

City of La Cañada Flintridge Strategic Planning – Community Feedback Report

The La Cañada Flintridge City Council sought input from the community as part of the 2025-2027 strategic planning process. Community members were invited to:

1. Attend a community workshop
2. Complete an online questionnaire hosted on the City’s website

Separate from the strategic planning engagement opportunities, the City conducted a statistically valid survey through Flashvote to gather data on community priorities. The City conducted outreach via its communication channels to encourage residents to sign-up for the Flashvote platform. The survey was conducted February 18-19, 2025. Results can be found here at <https://www.flashvote.com/la-canada-flintridge-ca/surveys/community-priorities-02-25>. By request of members of the City Council, a follow-up survey form mirroring the Flashvote survey was made available on the City website for those who were unable to participate in the survey.

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Community Workshops

Executive Summary

Tripepi Smith, in partnership with the City, held the first of two workshops on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at La Cañada Flintridge City Council Chambers. Tripepi Smith Principal Ryder Todd Smith provided an introduction and overview of the strategic planning process, then invited participants to break into small groups to discuss a series of questions. Each small group documented their notes and assigned one member to report out to the entire group at the end. 65 attendees were present.

On Monday, March 4, 2025, Tripepi Smith hosted the second community workshop virtually via Zoom. Following an introduction and overview of the process, participants were asked a series of questions and encouraged to provide their feedback by raising their hand to speak or by submitting comments via Chat. 30 attendees were present.

Recordings from both workshops can be found on the strategic planning page of the City’s website: <https://lcf.ca.gov/strategic-plan/>

Summary of Feedback

Tripepi Smith consolidated and summarized notes from both workshops below.

What do you enjoy about living in La Cañada Flintridge?

- Small-town feel, family-oriented, safe community with strong schools and outdoor access.
- Quiet neighborhoods, nature, low-density living, and less light pollution.
- Community engagement opportunities, including concerts in the park, parades, and farmers markets.
- Well-maintained parks, trails, and hiking areas.
- Public safety, law enforcement presence, and Beeline transit system.
- Responsive City government and strong fiscal responsibility.

What do you think the City is doing well?

- Well-managed City operations, professional staff and fiscal responsibility.
- Improved communication through Mayor's Minute, community events and outreach.
- Active engagement in maintaining safety, though concerns remain in specific areas.
- Recreational activities such as summer concerts and farmers markets.
- Street and tree maintenance, traffic control measures, and overall cleanliness.
- Continued efforts to attract and support businesses.

What do you believe are the most pressing issues in La Cañada Flintridge?

- **Crime & Public Safety**
 - Concerns over crime, burglary prevention, and response strategies.
 - Need for increased communication and transparency about public safety issues.
 - Interest in using reserve officers and technology (drones, cameras) to improve law enforcement.
 - Request for increasing the number of deputies in response to burglaries at larger stores.
 - Interest in hiring off-duty officers to make arrests and deter crime.
 - Request for four way traffic light at ACH and Green and ACH and Greenridge.
- **Traffic & Pedestrian Safety**
 - Speeding issues on Commonwealth and Angeles Crest Highway, especially on weekends.
 - Traffic congestion near schools.
 - Desire for more monitoring, enforcement, and speed mitigation measures.
 - Lack of sidewalks and streetlights, making pedestrian areas unsafe.
 - Desire for improved street signage and reinforcement of traffic laws.
 - Requests for expanded soundwalls in high-traffic/noisy areas.
- **Emergency Preparedness**
 - Interest in reinforcing emergency preparedness programs (e.g., CERT and VERT).
 - Concerns over wildfire risks, power outages, and fire mitigation strategies.
 - Evacuation routes, notification systems (sirens), and community wildfire protection plans.
 - Improved fire prevention efforts, including home hardening, brush clearance, and defensive space policies.
 - Addressing high fire insurance premiums.
- **Housing**
 - More affordable housing to attract new families and support public schools.
 - Concerns about the housing element lawsuit—residents want clarity on costs and next steps.
- **Land Use**
 - Need for more retail and commercial spaces to increase City revenue.
 - Desire to develop unused land for green spaces and pocket parks.
- **Governance**
 - More citizen commissions and increased representation from younger and more diverse residents.
 - Commission focused on environmental issues.

- Request for improving the City Council's ability to place items on the agenda, including better inter-council communication and access to documents/resources.
- Requests for more transparency in decision-making and legal matters.
- **Community Engagement**
 - Desire for a stronger sense of community outside of school-related activities.
 - Suggestion for quarterly community roundtable discussions on various topics.
- **Other**
 - Issues with multiple trash haulers creating inefficiencies.
 - Frustration with limited broadband provider options (desire for alternatives to Spectrum Charter).
 - Climate change protections, water conservation, and urban fire mitigation strategies.
 - Landscaping with native plants to support biodiversity.

Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

- **Public Safety**
 - Increased use of technology (drones, cameras) for crime monitoring.
 - Incentive program for home security systems (Ring cameras, mesh wiring for fire mitigation).
 - More fire safety education and brush-clearing enforcement.
 - Use of reserve officers.
- **Community Services & Events:**
 - Expansion of Parks & Recreation programs, particularly for teenagers and seniors.
 - Additional pickleball courts.
 - Increased community celebrations (Pride, Black History Month, etc.).
 - More funding for trail maintenance.
 - Streamlining the permitting process for home improvements.
 - More opportunities for residents to volunteer with the City.
 - Expanding community center childcare and lowering age eligibility.
 - Allowing phone-in comments for City Council meetings.
- **Infrastructure**
 - Undergrounding power lines to mitigate fire risk.
 - Addressing power outages and risks associated with large utility infrastructure.
 - Improved pedestrian access and walkability, especially along Foothill Blvd.
 - Additional soundwalls to mitigate traffic noise.
 - Expansion of community centers and third spaces for residents.
- **Econ Dev**
 - More retail and dining options to enhance vibrancy.
 - Business development plan to attract new shops and restaurants.
- **Housing**
 - Multi-family housing for families of 55+

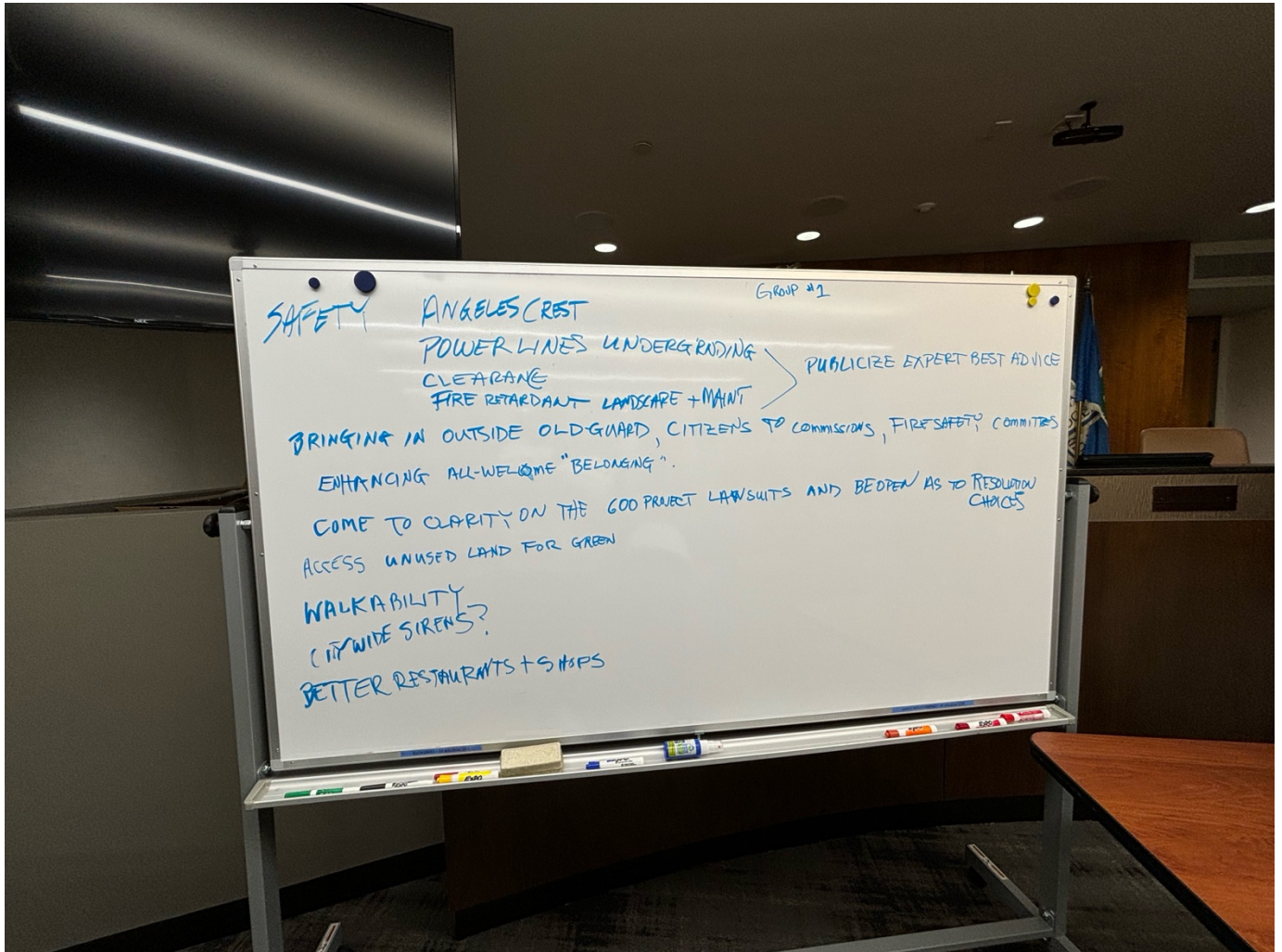
What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

- **Economic Development**
 - Proactive approach to attracting and retaining businesses.
 - Improved retail and dining experiences.
 - Develop a walkable commercial district to encourage local business activity.
 - Balance economic development with quality of life considerations (learning from other cities like Culver City).
- **Community Initiatives**
 - Acknowledgment of diversity and affinity months (Pride, Black History Month, etc.).
 - Encouraging block parties and more community-building events.
 - Ensuring black families feel welcome in the City.

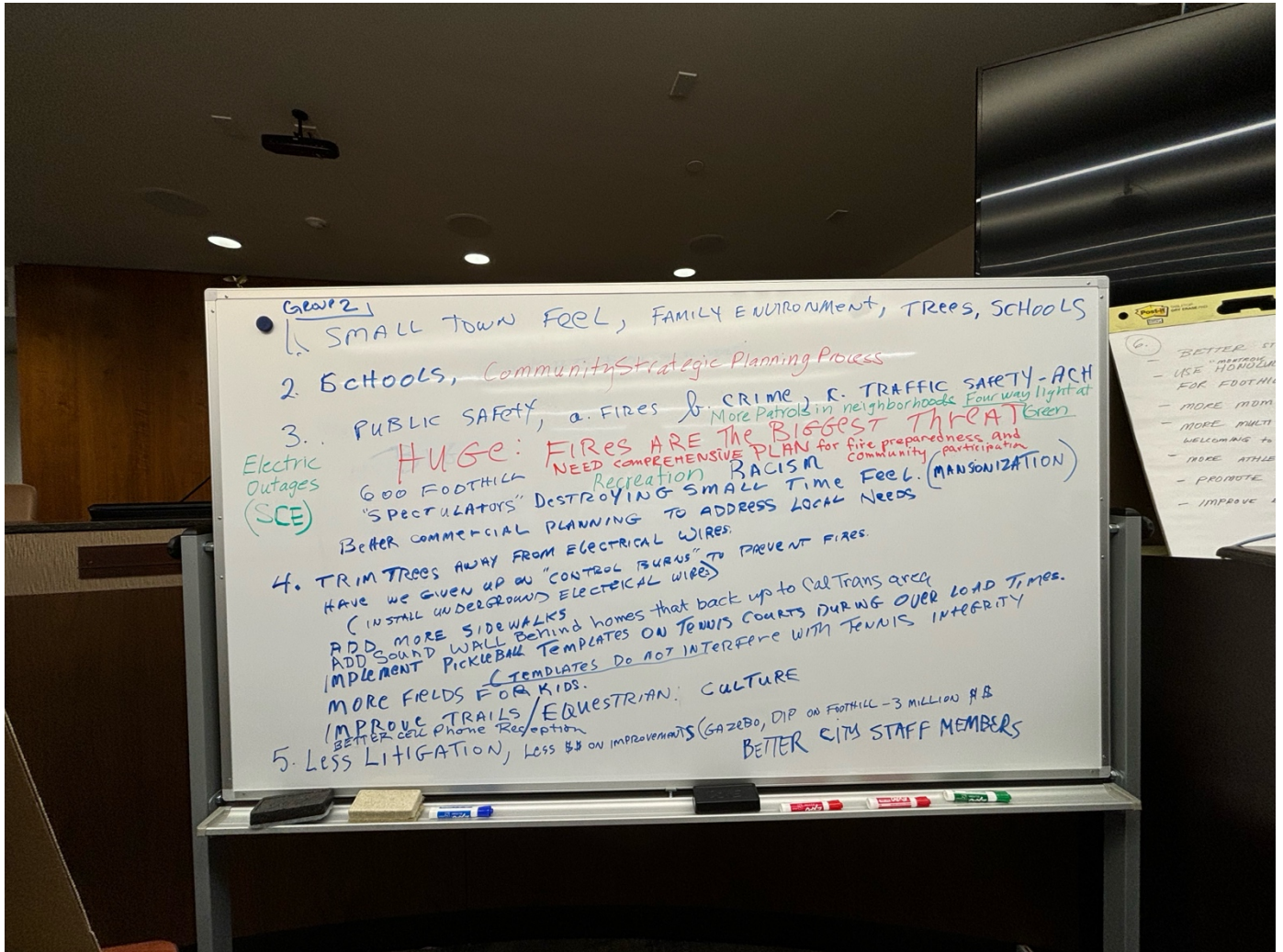
- **Public Spaces & Recreation**
 - Additional parks and green spaces.
 - Investing in senior housing and community resources.
 - Bond measures to fund more open spaces.
- **Soundwalls**
 - Prioritize completing soundwalls to ensure all residents receive noise mitigation.

