

Thank you for participating in the Santa Cruz County Community Themes and Strengths Assessment. We would like to hear from you, our community, about what you think of living here and the quality of life. Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions as honestly as possible. This information will be used to develop a plan to improve the health, wellbeing, and quality of life of everyone living in Santa Cruz County to achieve our vision: From the Redwoods through the Valleys to the Sea, Embracing Communities, Enhancing Wellbeing.

Please note that each question has a comment field if you would like to provide additional information about your response; however, it is not necessary for you to do so.

1. Our community is a good place to grow older.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Indifferent/ Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments (optional)

2. Our community is a good place to raise children.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Indifferent/ Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments (optional)

3. It is easy to buy fresh, quality food in our neighborhood.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Indifferent/ Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments (optional)

4. Our community is a safe place to live.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Indifferent/ Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments (optional)

5. There are plenty of places to be physically active in our community.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Indifferent/ Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments (optional)

6. There is economic opportunity in our community.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Indifferent/ Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments (optional)

7. There are plenty of opportunities to participate in the arts and other cultural activities.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Indifferent/ Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments (optional)

8. There are networks of support for individuals in our community.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Indifferent/ Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments (optional)

9. Adequate housing is available in our community.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Indifferent/ Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments (optional)

10. Rate your satisfaction with the health care system in our community.

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Indifferent/ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Comments (optional)

11. Rate your satisfaction with the quality of life in our community

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Indifferent/ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Comments (optional)

12. Individuals and groups have the opportunity to get involved with improving the community's quality of life.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Indifferent/ Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments (optional)

13. All residents believe that they can make the community a better place to live.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Indifferent/ Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments (optional)

14. Santa Cruz County residents have civic pride and participate in groups to make the community a better place.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Indifferent/ Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments (optional)

15. From the list below, please select the THREE most important characteristics of a healthy community?

- Access to fresh, healthy food
- Tobacco free
- Safe community
- Drug free
- Reduced youth access to alcohol and tobacco
- Accessible health care services
- Quality health care services
- Bike and walking paths
- Transportation
- Teenagers have opportunities (no gangs, drugs, pregnancy)
- Clean, safe drinking water
- Affordable housing
- Livable wages
- High school graduation
- Arts and culture
- Accessible dental care services
- Accessible mental health services
- Accessible health information about various issues
- Parks, recreational areas, and open spaces.
- Clean air
- Ability to respond to infectious disease health threats

Other (please specify)

16. From the list below, please select the THREE most important issues that must be addressed to improve the health and quality of life in Santa Cruz County

- Flexible clinic hours
- Reduce or eliminate youth access to alcohol and tobacco
- Community gardens
- Dedicated bicycling and walking paths
- Healthier school lunches
- Worksite wellness programs
- Reduce tobacco use
- More law enforcement officers
- Improve high school graduation rates
- Improve the quality of the drinking water
- Improve air quality
- Community health fairs
- More farmers markets
- More mental health care providers
- More arts and cultural events (low cost or free)
- Affordable housing
- Higher wages
- More mass transportation options

Other (please specify)

Demographic Information

Now we would like to ask a few questions about you.

17. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other

18. How old are you?

- 12-17
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 34-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 and older

19. Where do you live in Santa Cruz County

- Freedom
- Watsonville City
- Boulder Creek
- Ben Lomond
- Felton
- Capitola
- Davenport
- Bonny Doon
- Soquel
- Corralitos
- La Selva
- Aptos
- Scotts Valley
- Santa Cruz
- Live Oak
- Other (please specify)

20. Would you be interested in sharing your opinions in a focus group?

- Yes
- No

21. Please provide you contact information if you would like to participate in a focus group.

Name

Phone Number

E-mail

Thank you for your participation in this survey!

We greatly appreciate you time and input.

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