. This will beautify neighborhoods dramatically, and help towards a better quality of life. It will encourage bike riding (on smoother streets)

City needs to continue to partner with faith organizations to strengthen the family culture and values.
Reduce corruption in police and the city's unions. Fight back against onerous pension obligations and actually use taxes to help all Oaklanders not just a select few if lucky retirees.
A balance of improved transportation modes & ROWs that includes public transportation, autos, pedestrians and bikes.
Enforcing the law consistently is a remarkable cost-effective method to ensure community safety and quality of life. Sadly, our city officials ignore this tenet in letting lawlessness pervade unabated
Promote happy ageing. Stop Asian haters and all racial discrimination. Support church activities for they help bring peace and love to the community besides all the community work. Preserve Chinatown
Make public transportation safe, reliable and fashionable.
No more tents and abandoned cars!
Please do not Emeryville remain as Oakland's shopping center -- we need more stores of all kinds in the City. Do not make it difficult for a Home Depot e.g. to come here
Oakland needs to have adequate child care facilities, including co-located child care with affordable housing. The city is a child care desert, and child care is key to economic stability and to ensure that Oakland is a family-friendly city.
Free and accessible childcare
I believe in "trickle-down" effects for housing, so I think that building market rate housing is just as important as low-income housing, and a lot easier to fund. As we build a lot of market-rate housing the price will drop and middle income people will buy/rent it, freeing up existing housing for lower-income people.
Solve the trash situation. Everywhere there is trash and illegal dumping. It's in the residential neighborhoods and all the city streets. There are no trash cans so it's all in the street and people have become used to putting their unwanted stuff out on the street instead of calling for a bulky pickup or donating the items (TVs, furniture, mattresses). Other cities don't have this problem, why do we struggle with it so much. It's embarrassing when friends come over to have to drive through and see it and makes Oakland look low income and crime ridden.
Transparent government and restore Sunshine Ordinance so we have proper public noticing.
Plan for an aging population
Allowing people to hang at Lake Merritt safely and OPD patrolling underserved/high crime areas hourly.
Cleaning up our streets and better roadways.
I would like less freeways running through Oakland and the removal of parking minimums to disincentivize cars. I want safer streets for people outside of cars and in general just have more car-free areas. Too many pedestrians and bicyclists have died because traffic calming solutions have not been enacted.
Reducing reliance on police for emergency services, especially regarding mental health and housing issues. We need people who are trained in those areas to deal with those issues. Also generally reducing police violence.
Many of the categories above are hard problems to solve. Picking up the huge amounts of trash that blights our streets and washes into our waterways seems like a relatively simple problem in comparison. My top priority is picking up the trash.
Manage and plan for impacts of climate change for low income communities including sea level rise, flooding, and heat events. Stack those efforts with environmental considerations such as bay ecosystem impacts and water quality. Green infrastructure addresses flooding and water quality. Ensuring affordable housing is cited away from flood zones or existing affordable housing reinforced against sea level rise with habitat restoration.
Cleaning the city.
More police, more housing, Oakland A's stadium.
Sure, this all sounds great but why would city government improve when it thinks it is good when it is so bad? This all reads like a position list for a candidate for mayor. Never Again Libby. Ever.

Improving connections (like roads, bikeways, sidewalks, or greenways) and ways to get around the city with a variety of transportation options in East Oakland. Also, the RV that move on the streets of East Oakland for months. Need to do something about vehicles that are parked, abandon on the streets for months.
Curbing crime by offering affordable housing opportunities, social welfare programs, and health care for the homeless population.
If Howard Terminal ballpark doesn't happen, then a top priority should still be returning the waterfront to the people through public-private development and reduction of industry in that area. It's so underutilized.
Oakland must start cleaning its streets again and redeploy and prioritize the Department and Public Works to clean streets, every street, on a weekly basis. A separate problem is illegal dumping which takes place daily with messes left for weeks and months before being cleared. And lastly, whose jurisdiction are freeway on and off ramps? The city? Caltrans? And why are they left trashed even after a periodic freeway pick-up by Caltrans? Is Caltrans neglecting the ramps? Or is the city ignoring its responsibility?
Get rid of the trash and litter. That should be a daily ongoing effort
Allow apartments everywhere. I love in Adams Point which has been down zoned and has not seen substantial new housing in 50 years despite being the best neighborhood. I live on the 4th floor with a view of downtown Oakland I would like to see blocked with high-rise housing for new residents.
Please prioritize the basics, road repair, trash cleanup on streets and in parks, fire hazard brush cleanup, homeless elimination / major help not just leave them to die in place, more people hired in general to help with the essential needs.
We need better transit. I realize this comes down to AC Transit and BART more than OakDOT, but the City should be actively advocating for things like BART in-fill stations (e.g. at 14th Avenue, at 98th Av.) and providing better and safer bike routes to transit.
An economist said that the population in California is decreasing. We have lost close to a million residents. There's is enough housing now with vacancies. Why should we have to build housing for which is to costly; \$710,000 per unit.
There are plenty of existing units empty in Oakland. When low income housing in built it is done in low income marginalized communities when are already burdened with overpopulation with 3 families Living in one unit. We need more home owners in Oakland who will take care and maintain their properties. Tenants tend not to care about maintaining property since they don't own it, especially in East Oakland like the Fruitvale Area. No pride in the neighbors.
Keeping our city clean.
Look at the most recent climate data, acknowledge and truthfully state the MAJOR climatic changes that are coming over the next 25 years; plan for THAT (very different) FUTURE; rapidly shift to equitable, self-sufficient, bioregional/local economy that works within environmental limits. BE HONEST. ENGAGE US IN HANDS-ON SOLUTIONS that require us to work in groups with people we disagree with politically.
Putting an end or near-end to the constant threats to safely being a citizen of Oakland such as rampant violent crime, gun violence, theft of one's personal goods/packages/vehicle etc. and curbing blight such as illegal dumping, vehicle abandonment, chop shops which process stolen transportation modes, etc.
More resources to enforce dumping laws
Free and plentiful garbage pickup locations and substantial increase of public infrastructure beautification services.
Improving access to education beginning with early childcare and continuing through trade schools and higher education for all folks interested.
Lower crime in Oakland by treating those who commit crimes with harsh prison penalties. Property crimes included. Reduce the size of the public school system and support school choice and alternative and competing education opportunities for our children and youth. Stop focusing on peoples skin color. Focus on character instead.

Crime. I am really surprised you haven't listed the two biggest problems we have - crumbling infrastructure (potholes, poor maintenance of roads) and lack of police presence. All these glorious solutions won't work if we don't focus on the basics.
Expand macro to reduce police interactions with non-violent people
Rebuild and revitalize all these abandoned and dilapidated spaces for the unsheltered
Paying educators in OUSD comparable wages to other bay area cities. Namely SFUSD.
I feel passionately about planting more street trees in our neighborhoods, and in spots the city has jurisdiction over, like medians in the street. It's good for the environment, keeps buildings and cars cooler and impacts the overall feeling over neighborhoods and public places. I know there are downsides and costs too, but I would love to see an initiative that helps get trees in all the concrete park strips in Oakland! If volunteers could be incorporated into such an initiative, I think there would be a lot of interest in helping plant street trees.
Investing in the last major sports franchise in your city after the other two left because you treated them poorly.
Traffic-easing infrastructure and enforcement of dangerous violations with measures like speeding cameras
Cleaning the trash especially around homeless encampments
To move from a City baseline budget to one that focuses on basic services. We need to be able to depend on Police when we have an emergency, public safety is very important and totally absent now.
Developing a long term plan for city management that has clear goals and accountability measures built into it. The City must be run more effectively and efficiently in order to meet any and all of the goals listed above. A City Manager opposed to a City Administrator. Take the operations and management of the City seriously. Become a more agile city that uses technology equitably and effectively to deliver high quality services.
Actually enforce existing laws (traffic, dumping, theft, vandalism) to protect quality of life.
Improving public education resources. (libraries, training opportunities, digital resources)
More of a blanket statement, but HOUSING must be a focus. We cannot seriously solve other issues like jobs and climate resilience without addressing the shortage in the area.
Adult literacy, teenage vocational training, academia as an option not a single path
Prioritizing marginalized communities so that cycles of generational wealth can begin and the cycles of intergenerational trauma can end
Safety and less crime
Fire prevention, more affordable multi-family housing near transportation
Prioritizing social housing that is sustainable, high-quality, and community controlled.
Remove cannabis taxes.
Become anti-racists not only in slogans but more importantly in actions and planning.
RENT CONTROL!! STOP ALLOWING THE LANDLORDS TO STOP BEING GREEDY. NO RENT CONTROL = HOMELESSNESS, DUH!
Clean city
Defunding the OPD.
rematriating land to Indigenous folks and reversing gentrification
Investing in community infrastructure that builds long-term foundations for community growth including attracting major businesses (not just small ones), clean and maintained streets and public spaces, entertainment venues, parks, learning centers, biotech research centers, etc.
Continue build a strong MACRO program in East and West Oakland
Finding, eliminating inefficiencies in local government to save taxpayer money.
Affordable and accessible health care. High quality public schools

Greater funding for the police and develop facilities with the requirement (with no vagrancy laws) for homeless to seek rehabilitation, training and meaningful employment.
Engaging and supporting Oakland's increasing population of older folks to be engaged and involved as an asset for the community. Many of the actions above could be supported by senior involvement.
reducing crime and violence. i feel like city leadership has thrown in the towel. and I'm horrified that this isn't even on your list!!!
Pedestrian safety and walk ability
Figuring out how to make the City agencies more functional. For years it has felt like if you want something done in this city, you have to do it yourself, from filling in potholes and trimming street trees, to preserving deteriorating historic city-owned buildings and rebuilding city recreation centers. People know other cities are more functional in all these ways, and many will choose to leave.
Dealing with graffiti and crime (especially racial hate crime) is very important
Sufficient police for a city our size and other law enforcement measures to disincentivize repeat offenders.
It is not Oaklands responsibility to take care of the nations homeless.
Reducing gun violence
Fund more police
making sure the Oakland airport is used minimally, as 10% of our greenhouse gas emissions come for the airport, and the pollution from the airport affects the health of the people who live nearby.
Exert every possible pressure on Oakland International Airport to reduce its climate change impacts including the emissions of flights arriving and departing. Since electric and actually low-carbon fuels will not be available during near-future years when it is imperative that all countries, especially the US which has historically contributed most to climate change, quickly reduce GHG emissions, the airport should begin reducing the number of flights it accommodates.
Increase funding to the police and hire more officers without decreasing funding to community resources.
Providing additional funding to public schools to be able to close the education and opportunity gaps in underserved communities
City needs AS MUCH HOUSING AS POSSIBLE. Supply will bring down prices, don't only focus on affordable housing.
Defund and de-militarize the police to invest in education, public health, and the environment
Addressing residential racial segregation, and reducing reliance on Oakland Police Dept.
Park maintenance
Create government beholden to the people rather than special interests and the unions as it is now.
Investing in families not just youth...keep more fathers in homes
Prioritizing city-wide, life-long healthcare; along with lifelong access to educational development ensures every individual in the city has the bare minimum resources needed to begin advancing up the social meritocracy/competency ladder. If we start in the next 3yrs, in 18yrs the graduating class will have had all their health needs met by the city and have a clear path toward continued education in the city colleges- to further develop the health of our city. By investing in the health and education of our citizens, from the beginning, we send a clear message that you are the pride of Oakland and there is nothing we want more for you than to stay and contribute back to the system that has brought so much value to your life. Given the standard margins of our population, these health and education programs would not need to care for everyone all the time, just the citizens that are on the fringes of sustainable health and security, and the ones who need more social support to reach and be competitive at the top. If we start with the goal of healthier and more resourceful citizens, through the values of citizenship and social contribution, the other issues get worked out through social innovation instead of municipal/authoritative intervention.
We know the health of a population determines its capacity and productivity, and in 2020 if we had already

