



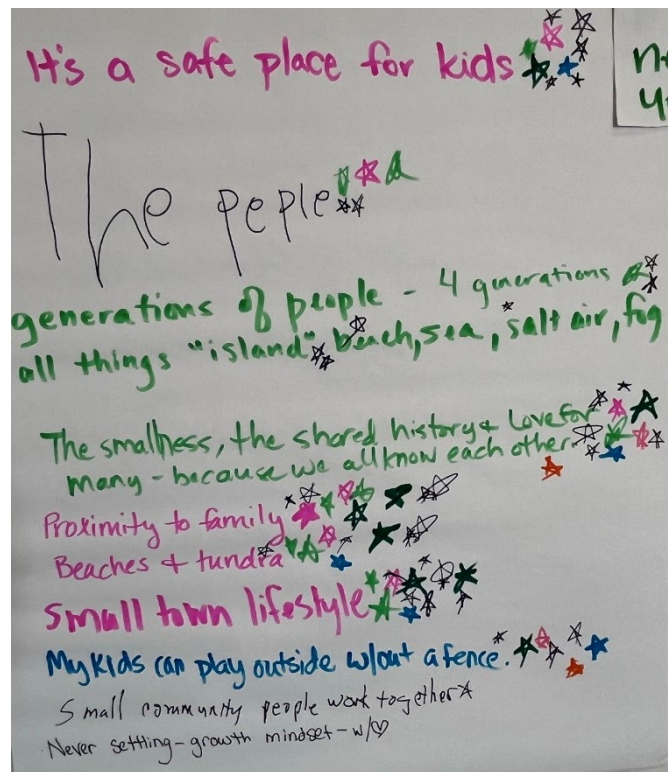
## St. Paul Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) April 19, 2023 Community Open House – Meeting Notes

### How To Interpret These Notes

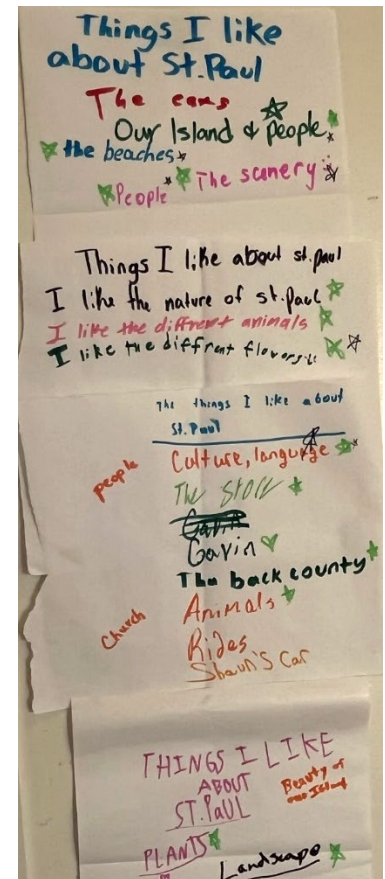
- Responses in green were shared by middle and high schoolers the day before the open house.
- Open house participants were asked to add stars next to ideas and comments that they agreed with; “x#” indicates the number of stars following a response. Within each question, items with the most stars are at the top of each list. When similar responses were written to the same question, those responses have been combined.

### Question: What do you like about living on Saint Paul Island?

- Small town lifestyle (x13)
- The smallness, the shared history and love for many – because we all know one another (x11)
- It's a safe place for kids (x9)
- Proximity to family (x9)
- Beaches and tundra (x8)
- My kids can play outside without a fence (x7)
- People (x7)
- The scenery, beauty, landscape (x6)
- We take care of each other (x6)
- Clean air (x5)
- The beaches/lakes (x4)
- The different flowers and plants (x4)
- All things “island” – beach, sea, salt, air, fog (x4)
- Our Island and people (x3)
- Community activities (x3)
- Culture, language (x3)
- The different animals (x3)
- Living by the ocean and many relatives, human and non-human (x3)
- Playing outside with my friends (x3)
- Aleut time (x3)
- Hiking (x3)

