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Survey Reaches Out to Determine Community Needs

Tell us what you need.

That’s the message Perris officials want to get out to the community as the City conducts a critical survey to address challenges—from infrastructure needs to job training to home-foreclosure prevention—over the next five years.

“This is the chance for the community to let us know what they see as their most pressing needs,” said Deputy City Manager Darren Madkin.

Madkin said the City is urging residents to complete the needs assessment by Jan.30. English and Spanish-language versions of the survey may be found on the City’s website, www.cityofperris.org by clicking on the following links: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/cityofperris-espanol> or <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/cityofperris>.

Paper copies can be picked up at the City’s gym, senior center and Development Services Counter.

Madkin said federal mandates require that once every five years, cities that receive Community Development Block Grants submit a comprehensive plan to address their specific problems, concerns and needs.

Perris officials have distributed copies of the needs survey at several community events and held a meeting at City Hall with residents on Nov. 21.

Those outreach efforts have identified several areas residents say should be addressed—including improvements to the Perris library, construction of a convention center, more retail services and bicycle lanes, additional street lights, veterans services and support for homeless youth.

Other areas of concern reflect those of communities nationwide: improved job training and youth job training, assistance to attract more businesses, foreclosure assistance/prevention, special needs housing for seniors, large families and the mobility impaired, arts and substance abuse programs and community-beautification programs.

Once the surveys are collected and analyzed, City staff will present the findings to the Perris City Council.

Mayor Daryl Busch said it is critical for residents to complete the surveys so City officials can best address community needs.

“It’s very important both from an informational and planning perspective,” he said. “This is an opportunity to help us identify the most urgent City needs and provide us a plan to address them.”



Perris City employees conduct a meeting of residents to discuss the ongoing community-needs survey being conducted in the community.

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