Community Feedback: 2018-2020

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Summary of 2019 feedback

Areas of greatest support:

Allowing services in residential areas

Allowing housing/services/uses in non-residential and industrial areas

Changing prohibited uses to Use Reviews (U) for some desired uses (such as corner coffee shops).

Making changes to the Use Review criteria that would help to meet the city's walkability goals

Areas of least support:

Changing standards that require certain percentages of residential uses.

Adding new design standards for uses.

What do you want to see more of, or less of near where you live?

- Mixed uses, housing, neighborhood stores, walkable places restaurants, shops, retail
- Traffic, parking, large single-family homes, banks, high density housing, car dealerships, fuel stations

What do you want to see more of, or less of near where you work?

- Mixed uses, housing, access to transit, green space, coffee/lunch spots
- Traffic, parking and asphalt lots, tall buildings, banks

What do you want to see more of, or less of near where you play?

- Mixed use, live/work, shops, restaurants, access to transit, parking, fun and kid friendly activities
- Off street parking, fast-food/drive throughs

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On neighborhood centers:

Most respondents (76%) support changes in use standards that encourage a greater mix of uses.

Broad support for a variety of uses, including restaurants, coffee shops, retail uses and personal services.

Respondents who support housing in neighborhood center indicated their openness to a mix of types, including duplexes/triplexes, townhouses, cottages, condominiums and apartments, and single-family homes.

The priorities for neighborhood centers are walkability and bike access followed by human-scaled building design.

On streamlining complex uses:

About 60% support simplifying complex parts of the use table like restaurants, 27% indicated maybe and 10% do not support

On 15-minute neighborhoods:

Most respondents (71%) support more mixed uses within a 15- minute walking distance from their home or workplace if limited in scale and number.

There was broad support for a variety of uses, including small restaurants, coffee shops, small grocers, small retail uses, residential housing, and personal services.

Respondents who supported housing indicated they were open to a mix of housing types, with the greatest support for duplexes/triplexes, townhouses, and cottages.

Opinions were split on whether additional zoning restrictions should be considered for additional 15 - minute neighborhood.

The majority of respondents agreed that more flexibility for small-scale performance venues should be allowed citywide.