

"We're at risk of being homeless. My boyfriend is on social security due to his Aspergers and I am a full-time student barely getting by. He even donates plasma twice a week to be able to pay all of our bills."

- Susanne, Vancouver Resident

## Rising Rents

Stories like Susanne's are increasingly common in Vancouver. Many people are facing annual rent increases without seeing an increase in their incomes. Much of this is the result of a growing population, as new people move into Vancouver.

Investments in public safety, transportation and open space are making the city a more desirable place to live. While these improvements are meant to create safer and more livable neighborhoods, they can also make neighborhoods unaffordable.

## Improvements Should Benefit Old and New Residents

The City is trying to answer the question of how to create more livable neighborhoods while making sure current residents can stay and benefit from improvements.

To address this challenge, in 2019, the City partnered with graduate students from Portland State University to create an Anti-Displacement Plan for Vancouver.

This Plan recommends a number of solutions that together can help address the impacts of increased demand for housing in Vancouver.

## Exciting Investments in Vancouver include:



### Mill Plain Blvd. Bus Rapid Transit

A plan to improve the speed of public transportation down Mill Plain Blvd.



### The Heights Redevelopment Plan

A plan to develop the Tower Mall site into a vibrant district with housing and business opportunities.



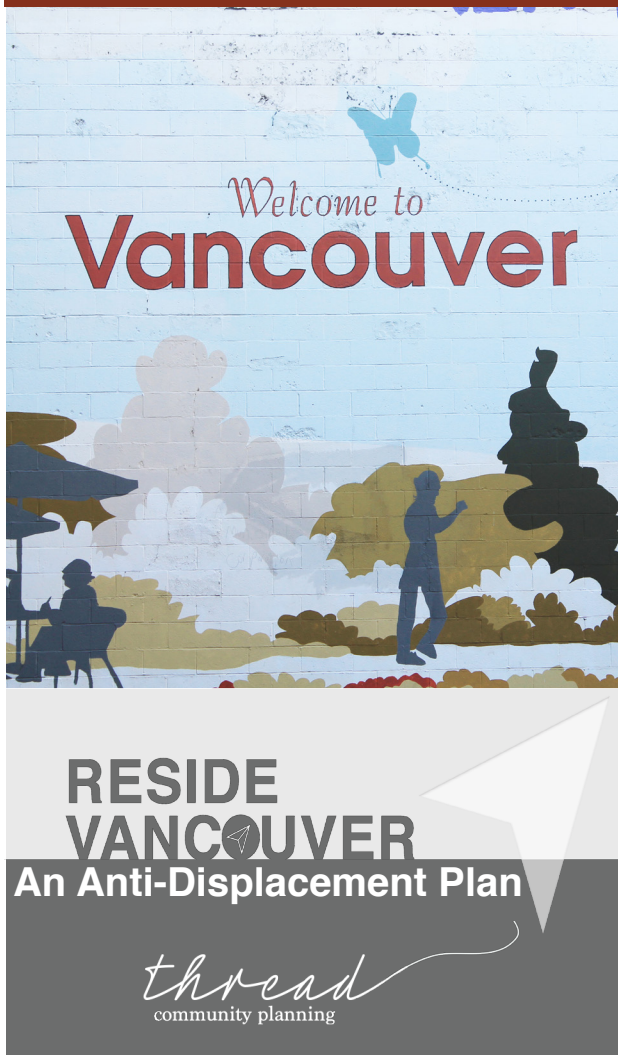
### Commercial Corridors Strategy

A strategy to increase business opportunities in Vancouver



### David Douglas Park, Redevelopment

A plan to improve the quality of Douglas Park by adding a dog park



## Community Conversations:

Graduate students from Portland State University spent months talking to service providers, advocacy groups, consultants and to some of Vancouver's most vulnerable residents to displacement. During these conversations, residents expressed:

- Concerns about rising housing costs
- Desires to stay in the neighborhood
- Ideas for potential solutions

## Potential Solutions



### People

- Increases the rights of people who are at-risk of displacement
- Increases access to resources for people who are vulnerable to displacement



### Production

Increases the affordable housing options for low-income residents who would like to stay in the neighborhood



### Preservation

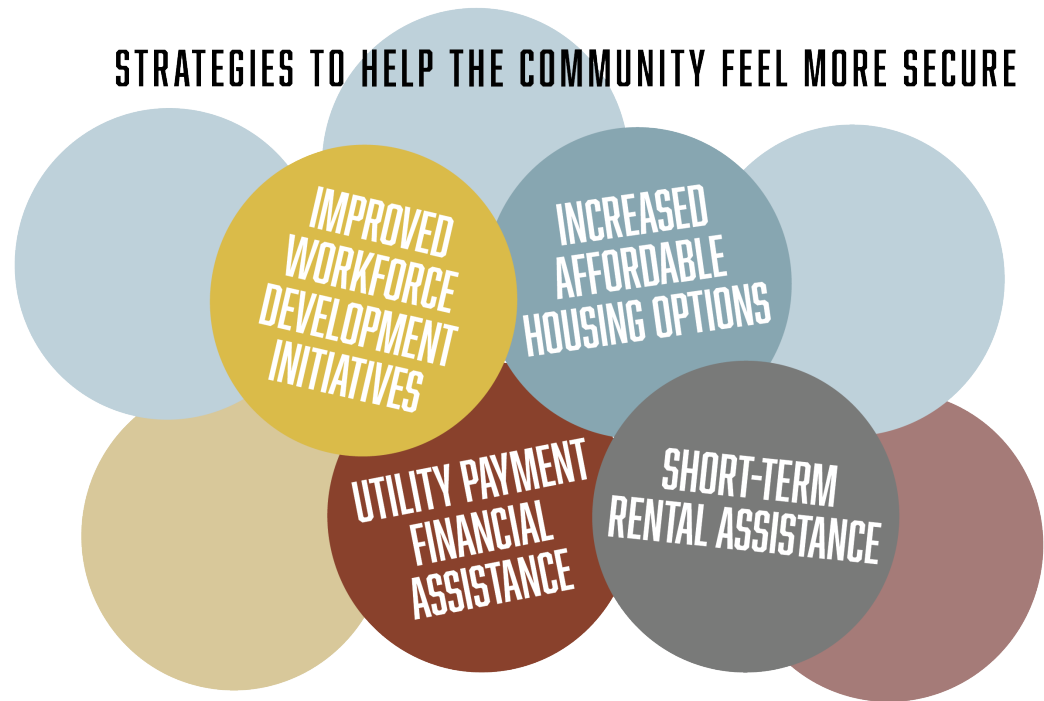
- Preserves existing housing
- Benefits renters and homeowners •
- Affects the way that the City implements public improvements



### Prosperity

Increases the opportunities for job training, so that residents can increase their income, and better withstand increasing housing costs

## STRATEGIES TO HELP THE COMMUNITY FEEL MORE SECURE



## Here is what you can do to help make these recommendations a reality!

- Show up at community meetings where these will be discussed
- Contact your elected representatives to tell them your stories and which recommendations you are most excited about
- Always request interpretation if you need it - it is your right!

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