<p>been focused on our health and education, our citizenship would not have been as concerned for our community's security because we are already healthy, educated, and trained citizens ready to support the needs of our community.</p> <p>I'm a leadership consultant, send me an email if you need help with the details.</p> <p>www.aaronmacintyre.com</p>
<p>Creating opportunities for those displaced by racist policies to return to Oakland.</p>
<p>We need jobs that pay living wages but I don't know enough to know what industries would be most viable here. seniors seem low priority for inclusion, visibility. why is this?</p> <p>best can do for children is excellent public (not charter) schools!</p> <p>developers and sports teams abuse, suck up public funding and leave town. Good riddance! Enough tech industry already!</p>
<p>For other, would like Oakland to reimagine its freeways and see how to best reconnect neighborhoods</p>
<p>Making Oakland net carbon negative</p>
<p>Crime and safety</p>
<p>Soliciting feedback on Oakland's General Plan from a large, representative, and diverse set of Oakland community members.</p>
<p>Ensuring that parks and schools are not near or under highways - reducing children's exposure to pollutants</p>
<p>Clean up the trash! It's hard for anyone to care about anything that's buried in garbage. Go after dumping criminally.</p>
<p>more efficiency and better management from the top City staff. Less emphasis on professional sports teams and stadiums. Better enforcement of existing laws and policies. More emphasis on basic City services such as pothole repair, building code enforcement to avoid future disasters such as the Ghost Ship. Less glory seeing by managers (probably impossible)</p>
<p>Investing in our schools of all sizes and getting rid of charters. Moving the bloated police budget into other services especially violence prevention and mental health services.</p>
<p>Implement the existing ordinances-stop giving homeless more rights than tax paying citizens.</p> <p>And stop punishing small housing providers, which is a business. They are not the cause of the trash, drugs in the parks, and crime.</p>
<p>Use homeless rescue ops that have proven success in other states. Not just "build more housing" this does not help anyone except developers and politicians.</p>
<p>Holding politicians and city workers accountable. Otherwise none of the above aspirations will happen.</p>
<p>Boldly trying new experiments for the city fast (and then rolling them back if they don't work). Such as related to housing, transportation, business, and so on.</p>
<p>Reducing polarization and tribalization. Building more connections between neighbors of different backgrounds and opinions.</p>
<p>Policies that mitigate our global climate emergency - reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, urban forests that clean the air, improve quality of life and provide jobs and sequester carbon, local agriculture, green jobs, improved bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure, safe streets (traffic enforcement)</p>
<p>More Bart Connections!!!!!!</p>
<p>Reducing crime</p>

Making me feel safe on the street
Attracting and KEEPING independently owned businesses
Crime reduction
Collaborating with the rest of the Bay Area to make sure we have infrastructure that powers regional economic and social health.
Charming, historic, single family housing is not to be negated! It lends attraction and allows a viable way of living - even nostalgic. Why on earth would your community want to diminish ITS CHARM AND HISTORY? There are plenty of space/places for larger, multi-family dwellings. DON'T LOSE THE AESTHETICS OF SINGLE-FAMILY LIVING JUST BECAUSE FOLKS THINK POORLY OF IT FOR "JEALOUSEY" REASONS. ???
More safe protected bike lanes
protect the environment STOP/Banning using glyphosates anywhere in Oakland. Lower property taxes!!!!
Fixing the problems with OUSD and inequity in our district.
1. Fight trash problem
2. Fight crime. Crime is rampant because police are not empowered and CRIMR GOES UNPUNISHED
Reducing crimes such as car break-ins, theft of packages from porches, house break-ins, street muggings and other crimes which have made Oakland a less attractive place to live and work over the past 5-10 years.
Look into successful programs in cities comparable to Oakland facing similar issues both nationally and internationally and finding ways to implement those successful programs here for safety, small business, low-to-middle income people, up and coming industries and social programs. Emulate what Mayor Brown did so successfully and do more of that.
Eliminating blight and reducing homelessness for Oakland residents. Oakland has become the safe harbor for other communities disinterested in creating affordable housing and services that support a Bay Area eco system.
Unfortunately this survey is couched in terms that government knows best. Nobody knows best. Get rid of rent control and other impediments to creating housing and jobs.
stop chasing out small local housing providers with divisive and counterproductive policies
Redevelop existing public housing land for higher density mixed income housing
The city seems lost. Clean house. Make sure staff and council serve the public's interests first and always. Create sound fiscal oversight and accountability. Stop raising taxes to cover bad policy and ineffective practices. Streamline and update regulations (e.g. very outdated zoning). Stop overregulating. Regain trust of businesses and residents by being fair, consistent, and transparent. A city (and county) that has extended the state of emergency to the point that it is causing harm, is not a city that can manage most of the things on this list yet. They are very important to do, but this city has not demonstrated it has the capacity to do them.
HOW we solve the "housing crisis" is critical. Putting up a bunch of ugly, cheap multiple unit dwellings, as was done in the past, will be a disaster. MUDs should be well designed, attractive, scattered site and fit comfortably into existing neighborhoods. Don't let developers run the table on the city.
Giving priority back to owner occupied properties
Stopping building housing for the speculative market. Ensuring all new housing is affordable, environmentally friendly, high quality, and integrated with Oakland's architectural history.
Restore our understanding that Oakland is not an island, it's boundaries are arbitrary and unimportant, that Oakland is inextricably connected to its neighbors, county, state nation, the economic and ecological broader communities. Homeless, desperately poor, mentally ill, addicted are NOT the responsibility of Oakland's taxpayers alone just because they came here. Americans have mobility! These folks and their problems cannot be solved by Oakland taxpayers alone but must be shared by the county, State and nation.
Drastically reduce crime and murders.
Support police service, arrest criminals and deter crime.

Invest in schools, the library system, programs for kids
Fund policing!
Stop the woke politics
End drug addiction and the homeless encampments which are open-air drug scenes
Restore funding to police and deter crime and violence.
The Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act is a False Promise to Tenants. TOPA/COPA diverts affordable housing funds away from tenants toward an unaccountable bureaucracy: The Magnolia Street house is a million dollar housing project that housed no one for 2 years -- growing homeless encampments were as close as 2 blocks away. Homeless residents deserve priority. Affordable housing money should go DIRECTLY to tenants, not bureaucratic headcounts. Low-income tenants need rental assistance. Tenant buyers need down payment assistance. www.No2TOPA.org
Flatland neighborhoods have serious parking shortages today. Unless you adequately fund and improve ac transit service putting more units in these neighborhoods is going to create mayhem. People are constantly double parking or blocking driveways. Police won't come to enforce removal. More units will increase tensions in these neighborhoods. So don't do it till the transportation funding is in place and working .
Enforcement of existing laws such as speeding, illegal dumping and encampments.
Writing surveys that ask questions clearly without vague phrases like "creating ways to..." will get you much better data on what people actually want
schools(less pronouns and better test scores in reading, writing, and math), hiring of more police officers, maintaining all public rights of ways(graffiti, trash & vegetation)
Prioritize fairness and balance for in housing policy. Get far left out of office and put some adults in the room. Stop financially and via policy attacking housing providers who are low-income, disabled, elderly, longtime residents in order to benefit wealthy, young, newcomer residents.
We need to bring back all the business on international. From 35th Ave. to 98th Ave. about 50% of the store fronts are boarded up, windows broken, graffitied and closed down. East Oakland is suffering from divestment because it's difficult to operate a business due to zoning.
Cleaner streets! It is filthy on the streets of Oakland. We should respect our city and have government services to provide a clean place to live.
These are all critical. The question is how and what should drive priorities. Investment and support of East and West Oakland is essential
Find solutions to prevent illegal dumping that are clogging our streets and rotting our communities.
Increase social cohesion and connection between neighbors
public safety is essential if the city is to ever realize its full potential
Walkable streets that are friendlier to pedestrians and cyclists. Community safety.
Keeping Oakland the most welcoming and affordable city in the Bay Area
Keeping the A's in Oakland
Plant, replace and maintain trees in ALL areas of Oakland which ad to the beauty, safety and sustainability of the city as a whole
Making public transit better serve the community
Fix income inequality and keep pressure on larger companies to pay better - especially fast food and Amazon
I indicated that homelessness, promoting housing, and youth investment as low priorities not because they are not worthwhile, but because I do not think the City of Oakland as an organization should be responsible for that policy area.
Finding an answers to illegal gambling and sex trafficking/pimp run prostitution
"#1 is training kids early on in alternative careers and trades and providing summer jobs with food provided so they can develop self-esteem and break the cycle of poverty.

#2 is not putting the needs of homeless over the tax paying people who own homes."
Ensuring the community feels included in the decision making processes or at least is better informed about the decisions made.
I object to the premises of many of the priorities listed above. E.g. "Make communities feel safer and reduce community violence": YES. "through community-based solutions": I have no idea what that means.
You barely mentioned public safety. Greater investment in the Oakland Police Department needs to happen. Lots of talk at adding more police officers, yet there is hardly large academies to speak of. You need to incentivize working at OPD. All these years of neglect and political drama (multiple Chiefs, firing of Chief(s) - scandals) all contribute to a less-than attractive police department for a young officer. And you also need to beef up the Oakland Fire Department's budget. They are operating on a management model from 1967. The list of things they either don't have or can't even dream of would stun an ox. If you do not invest in these Departments now, another Loma Prieta or Oakland Hills Fire will occur and once again, the blame game will start.
Decreasing the excessive executive power and micromanagement by the city council, and restore executive authority (for example by giving the mayor veto power over city council ordinances).
Invest in our law enforcement to reduce crime, It should be this city's highest priority. This city is on the verge of becoming unlivable and our incompetent city leadership wants to talk about 2045.
Enforce the laws, more police, more cameras, take control..... criminals from out of town prosecuted to the full extent of the law. We residents are held hostage in our own city
a better run city, better government, better government officers, fewer police, more community advocates, no more foreign investors, no more skyscraper high priced condo buildings.
Very important to promote gun safety by banning assault weapons, promoting red flag laws and background checks, holding gun manufacturers accountable
Keep the A's for crying out loud. The A's are infinitely more important to Oakland's future than Kaplan. If we have to pick, let's pick a winner.
Enforce vagrancy laws.
Hire police officers, pay them a reasonable salary for a difficult job, and GET A DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHO WILL PROSECUTE CRIMINALS!
My TOP priority: Fully staffing and further funding our fire and police departments; making 911 able to respond to emergencies in a reasonable amount of time.
<i>Survey (Spanish Translation) Responses</i>
Mejorar las escuelas de Oakland que no tienen ni aire acondicionado para los estudiantes
Más trabajo para inmigrantes
crear comunidades de casitas donde personas que desean un estilo de vida sencillo y barato pueden comprar un pedacito de terreno y construir o comprar una casita por un costo de entre 50,000 a 100,000 y ofrecer prestamos de bajos intereses para comprarlas. Traer capacitacion y trabajos a Oakland que ofrecen no solo un buen sueldo pero buenos beneficios en industrias que no requieren educacion universitaria pero son bien pagados y necesarios en el futuro - energia solar, de viento, mantenimiento de arboles, carreteras y manufactura de ropa, autos hibridos, etc.
Mejores escuelas con más recursos para la niñez, como más deportes!
<i>Survey (Cantonese Translation) Responses</i>
多关注屋崙低收入群体和老人住房问题。希望未来能为住在屋崙10年以上居民和在本地工作人员，提供住房优先权。
NA
It is so dirty in the subway and public areas. Is that any one work on this?

5. Have you or your family members struggled with the following housing issues? Please check all that apply. If you selected “Other”, please tell us more.

