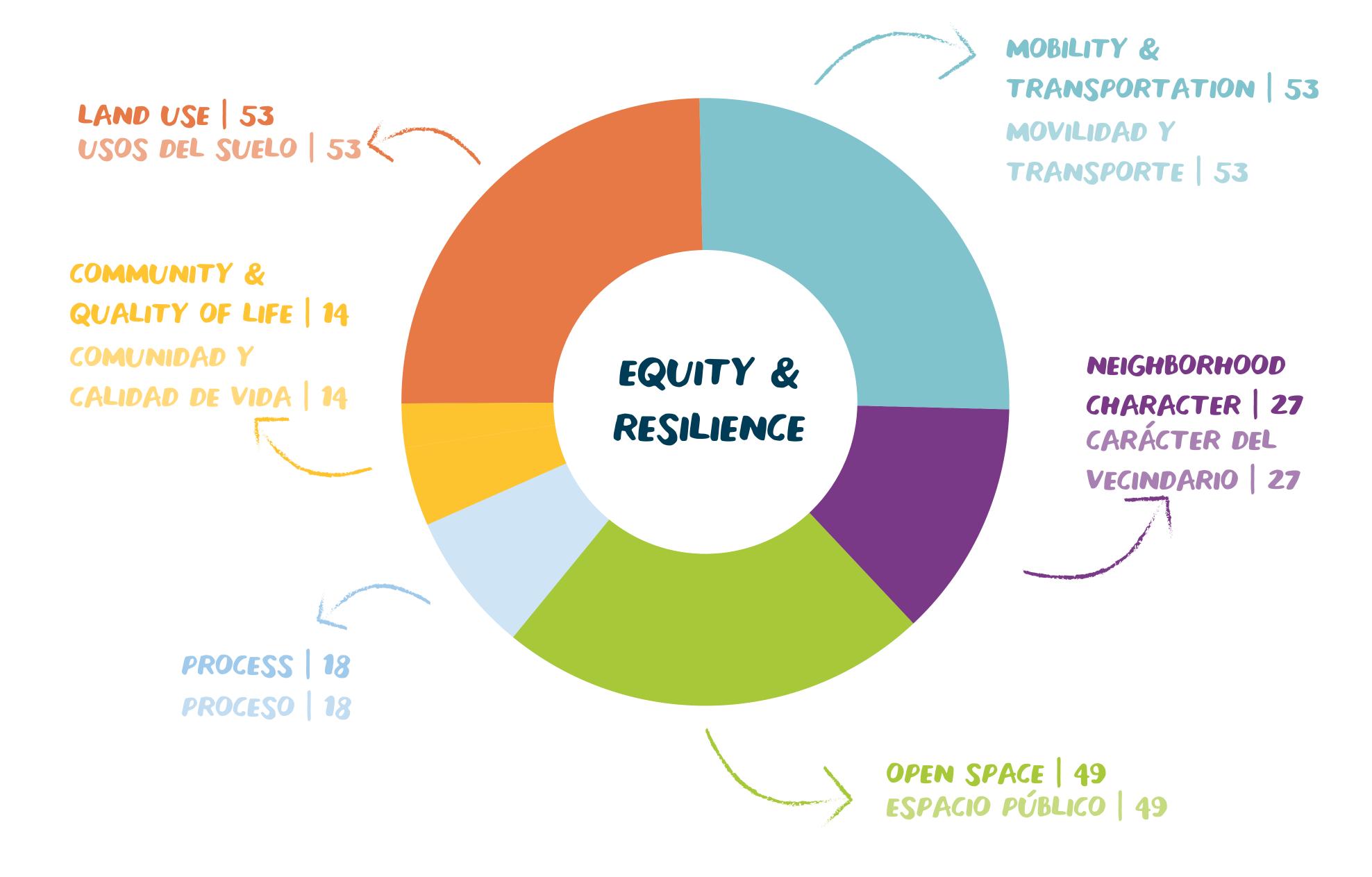
## WHAT WE'VE HEARD

**PLANNING TOPICS** During the Imagine Boston 2030 planning process, we heard from more than 15,000 residents. We received over 300 comments about East Boston, on topics similar to comments presented here. We will incorporate the Imagine Boston input, along with feedback from Go Boston 2030 and Climate Ready Boston, into this planning process. At our last public meeting we asked participants to identify topics they'd like to talk address during PLAN: East Boston. We organized that input into four main categories: mobility and transportation, open space, land use and neighborhood character. If you contributed a comment during our last workshop, you should see it here. If you'd like to add to any of these comments, please feel free to do so! We will use these comments to help shape community workshops and other types of engagement around each of these topics.

