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Vancouver Chinatown February 3 2018

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks – 8. This zone will be transformed in unpredictable ways by the addition of thousands of new housing units on the southern perimeter.

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	12	Deteriorating walk-up apartments in the core; newer high-density housing to the west; a mix of seniors, co-op and detached housing to the east
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	10	Pender has frequent; bus service; Chinatown Skytrain station is a few minutes walk west from the core
Area plan or strategy; municipal policies to promote mixed-used development; incentives or mechanism to create mixed-use development; funding for infrastructure and beautification	12	8	Many plans, strategies and debates; the results are unclear in terms of preserving character and services
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	6	Lots of food markets; supermarket to the east; banks; boutique clothing
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	5	Strathcona heritage neighbourhood; False Creek pathway.
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	6	Police, Strathcona Community Centre; bonus points for access to downtown Vancouver services
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	3	Asian markets, sounds and scents; also much overflow from the extreme social issues along Hastings Street, literally next door
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	3.5	Strangely difficult to find Chinese food; a few trendy cafes
Office space for local professional services	4	4	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	4	International Village and then downtown Vancouver
Sidewalks to standard	3	3	
Effective business improvement association	3	3	
Availability of pre-school care	2	.5	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	1	Centre A, if you're talented
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	2	
TOTAL	100	72.0	