

Temescal Neighborhood Survey

Detailed Finding (May 5, 2024)

Introduction

Between March 17 and April 22, 2024, The Temescal Neighborhood answered the following question:

*'What makes Temescal a great place to live, work & study,
and how can it be improved?'*

164 people participated

136 statements were submitted

8,561 votes were cast

This Document begins with a one-page summary of the survey results ([PDF available here](#)) of the results. The rest of the document is organized based on the 6 main topics that came up in the survey: [Traffic & Roads](#), [Public Safety](#), [Beautification](#), [Housing & Unhoused](#), [Neighborhood Culture](#), and Business Relations. There are a number of [Neighborhood Improvement & Project Proposals](#) as well as a smattering of [other topics](#).

Useful Links

- [Original results data](#) from Polis
- Spreadsheet with all the statements and voting percentages:
 [Temescal Neighbors Survey Data \(spreadsheet\)](#)

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One-Page Summary

Overview

The Polis conversation, "What makes Temescal a great place to live, work & study, and how can it be improved?", generated 135 statements from 152 participants, revealing a diverse range of perspectives and ideas. The statements were organized into the following main categories:

1. Traffic & Roads (24 statements)
2. Safety & Justice (14 statements)
3. Neighborhood Culture (19 statements)
4. Business (9 statements)
5. Housing & Unhoused (8 statements)
6. Beautification (14 statements)

The conversation also covered other topics such as Public Safety, City Services, Emergency Preparedness, Schools, and specific Project Proposals.

Key Findings

Traffic & Roads

Participants expressed a strong desire for improved road conditions and traffic calming measures. Popular ideas included fixing potholes, repaving streets (particularly 49th Street and Shafter), installing speed bumps and roundabouts, and prioritizing pedestrian and cyclist safety. While there was broad agreement on the need for better infrastructure, opinions varied on balancing the needs of different road users, with some advocating for the removal of bike lanes on Telegraph if they impede emergency vehicles.

Safety & Justice

Public safety emerged as a primary concern, with participants advocating for increased police presence, community policing, and better relationships with law enforcement. Some called for more patrols and quicker response times, while others emphasized addressing the root causes of crime. Despite differing opinions on the best approach, there was a strong consensus on the need for everyone to feel safe in the community.

Neighborhood Culture

Participants highly valued Temescal's unique character, diversity, and strong sense of community. They expressed a desire for more community-building initiatives, such as neighborhood events, street parties, art walks, and communal spaces. While there was a general sense of welcoming and belonging, some saw room for improvement in making the community more inclusive for all.

Business

Supporting local businesses was a key priority, with ideas such as creating a Temescal Business Discount card and organizing more street fairs to promote the local economy. Participants also expressed concerns about commercial vacancies and the need for business improvement initiatives.

Housing & Unhoused

Affordable housing and support for unhoused neighbors emerged as critical issues. Many participants highlighted the need for more affordable and market-rate housing, suggesting the development of empty lots on Telegraph. There was also a strong call for resources and outreach services for the homeless camp on 42nd Street, with an emphasis on compassion and recognizing them as part of the community.

Beautification

Participants widely supported initiatives to enhance the cleanliness and appearance of Temescal. Popular proposals included addressing litter and graffiti, planting trees and native vegetation, and revitalizing vacant or neglected properties. Specific ideas ranged from organizing monthly trash cleanups to maintaining murals and landscaping medians.

Project Proposals & Other Topics

The conversation generated numerous project proposals, including:

1. Developing a neighborhood emergency preparedness plan
2. Installing a public bathroom in Temescal with proper maintenance
3. Creating a First Friday or Thursday art walk on Telegraph
4. Establishing a community bulletin board for local events and opportunities
5. Organizing a neighborhood babysitting listserv and mom meetups
6. Advocating for a dog park in the neighborhood
7. Utilizing the Studio One art center for community meetups and events
8. Installing a clean, accessible playground for families

Other topics discussed included Public Safety, City Services, Emergency Preparedness, and Schools.

Conclusion

The Polis conversation revealed a highly engaged and passionate community, with a wide range of ideas for improving Temescal. While opinions varied on specific approaches, there was a strong shared desire to create a safer, cleaner, more vibrant, and inclusive neighborhood. By identifying areas of consensus and common ground, as well as acknowledging diverse perspectives, this summary can serve as a starting point for further community dialogue and action planning to shape the future of Temescal.

Overall Summary

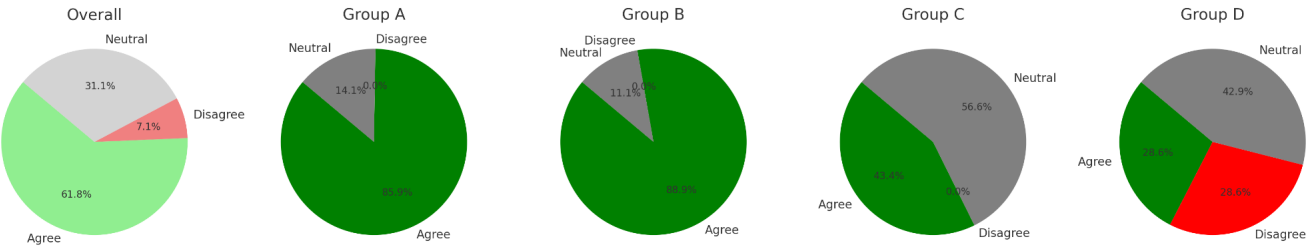
Points of highest agreement

These points of highest agreement demonstrate a strong consensus among participants regarding the importance of safety, walkability, supporting local businesses, addressing homelessness, and maintaining the neighborhood's infrastructure and appearance. The low disagreement percentages indicate that there is minimal opposition to these ideas within the community.

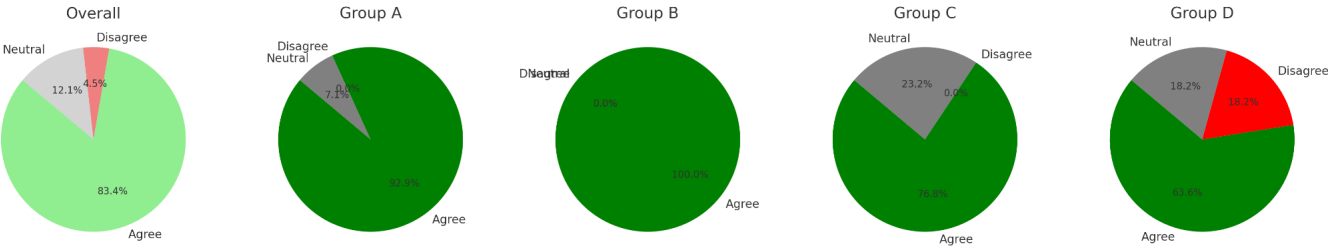
- "People need to feel safe walking the streets and visiting businesses and restaurants." (ID 89, Overall: 93%, Disagree: 0%)
- "I love seeing people walk and bike in this neighborhood." (ID 53, Overall: 93%, Disagree: 0%)
- "Solutions are needed for the unhoused and mentally challenged people throughout Oakland." (ID 98, Overall: 94%, Disagree: 0%)
- "Let's ensure that all people are safe from violence regardless of age, gender, race, housing status, and income." (ID 100, Overall: 88%, Disagree: 0%)
- "I love all the independent local businesses." (ID 18, Overall: 87%, Disagree: 0%)
- "Fix the potholes and/or repave the streets." (ID 12, Overall: 87%, Disagree: 1%)
- "Protect businesses in Temescal Alley, the anchor of our community, from repeated burglaries. Their departure would have cascading effects." (ID 44, Overall: 87%, Disagree: 2%)
- "Regardless of reasons and independent from strategy, I do want everyone in this community to feel safe." (ID 86, Overall: 84%, Disagree: 0%)
- "We need more community street parties to bring neighbors together." (ID 24, Overall: 81%, Disagree: 1%)
- "Bike routes should also have priority for repaving." (ID 129, Overall: 81%, Disagree: 18%)
- "Let's organize a monthly trash cleanup for the neighborhood." (ID 43, Overall: 80%, Disagree: 0%)
- Advocate for addressing homeless encampments in the neighborhood." (ID 133, Overall: 80%, Disagree: 10%)
- "Bless the guerrilla bus bench builder, stepping in where the city has failed! Neighbors & TTBD should maintain benches since city won't." (ID 120, Overall: 80%, Disagree: 0%)
- "I love that you don't need to own a car in Temescal." (ID 99, Overall: 79%, Disagree: 0%)
- "Plant more native grasses, shrubs and trees throughout the neighborhood." (ID 38, Overall: 79%, Disagree: 5%)

