

Question 1

What are some of the challenges you see facing the residents of your neighborhood?

- Affordable housing for community members, teachers, and staff
- Green space- a lot of people are using the space for outdoor activities. Dancing, running, playing, etc... Seems like it is always utilized for people gathering
 - Green space in the neighborhood is being swept away for development.
 - A lot of new homes are on lots with less green space
 - Huge soccer events. Lots of free events for kids
- Affordable commercial housing for nonprofits in the area. Rent increase for nonprofits, particularly older npo's in the community, struggle
 - Clients need the services located locally
 - Lack of space for childhood centers to exist. Need a space in the midst of gentrification
 - Nonprofits that are housed now were brought in through rfp for community services. Housed certifications and adult continuing education courses
 - It's not just about office space. The spaces need to account for physical access and multiple uses. Community members come for a range of on site services.
- The Anita Coy serves district functions, many community partners as well as serving as a necessary space for community members around the site.
 - issues with gentrification, forcing lifelong east Austinites out with high taxes
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Question 2:

What are some of the problems you see happening in Austin as a whole that may be affecting our families or teachers?

- Affordability- homes, rent, inflation
 - Affordable family housing, not just 1-2 bedroom apts/studios
- What happens when more children come to the neighborhood and there isn't a school there?
- There a loss of our collective identity and memory as a community
 - losing historic buildings of all types at a dramatic rate, both 19th century, early twentieth century and mid century building like this
- Navigating complex disability systems (impacts 1 in 5 families in Austin) this is of course much more challenging for underserved families in surrounding neighborhoods.
- Housing- affluent families are sending kids to schools outside of AISD
 - Creating segregation of class
 - Ridgetop elementary example of shift
- Stratification
 - Astronomical price increase
 - Families that can afford higher pricing normally has other alternatives to public schools/resources

- Need a central location to serve high need students and their families
- Migrant families need opportunities to become involved in the community and AISD. Feel included and belong
 - Currently have nonprofit support within AISD for this mission