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Neighborhood Concerns Index

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1.0 Children, Youth, and Families

- 1.1 Children in our community get the care they need.
- 1.2 Teens in our community get the support they need.
- 1.3 Parents mind what their children are doing.
- 1.4 Adults watch out for children not their own.
- 1.5 Youth watch out for each other.
- 1.6 Parents and guardian talk to their children about sex, drugs, and violence.
- 1.7 Teens discourage each other from getting into trouble.
- 1.8 Youth have plans for the future.
- 1.9 Children and families have decent food, clothing, and shelter.
- 1.10 Family members handle anger without violence.
- 1.11 Family members are affectionate and caring with each other.
- 1.12 Adults manage their children's in and outside of the home.
- 1.13 Daily chores are shared between family members.
- 1.14 Families participate in celebrations, cultural traditions, and activities together.
- 1.15 Families have enough money to meet their needs.
- 1.16 Families support each other.
- 1.17 Abstinence from sex by unmarried teens is encouraged in the family, community , and school.
- 1.18 Children are free from abuse and sexual assault.
- 1.19 Young people are involved in youth organizations in the neighborhood.

2.0 City Services and Government

- 2.1 Local government respond to, and meets the needs of this community.

- 2.2 City government helps make good things happen in the neighborhood.
- 2.3 Emergency vehicles, such as ambulance and fire, get to accidents and fires quickly.
- 2.4 Safe drinking water is available.
- 2.5 City policies serve the interest of people in this neighborhood.
- 2.6 Police respond to calls right away and with courtesy and respect.
- 2.7 Illegal dumping of trash and junk is handled well by the city.
- 2.8 Neighborhood streets are free from debris, potholes, and ice in the winter.
- 2.9 The zoning regulations and building codes are in the best interests this neighborhood.
- 2.10 Park improvements (i.e., shelter houses, playground equipment) are made.
- 2.11 Tax dollars are well spent in this community.
- 2.12 The library has a good selection of books and materials (magazines, tapes,)
- 2.13 We can get an ambulance whenever needed.
- 2.14 Waterlines are adequate for the community's need.
- 2.15 Trash is picked up.
- 2.16 Good fire protection is provided in this community.
- 2.17 The city storm sewer system is well designed and well maintained.
- 2.18 Basic utilities (lights, heat, phone) are available and affordable.
- 3.26 People in this city understand your problems and are willing to help.

3.0 Community Caring and Capacity

- 3.1 Neighbors care about and look after one another.
- 3.2 People talk to each other about what's going on in the neighborhood.
- 3.3 Local people know what matters to their neighbors.
- 3.4 People in the neighborhood work together to solve local problems.

- 3.5 Youth are involved in improving the community.
- 3.6 Adults are involved in improving the community.
- 3.7 Adults care for children not their own.
- 3.8 Community leaders are strong and serve the interests of the community.
- 3.9 People have voice and influence in things that matter to them.
- 3.10 This community adjusts to deal with what is happening.
- 3.11 Neighbors get to know each other.
- 3.12 People are organized to make a difference in this neighborhoods.
- 3.13 People here care about making this neighborhood a nice place to live.
- 3.14 Local organizations (like neighborhood associations) are effective in meeting needs.
- 3.15 Local organizations work well together in this community.
- 3.16 Youth and adults have close relationships with friends and neighbors.
- 3.17 Youth and adults volunteer in the community.
- 3.18 People vote during elections.
- 3.19 You and your family members are treated with respect by other people in the community.
- 3.20 People are good about helping each other.
- 3.21 You can personally affect important events in this community.

4.0 Culture and Spirituality

- 4.1 People are connected to people and things beyond themselves.
- 4.2 People bring out the best in each other.
- 4.3 Good values guide people in our neighborhood.
- 4.4 People reward each other for doing the right thing.

