



2023 Listening Tour with Mayor Yemi & City Council

Housing Feedback Report

Overview: This report provides a comprehensive list of feedback related to **HOUSING** captured during the seven-stop Listening Tour, which took place Aug. 4-Sept. 9. The tour included six district-specific listening sessions, one in each of the six Colorado Springs City Council districts, as well as one citywide virtual listening session. Asterisks (*) indicate how frequently a piece of feedback or a sentiment was repeated. Feedback that is listed under a specific district indicates which listening session feedback was received at and does not necessarily reflect feedback solely from residents who live in that district.

District 1

- Need more options for families downtown, not just 'singles with \$100k+ income'.
- Need more affordable housing communities.****
- Require developers to have % of units be affordable.
- Short term rentals hurting housing affordability.*

District 2

- Need affordable housing for first responders.
- Need more affordable housing.
- Need affordable housing that 'doesn't look like section 8 housing'.
- City needs 'middle housing' – townhomes, duplexes – instead of single family and apartments.**
- New housing options marketed as affordable are attainable, not Affordable.

District 3

- New apartments are not affordable / need more truly affordable housing.**
- Need more senior-only affordable housing.

District 4

- Lacking affordable housing.***
- Need more 'middle income' housing – not 3,500+ square foot housing.
- Landlords exploiting renters and students with extra fees and policies, not following the law.***
- Need more housing for senior citizens.

District 5

- Downtown apartments are not affordable, except for Artspace.
- 'The way to solve housing is not apartments.*
- Not enough affordable housing.*****
- Too many out of state investors buying homes/townhomes/apts.**
- City needs a program to support first-time homebuyers.
- Missing 'middle income' housing.
- Need LaunchPad Project.
- Get rid of laws preventing condos.
- City needs to do a better job educating residents on importance of multi-family housing and 'how to be courteous' to affordable projects.
- Support workforce housing for teachers.
- Need better age-in-place programs.

District 6

- Severe housing shortage – multi-generational households becoming more common because people can't afford housing**
- Build more affordable housing apartments*****

Virtual (Citywide)

- Promote Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)-friendly policies to help with affordable housing.
- Need affordable housing for teachers, services workers, first responders.
- More needs to be done to address affordable housing in general.*
- Need both affordable renting options and affordable ownership options.
- Need more condos / smaller residential ownership buildings.