



## ENVISION CONTRA COSTA 2040

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### **Bay Point Community Meeting #2: Guiding Principles**

Ambrose Recreation and Park District  
3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point, CA  
Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The second community meeting for Bay Point residents as part of Envision Contra Costa 2040 took place on Monday, August 12th, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Ambrose Recreation and Park District. The purpose of this workshop was to collect feedback on draft guiding principles, which articulate the values, priorities, and aspirations for the future of Bay Point shared by community members at the first community meeting. The guiding principles are organized in five categories: Community Character, Mobility, Housing, Recreation and Access to Nature, and Safety and Resiliency. In addition, participants were asked to share ideas for potential policies, actions, and other strategies that support those guiding principles.

County staff and consultants facilitated the workshop and approximately 15 residents attended and participated. After a presentation about the Envision Contra Costa 2040 process, community members worked in three small groups discussing guiding principles, policies, actions, and other strategies specific to Bay Point. Input and ideas are summarized below. Detailed notes from the small group discussions, as well as a comment card submitted at the workshop, are attached to this summary.

#### ***Community Character***

- Preserve rolling hills and other open spaces.
- Build more community-oriented parks and augment services at the community center.
- Prioritize development of more grocery store options in Bay Point.
- Encourage development of amenities within walking distance of housing.
- Incentivize development of clean, light industrial uses.
- Expand library services and hours of operation.
- Encourage new commercial uses on vacant lots near BART.
- Enhance connections across Highway 4 to integrate the two sides of the community.
- Develop a platform for more consistent community involvement and input.

#### ***Mobility***

- Prioritize security and cleanliness on buses and BART.
- Create more frequent, direct bus routes and timed connections with BART.
- Extend the eBART line to connect from the Antioch Station to Martinez.
- Increase ADA-accessible options on public transit.
- Build shelters and other amenities, such as benches, at transit stops.
- Install protected bike lanes on major roads, including Willow Pass Road.
- Upgrade sidewalks and augment street lighting, especially on Willow Pass Road and Bailey Road.

***Housing***

- Protect existing residents from gentrification and displacement with tenant protection services and emergency rental assistance that is broadly accessible to those in need.
- Support development of a variety of affordable housing types for single people and large families, accessible to people with disabilities.
- Allow higher density housing to promote infill development.
- Rehabilitate vacant units.
- Provide wrap-around services to holistically approach the needs of each homeless individual.
- Co-locate supportive services and programs with housing to provide accessible wrap-around services for those in need.

***Recreation and Access to Nature***

- Reduce crime in parks and along the waterfront to make them safe places to recreate.
- Beautify parks by cleaning up trash and adding more landscaping and safety features.
- Offer more opportunities for youth recreation through sports, a skate park, and a youth center.
- Develop natural trails along the waterfront to enhance access to nature and connect to nearby regional parks.
- Augment signage to enhance wayfinding and safety on trails.
- Install infrastructure at the train tracks to promote safe pedestrian crossings.
- Promote amenities offered by the park district and educate residents about services offered.

***Safety and Resiliency***

- Mitigate impacts from the Tesoro refinery, including air pollution, pipeline risks, and accidents.
- Strengthen safety in schools to prevent gang activity, and keep youth engaged with after-school programs.
- Increase the local police presence and quality of officers, including officers that patrol on bicycles.
- Add lighting along streets and in parks to increase safety at night.
- Improve water quality.

## NO TAR SANDS TANKERS IN OUR BEAUTIFUL SF BAY and WATERWAYS

Please Share Widely - On Friday 7/19/19 The U.S. Army Corp(s) of Engineers in San Francisco held a public comment session about where to relocate the land they want to claw out of our SF Bay in order to allow Tar Sands Tankers to continue further upstream. SF Bay to Stockton is their goal and Stockton's workforce is excited about receiving offloads. Our goal is to [#HaltTheDredging](#). What they didn't have was a public comment session on whether we want them to dredge the Bay in the first place. The employee in charge of the day who is new to the job said that problem has been corrected and there will be another opportunity for people to comment on that step. I don't have the specifics on when that meeting will be but I'm sure it will be published by someone else soon.

The Protect the Bay Coalition came out in numbers as did many other reps from NGO's, independent allies, and of course the folks from Rodeo where Phillips 66 refinery has been threatening their way of life for years and years. So many speaking out with love and fire in their bellies and clarity of mind you wouldn't believe. Western States Petroleum was there. Sizzle. People looking for dredging jobs were there. Sad. It was a gruesome, great and sad 2 hours.

The Corp doesn't document meetings, so the speakers were asked to email their comments in order to get on the record.

**SFBaytoStockton@USACE.army.mil.** I don't have a deadline on this, but I'd say it's urgent, so the sooner the better.

There will be information coming out from people more in the know.

Respond to USACE.

As other beloved water protectors have done and are still doing we will be giving them an opportunity to change the way they do business. To us it's Life, to them it's business.

Here's hoping.

Even if your message only says [#HaltDredgingInTheBay](#), [#NoTarSandsInTheBay](#), [#ProtectTheBay](#) it will get the message heard loud and we can't be any clearer.