- 4.5 People cooperate with each other.
- 4.6 Elders are respected in this community.
- 4.7 People know the history of their family and culture.
- 4.8 Cultural history and activities are incorporated into neighborhood life (like school and religious programs).
- 4.9 Cultural programs and facilities are available in the area (museums, concerts, art shows, etc.)
- 4.10 Traditions and customs are taught and respected.
- 4.11 People's lives have meaning.
- 4.12 People practice their religion.
- 4.13 People have the moral courage to do what is right.
- 4.14 Leaders in our neighborhood have moral authority.
- 4.15 This community raises its children to be good people.
- 4.16 People consider what their actions mean for their children.
- 4.17 Neighbors feel a sense of belonging to each other and this place.
- 4.18 People connected to others around them.
- 4.19 Neighborhood people feel related to the larger city and society.
- 4.20 Elders communicate the lessons of our culture to the young.
- 4.21 Neighborhood leaders reflect the values of this community.

5.0 Education

- 5.1 Our schools work well.
- 5.2 Our youth learn basic skills (reading, writing, math) in school.
- 5.3 Students are stay in school and graduate on time.

- 5.4 Schools are safe and supportive places.
- 5.5 Teens have access to birth control and other health services through their school-based clinics.
- 5.6 Schools offer supervised activities before and after school.
- 5.7 Schools educate students about the effects of alcohol, drug abuse, teen pregnancy, and violence
- 5.8 School policies against drinking, using drugs, and possessing weapons on school grounds are strictly enforced.
- 5.9 School serve nutritious and affordable meals in their breakfast and lunch programs.
- 5.10 Schools provide education about pregnancy and the needs of the baby.
- 5.11 Schools connect youth with mentors to help them be successful.
- 5.12 Kids not doing well in school have support to improve (like tutoring).
- 5.13 Outreach services get dropouts back into schools.
- 5.14 Children are doing well in school.
- 5.15 Parents and guardians are involved in making schools better (like through PTA).
- 5.16 Parents and guardians know their children's teachers and visit their school on a regular basis.
- 5.17 Schools and teachers are doing a good job.
- 5.18 Teens learn skills to make good decisions and handle conflict, peer pressure, and stress.
- 5.19 Local colleges, universities, and technical schools are affordable and accessible.
- 5.20 Classes and workshops are available to community members to learn more about how to improve their community.
- 5.21 Local colleges and universities are responsive to and supportive of the community.
- 5.22 The schools provide many opportunities to influence school-related activities.
- 5.23 The community controls the schools.
- 5.24 The schools are sensitive and responsive to the wishes of the community.

- 5.25 The school is sensitive to ethnic and cultural differences.
- 5.26 Teachers are equally supportive with all students, regardless of their income, race, background, or sex.
- 5.27 Physical facilities for schools (playgrounds, buildings, educational equipment) are good.
- 5.28 It's easy for parents to talk with teachers and administrators in the schools.
- 5.29 Discipline is handled well in the schools.
- 5.30 You can get the education or training you need.
- 5.31 It is safe for students to walk to school.
- 5.32 The schools do a good job of teaching our young people how to be good citizens.

6.0 Elders and Independent Living

- 6.1 Older adults enjoy a good quality of life in our community.
- 6.2 Older adults can remain in their own home as long as possible.
- 6.3 Adequate nursing homes are available for older adults who need them.
- 6.4 Older adults (people over age 70) have adequate housing.
- 6.5 Older adults get flu and pneumonia shots and regular health screening.
- 6.6 Older adults have the opportunity to contribute to the lives of others.
- 6.7 Older adults get the kinds of treatment they need to recover from illness or injury.
- 6.8 Older adults connect with others (like through church, social events, and friendships).
- 6.9 Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists regularly review what medicines older adults are taking.
- 6.10 Friends, families, and neighbors help older adults (like with light chores, transportation, and house maintenance).
- 6.11 Older adults get enough nutritious food to eat.
- 6.12 Older adults get enough exercise.

- 6.13 Older adults avoid problems with alcohol.
- 6.14 There are opportunities for older adults to perform community service in many parts of our community.
- 6.15 People with physical disabilities get the support they need to live independently.