Small Group Notes from Workshop #1

Group 1



Group 2



Group 2
 1. SMALL TOWN FEEL, FAMILY ENVIRONMENT, TREES, SCHOOLS
 2. SCHOOLS, Community Strategic Planning Process
 3. PUBLIC SAFETY, a. FIRES & CRIME, R. TRAFFIC SAFETY - ACH
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 HUGGE: FIRES ARE THE BIGGEST THREAT
 NEED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN for fire preparedness and community participation
 Recreation RACISM
 Better commercial planning to address local needs
 4. TRIM TREES AWAY FROM ELECTRICAL WIRES
 HAVE WE GIVEN UP ON "CONTROL BURNS" TO PREVENT FIRES
 (INSTALL UNDERGROUNDS ELECTRICAL WIRES)
 ADD MORE SIDEWALKS
 ADD SOUND WALL BEHIND HOMES THAT BACK UP TO CALTRANS AREA
 IMPLEMENT PICKLEBALL TEMPLATES ON TENNIS COURTS DURING OVER LOAD TIMES.
 MORE FIELDS FOR KIDS.
 IMPROVE TRAILS/EQUESTRIAN: CULTURE
 BETTER CELL PHONE RECEPTION
 5. LESS LITIGATION, Less \$ on improvements (GAZEBO, DIP ON FOOTHILL - 3 MILLION \$)
 BETTER CITY STAFF MEMBERS

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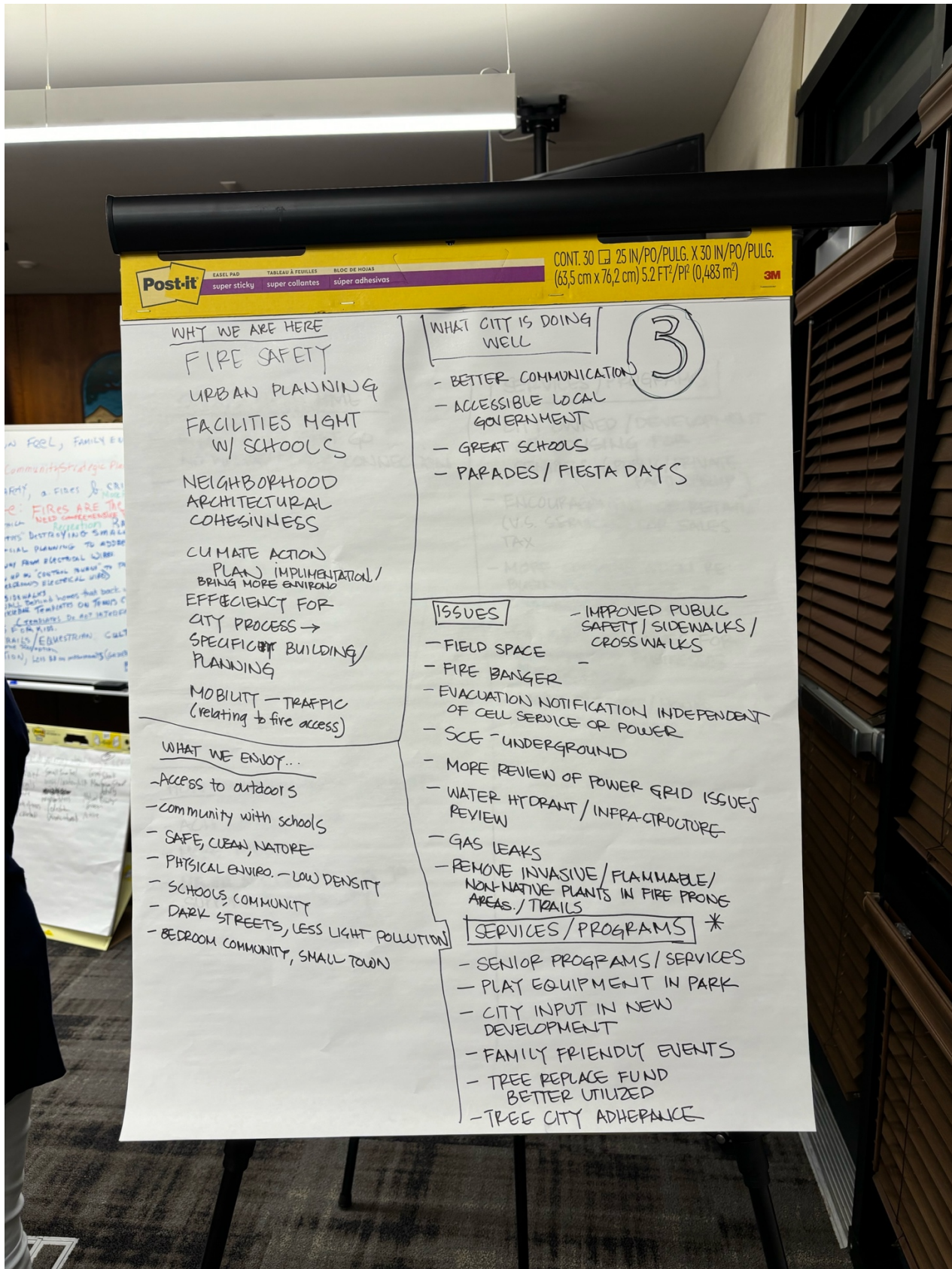
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- USE "MONTROSE HONOLULU" AS SAMPLE FOR FOOTHILL,
- MORE MODERN & POP RESTAURANTS,
- MORE MULTI-CULTURAL & MORE WELCOMING to SPECIFICALLY to BLACK COMMUNITIES,
- MORE ATHLETIC FIELDS.
- PROMOTE LARGER FARMERS' MARKET
- IMPROVE ELECTRICAL RELIABILITY.

Group 3



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WHY WE ARE HERE

FIRE SAFETY
 URBAN PLANNING &
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 W/ SCHOOLS

NEIGHBORHOOD
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CLIMATE ACTION
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EFFICIENCY FOR
 CITY PROCESS →
 SPECIFIC BUILDING/
 PLANNING

MOBILITY - TRAFFIC
 (relating to fire access)

WHAT CITY IS DOING WELL

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- BETTER COMMUNICATION
- ACCESSIBLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- GREAT SCHOOLS
- PARADES / FIESTA DAYS

ISSUES

- IMPROVED PUBLIC SAFETY / SIDEWALKS / CROSS WALKS
- FIELD SPACE
- FIRE BANGER
- EVACUATION NOTIFICATION INDEPENDENT OF CELL SERVICE OR POWER
- SCE - UNDERGROUND
- MORE REVIEW OF POWER GRID ISSUES
- WATER HYDRANT / INFRA-STRUCTURE REVIEW
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- REMOVE INVASIVE / FLAMMABLE / NON-NATIVE PLANTS IN FIRE PRONE AREAS / TRAILS

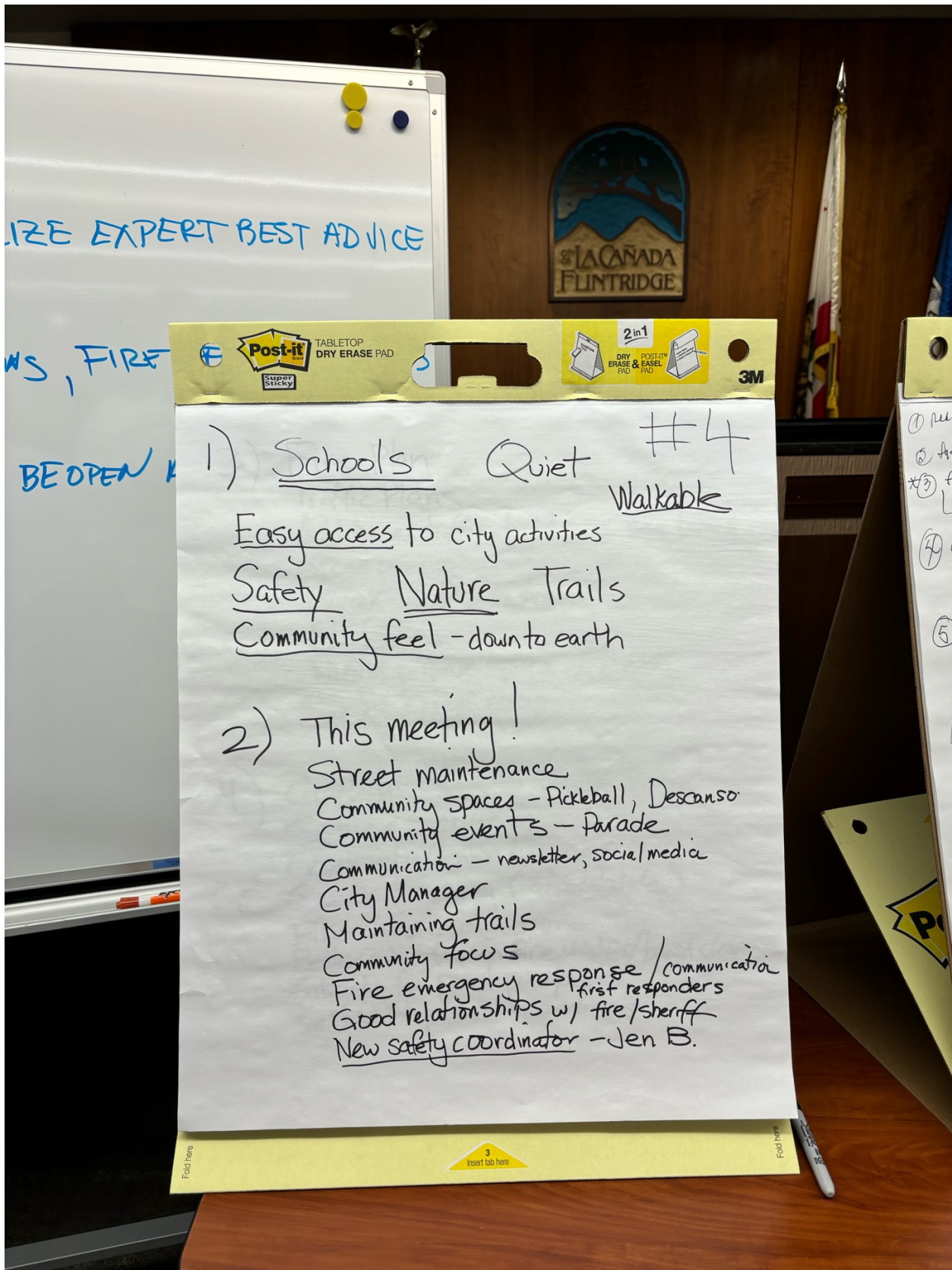
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- ACCESS to outdoors
- community with schools
- SAFE, CLEAN, NATURE
- PHYSICAL ENVIRO. - LOW DENSITY
- SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY
- DARK STREETS, LESS LIGHT POLLUTION
- BEDROOM COMMUNITY, SMALL TOWN

SERVICES/PROGRAMS *

- SENIOR PROGRAMS / SERVICES
- PLAY EQUIPMENT IN PARK
- CITY INPUT IN NEW DEVELOPMENT
- FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS
- TREE REPLACE FUND BETTER UTILIZED
- TREE CITY ADHERANCE

Group 4



1) Schools Quiet #4
Walkable

Easy access to city activities
Safety Nature Trails
Community feel - down to earth

2) This meeting!
Street maintenance
Community spaces - Pickleball, Descanso
Community events - Parade
Communication - newsletter, social media
City Manager
Maintaining trails
Community focus
Fire emergency response / communication first responders
Good relationships w/ fire/sheriff
New safety coordinator - Jen B.

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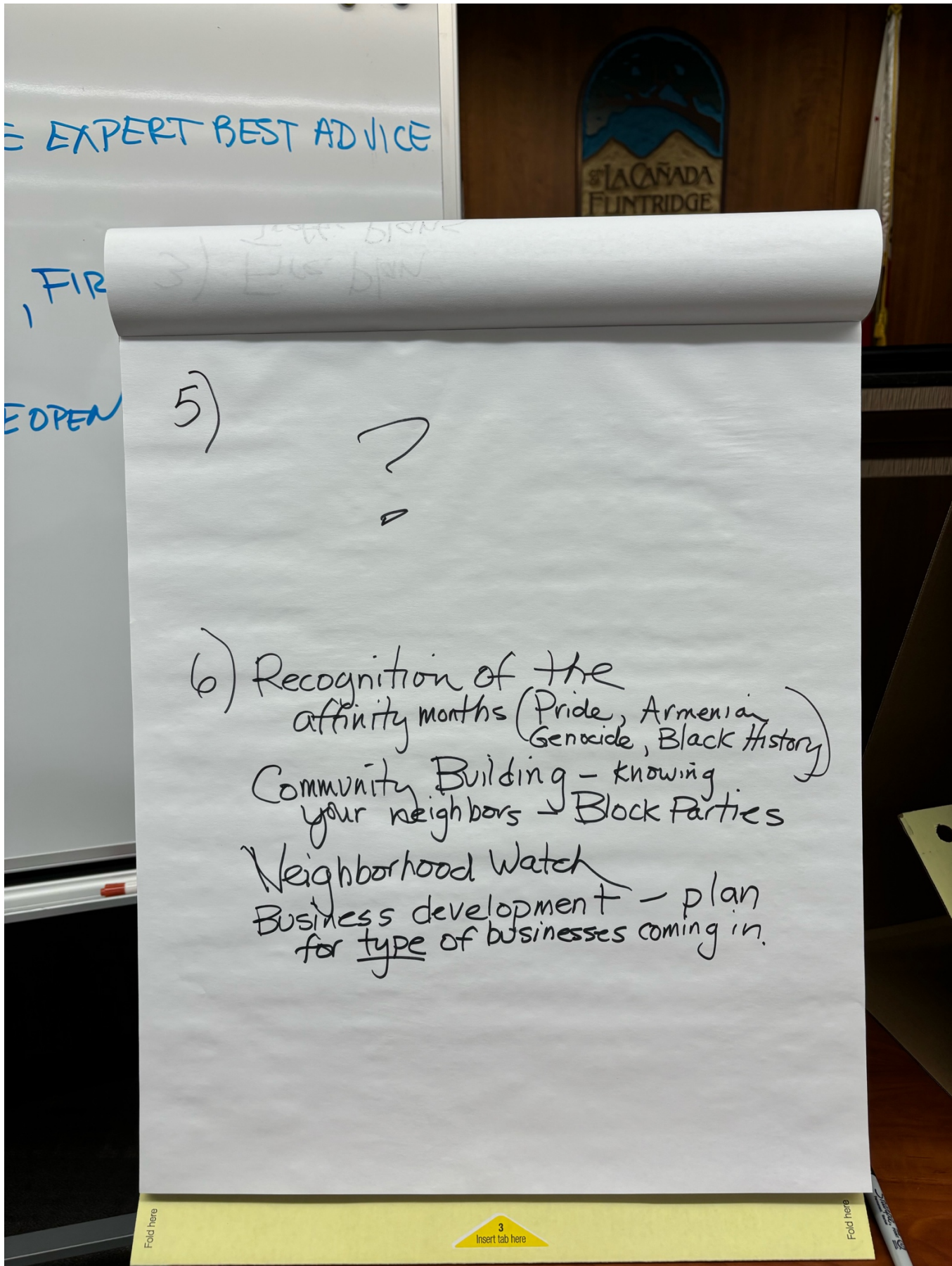
- 3) Fire Plan
Traffic Plans
Additional traffic lights + see bikes
Speed bumps
Break-In Prevention
E-Bikes
More public space / fields
School budget crisis

- 4) Garbage collection (why 3?)
Senior Service
Community Center Expansion
?? Senior Housing (affordable)
Fire Safety Education
Better citations on fire violations / brush clearance
Subsidy for pool pumps
Sustainable plants in medians

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6) Recognition of the affinity months (Pride, Armenian Genocide, Black History)

Community Building - knowing your neighbors -> Block Parties

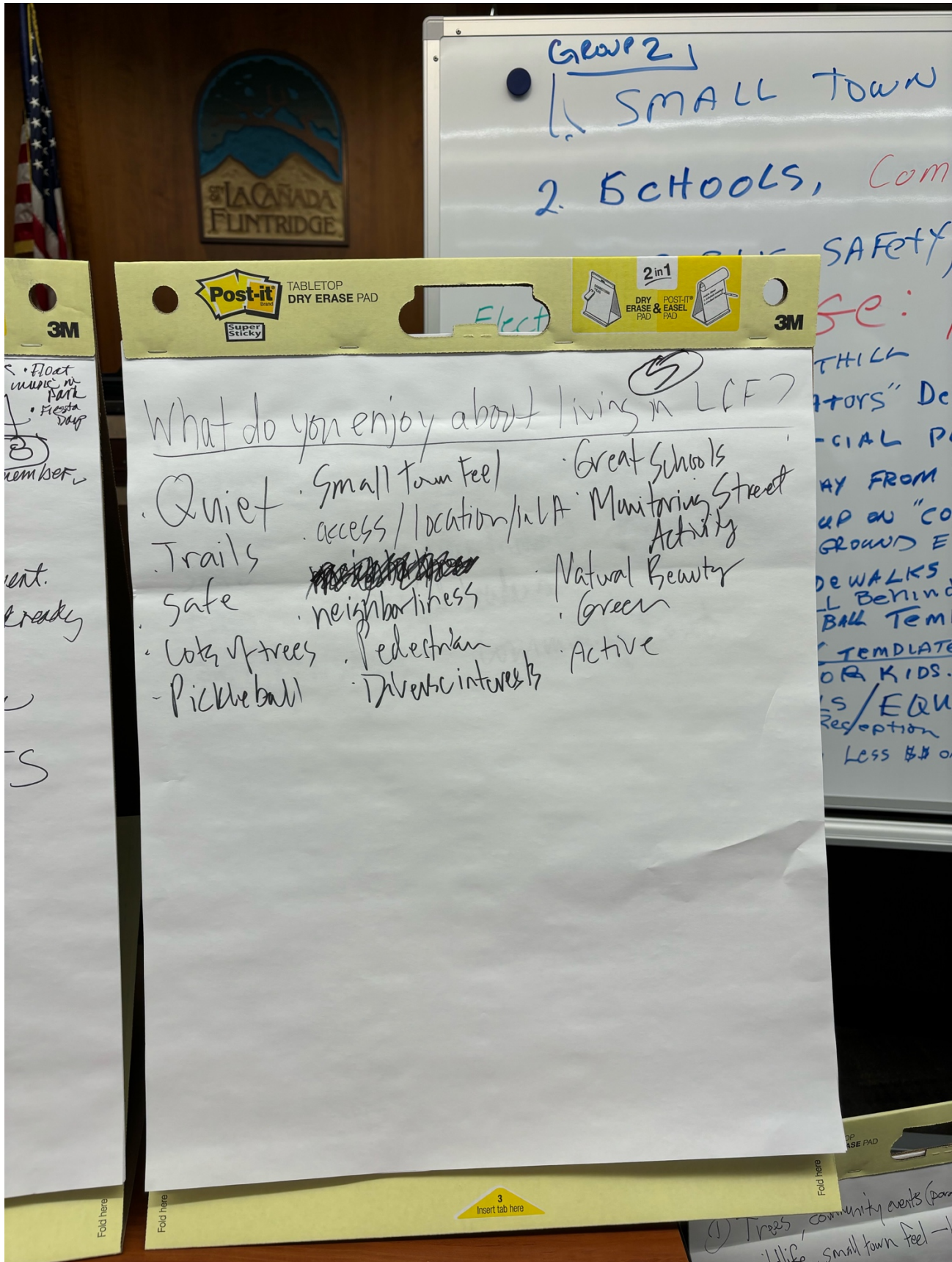
Neighborhood Watch
Business development - plan for type of businesses coming in.

