

What: Somos Mayfair Community Meeting- Cafecito, "Our Vision"

When: November 29, 2018

Where: Mexican Heritage Plaza

attendees ~50, primarily Spanish speaking

Notes:

Poster 1

- 1) How do you know your neighbors are being pushed out of the neighborhood (also called being displaced)?
 - Our neighbors and friends have moved to Los Banos because of expensive rents, but they continue to work and attend school in San José
 - We cannot afford home ownership
- 2) How large of a rent increase would it take to cause you to leave? How close are you to that point?
 - If we are evicted, we must have enough money saved for a security deposit, first month's rent, and last month's rent
 - I am already at my limit; any rent increase could be the reason for my displacement
 - If I received another rent increase, I would have to find a third job
- 3) How has your neighborhood changed in the past few (5-10) years?
 - Our neighborhoods are overpopulated
 - Parking is very limited
 - More crime, homeless folks squatting
- 4) How many people do you know who have left, and where did they go?
 - Campbell, Los Banos, Sacramento, Madera, Stockton, Washington, Tracy, Newman
- 5) What can the City and its residents do together to address these problems? How should the City stay engaged with you?
 - More action, less meetings
 - Google will bring an influx of wealthier people, where will they be housed? Their arrival will cause rents to inflate
 - Unnecessary construction of school and such take away from space needed for affordable housing
 - We need more affordable housing, and less luxury housing
 - Established homeowners oppose the push for the construction of more housing
 - Opportunities for low or moderate income first-time home buyers
 - Protections for families who rent. Landlords often discriminate against large families or families with children.
 - The City needs to engage our communities and tell us how we can support policies that protect us
 - We need accountability
 - Landlords should be required to repair or remodel or maintain older buildings before being allowed to increase rents.

Poster 2

1. How do you know your neighbors are being pushed out of the neighborhood (also called being displaced)?
 - Many families living in 1 home
 - Renovations being done
 - People moving all the time
 - Rent going up
 - Complaints being given
 - Traffic
2. How large of a rent increase would it take to cause you to leave? How close are you to that point?
 - \$200 - \$600
3. How has your neighborhood changed in the past few (5-10) years?
 - Renovations/impacted with people, no parking, more houses than apartments

4. How many people do you know who have left, and where did they go?
 - Salinas, Stockton, Modesto, Madera, Antioch, Vacaville, Sacramento, Los Banos, Tracy. About 17 families
5. What can the City and its residents do together to address these problems? How should the City stay engaged with you?
 - Attend community meetings. Rent control. Vecino Activos meetings. Give personal statements at Council meetings.

Poster 3

1. How do you know your neighbors are being pushed out of the neighborhood (also called being displaced)?
 - All participants in east side zip codes, except 2.
 - Have 5 kids, rent is always going up. I got to move. My kids want to move in April b/c of not wanting to move schools. Moving in Dec. Right now living in 1 apartment 3 incomes, rent is \$1227. Daughter (parenting) will move to Modesto. High pressure.
 - Grew up with neighbors – attached to those relationships. People [now] cycling in and out of houses & right now lots of families in one house, [1 family] living in every room in the house and a room in the garage.
 - Apartments on Alum Rock, lots of families pushed out for minor things and being told they are breaking the lease. We see the middle class moving in.
 - Experience of trying to buy a house and touring houses that are clearly still occupied and multiple families living there. Fear of displacing families there.
 - People buying out houses and neighborhoods remodeled.
 - Affordable housing waitlists long
 - 3 homes sold. It's like a chain, then more people sell their houses.
 - 1 house has a lot of additions (rooms to rent)
 - Are the people selling their houses the owners of the house?
 - No, most people rent, in our community many people have barriers to buying their house, esp undocumented. Families are renting.
 - Flowers are growing in the hood is soon as people are leaving. Signs that high income people are moving in and rent is going up.
2. How large of a rent increase would it take to cause you to leave? How close are you to that point?
3. How has your neighborhood changed in the past few (5-10) years?
4. How many people do you know who have left, and where did they go?
5. What can the City and its residents do together to address these problems? How should the City stay engaged with you?
 - Protections to make it harder to move out. Feel like a lot of the time the landlord wants to remodel & no notice is given to tenants.