Neighborhood streets not safe for walking. Muggers parole streets for prey and get away. In other words, don't feel safe where we live.
lawless dumping
Increasing congestion of cars and parking in our residential neighborhood. Short term leasing of single family homes (vrbo, etc.)
Government run and "non-profit" housing programs are inefficient and waste taxpayer money. Affordable housing bonds are a joke!
Too many housing regulations are deterring housing production, reducing housing supply which increases rent on tenants.
City council passing legislation that penalizes owners of rental properties instead of incentivizing them to open up more housing. Some are holding units vacant due to the over-protection of tenant rights and lack of balance for landlords who aren't being heard. This doesn't solve housing problems. Working WITH landlords and property managers would benefit all.
Seniors and disabled are ignored in Oakland. The significant reduction of parking in commercial areas in general & for seniors and disabled in particular communicates a lack of interest in accessibility for all residents and a feeling of not being welcome.
Stop zip code discrimination. We have neighborhoods drowning in trash, fecal matter, hypodermic needles, graffiti vandalism, stolen abandoned cars, mentally ill people, drug addicts, alcoholics roaming the streets, muggings, general lawlessness.
Re Question 6 below: Apartment/Condos is too unspecific. I vote for high-rise apartments and condos. Having to choose three is a false dilemma. We need more good quality, dense housing with lots of excellent public space. We need to address homelessness, and make sure middle and lower income folks have housing. We don't need more single family housing, including townhomes.
Not feeling safe walking down the street. There were bullets that ricocheted off our balcony and we have a child.
Rich entitled people coming in and wanting the neighborhood to change to justify them spending too much on their house and not respecting the neighborhood or the people who have been here for a long time
Public health and safety issues and to a less degree crime, all due to unhoused citizens. People are sleeping on the sidewalks, eating out of the trash bins, and defecating on the sidewalks in our neighborhoods. No human should have to live like this.
Taxpayer money for public projects are not well spent. Always more taxes but the problems get worse. Oakland's future looks bleak due to poor leadership by the city council and mayor.
No
access to home insurance for people living in or near the hills
To many assessments. Making it hard to live here on a fixed income. Need a break for seniors.
I do not want to have a family in Oakland due to affordability of homes.
Too much concentrated apartment building in areas where Euro-Americans live or are interested in living. Everyone else is pushed out.
The city plants tree's but don't maintain them. And when the roots start to uproot the sidewalk, it becomes my problem. It becomes a nuisance for the homeowner. Because the tree belongs to the city, you can't cut it down.
Loss of rental income from COVID 19
Alameda County collects property taxes for sewage, infrastructure, etc. and yet more and more additional financial responsibility falls on the homeowner. In my neighborhood, it took years to get our street repaved. Sidewalks are buckling and strapped homeowners are left with the bill. Sewer laterals, which used to be the city's responsibility, now are the homeowner's financial responsibility. Home prices are sky high, which means property taxes are sky high, and yet the city looks like a trash can, street trees on major streets are left unwatered and

unpruned, city parks are poorly landscaped and maintained. Where is the slush fund of taxes going? Counties should be flush with cash due to rising property values and taxes, and yet the city looks worse than it ever has.
Cost of property upkeep, especially painting. Inability to find handy people I can trust to do work for me.
Housing is too expensive, let's allow new apartment building everywhere and lower housing costs for residents.
I selected homelessness because it's a trick question. I have not personally been homeless. However my neighborhood is surrounded by out of control homeless encampments and homelessness. This affects my daily life and the quality of life in my neighborhood and makes me question remaining in Oakland.
Noise pollution scares animals away. Prioritize ending fireworks, sideshows, etc.
All my neighbors who live on my block that have school aged children don't sent their kids to Oakland public schools. They are blue collar workers and pay for the education by working part-time at the schools. Others send their children to schools in Castro Valley and Hayward by using Grandparents address.
Neighbors have also left because they are disgusted by the decline of the neighbors. Only a handful of owners live in my neighborhood and the rest all rent. They park on the lawn, on the walkway and sidewalk. Homes are in disrepair and landlords are not maintaining or landscaping homes, but why should they when tenants will destroy it anyway. The City does not enforce city ordinances and policy's. People are allowed to play loud music till 3 am on a workday happens nearly every weekend; side shows, and no response when problems are reported on 311. It Takes years and many complaints for the city before the city if or ever does anything.
N/A
I have lived in Glenview for 31 years and am lucky to have bought a home in 1996. However, my now adult children cannot afford to live in Oakland, and will not likely ever be able to own a home here.
I don't feel completely welcome in my community as an Oakland citizen who has lived here for the last decade. My level of discomfort comes not from problems with access or affordability — instead, I feel unwelcome because of my affluence. There is a very real suspicion of people like myself who are affluent and want to live peaceably and safely in Oakland, and a concerted 'underground' effort to cause such people to feel unsafe, unwelcome, and hopefully move away from Oakland by means of creating a disturbing, noisy, and unpleasant environment designed to 'rattle' those of us who live in Oakland and happen to have greater resources than many of our fellow Oaklanders. As someone who is determined to make a life for myself and my family in Oakland as long as it feels safe for me to continue to do so, I find these efforts unfair, frustrating, unpleasant, and frankly ridiculously misguided.
Garbage everywhere
Homeless encroaching on neighborhood and bringing trash & rodent, crime, and mental health challenges.
Seemingly no code enforcement for unfit single house structures.
Property crime. Blight. What city leaders have allowed with the homeless encampments and trash is an abomination and betrayal of their duties.
Safety from crime in my neighborhood and clean parks (e.g. Joaquin Miller's facilities are not maintained)
Crime. We are uncomfortable walking or driving in certain areas, have petty crimes constantly happening in our neighborhood, and do not feel safe as a woman or Asian person
Parking and abandon cars and pot holes in the poor neighborhoods and trash
the city is doing a very poor job of creating safe neighborhoods. I feel unsafe walking home at night since areas are poorly lit and a lot of crime in Oakland goes unsolved.
I am a landlady and have kept the rent low to help my tenant have a good quality of life.
My family cannot afford to live in Oakland.
the unsheltered defecating in my yard
Subpar access to transportation
Food desert

After 8 years, I haven't found affordable workspace or customer base in Oakland- it's too expensive to live and work here. My work and career has suffered from high rents, not effort
Roads in our neighborhood are inferior and crime right in front of our house is frightening. We live in Redwood Heights, a "nice" neighborhood, but right in front of our house there has been an armed robbery and an attempted carjacking.
Trash, unsanitary conditions, murders & crime, muggings and violence, dilapidated public infrastructure.
none
Homelessness has created areas that are not pleasant to travel in many places in the city.
none
Old housing (not energy efficient, poor insulation, not prepared for wildfire season)
Speeding dangerous vehicles
I have amazing housing, due to the inequity of Prop 13 and my family buying real estate in the 70s. I can afford to stay, but many of my friends without family privilege are being pushed out.
Increase of property taxes and being homeowners on a fixed income, remaining Oakland residents might not be possible in a near future.
Not being within walking distance of BART or parks, not being close enough to bike paths to use them
Crime and feeling unsafe
Repair, maintenance workers don't want to come to Oakland for small jobs-not "big enough" jobs to make it worth their while.
It is increasingly difficult to find affordable housing, especially since there are so many NIMBYs in Oakland and Berkeley Hills
Homeless in tents across the street from my dwelling. Needles, trash, and feces in a bucket. City did nothing.
The city makes it very difficult for small landlords of color to safely operate affordable housing with its high taxes, nonsensical regulations, and capping rents below inflation.
Finding affordable housing for our children
Fine & Dandy
n/a
taxes and capital gains make it hard for elders to leave their bigger homes and downsize... retirees live on Soc. Sec. type income and can't afford to move close by for lack of housing stock and pricing.
LOTS of pollution from dirty buses (please use hydro or electric) overall VERY dirty city
Crime is so rampant. Every day we watch criminals commit crime and the City of Oakland does NOTHING
Lack of street parking, poorly designed bike lanes which make it less safe for pedestrians, property crime. Rent control that disadvantages owners of 1-4 units.
We supported a family of five on well under \$100K/year. We lived in a house we could afford to rent and were grateful for a warm dry home. Were we "cozy"? You bet. But we did not expect that the government to pay for our housing. We did expect the government to safeguard the opportunity for our kids to get educated and for us to grow our trades business. We worked and saved our money and eventually bought a small house. It would be great if the government provided a social safety net but not by eroding opportunity or liberty.
This city is gentrified. My black family is two generations in our home. Growing up as my neighborhood became more white the less welcome I felt in my own neighborhood. I often felt police watched me as I walked to my own home or my neighborhoods thought I was "robbing" my own home (angina one my family has lived in for 2 generations!)
We must all find the best housing we can afford, WHEREVER IT MAY BE. It is arrogance to take on that responsibility for one city for everyone who wants to live there regardless of their circumstances.

The City seems to be against new small housing providers. It used to be a way for us to buy a duplex or triplex to try to save for retirement but now it seems the City hates us and wants us all to sell to some corporation or non-profit.
None of these apply to me
Finding safe housing. Prostitutes, drugs and thugs everywhere.
Oakland neighborhoods are not safe! My roommate moved away after mugging.
I don't feel welcome because I have owned rental property in Oakland for 25 years. Newcomers now tell me that I am a gentrifier. They have no idea who they are talking to and my history with this city. These new people are very close minded.
Prevalence of illegal drug use which is causing homelessness and crime (thefts, robberies, etc.)
"Free rent" housing policy lasting years which unfairly harms small mom and pops
My brother is often homeless due to schizophrenia so I help with homelessness issues. The homeless problem is primarily driven by fentanyl/meth addiction and mental illness -- we need to address the root causes of homelessness which is NOT just housing! It's disgusting to use the most vulnerable residents to further social housing agenda and for political and personal gain!
n/a
Inadequate access to public transportation.
Zoning laws against multiple houses on one lot. The new ADU law is a great step!
Difficulty finding housing close to both transit & daily necessities (groceries, public services like post office, etc.)
city parcel taxes and fees ever increasing
City council of Oakland placing their boots on the neck of black and brown owner-occupied duplex owners. We're organizing ourselves, and we want the city council to stop passing onerous regulations designed to stop black and latino people from climbing out of poverty through property ownership. In 1968 before fair housing laws were passed my parents were excluded from owning property in certain neighborhoods in this city. That was only 54 years ago. Now that some black and latino peoples have fought to acquire property the city council is passing legislation to make it impossible to earn money for our families from the investment we made by buying a duplex, moving into it, and renting the other side.
Reverse the 3% rent cap. End the eviction moratorium. And build more housing than we think we'll need.
Attacked by City Council's policies. As a low-income, disabled, immigrant, ethnic minority, and longtime resident, bought a small duplex with rent-control exemption and live in one unit. Oakland Council then removed the exemption while making zero provisions for families like mine who are low-income, disabled, and who now have to subsidize housing of tenants earning many times the household income of our own household. They have frozen the amount of rent we can charge at one price for the entirety of tenancy (could be for decades or indefinitely), while our expenses and inflation rise every year and we are forced to go in the red due to their removal of the exemption we bought under and subsequent policies. They have in essence stolen from my family via backdoor method in order to enrich healthy, young, newcomer residents and their employers.
None of the above.
I have not experienced these things in the last 35 years but I certainly did when I was a starving student and young professional
lack of safe, affordable public transit options
Inability to rent my 2nd unit in my duplex since I don't have family members that qualify for Just Cause. Check SF's just cause laws which are much more progressive than Oakland's. Oakland discriminates among property owners who don't have children or spouses. I contacted the ACLU about it.
Inability of my friends and loved ones to find housing they can afford.

Fire smoke
“Trigger warning”: I am a non-owner of rental housing but am sympathetic to small-business/mom n pop housing providers. Ever more restrictive atmosphere makes it impossible to cover mortgage and expenses, yet extremely hard to exit the business. If you owned a restaurant and the gov. demanded you feed for free anyone who had been a regular customer, with insufficient support to make such generosity possible, you’d be bankrupt sooner or later.
Crime is out of control, wouldn't you think that should be on top of your list!
None of us has the right to live in a place one can't afford. We either have a capitalist society or not
inability to take advantage of the areas BMR housing due to all the tricks and games that are being played in those venues with price gouging, adverse selection processes and rank favoritism for select groups (Asians being shown favoritism by housing groups such as Bridge - Westlake Christian Terrace East/West) or areas (such as Merrill Gardens at Rockridge)creating unaffordable housing not conducive to the areas general population.
Difficulty finding housing in a safe neighborhood
There are no longer neighborhoods that don't have crime. Gunshots are regular now. And the side shows have crept to all neighborhoods.
Have to consider moving completely away from Oakland because the ongoing crime and lack of overall safety negatively impacts my disabilities in many ways.
<i>Survey (Spanish Translation) Responses</i>
Cuesta pagar renta
NO HEMOS LUCHADO CON PROBLEMAS DE VIVIENDAS
Discriminacion racial en la vivienda y tambien por ser indocumentado.
<i>Survey (Cantonese Translation) Responses</i>
The property tax is so high. For the family own only one apartment, the rising real estate price does not mean that the family can offer such a higher property tax!