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2. Schools, Com
SAFETY

What do you enjoy about living in LCF?

- Quiet
- Trails
- Safe
- Lots of trees
- Pickleball
- Small town feel
- access/location/inLA
- neighborliness
- Pedestrian
- Diverse interests
- Great Schools
- Monitoring Street Activity
- Natural Beauty
- Green
- Active

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- Safe : Keeping trees trimmed • Responsive
- Clean : Engaged leaders
- The City listens : Community Events

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2. SCHOOLS, Community

Pressing Issues

- public safety
- crime
- racing on streets
- e-bikes
- belongingness
- Welcoming committee
- being involved in
- Proactive welcoming for students
- Outreach to new residents
- * Fire preparedness
- diversity / isolation

we do not recognize LGBTQ pride

Need to recognize diversity

visibility for pedestrians

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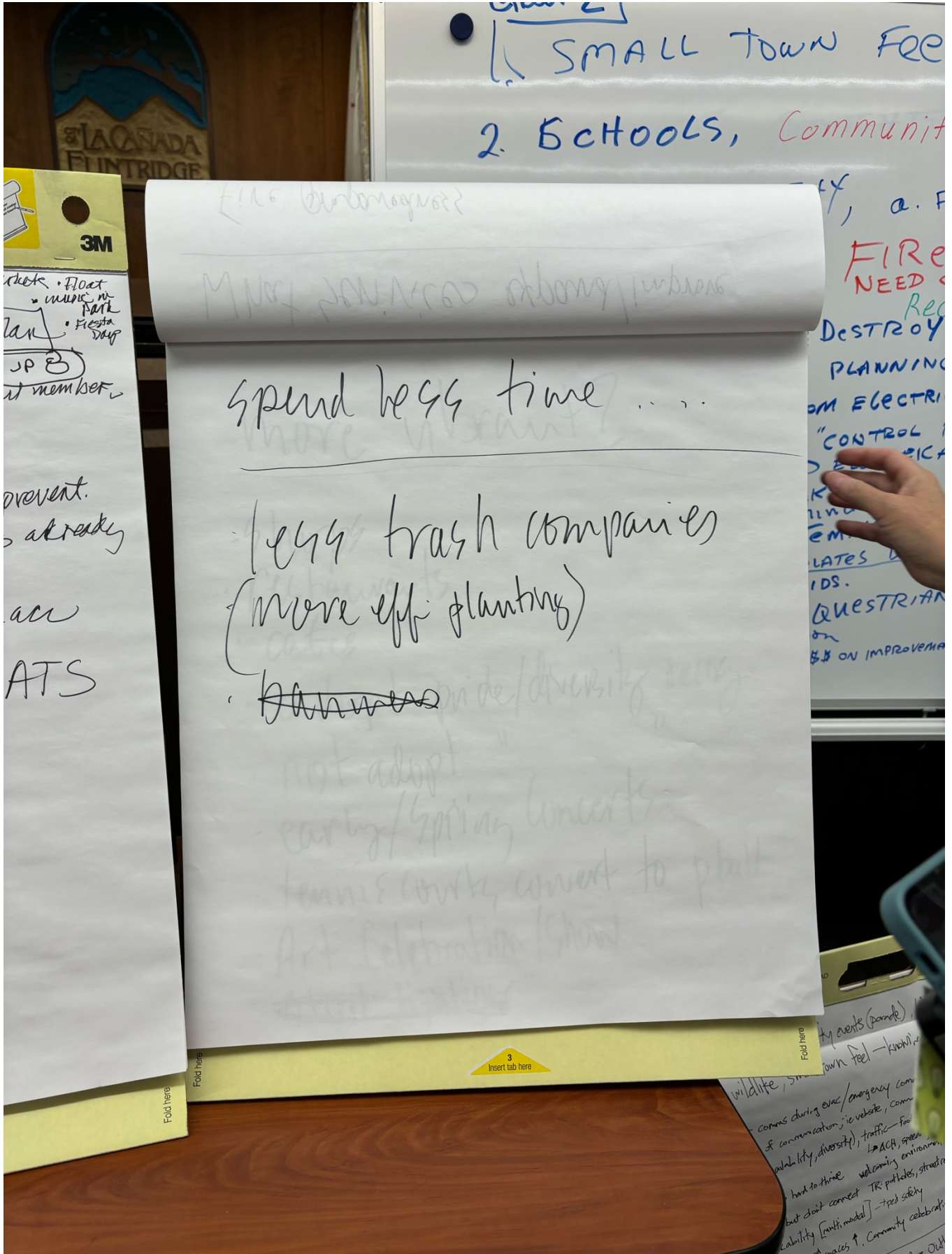
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- Fire preparedness
- home hardening
- evacuation plan
- emerg. comm sys.
- elec. outages - frequent

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of communication, ie website, community center,
availability, diversity, traffic - football volume
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2. SCHOOLS, Communities

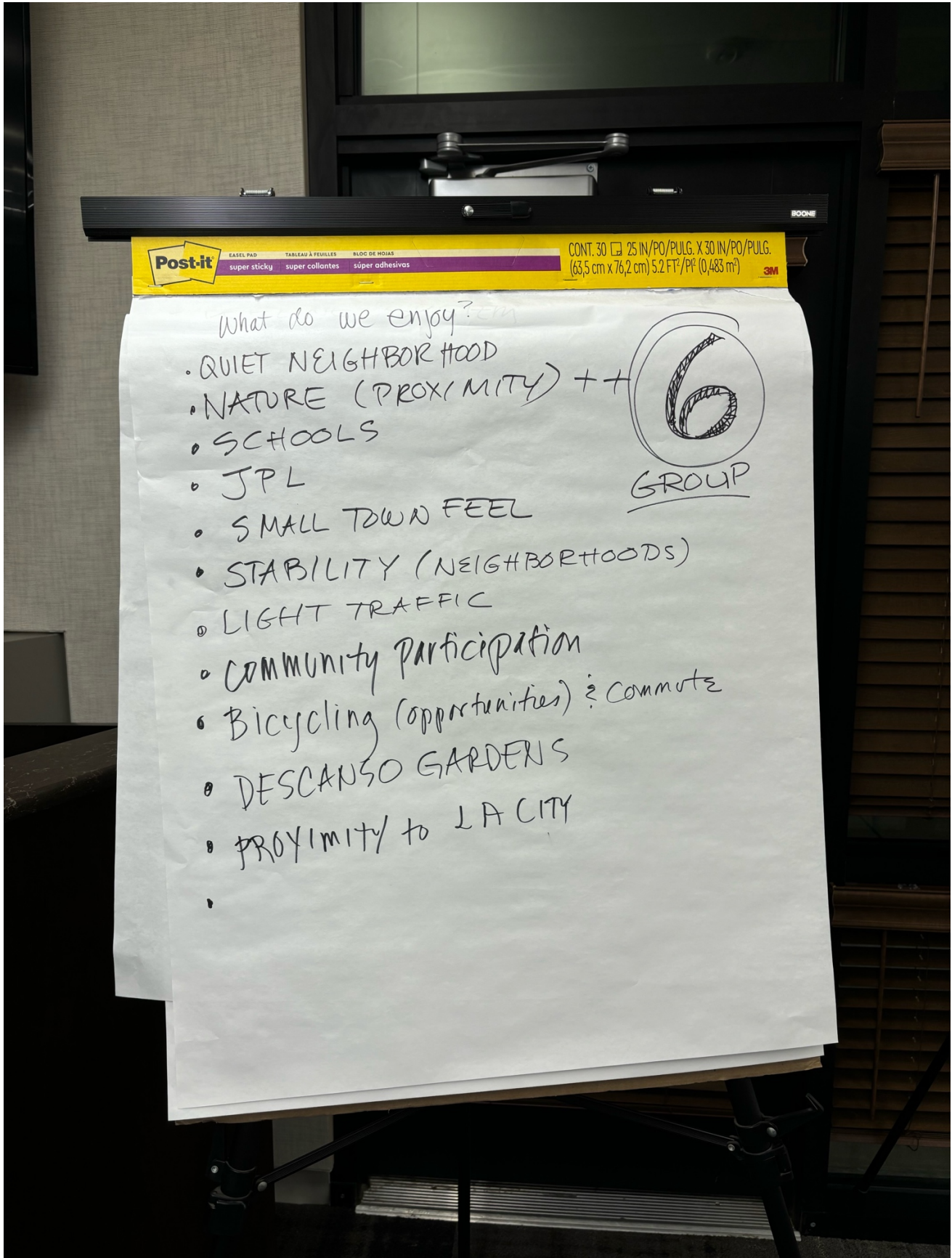
more vibrant?

- shops
- restaurants
- cafes
- adopt pride/diversity recog.
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- early/spring concerts
- tennis courts convert to pball
- Art Celebration/Show
- ~~street lighting~~

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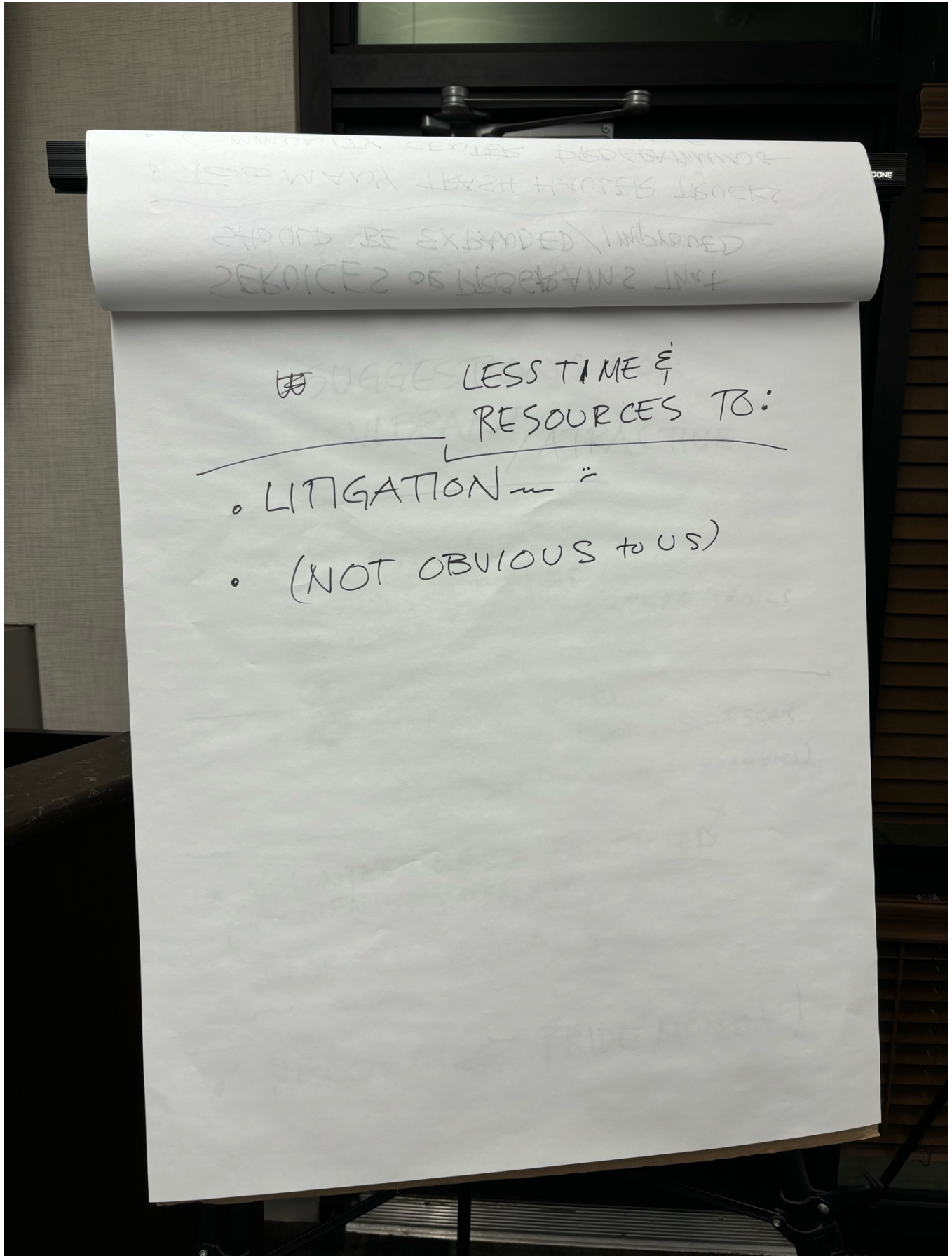
- BEE LINE SYSTEM
- PUBLIC SAFETY (ADVANCED...)
- Community organizations/engagement
(Boy & Girl Scouts, + other
for all ages)
- Music in the park
- Parade, Farmers market
- Community Center — (could use upgrade
BUT ASSET)
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WHAT ARE MOST PRESSING ISSUES ---?

