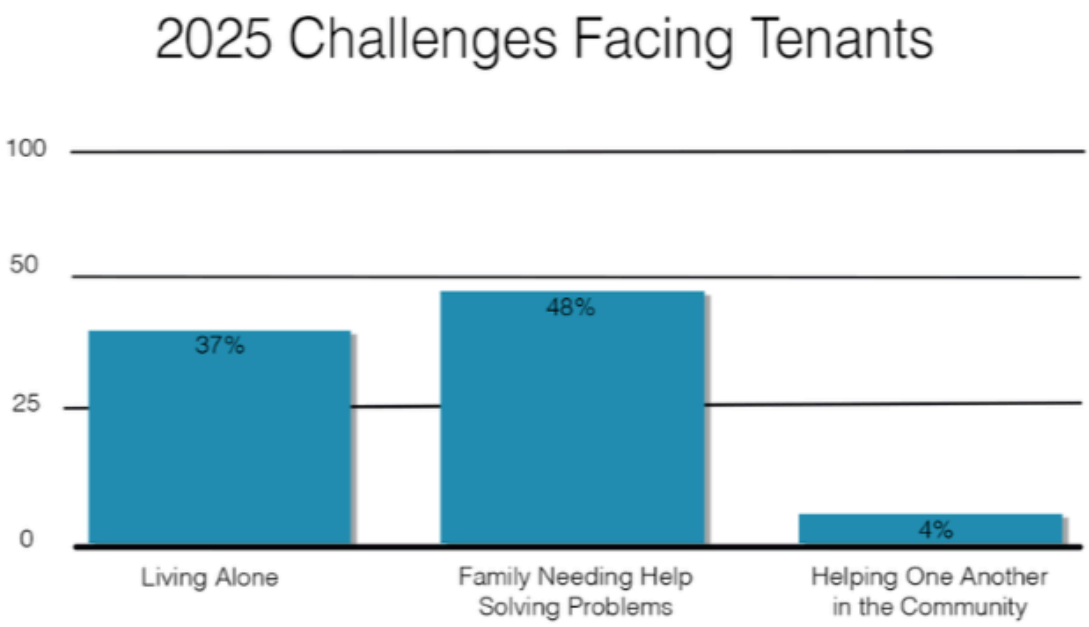
Turning Data into Action 5/14/25

Following our survey of over 1,000 Chinese elders, Wildflowers Institute's focus is now on using the data to enhance relationships within extended families, social circles, neighborhoods, and spiritual communities, aiming to improve their overall effectiveness and connection. These relationships are primarily what makes life worth living for residents in San Francisco's Tenderloin. The chart below summarizes the main challenges residents face.



This community enhancement will come through identifying and funding projects using the Dao Fund.The Dao Fund helps Tenderloin residents navigate change by strengthening families and community ties, offering small grants to support collective healing, growth, and problem-solving.

Accordingly, we'll seek to identify a wide range of local talent and support social and cultural activities that unite others around common interests. As a start, we're inviting residents to share with us their talents in storytelling, cooking, dancing, singing, visual arts, calligraphy, poetry, healing, and many other joyful activities that open the heart and bring everyone together.

Specifically, we are looking to promote projects that:

1. Protect and safeguard one another;
2. Help solve difficult problems; and
3. Enable residents to further heal and grow.

We will be holding community workshops with residents in May and June 2025 to focus on the three community-driven projects mentioned above. The results of the workshops in 12 buildings will be compiling a list of 6 or 7 community-driven solutions.

In August or September 2025, Wildflowers will invite over 1,000 survey respondents to a community meeting(s) where we will announce the community projects and hold a vote on which projects will receive funding.