

Ready for a South Side Investment Cooperative?

Survey Results

Total number of responses: 101

Q1

Would you be interested in investing money in a Southside Investment Cooperative, focused on purchasing real estate in the E 38th Street corridor area?

Responses	Number of Responses
Not interested at all	1
Not very interested	2
Neutral	5
Somewhat interested	55
Sign me up now! I love this idea!	38
<i>Total responses received</i>	<i>101</i>

Q2

A board would make decisions about the level of investment needed from community members to participate in a Southside Investment Cooperative. Options could include investing between \$25 - \$200, or higher level options such as \$1,000. How much would you be willing to invest?

Answer Choices	Responses
\$25-\$200	28
\$200-\$500	37
\$500-\$1000	36
<i>Total responses received</i>	<i>101</i>

Q3

With limited resources, an investment cooperative board/membership will need to make a decision on what type of property to prioritize for purchase. Do you think a Southside investment cooperative should prioritize purchase of residential property or commercial property?

Answer Choices	Responses
Prioritize residential property	45
Prioritize commercial property	56
<i>Total responses received</i>	<i>101</i>

Q4

If you are a business, would you be interested in working with a cooperative, either as a tenant or small business?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	30
No	13
<i>Total responses received</i>	<i>43</i>

Q5

If you would like the cooperative to prioritize commercial buildings, what kind of businesses would you like to see as tenants? (It is ok to share your own business as an example).

Total responses received: 46

- 8 mentions, **arts**, theatre, crafts, dance studio, art gallery.
- 7 mentions, **food service**, restaurants, bakery, brewery, wine bar, etc.
- 6 mentions, **retail**, boutique, toy shop, bookstore, athletic wear, shoe shop, etc.
- 5 mentions, **co-working space**.
- 5 mentions, **community center**.
- 2 mention, **grocery store**.
- 2 mentions, **wellness**, acupuncture, people's movement center, etc.
- This business should be owned by poc, lgbtqi, artists, etc.
- Businesses should foster multiculturalism
- Need to support emerging entrepreneurs
- Develop a business incubator, 2 mentions.
- Foster community building, increase pedestrian traffic

Q6

What kind of housing options would you like to see in the neighborhood?

Total responses received: 34

- Affordable rentals
- A path to home-ownership
- Inclusive housing: poc, lgbtqi, artists, organizers, seniors, people with disabilities
- Housing should foster community building and provide choice to co-live/co-house
- Spacious: +3 bedrooms
- Stable rent (no arbitrary increases)
- Housing with sustainable energy sources

Q7

How do you think a Southside Investment Cooperative, focused on purchasing real estate, could help with the kinds of housing options you would like to see in the neighborhood?

Total responses received: 33

- Increase housing affordability of high quality housing
- Families will be able to stay in the neighborhood
- Coop will shield residents and tenants from the effects of gentrification and market volatility
- Residents will invest in their community

Q8

What kind of businesses would you like to see in the neighborhood?

Total responses received: 48

- 16 mentions, **food service**, restaurants, bakery, brewery, wine bar, frozen yoghurt, etc.
- 10 mentions, **retail**, boutique, toy shop, bookstore, athletic wear, shoe shop, etc.
- 10 mentions, **arts**, theatre, crafts, dance studio, art gallery.
- 7 mentions, **co-working space**
- 6 mentions, **community center + space for youth programs**
- 2 mention, **grocery store**
- 3 mentions, **wellness**, acupuncture, people's movement center, etc.
- 3 mentions, **business incubators**
- 2 mentions, **credit union**
- 2 mentions, **childcare**
- 1 mention, **sustainable food processing**

Q9

How do you think a Southside Investment Cooperative, focused on purchasing real estate, could help with the kinds of businesses you'd like to see in the neighborhood?

Total responses received: 48

- Brings and develops business in the community
- Makes commercial real estate accessible and affordable
- Empowers, supports and develops entrepreneurs
- Increases the neighborhood curb appeal
- Creates a supportive community
- Local residents invest in their community