

# SUMMARY OF COMMENTS



## Venice

*We collected community input at Kick-off Events, Neighborhood Council meetings, walking/driving tours, farmers markets, community festivals and events, a survey, an online comment form, and through other interactions with community members. This is a summary of what we heard during the Listen Phase (Summer 2018 - Spring 2019).*

### Housing

- Build affordable housing types for all income levels, including moderate and low-income
- Create housing opportunities for families, seniors, workforce housing, and permanent supportive housing
- Focus dense residential and mixed-use developments along major corridors/arterials
- Support rent stabilization/rent control to address the loss of rent stabilized units
- Regulate the excessive home sharing in the community
- Increase the capacity for multi-family housing and create regulations that require multi-family housing be built out to the maximum
- Make the necessary revisions to the Mello Act

### Neighborhood Character

- Protect low-scale neighborhoods from incompatible and out-of-scale uses
- Design buildings with appropriate transitional height, density, and character when adjacent to low scale residential neighborhoods
- Address the loss of socioeconomic diversity caused by gentrification and displacement
- Require more regulations on aesthetics
- Venice has a unique, vibrant, and eclectic neighborhood character that needs to be preserved

### Mobility & Connectivity

- Prioritize public transit, bicycles, pedestrians and new transportation technologies over private vehicles
- Increase local public transit options and infrastructure that is reliable and convenient
- Set up a DASH route or local shuttle system to connect to Metro stations, job centers and other neighborhoods
- Address congestion caused by automobile traffic
- Congestion and navigation applications cause cut-through traffic in residential areas
- Provide more parking opportunities for the community
- Improve the pedestrian experience by installing crosswalks, curb cuts, and improving streetscape design

### Open Space & Public Realm

- Increase the amount of green space, trees, parks, pocket parks and dog parks in the neighborhood
- Provide well-maintained green space
- Provide more public gathering and recreational spaces
- Preserve existing open space designations
- Passive open space provided on medians is not a sufficient use of open space
- Provide more green space by the beach

### Commercial

- Support active commercial streets with more neighborhood-serving amenities
- Create vibrant commercial spaces that are pedestrian friendly with wider sidewalks, parkways, and publicly accessible gathering spaces that are walking distance to residential neighborhoods
- Designate and enhance a designated Arts District along Venice Boulevard
- Support local businesses and limit the amount of national chains and big box stores
- Encourage opportunities for affordable retail that meets daily needs of residents

### Homelessness

- Provide supportive housing for the homeless population
- Distribute homeless housing equally across the City and not just concentrated it in Venice
- Provide homeless services beyond supportive housing such as drug and rehabilitation centers and workforce development
- Address problems related to homelessness such as encampments, sanitation issues and rise in crime