



Comments and Concerns

Zip Codes Represented:

68104 (2)	68132	68135
68106 (2)	68138	None listed (1)
68110	68111	51503
68108	68114	

Disparities in Access to Opportunity

Transportation

Contributing Factors/Barriers to Accessing Opportunities	Prioritization TOTALS LISTED in ()
1. Lack of availability, type, frequency, and reliability of public transportation.	H(11) M (2) L (1)
2. Lack of affordable housing along transit routes	H(9) M(3) L(2)
3. Lack of accessible transportation resources for elderly residents and persons with disabilities.	H(3) M(7) L(4)
4. Other: How to gain understanding of information on accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paratransit service is limited to bus routes, express routes exempt. We are doing the minimum service mandate by ADA. Better transportation to jobs 	

Employment

Contributing Factors/Barriers to Accessing Opportunities	Prioritization TOTALS LISTED in ()
1. Location of employers (Example: spatial mismatch between the location of major employers and the largest population of unemployed residents. Also a mismatch between the types of jobs located nearest residents in eastern Omaha and Council Bluffs and the education and job skills required)	H(10) M(4) L (0)
2. Lack of private investment in specific neighborhoods. Impacts density and available amenities leading to lack of jobs in or near high poverty and/or minority majority neighborhoods Additional comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of serious local government 	H(9) M(4) L (1)
3. Lack of affordable housing near major employers and/or a lack of employers who provide or invest in housing and/or transportation for employees.	H(10) M(4) L (0)
4. Other: Transportation Limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worker preparedness and skills to be gainfully employed. 	

Education

Contributing Factors/Barriers to Accessing Opportunities	Prioritization TOTALS LISTED in ()
1. Lack of education and/or job skills training for both youth and adults (Example: job shadowing and internships)	H (7) M (5) L (2)
2. Lack of services for families that support access to education. (Examples: better transportation, childcare, health centers, after school programing)	H (7) M (6) L (1)
3. Lack of education on landlord tenant laws, financial services, and home ownership to a broad range of residents and in multiple languages.	H (7) M (4) L (3)
4. Other: Need places to complain and seek help <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of education to landlords-discrimination and fair housing 	

Environment

Contributing Factors/Barriers to Accessing Opportunities	Prioritization TOTALS LISTED in ()
1. Deteriorated and abandoned properties. Aging and poor quality of affordable housing stock associated with environmental health issues including lead, mold, asbestos, radon not being addressed	H (8) M (4) L (2)
2. Insects/rodents	H (6) M (8) L (0)
3. Noise pollution	H (2) M (8) L (4)
4. Other: Does not cost much more in the development stage instead of after the fact.	

Access to Low Poverty Neighborhoods

Contributing Factors/Barriers to Accessing Opportunities	Prioritization TOTALS LISTED in ()
1. Access to financial services	H (6) M (7) L (0) One no vote
2. Lack of resources for fair housing agencies and organizations	H (3) M (7) L (4)
3. Lack of affordable housing policy	H (9) M (4) L (1)
4. Other: Transportation limitations Have to change policy, we can legislate against racist policies Needs to be part of developing neighborhoods	



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68106 (3)	68104	68154
68131	68117	68108
68105 (2)	68111	
68114	68132	

Public Housing

Contributing Factors/Barriers to Accessing Opportunities	Prioritization TOTALS LISTED in ()
1. Community opposition (Example: NIMBYism-Not in My Back Yard mentality)	H (8) M (4) L (4)
2. Impediments to mobility (Examples: lack of mobility counseling, lack of appropriate payment standards-vouchers meeting rental <i>market rate</i> , <i>available properties</i> , <i>interested landlords</i>)	H (4) M (7) L (5)
3. Quality and affordable housing information programs. (<i>Example</i> : education programs aimed at increasing the pool of landlords accepting vouchers.)	H (4) M (12) L (0)
4. Siting selection policies, practices, and decisions for publicly supported housing. (Integrated into neighborhood available throughout the city)	H (9) M (3) L (2)
5. Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racism • Advocates for victims of discrimination • Place to complain • Resources for help with issues • Need for more ADA public housing and prioritization in section 8 	

Disability and Access

Contributing Factors/Barriers to Accessing Opportunities	Prioritization TOTALS LISTED in ()
1. Lack of access to transportation	H (9) M (6) L (1)
2. Lack of affordable, accessible housing in a range of units and sizes	H (11) M (5) L (1)
3. Lack of financial assistance for housing modifications	H (8) M (6) L (2)
Additional comments: Advocacy for victims of discrimination	

Segregation/Integration

Contributing Factors/Barriers to Accessing Opportunities	Prioritization TOTALS LISTED in ()
1. Community opposition/ cultural attitudes regarding ability, race and poverty	H (11) M (3) L (3)
2. Land use and zoning (Example: Use of Sanitary Improvement Districts as a tool for segregation or to reduce affordable housing inclusion)	H (11) M (4) L (2)
3. Access to publically supported housing for the disability community	H (6) M (10) L (1)
Additional comments: Keep residents who are disabled independent and in the community	

RECAP (Racially and/or Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty)