Points of Disagreement

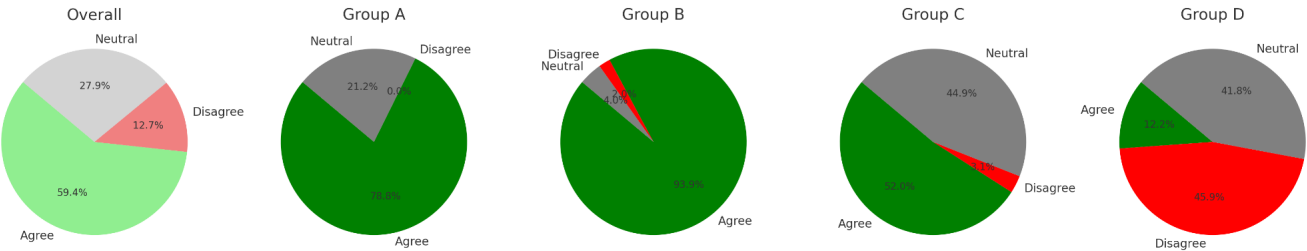
Statement Statement 77: Something needs to be done about the trash, fires, and crime at the encampment on 42nd. It's not safe to walk & cars will just stop.



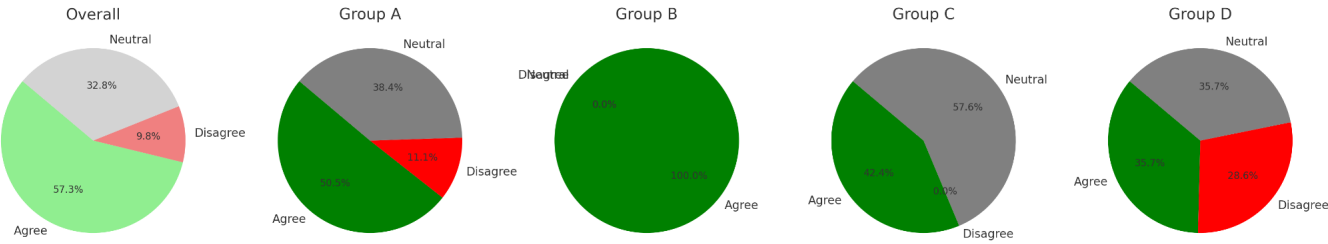
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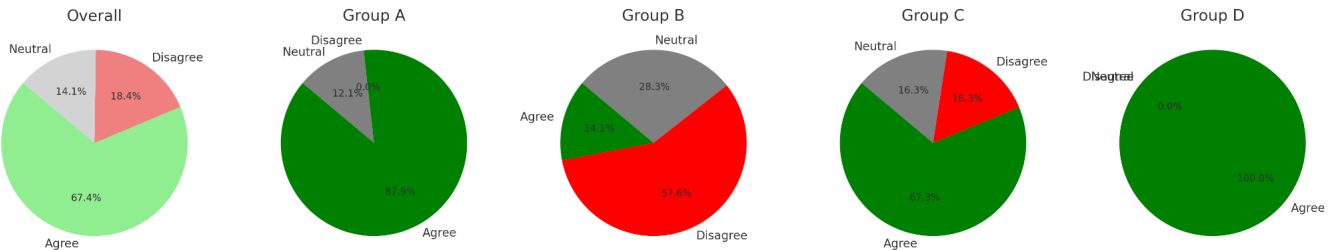
Statement Statement 5: We need to develop better relationships with the Oakland Police officers that patrol our neighborhood.



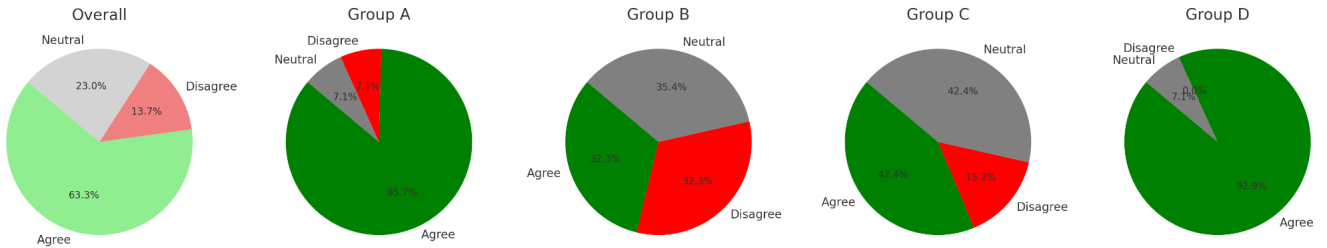
Statement Statement 39: There has been an escalation of small crime (stolen cars, muggings) in this neighborhood.



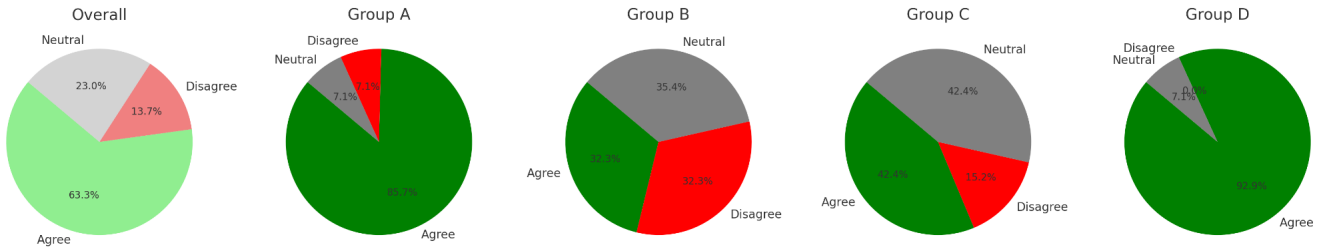
Statement Statement 112: Not In My Backyard (NIMBY) mentality is ruining the neighborhood. We need more housing.



