

GRAND LAKE BUSINESS DISTRICT

Give us a La Farine!

Don't make it silicon valley, keep it funky and weird.

A high quality reasonably priced deli. the grand fare market, sadly, is insanely priced. old fashioned deli for taking home high end meats for cooking. new york style sandwiches.

I am interested in working on ways to bring more pedestrian and neighborhood oriented businesses to Grand Ave, rather than nail salons and massage parlors and offices, especially offices that are rarely open.

I like Trader Joes but it's small and it's crowded. Is it possible to build something larger?

We also need a good beer garden that serves as a community center and less mobile phone stores.

Gateway arch across Lakeshore Ave. branding Lakeshore and one across Grand Ave.

I love Crocker Highlands neighborhood. However, I find that I spend most of my time and money in Rockridge. I spend it on groceries at Market Hall, family friendly restaurants, cafes, clothing, shoes, gifts, on College from Broadway to Russel. I say at least once a day, "I wish there were more places like these in my neighborhood...I could then walk to them." Then I wonder, "should I move to Rockridge?" But I know I would miss Crocker Highlands and the people here. Grand Lake District needs to take better care of the needs of Crocker Highlands families. I do not feel valued here as a property owner, and tax payer. The majority of the stores are not reflective of the Crocker Highlands demographic...adults with children. I'm sure if a survey was done, the Grand Lake Neighbor's group would find that we spend our time and money in the Rockridge and Elmwood Districts.

I rarely shop in the commercial districts around Grand, Lakeshore, and Piedmont Ave anymore. The national companies have taken over. They really suck, and totally trash everything. Take a look at how Mill Valley has kept the fascist pigs away. That's what Oakland should be doing.

It's always best to have a variety of businesses. And, the shops should be pretty, like the gift stores are and the old flower shop on Grand Ave that had such beautiful dried flower arrangements and petals in the window. The vacuum cleaner store, the Grand Ave beauty supply store, the real estate office, and some others should really do something to make their exteriors more attractive, something like pretty bushes or flower planter boxes or really big hanging flower baskets.

Stop throwing out business with outrageous rent hikes!!!!

Trader joes is too small and should be expanded

We live on Santa Clara and we want Grand Avenue to become better. It's taken way too long! It's a dumping ground for odd business. And unfortunately looks like it. Hopefully we can attract some new young talent to Grand Ave!

I love our shopping area, overall. These are things I would love to improve, particularly at gateways to the neighborhood: The Lake Park building between Grand and Santa Rosa is shabby. Would love to see it fixed up and populated with retailers. Likewise, ugh, that East Bay Computer at Lakeshore/Mandana - not cute/always looks barred and closed. There's no foot traffic and the parklet

attracts shady characters. Could they move somewhere out of the way to make room for a restaurant with outdoor seating or a consumer-friendly space? Monkey Shala Yoga could use some new posters (or a nice shade/mural.)

Any long term plans for the empty lot at Lakeshore and Macarthur? Can it be something other than an empty lot, meanwhile? Dog park, food truck vending area?

I worry about produce if Lakeshore Produce doesn't survive in its tiny space. A somewhat larger grocery store that also had a good meat/fish/cheese section would be a great alternative to Trader Joes.

I would like to see Lakeshore and Grand Ave business districts combined to improve our marketing efforts.

If you did a demographic study of our neighborhood, I suspect you'd see an explosion in young families (for example, on my small street, there was one child on it when we moved here in 2007; now there are at least 10 kids between the ages 2 and 5). Schools are great and/or improving, so families are staying in the area. Events, stores, restaurants, parks that engage families would seem to be a sweet spot.

The neighborhood has a lot of kids and could use more businesses that welcome them. Shakewell early in the day is great. Oridinaire is great. We are really missing a great coffee shop that serves delicious food and let's you work like cafe underwood. Also would be great to have some artist studios or housing for artists on grand to buff up that community. Please no more wax centers! I think everyone was super bummed we aren't getting cholita Linda.

I have lived in the area for over 15 years, and own a small apartment building here. Would be happy to provide input on future growth and changes.

Grand Lake is a very important part of our community; keep up the good work.

I've lived on Weldon Ave. off Lakeshore for eighteen years and this is THE best neighborhood in Oakland. No, THE best neighborhood in all of the Bay Area.

As a relatively new resident (moved in March '15), I'm thrilled to see all these efforts to make the area more friendly for pedestrians and cyclists! I love the community and friendliness of the area, and am excited to see how we can come together to improve it for both residents and visitors.

Great neighborhood, everything "wrong" with it is around the edges really. Everything can be improved, but we are very lucky to be able to live here.

Love the neighborhood and would suggest people smile and say hi to others.