7. What things would most improve the quality of life in your neighborhood? Please select your top five responses. If you selected “something else”, please tell us more here.

Protect small business and shoppers from mugging, theft, violence
NO ILLEGAL DUMPING
I would like to have clicked all of the options for my neighborhood.
Enforcement of city tree ordinance
Drugs everywhere.
more clean up of trash - especially offramps/near freeway
Enforcing the law.
I am lucky to rent in a nice neighborhood, so I have a lot of these good things and not the bad. 4) Less crime (theft) should be on the list, and has affected may fellow Oaklanders I know. 5) Repave decaying streets, hood had pretty good street, but Oakland have bad street that make bicycling unpleasant.
No more tents.
n/a
Pave, not cold patch, to fix the potholes!
Availability of affordable child care
No more sideshows
Bi-annual audit of every city department.

Deal with the unhorsed drug addicts that buy drugs and the people that supply them. We've called drug hotline so many times and nobody cares
Control fast cars
Repair and improve existing roadways that are a mess
Improved public transit
Police coverage
Picking up the huge amounts of trash everywhere
Fix the roads!
More market rate housing
less theft (cars, car parts, home break-ins), better pavement (safer cycling), less trash on streets, sidewalks, parks
Addressing homelessness is No 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. And stop lumping bikers and pedestrians together. Bikes are still vehicles and primarily recreation, not transport. We need pedestrian improvements.
Enforcement of traffic laws for speeders and red-light runners.
Get rid of the trash and the potholes
Apartments and small stores allowed everywhere. No more exclusion and forcing people to drive everywhere.
more businesses of all types at the local neighborhood scale
Clean up the blight in residential areas and have daily pickup of illegal dumping daily as if were a garbage route. If you see it pick it up.
Less unsafe driving and more road maintenance.
How about paving the streets? Potholes everywhere.
More garbage cans or bins to support those who need to get rid of waste
Address car and home break ins, potholes in street. Need to feel safe again.
Roads. I can barely ride my bike from potholes, and street repair projects are a joke. You've had my street torn up for over a year with no progress, destroying my faith in Oakland government.
Traffic and parking enforcement. Quicker response to dumped cars
Fix our roads
we need to solve more violent crimes in Oakland, install cameras
Less Trash and abandoned cars at homeless
More public safety resources
Sound barrier on Hwy. 13
Retail presence & mixed use
noise
LESS speculative housing.
More and better dog parks
Repaved roads
Being disabled, I am having trouble getting around in my neighborhood on foot with a walker. I am forced into the street because so many cars park on the sidewalk!!! Mothers and baby sitters are also on the street with me because the sidewalk public access is blocked by cars parking on the sidewalk. I live on Underhills Road, District 2, and the city has stopped the police department from citing cars illegally parked because the road is narrow. This is a bad solution for the disabled. Many cars park 100% on the sidewalk now and are taking advantage of being able to partially park on the sidewalk.. This injustice must stop. Please help.
fix potholes. streets are unsafe for driving and biking
Housing and high quality support services including employment opportunities for currently unhoused neighbors

fewer car break ins
Get the vagrants and drug users out.
police patrols known by the local residents
Oakland airport adds air pollution to East Oakland. Studies show many times more PM2.5 pollution surrounding airports that in neighborhoods surrounded by highways.
Clean up the air pollution from the port, do not spread it around via opening the 580 to trucks. Better to fix the pollution for all Oaklanders, especially those near the port.
more locally owned small businesses
Community land trusts and City buying back land to make it affordable housing, keep it off the market
More police to deter crime and DA's that incarcerate criminals.
Please recognize mountain biking a legal and supported recreation that takes place on Oaklands open space and city park properties
Designated black business district.
Rezoning open lots to be used for vertical farming and create more local farming
AC Transit and BART always have room for improvement! So does OUSD. And let's not forget EBMUD, Waste Mgt., and the air quality district.
FUND the police. Stop the rampant crime.
Fewer empty storefronts and lots (not sure why landlords don't lower rent and leave them empty)
Creative ways to share existing housing
More media focus on departments and the people who run them. Less media focus on the city council.
ALL OF THESE REALLY, more green healing plants! Oakland needs to step it up and get the right people who can!!
Fight crime
Police response to crimes
Improving the plight of owner occupied rental housing property providers
Less property crimes, breaking into cars etc.
Clean public spaces and useable parks without encampments.
Fentanyl addiction
Drug addiction problem!
Less drug addiction and thefts, more policing and walkable streets.
Accountable city leadership -- replace current council members
Empowering citizens to build consensus
government putting residents first and delivering quality services while managing the budget
Reduce permit fees. Reduce impact fees. Reduce government driven cost of housing construction. Better lighting at night along international.
Better transit
More fire prevention measures, road improvements for evacuation
More support for restaurants and local businesses near me
parking restrictions that would discourage driving in the neighborhood and allow for larger sidewalks
Address the nightly sound of gunshots
More very dense car-free housing, so we can benefit from the all-but magical benefits of urban agglomeration.
Community Gardens without waiting lists.
Less noise from firecrackers as well as sideshows and other loud vehicles

Fully staffed police department
More Police
better street and freeway lighting like in the 60's is needed to help alleviate freeway shootings as well as general crimes, break-ins, shootings and violence.
Stop allowing the freeways to become race tracks at night
ADDRESS THE RAMPANT CRIME!
<i>Survey (Spanish Translation) Responses</i>
tiendas de abarrotes pequenas manejadas por pequenos empresarios que vivne en el vecindario.
Más control con la basura en las calles, más limpieza

8. Please indicate how important each statement is to you. If you selected “Other” as one of your top priorities, please tell us more.

Prohibit autonomous cars in Oakland. Transform car streets to all pedestrian and bicycle streets like Seminary, East 15th Street, East 21st Street.
Reduction of two lane thoroughfares being reduced to one lane. This has created more traffic congestion and more time to get to and from parts of Oakland and from North Oakland to Berkeley. It has reduced the desirability of major shopping areas, particularly on weekends, such as on Grand Avenue, around the lake and upper Grand Ave.
Traffic calming, reducing the size of streets dedicated to deadly CARS, adding more pedestrian-only streets, adding speed bumps and other speed reduction measures to existing streets, stopping sideshows, improving pedestrian access under or across freeways (or removing freeways altogether, e.g., 980)
Clean streets and accessible sidewalks without drug needles and thugs on every corner.
More parking, safe patrols of streets (limit break-ins and porch thieves), Remove meters or make them free to encourage more business access, keep street CLEAN, roads patched or resurfaced (take the South Bay's example for street maintenance!)
moving bike lane to the other side of parked cars, more physical protection for bike lanes. "paint is not protection"
Addressing crime in the city (smash and grabs, stolen license plates, stolen mail, gun violence).
Pedestrian amenities are very important including tree lined streets, clearly marked crosswalks and pedestrian signals. Pedestrian and bike amenities should be considered separately and not lumped together. Increasing auto congestion to accommodate bike lanes is unacceptable.
Enforcing the law consistently is a remarkable cost-effective method to ensure community safety and quality of life. Sadly, our city officials ignore this tenet in letting lawlessness pervade unabated.
Safety is most important
Stop Asian haters
We can't get around when there are tents on the sidewalk.
ensuring safety from crime while getting around whatever the means
Public transit options that are family friendly (i.e. accommodating of families with multiple young children)
Eliminate sideshows. Arrest these people and charge very high fines. They block traffic, they're loud, and sometimes there's violence.
Bike lanes everywhere is taking away from space needed for automobiles and causing traffic congestion on the streets.
23rd and E 19th had almost ten major accidents in the first two months of 2022. Cars hit each other in the intersection and hit parked cars too. People are scared to walk across 23rd. Put a roundabout or something there
Improve our existing roadways and freeways. Some city streets and roadways are terrible.

I bike a lot and would like to see improved bikeways, but not like the dreadful ones recently installed on Telegraph with no sight lines for traffic in the roadway and side streets. I actively avoid Telegraph on my bike. It is more dangerous than it was before the bike lane was moved between the parked cars and the sidewalk.
Roads need repair. Make it easier and safer to get around.
Complete streets that incorporate green infrastructure making them green streets. This is a high impact multi-benefit investment that would improve walking and biking safety, provide climate resilience, address heat island affect, and support quality of life. Focus in low income neighborhoods, historically disadvantaged communities, communities of color.
Connect Oakland to Oakland - especially with safe walking.
Fix poor zoning regulations.
The city plants tree's but don't maintain them. And when the roots start to uproot the sidewalk, it becomes my problem. It becomes a nuisance for the homeowner. Because the tree belongs to the city, you can't cut it down.
Stop bundling walk and bike together. As a pedestrian, what the bikers want is often not what people who get around on foot want. I do support safer sidewalks (which the bikers shouldn't be on!)
Enforcing traffic violations
Get rid of the debris and potholes
Prioritize people over vehicles. Most of Oaklands traffic is from outside of Oakland while people walking, biking, and using public spaces and bus stops live in the town.
we don't just need "more" bikeways, we need BETTER and SAFER ones.
N/A
Reducing unsafe driving.
Stop minimizing roadways creating bike lanes that do not get used and congest traffic further.
a diverse mobility system/network that reaches EVERYONE.
More enforcement of cars that are unfit to operate or are simply abandoned on the street
renovate existing infrastructures. Highway 101 in the peninsula is getting redone when it was already in a good state, when our highways and ramps to the highways are full of potholes.
i am not even talking about the streets. i am thinking of getting a jeep to get around Oakland.
Repairing and maintaining the roads we have. It amazes me, again, that you're looking at things like trees when the roads themselves get almost no maintenance at all. Potholes are like graffiti - they make the city feel grimy and dirty, encourages crime, and ruins cars and tires. And I get the feeling the city is too interested in big "woke" issues like culture but won't fix the core. Ditto police - if we don't get more police none of this stuff matters.
Building communities that you do not need to drive. Everything is located within your community
Addressing systemic racism within the Oakland government and other institutions.
Fixing our existing roads should be a priority.
making it safer and less violent to be out alone on the street
address crime, cleanup encampments
Improving safety for pedestrians, bike lanes can sometimes make it less safe.
Manage the City's internal operations and functions more efficiently and effectively to enable an agile, local government that is responsive to communities and provides high quality public services.
I'd like to see more beautiful green spaces and plazas near roads and intersections. Places for people to linger and enjoy talking to their neighbor. You see roadway improvements like the one on Telegraph Ave and there are a lot of missed opportunities - just traffic pylons making former road lanes unusable, but no added green infrastructure.
Roads that block cars but allow bicycles. You could build a bike-through divider (Guido St. and Redwood Rd.) every few blocks that prevents cars from becoming through traffic.

