

## **What we heard at Celebrate Little Saigon**

**August 24, 2014**

The following are comments that were written on two interactive boards at our booth by people visiting Little Saigon on the day of Celebrate Little Saigon.

### **Here's what's great about Little Saigon:**

- The people!
- Vietnamese pride
- My home away from home
- Good location, good food, community
- Culture, restaurants, community, Little Saigon festival
- Celebrate Little Saigon
- Love the lion dance at the CLS festival
- Love to be part of the lion dance team
  
- Food (x6)
- Great food!
- Food and grocery shopping
- Restaurants
- Tamarind Tree
- Traditional food
- Lam Seafood. Hue ky mi gia.
- Groceries
  
- Many stores in the same place. That is good for us to shop. Thanks.
- Small mom-and-pop business
- Small ethnic owned business
- Small businesses (keep it affordable)
  
- Nguoi Viet Today News
- The Che Icy Bowl is so good!
- Bahn mi
- I love New Saigon banh mi. I love hue ky mi gia.
- Toi thich banh mi. Ta thich ky mi gia
- bun bo Hue. Cha gio so mit
- bun bo hue so l. bun mang vit Viet Nam hao
- Bel-za

### **My dream for Little Saigon is...**

- A nice, clean and safe community for businesses and customers, a place that everyone can come together to enjoy and have a good cultural experience as well. Outdoor seating for businesses would be great!

- A place for us, our children and beyond to come together, united, whether you're Vietnamese or not.
  - Vietnamese Cultural Center (second this) – Somewhere where we know all the events will happen – plaza, building, etc. + parking
  - Vietnamese Community Center – hang out place for kids to learn Vietnamese culture
  - I wish to have a community center that can help people to have a chance to meet together, share some fun things and have fun!
  - Focal point
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- Farmer's market where little old ladies can sell produce and food – like in Vietnam (second this too!)
  - More local shops
  - Outdoor seating at restaurants and pet friendly places. We love Little Saigon!
  - Pedestrian zones with Vietnamese style cafes
  - More promotion of Seattle's best markets and restaurants
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- Better public transport
  - Street parking
  - Better parking
  - Nicer, cleaner, more parking
  - More garage parking, thanks.
  - Cheaper parking so everyone can come here
  - Need more parking lots
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- Cultural preservation activities, housing for residents
  - Affordable residences and retail spaces
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- Kid friendly park (second this)
  - Lots of green and clean spaces. (Agreed)
  - More trees! Better, nicer dumpsters! (Yes, second this)
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- Stay international, everybody has a voice, mix of cultures
  - Helping to build a brighter future together
  - Keep up the good cultures
  - Culture, diversity-inspired local artwork
  - Bring back the Vietnamese Catholic Church
  - More fests – People love them.
  - Wishing each day more vibrant living in peace
  - We'll love Little Saigon
  - Safe from crime for visitors and pedestrians
  - Toi tai Vancouver, BC. Mong hoi V.N. tai. Seattle Phat Trien Mong hon. (Andrew Vu)

**Where people were visiting from today:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Beacon Hill
  - Bellevue
  - Burien
  - Des Moines, WA
  - Federal Way
  - First Hill
  - Issaquah
  - Jackson Place
  - Lynnwood
  - Renton
  - Squire Park
  - Tukwila
  - Yesler Terrace
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- Japan
  - Los Angeles
  - Philadelphia
  - Vancouver, BC