



# Yesler Terrace Redevelopment Feedback Summary

## Workshop 2 | Future Housing in Yesler Terrace

### August 14, 2008

On August 14, 2008 a public Workshop was held for residents of Yesler Terrace in the Jesse Epstein Building.

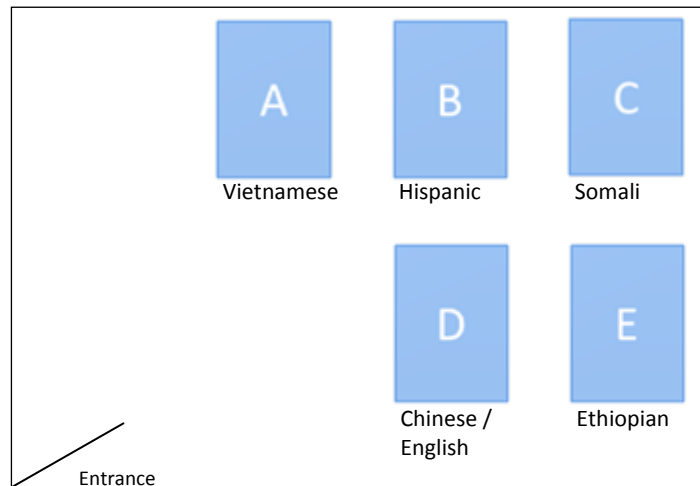
The general subject was future housing possibilities in Yesler Terrace. A number of housing types were introduced through images of existing urban environments from around the world. The images on pages 3-6 were used to focus discussion on the relationship of public and private open space and housing. The building images presented were used as a reference when residents discussed and answered two questions regarding the use of Open Space :

1. Currently where do you spend most of your time? Pages 7-12
2. In the Future Yesler Terrace, where would you like to spend most of your time? Pages 13-18

The images on pages 3-6 were used as an introduction to the discussion of private and public space in an urban environment. The images were introduced by Tom Hudson in a PowerPoint presentation to residents. Handouts of these images were distributed to each table for reference when answering questions regarding open space found in pages 7-18. The comments on pages 3-7 and page 13 are from all participants. Comments on pages 8-12 and pages 14-18 are recorded according to language groups sitting at each table in the key below.



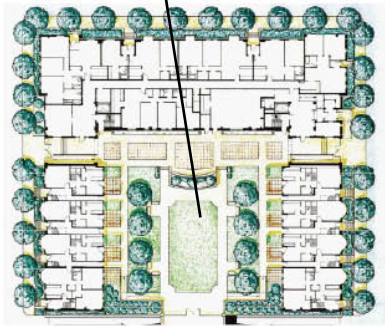
Key to language groups sitting at each table.



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- Some like the open space very much. Others do not like sharing the open space or seeing other children.



- Grass for viewing, not to play on.



- Like the trees near the house.
- Nice town homes; like the design of this.
- The third story looks livable.
- The lower height is familiar.

- Too high for children.
- Like an air-well.



- Foliage provides hiding spots.



- East coast personality, does not have a Northwest feel.



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- East coast personality, does not have a Northwest feel.
- Landscape looks artificial/unusable



- The balcony is too small to use.



- No trees or grass.

- Like the private balcony and the windows on more than one side of the room.



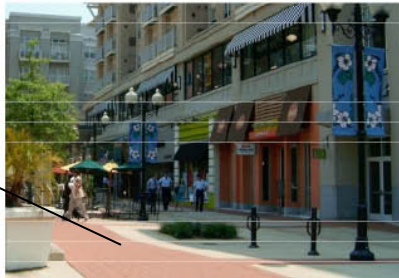
- Too high.



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- Cute low-rise building.



- Nice downtown feel.



- Very "cookie-cutter."



- Nice retrofit; looks like Chinatown.



- Unattractive open space.



- Eclectic, unattractive.

- Nice, big /usable balcony.





**Recommendations for Design  
and Construction:**

- High ceilings
- Light center design
- Two doors
- Playground
- Access to backyard
- Exit from yard
- Parking
- Three bedroom apartments need two bathrooms.
- Good ventilation.
- Parking for visitors.
- Accessibility space.



• Unpleasant exterior.



• Very nice; like the style.