**TEMAS DE PLANIFICACIÓN** Durante el proceso de planificación de Imagine Boston 2030 escuchamos a más de 15,000 residentes. Recibimos más de 300 comentarios sobre East Boston sobre temas similares a los que presentamos hoy aquí. A lo largo del proceso de PLAN: East Boston incorporaremos las contribuciones de Imagine Boston y también de Go Boston 2030 y Climate Ready Boston. En nuestro última sesión pública pedimos a los participantes que identificaran los temas que querrían que fueran tomados en cuenta durante PLAN: East Boston. Organizamos estos comentarios en cuatro categorías: movilidad y transporte, espacio público, usos del suelo y carácter del vecindario. Si usted participó en nuestro taller encontrará su aportación aquí. Si usted quiere añadir otras ideas, ¡por favor hágalo! Utilizaremos estos comentarios para moldear los talleres comunitarios y las demás sesiones de participación centradas en estos temas.



Comments often belong to more than one category, for the purposes of presenting these comments publicly, we tried to choose a category that best represented the nature of the comment. You might notice that Equity and Resilience are not treated as independent categories. **Equity and Resilience** relate to every planning topic and are at the center of the PLAN: East Boston initiative. Where possible, these comments have been categorized with their subject. For example, the Affordable Housing subtopic within Land Use or the Resilience subtopic within Open Space.

Los comentarios a menudo pertenecen a más de una categoría, para presentar esta información públicamente hemos intentado escoger la categoría que mejor encaja. Usted habrá notado que Igualdad y Resiliencia no son categorías independientes. **Igualdad y Resiliencia** están relacionadas con todos los temas y son el foco de PLAN: East Boston. En la medida de lo posible estos comentarios han sido incluidos con su tema. Por ejemplo, el subtema de Vivienda Asequible está dentro de Usos del Suelo y Resiliencia está dentro del tema de Espacio Público.

# PROCESS 18 comments

IPOD Include Massport in the IPOD | Implement an IPOD PROCESS Do not arbitrarily change plans (conclusions / recommendations of previous planning efforts) without going back to the community | Getting out and doing door-to-door work is really critical for getting people involved | BPDA should create a neighborhood planning division with full time staff that attends meetings regularly Include prioritization of proposed transportation projects and carefully developed steps for implementation | Final documents include a prioritization of proposed [transportation] projects and carefully developed steps for implementation **ENGAGEMENT** I am most excited about planning for density holistically and with community buy-in | Any master plan process should justify its changes to the zoning code through development principles that the community agrees on Educate residents in Planning 101 | Offer topical educational briefings to welcome aypersons into technical topics | Process must address the unique challenges of ensuring an active and authentic participation of a representative swath of the community affected | Pay close attention to who is participating in a process that will determine the future of a neighborhood | We should sit, look each other in the eye, and talk about our values | More effective community outreach- community meetings are dominated by the same individuals and fail to represent the true diversity of the community | Go door-to-door speaking both English and Spanish **GUIDELINES** Work on developing guiding principles with active and genuine community participation that can be referred back to during the development process Develop, with robust and genuine community input, the development principles that will guide development in the neighborhood

# COMMUNITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE | 14 comments

We don't look at the long-term health effects of gentrification and displacement on individuals or families | Remain a place for immigrants to live, work, play | Preservation of Hispanic community, including Hispanic owned businesses | Benefits of development stay local, local people hired for the work and the materials that are used | Educacion Bilingue (Bilingual Education) | Empty city trash cans more often | Add trash cans | Clean the streets | Clean the sewers | Allow AirBNB | Follow-through with AirBNB taxes | Any restriction of the use of a public good for private use to be solidly justified and explained to the community | Ban wall mounted satellite dishes | Higher rates of asthma in the community because of Logan's influence and ground transportation

