

## **Community Prosecution Questionnaire for James Crossing**

### **Introduction**

We are doing a survey to be used in an effort to create a Community Court that addresses the issues the James Crossing community feels are important and to increase the quality of life and safety here. Any individual answers given will be confidential and will not be shared with the community at large, only the collective data will be released. If any questions make you uncomfortable or you just don't feel like answering, just let me know and we can move on.

### **I. COMMUNITY COURT**

1. What do you think about the traditional court/justice system?
2. Have you ever heard of any of the following programs:
  - a. Community Policing
  - b. Community Court
  - c. Community Prosecution

If not explain what each means.

What do you think about a Community Court for this community?

Do you think it would be beneficial?

Would you want to help in creating one? (Come to meetings, give feedback, be part of a committee?)

### **II. STRENGTHS IN THE COMMUNITY**

#### **Main Question:**

What do you think are the best things about the James Crossing Community?

Which of the following do you feel are strengths of the James Crossing Community?

0-Not a Strength  
1- Small Strength

2-Strength  
3- Big Strength

4- Very big strength

0 1 2 3 4

Neighborhood Pride

0 1 2 3 4

Access to Public Transportation

0 1 2 3 4

Feeling of togetherness with other residents

0 1 2 3 4

School District

0 1 2 3 4

Community Center

0 1 2 3 4

Programming for Youth

0 1 2 3 4

Neighborhood Counsel

0 1 2 3 4

Leaders

0 1 2 3 4

Church Connections

### **III. GENERAL COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND PROBLEMS**

**Main Question:**

*What do you think are the biggest problems here?*

**Additional Prods for each problem mentioned:**

- What would you say is causing the problem you've mentioned?
- What are the visible signs that this problem exists in the community?
- What members of the community are affected most by this problem?
- What kinds of solutions might help this problem?

## Survey

Please rank the following problems, 0 is not a problem, 1 small problem, 2 big problem and 3 is a very big problem

- 0 1 2 3 Public Drug Sales
- 0 1 2 3 Drug Sales
- 0 1 2 3 Drug Use
- 0 1 2 3 Alcoholism
- 0 1 2 3 Drinking
- 0 1 2 3 Prostitution
- 0 1 2 3 Domestic violence
- 0 1 2 3 Gangs
- 0 1 2 3 Child neglect or abuse
- 0 1 2 3 Truancy
- 0 1 2 3 Child support enforcement
- 0 1 2 3 Trespassing
- 0 1 2 3 Illegal Gun possession
- 0 1 2 3 Gun violence
- 0 1 2 3 Street Fights/Assaults
- 0 1 2 3 Sexual Assaults
- 0 1 2 3 Early Sexual Activity
- 0 1 2 3 Teen Pregnancy
- 0 1 2 3 Affordable Day Care
- 0 1 2 3 Lack of Community Based Day Care
- 0 1 2 3 Youth hanging out with the wrong crowd
- 0 1 2 3 Unemployment
- 0 1 2 3 Lack of male role models
- 0 1 2 3 Lack of job training
- 0 1 2 3 Lack of job opportunities
- 0 1 2 3 High rates of incarceration
- 0 1 2 3 Lack of social services for families in need
- 0 1 2 3 Lack of family counseling
- 0 1 2 3 Littering
- 0 1 2 3 Property Destruction
- 0 1 2 3 Loitering
- 0 1 2 3 Traffic Enforcement
- 0 1 2 3 Street Lighting
- 0 1 2 3 Lack of Street Signs
- 0 1 2 3 Noise violations
- 0 1 2 3 Cruising
- 0 1 2 3 Residential burglary
- 0 1 2 3 Garbage on the Street
- 0 1 2 3 Graffiti
- 0 1 2 3 Dogs at large

#### **IV. COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES**

##### **Main Questions:**

1. *What types of programs/help for the community do you know about?*
2. *Have you ever used any programs in the community since you have lived here?*
3. *How long have you lived here?*
4. *Do you have any children?*
5. *Do you know of any programs for youth?*
6. *Are you employed?*
7. *Do you know of any programs for job training?*
8. *What kind of programs do you think would be the biggest help to this community?*

#### **VII. OTHER INFORMATION/WRAP UP**

Who else should we be talking to about this?

#### **IF TIME ALLOWS**

What if any of the following programs would you be interested in? Please pick your top three. Explain each program if needed.

Substations located in the community

Crime Prevention Workshops in the community

Domestic Violence Prevention Workshops in the community

Truancy Programs

Drug Free Zones/ Stay away zones in Lynchburg

(For example if a defendant is ordered as a term of probation to stay out of certain neighborhoods- if he/she is found in those neighborhoods they can be arrested for contempt of court and be put in jail/ have the suspended sentence revoked.)

Community involvement in alternative dispositions to low-level crimes/Community Court

Job Training Programs

Mediation Training Programs

After School Programs