7.0 Health and Human Services

- 7.1 This is a healthy place to live.
- 7.2 Health insurance is available and affordable.
- 7.3 Children and adults get the vaccinations they need.
- 7.4 Basic health care, such as regular check ups, is available and affordable.
- 7.5 Drug treatment services are available and adequate.
- 7.6 People can get health screenings (like for breast cancer, heart disease).
- 7.7 Kids and adults get regular physical exercise.
- 7.8 Medical and dental treatment are available and affordable.
- 7.9 Emergency Medical Services are available.
- 7.10 People who need health care get it.
- 7.12 Home health care is available.
- 7.13 Adequate, safe temporary shelter is available to those who need it.
- 7.14 When you are referred to a service agency, you don't wind up on a wild goose chase looking for help.
- 7.15 Young people avoid unsafe sex (they are abstinent or use condoms).
- 7.16 People avoid doing things (having unsafe sex; using IV drug needles) that put them at high risk for HIV infection and AIDS.
- 7.17 You have or can get adequate clothing for yourself and your family for all seasons.

- 7.18 Young people who are sexually active can easily get condoms.
- 7.19 Affordable medical treatment is available to people who are HIV-positive or who have AIDS.
- 7.20 Welfare programs provide for those who really need help.
- 7.21 Service agencies in this community work well together, coordinating their activities.
- 7.22 People in this community can get help when they need it.
- 7.23 Health care providers are respectful and courteous.
- 7.24 Kids do not have access to drugs or alcohol.
- 7.25 Stores don't sell cigarettes to minors.
- 7.26 Billboards advertising alcohol and tobacco are limited.
- 7.27 Liquor stores are limited in number.
- 7.28 Pregnant women don't smoke, drink, or use other drugs.
- 7.29 Pregnant women take care of their health by eating healthy foods, exercising, and receiving prenatal care.
- 7.30 Pregnant women and infants receive adequate medical care.
- 7.31 People have enough nutritious food to eat.
- 7.32 Houses are free of hazardous materials (like lead paint).
- 7.33 Child daycare facilities in this community are clean, safe, and attractive.
- 7.34 Landlords and homeowners install smoke alarms in rented apartments and homes.
- 7.35 People use safety belts when driving.
- 7.36 Nearby hospitals provide medical care to people without insurance.
- 7.37 Support groups are available for people who have a common concern (like mental illness, alcoholism, or HIV/AIDS).
- 7.38 There are enough affordable child day care facilities in this community.

- 8.3 Adequate housing is available and affordable.
- 8.4 People keep their home and property clean and free of trash.
- 8.5 City codes for home and land maintenance are enforced.
- 8.6 Homes and apartments are painted and in good repair.
- 8.7 Absentee landlords maintain their properties.
- 8.8 Dilapidated houses and structures are torn down if they can't be repaired.
- 8.9 Vacant lots are not littered with trash and junk.
- 8.10 Street lights make it possible to see things at night.
- 8.11 Noise and loud music are kept to an accepted level.
- 8.12 Parks are kept clean and safe for public use.
- 8.13 Old junk cars and debris are removed from sidewalks.
- 8.14 The business district is attractive.
- 8.15 The entrances to the neighborhood are inviting and attractive.
- 8.16 Murals and public art help make the neighborhood attractive.
- 8.17 Billboards and signs don't make the neighborhood ugly.
- 8.18 Alleys and yards are free of trash.
- 8.19 Building and safety codes insure that houses in this community are safe.
- 8.20 People in this neighborhood are proud of it and make an effort to keep it attractive.
- 8.21 This neighborhood has enough decent and affordable rental housing.
- 8.22 This neighborhood has enough decent housing to buy.
- 8.23 Loans can be obtained for buying homes in this neighborhood.
- 8.24 The community has enough decent public housing.
- 8.25 Older homes are kept up.