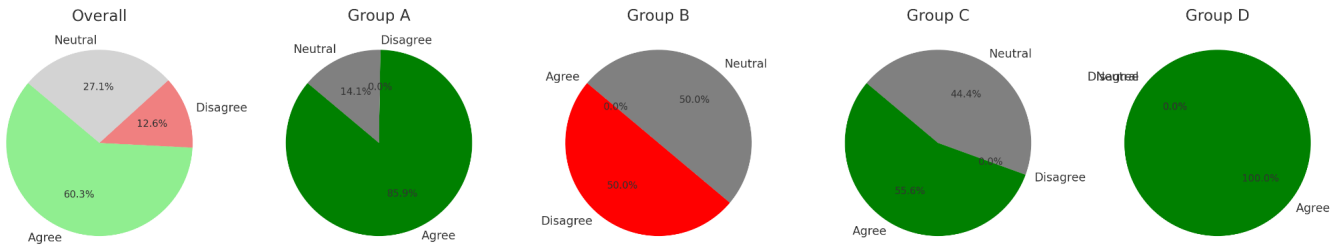
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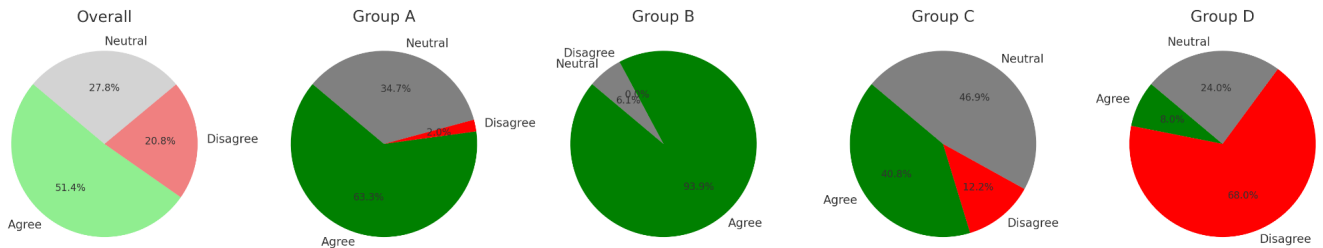
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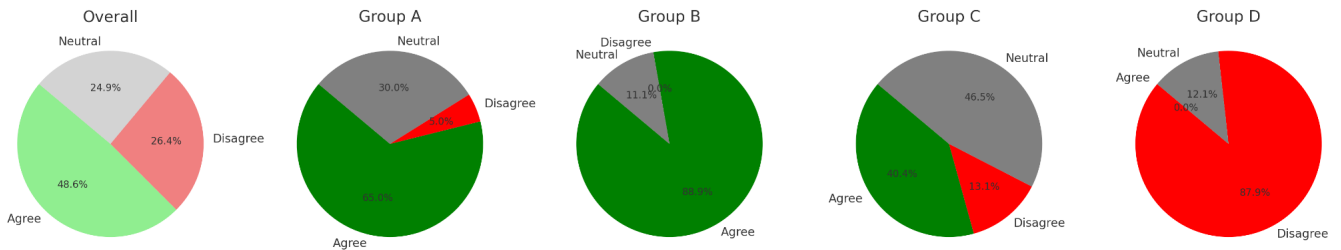
Statement Statement 105: As wealthier members of Oakland we need to use our privilege to support our unhoused and marginalized community members.



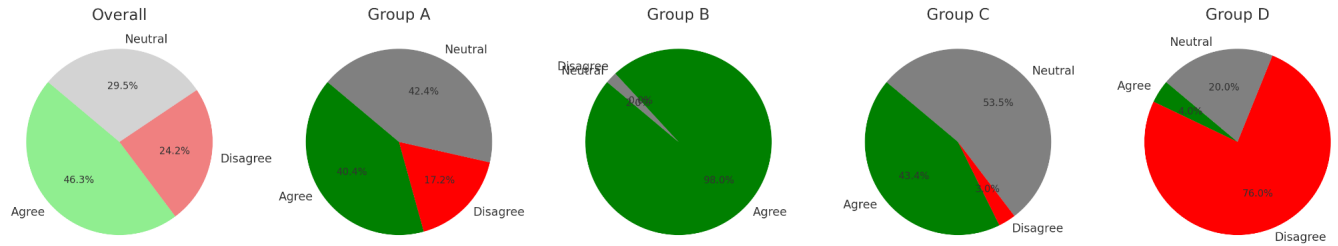
Statement Statement 1: Clear (or monitor) the homeless camp on 42nd St, under the freeway.



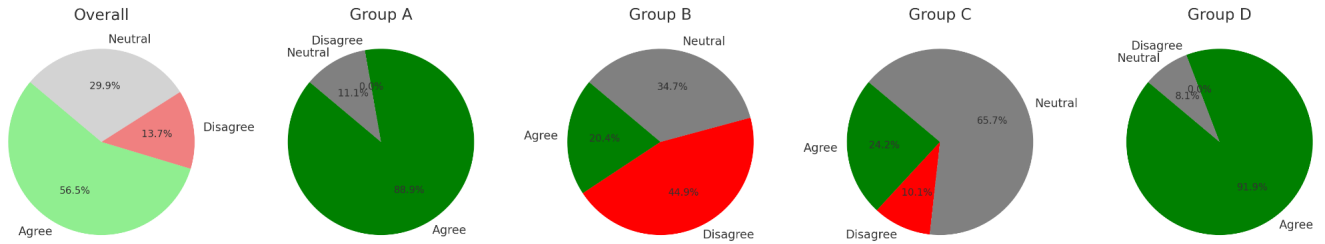
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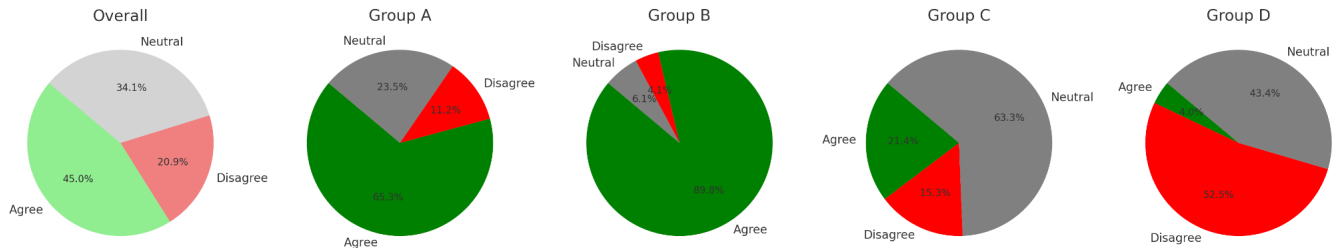
Statement Statement 23: We need more police patrols in the neighborhood.



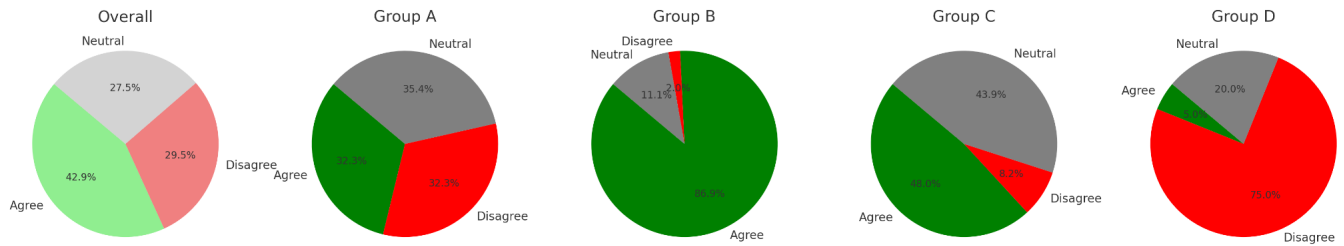
Statement Statement 6: We should leverage the privilege in our neighborhood to provide support to less advantaged neighborhoods.



