

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!** Please take just 10 minutes to share your opinions about important issues facing our community. You will be entered to win a \$250 Visa gift card!

Hart Research Associates and Public Opinion Strategies (two national research firms) are conducting this survey with Silicon Valley Community Foundation to learn your opinions on a few questions about your community. This is for research purposes only. You will not be sold anything. Your participation is voluntary and your responses will be kept confidential.

**Everyone who completes the survey will have the chance to enter to win a \$250 Visa gift card, or the winner can choose to have the \$250 donated to the charity of their choice.**

**Q1** How old are you?

- Under age 18
- 18-24
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60-64
- 65-69
- 70-74
- 75 or older

**Q2** Looking ahead to the next five years or so, do you feel more hopeful or more worried about what the future holds for your community?

- More hopeful
- More worried

**Q3** Listed here are several statements. For each one, please indicate how much you agree or disagree.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
My community is the perfect place for people like me.				
My community provides opportunities for everyone.				
Residents have shared goals and priorities for our community.				

**Q4** Do you think people in your community are more united or more divided when it comes to addressing important goals and challenges?

- Much more united
- Somewhat more united
- Somewhat more divided
- Much more divided

**Q5** Barring a natural disaster or other unforeseen challenges, how do you think your community will be as a place to live five years from now, compared to today?

- Will be much better
- Will be somewhat better
- Will stay about the same
- Will be somewhat worse
- Will be much worse

**Q6** How involved are you in community and neighborhood activities where you live?

- Very involved
- Somewhat involved
- Not too involved
- Not at all involved

**Q7** Which **THREE** of these issues do you think are the most important for your community to address? **Write the item number from the list below of your first, second, and third choice in the spaces provided.**

- 1st Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2nd Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3rd Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, reducing homelessness)
- 2) Local public and charter schools
- 3) Crime, violence, and public safety
- 4) Reducing hunger and food insecurity
- 5) Public transportation
- 6) Early childhood development (e.g., affordable child care, early childhood education)
- 7) Affordable healthcare
- 8) Good-paying jobs and economic development
- 9) Parks and recreational areas
- 10) Race relations, racism, and racial discrimination
- 11) Environmental issues (e.g., air, water)
- 12) Social justice issues (e.g., equality, civil rights, police-involved violence, incarceration)
- 13) Poverty, economic security, and upward economic mobility
- 14) Drug and alcohol addiction
- 15) The treatment of immigrants in our community

**Q8** How much impact do you think people like you can have in making your community a better place to live?

- A big impact
- A moderate impact
- A small impact
- No impact at all

**Q9** Which **TWO or THREE** of the following groups do you think are having the greatest impact on making your community a better place to live? *Select up to three.*

- Residents in your community
- Youth in your community
- Local government
- Churches, synagogues, mosques, and faith communities
- Employers and the business community
- Nonprofits and community organizations
- Public school teachers and leaders
- News media

**Q10** How important do you think it is that members from across your community come together in person on a regular basis to engage in conversations with each other in order to develop effective solutions to the issues and challenges facing your community today?

- Essential
- Very important
- Fairly important
- Just somewhat important
- Not important

**Q11** Changing topics now, please indicate which of the following apply to you as they relate to your *On The Table* experience. *Select all that apply.*

- I spoke with at least one person that I did not already know
- I exchanged contact information with at least one person that I did not already know
- I learned about important issues in my community
- The conversation helped me better understand how I can take action to help address issues and challenges in my community
- None of these applies to me

**Q12** How likely are you to take specific actions or next steps regarding an issue or solution discussed at the *On The Table* conversation you participated in?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not too likely
- Not at all likely

**J1** How much of an impact do you think you personally can have in encouraging or influencing discussions in your community about how to address issues and challenges facing your community that you care about?

- A big impact
- A moderate impact
- A small impact
- No impact at all

**J2** To what degree do you feel there are opportunities for you personally to get involved in addressing the issues and challenges facing your community that you care about? Do you feel there are...?

- Many opportunities for me to get involved
- Some opportunities for me to get involved
- Very few opportunities for me to get involved
- No opportunities for me to get involved
- I do not know if there are opportunities for me to get involved

**J3** Below is a list of things that a community organization could do to help local residents better understand and address issues and challenges facing the community. Please indicate how interested you would be in participating in a meeting or event that does each of the following things.