[#MniWiconi](#) [#WaterIsLife](#) For more information go to [Sunflower-Alliance.org](#)



## Housing

- Prices rising quickly - forcing residents out
- More programs to support affordable housing & residents
- Rent protection
- Housing units being taken advantage of by other Counties for supportive housing, etc.
- Demand for both single units & family-sized



## Recreation & Access to Nature

- Homeless population is large in parks
- Crime in the parks / bodies in the water / SAFETY
- Expand waterfront recreation opportunities
- Safety crossing tracks
- Increase youth activities / recreation (skate parks)



## Safety & Resiliency

- Gang activity
- Homeless population
- School safety for youth (inner-city transfers) Gangs
- Increased police presence & quality of officers
- Homeless population in recreation areas
- Parks aren't safe - need safety for utilization
- After school programs for youth
- Co-locating service programs/land use to allow
- Refinery - air quality, pipelines, accidents
- Water quality (smells, tastes poor)



## Recreation / Access to Nature

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- Trails don't feel safe. Need more  
signs / way finding.

• Also ↑ public access (eg to trail behind  
apts)

- Local buses not used b/c destinations  
are outside BP.

- Parks: not enough trees. Not safe.

Trash, homeless people, lack of maintenance.

Add trees, water features, lighting

• Add new guiding principle re: parks.

- Would like more "natural trails" - eg hills,  
water front. Not just urban trails.

- Expand waterfront access.

- Incentives for local businesses.

- ~~NE~~ Look for opportunities for trail  
connections to regional parks.

- Connect Pittsburgh, BP to rest of Co. via trails  
(eg Concord, new housing  
dev.)



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- Need safe routes to schools. Also ↑ maintenance, lighting, etc. on trails near schools.
  - Pedestrian safety

## Character

- Don't level hills to build homes. Ruins hills, small-town character.
  - Also only 1 grocery store in 10-mi radius, closes early. Ruins small-town character.
- Need more bike/~~hike~~ trails
- More community-oriented parks + essential services, w/in walkable distances. Also community centers.
- Co. should inform community abt what doing. Community not involved b/c we don't know abt it.
  - Web + physical clearinghouse.
- Library: ↑ hours; share Co. info abt Co. activities



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- Co. work w/ Park district to educate residents abt services @ this facility, esp. S of Hwy 4.
- Attract more options for grocery stores
- Coordinate w/ BART - put in shopping in vacant space next door.
- More commercial development needed, generally.

### Safety / Resiliency

- End of line issue: non-residents end up here & there are a lot of breakins.
  - Need trash cans, esp. Willow Pass + Bailey
  - Also ↑ enforcement around BART.
- Concerned abt wildfire. Hills / dry grass need to maintain.
- Would like refineries to have transparent hiring. At least make opp's for local people to apply.



- Need more ~~data~~ community outreach re: 

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refineries Let us know what happening.



Table 1

## Community Character

- Doesn't truly feel like a community - people are not friendly / neighborly - Safety / Crime / violence
- Price of housing rising - should be more protected
- Three stories (4?) acceptable
- Separation of communities on each side of Hwy 4
- Limited access to fresh food (food desert)
- Community outreach programs to increase civic engagement



Table 1

# Community Character

## Mobility

- Distance to grocery stores not walkable
- Bus route needs much more frequency & expanded hours of op.
- More direct bus routes / lack of proper connections
- Increased handicap / disabled transit
- More shuttles to BART
- More security & cleanliness on buses & BART
- Transit hubs
- Shuttle that loops around town w/ access to grocery stores and other main destinations (FREE)



# Mobility

Tri Delta & County  
Connection

1. more frequent<sup>1</sup> bus service

2. Pittsburg Marina  $\leftrightarrow$  college  
only 15 mins @ commute times  
(headway) #380 381.

☆ faster (15 minute) headways! Revise schedule &

3. Consider extending AC transit to time transfers better.

## BayPoint

4. E-bart = standard gauge. From Antioch Station, it could go to Martinez! Could be seamless railroad transportation.

☆ Extend E-bart line. It is smaller than regular BART, which is inconvenient. Timed transfers are generally good.

5. 387 is only 45 mins. Not effective waiting areas ☆ need shelters for transit stops.

6. Transit needs to be reliable.



7. bus is cheaper than BART. bus fare is fairly reasonable.

8. ↑ electric buses! They would be more economically responsible & sustainable.

☆ <sup>protected</sup> bike lanes needed on ~~all~~ all major roads in Bay Point: Willow Pass Road,

9. Focus roadway improvements on bike lanes & other bike infrastructure.

10. Stricter laws needed to deter motorists from negligent driving... protect bicyclists! bike lane should be = to car lanes

11. kids ride scooters & skate boards.

12. more law enforcement for driving recklessly. lighted crosswalks not effective.

☆ better sidewalks & street lighting, esp on Willow Pass Road, Bailey Road



Housing: strengthen Inclusionary Housing ordinance

1. more affordable housing (rentals, ownership.)
2. higher density housing → infill development or even building rehabilitation of vacant units
3. Some won't go to homeless shelters bc they don't follow rules.