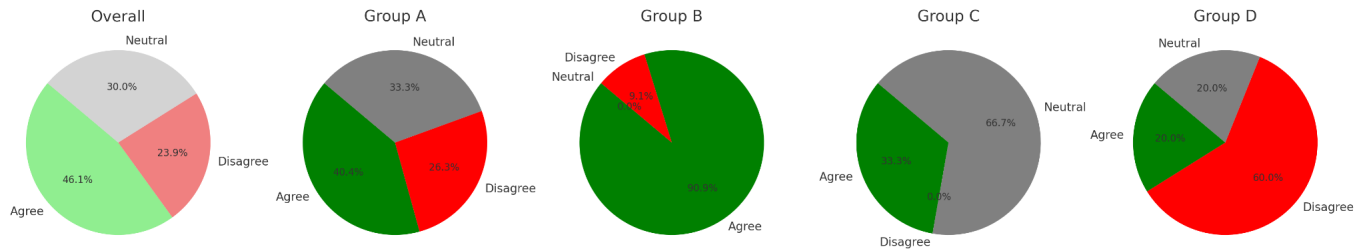
Statement Statement 3: We need a way to get updated about crime in our neighborhood.



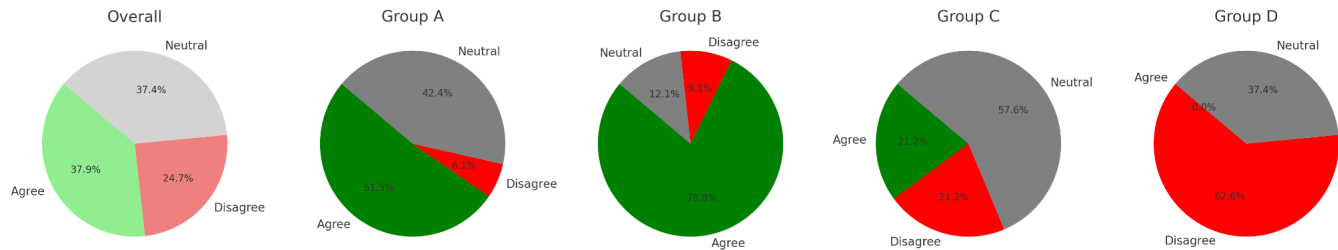
Statement Statement 29: Don't feel safe on the streets. Need more police, more patrols, quicker response times.



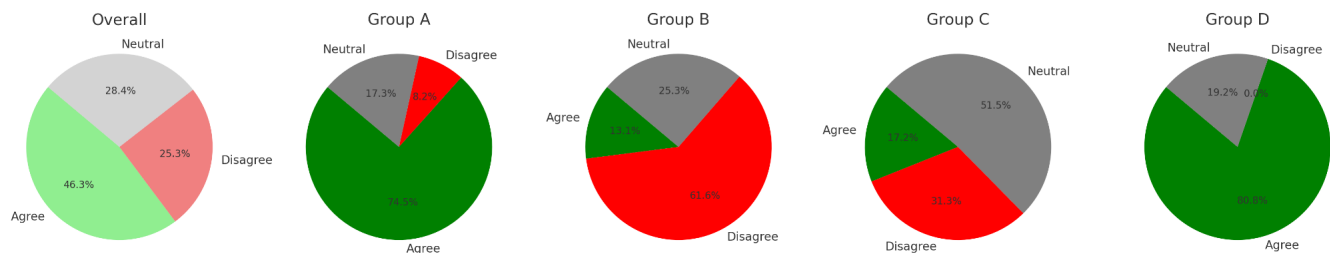
Statement Statement 104: There are too many smash & grabs near Homeroom. We need to change state and local laws to punish these criminals so there is less of these.



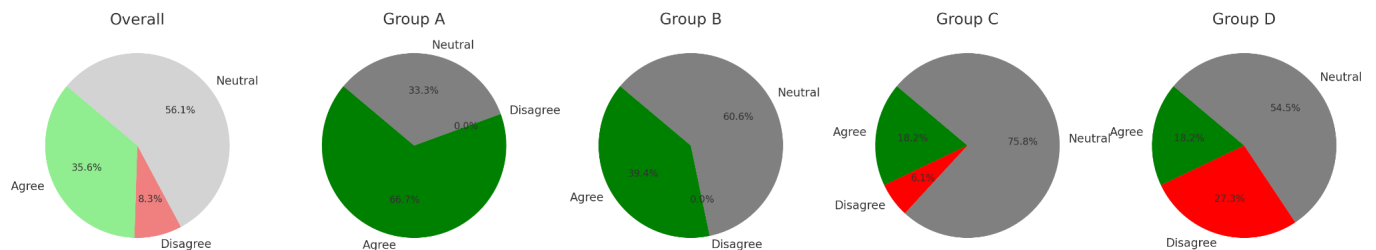
Statement Statement 25: Our neighborhood will look much cleaner /fresher if we can get rid of the ugly graffiti. And if we can report if they are caught in the act.



Statement Statement 15: I feel safe in this neighborhood.



Statement Statement 61: The community is welcoming to minorities.



Statement 52: "I would like to see us build community resources for our unhoused neighbors."

- Group A: 84% Agree, 7% Disagree, 7% Neutral
- Group B: 32% Agree, 32% Disagree, 35% Neutral
- Group C: 42% Agree, 15% Disagree, 42% Neutral
- Group D: 92% Agree, 0% Disagree, 7% Neutral

Statement 55: "we need to care more for those of us least served by this community, the unhoused, the seniors, the poor, the disabled."

- Group A: 88% Agree, 0% Disagree, 12% Neutral
- Group B: 32% Agree, 28% Disagree, 40% Neutral
- Group C: 47% Agree, 10% Disagree, 42% Neutral
- Group D: 100% Agree, 0% Disagree, 0% Neutral

Statement 107: "Offer outreach and services to the homeless camp on 42nd St, under the freeway. They are also part of our neighborhood."

- Group A: 100% Agree, 0% Disagree, 0% Neutral
- Group B: 57% Agree, 28% Disagree, 14% Neutral
- Group C: 50% Agree, 0% Disagree, 50% Neutral
- Group D: 75% Agree, 25% Disagree, 0% Neutral

Groups

Group A:

Group A appears to be the most focused on public safety and supporting local businesses. They show the highest levels of agreement with statements related to increasing police patrols (Statement 23), developing better relationships with Oakland Police officers (Statement 5), and addressing crime and safety concerns (Statements 29, 39, 78).

This group also strongly supports initiatives to protect and promote local businesses, particularly in Temescal Alley (Statement 44). They agree with statements about making the neighborhood safer to support businesses (Statements 79, 89).

In terms of community building, Group A shows strong support for street parties (Statement 24), neighborhood events (Statements 59, 60), and other initiatives that bring neighbors together (Statements 71, 76, 102).

Overall, Group A seems to prioritize a safe and thriving neighborhood where local businesses can flourish, and the community comes together through events and initiatives. They view a strong police presence and relationship with law enforcement as essential to achieving these goals.