	Extremely interested	Very interested	Fairly interested	Just somewhat interested	Not interested
Provides information and deepens knowledge of issues and challenges facing the community					
Focuses on developing solutions to issues and challenges facing the community					
Allows people with different opinions and political perspectives to be able to openly express their opinions					
Brings together people with different backgrounds to meet and discuss issues and challenges facing the larger community					
Provides a forum where people can express their individual concerns, ideas, and priorities for the community to local elected leaders					
Focuses on actions that people can take to address issues facing the community					
Connects people with local organizations working to address issues and problems facing the community that they care about					
Provides opportunities for people in the community to share their ideas and collaborate with others in ways that address issues and problems facing the community					

**J4** If you could advise a community organization on how to structure and host events for local residents to gather to discuss issues and challenges facing the community, which characteristics would you say are most important for them to achieve? Please select your top three recommendations as #1, #2, and #3.

**1st Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3rd Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) That the meeting be informative and deepen knowledge of issues and challenges facing the community
- 2) That the meeting focus on developing solutions to issues and challenges facing the community
- 3) That the meeting allows people with different opinions and political perspectives be able to openly express their opinions
- 4) That the meeting brings together people with different backgrounds to meet and discuss issues and challenges facing the larger community
- 5) That the meeting be a forum where people can express their individual concerns, ideas, and priorities for the community to local elected leaders
- 6) That the meeting be focused on actions that people can take to address issues facing the community
- 7) That the meeting connect people with local organizations working to address issues and problems facing the community that they care about
- 8) That the meeting provide opportunities for people in the community to share their ideas and collaborate with others in ways that address issues and problems facing the community

**J5** If you could advise a community organization on how to best strengthen and support solutions to the challenges that are most important to you and your community, what recommendations would you give? Please select your top three recommendations as #1, #2, and #3.

**1st Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3rd Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Advocate to advance policies that reflect community aspirations
- 2) Fund research on the most pressing issues and challenges
- 3) Give money to organizations that provide direct services to residents
- 4) Educate and influence elected leaders and decisionmakers
- 5) Other (please specify):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**J6** How long have you lived in the nine-county Bay Area?

- Less than two years
- Two to four years
- Five to seven years
- Eight to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- More than 20 years

**J7** In which of the following ways, if any, do you interact with neighbors and others in your community? *Select all that apply.*

- Neighborhood social gatherings (a cookout, potluck, picnic, parade, etc.)
- Interactions in public neighborhood spaces (parks, sidewalks)
- Neighborhood cleanup
- Neighborhood watch/patrol
- Other
- None of these ways

**Q13** How did you hear about *On The Table*?

- Local newspaper in print or online
- Local radio
- TV announcement
- Communication from Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- Flyer or pamphlet posted in the community
- Through a community organization, church, or other faith-based organization
- Word of mouth from friend, family, coworker, etc.
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
- Some other source (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- I am not sure

**Q14** Did you participate in an *On The Table* conversation last year?

- Yes  No

**Q15** Are you interested in receiving e-mail communications from Silicon Valley Community Foundation about how to get involved in community issues and events?

- Yes (Please provide your e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_)
- No

**These final questions are for statistical purposes only.**

**QF1** Are you...?

- Male  Female  A gender identity not listed here

**QF2** What is the last grade that you completed in school?

- High school graduate, GED, or less education
- Vocational training, 2-year college degree, or some college, no degree
- 4-year college or bachelor's degree
- Postgraduate coursework or degree

**QF3** And for how long have you lived in Silicon Valley?

- Less than one year
- One to five years
- Six to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- 21 to 30 years
- More than 30 years

**QF4** Are you the parent or guardian of any children under age 18?

- Yes  No

**QF5** Please indicate whether the following statements apply to you.

	Yes, applies to me	No, does not apply to me	I am/was not eligible to vote
I have voted in all or most recent local elections.			
I have donated to a charity/cause that is important to me, or to a church or faith-based organization in the past year.			
I have spoken with my city council member, mayor, or other local elected official in the past year.			
I have performed local volunteer work for an organization or group in the past year.			
I have attended a public meeting in the past year (examples include: a school-related group, church-related group, neighborhood association, political organization, ethnic or cultural organization, business or professional association, etc.).			

**QF6** Do you own or rent your home?

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- Own
- Rent
- Some other arrangement

**That concludes the survey. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey!**

**QF7** Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of political party?

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- Strong Republican
- Leaning Republican
- Completely independent
- Leaning Democratic
- Strong Democrat
- Other

If you do not want to enter, please leave blank.

Name

**QF8a** For statistical purposes, are you from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

Phone number

- Yes, from Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background
- No, not from Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background

E-mail address

**QF8b** Are you...?

- White
- Black/African American
- Asian
- Other (*Please specify:*) \_\_\_\_\_
- Biracial or multiracial

**QF9** Finally, what is your ZIP Code?