Dear Southeast Denver Residents,

Thank you for being engaged in our community. As Denver grows and changes, your involvement is more important than ever. Our Southmoor Station Visioning meetings were a great success with hundreds of participants who shared their ideas: You want “local”, “neighborhood-feel”, and “suburban/urban”. You want restaurants, community spaces, and housing choices like townhomes. You don’t want big box stores, national chains or office buildings.

An infographic summarizing the outcome is attached and more information is below and on our website: [denvergov.org/district4](http://denvergov.org/district4)

**Does my voice matter?**
Yes! Thousands of southeast residents have participated in meetings and surveys sharing what you’d like to see in the area. In the short term, I’ve taken your ideas and successfully influenced some mobility improvements, new restaurants and retail, public art and fun events. Your voices give me the clout I need to nudge people in the right direction. In the long term, your voices will help shape plans for the future.

**What is the purpose of the visioning process?**
Knowing that change is inevitable in the area, residents shared their ideas and desires. Our input can help shape a community vision that includes what we’d like in the area and what we don’t want. These initial meetings are the start of a very long process that we hope will someday result in community-inspired, updated development around the Station.

**What is a vision?**
- It is aspirational.
- It is a starting point.
- It is a first step in a very long process that will likely take many years.
- It enables the community to have a voice and to possibly influence future land use.

**What the vision is not.**
- It will not result in plans for development.
- It will not result in specific proposals to eliminate parking, tear down buildings, rezone the area, etc.

**What's next?**
- Our next steps include sharing our preliminary vision with city planners, property owners and other interested parties to try to influence changes as they come up in the near and long term.
- Our work thus far has laid the foundation for the Neighborhood Planning Initiative. In the next few years, the city will begin its Neighborhood Planning process in southeast Denver, and we can further develop our community vision in a way that will direct future development. [http://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/community-planning-and-development/planning-and-design/Neighborhood_Planning_Initiative.html](http://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/community-planning-and-development/planning-and-design/Neighborhood_Planning_Initiative.html)
- Communities can do even more with Neighborhood Toolkits which are activities to help you think about your neighborhood’s strengths, weaknesses, priorities and goals.

- I will continue to communicate community desires and ideas to our city planners, property owners and other interested parties to try to influence changes as they come up in the near and long term.

Thank you, again, for your interest and participation! I hope that you will continue to be involved. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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