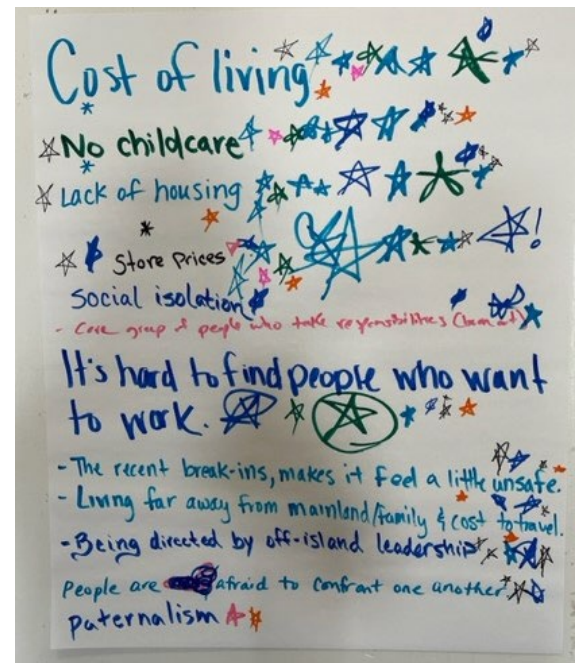


- Generations of people – 4 generations (x3)
- We live on a volcano (x2)
- The school gym (x2)
- The ocean (x2)
- Swimming at peer point in summer (x2)
- Fishing (x2)
- Car rides; going around the Island (x2)
- Quickness in which people can pull together (x2)
- Subsistence (x2)
- The store (x1)
- The backcountry (x1)
- All my family and friends, and everybody being healthy (x1)
- Small community – people work together (x1)
- All my friends live here (x1)
- The cats
- Church
- Never settling; growth mindset with love
- Kayaking and paddle boarding
- Beach clean up
- Camping



**Question: What makes it challenging to live on Saint Paul Island?**

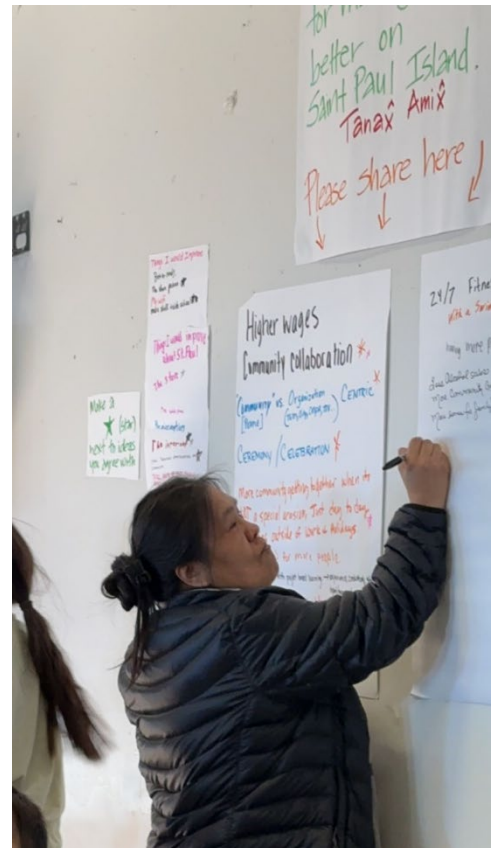
- Cost of living (x24)
- No child care; community needs a daycare! (x18)
- Lack of housing (x15)
- Store prices (x14)
- Living far away from mainland/family and the cost to travel (x14)
- The lack of engagement in community groups (entity councils, boards) (x9)
- To live not paycheck to paycheck (x9)
- It's hard to find people who want to work. (x7)
- Being directed by off-island leadership (x6)
- Inability to own land (x6)
- The "cost" of "travel," to operate any businesses (x5)
- "Government" mentality is still here (x5)
- Lack of volunteerism (x5)
- The recent break-ins, makes it feel a little unsafe. (x4)
- Social isolation (x3)
- Core group of people who take responsibilities (burnt out) (x3)
- People are afraid to confront one another. (x3)
- Paternalism (x2)
- No dogs (x2)
- Not a lot of people socializing without alcohol abuse (x3)
- Restaurant for tourists