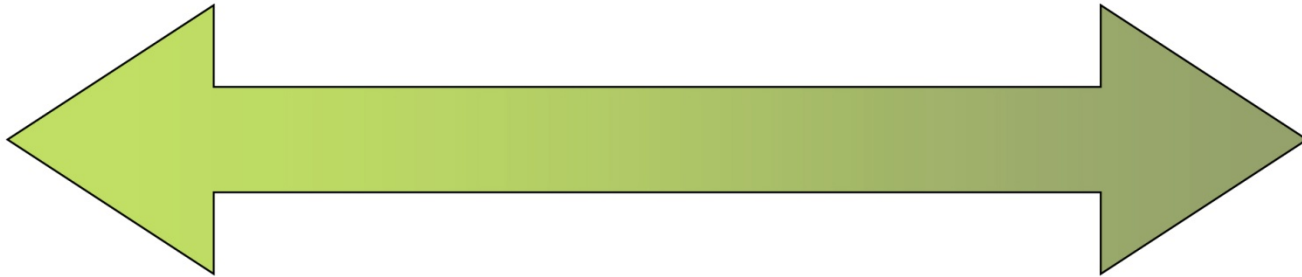


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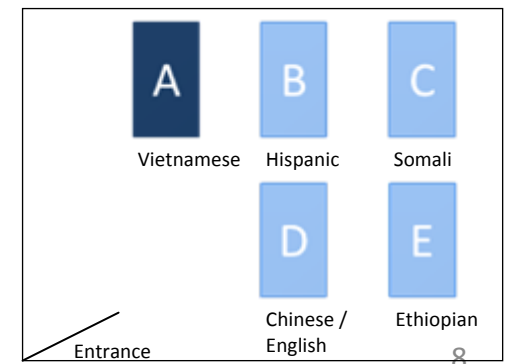
After the presentation of urban housing possibilities on pages 3-6, participants were asked to place dots on the areas where they spend most of their free time and discuss why.

The following is a summary for all participants. Feedback is recorded by table on pages 8-12.





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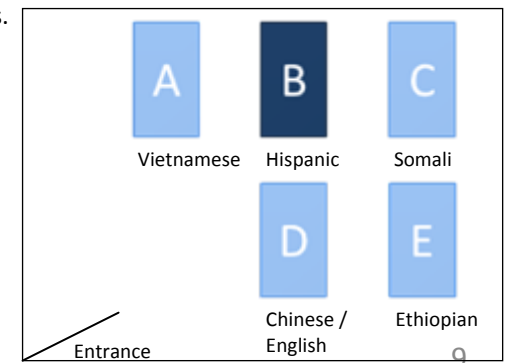




Good for large families.

Good for small families.

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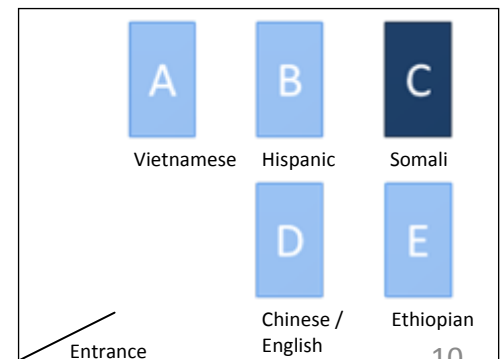
- Sometimes too crowded.
- Proximity to parks is good.

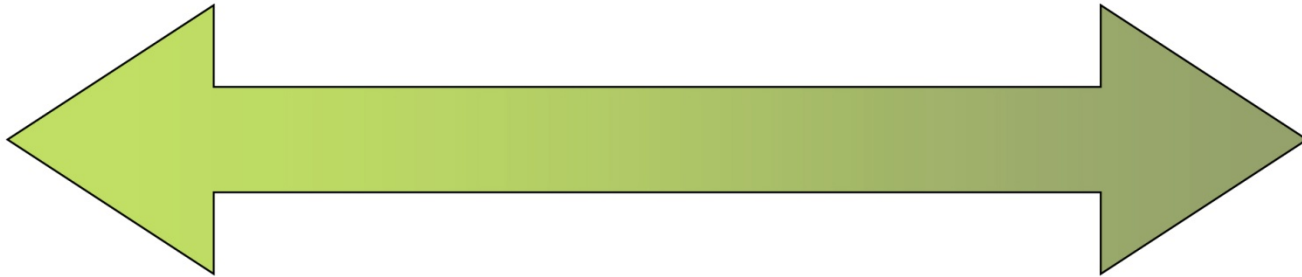
- Place to meet friends.
- Place to cool down in the summer.