Group B:

Group B appears to be the most focused on infrastructure improvements and maintaining the unique character of the Temescal neighborhood. They show the highest levels of agreement with statements related to fixing potholes and repaving streets (Statements 12, 27, 45), improving pedestrian safety (Statement 37), and traffic calming measures (Statements 42, 61).

This group strongly values the neighborhood's authenticity, independent local businesses, and sense of community (Statements 13, 18, 35). They support initiatives that showcase local art and culture (Statements 56, 57, 65).

Group B also shows concern for environmental issues, with high levels of agreement on statements related to planting trees (Statement 26) and native plants (Statement 38), as well as improving waste management and reducing litter (Statements 43, 69).

While Group B shares some concerns about public safety with Group A, they place a higher emphasis on community-driven solutions (Statement 3) and less on increased policing (Statement 23).

Overall, Group B seems to prioritize maintaining and enhancing the unique character of Temescal through infrastructure improvements, supporting local businesses and artists, and community-driven initiatives. They want to see a cleaner, greener, and more pedestrian-friendly neighborhood that preserves its authentic charm.

Group C:

Group C seems to prioritize community building and neighborhood improvement, but with a more balanced approach compared to Groups A and B. They show support for initiatives like community street parties (Statement 24), neighborhood events (Statement 59, 60), and public art (Statement 57). However, they are less enthusiastic about increasing police presence (Statement 23) compared to Group A.

Group C also appears to be more concerned about issues related to housing and homelessness. They show higher levels of agreement with statements about building community resources for unhoused neighbors (Statement 52) and caring for underserved community members (Statement 55) compared to Group B.

Overall, Group C seems to value a sense of community and belonging (Statements 17, 93) while also recognizing the need to address social issues like homelessness and support for marginalized groups.

Group D:

Group D stands out as the group most focused on issues of social justice, equity, and supporting marginalized communities. They show the highest levels of agreement with statements related to supporting unhoused neighbors (Statements 52, 55, 105, 107) and leveraging privilege to help less advantaged communities (Statement 6).

In contrast to Group A, Group D is much less supportive of increasing police presence (Statement 23) and expresses lower levels of agreement with statements about feeling safe in the neighborhood (Statement 15).

Group D also strongly agrees with statements about the need for affordable housing (Statements 111, 112) and the importance of ensuring safety for all community members, regardless of their socioeconomic status (Statement 100).

Overall, Group D appears to prioritize social equity and addressing systemic issues like homelessness and affordable housing. They seem to view the well-being of the community through a lens of inclusivity and support for marginalized groups.

Summary by Topic

Traffic & Roads

Overview

Participants in the Temescal Neighborhood Dialogue expressed a strong desire for improving road conditions, implementing traffic calming measures, and ensuring the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. The conversation revolved around three main sub-topics: fixing streets, sharing the road, and traffic calming.

Fix The Streets

The most popular ideas in this sub-topic included fixing potholes and repaving streets, with a particular focus on 49th Street and Shafter. Participants generally agreed on the need for better road conditions, with 87% agreeing with the statement "Fix the potholes and/or repave the streets."

Sharing The Road (Bikes, Telegraph & Beyond)

Participants discussed the importance of accommodating different road users, such as drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and public transit. While there was support for bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, opinions varied on balancing the needs of various road users. For example, 21% agreed that "If the Telegraph bicycle lanes slow down buses and emergency vehicles, they should be removed," while 46% disagreed.

Traffic Calming

Traffic calming measures were widely supported, with popular ideas including installing speed bumps, roundabouts, and flashing crosswalks. Participants expressed concerns about speeding and pedestrian safety, with 72% agreeing that "Speeding/reckless driving makes it hard to let kids walk independently." However, there may be differing opinions on the specific implementation of traffic calming measures.

Statements

Fix the Streets

	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Pass	Vote Count
12	Fix the potholes and/or repave the streets.	87%	1%	10%	124
45	Fix the potholes on 49th Street.	76%	1%	22%	84
101	Find out the City schedule for repaving all streets in our neighborhood and reaching out to our Council member to	68%	14%	17%	35

	prioritize us.				
52	The city should prioritize repaving streets that are close to schools.	59%	7%	32%	76
27	Repave 49th Street. It's been too long.	57%	4%	37%	114
68	Repave Shafter between 51st and 49th	53%	1%	45%	64
124	Property taxes are insanely high for new home owners in the area. It's a bummer to not see any of that go to fixing our pothole-d streets.	52%	21%	26%	19

Sharing The Road (Bikes, Telegraph & Beyond)

	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Pass	Vote Count
129	Bike routes should also have priority for repaving.	81%	18%	0%	11
99	I love that you don't need to own a car in Temescal	79%	0%	20%	34
128	I like riding my bike on Broadway with its bike lane.	70%	0%	30%	10
60	I love the openness that not having cars be the only priority on our streets gives us. Let us give bike lanes and larger sidewalks a chance.	61%	13%	25%	80
127	I hate riding my bike on Telegraph Ave from 51st to downtown Oakland.	33%	22%	44%	9
97	Change the structure of Telegraph. Get rid of the bike lanes and the parklets.	23%	53%	23%	39
34	If the Telegraph bicycle lanes slow down buses and emergency vehicles, they should be removed.	21%	46%	31%	94
37	Increase pedestrian safety on Telegraph with more traffic calming measures	56%	18%	25%	99

Traffic Calming

	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Pass	Vote Count
117	I would like to see traffic calming on multiple streets so that none of our streets become a speedy shortcut.	83%	0%	16%	18
122	Would love one of those "flashing" crosswalks on 40th St @ Opal --I have seen too many pedestrians hit and injured there.	83%	0%	16%	18
135	We need a flashing yellow crossing light at 51st and Lawton	75%	0%	25%	4
114	Speeding/reckless driving makes it hard to let kids walk independently	72%	4%	22%	22
125	I think traffic calming would be the biggest improvement we could make to the neighborhood. This will bring more life out in public.	66%	13%	20%	15
75	Pave & add speed bumps to Webster Street . Cars really ZOOM in & out.	62%	3%	33%	62
109	We need to find a solution to stop speeding at 41st and Shafter . There are too many people missing the stop signs.	57%	0%	42%	19
42	We should add more speed bumps on Shafter between 40th and 51st	55%	11%	32%	92
36	We need more speed bumps (or some way to stop speeding) on Webster	52%	8%	39%	92

	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Pass	Vote Count
	between 43rd and 40th				
10	We need speed bumps on 43rd	38%	11%	50%	118
30	Install roundabout at 42nd and Webster.	35%	23%	41%	94

Public Safety

Overview

Public safety emerged as a primary concern during the Temescal Neighborhood Dialogue, with participants discussing crime prevention, policing, and community safety. The conversation focused on two main sub-topics: crime & policing and general safety.

Crime & Policing

Participants expressed a desire for increased police presence and patrols to reduce crime, with 54% agreeing that "We need more police patrols in the neighborhood." However, there were also calls for fostering community policing and building better relationships with law enforcement. Some participants emphasized the importance of addressing the root causes of crime and focusing on prevention.

General Safety

The dialogue revealed a strong consensus on the need for everyone to feel safe in the community, with 88% agreeing that "Let's ensure that all people are safe from violence regardless of age, gender, race, housing status, and income." Participants also discussed the importance of businesses and public spaces feeling safe, with 72% agreeing that "Another anchor is the Walgreens and other stores there, including post office. Make it safe!"