- Housing Element Lawsuit ...!
- NOT pedestrian "friendly" - hard to walk safely
- Runaway Commercial Development
- Foothill @ commercial businesses NOT a "Destination." NO CITY CENTER
- OVERCROWDED ATHLETIC FACILITIES
- UNCONTROLLED TRAFFIC CONGESTION DURING DROP-OFF, PICK-UP TIMES
= TERRIBLE TRAFFIC FLOW =

SERVICES OR PROGRAMS THAT SHOULD BE EXPANDED/IMPROVED

- TOO MANY TRASH HAULER TRUCKS
- COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMMING
- NOT GREAT FOR KIDS CAN GO TO HANG OUT
- PUBLIC SAFETY:
 - ① BURGLARIES / HOME INVASIONS
(NOTED MORE IN PERSONAL NEIGHBORHOOD)
 - ② EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - NEED SMOOTHER COMMUNICATION
RE: FIRES, EARTHQUAKES
 - ③ PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
- ~~④~~ Public Transportation - EXTENDED HOURS "ROUTES (PASADENA)



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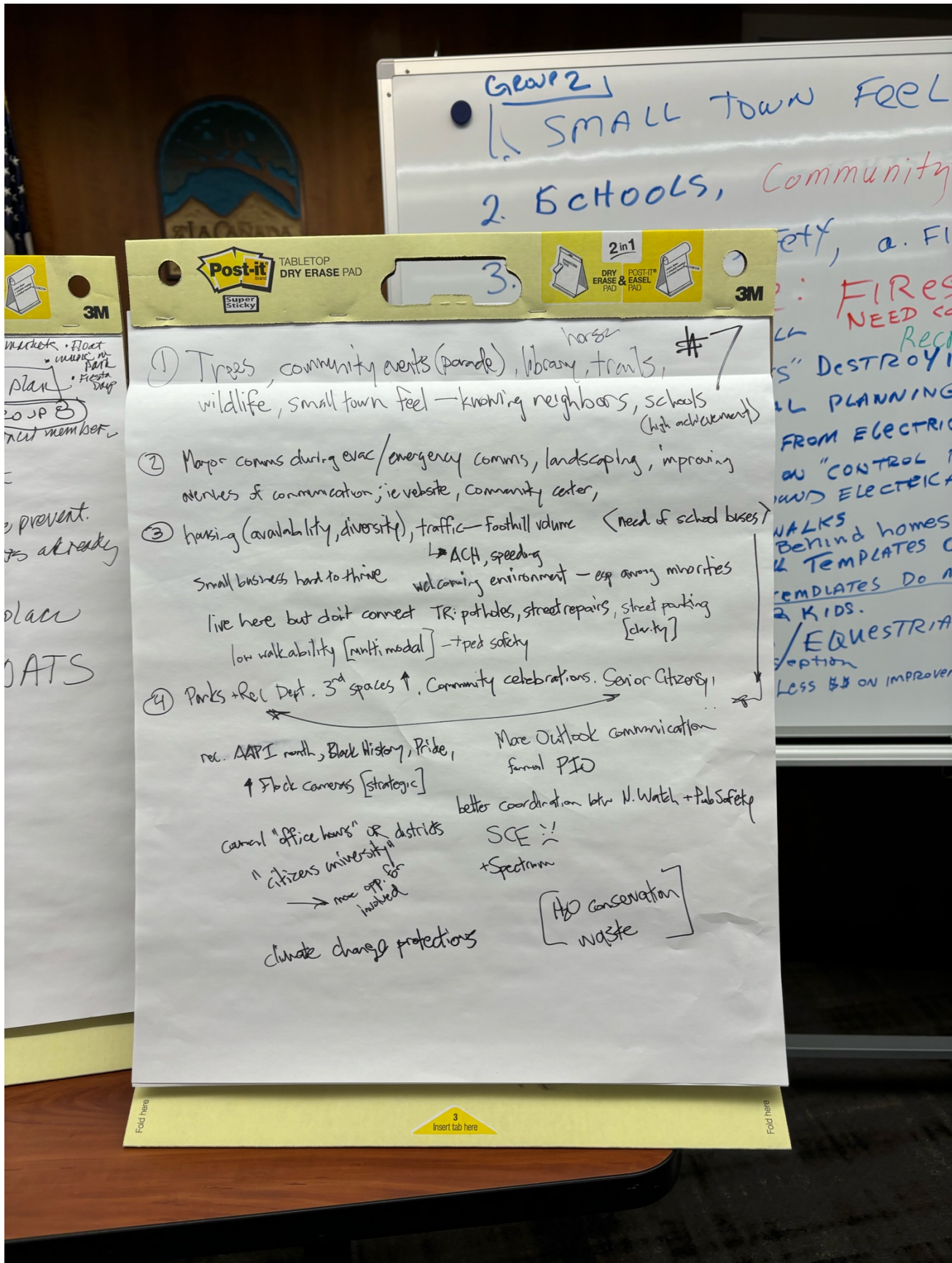
- BOND ISSUE for
 - ① PARKS + FIELDS
 - ② OPEN SPACES / NATURE TRAILS
 - ③ COMMUNITY CENTER
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* ~~BEZONDGEZ~~ ATTRACTING MORE
INTERESTING ~~BEZONDGEZ~~ BUSINESSES...
(MONTROSE/HONOLULU as examples)

* VOLUNTEERING IS RESTRICTED
(for CLEANUP parks, etc)
→ FOR CITY GOALS

• RECOGNIZE PRIDE MONTH!

Group 7



Group 2
 1. SMALL TOWN FEEL
 2. Schools, Community

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① Trees, community events (parade), library, trails, wildlife, small town feel — knowing neighbors, schools (high achievement)

② Maps comms during evac/emergency comms, landscaping, improving services of communication; i.e. website, community center,

③ housing (availability, diversity), traffic — Foothill volume (need of school buses)
 → ACH, speeding
 welcoming environment — esp among minorities
 Small business hard to thrive
 live here but don't connect TR: potholes, street repairs, street parking [density]
 low walkability [multi-modal] → ped safety

④ Parks + Rec Dept. 3rd spaces ↑. Community celebrations. Senior Citizens

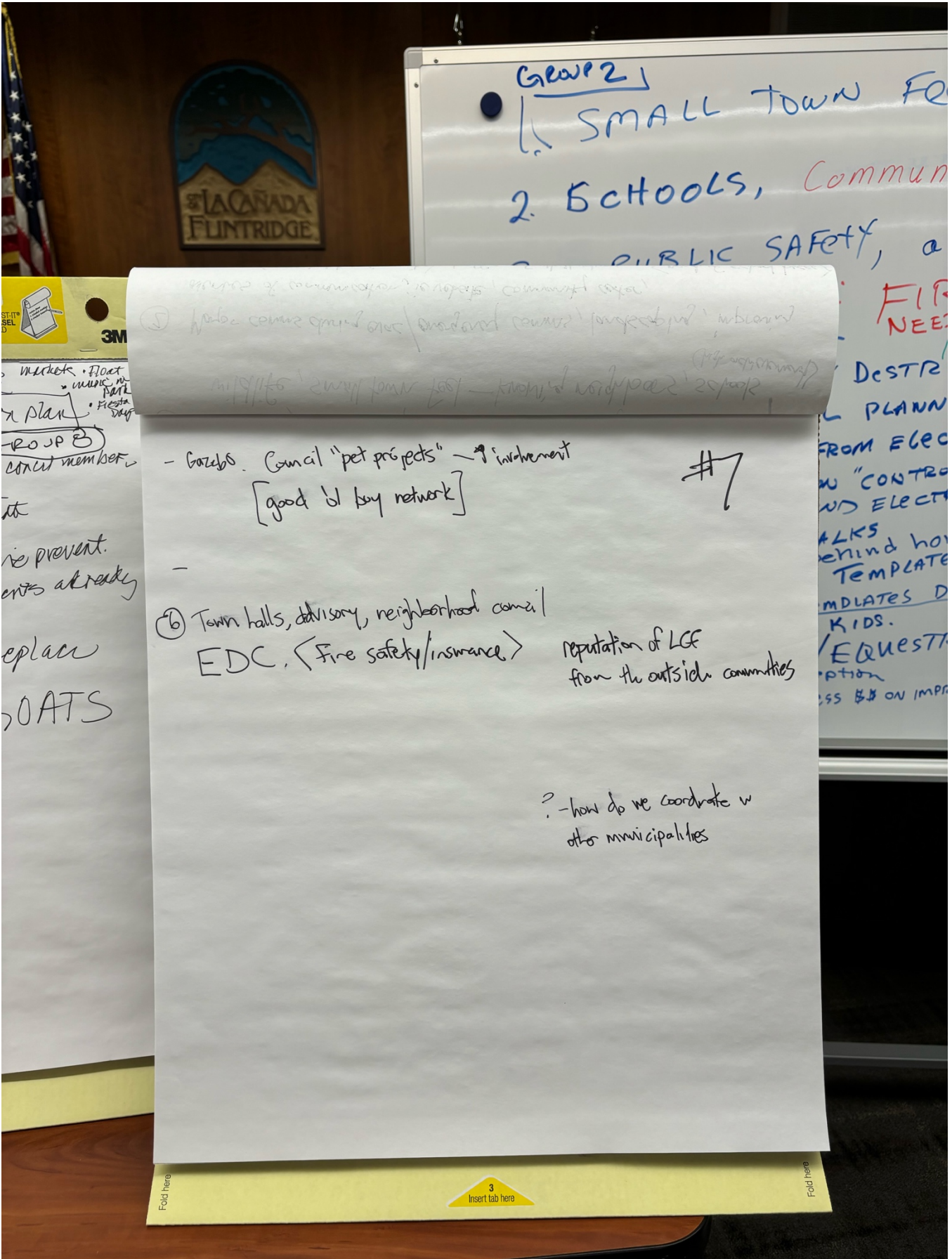
rec. AAPI month, Black History, Pride, ↑ flock cameras [strategic]

More Outlook communication
 formal PIO
 better coordination betw. N. Watch + Pub Safety
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 + Spectrum

current "office hours" OR districts
 "citizens university"
 → more opp. for involved

climate change protections

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source of communication? projects? community center
① public center open air / outdoor center / project / park / museum
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- Gazebos. Council "pet projects" - involvement
[good ol boy network]

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⑥ Town halls, advisory, neighborhood council
EDC, (Fire safety/insurance)

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? - how do we coordinate w
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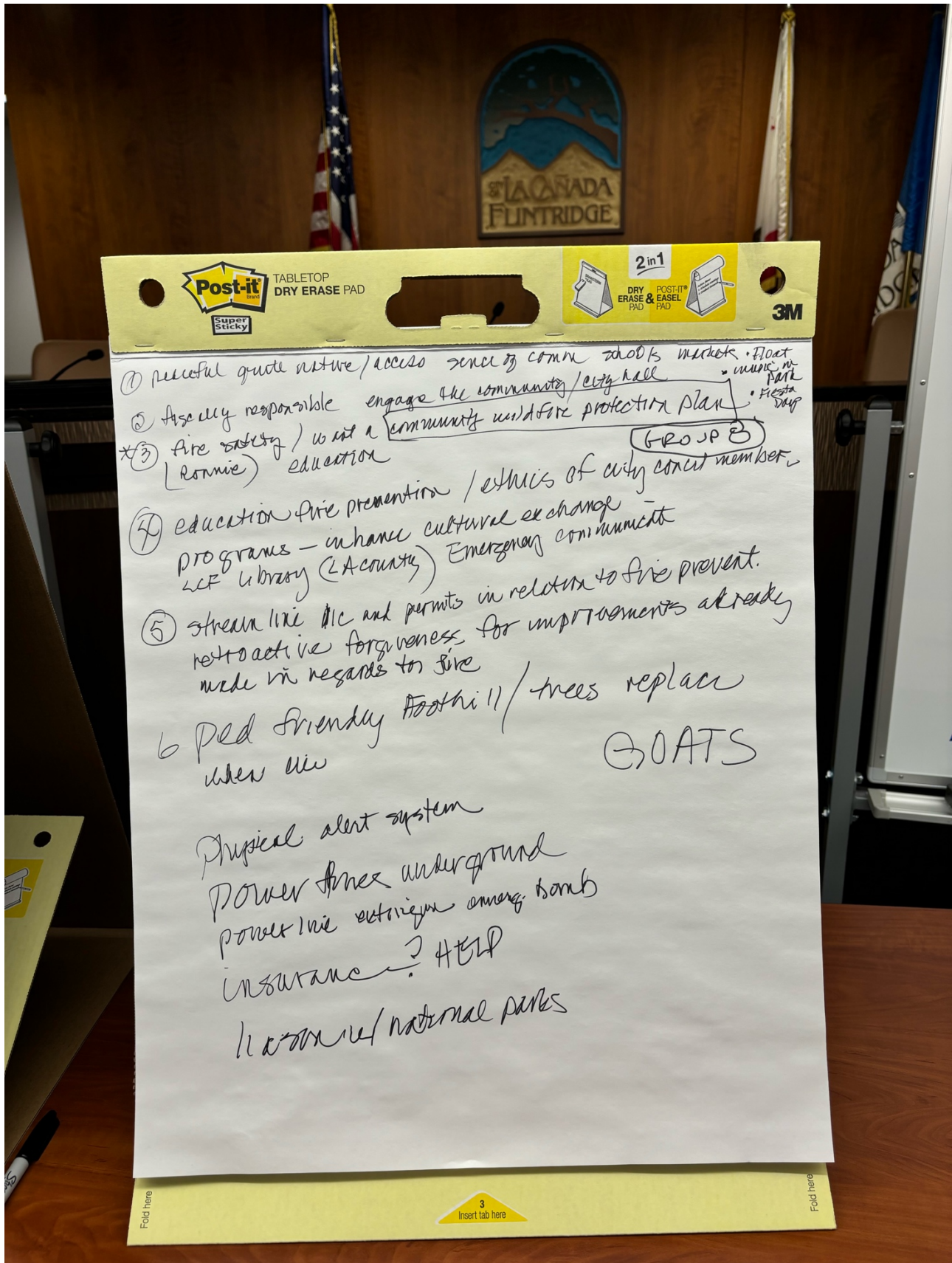
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Group 8



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① peaceful quiet nature / access since of comm schools markets. float music in park
② Assembly responsible engage the community / city hall
③ Fire safety / use a community wild fire protection plan
(Ronnie) education (GROUP 8)
④ education fire prevention / ethics of city council member programs - enhance cultural exchange LCP library (LA county) Emergency communication
⑤ streamline the and permits in relation to fire prevent. retroactive forgiveness for improvements already made in regards to fire
6 Ped friendly football / trees replace when use GOATS
Physical alert system
Power lines underground
power line extrajur emergency bomb
insurance? HELP
Historical / national parks

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Follow-up Comments from Workshop #1

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 5:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Angeles Crest Hwy Speed Mitigation & Additional Patrols

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Good Morning,

The strategic planning meeting was great. Our scribe and speaker [REDACTED] overlooked 80% of the things our group talked about. Two items that need to be budgeted or are as follows.

1. **The City of La Canada needs to budget for two more Deputy Sheriffs.** There aren't enough to patrol neighborhoods or assist with traffic enforcement.
2. **The City of La Cañada needs to budget for a four way traffic light at Angeles Crest Highway and Green.**

Please listen to the recording from the Public Works and Traffic Commission meeting from November. Many residents spoke about the need for the light. [REDACTED] resident and retired CHP officer, who worked ACH, he expressed that the only way to slow motorists down would be to install the traffic signals.

Dropping the speed limit won't help. Accidents are continuing every month. There have been at least six accidents by ACH and Salisbury per [REDACTED] who spoke.

There was one accident a few months ago by Olive and a bicyclist was paralyzed from the waist down after being hit. [REDACTED] spoke about that. Another person was injured Tuesday night in the same place.

There has been multiple accidents just south of Glenola Park on the west side after motorists lose control going around that corner right before Glenola Park.

Another light is needed at Greenridge and ACH after the first one gets installed at Green Lane.

In addition weekend traffic enforcement with all the car and motorcycle clubs is needed on ACH. Many residents and I call most weekends about the racing.

I do know Public Works is supposed to have a Town Hall next month, but I really think budgeting is necessary for the above items in May.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Fri, Feb 28, 2025 at 12:08 PM

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Thank you; saving for our records.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 8:04 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Many thanks!

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Much appreciation for initiating our town's Strategic Planning process and actually making it happen! With a fall full of delays, followed by the worst emergency in a hundred years, I know everyone has been working overtime to make this happen.

Our group was a bit chaotic, so I'd like to add two more priorities to include.

1) Multi-family housing

The benefits are pretty clear as we heard calls for a more robust business district. And naturally, multi-family housing in our community should follow design guidelines (hoping we have some) so the aesthetics are appropriate for our community. This housing could be designed for families or 55+ or both. All groups can potentially enhance our community, especially while we follow state housing mandates.

2) More welcoming to Black families

The historic reasons why we have so few Black families in our community are clear. They explicitly were not allowed to live here throughout the years and may not feel very welcome now. This often troubled me as I was raising our kids (now 30 and 33) as I'd realized they didn't have any Black kids in their classes or community groups and I didn't have any friends who were Black moms. Our family felt poorer for it. Obviously, racism is always a sensitive subject and I don't know a specific strategy. Perhaps talking with families who are here now would be a good start. Maybe the Chamber (which perpetrated the worst of the discrimination) could fund an outreach program to high income Black zip codes with real estate and school information. Some have called me crazy, but I know this area of our town should be better. And on a final note, props for putting the Restrictive Covenant Modification link online.

