

THE FUTURE OF THE SOUTHERN BOULEVARD COMMUNITIES IS:

Examples of what we've heard

VISION

Our aspiration for the future of the neighborhoods along Southern Boulevard

“Diverse” “Allow residents to create lives and families that are happy, connected and prosperous” “Safe, enriched with culture and united” “Self-sufficient”

“Healthier” “Keeping our communities in tact” “Quality and affordable housing”

“Empowered” “Good schools” “A place that allows residents to create lives and families that are happy, connected and prosperous” “Strong small business community”

“modernized and safe” “A place where every kid grows up health, educated, safe, goes to college and gets a good job” “Safe: pedestrian, bike and car friendly” “Access to the Bronx River and get around easily”

“Live a long and healthy life” “A place with healthy food options” “Quality stores, variety of businesses, and entertainment”

“Inclusive” “Dependent upon the needs of the people who live in the communities”

“A community that maintains their culture and diversity and that offers better security and quality of life for people of all ages”

WHAT GOALS HELP TO ACHIEVE THIS VISION?

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GOALS

How we want to think strategically to achieve our visions

Preserve existing community assets
 “Preserve and INVEST in...”
 “and make them better”
 “Create safe and improved, modern infrastructure”

Address longstanding health inequities in the community by focusing on root causes
 “and Economic inequities”
 “Make sure this is a place where people can age in place”

Ensure this is a great place for young people to grow up and thrive
 “... as well as to stay in, and return to”

WHAT IDEAS DO WE HAVE TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS?

Any idea -big or small - to help achieve the goals above

IDEAS



- HOUSING**
- Make sure existing affordable housing stays affordable
 - Build affordable housing that is affordable for a range of people, including those with the lowest incomes
 - Build both affordable rental housing and affordable homeownership opportunities
 - Rehabilitate aging buildings in need of repair
 - Provide better service to tenants with housing quality issues
 - Make it easier to apply for affordable housing
 - Protect tenants from landlord harassment
 - Research new affordable housing policies and programs, such as community land trusts, to see how they can be implemented



- Jobs and Businesses**
- Create new opportunities for jobs
 - Provide job training and placement services
 - Create paid youth internships/employment opportunities
 - Create opportunities for vending and concessions
 - Strengthen and preserve local businesses
 - Encourage different kinds of retail such as more sit-down restaurants, better grocery options, entertainment options, etc.



- PARKS & OPEN SPACE**
- Make it easier to get to parks and the Bronx River
 - Maintain and upgrade existing parks and facilities
 - Create more programming for all ages and abilities in our open spaces and parks
 - Parks and public spaces should have more lighting and safety measures
 - Plant more street trees to buffer noise and pollution
 - Improve Bronx River water quality



- COMMUNITY RESOURCES**
- Ensure there is youth programming for all ages
 - Increase and improve health care and social services
 - Provide healthy food options
 - Promote health and fitness
 - Make the area safer and discourage crime
 - Highlight local history, the arts, and culture



- STREETS & TRANSPORTATION**
- Make streets and sidewalks better lit at night
 - Maintain streets and sidewalks better
 - Build safe bike routes
 - Make it easier and safer to walk, bike, take transit, and drive around the area
 - Make street crossings safe, especially as they connect to schools, parks and the Bronx River
 - Ensure that subway and elevated rail stations are clean, safe, accessible and attractive
 - Think strategically about issues related to parking, now and looking into the future

Examples of what we've heard

“Energy-efficient solar power”

“Supportive housing”

“Address noise”

“Housing that is safe and secure”

“Provide better services”

“Connect people with local employers”

“Provide healthy food”

“Monitor and improve air quality”

“Need more East/West connections in the Bronx”

“Community recreation center where people can swim”