Crime & Policing

ID	Statement
3	We need a way to get updated about crime in our neighborhood.
4	People need to get better at reporting crimes.
5	We need to develop better relationships with the Oakland Police officers that patrol our neighborhood.
6	We should leverage the privilege in our neighborhood to provide support to less advantaged neighborhoods.
23	We need more police patrols in the neighborhood.
29	Don't feel safe on the streets. Need more police, more patrols, quicker response times.
39	There has been an escalation of small crime (stolen cars, muggings) in this neighborhood
78	Have beat cop come to our mtg; have his/her phone number
80	Fortunately. I have not been a victim of crime in Temescal.
103	There re too many catalytic converter thefts in our neighborhood. We need to change state laws so that perpetrators pay for their crimes.
104	There are too many smash & grabs near Homeroom. We need to change state and local laws to punish these criminals so there is less of these.
44	Protect businesses in Temescal Alley, the anchor of our community, from repeated burglaries. Their departure would have cascading effects.

General Safety

ID	Statement
100	Let's ensure that all people are safe from violence regardless of age, gender, race, housing status, and income.
86	Regardless of reasons and independent from strategy, I do want everyone in this community to feel safe.
89	People need to feel safe walking the streets and visiting the businesses and restaurants..
96	How about self-defense classes for our neighborhood?
15	I feel safe in this neighborhood.
79	Another anchor is the Walgreens and other stores there, including the post office. Make it safe!

Public Safety Grouped Data

ID#	STATEMENT	% Agree	% Disagree	%pass	# of votes	% Agree	% Disagree	% Neutral	# of votes	% Agree	% Disagree	% Neutral	# of votes
80	Fortunately. I have not been a victim of crime in Temescal.	48%	25%	26%	52	55%	20%	25%	20	43%	28%	28%	32
86	Regardless of reasons and independent from strategy, I do want everyone in this community to feel safe.	84%	0%	16%	50	76%	0%	23%	17	87%	0%	12%	33
89	People need to feel safe walking the streets and visiting the businesses and restaurants..	93%	0%	6%	47	81%	0%	18%	16	100%	0%	0%	31
96	How about self-defense classes for our neighborhood?	41%	16%	41%	36	46%	15%	38%	13	39%	17%	43%	23
100	Let's ensure that all people are safe from violence regardless of age, gender, race, housing status, and income.	88%	0%	11%	36	83%	0%	16%	12	91%	0%	8%	24
103	There are too many catalytic converter thefts in our neighborhood. We need to change state laws so that perpetrators pay for their crimes.	51%	20%	28%	35	33%	25%	41%	12	60%	17%	21%	23
3	We need a way to get updated about crime in our neighborhood.	51%	17%	31%	129	15%	32%	52%	53	76%	6%	17%	76
4	People need to get better at reporting crimes.	44%	12%	43%	125	19%	25%	55%	52	61%	4%	34%	73
5	We need to develop better relationships with the Oakland Police officers that patrol our neighborhood.	65%	10%	24%	128	32%	23%	44%	52	88%	1%	10%	76
6	We should leverage the privilege in our neighborhood to provide support to less advantaged neighborhoods.	51%	16%	31%	127	71%	1%	26%	52	38%	26%	34%	75
15	I feel safe in this neighborhood.	42%	29%	28%	130	61%	9%	29%	54	28%	43%	27%	76
23	We need more police patrols in the neighborhood.	54%	18%	26%	134	7%	45%	47%	55	87%	0%	12%	79
29	Don't feel safe on the streets. Need more police, more patrols, quicker response times.	49%	25%	25%	104	12%	51%	35%	39	70%	9%	20%	65
39	There has been an escalation of small crime (stolen cars, muggings) in this neighborhood	64%	6%	28%	91	45%	12%	41%	31	75%	3%	21%	60
78	Have beat cop come to our mtg; have his/her phone number	56%	17%	26%	57	23%	42%	33%	21	75%	2%	22%	36
104	There are too many smash & grabs near Homeroom. We need to change state and local laws to punish these criminals so there is less of these.	48%	18%	32%	37	16%	33%	50%	12	64%	12%	24%	25

Neighborhood Beautification

Overview

Participants in the Temescal Neighborhood Dialogue widely supported initiatives to enhance the cleanliness and appearance of the neighborhood. The conversation covered three main sub-topics: graffiti, art, and blight; landscaping and nature; and trash management.

Graffiti, Art, and Blight

Participants expressed concerns about graffiti and blight in the neighborhood, with 52% agreeing that "Large building site at 383 40th St unfinished for YEARS, shrouded in graffiti and weeds. A blight on the neighborhood. Shouldn't be legal." There was also support for public art and murals, with 46% agreeing that "We should get together to paint a street mural as part of Oakland's Paint the Town program."

Landscaping & Nature

Enhancing green spaces through tree planting and landscaping was a popular idea, with 77% agreeing that "We should plant more trees in curb cuts for free." Participants also supported planting native grasses, shrubs, and trees throughout the neighborhood.

Trash Management

Improving trash management was a key concern, with 80% agreeing that "Let's organize a monthly trash cleanup for the neighborhood." Participants also supported installing more trash bins and maintaining them regularly to reduce litter on the streets.

Graffiti, Art and Blight

ID	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Pass	Vote Count
132	How can we leverage city resources to deal with graffiti and trash?	80%	0%	20%	10
118	Large building site at 383 40th St unfinished for YEARS, shrouded in graffiti and weeds. A blight on the neighborhood. Shouldn't be legal.	52%	5%	41%	17
32	We should do something with the fenced-in lot at 43rd and Telegraph (next to Temescal Works).	61%	5%	32%	102
119	Beautiful Temescal mural on hwy 24 underpass @ 51st is increasingly tagged. TTBID should maintain.	37%	6%	56%	16
126	We should get together to paint a street mural as part of Oakland's Paint the Town program https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/paint-the-town	46%	15%	38%	13
67	Public art under freeway passed would help me feel more safe	49%	17%	32%	67
25	Our neighborhood will look much cleaner /fresher if we can get rid of the ugly graffiti. And if we can report if they are caught in the act.	43%	21%	35%	123
120	Bless the guerrilla bus bench builder, stepping in where the city has failed! Neighbors & TTBID should maintain benches since city won't.	80%	0%	20%	20

Landscaping & Nature

ID	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Pass	Vote Count
26	We should plant more trees in curb cuts for free (https://www.treesforoakland.org/how-to-get-a-tree.html)	77%	3%	18%	118
38	Plant more native grasses. shrubs and trees throughout the neighborhood	79%	5%	14%	94
72	Let's landscape the medians on 51st Street.	57%	6%	36%	61
121	Not just replanting but ongoing water & weeding needed on 40th St medians btwn Telegraph & Webster to succeed where past plantings failed	62%	6%	31%	16

Trash Management

ID	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Pass	Vote Count	
43	Let's organize a monthly trash cleanup for the neighborhood.	80%	0%	19%	83	T
69	I'd love to see less trash in our community. Regular neighborhood trash pick ups + more maintained/serviced public trash bins would help.	85%	1%	13%	60	T
85	A maintained garbage can on most street corners in our neighborhood	71%	7%	21%	52	t
106	Putting locks on garbage cans will result in more garbage on the streets. Increase the number of trash cans instead.	34%	9%	56%	32	t
0	Put locks on the trashcans on Telegraph Ave. so there isn't trash on the street every morning.	48%	11%	40%	125	t
31	Id like to encourage a way to control all the "curb side pickups" which end up becoming junk abandoned on the sidewalks.	33%	15%	51%	90	t

Housing & Homelessness

Overview

Affordable housing and support for unhoused neighbors emerged as critical issues during the Temescal Neighborhood Dialogue. The conversation focused on three main sub-topics: the 42nd St. Overpass, neighborhood response, and Oakland-wide solutions.