Thanks again!

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Community Questionnaire

In addition to the workshops, Tripepi Smith provided an online community questionnaire to ensure those who were unable to attend the workshops could provide their input. The city received 72 questionnaire responses. Following are all questionnaire responses received.

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Small city feel, lots of big lawns and everyone stays out of everyone's business

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Keeps staff and budget SMALL

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Less taxes; less freeway noise

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Reduce, no expansion, please

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Encourage the nonprofits to advertise more themselves in the newspaper

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Stop wasting money

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I enjoy the beauty. I love the wonderful people that I have gotten to know over the years.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

I think the city is recognizing the need for change. From the City Council to the School Board, we are taking steps to be more welcoming, accessible, and inclusive.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

I would like my family to feel like it belongs in this community. I came here and it felt like the 1950's. It has gotten better, but I think that we still have quite a ways to go.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

I would like the city to take affirmative steps to make all members of the community feel that they belong. That they are welcome. That they are valued and appreciated.

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I think that the city should add the goal of Belonging to its new Strategic Planning Calendar. This goal can be a means of considering what city sponsored steps can be taken to make all members of our community feel that they belong, and are a welcome, valued, and valuable member of our community.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Let's continue to move forward. We are an amazing city. Let's continue to take steps that align with the desires of all community members. This should not be the sole burden of one community pastor, who has been doing God's work.

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Proximity to the mountains/nature, stellar school district, small community feel within a big city

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

The City has run cost effectively and efficiently, and the City Council and staff are accessible to the community.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

1. Communication: The City's communication has been poor in general and was absent during the initial stages of the Eaton fire. In emergency situations, residents must depend on the City to have up to date information and to timely convey it. Outside of disaster situations, the new electronic newsletter is informative but I believe it is sent only to residents who request it rather than everyone in the city?
2. Disaster Warning/Preparedness/Resilience: I signed up for and received timely evacuation warnings and notices for which I am deeply appreciative, but overall I feel the city is not prepared for another fire/flood event. We lacked fire fighting resources during the Station Fire in 2009 which came within 50 yards of my home. It is a foundational duty of the City Council to integrate disaster preparedness/resilience into the Strategic Plan.
3. Pennywise and Pound Foolish: The city has not fully adapted from its "small town" governing style to being a proactive body addressing the mandates issued to us from the state. Case in point: LCF's failure to timely comply with the Housing Element resulting in costly litigation and the likelihood of a 5 story eyesore being built on Foothill Boulevard. Simply timely complying with the state mandate initially would have been a cheaper, better outcome for the community. In that vein, the Strategic Plan should include elements for funding and implementing elements of the new CAAP to meet the state's mandate of carbon neutrality by 2045. We can ONLY achieve this goal by starting to reduce GHG emissions now.
3. Know your Audience: Community engagement is difficult because this a kid/parent focused community and many parents cannot attend meetings during the week. Consider putting workshops (like those for the CAP or this project) on a weekend day as well.
4. Be Cost Smart: As I interview contractors for a home improvement project, they complain about the City outsourcing its design/plan approvals to a private company instead of using the County personnel. These subcontractors apparently lack knowledge of LCF's rules and there is a high likelihood of different answers every time a question is asked. I can't say I'm looking forward to this process, and may curtail my project meaning fewer permit fees for the city.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

1. The City should create the Commission on the Environment to study and recommend actions for implementing the newly adopted CAAP. As mentioned above, the city must comply with the state mandate for carbon neutrality by 2045.
2. Continue with the summer Music in the Park. It is a wonderful way to bring the community together!
3. Consider upgrading the Community Center to make it more of a "hub" for community activities, especially for our youth and our seniors. I know that this is an expensive undertaking, and would need to see the cost/benefit of how the Center could be utilized in a more inclusive way before spending the money for upgrades.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

LCF is a beautiful place to live!

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

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Make fighting crime the number one priority for the next couple of years. The step up in burglaries is unacceptable. We are just tired of this.

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The beautiful trees and nature we have in our parks and hiking trails.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Lately I have not heard of anything the City has received praise for.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

LaCanada needs more control over the motorists who exceed the speed limit. School Zones are 25 and most of the rest of the City is 35. Most drivers on Descanso Drive and Foothill Boulevard exceed the posted 35 MPH by 10-20 MPH or more. Trash trucks, delivery trucks, parents dropping their kids off at the schools on Cornishon, etc. Not to mention failure to stop at the STOP SIGNS. It's dangerous. Southern California Edison power outages remain a problem.

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Street Sweeping. The Street Sweeping Truck that services Descanso Drive every other Friday does not use water to keep the dust down. The driver is driving too fast to pick up the debris and usually just creates a dust cloud. I complained to the City and saw improvement on the next service day, but that did not last.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Keep the City clean and enforce the speed limit. Clean up Memorial Park and keep the equipment and grounds nice so it is a good place for people to gather.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Being a member of the City Council is a difficult job. Dealing with The Housing Element and the State of California, citizens who are only out to make money without regard for the community and other citizens who fail to obey the laws. It is never a good idea to go to court and "let the judge decide".

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1. Eliminate solicitors dropping off flyers at front doors. They do this even with posted "No Solicitors" signs.
2. Require City permits for drones. Burglars are now using them and the Sheriff's do not respond to calls from residents.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

1. More Sheriff's patrols in the neighborhoods during the week. Cruising up and down Foothill or sitting in parking lots not cutting it. Patrols needed on ACH every weekend between Foothill and Glenola Park. Speeding car clubs and motorcycle groups out of control.
2. Four way stop light necessary at ACH & Green.
3. Better security during evacuations. I strongly feel the City and County failed during the evacuation. Seventeen burglaries is not acceptable.
4. More collaboration between the Sheriffs and neighborhood watch groups. We know what is going on and what is needed.
5. More traffic enforcement around the schools.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

1. Fix our streets.
2. Get Cal Trans to pick up debris on ACH and all their properties around the freeway.

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I think there should be term limits for City Council members.

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Only the high performing schools

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Not much. My road hasn't been paved in over in at least 15 years (since I moved in). I see other streets that have been repaved at least twice since then.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Stop focusing on “soft” items.

Focus on the basics including Safety Planning

Who evacuates an entire city, has less than a handful of patrol cars that are parked in a specific spot and are only doing reactive patrols? You clowns

Who does not immediately request National Guard after leaving the city unprotected. You clowns

A fool knew that this was going to be a horrible fire. The conditions over the previous two days should have triggered a pre-placement of resources.

In last years, several fire units were staged in Hahamonga when conditions were bad. This was foreseeably bad and you all failed.

You are all too dumb to fire the city manager feel to shame and quit.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Fire the city council and mayor and find people who will focus on basics including Safety.

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Focus on unity and not division. Celebrate traditional families and welcome the exceptions not “celebrate” them.

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You have failed your community in the past fire response. There was zero communication from the city manager. You failed to protect the community by not immediately requesting National Guard.

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We need more security, patrol cars, and one trash company

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Trees,mints,quite neighborhood

Lack of big box stores,

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Spending money on frivolous events,miss la Canada,city planning getaways in places like Palm

Springs,unattended events with very low turnout, city is doing well in spending money in unnecessary ways

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Repave city neighborhood streets,some are deplorable

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

More police coverage,street repair,water flow cleanup so drain flow

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Leave it alone and let it be quiet retreat

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strong sense of community and family values

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

communication and published resources are the appreciated

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

1. hold So Cal Edison more accountable by requiring infrastructure improvements and advance communication for planned outages; impose fines on Edison for failures; require Edison to issue credits to customers when they fail
2. overhaul the zoning code to prevent below grade "iceberg homes" from being built
3. better protect existing neighborhoods from new homes being built that are not compatible from both a size and style perspective

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Planning Commission and staff need to enforce rules such as parking limitations at construction sites, fines for cutting down oak trees which is occurring on weekends, fines for sites that create extreme water runoff/mud slides, etc.

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consider historic district status for certain neighborhoods to better protect them from non-conforming construction

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The beauty of nature, sense of community, and the feeling of safety.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Maintaining quality of life and community character.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

More reassurance that help will be there in an emergency and we will be alerted in a timely manner. I was disappointed in the response time for tree removal when one fell across the road. Nobody from public works was available to take the initial call. Need to have a clear dispatch # and someone responsive to emergencies 24-7.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Emergency preparedness. Also, add sidewalks, where possible. Sports facilities near Cornishon and Chevy Chase need more available parking due to high use. Contract with adjacent properties for joint use of parking.

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No, it's great and we love living here. Keep up the good work!!

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Can you put together a list of folks that may need more assistance evacuating, such as elderly or those with a disability? It could be a voluntary list and add those on wellness checks or that you are aware of from other programming in the community. It may be an inconvenience, but consider doing annual evacuation drills just as they do in schools. This is the best way to find out who is getting the alerts, who may need more assistance, and where the City may need to add more evacuation routes/shelters. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Maybe my comments will end up in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan...Planning could help to develop one for the city. Thank you!

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I enjoy the sense of community, access to nature and the things that are uniquely La Cañada, such as music in the park, Fiesta Days, and our float in the Rose parade.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

I think the City is fiscally sound which is important in these uncertain times.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

My family would love to have more varied restaurants and small businesses in the City. I would rather my tax dollar support La Cañada if possible. Gio's was a wonder addition to the community. That shopping center is becoming quite the gathering place. We need more areas like that. We are heavy on real estate offices, nail shops, fast food establishments, exercise/workout places and cleaners but short on gathering spots for the folks who like to walk with or without their furry friends.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Lanterman House is a hidden jewel. Would it be possible to offer teas or lite lunches for small parties? I realize parking and the neighbors are an issue. Descanso is also a plus for the city. I am looking forward to the opening of the new restaurant.

Lanterman Auditorium is tired but could be a spectacular venue for small concerts that would bring revenue into the City and would help with the upkeep. It would open up job opportunities for those looking for something to do besides volunteer.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Foothill Blvd. Is not pedestrian friendly or attractive. When John Roberts had his floral shop on Foothill, he put out some beautiful pots with lovely foliage, making his block one of the most beautiful on the boulevard. In some areas, the sidewalks need to be improved. For example, when trees have been taken out, instead of being replaced asphalt was put in the area as a filler. Also, there need to be more trash receptacles on the boulevard as well as on Gould near Starbucks.

During the pandemic, there were more spots opened up on the sidewalk for outdoor dining. Any chance that could be brought back?

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

I love our City Hall. The gazebo in honor of David Spence was a wonderful added addition. I love it when the space is used for functions that bring the community together.

Music in the park during the summer is most enjoyable and unique to our City.

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Small community feel with generations of families, beauty of the city, high-performing schools

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Continuing to gentrify while keeping a small-town feel, good communication via social media and the Outlook

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

The vulnerability of our home security is palpable. Our city seems to be a target and we could do more to prevent.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

The city needs to be more pedestrian-friendly. I have fallen due to the uneven sidewalks and there are too many dogs being walked in the middle of the road. The crosswalk buttons are also not very responsive, especially the ones on Foothill + Cornishon where there have been prior incidents.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

The food options are limited, we need more culture and specialty restaurants and retail. A lot of our dollars are spent in neighboring towns for food and merchandise.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Overall, very proud to be in this town, we just need to continue to protect each other and evolve.

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Small town feel, good schools

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Keeping things clean, low crime rate

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

More affordable housing for families that don't make 500k/year. We are renting, would love to buy but when even a shack is 1.8 and flies off the market to a developer how does one do that? Why aren't there more townhomes being built?

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

An after school program for working parents that doesn't fill on day 1. School buses or at least safe walk lanes for those kids that live up in the hills.
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See above
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Our beautiful 1925 built house and the beauty of being in the hills.
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Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Hmmm not much.
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Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

I have called numerous times about this- homes on Chevy Chase (Flintridge side/east side of street) need to be told by you to trim back their tree branches and brush that is interfering with traffic and bikers and walkers putting everyone in danger (this is just south of Stratford). Are you waiting for someone to get injuries or killed?

Also I called 5 times and you have still NOT cleaned up broken tree branches from the wind storm 7 wks ago (on Madison).

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Yea taker care of us that actually own homes in LC.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Look at my answer #3

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

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Safe, family-friendly community. Music in the Park and other community events. Churches.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Streets are clean and well-maintained, good parks.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Increase public safety through flock cameras and additional deputies from LA Sheriff Dept.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Court new businesses. Maybe a climbing gym. Repeal the sales tax hike.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Please do NOT fly a pride progress flag at City Hall or in any park. That is not desired by the vast majority of our community.

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Small town feel. Access to trails and nature. Fiesta Days, Music in the Park, our float in the Rose parade and the use of the lawn in front of City Hall for community events. The gazebo to honor David Spence was a welcome addition.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Fiscally responsible....bravo!

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

In light of the recent fires, and because the entire city is considered to be in a fire zone, updating the emergency preparedness plan should be a priority.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Put more trash receptacles along Foothill Boulevard and on Gould Avenue.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Spruce up Foothill Boulevard. It is not pedestrian friendly nor is it attractive. I realize it is a through fare but during the pandemic, out door seating was available at most of the restaurants making for a more friendly environment.

When a tree is removed, replant instead of filling the space with asphalt. When John Roberts' floral shop was on the boulevard, he had beautiful pots filled with greenery which really made an improvement.

Update Lanterman Auditorium. It could be a lovely venue for concerts and bring revenue and jobs into the City.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

I don't know if the City can even do this, but working with the insurance commissioner to come up with some kind of solution to the cancellation of homeowners insurance would be appreciated. We have to have insurance. What can the City do to help if anything.

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Community feel, safety, convenience, green space, schools

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Doing a good job with maintaining clean spaces, limiting homeless population

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Get rid of divisive policies especially DEI and ESG. Become lean and mean. Prioritize public spaces and public safety.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Public safety- patrols and officers. Cameras if they are proving effective.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Preserve it the way it is

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Keep up the good work

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Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

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Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Discourage homeless from moving here.

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Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Recreation. Table tennis.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Get rid of the homeless people.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Only fly the stars and stripes. No exclusionary flags. All other flags are exclusionary.

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The beauty of the neighborhoods and the wonderful people

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Family friendly feel, love the horse trails for hiking and biking

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

More police presence to deter burglaries

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Security - maybe more updates about burglars caught using the license plate readers. Have they been useful?
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Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Plant more plants along foothill median line
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Schools, trails, cohesive safe neighborhoods.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Greater security against burglaries and catalytic converter thefts. More fire mitigation efforts. Better math instruction in the school districts.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Expand fire mitigation programs and provide more security against burglaries. Provide better math instruction in schools.
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Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

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Community, schools, safety

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Communicating issues

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Consolidate trash haulers, fix streets especially mine (Rosebank).

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Affordable housing to attract teachers, essential workers, and young families.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Encourage diverse young families to move here, create more affordable housing.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

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Generally safe community, clean, maintained hiking trails.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Provide effective and fair oversight of utility companies. Know your responsibility is to the taxpayer.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Dog park should go in, or leash laws should be relaxed to allow dogs to get the exercise they require. Do one or the other. There are probably 1000-2000 dogs in our community.
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Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

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Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Remember the function of government is to fund essential services with taxpayer dollars. Many cities and counties seem to have forgotten that.
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The peaceful beauty

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Fighting the state and governor

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Sewers everywhere and streets

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Sheriffs usage

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Have residents clean out their dead weeds and under brush.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Traffic control needs to improve especially stop sign usage and speeding.

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Safety and quiet for the kiddos. great schools - we love our teachers and the whole team at LCE. my kids walk to/from school and I feel confident they are safe. i've loved to see the increase in inclusivity over the last few years and want to see that continue

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

I know these are city-led initiatives but I've loved the movies in the park! I go with my kids over the summer and it's such a nice thing. Same with music in the park (which i know is city run). I think the community events are great and really nice to have some free events to do with the kids
I thought the city responded well to the fires and was happy to see LCUSD taking in kids that needed school, and the foundation coming together to raise money for those impacted

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

I would like to see more transparency with the city council and get some new folks in there (we need term limits). I don't love to see the same people serving over and over. I would love to expand the bike lane from down by the YMCA further into LC. I would also like to see some kind of priority taken the intersection at ACH and Foothill. That death trap has been an issue since i was a kid and it needs to be addressed

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Would love to see the city join the year 2025 and officially recognize June as Pride Month. I know progress can be slow but being inclusive is a good thing
With increased bike/e-bikes i do think the city should seriously look into a bike lane!

