

2025

Public Hearing
Listening Sessions
RESULTS

GRIP's Public Hearing on 3/4/2025

What are the most pressing issues facing our community today?

- Homelessness/Housing
- Job/unemployment
- Transportation
- Mental Health
- Connecting with technology
- Access to health appointments, services and reliable technology
- Financial /cost barriers

What are the biggest barriers preventing people from accessing essential services?

- No access to services
- Not aware of services
- Need income

What positive changes would you like to see happen in our community?

- Training in trades
- Supportive people-cheerleaders
- Minimum, guaranteed income, higher wages
- Improvement in safety
- Free/Wi-Fi more computers at library
- More phone charging stations
- Free/affordable showers (warm hands-new place)

How can we best work together to address these concerns?

- More meetings like this
- More action
- Place at the decision table
- Interpreters at meetings (Spanish 1st)
- Community advocates
- More shelters like GRIP
- More day shelters
- Affordable/Available housing (shorter or no waiting lists)



Contra Costa County
Economic Opportunity Council
PUBLIC HEARING – March 11, 2025
Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa

First Name: _____ Last Initial: _____ Contact: (Optional) _____

1. What are the most pressing issues facing our community today?
 - Housing-Rising rent, stress of being housed after being unhoused
 - Drug problems
 - Theft/crime
 - Safety issues for elderly
 - Social media/phones are ruining society
 - Food, shelter, clothing, laundry and shower services
 - Homelessness
 - Unemployment
 - Loitering, sleeping around and trash
 - Not very much work in this area
 - Mental health services
 - Assist with applying for social services

2. What are the biggest barriers preventing people from accessing essential services?
 - Long waiting Lists
 - No housing available
 - Some don't have the motivation and need more vocational training
 - Phones/internet

- Food and employment
- If it does not affect them blinders are on
- Transportation
- Preoccupied with politics
- Not having an address because people move around
- Needing assistance with applying for services
- Not trusting the police

3. What positive changes would you like to see happen in our community?

- Tiny homes
- More socialization/people talking to each other and relying on each other
- Work and more housing
- Safety and security
- More shelters
- More food pantries
- Mental health solutions
- Be mindful and help keep the city clean
- People to have a positive attitude
- People to work together
- More programs for the mentally ill

4. How can we best work together to address these concerns?

- Take Care of basic human rights
- Start in middle school career planning/direction
- Dealing with people's trauma
- More support and outreach
- Communication and have more events like this where we can share problems and issues.
- Be more inquisitive, get an education and volunteer
- Be self-aware and have self-care and take care of ourselves
- Spread the word
- Collaborate with therapist



Contra Costa County
Economic Opportunity Council
PUBLIC HEARING – March 19, 2025
Head Start Policy Council

First Name: _____ Last Initial: _____ Contact: (Optional) _____

1. What are the most pressing issues facing our community today?
 - Low literacy rates
 - Increased food costs, eggs
 - Homelessness
 - Budget cuts for programs
 - Gas Prices

2. What are the biggest barriers preventing people from accessing essential services?
 - Transportation
 - Citizenship Concerns
 - Lack of knowledge of services
 - Language barriers

3. What positive changes would you like to see happen in our community?
 - More centers to help people
 - Housing (affordable)
 - People should help each other more
 - More activities (sports)

4. How can we best work together to address these concerns?
 - Help each other more

- Communication-Translated communication
- Volunteerism



Contra Costa County
Economic Opportunity Council
PUBLIC HEARING – March 27,2025
St. Vincent De Paul

First Name: _____ Last Initial: _____ Contact: (Optional)_____

1. What are the most pressing issues facing our community today?
 - Mental Health care- No support system care
 - Employment Opportunities locally-connection to employers and need incentives
 - Transportation
 - Food insecurity, high costs of food, rent, gas
 - System is broken
 - People don't make enough to live
 - Support for Spanish speakers
 - People don't know how and where to access services
 - People don't know about 211

2. What are the biggest barriers preventing people from accessing essential services
 - Police confiscating belongings
 - How do you get your information? Phone, Facebook, word of mouth, flyers, United Latino Voices
 - Need 2-1-1 campaign
 - Locations for phone charging
 - Don't get returned calls from 211
 - Need social workers on staff for mentally needy
 - 211 referrals don't have resources, problems too big for resources available
 - No where to go with a child and dog. It's not illegal to be homeless
 - Cooling stations in Pittsburg

- CSB to help with utility bills
- Non-profits over burned/under resourced. Not enough support from cities and businesses.

3. What positive changes would you like to see happen in our community?

- Put flyers in children's backpacks
- Parent coordinators to know about 211, services and digital communications
- Better coordination with school and chambers of commerce
- Promote non-profits to city officials and business leaders
- City/County supports programs/services but not nearly enough
- Better collaboration /partnerships among non-profits. People to learn about us by word of mouth
- Better education about early childhood interventions
- Environmental improvements- air purifiers, La Clinica hands has them and provides education for dealing with asthma, and bedbug removals
- 9-8-8 mental health hotline
- Parks and safety. E. Leland not safe,

4. How can we best work together to address these concerns?

- More collaboration with non-profits, businesses and city council
- Promotora Meeting- La Clinica on April 25, 2025
- Annual homeless, job, resource fairs- The Oakland Arena had one and it was super successful and need to have one in contra costa county
- Back to school events for family resources and collaboration with United Way
- Coordinate hikes, physical activities for children and families to improve mental health during the summer
- Explore new collaborations