

## Group #1 Ambriz/Robles- What is the most important project or program you would like to see funded?

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1. Affordable housing / rental assistance
2. Youth education and programming; Emotional support
3. Fix streets and sidewalks and parks
  - Aime – Allocating resources to community based programs – rental relief
  - Maria – Early childhood education – quality education -
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Aime – Low income housing
  - Aime – Fix our streets
  - Aime – Community based programs
  - Maria – Youth development, early childhood education
  - Ezequiel – Affordable housing
  - Aime – More housing opportunities
  - David – Fix sidewalks
  - David – Develop a program to incentivize homeless to pick up trash
  - David – Repair parks and community facilities
  - David – sidewalks – roads they need to be fixed funds allocated for trash pick-up/ maintenance
  - David – homeless folks to pickup their own trash – a program to incentivize
  - Andrea – Implement the Alisal Vibrancy Plan and Parks Master Plan
  - Christina – Youth programming and education, youth leadership programs
  - Christina – Art and art therapy
  - Devon – Develop plan for long term funding of youth programming and education
  - Maria Carmen – Need socio/emotional support for youth
  - Maria Carmen – Need leadership for youth
  - F.A - Rental assistance for families
  - Charlene – Bridge education. Mental and physical health of children
  - Alma – Spaces for families, emotional support for families through this (COVID) trauma with a facilitator
  - Alma – Rental assistance
  - Karla – Youth programming, reallocate funding from police to youth
  - Karla – Affordable housing
  - Karla – Partnership with school districts
  - Maria Carmen – Funding needs to be allocated to youth and leadership. Reduce police funding. Prevention funding
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## Group #2 Casillas/Sandoval - What is the most important project or program you would like to see funded?

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1. Investment Youth (enrichment programs, safe spaces, recreation, offer something they are interested in)
2. Economic Development, Alisal Plan funded, Diversify workforce, increase tax base to fund programs
3. Homeless program accountable
  - Karla Lobo – Education. Youth programs and beautification of our neighborhoods. Affordable housing. Local workers can't afford to live here. Homeless community is increasing due to housing pricing.
  - Israel Villa – Alisal Vibrancy plan is funded. Youth programs and services. Intervention and Prevention. Engagement with our youth. community beautification, cultural murals, arts, music, etc.
  - Maraly Escalante – Agree. Investment in youth. Programs to support safe space, recreation and places to go keep them on the right path. Advertise existing programs and resources. Culturally relevant programs to provide the social connection.
  - Jason Pineda – SEE CHAT COMMENTS Agrees with what the first three commenters said and that tax revenue needs to be increased/ and or wages need to be found how to be increased. Affordable childcare. The city needs to fund research on economic inequality and how to alleviate its effects.
  - Mitchell Huerta - Work on the local economy. Attract well paying jobs to diversify our economy. Creates a diverse tax base to fund our priorities. Parks and Rec – More youth and adult programs for our residents. Affordable housing. Community Clean ups. Organized by the City.
  - Maria Cambron - Supporting current programs currently working with individuals experiencing homelessness while holding them accountable. Key Performance Measures?
  - Sharee Armstrong - street repair and maintenance project. Complete in a timely manner.
  - Hector Juarez-Vargas - Homeless – Regarding the project about refurbishing a hotel for houseless folks, I feel like I'd like this project to get more publicity! So that this project isn't forgotten about in the future. Youth activity programs (music, arts, etc). Tech workshops. Digital Nest.
  - Juan Markus Zavala - Invest in the quality of the community programs. After school programs actually need to tap into the creativity (music, acting, painting, etc) and interests of the youth. They need highly trained and professional teachers and not just a space to be after school and mess around. We need to be pragmatic with our approach.
  - Mamie - Community gardens in lots that have been empty for years would be nice. There are a number in Oakland that have proven to help bring the community together.
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## Group #3 Soto/Brinton- What is the most important project or program you would like to see funded?