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Inclusivity and being welcoming to those who have different backgrounds and races. It saddens me when I hear people aren't welcoming it's a big bummer because I love this community

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

I would like confirmation that the city council has indeed set up its standards and rules of conduct. Based on the actions of Keith Eich last year, it's critical that we are holding our elected officials to standards and not engaging in sketchy behavior

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I enjoy the quiet at night... not having to worry about late night bar goers or loud parties. I also enjoy our green spaces and the many community events at Memorial Park.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

We need more dog friendly spaces. All of my LCF friends have family dogs... and yet there is no dog park or safe place to allow dogs to run.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

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Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Mayors park would be a perfect official dog park. I know it's been brought up many times over the years... and it's my understanding that even though there is much support, the city has never truly considered it. A very large percentage of LCF residents have family dogs. The city needs a place for these dogs to run and socialize... dog owners would also love a chance to connect with other dog owners and build community.

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Schools, Cleanliness and Community

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Keeping the City clean.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Work with CalTrans to improve Angeles Crest Hwy (South of LC Country Club) to make it more pedestrian and neighborhood friendly. Also, residents of Angeles Crest Hwy did not know that the name of the street was officially changed to "Angeles Crest Scenic Byway. Some kind of notice from the City would have been helpful.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Public Safety whether its assigning more law enforcement officers to LCF or hiring private security to patrol neighborhoods. Street lights of some kind would also serve the community well.

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Less burglaries. Perhaps working with our LA County partners and leadership to address penalties for crime and sharing of resources.

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The City of LCF is a vibrant community and I want to thank the City Council members and staff for their leadership and commitment. Inviting stakeholders to participate in the strategic planning process is a testament of your efforts to make further improvements so that our City can be a wonderful place to live for generations to come.

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The weather

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Keeping the status quo. (this is not a compliment)

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Manage the zoning and 600 foothill issue more aggressively. Push back against state more, (see San Marino - they are more successful than we are) , address SCE problems, Use Council time and resources more effectively, stop focusing or allowing the distraction of small but vocal groups seeking recognition, over the actual business of the City

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Focus on our unmatched combination of resources and use them to structure an organically cohesive village rather than forcing mandates and proclamations to achieve a pseudo community.

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Safety, Strong Community (Fiesta Days, Concerts in Park, etc...), Good Schools

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Promotion of community. Emphasis on education. Support of Small Businesses.

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Could improve on Security. While I feel safe when I am here, I am worried about by personal property when I am not, due to the burglaries over the past several years.

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Security, More Sherriff resources

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Update the park playground, keep city safe

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Safety and updates to buildings

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I love to shop local small businesses. I love how shady, green, and beautiful our town is. I love Descanso. I love our caring community of all kinds of folks.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Maintaining a small-town sense of community. Supporting school excellence.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Street maintenance is woefully inadequate, with giant cracks and potholes in front of my house. Too many trash collection services means polluting trucks from 3 companies on our street every week—LCF should have a single company contract for trash pickup. LCF needs a semi-annual toxic waste dropoff event here in our own city. The nearest dropoff site is in Glendale. The result is that toxic waste is flushed down toilets, dumped in sewers, and tossed in trash cans. Electronic recycling events should be held 2x per year also.

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Please set up a regular maintenance program for landscape strips and dog-pot areas, where dead vegetation, weeds, trash, and dead trees are never removed unless residents request it. Example: Halls Debris Basin on Cross St is maintained by LA County only INSIDE the fence. LCF is responsible for OUTSIDE the fence. The County does a good job, LCF never maintains its part. There is a landscape plan on file for this strip of land—I request that LCF landscape it with natives next fall during planting season. Also, remove lawn from all median strips around town, and plant California natives and succulents.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

I would love to attend a “Taste of La Cañada” event, a tasting festival for every food vendor, restaurant, wine merchant, bakery, etc to be invited to have a booth. People could buy tickets and sample everything.

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I'm sorry to see that we did not settle the foothill lawsuit and now we are on the hook for a huge payout and more scrutiny. Enough of the costly political stubbornness.

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We need recreation space.

We need to address the needs of older community members.

We need to be clear on our rejection of bigotry in our city.

We need to promote crime mitigation with facts and data while addressing underlying bias and bigotry that can (not always)

accompany such efforts.

We don't need vibrant. It's nice that it is quiet after 9pm.

We don't need traditional street lights BUT it would be nice to explore alternatives to street lighting that are low in light pollution and perhaps solar and attached to existing telephone poles.

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Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

We are at a crossroads between the past and the future, between young and old, all landing somewhere on the continuum of social values. We can't afford to be stubborn in the midst of a shifting social landscape.

Our city will only thrive if we actively reject policy and procedures that promote bigotry.

We can and must do much better.

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- trim trees away from electrical wires

- have we dismissed "control burns". It prevented forest or mountain fires!

- place Pickleball templates across from our three courts which can be picked up after play at peak times. Nets can be locked to the fence. The LCF Pickleball Association handled this task during the pilot program at Glenhaven. This move solves the drastic overcrowding of PB courts on the weekend. The tennis courts are not used to capacity.

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I do like the quiet feel, yet close to many amenities.
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- Providing lighting for more of the sporting fields (e.g. the ones on Cornishon) would be helpful for winter sports.

- Allow senior housing or other small units, to make it easier for my elderly parents to move closer to their grandchildren.

- Provide more sidewalks
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Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Improve the LCF Shuttle timetable to make it easier to connect to other services (e.g. Metro 177 to Pasadena).

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- Make it easier for small businesses (such as coffee shops and small retail) to open in more locations on Foothill (e.g. by reducing parking requirements)

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I have noticed that the "Legal Services" line item in the city budget has significantly increased in recent years. I don't know how much of this is due to the litigation around 600 Foothill, but I would like the city to carefully consider the costs and benefits when evaluating their options in these sorts of lawsuits.

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Fire defense needs to be a top priority. I feel like we're not following state of the art 2025 fire prevention methods. We're doing pretty standard, legacy tactics. I feel like a deep explore will uncover new opportunities to protect LCF.

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Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

The city should do a thorough review of existing citizen commission/committees and evaluate what may need to be altered in them and what additional ones the city needs. For example, the city could use an Economic Development Commission that was forward thinking to help attract the types of businesses the community needs. This would be distinct from the Chamber of Commerce that works in the existing businesses interests. This type of commission would survey the community to identify citizens needs/wants and create programs to foster those types of business to LCF. Additionally, it could also foster and promote our existing business to encourage citizens to "buy local."

This Strategic Planning process could also spin out to be its own commission to help continual guide the City Council instead of occasional plans like this.

Additionally, the City Council should put elements in place to ensure that every commission/committee has well-rounded representation. For example, LCUSD citizen committees have requirements for their makeup to ensure different constituents are represented (e.g. parents, business owners, homeowners).

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Small town atmosphere, good schools

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Trying to improve communication of city happenings thru emails, etc.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Increase sheriff patrols across city. Follow up with resident's emails/phone calls in a timely manner.
Improve traffic flow at Angeles Crest/Foothill/Chevy Chase/Bel Aire/Beulah areas.

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Curb repair. Holding residents that do not follow codes responsible for their actions.

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Senior citizen activities, work with organizations in town to promote continued participation for programs they offer

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We reported a curb issue almost two years ago which has not been repaired yet and led to loss of our beautiful, healthy Oak Tree. We were not informed of its removal until crew arrived to cut it down (stump has still not been ground down).

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I love that we have low taxes

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We don't have many regulations

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

less taxes, stay out of my business

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

we should add a DOGE service to cut down on government spending

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encourage orgs like the Chamber to step up

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we need to stop being so exclusive with the public school by supporting them less and giving more to the private schools

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We have a beautiful small town feel where there is no overbearing insitutions or people. I can live my best life.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

The City or the community? There is a big difference. The city is a government organization that needs to focus more on paving streets and policing our nieghborhoods for crime. The community is doing quite well.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Again, the City or the community? This is a set of loaded questions. The governement needs to waste less on studying this or that and just pave more streets more freuquently!

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NONE, do not expand. If anything you need to retract and reduce.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Our private schools get no love with school crossing guards, deputies, program support, etc. We need to give them more attention and love and we will see a vibrant community.

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Stop fighting lawsuits.

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Small town feel and sense of community. Natural surroundings - trails, national forest. Clean and safe community.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Communicating with citizens and engaging with community.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Planning on fire prevention and evacuation for emergencies. Increased security measures - increase the number of sheriffs and cameras.

Focus on enforcement of e-bikes.

Enforcement of car racing and patrolling.

Enforcement of moving vehicle violations - violating stop signs, for example.

Increased focus on water conservation and enforcement of water abuse.

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Not sure if that is necessary- this is a small town and that's what I believe makes it attractive- perhaps outdoor eating on foothill blvd.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

I think there is frequently a push to promote special interests to recognize diverse groups - while I think it is important to be inclusive . I don't believe it is this city's role to focus on a particular group and force politics on the community. Rather, it is important to recognize everyone's contribution.

It would be great to have a day recognizing our fire department, sheriffs, and first responders.

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Small town feel, excellent schools, community

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Keeping community informed

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Improve parks- updated to be all-inclusive playgrounds with more modern features, Splash pad, fully fenced memorial park (remove hazardous hillside where children play)

More green spaces for schools and shade trees/covers

Improve community center building so can be used in various ways by more of the community. Improve the baseball fields with shade for children and seating for families

More police patrolling

Have more of a small downtown feeling with more local businesses . Help support current local businesses and encourage more to come

More stop lights on angeles crest

With increased robberies, more patrolling, cameras, etc

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

More workshops- programs for composting, native plants, reducing water use, electricity, etc.

More affordable after school care options

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

More of a charming downtown look and support local businesses,
Improved community center and library for more community events/meeting spaces, and fully fenced memorial park with park upgrades

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The ease of living, safety, lack of traffic

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Maintaining parks, roads and overall safety of the residents

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

More parks and facilities for younger children and families! A play structure at Olbertz or at the library. More events geared towards young children! Supporting small businesses instead of chains. More restaurants!

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Programming for children. Such as at the library or park

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More opportunities for connecting with other younger families. More playgrounds!

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Security, lack of traffic and crowds, schools teaching a real education and not activism.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

All the above, but less and less well because of far left creep. It's real. Don't shrug it off.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Stress security, real useful education, keep the academic ranking high (it is getting lower by the usual metrics), get students ready for college, , less stress on social and virtue signaling

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Security - burglaries are ridiculously high.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

See above. Seriously. Focus on those.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Please go back to and stay with the basics: liberty, freedom, security, education.

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Schools, LCBSA softball, running trails

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

communicating with residents through electronic updates and newsletters; Parks and Rec working to support youth sports and preserve our sports fields from disrepair or abuse; some city council members focused on the services needed to keep the city going (some not so focused and get distracted by silly initiatives or things they think will reflect good on them personally)

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Initiatives to curb theft crimes; stop letting soccer tear up our baseball and softball fields

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Small community feel
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Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

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More Police/Sheriff patrols

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Please do away with the "climate change" consulting firm, waste of our dollars.

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The community and pretty homes

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Maintainance

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Add more crosswalks around schools, and street lights. Get street cameras to reduce crime. Definitely get those house remodeling permits approved faster!

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Building out permits take forever to get approved and really delays projects

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

All above suggestions

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The school district, walking, the people, the local businesses

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

The school district

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

More reliable power! I've never lived anywhere that has as many frequent power outages as La Canada Flintridge.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Not sure

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

More reliable power.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Please seriously consider moving the power lines underground, not only for improved reliability but also safety from future fire threats.

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the beautiful nature, ready access to everywhere, community feel/community events

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

actually don't know enough to know what the city's doing well; would love to see more about city initiatives in the local paper and via instagram

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

better restaurants/retail, more walkable and bike-able Foothill, more third spaces/community areas (the ones we have are so well-used!), working together on fire planning (coordinating which neighbors will need help evacuating, etc.), drought-tolerant plants in the medians (Claremont did a beautiful job with this), more affordable housing for our aging population

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

sirens for fire; reduce trash companies to one (three companies with multiple trucks each is a lot of noise and pollution), outlaw gas-powered leaf blowers

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

to foster inclusion and celebrate all community members, LCF (like the state, county, and all of our neighboring cities) should formally recognize all of the affinity group holidays (Pride Month, Black History Month, etc.) ...the rest of my suggestions are my answers from question 3

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no thank you

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School, nature/scenery, appreciation of housing, relative safety

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Invest in schools and programs

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

We can't afford anything like what happened with Altadena. No homeless encampments next to the mountains, discuss with Edison upgrading equipment and putting wires underground, clean brush. Climate change aspirations are good but we need to protect our community. Burglaries have to stop, need more police presence

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Build senior housing. If you will not build it, something else will get built. And seniors deserve an option to stay and downsize

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

It is attractive enough. Housing market does not lie. Protect the community and protect the school. If state cuts the budget, go after stuff forced by the state, do not cancel enrichment programs, Spanish or music.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

I moved here in 2020. For schools, community and nature. City is on the right trajectory, we need to remember that this City is in high demand because we are doing something right

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Peace. Beauty. People.
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Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

It improves every year.
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Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

It's not about simply my family. It is about the community. I would like the city to sponsor more inclusive events. There was a Christmas celebration this year, but I don't think city sponsored. A Hannukah city sponsored celebration last year. Why not celebrate important holidays for all community members? I don't know what they all are but it is easy to determine. Ramadan? Chinese New Year? Kwanza? Etc etc. And important recognitions of those groups who are under federal attack? Pride Month? Black History Month? How hard is this to do? I saw those in attendance at the in-person Strategic Mtg. Maybe more would come, if all felt welcome and safe? We have a beautiful and diverse community. Why not recognize all of them? They all most certainly pay taxes. No taxation without representation, right?

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

See above. Plus please work on putting power lines underground and checking all hydrants. We live in a very high fire risk community.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

See above

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Great policing work. But that should not be sole focus.

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My neighbors, the schools and how much we all care about them, that it's generally safe to take a walk anywhere in town

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Traffic safety and road design has improved slowly but steadily and intelligently in my 30 yrs living here.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Clear the way and encourage development of senior housing! I'd love to stay in my LCF house, but I may have to move if my 4 elderly parents can't move near me.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Support LGBTQ+ community members by declaring June as Pride month and/or flying a Pride flag. These seem like such low bars of support to me, the City's refusal to do these things feels worse than just lack of support--it honestly feels like antipathy, which divides our community.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Letting go of the fight against multi-family housing and welcoming more people of different income levels, races, and ethnicities--who also value good schools and safe streets :)

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

I'm just starting to learn about how City Council works. I'd love to see more outreach to make it easier to participate. Thanks for asking for comments!

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The schools are wonderful.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Not sure about this.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Complete the sound walls. Those in the final phase are feeling left out and not of concern to the city now that most already have their sound walls.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Deal with crime at our stores and homes.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Put the electrical and communication wires underground.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Finish the sound walls. It's not fair to the rest of us who still don't have a soundwall in the last phase.

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I love our city's parks, celebration of our veterans and holidays, support for our schools, and most of all the fine community of citizens and leaders.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

I believe our City wants to plan for the future and incorporate all sections equally.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Soundwalls. I have been a resident in La Canada since 1991 when the cut and cover was being considered. I live directly across the freeway from City Hall and still do not have a wall. It's been 34 years. It's time, please.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Sound abatement and fire planning. Mandatory brush removal by all residents.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Clean up around freeway exits. It's the first impression of our town.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

I truly admire our leadership. They make tough calls everyday. That's for your service.