<p>Much more agile planning process to improve our streets. The current process takes WAY too long. For instance, the street safety improvements + protected bike lanes on 14th Street shouldn't have taken 8 years to finally gain momentum (and that's after a traffic fatality that could've been prevented). It seems like there's no urgency at all to address these issues while people are getting killed left and right.</p>
<p>Last mile solutions that are Accessible to those with disabilities, families, and others who cannot simply hop on a bike or scooter.</p>
<p>If there is no movement towards an equitable civil community none of these things will impact our quality of life, all around. As it is now, the disparity between the haves and the have-nots will continue to grow. My top priority is establishing a living wage and or ways to augment the cost of living in the Bay Area such that this is not just a place where the wealthy have opportunities. Education, health care, and access to clean air and water for all.</p>
<p>Public charging stations for EVs for apartment dwellers without on-site parking</p>
<p>easy and free transit for poor and disabled folks</p>
<p>Repaved roads, don't overdesign roads - Telegraph Ave is a prime example of over design. I avoid it and take Broadway to go downtown instead.</p>
<p>Being disabled, I am having trouble getting around in my neighborhood on foot with a walker. I am forced into the street because so many cars park on the sidewalk!!! Mothers and baby sitters are also on the street with me because the sidewalk public access is blocked by cars parking on the sidewalk. I live on Underhills Road, District 2, and the city has stopped the police department from citing cars illegally parked because the road is narrow. This is a bad solution for the disabled. Many cars park 100% on the sidewalk now and are taking advantage of being able to partially park on the sidewalk.. This injustice must stop. Please help.</p>
<p>Add police protection to enable safe transportation in all areas of the city</p>
<p>Pedestrian safety. Better signage and safety lighting</p>
<p>Fix the roads! Dangerous and costly.</p>
<p>Increased focus on making improvements for pedestrians both in terms of safety and comfort.</p>
<p>More pot hole blitz crews fixing the streets.</p>
<p>Reducing cars speeds</p>
<p>Transit connections from neighborhoods to regional parks to enable more people to access the amenities they need to live a car-free lifestyle</p>
<p>Instead of giant busses that are inefficient, let's bring back trolleys, keep Bart clean and cheap, and make walking/biking and shared cars more appealing. Electric cars are great too but they should be small and used less than other methods.</p>
<p>fast-charge electric vehicle chargers at laundromats & grocery stores & drugstores</p>
<p>Free recreational activities for kids & teens encouraging cycling and free/ accessible public transportation to these activities.</p>
<p>More car-free streets</p>
<p>provide subsidies for lower income people to be able to use rideshare apps rather than continuing to invest in older infrastructure</p>
<p>Curbing reckless driving! We need physical protection of bus only lanes and automated speed enforcement</p>
<p>Biking in Oakland is pretty decent but when you look at the bike map, there are no trails or city-designated resources for mountain biking recreation. I have identified multiple open space properties that are along Oaklands bike path that could offer mountain bike-specific recreation such as single track, flow trail, xc and enduro type options. This issue of complete abandonment of mountain bike recreation isn't new and has been stonewalled by the parks board for EBRP and EBMUB for multiple decades now. The city of Oakland has the authority, land and vested interest to support mountain bike recreation the way the rest of the country and world does. Mountain biking is not a crime. Again, development consultant and would love to help solve these recreation issues in Oakland. www.aaronmacintyre.com</p>

Bike paths and walkways are extremely important when there are local destinations. Let's think about that as we put bike paths everywhere, consideration of a "destination" in the design.
Better roads. Repave potholes and cracks in a way that lasts.
The lists for improvements exist--- use them please.
Slowing vehicle speeds
Punish those who commit crimes. Stop the window smashing, carjacking, dog napping, purse snatching. The juveniles doing this know that there are no consequences.
PAVE THE STREETS. It affects most transit.
Fewer deaths from car crashes (with other cars, or with pedestrians or bikes). Maybe by road redesign and somehow reducing recklessly wild speeding and running of red lights.
Provide ways to make essential goods and services available in every residential area, so people can get what they need on a daily/weekly basis within easy walking distance.
Enforce traffic laws with cameras or non-armed enforcement agency: Oakland has become so dangerous to walk or bike due to cars speeding, reckless driving, running red lights, driving with no plates (or obscured plates)
More BART connections, please!
A more transparent governmental structure that makes all who work for the city publicly accountable.
The most important thing to me is to return Telegraph Ave to its previous layout. The new plan with the bike lane at the curb is a disaster. There is no other valid viewpoint. Even Ryan Russo, the talented Director of the DOT said so in no uncertain terms. Every driver, resident and business owner in the area has been DRAMATICALLY negatively affected by the changes and the city council is unwilling to listen to these people.
We need more amenities and green healing plants, that are maintained not installed and let weeds take over. Employees need to do their work or be removed from jobs. Oakland is a mess.
More public garbage and recycling cans. You can go for blocks and blocks without having an appropriate place to throw something out.
Punish criminals
Do better land use assessment and climate change forecasting to implement smarter community development which also allows for multi-use purposes.
Improving street infrastructure. Oakland has some of the worst street and sidewalk infrastructure in the Bay Area. We need better roads, bridges, and sidewalks. We also need more public safety so residents, especially seniors and families, can enjoy the natural beauty of the city.
I'm pretty sure the more traffic calming bollards (a la Telegraph at 40th) are not the answer to our traffic woes.
Police, (but well trained!), Fire services End government corruption End public employee unions dominance of city elections Enforce strict decorum in public meetings
Stop widening sidewalks that nobody uses and causing infringement on cars. Like the Broadway right turn to get onto 24 East. The City widened the sidewalk there and pinched the car lanes down so it's dangerous to take the turn with a car in each lane. Yet NOBODY ever is on the sidewalk or adjacent bike lane.
More housing near job centers and transportation hubs.
Allow 10 story buildings within 1 mile of BART.
Too many bike lanes which are not even used!
Less crime and trash so people would feel safe outside in downtown, shopping centers and have access to walkable streets.
The recent "street dieting" has caused a lot of traffic congestion and make streets less safe to drive on. We need to restore 2 lanes in each direction! "Street diets" are impassable mazes!

Stick to the delivery of basic services- remember what you are here for. Your purpose is not to be a job bank- it is to deliver services to your constituents- the ones who pay your salaries! Hire more officers, clean up streets, pave ALL roads without an equity lens, and be the model for departmental services. Stay within budget- stop taxing us to death!
Reduce sprawl/increase density of housing + amenities in some areas outside downtown
I want my wife to feel safe walking home, alone, from Fruitvale BART station at the end of the day.
Electrifying buses, investing in small buses that can be more agile and responsive.
Car-free areas, plazas, etc.
Duh, parking (it doesn't have to be free--but it should be there!)
Better lighting for walking at night, community safety for walking at all hours especially those most vulnerable
Everybody is a pedestrian at some point. Prioritize safe roads, slower speeds, transit lanes. I don't care about the technology or autonomous vehicles, just get me to my destination reliable, safely, and comfortably and I'll use it.
Ending homelessness and street camping, which can make it feel unsafe for residents to walk under highways to reach commercial districts (particularly at night)
Trees! For air quality, for pride of neighborhood, for our city and our community and our world. And NO GUNS!!
Implementing parking restrictions to discourage driving around the city
More public trash cans in high traffic areas in East Oakland
Increasing safety on and around public transit (i.e., sexual assault and harassment in particular)
Fixing traffic patterns such as at 51st and Telegraph which are a joke. Has anyone deployed a drone to watch what happens when the lights change and see how if people can't turn right onto Telegraph off 51st in either direction because of pedestrians by Whole Foods or pedestrians at the Walgreens parking lot the traffic backs up way down the street. Oakland needs to think about more about the ramifications of things it implements.
Ensuring safe passageways to schools.
"Reducing traffic congestion" is something I actively oppose. All impediments to driving are good.
More solar powered street lights, crosswalk alerts, relative local energy/ ecology cooperative self-reliance applications. [Self-driving cars? Meh.]
Enforce our traffic laws, they are not being enforced
bikes and automobiles cannot exist in and share the same lane space. It's extremely dangerous to have both share the same space. We don't need all the bike lanes that have been created on every single street - streets that don't even have a bike population. We are not, do not wish to be, and do not envision becoming "Amsterdam"! We've created major traffic congestion by making lane changes such as those initiated on Telegraph and MLK between downtown and 51st streets. You've created a nightmare in what was once very congenial neighborhoods with folks/drivers now being squeezed in between the crazy bus lanes that you've created and the streets (such as MLK) that have been reduced from 4 lanes to 2 and for what?
More Policing, take control of the streets, enforce laws, incarcerate criminals, make our streets and homes safer. Criminals need to be held accountable for their destructive actions. Residents deserve peace and feel safe... Oakland is no longer a safe, secure place to reside
Reduce the crime!
Traffic calming measures like more roundabouts and speed bumps, even throughout residential streets
<i>Survey (Spanish Translation) Responses</i>
Reducir el crimen
<i>Survey (Cantonese Translation) Responses</i>
希望提供更多交通服务项目：照顾很多不会驾驶者（尤其是老年人）· 提供专线车辆服务到各大商场购物。与人方便· 为民造福。等生活更美好。

9. What else should be considered as the City of Oakland plans for the next 20 years?

Arts support, historic preservation
1) Encourage City of Oakland to host virtual/in-person Community Engagement sessions that leverage the various CBO leaders in Oakland to promote opportunities for more voices to share ideas and participate. 2) Provide updates to regain/repair trust between communities and the City of Oakland 3) Support with the development of stipend opportunities for the community to get involved in councils, canvass, volunteer, or participate in strategy discussions 4) Document transformation of sites and neighborhoods (photos/videos) and celebrate milestones. 5) Create participator budget for community to vote and give input on projects/developments the City of Oakland should consider funding
Prohibit car traffic around Lake Merritt and transform that area into a huge park like Golden Gate Park
"greener cleaner safer and allow small business to thrive.
Less blight, more trees, more community art centers, less dumping and encampments
municipal internet. Oakland could probably usurp SF as a tech hub by offering municipal internet. it's already sunnier
gain oversight and control over the port! No fossil fuel industry activity, expand walk/bike access to coast and hills, establish dedicated mountain bike trails
City government particularly council members that are more responsive to community and neighborhood needs. The diversity of our Council district results in neighborhoods being ignored in favor of others. Ways of securing community input that do not require large amounts of time by residents.
Less taxes and city fees.
Dream big. Look to other cities in other countries. We want a safe, vibrant, diverse place to live — and right now, Oakland is not delivering.
Trash service every day to clean up the streets.
Admit that the root cause of homelessness are primarily drug addiction and mental health -- homelessness is NOT simply a "housing problem".
Remove abandoned, stolen vehicles without license plates and get rid out-of-town RVs that are parked everywhere.
Make city government transparent and open to public input. Not just as one-time efforts - but a monthly schedule. Allow better noticing of city council issues that will impact Oakland's people.
Ensuring there is housing for essential workers (teachers, nurses, etc.) so they can be part of the communities they serve.
Attracting and housing top-tier teachers for public schools.
The poor quality of public education is a major drag on Oakland's future
trash cleanup!! it degrades overall sense of wellbeing that there is trash EVERYWHERE. Caltrans needs to help, since the freeway is particularly bad.
Tearing down or capping highways to reduce pollution and reconnect divided neighborhoods
full self-driving vehicles
Re-examine how city budget is allocated to departments and services. Ask questions, such as Why is there so much illegal dumping? Enormous piles of trash in pockets of the city. What can Oakland do to make it easier for people to get rid of their trash? Mattresses, large items/equipment - Look to other cities and learn strategies, practices that are working and can be incorporated. Hire creative and innovative employees who can look at problems differently! Dig deeper into the root cause of problems and start doing something about it.
Mandatory volunteer internship for highschoolers to work 4 hours a week. It's so important for them to learn the soft skills as future wage earners.
Safe, clean and accessibility to schools, jobs and services.

