

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMENTS



### KEY ELEMENTS from the COMMUNITY OUTREACH STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

*"TO HELP CREATE A VIBRANT, MIXED-USE, 24 hour/7 day week NEIGHBORHOOD, ROOTED IN A RICH HISTORICAL PAST"*

- Enliven the street level
- Develop workforce housing
- Create a northern gateway
- Potential for private investments-local and foreign
- Perceived lack of Parking
- Perception of danger and drugs
- Cleanliness issue, loitering and queuing
- Lack of critical mass of supportive ethnic businesses surrounding Chinese Garden
- Lack of area residents with discretionary income
- Construction and torn up streets hurt current



### TOP PRIORITIES FOR NEW BUSINESS VENTURES IN THE STUDY AREA?

- High end, well-run Asian restaurant with private banquet room space
- Boutique-type hotel with meeting spaces
- Local small businesses
- Market / Grocery
- Parking – subsidize development; cost/benefit analysis
- Assist development of small business spaces and enhancements for current businesses
- Seismic upgrades to conserve historic buildings
- Community / cultural center
- Destination open spaces and/or natural spaces



### COMMENTS ON BLANCHET HOUSE

- Support for Blanchet House to stay in the neighborhood and provide their much-needed service in a facility that is appropriate and designed to accommodate their work and be a good neighbor.
- Preference for a Blanchet House building site off of Block 25 to create the opportunity for a full block development.

