

Existing



Some examples of Japantown's land uses include public space surrounded by commercial and office use (above top), hotels and markets that serve regional customers and tourists (above middle), and neighborhood-serving retail on the ground floor of residential buildings. (above).

Examples From Elsewhere

Appropriate and desirable land uses vary from city to city, from neighborhood to neighborhood. Some seek out large commercial franchises to anchor their retail districts, others value locally owned shops. Some want to limit new housing and some want to maximize it. In all cases, finding the right balance of uses that support one another is critical. Given Japantown's limited vacant land, attention will likely be focused on how to improve existing land uses.



Pedestrian Mall
Commercial uses spill into the public realm



Commercial spaces can activate the street and pedestrian areas day and night

LAND USE

The term "land use" describes the types of businesses, residences, industries and services within a particular area. The Japantown area is currently zoned to allow a number of land uses, including office, residential, commercial, open space and mixed-use.