- Lack of job opportunities for teens (x2)
- Difficulty “accessing” needs, i.e., education, cars, health care, and tools/skills/resources to bridge the gap or gain access (x1)
- More things for Elders – interactions with different ages besides the church
- Water tank improvement/fuel versus other cities where apartments or houses depend on electricity
- Farm fish for the halibut and crab since the numbers went down

**Question: What are your ideas for making life better on Saint Paul Island?**

- Lower Store prices (x12)
- The school with a cafeteria (x12)
- More getting together when its NOT a special occasion, just day to day activities outside of work/holidays; more community gatherings (x9)
- 24/7 Fitness Gym (x9)
- Better educational opportunities; job education and training for those who don't qualify for available positions (x7)
- Better wifi/internet (x6)
- Less alcohol use; less alcohol sales/fewer hours at the tavern (x5)
- Community collaboration (x4)
- Aligning community projects with project based learning – experience, credentials, shared input/meaning/purpose into something tangible we're proud of and useful (x4)
- More people (x3)
- Less drug use (x3)
- More stuff inside the school (x3)
- Take care of our Elders – keep them home (x3)
- Home repair and improvements – heaters, plumbers, etc. (x3)
- Mental health within organizations (x3)
- More activities for children and teens, other than video games (x3)
- Open and inclusive discussion: community-based (x3)
- More homes for families and singles; homes for anyone to rent (x5)
- Higher wages (x3)
- Swimming pool/salt water pool/sauna/jacuzzi (x3)
- Basketball court (x2)
- Volunteerism (x2)
- Restaurant for family gathering (x2)
- More senior activities (x2)
- “Community” (people) vs. Organization (TGSP, City, CBSFA, TDX) centric (x2)
- Open a store to compete with the Tribe – help to lower costs (x2)
- Our own plane and barge (x2)
- Job opportunities (x1)
- The playgrounds (x1)
- Recycling (electronics, glass, compost, cardboard) (x1)
- Better roads (x1)
- The church (x1)
- Qualified local employees, more workforce (x1)
- Attract more people from different countries and ethnic groups and their families (x1)





- Open more small businesses; help individuals that want to start businesses (x1)
- More sober activities (x1)
- Ceremony/celebration (x1)
- Boat trips (x1)
- Everything
- More flights for more TDX tourists for the hotel
- Litter pickup all over the Island
- Different opportunities for learning out of school, like job shadowing!
- More social places
- Lower shipping costs
- A safe place to decompress, like a break/meditation/massage chair for teachers and staff, and all
- Entities meet more with community!
- More houses for more people
- Priest
- Community greenhouse
- Safer school facilities

**Question: 20 years from now, what do you want Saint Paul Island to look like?**

- A thriving community (x12)
- The lifestyle of drinking and health will be improved; less people drinking alcohol (x10)
- Less families moving away (x9)
- A place where nobody struggles to find affordable housing (x8)
- Increase in population, more people contributing to keep the community thriving (x8)
- A community with people that are educated, helpful, motivated who have purpose (x6)
- Less dependence on fossil fuels and shipping in food (x5)
- More housing in general (x4)
- Good education for all ages (x4)
- Unangan culture more integrated into events, education, dancing, etc. (x3)
- Fixed homes and less garbage (i.e., vehicles, appliances) around properties (x3)
- Abundant indigenous wildlife (x3)
- Living in locally sustainable housing i.e. ulan (barabaras) or just somewhat subterranean (x3)
- Healthy in many ways – economically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually (x2)
- Not too many people (x1)
- No flushing bleach into our ocean! (x1)
- Cool playgrounds for kids (x1)
- We survived in a positive way
- I'd like our community to be able to thrive and a lower cost of living and affordable housing!
- Food security