Contributing Factors/Barriers to Accessing Opportunities	Prioritization TOTALS LISTED in ()
1. Lack of private investment	H (9) M (5) L (3)

2. Deteriorated and abandoned properties	H (11) M (3) L (3)
3. Lack of affordable housing in a range of units and sizes	H (14) M (3) L (0)
Additional comments: Safety	

Disproportionate Housing Needs

Contributing Factors/Barriers to Accessing Opportunities	Prioritization TOTALS LISTED in ()
1. Location and type of affordable housing and/or lack of affordable housing in a range of units and sizes	H (9) M (7) L (1)
2. Source of income discrimination (Example: people being denied for housing based on their source of income being disability benefits or section 8 vouchers)	H (8) M (6) L (3)
3. Deteriorated and abandoned properties	H (6) M (7) L (4)
Additional comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of vouchers • Lack of quality landlords • Environments that are smoke-free, healthy properties 	



Strategies and Solutions

After reviewing the strategies and solutions collected in community meetings and surveys, please provide any additional ideas about how to potentially address the following fair housing issues below.

Bullet points in blue represent attendee comments.

Public Housing

Suggested Strategy or Solution

- Create more areas like the mixed housing on N. 30th St., target low income/high poverty areas where homes are occupied but worn-out and start rehab effort.
- More ADA: ramp, 0 entry shower, be able to pave grab bars and wider doors
- Elect progressive to US congress, so we can better expand supply
- We need a budge or path from public housing to nonpublic housing
- Increase housing stock availability vouchers
- Decrease barriers to being eligible to receive voucher. Ex. People having to provide life story on application just to sit on waitlist forever
- Enactment of a rental property owners registration ordinance: stat of IA, City of LA Vista

Disability and Access

Suggested Strategy or Solution

- This need to be a higher priority. There needs to be more ADA affordable housing. The need is growing everyday
- More inclusion of mental health care illness
- Give tax incentives to landlords, or discontinue building permit fee to landlords, who they are providing accessible improvements
- Transportation is the issue
- Provide incentive to builders to build remodel units that are handicap accessible
- Strengthen of law. Increase funding for law enforcement

Segregation/Integration

Suggested Strategy or Solution

- Keep the disable independent and in the community. Not all disable are elderly
- Better education in public/private school about real Omaha history (include redlining)
- Landlord buying in higher income concentrated areas
- Concentration of all stakeholder to solve problems

RECAP (Racially and/or Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty)

Suggested Strategy or Solution

- Job training, access and outreach job training, connect with churches. Help people get off assistance by providing job training
- Building throughout Omaha
- Incentive to move and employ in these Ares. Charter schools in these areas.
- Provide incentive

Disproportionate Housing Needs

Suggested Strategy or Solution

- Grants for home improvement, possibly for new home owners. Incentive to buy repair homes
- Mandate developer funding of relocation cost upon TIF (or building/demo permit if no TIF). Rent controlling NYC or better. All TIF must include a percentage of affordable housing. Zone for dense, multi-use housing, restrict demo permits for usable houses.
- Offer funding options for those living on SSI
- Need efficiency. 1br, 2br, 3brd options to meet family needs
- Adequate money as incentives. Education is a major factor. Immigrants and refugees need extra assistance w/o being pinned against other minorities

Transportation

Suggested Strategy or Solution

- Push for more support from local gov't entities for increased transportation funding and real transportation solutions (i.e. bus, BRT, not a streetcar)
- Be door to door! Para-transit, expand routes. Don't always use large bus and invest in smaller vans. Don't pick up blind or people who walk with walkers up with large Moby bus/van. Use smaller car. Team up with Cabs or Uber
- Increase transit funding
- Less parking spaces more crowded streets lead to more reliance on public transportation. Make public transportation a choice and alternative not a last chance.
- Omaha2050 is dealing with some of this encouraging more varieties of ideas.

Employment

Suggested Strategy or Solution

- Train people for workforce, and new emerging jobs
- A living wage ordinance. A city lending bank for startups.
- Give employees better incentives and flexibility to be able to use public transportation

- Increase employment opportunities located in city areas that have high unemployment-use TIF
- Raise minimum wage, public work space for unemployed
- Housing stock available to low income residents need to be in all areas of town

Education

Suggested Strategy or Solution

- Job training for the workforce demand in healthcare, trade, and finance(relevant education)
- Ernie chamber 3 district plan
- Charter school-longer school year, increase length of days
- Major factor in all disparities. Major money infusion. Most import part of improvement in all area of concern

Environment

Suggested Strategy or Solution

- Crack down on slum lords and implement policies
- Have a place for the future. Do not react from past mistakes

Access to Low Poverty Neighborhoods

Suggested Strategy or Solution

- Systematically improve streets in the older/ poorer neighborhoods.
- Support churches. Mentor groups, to become non-profit
- Freedom from fear & education

Other

Suggested Strategy or Solution

- Don't be afraid to try things that have been successful in other cities, too many times I hear "that will never work in Omaha." But too few seem to be willing to try and actually find out if a strategy will work or not.
- Put city and regional planning discussion, forum, planning board on the web
- Reach out to the disable community. I.e. meeting they could come to when boy would actually bring them
- Thank you for researching and providing the community with this information. More people need to be at the table.