Improve the schools, will lead to better outcomes for existing children and future families and increase value of living in Oakland, to support more tax/bond measures to increase affordable housing (and other impact fees).
Enforcing the law already on the books, consistently is a remarkable cost-effective method to ensure community safety and quality of life. Sadly, our city officials ignore this tenet in letting lawlessness pervade unabated.
More grants and support to nonprofit organizations
1) Shut down streets and make walking plazas, or at least very wide sidewalks. This might get the fantastic outside dining areas so they are on sidewalk, and not (as on Telegraph now) between the bike lane and the sidewalk. 2) I personally don't like all of the vendors around Lake Merritt. I am all for black people and black vendors, I just would rather not have any vendors on the grass or in the plaza by the Pergola. It would be great if there could be an easily accessible commercial area that was near the Lake, but not on public space directly adjacent to it.
No tents and no abandoned cars.
Less police - the city moved abandon vehicle oversight to police - we should be doing the opposite moving things away from police - my neighbor called police in teens smoking weed in an abandon car as a way to get rid of the "eyesore" because that was the only way to get the car towed according to him - wtf?
Safety and minimize illegal activity
Please invest more in dense areas and neighborhoods of Oakland (that are all around Lake Merritt) where most Oaklanders live -- more parks, bikeways, shuttles.
Invest in EVERYTHING that helps the youth TODAY. What we do with them now will determine what Oakland is in 20 years.
Reduce taxes and wasteful spending. Enforce the laws. Stop protecting criminals. Start protecting your tax payers.
Dense housing!
All Oakland schools well-funded and thriving. Quick police response to reports of home break-ins. Police and cameras to stop reckless drivers and prevent pedestrian injury and death. Police need to be accountable, skilled at de-escalation, and present. Right now Oakland feels lawless. It feels scary.
Increased ultra-local community amenities and activities like farmers markets, neighborhood level festivals, citywide celebrations like an "Oakland Day" that bring people together in their neighborhoods. We're all safer and happier when we get to know our neighbors.
Climate resilience
Child care is the second largest expense for families, after housing, and is often overlooked as a reason for displacement. Oakland has a high cost of living and is a child care desert. The City of Oakland needs to plan for affordable and accessible child care for families -- and on how to retain / create a pipeline for a child care workforce -- for the city to thrive in the next 20 years.
Do not let Oakland be taken over by outside money and influence without considering Oakland's history and existing communities.
Youth engagement and development
Eradicating homelessness and city beautification.
more bike infrastructure, more green spaces, better equitable housing solutions, lowers cost of living
Keep working on infrastructure eg sewers. Support the school board as they try to keep the district from bankruptcy.
Free wifi
2-Term limit for city council and "strong mayor" system as suggested in the SPUR report.
Get people off streets and into services, make people feel safe
Living wage, eviction protections, supports for the school district
Fully staff city services including Public Works
Trash, weeds, and pothole maintenance, with more trees and lighting and less electric poles. Beautification!
More housing in West Oakland so close to San Francisco

Public safety should be the primary concern. Second to that should be the quality of the public schools.
Safety, safety, safety. Figuring out ways to get more people in the police force and creating a system where OPD or any authority isn't looked at as a threat. These officers should be aware of the Oakland culture and know how the people are in this area both positive and negative. We need more support in Oakland than we ever have in the last 20 years and nothing has changed. People die every day and nothing is done to protect our streets
Clean it up. Get the people off the streets. Stop investing in unaffordable housing. Fix the existing A's Stadium and don't use our public funds without asking the people of Oakland what they want. Shameful our City council did not vote to put it on the Nov. ballot. Oaklanders should have a right to vote on what they want in our city, not just a bunch of bureaucrats and corporate profitters.
A whole lot more housing and public transportation services are needed to get around Oakland. We need to lower our car dependency that is causing climate change. Smart, dense, walkable, and mixed-use development will take people out of their cars and more in touch with their communities.
focus on livability and mobility for all
Universal basic income would solve a lot of these issues, and it's been proved to reduce crime, keep people in their homes, inspire the arts, and encourage the economy, so... Let's do it.
Retain the A's and get a WNBA team!
We need to fix the homelessness problem. The city needs to be compassionate to homeless residents but also work to address quality of life issues for neighbors of homeless camps. This is not an easy problem to solve - it will take referrals of homeless people to services and provision of supportive housing but also less coddling of those who simply choose not to work to improve their lives or to accept the help that is offered. Oakland should look at what has worked in other cities and implement proven strategies here.
Improve infrastructure and make it an affordable place to live. Services need to be easy to access.
Adaptation to climate change, water quality and pollution
No Howard Terminal stadium for the Oakland A's.
Cleaning up the homelessness problem - making the city cleaner - enforce code standards - go after those who are illegally dumping
Bringing people together.
Bringing families back to Oakland who were displaced due to gentrification.
Shallow pools like many other cities have. 1-2" feet deep, essential for heat and recreation, welcoming to all. See Amsterdam, Vancouver, Montreal for great examples. And other universal amenities.
Safer to get downtown without a car
Homeless encampments MUST be shut down.
More effective city government. Building and services inspectors should be better trained. As should the mayor and members of the city council who are all pretty weak.
City garden for the community and homeless.
Better governance and government
Beautifying the city, all areas, including the blighted areas, i.e., East and West Oakland.
Making the permitting process easier and more seamless so that people with a dream can start up businesses or expand housing with less risk.
Fully staff the police department and make MACRO fully functional to enhance safety for everyone
Housing, housing, housing
Please, please, please start by picking up the trash. It's breaking my heart to see all the illegal dumping and all the trash that is going into the Bay. We must do better. Can't the City put unemployed people to work cleaning it up on a daily basis?

That a lot of us don't have access to public transportation. Buses in the hills were taken away years ago. Telling us not drive is a non-starter.
inspiring leadership
Get rid of all the trash on the streets and sidewalks!!!
Homeless solutions and eradication of encampments
Allow apartments and corner stores in every neighborhood.
Build dense mixed-use affordable housing everywhere in Oakland, especially low-rise but dense and transit-accessible areas in the Oakland flatlands, then build BART in-fill stations in the dense, transit-dependent neighborhoods that don't have them.
There are too many boarded up and abandoned buildings. If the landowner can not make the place useable and attractive enact a steep tax to give them an incentive to do something. It is stupid and sad to have people begging on street corners outside of unused property.
Bring jobs into Oakland. Homeless population should be helped and reunited with family. We don't need any ADU units in backyards. Not enough parking, police and fire services to support more housing of any kind. If you build it more will come and burden Oakland with more social problems and cost more to support. We already have nothing.
Preventing ppl from being displaced out of the city or into homelessness. Increase density in all neighborhoods. Eliminate single family zoning.
Community engagement events like open streets, viva calle, sunday streets, slow streets
More/Better Communications to Oakland Residents from their City, State and Federal Government.
Keep the A's in Oakland
Not losing any more of its native people because they can't afford to live in the city anymore because of the city's advance's
Oakland suffers from too many unhoused people, too much crime, too much garbage on the streets and highways, and unsupported public schools. This has to change, or we will quickly spiral into a community no one wants to live in, even those of us who love Oakland.
Love and peace. Equality and less expensive things.
Be honest about the dramatic climatic changes that are coming and emphasize in your messaging that we are going to have to roll up our sleeves and work together in order to meet them. Also, not mentioned at all in the the survey: 25 years from now the equatorial region will be well on the way to total uninhabitability. We MUST PLAN FOR, WELCOME and INTEGRATE an increasing number of climate migrants seeking a life. We are in the habitable zone in one of the top-GHG-polluting counties on earth, and this is our responsibility.
Literally just enforce laws regarding dumping and camping wherever you please. There's ample funds and space to create transitional housing for the marginalized community that has grown substantially due in part to archaic, ill-conceived rental laws.
Oakland has a regressive tax system that penalizes small businesses by taxing gross receipts rather than profits. That means a business having a tough year still gets stuck paying the tax. Totally unfair to demand taxes of those businesses who have no income to pay them.
Get rid of the accursed Amtrak and Railway transport line - put it underground, relocate it, whatever. Having it run right through a vibrant neighborhood I moved away from because I just couldn't take it anymore is shortsighted. The train traffic is dangerous, pollution-heavy, noisy, and unsightly not to mention foolish if the Howard Terminal ever gets built.
Provide help to the mentally ill so they are not wondering in the streets. Enforcing no loitering policies. Free community college or technical school for citizens.
Please do something about the massive health hazard that is the property next to Home Depot and Alameda Avenue. There is no vision, no accountability. Time for eminent domain.

Building resiliency into future public works projects. Green infrastructure for new vehicle technologies. Keeping the Oakland A's in town.
Increase the amount of personal accountability the citizens of Oakland are responsible for whine has resulted in a dirty and lawless city. Increase the amount of acceptance that there will always be rich and poor and black, white, brown, and yellow, people of different ideologies and backgrounds. To support us coming together as one city and not one populace being subverted by another. Less focus on racial justice because there is neglect in so many other places that need more help like basic city services.
Equity needs to be centered in all decision-making. Consider returning land to the Ohlone people, who never ceded this land. There was no mention of Indigenous peoples in this survey. Remember they still exist and receive no support from the federal government because they are not considered a "tribe."
Keeping taxes low. Honest city budgeting that aligns expenditures with available financial resources. Limiting future debt.
Attract new business so Oakland becomes a city that people from all over the world want to work and live in.
Come up with a new plan for downtown, a'la Jerry Brown's ideas (seems to be ignored now), and find ways to attract great businesses to locate here - that creates money, housing, and resources for everything else. If companies don't locate here we will always be a weak and crumbling city.
More, denser housing, better transit
Access to mental police/ community relations
Hiring people to plan the city's future who live in this city. Plan ahead for the new technologies. Educate people to do the jobs of the future
I think with most of the ideas presented in the 20-year plan (homelessness, housing, safety, etc.) there probably isn't a one solution. For housing / homelessness, we need to build housing - all kinds. Everything from apartments to townhomes to single family homes should be on the table, cause they all play a part in the solution. I really hope the Oakland City Council will be willing to work with the community on all solutions.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HOUSING, HOUSING
Creating a land trust
KEEP THE A'S IN OAKLAND. The city needs them.
Crime and violence prevention. Cleanliness and removal of blight. Fast tracking housing and commercial development.
Public restrooms that are clean and accessible
Any housing needs to consider parking and storage for the occupants. This is problem now when you live in areas that have a mix of single family and multi-unit dwellings
More community stake in local projects
Establishing a CCC type of effort for Oakland so there are training and work opportunities for Oakland youth.
Improving schools and services for teachers/educators. Land back and ecological care. New forms of government and leadership, make the plan flexible enough to adjust as our world demands it in real time. Do everything you can for the environment.
Affordable housing is key
Helping seniors with property taxes, helping seniors to maintain their homes.
More arts programs. Exposing younger children to ballet, theatre, symphony. Training the next generation of creatives.
cleanup encampments, build more affordable housing, improve education and job opportunities, build the new A's stadium
Better waterfront land use and public access. Lots of prime waterfront land used by industries and warehouses that no longer need water access.
Supporting small neighborhoods and schools.

The garbage, illegal dumping and blight in Oakland is at it's all time worst. I've lived here for 56 years and I am embarrassed that my city looks like it is morally and environmentally bankrupt.
More jobs and training for the youth.
How art and culture can be part of the community, schools and City of Oakland.
More cops / public safety
Add infill stations BART stations between Fruitvale and Lake Merritt and between 19th and MacArthur. Get rid of parking minimums!!! Develop current parking lots into housing and amenities!
The City of Oakland needs improved management i.e. a City manager with an effective team. Dept. Directors that are more than long term public employees in their field i.e. Planning, but actually have management skills and the ability to build and lead effective, agile public servant teams. Without this the goals identified will remain elusive. Change begins internally. Resource effective management, equity and inclusion, so that we can be a world class city!
I think we could all benefit in the long-run from making more grounded and pragmatic planning and budget decisions. Take a look at how other successful cities are managed and borrow some ideas (and possibly people).
How can we do our part while also working with regional agencies to help break the impasse in no growth communities
Underground (Amsterdam style) dumpsters along the arterial roadways to reduce dumping.
More housing for more people. Dense housing. High-rises. Mid-rises. Townhomes. ADUs. Social housing. Subsidized housing. All. Of. The. Above.
I think the city of Oakland should considering how it can it accomplish these goals without always prioritizing the needs of big corporations and industries. That may involve assessing its relationship with capitalism and the impacts that it has/had on its population. How have their budget decisions had on the communities that they serve and who they have prioritized. Although the city is very diverse and filled with a variety of cultures, its polices still reflect a white-centric/capitalist sort of needs. I hope in the next 20 years it can find the courage to break away from those cycles and influences so that it really start to serve its people. I feel the people will do it themselves without City officials, but it wouldn't hurt to have the help.
Mental Health Services for Everyone
Please stop speculation. Building more housing without thinking about who you are building it for harms people and the environment. People are displaced by the flood of luxury condos that are ruining our city. Construction is one of the most harmful industries for the environment. We cannot afford to keep building for the market rate. We need to build social housing for Oaklanders.
The people.
People before ballparks. Fix educational opportunities in all of the schools. Reparations for the harassment Black communities have suffered for over 60 years dismantle the police state and usher in a period of belonging... not just for the white kids who are seen as Oakland's new promise but for all of us. Prep and elect people who can, raise up civil residents and start by teaching civics.
Regional connectivity: how can Oakland better integrate itself with the rest of the Northern California Megaregion? Rail, ferries, bus networks, etc.
"EVERY photo that was used to illustrate THIS survey used 0 BLACK people...that's the bias and projections orgs like YOU are trying to push! Oakland WAS a Black city, STOP trying to erase us!!!
NONE of the new apartment complexes downtown are close to being 100% at capacity. STOP building high rises were 1 bedrooms are over \$2k! "
I don't know. But better policing should definitely be there.
Make this a stable working city rather than a copy of other metropolises.
More attention to the arts as an attraction to Oakland

