



PHILADELPHIA CHINATOWN: AT A CROSSROADS


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*A short
history of
Chinatown*



The Save Chinatown Movement

- Vine Street Expressway
 - Birth of PCDC
 - Preservation of Chinatown
 - Other urban renewal projects
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LET OUR CHILDREN FEEL
THE WARMTH OF THE
SUN - NOT
THE SHADOW OF A
PRISON!

NO PRISON FOR
CHINATOWN!!!

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VINE STREET EXPRESSWAY
CONVENTION
CENTER
CHINATOWN
INDEPENDENCE
MALL
&

Video: Save Chinatown Movement




<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gI3HTFiKBil>

Aftermath of Urban Renewal





*2000s – Economic
Development &
Physical
Transformation*

- 2004 Neighborhood Plan
 - Physical interventions; bridging Vine Street
 - Economic development
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Video: Family & Recreation

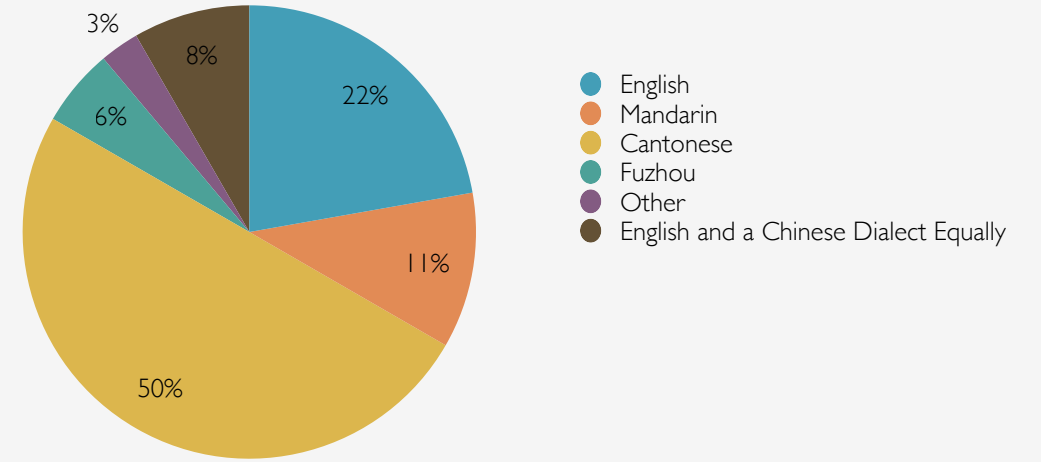


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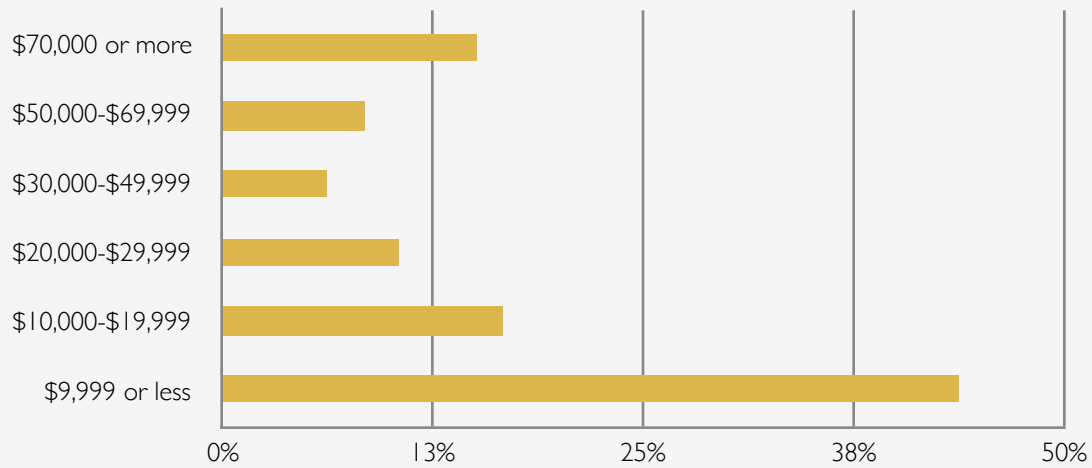
Today – How Has Chinatown Changed?

- Low-income community in Center City
 - Growth
 - Socioeconomic and racial diversity
 - Regional hub
 - Stable and invested core residents
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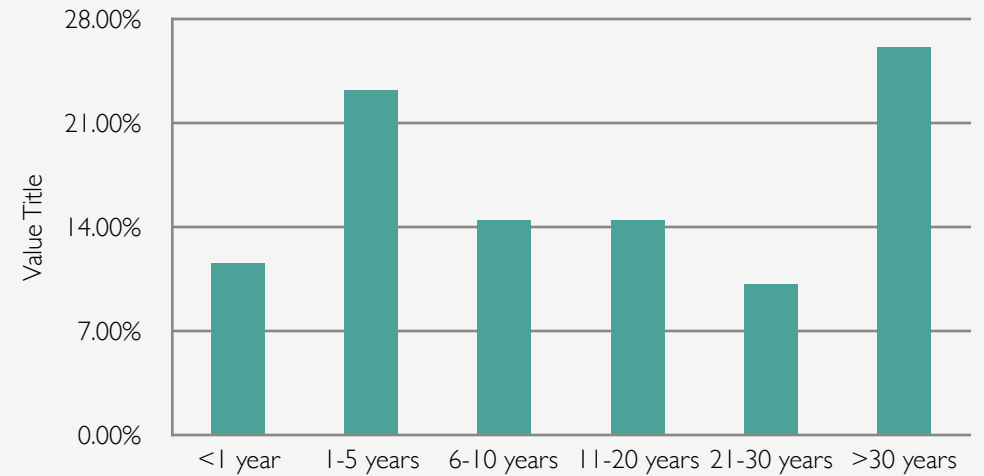
Count of Primary Language



Income



Length of Residence





Challenges


- Affordability
 - Physical challenges
 - Mixed-income population
 - Continued engagement on developments which impact Chinatown
 - Leadership development
 - Poverty and attending challenges
 - Political participation
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*Video: The
Future of
Chinatown
(2:30)*




<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ig98v85oR8>

Strengths

- Strong community organizations
 - History and tradition of activism
 - Existing affordable housing
 - Time
 - Opportunities for growth and development
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Closing

- What is Chinatown? What is (a) Chinatown? Is it fragile or strong?
 - What does success look like for Chinatown and Chinatown North?
 - Rich history of struggle and culture
 - Context of change and reinvention
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Thank you

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