- Clothes dryer in yard.

- Place to plant flowers and garden.

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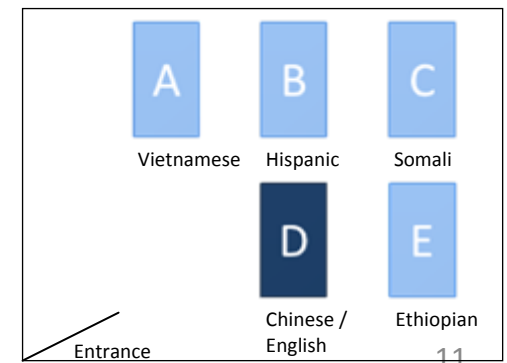




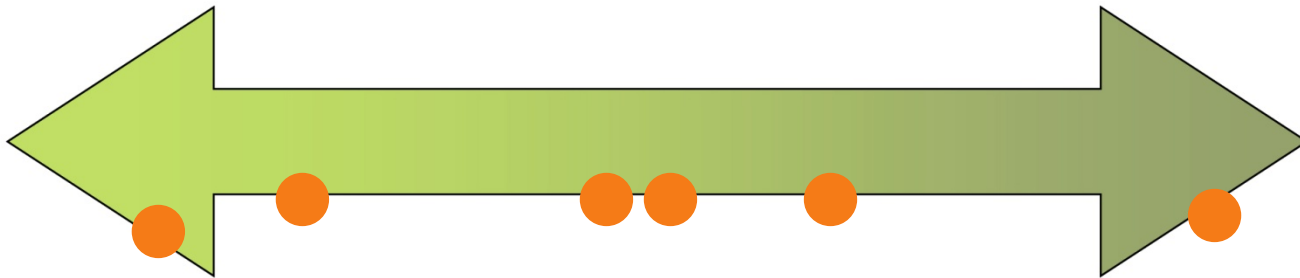
Likes the sidewalk connections where it is flat and you can walk and kids can play there.

Currently no yard, but would like one.

