

Safe Communities and Vibrant Neighborhoods

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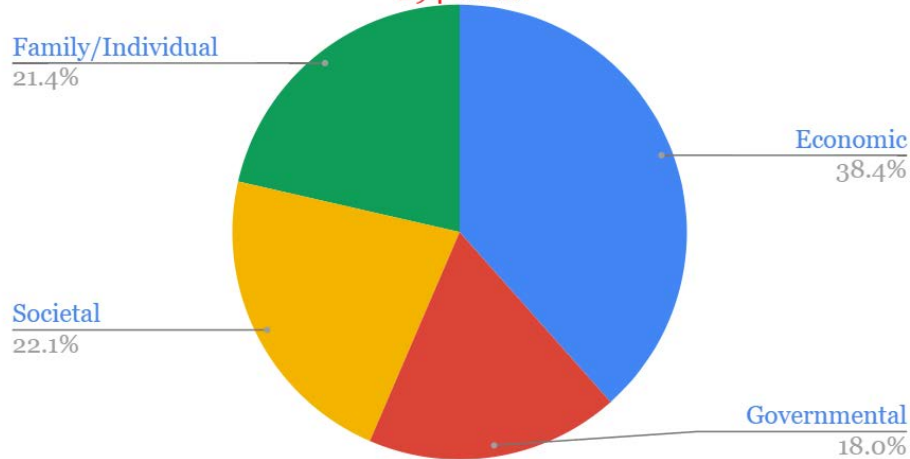
San Francisco deserves vibrant neighborhoods and safety that prioritizes the wellbeing of our most vulnerable residents.

- **Let's fund the right tools to keep us all safe-** Secure housing, programs for K-12 students, queer youth, transitional age youth, newcomer populations, dynamic public spaces, intervention services, community ambassadors, and more
 - These tools address the root causes of crime, prevent unsafe conditions, and create supportive environments for residents to thrive in a safer city
- **Cuts make us less safe-** Defunding critical services pushes youth and families into homelessness, it derails our neighborhood recovery, and makes San Francisco less safe.
- **Community Safety goes beyond policing-** Lack of supportive services and programs leads to criminalization in SF. Key departments have to re-prioritize core services and the police department should make their fair share of cuts.

What do community members think about community safety?

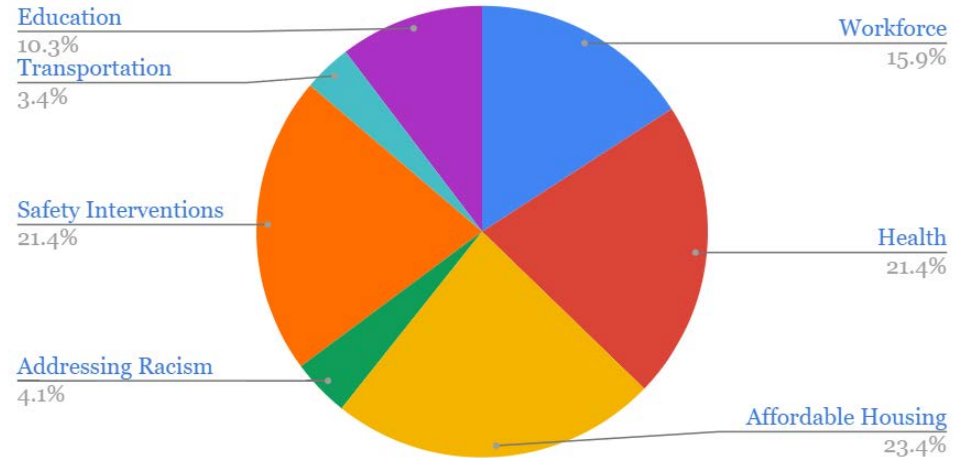
Root Causes of Community Safety by Sector

294 Votes



Solutions by Theme - What Makes Communities Safe?

116 Votes



Staff Up Community Programs that Keep Us Safe

SEIU 1021 & IFPTE Local 21 Proposal

- The City has directly awarded \$78 million in contract awards to Urban Alchemy between 2019-2025 for their street ambassador services.
- Since then, the organization has faced several problems, including two class action lawsuits around their poor labor practices.

Instead of contracting with UA, staff up city jobs:

- Transition UA employees into the following positions:
 - 9166 Transit Ambassador, which currently faces 27 vacant positions, the equivalent of a 75% vacancy rate.
 - The Community Ambassadors Program (CAP), the City's community safety and neighborhood engagement program. Program receives federal funding and provides proper training.
- Potential contracts to transition:
 - San Francisco Human Services Agency (HSA) has a grant agreement with Urban Alchemy between 2023-2025 for \$2.2 million to provide Street Safety Monitors.
 - The Office of Economic and Workforce Development has a grant agreement with the Mid-Market Foundation for management of the Mid-Market Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program for \$61 million between October 2023 and June 2025.

LYRIC, Larkin Street , the SF LGBT Center, Huckleberry Youth Programs, and our partner organizations provide safe, identity-affirming spaces for vulnerable transitional aged queer youth to receive life sustaining, life saving services.

Queer youth represent just under half of the unhoused youth on our streets and are some of our most vulnerable community members. It is critical that unhoused queer youth have access to services in the safe, identity-affirming spaces that LYRIC, Larkin, SF LGBT Center, 3rd Street, and HYP provide. Collectively our organizations have experienced a **43% cut** in funding through DCYF.

