

IN UPTOWN

Recap from Walk Audit #5

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2018

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Participants

Long Beach Boulevard

On October 4, 2018, Long Beach community members participated in an in-the-field “walk audit” to discuss conditions along Long Beach Blvd between Artesia Blvd and 69th St. Participants responded to a series of thematic and location-specific questions regarding building design, land-use, neighborhood character, safety, and accessibility. The charts in this summary reflect participants’ written feedback on existing conditions, along with their suggestions for future improvements.

The following key themes emerged from community comments as desired elements: enhanced safety & accessibility, balance of land uses, landscaping & maintenance, and aesthetic improvements.



Walk Route Taken



KEY THEMES:

101*



SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

Participants mentioned safety and accessibility issues 101 times. Many auditors noted inadequate pedestrian lighting during the evening walk. Auditors also expressed the need for pedestrian improvements such as improved crosswalks, sidewalk maintenance and widening for accessibility.

*Number of related comments

FINDING A BALANCE

Participants mentioned desired and undesired land uses 91 times. Auditors expressed the need for parks, destinations, and healthy food choices. Additional liquor stores were not desired along the corridor and nuisance liquor stores needed to be addressed.

91



70



LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

Participants mentioned landscaping and maintenance 70 times. Auditors emphasized the need for streetscape maintenance along the corridor. Auditors wanted to see more landscaping and care/pruning of existing street trees.

AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT

Aesthetic improvements were mentioned 45 times by participants. Auditors expressed the need for building and facade improvements. Some auditors suggested incorporation of murals or public art. Undesired elements included graffiti and window security bars.

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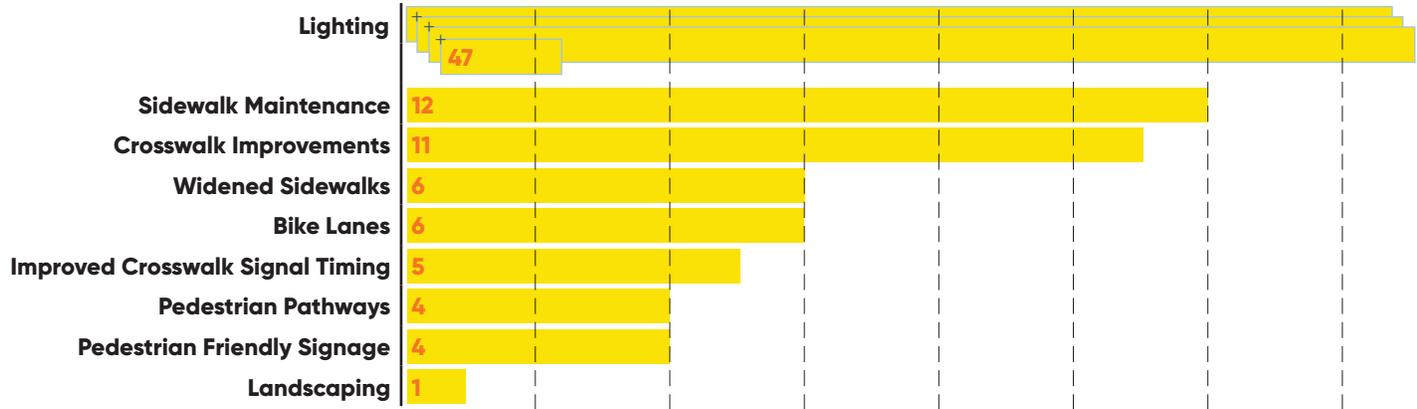


Summary of comments written by auditors are included here. Orange numbers indicate number of comments recorded. See below.

TOPIC:

SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

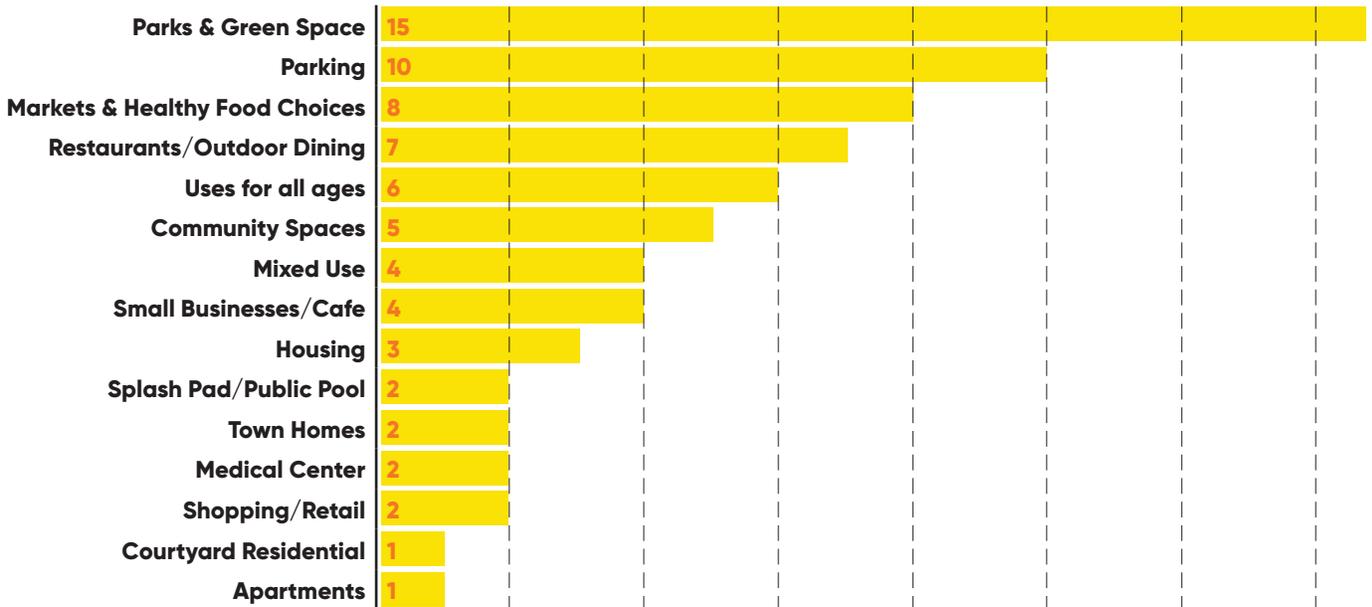
Desired Elements:



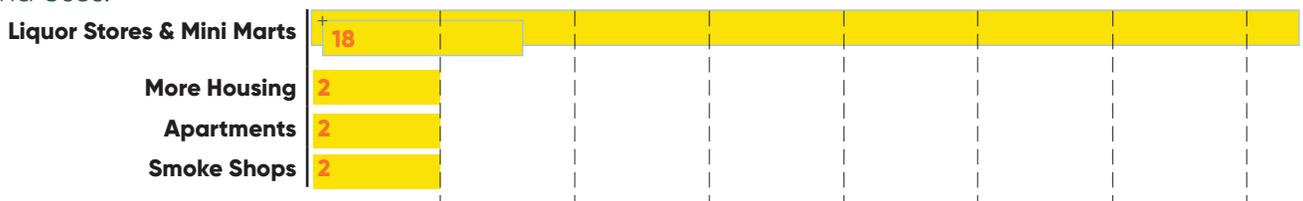
TOPIC:

FINDING A BALANCE (LAND USE PREFERENCES)

Desired Land Uses:



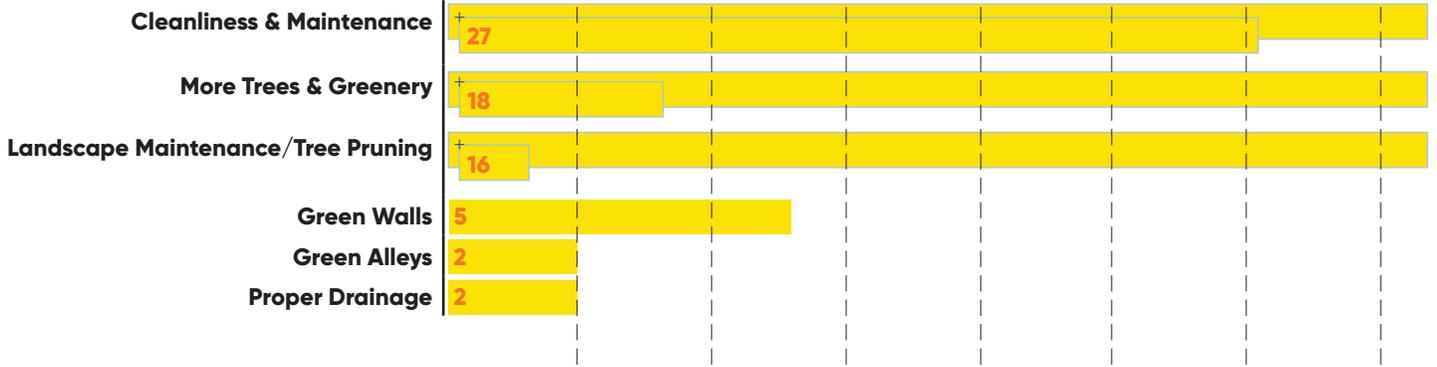
Undesired Land Uses:



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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

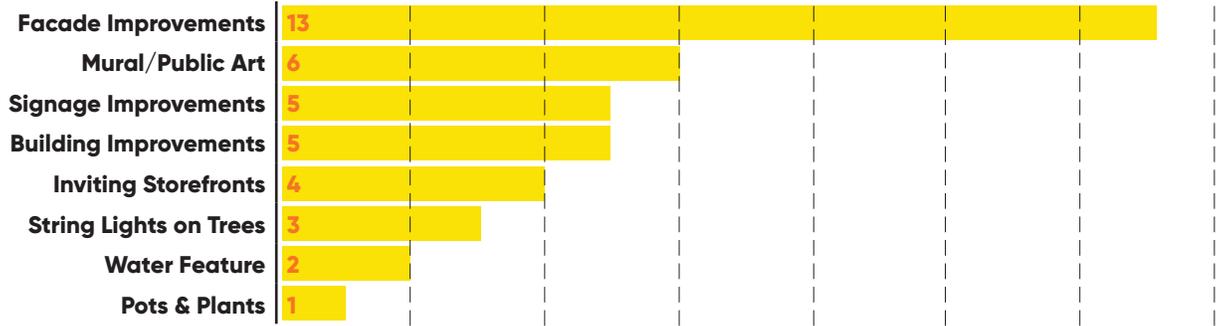
Desired Elements Include:



TOPIC:

AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS

Desired Elements Include:



Undesired Elements Include:



STREET FURNITURE

Desired Elements Include:



FINAL THOUGHTS

The following notes summarize final thoughts and comments that community members noted at the end of the walk audit. Comments have been rephrased.

- There are poor walking conditions in the area
- Hopeful for the future
- Existing land uses affect quality of life
- Want to buy, walk, meet, in the community
- We can work together to achieve goals
- Need to bring in new businesses
- Excited about this effort, hopeful for the future generation
- Excited and thankful to share thoughts and set the best example for the children
- Keep pushing to make change!
- This event was an eye opening experience. Inspiring to see that neighbors care about the community.
- Kids have a voice too!
- Complaints in this neighborhood are similar to other areas in the City.
- Need to stop graffiti
- It is great for everyone to come together and voice their ideas
- This walk audit was heartwarming
- Don't litter!
- We live here, and we should help here.