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Our neighborhood has met on numerous occasions with various administrations for well over two decades (this is documented) to get sound walls to mitigate freeway noise in our neighborhood. (northbound side of 210 from Commonwealth to ACH offramp) Still nothing, while walls go up on all sides of us. Would appreciate a legitimate explanation as to why, and when the sound wall project will be completed for all affected residents in similar situations to those who have gotten the walls. Surely the plan was never to do this for some and not others....

Cindy Gates 813 Parkman Dr

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Question #1 - What are some things you enjoy about living in La Cañada Flintridge?

Quaint. (Mostly) wonderful
And friendly neighbors

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Hiring more code enforcement and actually enforcing code violations. Funding and building of sound walls. Holding city council people who have ethical issues/violations more accountable. Stop pushing the schools for use of their green spaces and make some of the city's own spaces. Pot holes need better contractors. They keep coming back in the exact same places!! Support pride month with a proclamation, with or without the flag, to expand the definition of what families are welcome in LC.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Emergency evacuation notification. How do people who do not have cell phones get notified? Or people who do not sleep with their phones next to their bed?
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Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

More green spaces; more affordable and mixed use housing (does not need to be super affordable, but luxury condos above quality retail would be amazing). Stop with the neighborhood watches that are racist (I'm pro neighborhood watches, I'm anti racial profiling) in the name of safety (a non racist script should be vetted and used when setting neighborhood watches up; what is appropriate and inappropriate behavior; asking a black person in a car "do you belong here?", for example, is NOT ok)
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Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Very disappointed with how the law suits are being handled. They should had been settled long ago with the city tucking their tails under and doing what was needed so that we would not be the test case/be made an example of
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Trees, nature, small community feel, schools, family-oriented

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Maintaining the area, safety improvements, including the community welfare

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

More safety improvements for crime (more cameras), more environmentally friendly improvements (solar, gardens on top of buildings and bus stops, more bike lanes, more trees), plan for the unhoused (safety issue)

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

More activities or places for teens, more green spaces and basketball courts, more cameras especially by the entrances and exits to the city including Angeles National Forest.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

More outdoor dining spaces, even on the sidewalks of the restaurants, more beautiful walking areas on the streets, prettier foothill blvd, make us the most environmentally friendly city in the USA - let's be an example. Cameras everywhere with a security firm monitoring them. Watch the entrance and exit to Angeles National Forest - for fire safety and crime.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

You all are doing a great job and thank you for continuing to trying to do even better.

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Great schools, green city, community events (because they build that very important sense of community we all share).

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

I think the Music in the Park series is pretty great! It could use a tune-up on the musical acts we feature each week, but I love that we have this series. I'd love to see more!!

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Sucking us down the Builders Remedy path was a serious, and costly, misstep. I'm interested to hear how you plan to make it up to the citizenry who entrusted this important decision-making responsibility on to you after those of you who were on city council at the time screwed the pooch.

Encourage (and facilitate) more community events at the park, like movies or music, with food trucks and such. These events help build and foster that special sense of community we share. Even if I can't attend all of them, I love the events that bring us together. They're so important.

Make it easier for food trucks to periodically visit. Maybe we can use one of the parking lots near Foothill/La Canada Blvd. to have a weekly or monthly food truck event? We all support the local restaurants, but it's nice to have some variety, too.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

I'd love for someone at the city to spearhead a set of community beautification volunteer corps of sorts. We have one for the trails, but we could use cleanup efforts throughout the city. Additionally, beautification efforts would be welcome - including through the planting of annuals or perennials, or other efforts that would polish the look and feel of our city. Coordination through the city would mean that groups aren't re-inventing the wheel and that someone at the city can delegate things to the groups on an as-needed basis. We always hear that it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes a village to keep a city operating at its best. Let people help!

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Promptly remove the gang tags from buildings and signs, like one at the 210E entrance at Angeles Crest.

Prompt repair of signs that have fallen over.

Less "ancient sleepy people's music" at summer concerts in the park. Can we get the 80s cover band back, and maybe a Beach Boys cover band? People will get up and dance to that, whereas they fall asleep to country, Big Band, and jazz.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

I still maintain that Keith Eich should resign. If he had a single moral bone in his body, he would have done so already. Same with Mike Davitt. How can you guys continue to cling on to your seats despite what we all know about you?!

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Small town atmosphere. Good grocery stores (sounds weird, but it is a plus)

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Nice summer events. The trail system is spectacular. The City supports the Trails Council well.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Convert the Mayor's park to something useful for the community. It is a nice green space but too small and noisy to "hang out" there. Repurpose it to a community usable space.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Some community events where people can meet. Not just the nice family events where people tend to go with their families and friends. I'm talking about events where the community connections can be made between adults, such as a monthly movie, book discussion club. Upgrade the farmers market area with a permanent structure.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

The last plan aimed to create a pedestrian atmosphere. This was ignored when the new Town Center was done and gave us a glorified mall. Find ways to create spaces where people can congregate on a casual social basis.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

Mail theft is an issue in the city. Institute a program to get people incentivized to buy locked mailboxes. Also, the post office is basically incompetent. Can you advocate on behalf of citizens? The City would have more weight with the federal government service than lone citizens. One overall comment - this is a fairly affluent town in terms of real estate prices, school quality, etc. But the town appearance in no way matches this type of community when comparing to many other smaller communities I have visited where the town government takes steps to promote beauty, uniformity, scale, and other standards for construction that create a cohesive and village-like atmosphere.

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The horse trails; the darker sky at night; the wildlife; the small town feel

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Maintenance of the horse trails

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

More accessibility to city council (open office hours); more communication and coordination between city council and the school board

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

A parks and recreation department that can host more events for the town to encourage community relationship building; a better alarm/notification system for city wide emergencies (perhaps sirens); flock camera's at more strategic locations such identified entry ways to neighborhoods; formal recognition at city council meetings and on the website of various groups in LC to promote a greater sense of belonging (black history month, pride month, Asian pacific heritage month, Armenian genocide, etc.); more explicit identified pathways/programs to participating in local government

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Neighborhood councils in coordination with city council so that specific neighborhoods can better advocate for their needs; more outreach and incentives for small businesses instead of big chain stores and some kind of control of the prices for real estate for these small businesses; look into ways to make LC more of a walkable city so it's safer for kids, cyclists and adults who don't want to rely on driving everywhere; more green spaces and parks for recreation (utilizing spaces that can be used for that); working more on the safety of ACH (racing cars and motorcycles); more regular communication with neighborhood watches and city council

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Getting to know neighbors, schools

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Schools and parks are great.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Bring unique businesses to lcf, reduce burglaries, safety on Angeles crest highway

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

N/a

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Let's not have leaf blowers running 24/7. Also people revving engines.

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Close knit community

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Keeping traffic and overall safety at a consistent level

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Opening up to new ideas for community building events and new business ideas that can better serve younger families and young adults.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

There doesn't seem to be a localized (at least that I am aware of) effort for members to come together and work towards natural preservation of the beautiful, surrounding areas. I would love to see more programs geared toward eco-friendly education and implementation on the city level as well as throughout the schools.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Encouraging long time residents and community members to embrace new and different ways of culture and life that are now a substantial amount of our LC population. Would love to see a central hub of sorts that is accessible to all ages. Can be physical or through interface. Whether it's social media, Chamber of Commerce, community center etc., there seems to be an underutilization of resources and a lack of connection for the groups to come together to better benefit our city as a whole. Would be nice to see non-polarizing initiatives brought to the table so that more community members can get on board and actually collaborate. Through working with new people and getting to know each other, I think it would help boost a unified spirit throughout the city.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

I find myself most impressed by people and community groups who are highly self-aware. I would love to see the city take the time to appreciate the beautiful history of this city while also giving room to reassess the city's current and future needs for different groups. We live in a city with some of the most amazing people and have all sorts of resources. I would love to see all of that come together. I have, at times, felt the disconnect between what is happening within our city and how we portray ourselves to those on the outside. The general feeling I have is that the city is manicured and very put together outwardly. I've lived here for almost 15 years now and have seen a lot of Band-Aids used to make this happen. What starts as minor issues and is swept under the rug can grow. I would hate for those things to fester and negatively affect our city. I wonder if more transparency and honest discourse may help our city get ahead of the many issues before the infrastructure starts to get shaky from within.

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Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Keeping the village concept

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Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

More senior programs

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Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

More music in the park!!
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My wife and I grew up in La Cañada, beginning in the late 1930s for me and the early 1940s for my wife. We've lived here since then, except for a break to attend college and graduate school. We obviously enjoy living here. We like the small community, its rural nature, its local governance, its quality schools where our children were educated and the many friendships we've been able to enjoy here through the years.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

The City is doing well and we particularly appreciate its transparency, the responsiveness of the Council members and staff and their willingness to address and solve problems. Regular communication with the residents is critical to maintaining their support.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Our suggestions cover trash collection, power outages and parking for construction projects.

As for trash collection, we support the selection of one company to cover the entire City or one of several areas of the City. It's surprising that we've had to live for years with three collectors, each with three trucks. This has certainly affected the condition of our streets. The other problem is the large trucks, particularly on the many private roads. Efforts should be made to use smaller trucks community-wide or at least on private roads.

As for power outages, we reside within the area covered by the Haskell circuit, and power outages are continuing to be a major problem. We even experienced another brief unannounced outage this morning, requiring us to reset our timers. We know that the Council has set this as a priority, and we support the strategy it has developed. It might be more difficult to have Edison improve our infrastructure due to the Eaton fire. On the other hand, given its potential exposure for starting that fire, it might have more incentive to address our problem.

Finally, we've experienced problems driving through areas where construction workers park. Requiring parking on only one side of the street helps, but there is still a problem where cars still can't pass or parking is on a curve. A current example is the parking on Berkshire Avenue between Commonwealth Avenue and Chevy Chase Drive, which has a curve. Requiring some breaks in the parking would probably be helpful.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

This Question deals with some of the same issues that are answered in Question #3.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Questions #3 and #4 deal with some issues that also would make the City more attractive to residents, visitors and potential buyers. In addition, there are areas where the streets are unsightly and need to be repaved. We're sure that there are budgetary limitations, but would hope that the streets in the worst condition are selected first for repaving. One example is Georgian Road, particularly between Woodleigh Lane and Gould Avenue. This stretch is used regularly by many in the Flintridge area to avoid Foothill on the way to shopping, schools and the freeway. Its current condition would certainly affect the attractiveness of the street and homes in that area.

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Keep up the good work.
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Small town feel, good schools

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Keeping things clean, low crime rate

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

More affordable housing for families that don't make 500k/year. We are renting, would love to buy but when even a shack is 1.8 and flies off the market to a developer how does one do that? Why aren't there more townhomes being built?

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

An after school program for working parents that doesn't fill on day 1. School buses or at least safe walk lanes for those kids that live up in the hills.
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Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

See above
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Generally speaking LCF residents are safe (low crime compared to many other cities in LA County) & we enjoy more personal space than many other cities in LA County; even our small lots are probably larger than average lots in places like Highland Park Los Angeles as an example.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Schools, Galas/Mixers, and Fund Raisers

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

We need many more sidewalks and need to make serious improvement/changes to the few sidewalks we already have. A sidewalk that constantly drops out suddenly & regularly for every driveway isn't walkable or safe. Also the recent Eaton Fire kissed our city limits, we need to seriously prepare for the next fire that might enter our city and do it rapidly. We'll probably need code changes and enforcement. We'll need a strong effort made to get ALL residents onboard.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Communication to residents via methods other than expecting us to following Social Media 24hrs a day would be nice. I'd also like to see communication about disruptive but potentially hazardous conditions that might not be considered "emergencies" yet (like road closures we can/should avoid, trees down, flooded streets and other traffic issues) so they could be avoided.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Improved streets and sidewalks. Also you're constantly degrading/ruining the peace, safety & health for many residents by constantly cramming recreational facilities near their homes. Life in LCF would change/improve dramatically, and the city would be more appealing & healthy with a large Central Park built over the 210 fwy consisting of numerous recreational/sports courts/facilities, walking and bike paths, trees, functioning clean bathrooms, etc. It's just awful that the city is constantly expanding or adding new rec facilities near our homes/backyards. And it's a pity we've wasted so much money on things like recent litigation that there are no resources left to put toward covering the 210 fwy to "create" awesome park space away from resident's homes/backyard.

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Workshop #2

Monday, March 3, 6-7:30 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85757381413>

Question #1 - What are some things you enjoy about living in La Cañada Flintridge?

location (access to various recreational opportunities); school; safety

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

safety; support for school

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

long term vision - making it a desirable place to shop and play and do it in a sustainable, responsible way; transparency - the city could strength voters' support for providing scheduled updates on what the recent passage of Measure LCF have improved the quality of life for residents of LCF, this will increase the support for future measures.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

modify the existing trash hauling services, there is no reason why we should have three providers for a small city; increase programs offered by Parks and Recreation (or partner with others) to increase opportunities for residents (including activities for adults and not limited to youth) to engage with city activities and get to know our neighbors; use of local papers like Outlook to give more visibility to city offered activities, and opportunities for engagement.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

create a long term vision of the city (the current safe community with good schools could be enhanced to include a sustainable city that is inclusive and offers places to dine and play).

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

I'm really glad that the city is seeking information from its residents. But if I did not have a reason to visit the city's website, I would not have seen the request - I missed the Feb strategic session for example. The city may want to increase the promotion of these events via Outlook, and not just once, but multiple times.
Thanks!

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I like living in a beautiful green suburb with lot of tree and without much traffic and I like having the mountains close by for recreation.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

The Climate Action Plan was finally adopted!

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

I know there are complaints about havine 3 trash pickup companies each having 3 trucks..so 9 big trucks up and down our streets on trash day. I hope the city is working on a plan to only have one trash pickup company for each neighborhood! This would help reduce auto emission and thus help us meet our climate goals.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

Work harder on the climate action plan. Enforce building codes. Encourage more grass lawn conversions. Worker harder on conservation in general. BE GREENER!

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

Plant more NATIVE plants and trees!

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

The city harmed itself by trying so hard to restrict the development of 600 Foothill so that now a development will be forced on us. The city should have tried harder earlier to work with the developers to build something reasonable with some increase in the housing density.

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close knit community, convenience to get to anything within the city, small town feel.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

Working with city planning department has been wonderful and well staffed with great people

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

Encourage more diverse food establishments (we have so many pizza joints per capita and missing many other types of food options). Family friendly but adult interesting options are limited for a family town.

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Disappointed by the city's decision to not let AYSO use local fields. Seems like baseball and softball have lots of support for youth but other sports are ignored.

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Keep up the engagement!

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Question #1 - What are some things you enjoy about living in La Cañada Flintridge?

I love living in La Cañada Flintridge because of the strong sense of community and the vibrant, small-town feel. I feel safer knowing we have such a proactive public safety program, from our great relationship with the Sheriff's Department to the active Neighborhood Watch and the high-tech surveillance cameras around town. The community events, like Music in the Park and Fiesta Days, really bring us together, and it's wonderful to see neighbors connecting and celebrating. I appreciate how the city balances growth with preserving our unique character, which helps maintain the high quality of life we all enjoy. Plus, I value the city's commitment to our environment, schools and traffic safety, it shows the city cares about our health and sustainability. It's a great place to call home.

Question #2 - What do you think the City is doing well?

I'm really impressed with how proactive our city government has been in La Cañada Flintridge. The city is doing a great job with public safety initiatives, which make me feel secure in our community. The partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, our active Neighborhood Watch Program, and the installation of city-wide Flock Public Safety cameras and Automatic License Plate Readers really show their commitment to our safety. I appreciate the effort behind the Security Camera Rebate Program too.

The city's recent focus on community engagement has been a fantastic leap forward. From the community workshops to gather our input to the quick surveys, these are great initiatives to build upon. It's great to see the city actively seeking our opinions on city priorities.

I also have been impressed to see the pace of government process seem to speed up. Might be a perception but it feels as though the city is saying what we will do and following that up in tighter turnaround which simply enables the city to achieve more and become more responsive.

I also appreciate infrastructure efforts such as the decades-long sound wall project and the expansion of our active transportation infrastructure. The Foothill Link Bikeway and Pedestrian Greenbelt Project included upgrades like resurfacing roads, improving lighting and traffic signals, and enhancing landscaping with medians and trees.