- **Mayor's required cuts to general fund: 10%**
- **DCYF RFP announcement overall cuts to grants: 35%**
- **Cuts to services for TAY/A and queer youth: 43%**

- 1) This represents the **complete elimination of over 5 programs** impacting employment, leadership development, services for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated youth and guts access to critical safety net services.
- 2) Queer-specific service providers are imperative: our queer youth do not feel safe going to general services.
- 3) This disinvestment **will significantly disrupt service delivery systems for vulnerable queer young people** and the collaborative, complex systems that service providers have created to support our clients.

San Francisco is a city of refuge for queer young people. Lack of care for these most vulnerable youth now, sets them up to become the next generation of chronically homeless adults.

SFILEN, Dolores Street Community Services, SF Latino Parity and Equity Coalition: Newcomer Programs

- San Francisco is a city of immigrant families, and more people arrive from other countries every day. In 2019, immigrants made up 34.3% of the city. Immigration is an essential part of San Francisco's history.
- For new arrivals, like anyone, safety means access to housing, employment and having their **basic needs met**.
- Affordable legal services allow families to have access to lawful employment and receive the same protections as everyone else. But capacity at legal non profits is extremely limited.
 - Immigration legal non profits in the city can receive *hundreds* of calls a day.
 - Community members are being forced to look for legal counsel elsewhere which is not affordable or and can be unreliable.
- Outreach organizations connect new arrivals and long term residents to housing, know-your-rights resources, language access and culturally competent programs all contribute to a feeling of safety.
- Currently, none of the funding for these programs is sufficient to meet the needs of the community.
- Invest in immigrants now - Allocate resources early on to provide stabilization to prevent the need for intervention down the line.

K-12/Youth Services: Keeping Our Students and Families Safe & Supported

- After-School/Beacon Programs
- Summer Programming
- Literacy and Academic Support
- Enrichment Programs
- Youth Leadership Development Programs

**Too many programs are being
completely defunded**

It takes a village to keep a child safe

- Working class families depend on after school education, summer programming, and enrichment programs to nurture, teach, and keep their children safe while they are at work

K-12 students are struggling with mental health post-pandemic & need more nurturing environments

- Underfunding supportive programming can result in dire consequences for the emotional health of our youth. This could lead to youth criminalization, deepened and unaddressed trauma, and more

Youth Leadership/Enrichment Programs are an investment in the future of safety in SF

- These programs foster self-determination, identity development, and they support youth and student voice to shape a better city

Environmental Justice Communities organizing for Safe Spaces to heal our bodies and the planet. – Hummingbird Farm on Occupied Ohlone Land.

- *Connecting to ancestral land based traditions that reflect our neighborhood immigrant families
- *Creating intergenerational spaces for connection and learning from the oldest to the youngest.



- *Collective community governance of public land.
- *Native Plant Restoration/ Regenerative Land Management.
- *Feeding our communities/growing organic culturally relevant food. Food is Medicine.



- *Leadership Development. Training the next generation of SF Land Stewards through apprenticeships workforce development.
- *Solidarity Forever/ Collaborations with schools and organizations.

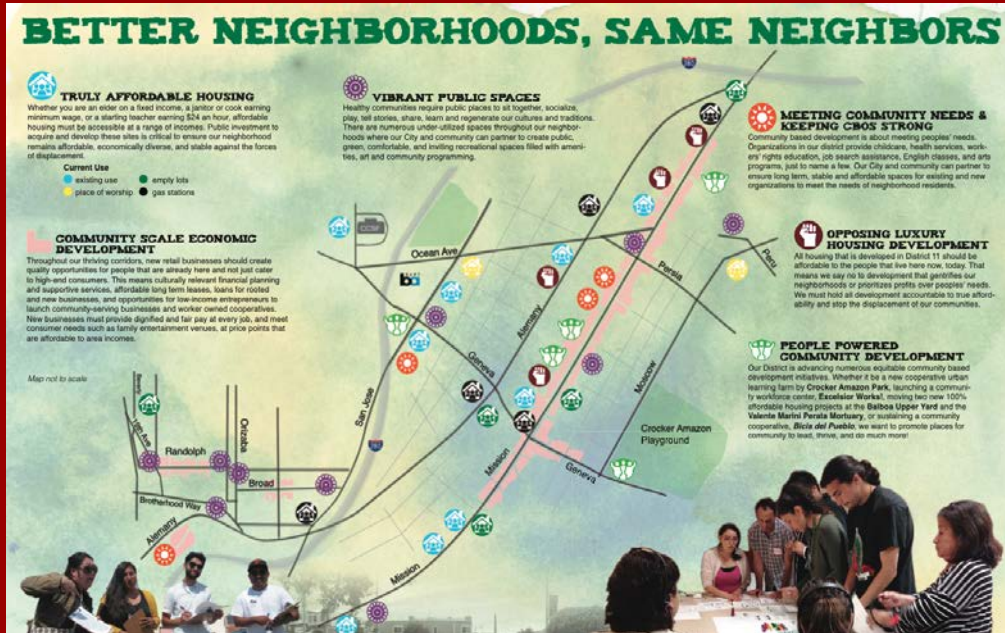


HOW IS MOHCD INVESTING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?

Example benefits from past investment:

- Partnerships with community leaders during COVID
- The community leadership developed in the D11 Alliance CUHJ resulted in the fruition of KAPUSAO the 100% affordable development

What has this investment looked like in the past?



Home is Where the Heart Is
A People-Powered Community Vision for the Balboa Park Upper Yard, Excelsior District