Sounds tactless but make homeless encampments harder to establish. We have too many of them and they're filthy and dangerous
Defund the OPD to allow for an overall safer Oakland.
Climate change. Start now to bury electric lines when doing new construction, and start burying lines in already built areas at high fire risk (eg steep slopes and ridge lines where winds are higher speed).
free high quality childcare and better funding for schools.
Incentives to attract for-profit development, R&D activities, vocational and higher learning, medium-to-large business & manufacturing, more hotel space, and institutions that bring in outside \$\$ to the community
Find ways to deal with the attitude that guns resolve disagreements. Put more resources into stopping access to ghost guns.
Protection for renters. Investment in our public school system. Protecting teachers, increasing pay for educators in public schools. Keep Oakland Black. Keep Lake Merritt free and accessible.
Ending of "catch and release" policies, zero tolerance for gun related crime such as carjacking, assaults and mugging.
Any housing developer or corporation that wants to do business here fully pays for it and contributes to the infrastructure that makes our city function. No subsidies for them!
Being disabled, I am having trouble getting around in my neighborhood on foot with a walker. I am forced into the street because so many cars park on the sidewalk!!! Mothers and baby sitters are also on the street with me because the sidewalk public access is blocked by cars parking on the sidewalk. I live on Underhills Road, District 2, and the city has stopped the police department from citing cars illegally parked because the road is narrow. This is a bad solution for the disabled. Many cars park 100% on the sidewalk now and are taking advantage of being able to partially park on the sidewalk.. This injustice must stop. Please help.
Oakland will never be what it can be until it solves the problem of homelessness and addresses quality early care and education for all
homelessness is top priority. addressing root causes of poverty and violence....such as education, jobs, lack of support services, etc.
Excellent public schools and mentoring programs.
Build facilities to house and help the homeless with psychological, medical, job training and employment opportunities; increase police to ensure all areas of the city are safe, improve roads and help large and small businesses thrive in the city
Preventing displacement of Black families. Supporting land back for Ohlone people. Creating more opportunities for community stewardship of public land like our creeks and historical sites. Using public land for public good like affordable housing and community resource spaces. access for everyone to mental health and wellness supports. Community gardens in every neighborhood. No more guns on our streets. Jobs for our kids to stay in our communities. A network of mutual care.
Pay unhoused Oaklanders a stipend to participate in survey or other feedback on the plan
A functioning City Council, proactive and not reactive planning, medical care near neighborhoods, not losing what's valuable and positive while implementing change.
how to reduce crime and violence what is this obsession with bikes? jeez!
I think this survey and my responses covered most of it -- making sure residents feel safe, providing enough affordable housing options for residents (and not be threatened of displacement), and improving public transportation options.
Make it easier for those without a car to get around affordably and safely. Prioritize the feedback of low income communities of color, including limited English speaking communities. For all investments in urban greenery, amenities, housing complexes, businesses, etc. you must actively intentionally plan how to prevent displacement and gentrification.
Climate concerns. Waste and dumping concerns. Homelessness. Property crimes.

Internet infrastructure along International Blvd.
Less cars
Climate-change related impacts, including sea level & water table rise (will this affect underground infrastructure?)
Let's keep the A's here !
Being a leader in climate resilience and sustainable business practice. Public programs that promote equity across economic status (everyone qualifies, "public" doesn't mean only for the poor).
More safety cameras and preventing tagging
support for local artists and musicians
Prioritizing law and order initiatives and repaving of all of our streets which need it.
Homes for unhoused people
More wastebaskets - less trash on the street
No trucks on 580 at Grand Lake. Hire and keep the police officer numbers we need for a city this size with the crime we have.
BAN FIREWORKS AND SIDESHOWS!
Supporting arts/artists and culture
Exert every pressure possible to reduce the number of flights to and from Oakland International Airport. A way to start would be to discourage the airport from adding the new terminal it is planning to add. Its 17 additional gates would accommodate many more flights and greatly increased air pollution in East Oakland.
Get the ballpark for the A's completed. Attract the biotech industry. Keep trucks off of hwy 580. Much improved crime prevention. Stop the escalating vehicle speeding, reckless driving and side shows. We need a much better business base. Find a way to recruit better public school teachers.
Consider emphasizing connections to rail, and not expanding Oakland airport - we can't afford more emissions
Equity, diversity, inclusion in all aspects of urban development. The environmental and socioeconomic gap between the communities of East Oakland, West Oakland and Oakland Hills needs to be addressed.
keep big box stores away from residential areas (e.g. Home Depot in Rockridge)
Adding more programs that encourage job training, environmental stewardship, and community involvement especially for kids & teens to connect with existing community programs.
Job training and opportunities for young people to build needed housing, clean energy infrastructure, and address climate resilience.
More micro downtown's
By 2035 there will be more people over 65 than under 18 in this country. Caregivers will be in short supply, and middle and lower income older adults will not be able to age in place. Oakland's tenant-heavy rental laws currently cause potential landlords to not put homes and units on the market. This will result in a senior care crisis.
Planning for pedestrian only streets. Closing streets to cars. Plantings and stewardship for cleaning up the lake and Bayfront!
The types of industry in Oakland that adversely affect air quality make it unsafe to work, go to school, or just live here. Promoting a healthy living environment should be a top priority through reduction in air and water pollution.
Far more public transportation is needed. Safer bike and pedestrian paths/crossings. Stop catering to cars. Oakland should be a shining beacon for public transit and human powered transportation.
Let's go big and bold on housing and infrastructure
Eradicate homelessness
DEFUND OPD and invest that money into City services!! We've been asking for this and Council keeps ignoring it. Think much bigger - what would Oakland look like if it invested in its people? City-run housing for the homeless and for any residents who are living paycheck to paycheck, community ownership of housing, city-owned bike

share that, free or reduced cost public transit, stipends for artists and small music venues, etc... Think big!! It's all about the political will to DO something.
Reparations.
Earthquake preparedness; plans to address global warming and Sea level rising
ending homelessness
Better trash systems and more affordable dumping to avoid litter and illegal dumping
Clean the streets of trash and homelessness. Housing is a right, not all of it has to be in Oakland. Find partners outside of Oakland to humanely house people at a lower cost, therefore more people are served. Prosecute crime!
More community policing
Art is a big part of Oakland diversity, but currently, 80% of the murals that have been put up in the last 2 years do anything but celebrate and encourage diversity, instead the city has turned into one big social justice billboard. It seems mainly art that has a homogeneous message of "us vs them" is making the cut for approval. This appears to be "values and vision" issue that stems from the lack of a clear leadership agenda- which should develop and encourages specific social stratification around strategic missions and goals for the city's future, not just reactionary to the current event cycles.
Prioritize native Oaklanders and low-income people in the plans, and have community resources to prevent incidents and increase safety.
We need spaces and events that foster connections. This is being lost in our car oriented and digital society and it is causing isolation and poor quality of life.
Making communities in Oakland equal- in terms of services, access, OPD response, support, etc.
Investing in infrastructure for East and West Oakland while assuring those communities can still afford to live there afterwards.
people stay longer in abodes they own or care about more than airport transit apartments. People who stay strengthen community and contribute more to quality of all lives
How to replace police with preventative community services.
Trust in the city leadership. People are always upset with the Mayor. We need a justice-oriented person who is attentive to the roots of Oakland's soul.
More ways for neighborhoods to cross-pollinate. Maybe create something built on the idea of pen-pals to connect Oakland households from different parts of the City. Neighborhoods could take turns hosting guests for dinner from other neighborhoods and then reciprocating.
Providing disadvantaged youth with opportunities in green industries and jobs that pay well, like computer engineering, coding, etc. Funding more community arts and arts celebrations like first Friday and free public concerts featuring a mix of local and nationally recognized artists staged near Lake Merritt or public parks in East Oakland. More grants and funding for artists, particularly POC and young artists. More summer arts programs for youth.
The people of Oakland love Oakland and will contribute whatever it takes to make the dream real
fewer big box stores. more businesses that allow for community engagement
Building in clear, structured opportunities for community reflection, feedback, and iteration/change on a regular basis with thoughtful mechanisms for outreach to clearly identified, diverse communities of Oakland to see how the General Plan is serving them.
The building permit process is onerous, obstructive, arbitrary, and inconsistent, even for small projects like driveways. Please correct it.
more murals on buildings & maintain them!
Explaining what sort of changes "preparing for autonomous vehicles" actually means could help make the survey data more accurate. Most people have no idea what that would look like.

Increasing tourism. We need visitors. There has been a huge uptick in arts and restaurant culture in the last 15 years and we get many people from around the Bay, but it would be great to have more out of state and international tourism.
Improving outdoor spaces, including playgrounds, in poor neighborhoods.
Actual management of City staff-- but scrap the retreats and consultants. Basic fairness to employees and a strong Civil Service System. Cap top management salaries and benefits.
HOMELESS, HOMELESS,HOMELESS.
Punish the criminals. Pick up garbage.
Giving homeless people homes to live in.
Improving existing green space and community space in neighborhoods in east Oakland. We have it but it is not very enjoyable or even open to use.
Consider fixing existing issues before making lofty plans.
Integrated systems such as schools that also offer adult classes, libraries, and learning-related activities.
Support for the Port
People need to feel safe in Oakland.
Major factor is safety. We need foot police in neighborhoods
A vibrant living city needs youth, energy, and evolution.
I'm filling this out as a current Oakland resident, but just as important are the younger people who grow up here or will move here in the next 20 years who aren't filling this out. We need to make the city welcoming and accessible (especially cost of living) to new people, even if that means change for residents like me. I'd hope the city can be constantly experimenting and reinventing itself.
How to keep Oakland a viable place for working class families to live and bring up children.
Really repair broken sidewalks and pot-holed streets! I see no difference from the last 30 years - (my neighborhood in north Oakland!) Do the entire neighborhood, not just a few feet in front of a house or one or two blocks on a street. Hire at least a dozen arborists to take care of our trees!! Publicly reward all doers in this city- those who care for others - teachers in schools, doctors, nurses in health services ; police officers; Not just those who talk a good line and take credit for the good work!
Every policy should be considered within the context of our global climate emergency.
Get rid of the criminal element that has plagued this city for decades.
invest in public transport, trees for shade coverage, affordable/mixed use housing that looks good...(I like the way healdsburg/windsor have developed).
Even for small projects, the construction permitting process is obstructive, arbitrary, inconsistent, slow, and costly. Please fix it.
Expanding safe bike and public transit networks to communities with less access (i.e. East and West Oakland). Increasing the amount of PROTECTED bike lanes throughout the city. Increasing the number of city maintained trees on streets, especially in East and West Oakland. Increasing access to fresh food in food swamps. Public libraries are thriving and increasing access by providing permanent homes for all of the branches. Our unhoused population needs aid through temporary housing, mental health support, and addition recovery programs.
Youth: after school programs, mental health support, anti cigarette and drug programs, free contraception, internships and apprenticeships
Build the ballpark for the A's
Promoting diversity in a way that lifts us all
Nuclear energy for adequate low emission electricity
Capitalism.