9.0 Jobs, Business, and Economic Opportunity

- 9.1 People can get decent work.
- 9.2 Jobs are available in the community.
- 9.3 Young men have jobs.
- 9.4 Neighborhood businesses offer basic services (like banks and grocery stores).
- 9.5 Helpful training in job skills is available locally at low or no cost.
- 9.6 People have enough money to get by.
- 9.7 Business loans are available for those within the community.
- 9.8 Local development projects (like housing or construction projects) hire local people from the community.
- 9.9 Business owners are friendly and respectful of all customers.
- 9.10 Local businesses keep their property clean and safe.
- 9.11 Local businesses hire people from the community.
- 9.12 People in the neighborhood have the opportunity to make a good life.
- 9.13 People in the neighborhood can get access to resources outside the neighborhood (like loans).
- 9.14 The wealth of the community is growing.
- 9.15 Outside people invest in our neighborhood in ways that are helpful (like building affordable housing).
- 9.16 The business areas are not too noisy.
- 9.17 This community has a variety of good quality grocery stores.
- 9.18 In general, shopping in this neighborhood is convenient and pleasant.
- 9.19 There are enough well qualified professionals in the community (like lawyers, police, city workers).
- 9.20 Stores and businesses in this area maintain a welcoming and friendly atmosphere.

- 9.21 This community has enough good clean laundromats.
- 9.22 People in the neighborhood can get basic necessities at a reasonable cost.
- 9.23 Summer jobs for teenagers are available.
- 9.24 Business people can find qualified people from the neighborhood to hire.
- 9.25 Enough commercial structures and office space are available in this community (like store fronts, warehouses).
- 9.26 Financing is available to start or expand a business..
- 9.27 Jobs are open to all qualified people, regardless of race, age, sex, etc.
- 9.28 You can get food at affordable prices.

10.0 Recreation

- 10.1 Kids have safe and supervised places to go.
- 10.2 Youth clubs and organizations are available (like basketball leagues, Boy & Girl Scouts).
- 10.3 Nearby recreation facilities (like swimming pools and community centers) are available for people of all ages.
- 10.4 Neighborhood parks are kept clean and safe.
- 10.5 Walking and bicycle paths are available.
- 10.6 Youth have somewhere safe to meet with friends.
- 10.7 Interesting and well supervised youth programs are provided in this community.
- 10.8 The community provides a variety of good entertainment possibilities (movie theaters, dancing, sports events, fairs and festivals, restaurants).
- 10.9 Community parks and recreation areas are safe.
- 10.10 Neighborhood parks and recreation areas are well kept and attractive.

- 10.11 There are recreation facilities especially for children (like tot lots, wading pools, ball parks).
- 10.12 There are recreational facilities especially for teens (like after-school hangouts, basketball courts, a place for dances).
- 10.13 There are recreation facilities especially for adults (like basketball courts, swimming pool, ball fields).
- 10.14 This community is able to attract outside entertainment (like traveling music groups, well known entertainers).

11.0 Safety, Crime, and Violence

- 11.1 People are safe in our community.
- 11.2 Youth avoid violent crime.
- 11.3 Youth avoid gang-related activity.
- 11.4 Youth do not take their own life.
- 11.5 Youth do not carry weapons.
- 11.6 Kids don't hurt others.
- 11.7 People don't have easy access to handguns and automatic weapons.
- 11.8 High crime areas are well lit.
- 11.9 Neighbors organize to fight crime (like crime watch councils).
- 11.10 People don't sell drugs in our community.
- 11.11 Drug houses are identified and closed down or torn down.
- 11.12 Neighbors and police work together to make the neighborhood safe (like community policing programs).
- 11.13 Kids have safe places to be.
- 11.14 Children are free from abuse and sexual assault.
- 11.15 Women are free from abuse and sexual assault from their spouses and mates.

12.10 Transportation is available for the elderly and for people with disabilities.

12.11 This community has a good taxi service.

12.12 The cost of local transportation is affordable.

Overall, how satisfied are you that this neighborhood is a good place to live?