I'm also impressed with their environmental initiatives. The new 2024 Climate Action & Adaptation Plan is ambitious, aiming for carbon neutrality by 2045. It's reassuring to see our city taking climate change seriously and implementing concrete steps to address it. The installation of PurpleAir sensors for real-time air quality monitoring is another great initiative that shows they care about our health and environment.

Overall, I think our city government is doing an excellent job balancing growth, community needs, and environmental concerns while maintaining the unique character of La Cañada Flintridge.

Question #3 - What could the City improve to better meet your needs or those of your family?

As a resident of La Cañada Flintridge, I believe our city could improve in several areas to better meet the needs of my family and our community. Looking at case studies from other forward-thinking small cities, I see exciting possibilities for enhancing our quality of life.

I'd love to see La Cañada Flintridge take inspiration from cities like Boulder, Colorado, which has implemented a smart grid system and lithium-free battery energy storage projects with smart metering. This could help us better understand and manage our energy usage, potentially reducing costs and improving sustainability and reliability. It would be great if our city could develop a comprehensive sustainability plan that spans multiple agencies, similar to Boulder's approach.

Another area for improvement could be our transportation infrastructure. San Jose's smart city program includes initiatives to monitor air quality and reduce pollution. I think La Cañada Flintridge could benefit from a similar approach, using sensors to monitor air quality, traffic flow and near misses along our major roads and implementing measures to reduce both air and noise pollution while also addressing traffic and safety concerns with data informed policies. This would make our city more livable and healthier for all residents.

I'm also impressed by the efforts of smaller cities like Sanger and Chowchilla in California. These towns have used innovative financing methods like green bonds to fund infrastructure improvements and renewable energy projects. La Cañada Flintridge could explore similar options to upgrade our aging infrastructure, particularly our water system, while also transitioning to cleaner energy sources.

Community engagement is another area where I see room for improvement. Cities like Colfax, California have used simple tactical design concepts to improve their main streets, creating spaces for outdoor dining and retail. The al fresco concepts since the pandemic have been hugely popular and unfortunately most of our restaurants or cafes are quite limited in terms of outdoor space. Handles and Gio's are good examples of business trying to reclaim that space but we can enable more. I'd love to see La Cañada Flintridge involve residents and design commission in these kinds of vision urban planning decisions, perhaps through public workshops or online platforms where we can share ideas and feedback. These should help us as a community address the question of how we should evolve in the future and enable us all to build toward that collective goal.

Lastly, I think our city could benefit from having a dedicated infrastructure coordinator, similar to what cities like Albany, NY, and Bend, OR have implemented. This role could help us think more holistically about our infrastructure needs, pursue grants more effectively, and ensure we're making the most of foundation, state, and federal funding opportunities.

By adopting some of these forward-thinking approaches, I believe La Cañada Flintridge could become an even better place to live, addressing key issues like sustainability, transportation, infrastructure, and community engagement in innovative ways.

Question #4 - Are there any services or programs you feel the City should expand or improve?

As a resident of La Cañada Flintridge, I believe our city could significantly improve its infrastructure and policies to better meet the needs of our community. Here are some key areas where I think we should focus:

Protected Bike Lanes: La Cañada Flintridge has made some progress with bike infrastructure, such as the recent completion of the Foothill Link Bikeway and Pedestrian Greenbelt Project, which added a half-mile of protected bikeway along Foothill Boulevard. However, we need to expand this network. Protected bike lanes are cost-effective and have a high positive impact on communities. For example, in Los Angeles, the Spring Street two-way protected bike lane has become a critical north-south connector in the downtown bike network, improving safety and encouraging more people to cycle.

Pedestrian Infrastructure: La Cañada Flintridge has made some progress identifying streets that do not have curb cuts to enable a baby stroller to enter or exit the curb however there are hundreds of intersections that still need attention. These situations cause dangerous situations where parents with infants, seniors, or people with disabilities are unable to effectively navigate our intersections as pedestrians. Vulnerable road users should be considered much more closely. We should look into digitizing our curbs to better understand and optimize curb space usage, digital curb inventories can reduce congestion, improve safety, and promote sustainable transportation modes.

Multi-modal Transit Solutions: Implementing a microtransit system like Metro Micro could significantly improve commuting options for employees coming into our city. In Seattle, the MetroFlex microtransit service has dramatically increased job accessibility. One case study showed that a resident's job access increased from 12,800 to 45,000 potential workplaces after the launch of MetroFlex zones. This could help alleviate parking and traffic issues in La Cañada Flintridge.

Improved Bus Service: Our current bus schedule is limited, especially on weekends. We need to reassess and improve the frequency and timing of our bus service to better accommodate remote work lifestyles and families with small children. This is particularly important as national data shows that public transit usage is gradually returning to pre-pandemic levels, with 3.8% of workers reporting commuting via public transportation in 2022, up from 2.5% in 2021.

E-bike Policies: With the growing popularity of e-bikes, we need policies to ensure their safe and correct use, particularly among young riders. This could include education programs, speed limits, and designated e-bike lanes.

Traffic Management Policies: We should work with highway patrol to develop better policies for managing traffic detours from the 210 freeway during accidents. This could include designated alternative routes that minimize impact on residential areas.

Climate Adaptation and Resilience: Implementing projects like city-provided Air Gradient sensors for open-source air quality data would be beneficial. We could also explore AI fire tracking cameras and collaborate with utilities to harden infrastructure against fire risks. Working with forest and county fire departments to implement more effective firefighting techniques, such as using class-A environmentally safe foam, could improve our resilience to wildfires.

Neighborhood Watch: Expand and further invest in the Neighborhood Watch Program, which has already

proven instrumental in public safety and disaster response. Eric Matejka has done a fantastic job liaising with watch captains and the city, but there is more we could do to empower residents to take on leadership roles as captains or co-captains. These programs have shown their value not only in mitigating crime but also during chaotic situations like wildfires, where watch captains played a crucial role in disseminating actionable information. By leveraging these personal relationships with neighbors, we can activate neighborhoods in highly effective ways.

I would love to see the city repurpose the budget for the Security Camera Rebate Program into grants for neighborhood watch groups. These grants could cover annual gatherings with public safety representatives, educational workshops about security and home hardening, shared LPR cameras installed by a resident, and central disaster supplies or kits for captains to manage. Additionally, providing training for able-bodied captains to act as volunteer public safety support during crises could enhance our community's resilience. Programs like Monterey Park's eight-step Neighborhood Watch model or Colorado Springs' recognition program for wildfire preparedness leaders offer valuable examples of how cities can elevate these initiatives.

These improvements would not only enhance our city's livability but also contribute to its long-term sustainability and resilience. By focusing on these areas, La Cañada Flintridge can become a model for forward-thinking small cities adapting to modern challenges and lifestyles.

Question #5 - What suggestions do you have for making La Cañada Flintridge a more vibrant and attractive community?

La Cañada Flintridge could enhance its vibrancy and attractiveness by implementing several key strategies inspired by successful initiatives in other cities. Establishing a nonprofit organization or taking the Chamber to focus on revitalize the downtown area, particularly along Foothill Boulevard, by promoting local businesses and organizing community events.

The city should also embrace the opportunity to integrate affordable housing, as exemplified by the proposed project at 600 Foothill Blvd., which facilitate housing needs for our senior populations. Focusing on historic preservation and adaptive reuse of older structures could maintain the city's character while creating new spaces for businesses and community use. Improving multimodal transportation infrastructure, including bike lanes and pedestrian pathways, would enhance accessibility and promote a healthier lifestyle among residents. Finally, encouraging community-driven placemaking initiatives, such as realigning the role of the Chamber association and involving residents in the design of public spaces, could further strengthen the city's sense of community and appeal.

Question #6 - Is there anything else you'd like to share with the City?

A few other things:

Partnering with neighboring cities: Addressing shared policy issues and advocating for better services from contract agencies and utilities. Collaborative efforts can lead to more effective solutions and increased bargaining power.

Single trash hauler service: Negotiating a single trash hauler, preferably NASA, could indeed provide significant benefits. As seen in other cities like Brighton, Colorado, this approach can reduce road wear, noise pollution, and costs for residents while improving recycling services. It can also lead to more efficient collection schedules and reduced methane emissions.

Appointing a fractional CIO: This suggestion aligns with modern government trends. A Chief Information Officer can provide strategic direction for technology initiatives, improve efficiency, and help the city leverage data for better decision-making. Even in a part-time capacity, a CIO could help La Cañada Flintridge become more proactive in adopting new technologies to address urgent challenges. I could see this role even being a stipend.

Data-driven decision making: Embracing a data-driven approach can help identify trends and nurture initiatives that align with city goals. This strategy has been successful in many local governments, improving services like traffic management, utility monitoring, and economic development.

Investing in local organizations: Emphasis on supporting organizations that provide childcare, youth activities, and senior services is crucial for maintaining a vibrant community. These services are indeed essential for the overall health and well-being of residents across all age groups.

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Follow-Up Survey Form



New submission from LCF Strategic Plan Community Priorities Survey

3 messages

To:

Sat, Mar 1, 2025 at 8:59 PM

Name

Resident/Business Owner

Resident of La Cañada Flintridge

What do you think are STRENGTHS of La Cañada Flintridge, if any? (200 maximum characters)

Sense of community.

What aspects of La Cañada Flintridge are most IMPORTANT to you, if any? (200 maximum characters)

Schools & safety.

Think about the future of La Cañada Flintridge 10 years from now. What do you see as being a problem then? (200 maximum characters)

Population growth and multi-unit housing development..

If you could change anything the City of La Cañada Flintridge does, from improving existing services to doing new projects, what would you change to make our community better? (200 maximum characters)

Need to finish the soundwalls not yet built before embarking on new projects. Don't leave those in the last phase without a soundwall. This would be quite unfair to all of those in the last phase.

Any other comments or suggestions about community needs or priorities in La Cañada Flintridge? (200 maximum characters)

Finish the last phase of soundwalls. Those in the first four phases got their soundwall. What about those of us in the last phase?

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To:

Sun, Mar 2, 2025 at 8:28 AM

Resident/Business Owner

Resident of La Cañada Flintridge

What do you think are STRENGTHS of La Cañada Flintridge, if any? (200 maximum characters)

Small, tight knit community. Beautiful scenery and location. Not like Los Angeles or most of SoCal which is a mess.

What aspects of La Cañada Flintridge are most IMPORTANT to you, if any? (200 maximum characters)

Quiet, small town feel. Not congested or crowded. Light traffic., Free from squalor, homelessness and open air drug use like Los Angeles.

Think about the future of La Cañada Flintridge 10 years from now. What do you see as being a problem then? (200 maximum characters)

Traffic. Apartments and condos. Homelessness. Poor schools. Basically. Democrat politics turning La Canada into a mess like Los Angeles or San Francisco or most of California.

If you could change anything the City of La Cañada Flintridge does, from improving existing services to doing new projects, what would you change to make our community better? (200 maximum characters)

Low growth. No apartments or condos. No more large retailers like Target. Better public spaces and investment in school fields and kids sports venues. School fields are a wreck and poorly maintained.

Any other comments or suggestions about community needs or priorities in La Cañada Flintridge? (200 maximum characters)

Generations have worked hard to make La Canada a special place unlike most of SoCal which is a mess. People don't want La Canada looking like the San Fernando Valley.

Sun, Mar 2, 2025 at 8:36 AM

To:

Name

Resident/Business Owner

Resident of La Cañada Flintridge

What do you think are STRENGTHS of La Cañada Flintridge, if any? (200 maximum characters)

Our strengths are our community and its leadership. I enjoy the celebration of our Veterans, Memorial Day festivities, and support of our schools.

What aspects of La Cañada Flintridge are most IMPORTANT to you, if any? (200 maximum characters)

I believe that all residents should be treated equally. We should all have sound walls to mitigate the ever-increasing roar of the traffic.

Think about the future of La Cañada Flintridge 10 years from now. What do you see as being a problem then? (200 maximum characters)

I worry that we will lose our close-knit community as we construct multi-unit housing.

If you could change anything the City of La Cañada Flintridge does, from improving existing services to doing new projects, what would you change to make our community better? (200 maximum characters)

Completing the sound walls will make our community better.

Any other comments or suggestions about community needs or priorities in La Cañada Flintridge? (200 maximum characters)

Residents should be encouraged to clear brush around their homes. With home ownership comes a responsibility to clear and remain fire safe.

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1 message

To: 

Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 8:53 PM

Name



Resident/Business Owner

Resident of La Cañada Flintridge

What do you think are STRENGTHS of La Cañada Flintridge, if any? (200 maximum characters)

Responsive City Council

What aspects of La Cañada Flintridge are most IMPORTANT to you, if any? (200 maximum characters)

Security and law enforcement. Clean streets.

Think about the future of La Cañada Flintridge 10 years from now. What do you see as being a problem then? (200 maximum characters)

Too many dwellings or high density housing.

If you could change anything the City of La Cañada Flintridge does, from improving existing services to doing new projects, what would you change to make our community better? (200 maximum characters)

Possibly widening some of the streets. The City did a great job on Housman Street.

Any other comments or suggestions about community needs or priorities in La Cañada Flintridge? (200 maximum characters)

The number one issue that is a constant problem in the city is the traffic noise from the 210/2 freeways. Continue to build sound barrier throughout the city. It does help.

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New submission from LCF Strategic Plan Community Priorities Survey

1 message

To:

Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 1:27 PM

Name

Resident/Business Owner

Resident of La Cañada Flintridge

What do you think are STRENGTHS of La Cañada Flintridge, if any? (200 maximum characters)

City Council needs to continue to strengthen governance by developing by-laws. Add a section that all Council members receive all correspondence on housing element and other agenda items.

What aspects of La Cañada Flintridge are most IMPORTANT to you, if any? (200 maximum characters)

Schools are most valuable asset. Descanso Gardens, trails are also wonderful.

Think about the future of La Cañada Flintridge 10 years from now. What do you see as being a problem then? (200 maximum characters)

The planned Commission for the Environment is even more critical now, given Eaton Fire. Get the commission up and running, with staff support and budget.

If you could change anything the City of La Cañada Flintridge does, from improving existing services to doing new projects, what would you change to make our community better? (200 maximum characters)

Septic systems have been abandoned. Make sure residents know to deep water trees or more trees will die. We are used to the septic systems feeding/watering our trees, both city and privately owned.

Any other comments or suggestions about community needs or priorities in La Cañada Flintridge? (200 maximum characters)

Set up a system at Council and Commission meetings so that attendee & zoom viewers can vote-up comments made by other people. I loved the comment to increase sidewalks on main arteries.

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New submission from LCF Strategic Plan Community Priorities Survey

1 message

To: a 

Thu, Mar 6, 2025 at 10:56 AM

Name



Resident/Business Owner

Resident of La Cañada Flintridge

What do you think are STRENGTHS of La Cañada Flintridge, if any? (200 maximum characters)

Union Street at Verdugo Bld has new, special coated transmission lines installed by Edison. We are told these lines won't "snap" and start fires. Hurray!

What aspects of La Cañada Flintridge are most IMPORTANT to you, if any? (200 maximum characters)

The high voltage transmission lines on towers, running between Indiana and Alta Canyon, are mowed underneath. We don't know if we should thank LCF or Edison, but please keep area mowed!

Think about the future of La Cañada Flintridge 10 years from now. What do you see as being a problem then? (200 maximum characters)

Water shortages for all 4 water agencies and need to mitigate brush without denuding hillsides. Combination of goats and mowing are good. Against controlled burns for many reasons.

If you could change anything the City of La Cañada Flintridge does, from improving existing services to doing new projects, what would you change to make our community better? (200 maximum characters)

Improve long-term water supplies. Keep gray water in town for watering, especially for any new sewer installations. Evaluate investment in pipes to capture gray water even for existing sewer lines.

Any other comments or suggestions about community needs or priorities in La Cañada Flintridge? (200 maximum characters)

Work with Edison to underground most wires, replace remaining wires with "no fire hazard" wires,

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