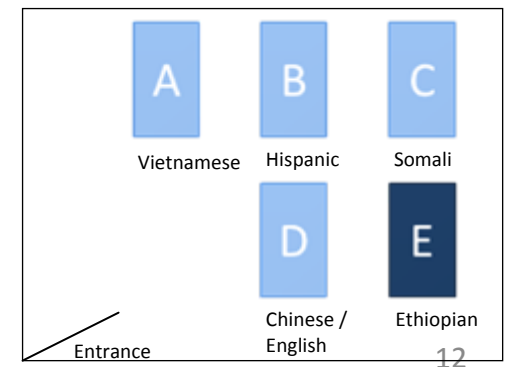
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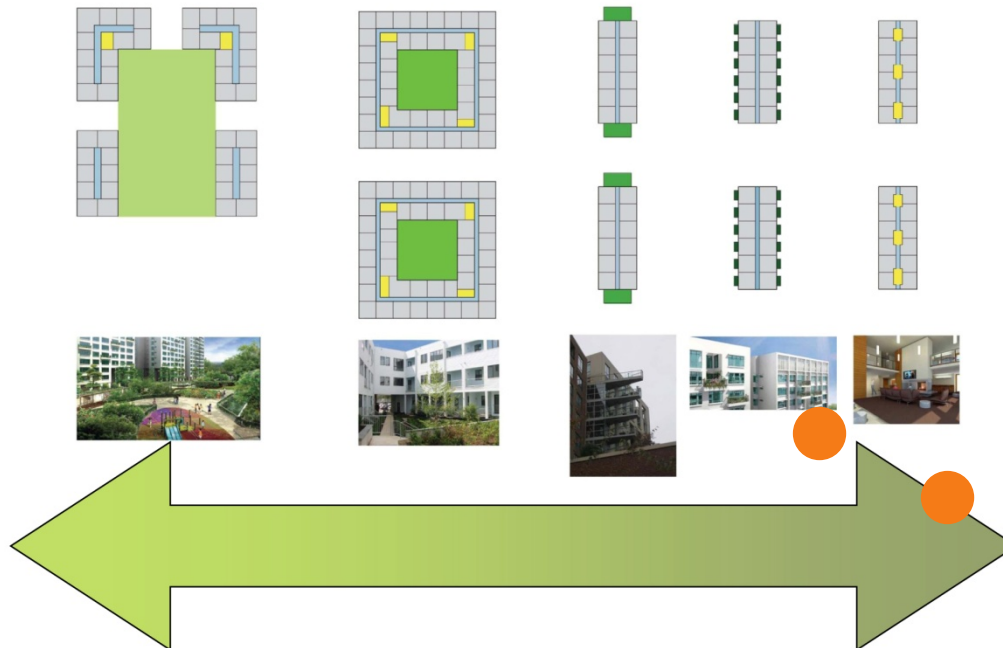
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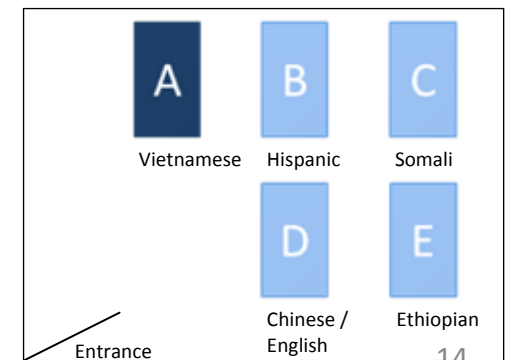
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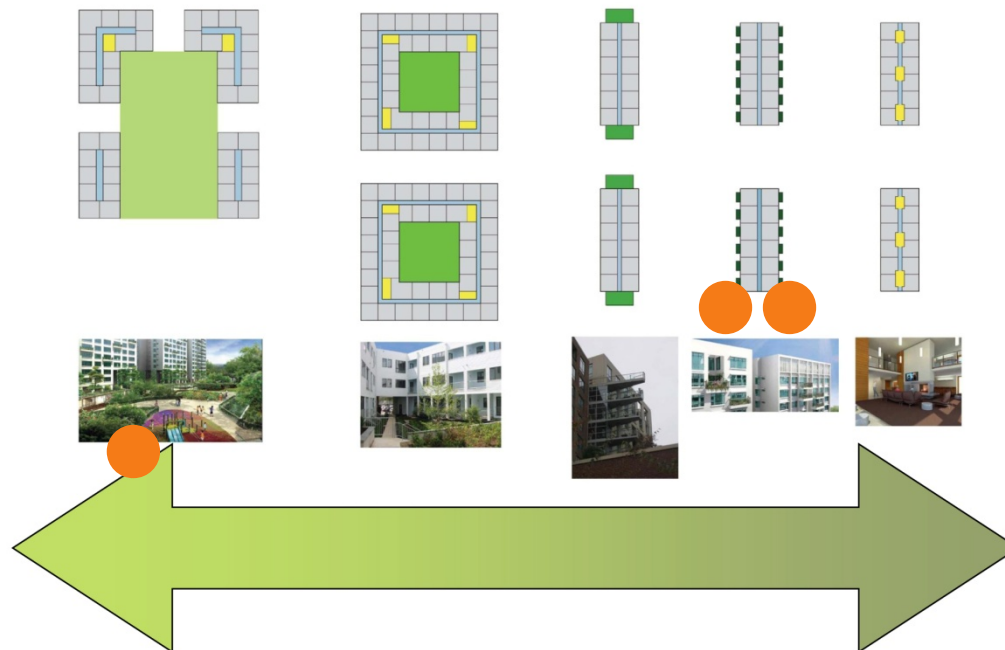
- Enjoy privacy.
- Like trees and flowers.
- Prefer homes low to the ground.