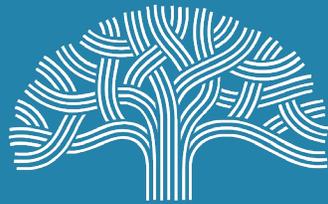
Housing innovation! Influencing OUSD to improve our schools!
Reconsider making busy major streets into one lanes which leads to congestion and road rage. More effort to clean up this city. It longs like a dump
Stop Graffiti
Stop loud cars and motorcycles, (both exhaust pipes and music) and kids on unlicensed dirt bikes doing wheelies in gangs. Confiscate all of these vehicles to stop the problems- all of this is already against the law!
Fewer Cannabis businesses
Lower Property taxes. It outrageous that taxes are more than mortgages. How much more can we take?
Better ways to address driving based crimes/violence. Often feel trapped by things like not wanting to bring police into our neighborhood, but also not wanting to be subjected to daytime sideshows at corners where our kids walk around. It's like the wild west at times. There's no solution in sight and no viable place to turn. Same with the fireworks, the abandoned crashed cars, etc. There's so much I love about Oakland, but there's a lot of forbearance required. As I type this, the DAILY police helicopter is going by overhead. Yet I don't see daily improvements in my neighborhood in terms of safety or services.
City leadership is horrible. YOU NEED TO ELIMINATE TRASH AND FIGHT CRIME
Get ahead on capital improvements rather than today's "we have to wait until the road collapses to get the money to fix it." (Larry Ln, Ascot Dr between Larry Ln and Chelton; slide on Ascot near Chelton)
A more balanced city council, more focus on crime prevention
Forecasting for climate change and implementing subsidies to support more green programs, i.e. solar panel & battery installations, gas stove replacements, incentives to reduce waste (lower monthly fees for less trash/recycling), water usage, etc and anything that promotes conservation.
We need to focus on efficient use of public resources, minimizing taxes, and encouraging economic development, especially attracting job creators to the city. We need vibrant classes of residents, including blue-collar, white-collar, and investment sector residents.
Diversity comes from a diverse economy and a diverse housing stock. Overly restrictive zoning and other rules, even if intended to promote diversity, will lessen it.
Oakland needs to work with all other Bay Area jurisdictions to develop effective, long-term strategies and solutions to address the region's burgeoning homeless crisis.
Right now, Bay Area cities and counties spend literally hundreds of millions of dollars each year on homeless services and support. And yet, as we can all see, the problem keeps getting worse and worse. For many of us who own our homes, pay our taxes and care about our communities, this is dis-spiriting and frustrating, at best. We see our elected leaders and local governments squandering limited resources on triage approaches that actually perpetuate the problems causing homelessness.
Oakland needs to reprioritize its spending decisions. That may require making some tough decisions about how to deal with homelessness, mental health and drug addiction issues.
Oakland should work through ABAG with other Bay Area cities and counties to create a regional plan of action...a comprehensive approach that prioritizes moving people off of streets and out of parks, and instead getting them into treatment facilities and long-term housing, whether they want it or not.
The status quo leaves each government on its own trying to solve intractable problems that really require a much more coordinated response.
Safe and monitored indoor/outdoor areas for parents and their 0 to 5 year olds to play together located in neighborhoods.

<p>Monetary support for artists and culture makers, decreasing the militarized police budget and instead investing in community-led social programs</p>
<p>resilient infrastructure. don't put up the same old, same old. use smart new materials. attract cool things and people. be ambitious but practical</p>
<p>Oakland is not Berkeley! The City Council seems to think they can outdo the People's Republic but Berkeley is a wealthy town with significant resources. Oakland has basic failures of City services -- try contacting OPD if you are in need of police (is that a busy signal I hear?)</p>
<p>Build on the air rights of I-980 in Downtown. Understand I-880 and UPRR in Downtown/Jack London Square to promote access to our waterfront.</p>
<p>Cooperation, build trust, learn/teach collaboration. No more scapegoating. Sound policy comes from sound analysis and cooperative process. We have hard problems to solve together.</p>
<p>City Government seems unable to get things done to improve our situation. Ref: https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/29/opinion/biden-liberalism-infrastructure-building.html?action=click&module=RelatedLinks&pgtype=Article</p>
<p>AND</p>
<p>https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/12/opinion/traffic-congestion-new-york-climate-policy.html?action=click&block=associated_collection_recirc&impression_id=54fd7500-ee6f-11ec-b9e6-21d2606a11fd&index=0&pgtype=Article&region=footer</p>
<p>Get rid of the stupid Topa/Copa housing element draft, do not enact ANY policies that harm MOM and POP housing providers...we're hurting like everyone else!</p>
<p>The Oakland school system is not in very good shape - the recent school closings were probably the right decision, but the city needs to make sure that the system is shored up and put on a stronger footing so that nothing like this happens again</p>
<p>Support local churches, which have historically been the vehicle behind community lead movements.</p>
<p>Please stop turning to market-based solutions for more housing. We don't need to upzone. We don't need more luxury condos. We have no idea how many units are current sitting empty! We need to STOP the financialization of housing to solve the crisis. Building more housing is one of the most environmentally damaging things possible, and building market rate housing has a disastrous impact on gentrification and displacement. We need to make sure that any new housing is actually being used to house a person who needs it.</p>
<p>Limit 'planning' and government control of economic decisions of citizens.</p>
<p>Encourage market solutions to housing shortages, not more wasteful 'Public Housing.'</p>
<p>Island Oakland is a fantasy.</p>
<p>Taxpayer's money to solve all societal problems is a dangerous fantasy.</p>
<p>There are STRONG resident opposition to TOPA - COPA due to numerous harmful effects. Please DELETE TOPA - COPA from the Housing Element Draft on page 57.</p>
<p>The city needs to stop attacking small home providers and work with them to find solutions that protect everyone. Also there needs to be a fairer way to impose bonds and measures with Oakland being 60% renters they continue to vote on measures and ballots that only the property tax pays for. New bond and measures should be passed on to all people who live here not just property owners</p>
<p>Remove ALL barriers to produce more housing!</p>
<p>Down payment assistance without deed restrictions for First Time Home Buyers.</p>
<p>Crime prevention</p>
<p>Use taxpayer money to ACTUALLY solve problems.</p>

planning for the burgeoning senior population--let Oakland be in the forefront.
Oakland needs a good reputation on the National level, not being known for crime, wokeness, and trying to win the race to the bottom.
Reduce drugs and crime!
Oakland needs a responsive and accountable government. The city doesn't listen to resident concerns.
There could be an influx of new residents due to e.g. climate, so that needs to be considered in addition to housing the existing population
No displacements, racial equity, reparations for American Descendants Of Slaves, quality education for all children.
Look at Taiwan and Audrey Tang. She has great ideas. Look at other US cities for good ideas. Pilot projects!
AI ready said it- stick with the basics and perfect that. Everything else will fall into place.
Historic districts; parks that are not generic; connections to regional parks
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Help tenants become property owners. Down payment assistance. Help tenants buy duplexes and live in them while renting out the other side.
Get some adults in the room because the current set in charge are corrupt, unethical, unjust, and inequitable, they never do actual date for their changes, and they do NOT consider all constituents needs and fairness when making policy. They make policy that is backed and funded by wealthy billionaires and well-funded activists and use low-income, disabled households without power like mine as scapegoats and a free piggy bank, with no ethical consideration of the material harm they are unjustly bringing upon us.
Enormous reduction in crime and violence. Safe and clean streets.
How to fund investments. How to help to transition to a model city.
amending its charter to provide clarity for mayor, council and staff on who is responsible for what. (see SPUR Oakland Report)
Upzone all commercial corridors to create more dense mixed-use housing, successful and diverse businesses, and vibrant and thriving communities. It appears that more than half of the commercial corridors (from large to small) in Oakland lack key amenities such as food and groceries, basic retail and resources, much-needed housing, and even community support.
Reducing government dysfunction. This includes reducing the amount of veto points and increasing the use of by right zoning decisions.
improved public safety!
Reduce crime. Watch the budget.

Plan for housing of all types to house everyone in Oakland. Reduce the amount of vehicles miles driven so that we can improve the climate. Make it safe for people to live in our city, especially pedestrians and cyclists and not people driving through.
Oakland's evolving role in the region, gentle transitions to higher density
How can we help people thrive in every aspect of life here in Oakland?
House the homeless. Provide professional and practical services needed
historic preservation, open space and conservation, revitalization of neighborhood commercial districts, greater access to Port of Oakland property, reinvestment in the Coliseum area
Safety, community collaboration to stop racism and attacks on elders, safer streets (traffic calming to prevent speeding, running stop signs and red lights, enforcing parking for trucks illegally and unsafely parked etc.)
Many of us work outside of Oakland. Please factor regional connectivity in your housing and transportation plans.
Making Oakland safe welcoming for everyone, which keeping us in a fiscally sustainable path
Business friendly environment
Incentives to bring local people who have left the area for higher education, jobs to come back and vitalize the community.
Curb the utter lawlessness that we Oaklanders experience every day everywhere!
Plan with racial equity centered every step of the way. Otherwise, we will become SF.
Building more libraries, museums, theaters to go along with MUCH MORE HOUSING. If the rest of the bay won't grow, let Oakland lead the way.
It needs to be possible to call 911 and know there is help on the way.
Redesign our approach to public safety. Do not defund the police but rethink what a comprehensive solution should be.
A universal basic income or social services to provide for those who cannot provide for themselves. There should be opportunities for varying income levels to participate in a sustainable, creative, and inclusive model city.
Let's be a real healthy global city, and welcome lots of new neighbors from California and all over the world! Let's allow people build houses and businesses. And end the hegemony of cars.
N/A
More low income housing including section 8 vouchers back opened for more low income affordable housing
Accessibility for folks with limited mobility (scooters, wheelchairs, canes)
Reality TV series "slumming": testing the survival skills of the privileged. Like the movie "trading places". Sundance finances the filming, the sets, part of the governance of planned social upheaval
Investment in attracting entertainment business, which includes sports teams, needs to be paramount. That saved San Francisco in the 1990's even with losing the 49ers to Santa Clara. Take a walk down Jack London Square. COVID aside, the place is a ghost town. It could be so much more.
By right approvals of housing that's compliant with zoning and the general plan and actually eliminating SFH only zoning in all neighborhoods will be key to building the massive amounts of housing at all income levels that we need.
The City's general plan should be 100% supportive of the cities climate plan and a bold agenda to usher in a just transition to an ecologically sustainable future.
Support for visual arts, especially murals on big walls.
Making sure that public gathering spaces are safe, developing strong mutually supportive relationship between communities and law enforcement personnel
Trying to accommodate and support as much housing as possible at all income levels, especially in walkable areas of the city near transit.
Make Oakland the cleanest city on the West coast, reward and fund beautification efforts and FINE loiterers and graffiti vandals

We must accommodate our existing citizens, especially native residents. This may entail closing off further immigration or refugee influx until all native citizens have been housed and until we house and remove all of the homeless on our streets while at the same time rescinding any street camping legislation which has allowed for sleeping on the streets of Oakland in tents, campers, vans or in any vehicle on the streets of Oakland.
Install digital cameras on all street corners, license plate readers, facial recognition..... strengthen and enforce the laws....
Recognizing the impact of climate change (more heat waves, fire risk, extreme weather).
Safety/less violence, less trash/dumping and affordability should be top priorities for the future.
Leave the 980 freeway in place.
There is plenty of tax base. If the City feels poor, it's because it's spending poorly.
Income inequality between neighborhoods
consider the aging of current demographics for placement of future needs - i.e. young/fledgling families who will need schools, and placing schools appropriately to avoid disruption of existing/established residential hoods (avoiding Head Lice situations).
Enforce the overwhelming number of vehicles on the streets with NO LICENSE PLATES, NO MUFFLERS, and blacked-out windows on ALL front windows as well as all the HUNDREDS of abandoned vehicles strewn all over the city! Street parking is already at a premium, and with SO MANY wrecked and abandoned vehicle taking up much needed spaces it is only getting worse!
Enforcing existing laws (traffic, encampments, chaos at Lake Merritt, and obviously- CRIME) would go a LONG WAY in improving the City of Oakland for ALL of us. Stop dividing us based on skin color too- you're making things worse and causing us to go backwards instead of progressing.
<i>Survey (Spanish Translation) Responses</i>
Mas apoyo para las escuelas.
Tienen que hacer algo acerca de como tiran mucha basura en las calles es demasiado
Proteger a los indocumentados.
VIVIENDAS ACCESIBLES AL HABITANTE DE OAKLAND, MEJORAR LA EDUCACION Y MEJORAR LA PROTECCION POLICIAL
La crisis Climatica y coomo reducir las temperaturas/calor sequia en el este y oeste de Oakland
Mejores escuelas y mejores alimentos saludables para niños! No más comida chatarra!
<i>Survey (Cantonese Translation) Responses</i>
規管夜店，改善夜生活場所的治安。
Provide a comfortable living environment. Safety safety!!!
公共治安是重中之重！如果没有平安，一切都是枉然！ 建设良好的公共秩序，提高市民的素质教育，将罪案数字降至最低！
注重国族裔团结合作，沟通，文化交流，提高市民文化素质教育互相尊重.....
---如上基本的都已点击 如果政府都把最低收入者月房租费豁免那就是一大进步了。
Security and crime rate.



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