#### MOBILITY & TRANSPORTATION 53 comments

**BIKES** Protected bike lanes | Bike lane CARS Fix 1A - Poor road conditions on elevated expressway | Develop bike lanes (real lanes), encourage zip car, uber, MBTA, etc **PARKING** Come up with a comprehensive plan to deal with parking | Sufficient parking for all developments over 3 units | Stop building without parking spaces | Allow residential development without parking | Resident parking, not 2 hour | No more variances granted for parking | How can we get the community to come to terms with the fact that not everyone can park their car for free in public space? We are growing and the climate is changing and we need people to give up their cars | Parking garage for emergency (snow) - neighborhood - near greenway, Bremen st | Please put parking garage in Jeffries Point | Enforce parking restrictions on supposed transit-oriented development | Pilot program that prohibits issuance of parking permits to transit-oriented development | Realistically address the parking and transportation needs of the community | Resident parking is often not enforced/ticketed | No place for residents to move cars during snow emergencies | Enforce parking signage INFRASTRUCTURE Fix 1A - Steel visibly rusting | Fix 1A - No signage for lane drop on 1A north | Fix 1A - Net for falling debris over Saratoga Street by Swift Street | Fix 1A - Multiple lights out | Bennington Street | Saratoga Street intersection - Add left turn signal for northbound traffic | Bennington Street / Saratoga Street intersection - Add left turn signal for northbound traffic heading to rotary Bennington Street | Bennington Street | Saratoga Street intersection - Repave from intersection south to Trident St. TRAFFIC Focus should not be on limiting growth due to fear of too many new cars coming to the community | Need a traffic and parking plan | All the streets are clogged with traffic in the mornings | Need to solve growing morning commuter traffic problem | The community is grid locked almost 24/7 with no concern being given to the quality of life of existing and new residents. Large developments such as this are completely out of scale and inappropriate given the current state of roads and public transportation **TRANSIT** I am most excited about red line / blue line connection | I am most excited about moving the airport - with connection | I am most excited about more public transit to alleviate traffic concerns | Better silver line connectivity | SL more reliable/on time | Blue Line - Red Line Connector | Provide assistance to those who cannot forgot vehicular transport and incentive alternative transport options | The City should apply pressure to the State to resolve transportation issues | Figure out how to make the silver line connection over the south Boston waterfront and south station work a bit more efficiently WATER TRANSPORTATION Think about transportation and connectivity holistically; water transit should connect to buses and bike lanes | Bring ferry service back to the neighborhood | Water transport | Ferries to Seaport/Charlestown | Ferry at liberty wharf | Look toward Comprehensive Water Transportation Study for the Boston Region | Make good on 20+ year old plans to build a ferry terminal at Liberty Plaza | Reliable, affordable, financially sustainable, and ADA accessible transit system (by water) | Ferry serve be well-integrated into a multi-modal network both physically and in its fare structure | Need viable water transit from Liberty Plaza | A large portion of the neighborhood's transportation issues are directly related to decision made by tate and Federal authorities | Ensure that the culture of the local community is not lost entirely to a corporate culture which only caters to those with financial resources **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY** Adding crosswalks for pedestrian safety | Saratoga Street intersection - Make pedestrian signal "all directions cross" for 30 sec

#### OPEN SPACE 49 comments

PARKS I am most excited about more park along water | I am most excited about more parks along the harbor | Legally protect Wood Island Bay Marsh / Add secure waterfront access at Liberty Plaza PROGRAM How about a neighborhood pool? | More active parks | More playgrounds - splashpads for hot weather | More public athletic facilities (fields/outdoor pools) | Public access on Car Barns site and green space at former Hess site | Green space as flood buffers for the adjacent community WATER FRONT Don't waste the waterfront with huge buildings. That's like the mistake Seaport made | Preserve waterfront as open space | More waterfront access/complete harborwalk + open space | Improve waterfront access **DEVELOPMENT** Preserve existing open space/discourage destruction of green space in favor of development | [development] shouldn't just serve as buffers to mitigate flooding and sea level rise...but also create opportunities for economic improvement of our neighborhood | Use data already available from Climate Ready and other studies to identify parcels for acquisition/hardening | Propose real changes to how development happens in order to best respond to the needs dictated by anticipated climate change | It would be good to see the developer guidelines for waterfront development become required | Enforce resiliency standards on carbon, waste management, etc. on developers making new buildings | Seize every development opportunity to implement resilient shoreline solutions / Improve our stormwater infrastructure and drainage system | Prohibit excessive development in flood-prone areas | It doesn't make sense for a giant electrical substation to be adjacent to a flood zone on chelsea creek TREES Require a number of new trees planted per new construction | Plant more trees | More trees please | Smallest urban green canopy, preserve what open space is left | Don't want to see development that tears down mature trees | Planting trees everytime there's a new development | Increase urban tree canopy | [tree canopy goals] should be made a high priority | Revisit plans for urban canopy cover and green space amenities to offset heat island effects (use and enforce setbacks for tree plantings) **DESIGNATED PORT AREA** Remove all DPA areas | Relax DPA | Don't relax DPA, especially on border **FLOODING** Stormwater management | Zoning code should incorporate more required investments on the part of large land owners for energy efficiency measures and generation | Guarantee the belle isle marsh remains a protected reservation | Need storm buffer | Funnel as many resources to East Boston to mitigate climate impacts | Fortify the shoreline built environment | East Boston climate change study only took into account coastal flooding. We need a complete picture (mudslides, rain...) DISPLACEMENT Will new green, resilient infrastructure benefit residents who have been here for a while or displace them? | Study who can live and afford to live next to new green, resilient open spaces | Climate adaptation leadership | We need to incorporate affordability with resiliency plans **ENERGY** Any master plan development process must consider the changing nature of energy production and use in an urban setting neighborhood scale flood planning