☆ prioritize anti-displacement policies & tenant protection services, emergency rental assistance, broadly accessible to needed

4. Create programs that provide wrap-around services to help ppl & hold accountable
5. affordable housing for single adults, with no children (men & women).

☆ more of a variety of housing types (studios, 1BR...), up to ~~4~~<sup>5</sup> stories is ok.

6. homes need to be ADA accessible (w/ elevators above if needed)
7. amenities in walking distance of homes so can walk to grocery store.
8. resources for tenants on-site (community service programs)

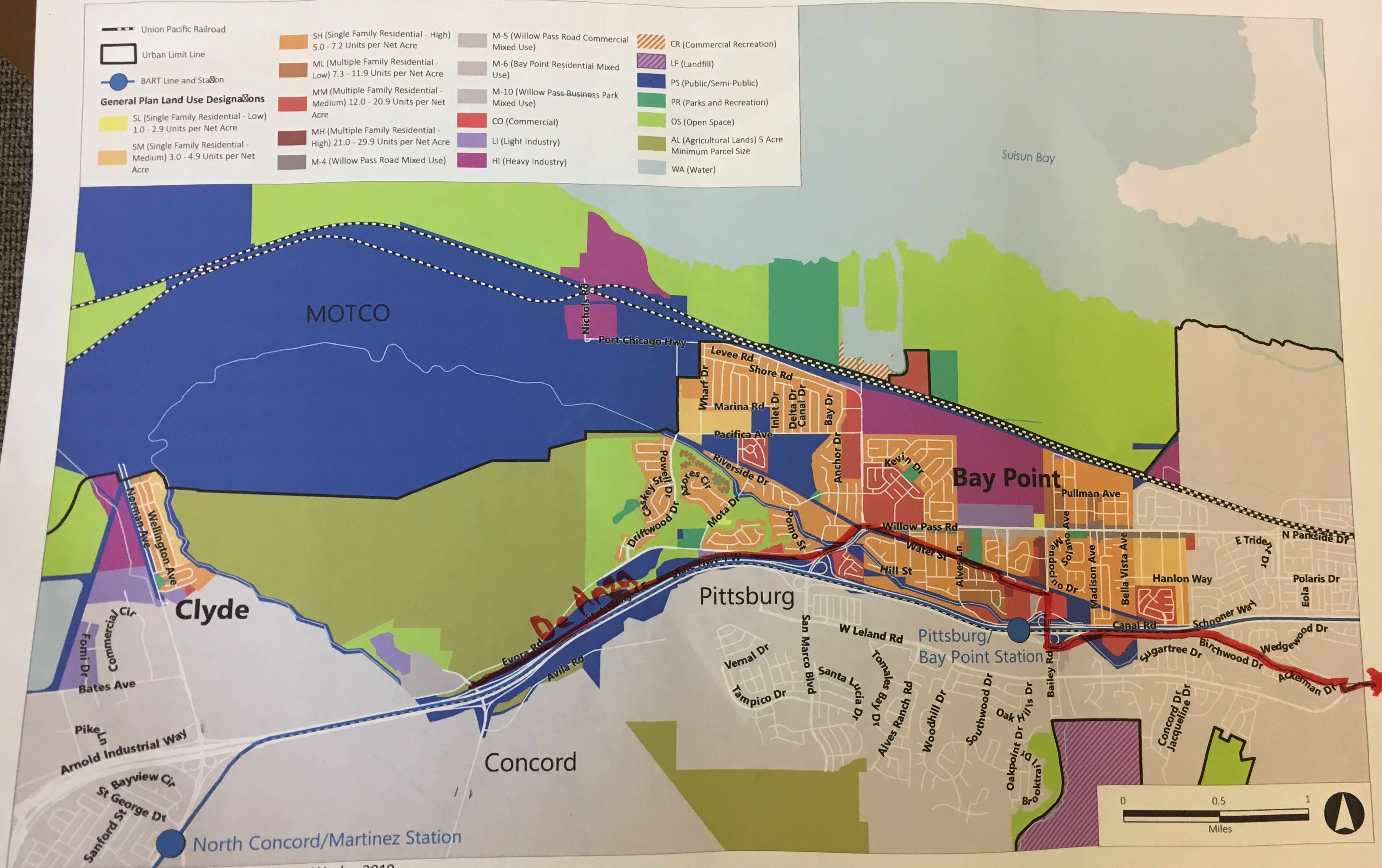


# Safety

1. homelessness → need services to address their needs.
2. parks → need improved safety. need to enforce curfew. Sheriff response is not fast if not "serious".  
★ Improved security needed & more lights.
3. <sup>car, store, & home</sup> ~~burglary~~ burglary is major issue.
4. ★ new industrial needs to be clean
5. heavy industry must mitigate their pollution  
★ refineries should shut down on "save the air" days



# BAY POINT AND CLYDE COMMUNITY MEETING



Source: Contra Costa County, 2018; PlaceWorks, 2019.



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## General Plan Land Use Designations for Bay Point and Clyde