



**Richmond General Plan Update**

**Community Workshop in Spanish, Oct. 5 2006  
(Workshop held in Spanish)  
St. Mark's Church**

**Transcription of Small Group  
Discussions  
(Translated to English)**

## **GROUP 1:**

### **Assets**

- BART, museums
- Beach
- Parks
- Library
- The people of Richmond (the good ones)
- Saint Mark's Church
- The weather
- The commercial center of Richmond
- Good location for commerce and industry

### **Issues**

- Parents should participate with the education of their kids
- The issues should be resolved fast
- Every 3 to 6 months we should have this type of meeting
- The community must work together
- Pollution – Chevron
- Trash
- Education and lack of conscience
- That we have representatives from the community – people that speak Spanish
- More banks
- Honest lending businesses
- Improve schools
- Cost of housing
- A cooperative from Spanish-speaking people
- Help Casa Esperanza
- Public transit – too expensive, little frequency and insecurity!
- More buses for schools

### **Comments from the map**

- No to the casino! (area of Point San Pablo)
- Chevron – pollution
- Violence (downtown Richmond and the “Iron Triangle”)
- 21 St. too much drug! And violence!

### **Vision**

- No more drug and prostitution
- Renovated parks

- Education for the young ones!
- Recognition of the local soccer teams
- Improve soccer fields
- To see Richmond clean and without drugs
- Security on the streets and schools
- Repair streets
- More work opportunities
- That people do not fear to talk to the police
- Health, no more discrimination towards Spanish-speaking people
- Sell less alcohol
- Adult education
- Social programs and after school
- To feel proud of our schools
- More loans for property owners
- More information of services in Spanish
- Measures to reduce speed
- More libraries

#### **Comments from the map**

- Ohio St. bring bus and police
- Bring the ferry once again (area of Point Richmond)
- Improve Nicholl Park – more trees

## **GROUP 2:**

### **Assets**

- Transportation
- Weather
- Stores (Latin, community)
- People that are bilingual
- Public schools (elementary)
- Diversity (the Latin race)
- Public libraries
- Games in the parks
- To have bilingual police officers
- Less liquor stores

#### **Comments from the map**

- We like this area (Marina Bay)
- Park (Atchinson Village Park)

## Issues

- No unity
- The mobility of companies (sources of work)
- Trash
- Violence
- Mistreatment of recreational amenities
- Lack of security
- Efficiency of the police

## Comments from the map

- Hilltop lack of security
- Graffiti on the walls (Hilltop Park area)
- PT Richmond – to walk – security! (Point Richmond area)
- Clean and green parks
- New pavement (downtown Richmond)
- Woman's shelter (downtown Richmond)
- More police! Food Cooperative – 21 St. and Nevin
- Prostitutes houses on 22 St. and 23 St.

## Vision

- More undercover police
- Programs for the formation of young ones – Saint Marks – Sports!
- Sports
- Community services
- Educational programs (tutors)
- Anti-graffiti
- Interest from our representatives to help the community
- Maintenance of the image
- Financial help for schools coming from the State
- Priority to take care first of the bigger police cases
- More opportunities to access housing by people with low-incomes
- Cleaning of streets every week!
- Trees on the streets

## Cities that we would like Richmond to be like?

- Berkeley – College Avenue
- El Cerrito – Clean! Good schools!
- San Pablo – Programs for trash
- Orinda – Services at schools
- San Francisco – cultural places

## GROUP 3

### Assets

- Food at school
- Accessible housing
- English schools
- Preserve local industries
- After school programs of quality
- Quality public services
- Center for the performing arts – Culture
- Special programs for low income people
- Center for the elders
- Existing hospitals
- Transportation > AC transport, BART
- Retirement program

### Issues

- Trash in the “Iron Triangle”
- Abandoned cars
- “Low” McDonald – answers from police – security
- “Iron Triangle” repair streets – lights
- Calm streets – speed bumps in residential areas
- Watch over kids after classes
- Curfew time for minors
- Sell of alcohol / cigarettes to minors
- Drugs on the streets
- Fixing up houses > danger
- Vacant lots > trash make owners accountable
- Young ones > loitering in front of commercial areas
- Better teachers – better prepared
- Security on the BART and parking lot
- Prostitution on Bissell St.
- Better schools: principal materials more responsive
- Answer to emergencies > immediate
- Schools with uniforms
- Less discrimination from part of police
- Homeless people in the parks
- Vacant buildings – more uses
- Less public art – is not art
- Open parks “community parks” > security
- Gun and weapon control on the streets
- Maintenance of lights on public streets

- Industrial vehicles on residential streets
- Security in schools
- More taxes
- Clean areas with necessity
- More play-areas in the parks
- More politicians with action – more work
- Less restrictions for projects
- More employment opportunities

#### Comments from the map

- 17<sup>th</sup> St. > pick up trash

## Group 4

### Assets

- Nice homes
- Streets
- Weather
- Transportation, BART, buses
- Good churches
- Mall
- Marina Bay
- State-owned parks
- Ferry
- Mexican stores
- City of young people
- Saint Mark's Festival
- North Richmond and its improvements, new homes

### Issues

- Abandonment of schools
- Quality of professors
- More lights
- Binge drinking
- Drugs
- Security when kids come out of school
- Better police service
- Trash – people in vacant lots
- Car races
- Large trash services (containers)
- Abandoned parks in Latin areas

- Better quality of life for us
- Rehabilitation
- Abandoned commercial stores
- Security
- Ugly streets with holes, etc.
- Street cleaning service
- Sources of employment
- Better salaries

## **Vision**

- Clean and safe
- Good citizens
- Good sources of employment, big companies
- Computer center
- Industries
- Promote sports
- Close liquor stores and set hours to sell alcohol and control
- Promote water sports at the beach

## **Solutions**

- More communication with police
- Investment in education
- More festivals
- Fix light and arrow on Rheen St. for the students
- More police
- Lights to prevent violence
- Cameras in dangerous areas
- Budget from the State for streets, lights, parks and police
- Create community – take care of each other – neighbor watch
- Educate ourselves
- Curfew
- Employ the young ones