42nd St. Overpass

Participants expressed concerns about the homeless camp under the 42nd St. overpass, with 67% agreeing that "Something needs to be done about the trash, fires, and crime at the encampment on 42nd. It's not safe to walk & cars will just stop." While some called for clearing or monitoring the camp, others emphasized the need for outreach and services, with 77% agreeing that "Offer outreach and services to the homeless camp on 42nd St, under the freeway. They are also part of our neighborhood."

Neighborhood Response

The dialogue revealed strong support for building community resources and supporting unhoused neighbors, with 82% of Group A agreeing that "I would like to see us build community resources for our unhoused neighbors." Participants also recognized the need to care for the least served members of the community, including the unhoused, seniors, the poor, and the disabled.

Oakland

At the city level, participants highlighted the need for more affordable and market-rate housing, with 64% agreeing that "The rents are too high. We need more affordable and market rate housing. Turn the empty lots on Telegraph into medium-rise housing." There was also a strong consensus (94%) that "Solutions are needed for the unhoused and mentally challenged people throughout Oakland."

Housing & Homelessness

ID	STATEMENT	Overall				Group A				Group B			
		%Agree	%Disagree	%pass	# of votes	%Agree	%Disagree	%Neutral	# of votes	%Agree	%Disagree	%Neutral	# of votes
1	Clear (or monitor) the homeless camp on 42nd St, under the freeway.	57%	16%	26%	133	19%	36%	43%	57	85%	1%	13%	76
77	Something needs to be done about the trash, fires, and crime at the encampment on 42nd. It's not safe to walk & cars will just stop.	67%	3%	28%	59	38%	9%	52%	21	84%	0%	15%	38
107	Offer outreach and services to the homeless camp on 42nd St, under the freeway. They are also part of our neighborhood.	77%	6%	16%	31	72%	9%	18%	11	80%	5%	15%	20
133	Advocate for addressing homeless encampments in the neighborhood.	80%	10%	10%	10	50%	25%	25%	4	100%	0%	0%	6
84	The rents are too high. We need more affordable and market rate housing. Turn the empty lots on Telegraph into medium-rise housing	64%	6%	30%	50	58%	0%	41%	17	66%	9%	24%	33
98	Solutions are needed for the unhoused and mentally challenged people throughout Oakland.	94%	0%	5%	38	84%	0%	15%	13	100%	0%	0%	25
111	We need more affordable housing in our neighborhood for the unhoused	73%	10%	15%	19	75%	0%	25%	8	72%	18%	9%	11
112	Not In My Backyard (NIMBY) mentality is ruining the neighborhood. We need more housing	60%	20%	20%	20	85%	0%	14%	7	46%	30%	23%	13
52	I would like to see us build community resources for our unhoused neighbors.	59%	15%	25%	83	82%	0%	17%	29	46%	24%	29%	54
55	we need to care more for those of us least served by this community, the unhoused, the seniors, the poor, the disabled.	62%	10%	27%	77	81%	0%	18%	27	52%	16%	32%	50
105	As wealthier members of Oakland we need to use our privilege to support our unhoused and marginalized community members.	58%	9%	32%	31	80%	0%	20%	10	47%	14%	38%	21

Neighborhood Culture

Overview

Participants in the Temescal Neighborhood Dialogue highly valued the unique character, diversity, and strong sense of community in the neighborhood. The conversation covered two main sub-topics: observations about the neighborhood culture and the importance of local businesses.

Observations

Participants expressed a deep appreciation for the neighborhood's walkability, bikeability, and authentic character. For example, 93% agreed that "I love seeing people walk and bike in this neighborhood," and 72% agreed that "I love that Temescal is authentic, real and locally focused. Let's keep it that way." While there was a general sense of welcoming and belonging, some

Observations

ID	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Pass	Vote Count
53	I love seeing people walk and bike in this neighborhood.	93%	0%	6%	77
18	I love all the independent local businesses.	87%	0%	12%	125
13	I love that Temescal is authentic. real and locally focused. Let's keep it that way.	72%	1%	26%	126
35	Temescal has unique. great businesses and has warm. friendly neighbors who care for each other.	76%	1%	22%	96
58	I love the events that close down the street for our community building.	70%	3%	25%	79
17	I feel like I belong here.	58%	4%	37%	120
93	I love my neighbors!	63%	4%	31%	47
64	So many great things to do within walking distance. I like saying hello to passers by.	82%	4%	13%	73
61	The community is welcoming to minorities	38%	5%	55%	68
19	I wish I knew my neighbors better	66%	6%	27%	121
16	This neighborhood is welcoming to everyone.	52%	7%	40%	121
14	I feel like the people in this neighborhood really look out for each other.	43%	9%	47%	120

Business & Local Economy

Supporting independent local businesses emerged as a key priority, with 87% agreeing that "I love all the independent local businesses." Participants expressed a desire for more community-building initiatives that promote the local economy, such as street fairs and a Temescal Business Discount card.

ID	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Pass	Vote Count
79	Another anchor is the Walgreens and other stores there, including the post office. Make it safe!	72%	1%	25%	58
44	Protect businesses in Temescal Alley, the anchor of our community, from repeated burglaries. Their departure would have cascading effects.	87%	2%	10%	87
130	Restaurants and businesses are being hurt by crime-people are not going out as much at night.	72%	9%	18%	11
81	This group should interface with the existing Business Improvement District board and staff for maximum impact	76%	0%	23%	51
40	I think we need to do more with Temescal Alley to bring the community together.	60%	4%	35%	93
82	More street fairs. and a Temescal Business Discount card to promote locally owned businesses.	66%	5%	27%	54
28	Change the liquor laws so we can get a dang meal at a bar!!!	31%	8%	59%	104
108	We need to work with the businesses on Telegraph to be mindful and respectful of the residences that are immediately adjacent to Telegraph.	48%	12%	39%	33
50	We really need a public bathroom in Temescal- with proper maintenance of course. I feel that businesses, the city and BID could pitch in.	53%	15%	30%	78
41	We need more restaurants and bars, with outdoor seating, on Telegraph	52%	18%	29%	92
49	I love having Bakesale Betty's in our Neighborhood.	73%	0%	26%	78
18	I love all the independent local businesses.	87%	0%	12%	125

Proposals for Neighborhood Improvement:

Overview

The Temescal Neighborhood Dialogue generated numerous project proposals aimed at enhancing the sense of community, supporting local businesses, and improving the overall quality of life in the neighborhood. These proposals can be categorized into several themes:

Community Building and Engagement

Participants suggested various ideas to foster community connections, such as **community street parties** (ID 24), neighborhood events like **food drives and toy drives** (ID 59), community **concerts** (ID 76), and casual **happy hour meet-ups** at Temescal Brewing (ID 102).

Family and Child-Focused Activities

Proposals for family and child-focused activities included a neighborhood **babysitting listserv** (ID 73) and Temescal **moms meet-ups** (ID 74).