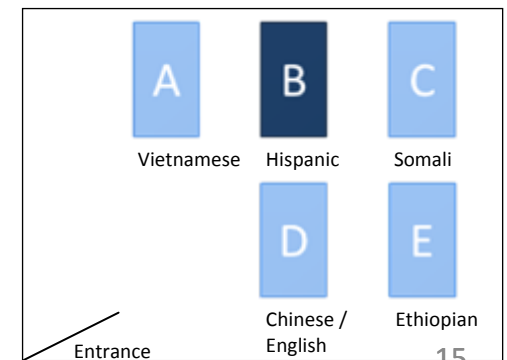
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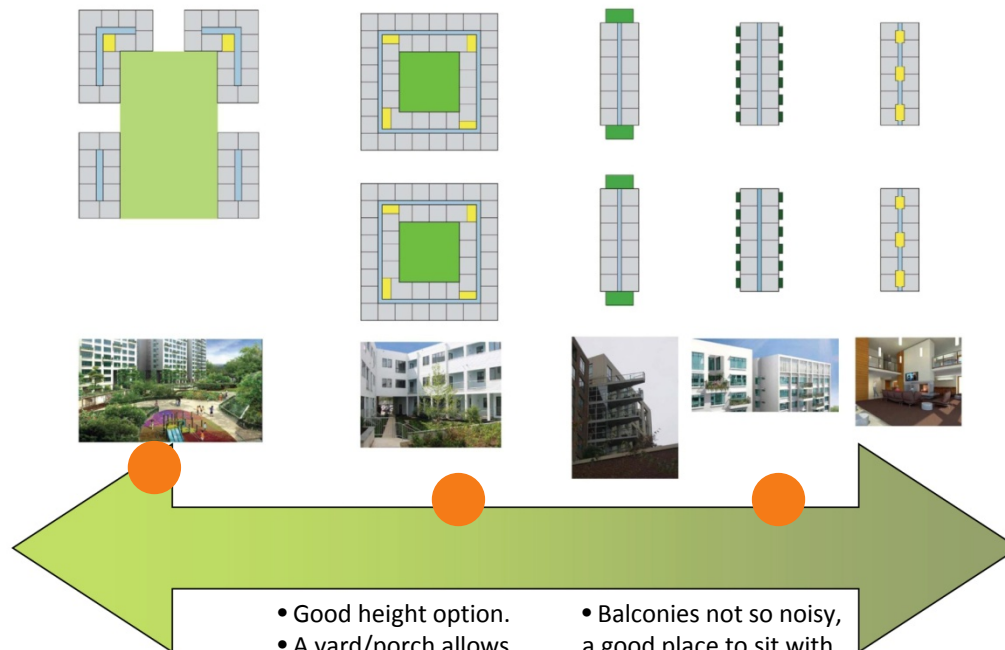
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Public  
computer in  
common  
space?

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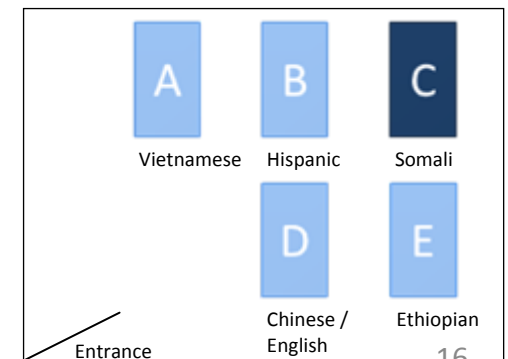
- More trees to create a breeze.

- Good height option.
- A yard/porch allows neighbors to keep an eye each other when sick.
- High rises can be safe for children since there is no exit from the courtyard and it allows high visibility for parents, especially single parents.

- Balconies not so noisy, a good place to sit with friends.
- Not good homes for families with young children.
- Good for older residents and singles.

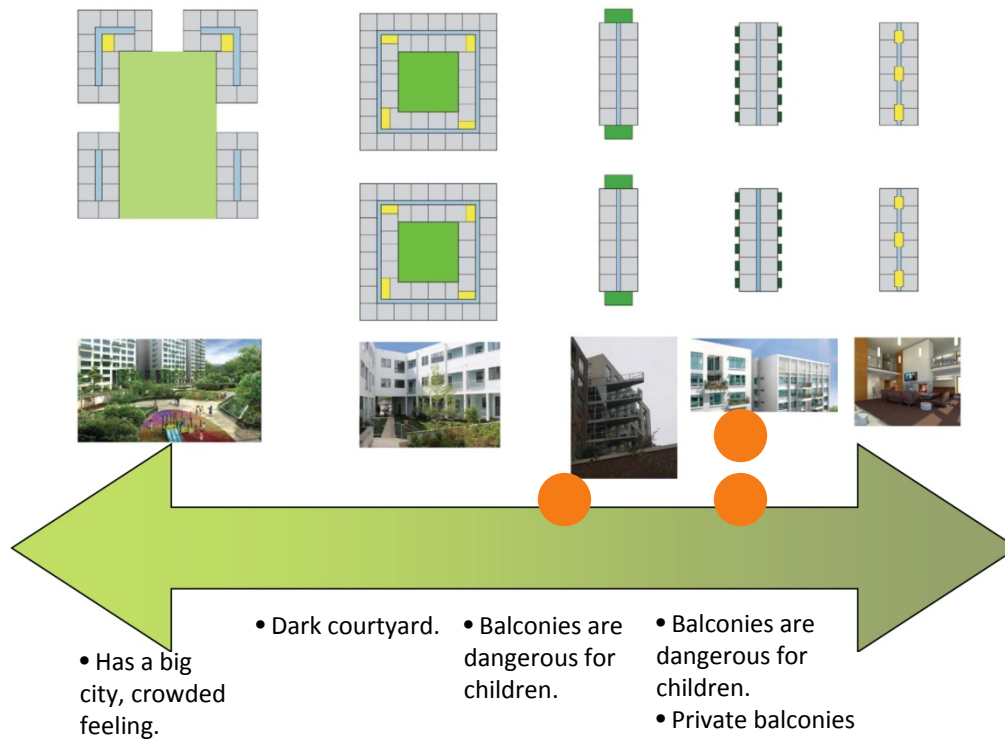
- Prefer town homes to high rises.
- Traditionally wash clothes by hand and socialize when hanging clothes outside to dry.
- Safe public walking space.