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1. Housing – Targeted, affordable for all (rent control)
2. Youth investment; utilize vacant spaces for youth programs, enrichment programs
3. Invest in the Alisal Vibrancy Plan implementation
  - Housing – middle classes opportunities; housing first initiatives; targeted
  - How can residents understand/know what services that the city provides? Need to know so that can better provide input
  - Housing for middle class and parks – for youth engagement
  - Teens – college preparedness; enrichment to reach full potential
  - Road improvements – cracks, pot holes
  - Education for all – including for adults to for career advancement; GED, HS graduation
  - Outside resources for youth; sports, art and culture, mental health; domestic violence resources for youth too.
  - Families- single parents need support services – financial, emotional, mental
  - How can city use social media/online differently to inform residents about services and resources available? Residents need to be informed. Survey is a start and can be a good tool to allow residents to be heard. Related to items on agenda. Could be sent out in advance of Council meeting. Need Council subcommittee focused on community engagement and outreach. Encourage and facilitate participation
  - Outreach program
  - Homeless/Unsheltered community – services and housing is needed; not clear as to what actions are being taken
  - One time assistance for emergency needs
  - Tiny homes as an option for housing; repurposing empty buildings
  - Partner with other jurisdictions that have successful programs.
  - Welcoming engagement, transparency and accessibility of services
  - Housing, education and crisis help; especially types of programs, resources and funding sources
  - Health care professionals
  - Education
  - Farmworker housing
  - Funding for AVP/Parks Master Plan – need the city to fund according to priorities identified – accountability for implementation
  - Rental assistance/ – affordability for all
  - Interpretation for indigenous people in schools clinics and hospitals

## Group #4 Lizaola/Garcia- What is the most important project or program you would like to see funded?

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1. Alisal Vibrancy Plan (Housing Aid & renter protection programs; transportation & infrastructure)
  2. Parks Master Plan (safe places for youth)
  3. City-Wide Safety and Security (lighting, policing, community building, mental health resources)
- Alisal Vibrancy Plan
    - Resource centers
    - Economic development piece
    - Housing portion (outreach re tenant protection rights)
    - Transportation & infrastructure (lighting, sidewalk reconstruction, pavement restoration, road projects on East Alisal)
      - ADA accessibility, adequate wheelchair clearance
    - Lighting, display of public art
  - Parks Master Plan
    - Cesar Chavez Park
    - Soccer Complex
  - Security city-wide
    - Sufficient patrols at the parks, involved with the youth
  - Building relationships between Community and Officers
  - Proper Maintaining of parks (Laurel & Madeira)
    - Adequate (age- appropriate & proper working condition) playground equipment and basketball courts

## Group #5 Arreola/Sanchez- What is the most important project or program you would like to see funded?

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1. Housing for all economic levels
  2. Youth programming
  3. Pedestrian safety and traffic
  4. Economic opportunity for youth and homelessness
- Emma Garcia – Invest in youth programs, Mo. Co. First Tee invest in STEM programs – focused in Alisal and northside, afterschool programs, variety of activities , City should Partner with Agents of 831 homeless organization private funded program, funding towards mental health, homeless outside grocery stores that they get the help they need.
  - Vivian – agree youth programs, STEM programming and homelessness should be priorities, fund summer activities, STEM related, prepare youth for future jobs.
  - Jose Garcia – as an employee we are members of the community, reach out to youth, would like ideas to help assist, focused on invest in youth, is a longtime resident, affordable housing, such as middle class not just poverty, where do we draw the line in affordable housing? Reality is multiple families live under one roof, that how people make it affordable, sharing one residence, evaluate housing to make it affordable for one family.
  - Erin Peck – programs so money does not run out, money generating, after school care for youth, Agents for 831 to help with issues to help people, help with low income households, employee the homeless, give them hope, services all in one building, not all over the place. Add more street lights
  - Maribel Gutierrez- invest in the AVP, coned to East side, Look into Cyclovia as an event, to come together, interactive event for all,
  - Gloria Moore – programs for better training for better jobs, services for seniors, Elevator in Firehouse
  - David Gonzales – more affordable housing for everyone no matter who we are, traffic, instead of bike lane, create a lane on Natividad Rd. Traffic issues near Alvarez HS, more ADA ramps at corners.
  - Georgene Blackwell– agree with all, keep kids off the streets, homeless needs services and help, housing to be provided and job training.
  - Emma –Invest in HS diploma plans, apply pressure on Salinas adult school to support the students, over a year wait. SUHS needs some help and pressure to act to help. Transit system to be more robust.

## Group #6 Gurmilan/Lagasca- What is the most important project or program you would like to see funded?

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1. Affordable Housing & Addressing homeless issue
2. Alisal Vibrancy Plan
3. Youth Programs

- Faye – homeless support, support for youth
- Zaira - Youth programs and organizations; Alisal Vibrancy Plan – housing, tenant protection, economic development & supporting businesses
- Salinas regional soccer complex
- Marc – homes for homeless and after school programs
- Harry – Alisal Vibrancy Plan
- Raquel – affordable housing, supplemental funding for schools – more counselors, sports programs and after school programs
- Matt – invest to meet City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment Goal
- Bernie – places for safe family/youth outdoor activities; work with County to address homeless issue; job training/opportunities for youth; Alisal Vibrancy Plan & Master Plan
- Elizabeth – Alisal Vibrancy Plan
- Jessica – Art Programs
- Alejandro – dashboard to keep public aware of requests and progress of cases in Salinas Connect
- Employment opportunities for moms – still take care of kids and work
- Allocate money on fixing sidewalk and roads; many streets needs speed bumps; flashing lights on crosswalk in Williams (Alisal HS)
- Others – simplify budget process and share with community for them to understand the basics of the budget; city to listen and act of public requests
- Request to have budget summary available before meeting so they know what they can fund
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## Group #7 Resendiz/Rianto- What is the most important project or program you would like to see funded?

