

TO: Chinatown Working Group
SUBJ: Guiding Principles / Working Teams
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As a first step, each CWG Working Team should identify three goals (“Guiding Principles”) to help the entire CWG coordinate its efforts. Below are examples of Guiding Principles the CWG Steering may want to consider. (PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE NOT RECOMMENDATIONS!!!)

As an example, CB#3’s Zoning Taskforce came up with six 6 Guiding Principles at the start of planning to guide the specifics Re. EV/LES Zoning.

- 1) Preserve the residential character of the neighborhood;
- 2) Preserve its current scale and mid-rise character;
- 3) Establish a district more in keeping with current planning principles of contextual design;
- 4) Preserve the mixed-income character of the neighborhood through the use of Inclusionary Zoning.
- 5) Eliminate the opportunity for community facility overdevelopment allowed under the current zoning;
- 6) We are against additional commercial overlays in any part of the plan including, but not limited to St. Mark's Place.

Because the CWG is not focused solely on Zoning, here are examples each of the WTs may want to consider (courtesy of CB#1 Land Use Expert Michael Levine.) Again, these are examples for WT’s to consider – not CWG recommendations.

AFFORDABILITY:

Maximize availability of affordable housing in Chinatown.

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

Provide additional education for improving skills for recent immigrants and older members of the community

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REVITALIZATION

Provide programs to expand Chinatown businesses

HISTORIC & CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Seek historic designation for Chinatown core.

IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS & SOCIAL SERVICES

Provide tools to integrate new immigrants into the community.

PARKS, OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

Provide additional open space to respond to the pressures of increased population growth in and around Chinatown.

PARKING, TRANSPORTATION, CIRCULATION & SECURITY

Create safer public circulation in and around Chinatown core.

ZONING

Create zoning for Chinatown which preserves existing housing and provides the opportunity for new affordable housing.