

Survey - TEMPLATE

The following is an example from an anonymous community with specific issues and objectives. All surveys should be customized for a particular community.

Public Survey: Planning for the Future of <Community Name>

We need your input!

<Organization Name>, <brief description of organization>, is gathering public input to formulate a community and economic development strategy for the future of <Community Name>. What is your “vision” for the future of <Community Name>? What are your thoughts on where the community stands now and your preferences for how it evolves in the coming years? All responses are anonymous and confidential.

Growth & Development:

The community is growing (check one):

- at about the right pace
- too slowly
- too quickly

Please rate these statements on a scale of 1 to 5; 1 or 2 (*disagree*); 3 (*neutral*); 4 or 5 (*agree*):

- We need stronger growth regulations
- Growth provides better economic opportunity for <Community Name> workers
- Growth is enhancing the quality of life in <Community Name>

Economy:

Please rate these statements on a scale of 1 to 5; 1 or 2 (*disagree*); 3 (*neutral*); 4 or 5 (*agree*):

- Good jobs are easy to find in <Community Name>
- Good workers are easy to find in <Community Name>
- Jobs in <Community Name> match the skills of the workforce
- Salaries and wage rates are generally adequate to live in <Community Name>
- We need more skilled jobs with higher pay in <Community Name>
- The economy in <Community Name> is too seasonal
- We need to grow and diversify our local economy with new jobs to make it stronger

Quality of Life:

Please rate these statements on a scale of 1 to 5; 1 or 2 (*disagree*); 3 (*neutral*); 4 or 5 (*agree*):

- K-12 education is good in <Community Name>
- Housing availability is good in <Community Name>
- Good medical care is available in <Community Name>
- More national retail stores and restaurants would be a good thing for <Community Name>

Please list three things you like about living in <Community Name> as a place to live, work and/or operate a business?

Please list three things that would make living in <Community Name> as a place to live, work and/or operate a business? Better:

Personal Profile: Would you please tell us about yourself?

I am a:

- Full-time resident
- Part-time resident
- Work here

For how many years? ___

I live in (check one):

- <List cities/areas>
- <List cities/areas>
- <List cities/areas>

Age: ___ Years

Education:

- Currently in K-12
- Some high school
- High School graduate
- Currently in a 2-year college or technical school
- Currently in 4-year college
- 4-year college graduate
- Previously in college, no degree
- 4-year college graduate
- Graduate or professional education