#### LAND USE 53 comments

**PERMITTING** Make permit process easier + more efficient | Have a statute of limitations on project approvals - if developers wait 10 years to build the should have to go back through the neighborhood input process | Create a preliminary public benefit review | Tax to discourage property flippers | Tax on luxury units | Charge developers for variances **ZONING** Clearer Zoning framework | Zoning law actually enforced | Improve zoning code and resulting community review process | Link zoning changes/variances on projects back to the guiding principle that predicates them | Avoid current building by building development patchwork | Increase to 5F / Increase to 5F Look at each neighborhood individually | Keep 3F neighborhoods as 3F in Jeffries Point, context matters | Keep orient heights a single family neighborhood | Density and height are acceptable only with increased affordability | Designated density zones throughout to preserve smaller density within neighborhoods ZBA | ZBA stops railroading neighborhood | Stop the ZBA from granting illegal variances -residents can't afford the lawsuits needed to appeal | Is this new zoning a rationalization of all the excess zoning variances we've been experiencing for the last few years | Ensure that the zoning decisions made are carried out and respected ENHANCEMENTS Identify specific corridors for targeted investment | Taco Bell anywhere | Allow large projects in areas that don't have residential character (Shaw's plaza for example) +2 | Encourage infill development (e.g. adding two floors of housing above single level commercial buildings/ constructing 2/3 family properties in empty lots) | In dire need of a middle school in East Boston | The Eversouce electrical substation at the City Yards site represents the substitution of an incompatible land use in a site slated for a soccer field more spaces for childcare businesses (childcare spaces as a community benefit HOUSING AFFORDABILITY Affordable housing | Discrepancy existing between "affordable" by AMI (100% at ~\$107,800) vs East Boston median household income (~\$54,000) | IDP and housing plans for EB should consider impacts and access for undocumented residents (50% foreign born population) | Preserve and encourage affordable single family housing and neighborhoods | Increase IDP contributions by developers | Trickle-down housing isn't working. Less luxury, more affordability | Have to have a conversation of what really means affordable | Form anti-displacement strategies | Major buy-down program for first time homebuyers | New production program for affordable homeownership opportunities | Affordable housing/rent | Prevent displacement and add truly affordable housing | Fine owners whose properties are decrepit/eyesores | HUD and its handlers need to be scolded for their ignoring of the difficulties of on HOUSING PRESERVATION Preservation and rehabilitation of existing housing stock | Ensure the same pattern of gentrification along neighborhood waterfront's to large corporate and City Hall interests does not repeat | Entrust the public with a limited right of refusal to delay proposals and provide incentive to collaborate on changes **STUDENT HOUSING** Student housing | Enrollment caps - if colleges can't house most of their students on their core campus (not in our neighborhood) then they should limit enrollment HOUSING POLICY How about a city bond for housing | Right to legal counsel for tenants facing eviction | Crack down on slumlords | Micro-units | Inclusionary zoning Home Rule (so IDP can become zoning code) | Offer reduced cost vinyl siding replacement / façade improvements to homeowners

## NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER 27 comments

CULTURAL PRESERVATION Ensure that the culture of the local community is not lost entirely to a corporate culture which only caters to those with financial resources | Too often developers wipe out buildings that though not on a historic register provide critical contributions to the culture of the neighborhood **DENSITY** Identify areas for higher density while protecting existing neighborhood density, especially in less dense areas of Harbor View & Orient Heights | Higher density appropriate adjacent to MBTA stations and commercial/industrial areas | Areas immediately adjacent to MBTA subway stops are good choices for higher density development / Stop building giant ugly buildings on our waterfront HISTORIC PRESERVATION Stop end to end development of lots historic homes be respected | Implement some of the excellent [historic preservation] ideas in here [referencing previous East Boston Plan] brought forward and other new ones | Historic preservation, not just landmarks | Everytime a project comes through for permital we really need to seize the opportunity to mandate that development projects...are built to the highest resilience standards **SCALE** I am most excited about maintaining low buildings | No tall buildings - (no over 5 floors) | Scale - EB has a small, detailed scale that is being lost | Architecture and buildings in line with rest of neighborhood in terms of size and scale (see 70 Bremen St) | Preserve the neighborhoodiness-scale, walkability | Protect the residential core and scale of neighborhoods | Appropriate average size for heart of Jeffries Point is a three-family or three-story home | Build within the existing footprint of a residence in question for development | Preserve and protect key areas across East Boston **DESIGN** Stop building dormitory-like structure on our precious waterfront | No more buildings like the one at 70 Bremen St | High quality architecture - not cookie cutter | No more giant plywood yuppie-hives | New architecture should be something that people come to see and not some lowest common denominator box with cheap materials to make numbers work | A mix of old buildings and cutting edge, exciting architecture | Maintain architectural and cultural integrity of a neighborhood as much as profit incentive; need for creativity and fearlessness in the building of the new | Limit large waterfront developments that block the view of the waterfront/downtown for all other residents. (Case in point Clippership Wharf blocking views of iconic Custom House from Chelsea St.)