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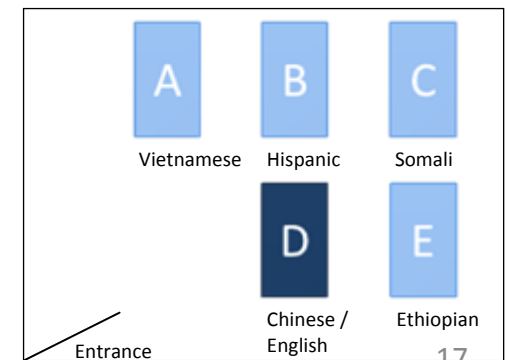
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- Concern for noise arguments.
- Public walkways that are inescapable are not favored.

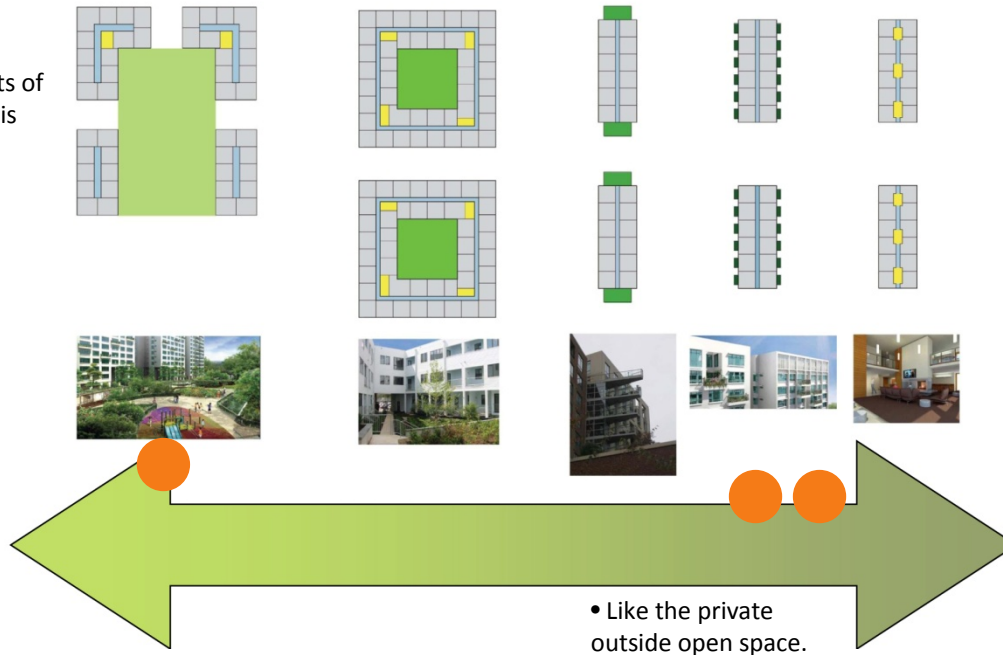
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- Has a big city, crowded feeling.
- Dark courtyard.
- Balconies are dangerous for children.
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- Private balconies are nice.
- Would like a window on more than one side.





- Can see lots of people in this open space.



- Like the private outside open space.

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