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1. Alisal Vibrancy Plan
2. Investing in youth education/program - ethnic studies
3. Unhoused/homeless support

- Alisal Vibrancy Plan
- Chinatown Revitalization
- Ethnic education
- Youth programming/education
- First Mayor House program
- Support Dorothy's for women's day center
- Financial literacy program for youth/young people and all ages
- Support for unhoused people
- Alisal vibrancy plan
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- Workforce development strategy supporting youth education
- Ciclovía
- Alisal vibrancy plan
- Program to assist unhoused with housing and jobs
- Parks master plan
- Chinatown
- Housing
- Homeless issue
- Prevention/mentorship program for you
- Promotion of volunteerism
- Investment to support mental health (opportunity to provide community supported effort), currently MoCo behavioral health responds

## Group #8 Rome/Peñaloza- What is the most important project or program you would like to see funded?

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1. Invest in Alisal Vibrancy Plan
2. Social services – assist with domestic violence/human trafficking issues
3. Community programs (space for seniors and vendors/opportunities for youth)
  - Omar – invest in strategic plans we have already spent time on - Alisal Vibrancy Plan/Parks and Rec. Master Plan. Great community input from community already on these plans. Re-allocate funding from PD to these programs.
  - Christine Duncan – in support of PD. Works in domestic violence and defunding PD would increase domestic violence. Increased funding for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. Defunding the police or re-allocating is not necessarily the answer. Look at priorities. What is worth more? Keep in touch with reality. We need to live in a safe environment with a sense of belonging.
  - Roberto Mendoza – he was part of committee of Alisal Vibrancy Plan. AVP should be one of the projects where funds should be re-allocated. This plan took a long time to be formed. Many community members gave input. South side already had their vibrancy plan put in place and when will East side see it?
  - Yolanda Cervantes – agrees with Christine. More funding to help with human trafficking issue.
  - Ela Godoy – South side is not the East side of Salinas. If people in the East side are telling us they don't feel safe we should be listening. It is not safe. Didn't like having Police presence while she was in school. When does the East side get their funding? If we invested in communities, crime would probably go down.
  - Josh Hostetter – on duty at FS5 in East side currently. Used to have one homicide per week and now the numbers are down. Live PD and local hiring – all interlinks with community. Community policing – creating those relationships. Opportunity to look at the need for public safety. Look for better relationship with community – partnership. Look for homegrown candidates for public safety. Completely against defunding PD.
  - Diana Carrasco – who is deserving of a living wage? What are we doing as a community to preserve the dignity of community and their labor? Who is professional and what is skilled labor? Reconsidering what community is capable of.
  - Omar – someone said we were averaging a high number of homicides per week years back and that comment discredits all the work social services and other organizations have done. Fund preventative programs. Community has done a lot of work to decrease the rate of crime. Master Plan specifically targets funding those services to uplift community with preventive services.
  - Dominic Dursa – happy to see collaborative meeting like this. Too often we have meetings where many agree with each other. Hard conversations to be had and it's only beneficial to have them together.
  - Yolanda Cervantes – if people don't feel safe to shop or visit they will not visit our City. If people don't come we won't have the revenue to fund all of the programs.
  - Paul Farmer – we are heading in the right direction. Happy to hear the voices of the youth regarding equity.
  - Yolanda Cervantes – collaboration with Chamber to help community. More revenue for community and programs.
  - Diana Carrasco – what projects are being considered? Would like to see more investment and prioritizing youth groups. Disruption when families need to move. Prioritize a space for these conversations. Spaces to express ourselves in a more intimate and rooted level. Beyond verbal expression.
  - Sam – nobody is coming from Monterey to shop in Salinas. Tax revenue comes mainly from 93905. Community kitchen in City of Pajaro – fully operation. Create opportunities for people in Salinas – vendors.
  - More investments for businesses
  - Roberto Mendoza – AVP includes streets and sidewalks. East Salinas sidewalks are worse than other areas. It supports rent control and local business.
  - Belem – space for seniors to have fun. Keep safety of Salinas. Don't defund PD.
  - Omar – fund AVP