Arts, Culture, and Recreation

Participants expressed interest in initiatives that celebrate the neighborhood's arts and culture, such as **art walks on Telegraph** (ID 65), support for **local art, music, and gaming** (ID 56), and **walking tours** to showcase neighborhood art (ID 55). Other ideas included creating spaces for **outdoor activities, such as chess and dominoes** (ID 57) and a **dog park to build community** (ID 83).

Community Spaces and Amenities

Proposals for community spaces and amenities included utilizing the fenced-in lot at 43rd and Telegraph (ID 32), creating a community space for people to hang out (ID 70), utilizing the area around Studio One art center for meet-ups and food trucks (ID 116), and installing a public bathroom in Temescal (ID 50).

Beautification and Neighborhood Improvement

Participants suggested various projects to beautify the neighborhood, such as monthly trash cleanups (ID 43), public art under the freeway pass (ID 67), maintaining guerrilla bus benches (ID 120), and painting a street mural as part of Oakland's Paint the Town program (ID 126).

Local Business Support

Proposals to support local businesses included changing liquor laws to allow meals at bars (ID 28) and creating a Temescal Business Discount card to promote locally-owned businesses (ID 82).

Community Communication and Civic Engagement

Participants suggested ideas to improve community communication and civic engagement, such as creating a Temescal community bulletin board for events and opportunities (ID 71) and hosting a candidate forum for District 1 City Council Candidates (ID 48).

Neighborhood Empowerment and Support

Proposals for neighborhood empowerment and support included leveraging neighborhood privilege to support less advantaged neighborhoods (ID 6) and organizing self-defense classes for the neighborhood (ID 96).

These project proposals reflect the community's desire to create a more vibrant, inclusive, and supportive neighborhood through a range of initiatives that address various aspects of community life.

Neighborhood Improvement Proposals

ID	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Pass	Vote Count
116	The area around the Studio One art center should be utilized for community meet-ups, food trucks, and the like.	100%	0%	0%	21
56	I would love us to support local art, music and gaming.	82%	1%	16%	79
24	We need more community street parties to bring neighbors together.	81%	1%	17%	122
43	Let's organize a monthly trash cleanup for the neighborhood.	80%	0%	19%	83
120	Bless the guerrilla bus bench builder, stepping in where the city has failed! Neighbors & TTBID should maintain benches since city won't.	80%	0%	20%	20
102	Hold casual happy hour meet ups at Temescal Brewing for neighborhood building.	76%	2%	20%	34
65	I'd love to have a First Friday or Thursday art walk on Telegraph!	75%	4%	20%	68
76	Community concerts.	75%	1%	22%	62
55	I love the art in the neighborhood and would like to have more walking tours.	73%	5%	21%	80
71	Can we please have a big Temescal community bulletin board to learn	73%	7%	19%	67

ID	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Pass	Vote Count
	about & post local events/opportunities?				
59	I would love to host more neighborhood events like food drives. toy drives and etc.	69%	4%	26%	72
82	More street fairs. and a Temescal Business Discount card to promote locally owned businesses.	66%	5%	27%	54
83	I love how dog friendly the neighborhood is and would love to see a dog park where we can build community and get to know our neighbors.	66%	3%	29%	51
123	How about a regular evening walking group for exercise. neighborhood safety. and trash pickup all in one	66%	0%	33%	18
70	Would you be excited about creating a community space where people can simply hang out and be together when they don't want to be alone?	65%	7%	26%	63
32	We should do something with the fenced-in lot at 43rd and Telegraph (next to Temescal Works).	61%	5%	32%	102
48	Let's host a candidate forum for the District 1 City Council Candidates.	60%	6%	33%	81
57	I would like to see chess. dominoes and etc. played outside on the sidewalks.	60%	10%	29%	78
50	We really need a public bathroom in Temescal- with proper maintenance of course. I feel that businesses, the city and BID could pitch in.	53%	15%	30%	78
6	We should leverage the privilege in our neighborhood to provide support to less advantaged neighborhoods.	51%	16%	31%	127
67	Public art under freeway passed would help me feel more safe.	49%	17%	32%	67
126	We should get together to paint a street mural as part of Oakland's Paint the Town program https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/paint-the-town	46%	15%	38%	13
96	How about self-defense classes for our neighborhood?	41%	16%	41%	36
28	Change the liquor laws so we can get a dang meal at a bar!!!	31%	8%	59%	104
73	I would love a neighborhood babysitting listserv!!	28%	7%	64%	56
74	Temescal moms meet-ups.	22%	3%	73%	57

Other Topics

Schools

Participants recognized the importance of supporting local schools, with 71% agreeing that "We have great public schools that are better when families choose to send their kids there and when parents and the community support them." Some participants also shared positive experiences with Oakland Tech and encouraged others to consider sending their children there.

Emergency Preparedness

The dialogue revealed support for developing a neighborhood emergency preparedness plan, with 66% agreeing with this idea. Participants also expressed interest in learning about earthquake preparedness activities through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

City Services

Participants discussed various aspects of city services, including the need for a more user-friendly city website (77% agreement) and the willingness to pay higher taxes to fund services that Temescal wants (55% agreement). Some participants also expressed frustration with the high property taxes for new homeowners and the lack of visible improvements in the neighborhood.

Schools

91	We have great public schools that are better when families choose to send their kids there and when parents and the community support them.	71%	2%	26%	45
92	My son had a positive experience at Oakland Tech & I encourage people from the neighborhood to engage & consider sending your kid(s) there.	46%	0%	53%	41
94	Oakland Tech PTSA!	27%	0%	72%	36
134	Collaborate with the neighborhood schools to enlist students to participate in cleaning trash in the neighborhood. Provide credit or food	60%	20%	20%	5

Emergency Preparedness

2	Develop a neighborhood emergency preparedness plan.	66%	4%	29%	124
87	Would be good to learn about earthquake preparedness activities for the neighborhood through CORE.	70%	12%	17%	47

City Services

110	Persuade the city to make its website more useful, e.g., explain who is responsible for what and how to contact them.	77%	11%	11%	18
113	We need to be willing to pay higher taxes to fund services that Temescal wants.	55%	15%	30%	20
124	Property taxes are insanely high for new homeowners in the area. It's a bummer to not see any of that go to fixing our pothole-d streets.	52%	21%	26%	19

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7	I live in the Temescal Neighborhood.	Duplicate
8	I work in the Temescal Neighborhood.	Duplicate
9	I am a student in the Temescal Neighborhood.	Duplicate
11	We need more policing in our neighborhood.	Duplicate
33	The fact that "flammable" and "inflammable" mean the same thing is infuriating.	Off Topic
46	Repave 49th Street.	Duplicate
47	Totally repave 49th Street.	Duplicate
50	Mosswood park needs new playground equipment.	Outside of neighborhood
63	We should encourage the planting of native wildflowers in dormant/neglected sidewalk landscaping	Duplicate
66	Dover Park needs our support to upkeep the community garden and bathroom	Outside of neighborhood
88	49th really needs to be repaved.	Duplicate
90	Extend the speed bumps and roundabouts on Shafter to the 40th-49th stretch. Too often cars do not stop at the 41st and Shafter stop sign!	Duplicate
95	I live in Temescal	Duplicate
131	It would be nice to have more block parties in Temescal so people can get to know each other and kids can play on streets closed to traffic.	Duplicate