

That's Life . . . In Albany

What Do You Think?

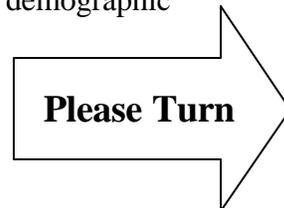
The Neighborhood Resource Center and Council of Albany Neighborhood Associations (CANA) seek your help in identifying and evaluating the various factors that contribute to the quality of life in our community.

CANA is a federation of neighborhood associations that is concerned with improving the quality of residential living within the City of Albany. This questionnaire is the most effective way of learning your views about what is good and what else needs improvement.

Please use one survey per person.

This is the second annual survey and its results will be made available to the public as well as the mayor and city officials to enable them to take action on issues at a neighborhood level.

Please fill in the appropriate circle that best represents your opinion in both SECTIONS 1 & 2. We also ask that you fill out SECTION 3 that enables us to determine the general location of your neighborhood and basic demographic details while protecting your anonymity.



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To:
CANA-CEQL Survey
c/o David Phaff
5 North Pine Avenue
Albany, NY 12203-1711

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SECTION 1 - Please circle the number to the right that indicates your response.

How do you feel about these things in your neighborhood or in the city?	Serious Problem	Minor Problem	Not a Problem	No Opinion
1. Abandoned buildings _____	3	2	1	0
2. Abandoned or unregistered motor vehicles or trailers _____	3	2	1	0
3. Abandoned shopping carts _____	3	2	1	0
4. Adequacy of the building code _____	3	2	1	0
5. Animal feces not picked up _____	3	2	1	0
6. Availability of downtown shopping _____	3	2	1	0
7. Bars operating at late hours _____	3	2	1	0
8. Business property maintenance _____	3	2	1	0
9. Commercial development in residential neighborhoods _____	3	2	1	0
10. Dogs not under owner's control _____	3	2	1	0
11. Drug dealers / drug houses _____	3	2	1	0
12. Excessive noise from car radios _____	3	2	1	0
13. Excessive noise from parties, patios, etc. _____	3	2	1	0
14. Favoring commercial over residential interests _____	3	2	1	0
15. Gangs _____	3	2	1	0
16. Garage and sidewalk sales _____	3	2	1	0
17. Garbage rules not followed _____	3	2	1	0
18. Graffiti _____	3	2	1	0
19. Group homes _____	3	2	1	0
20. Illegal businesses (e.g. car repair shop) _____	3	2	1	0
21. Illegal home occupations _____	3	2	1	0
22. Illegal parking lots _____	3	2	1	0
23. Improper lighting on private property _____	3	2	1	0
24. Lack of a master plan for city development _____	3	2	1	0
25. Lack of trees & shrubs as visual screen to lots/yards _____	3	2	1	0
26. Loitering _____	3	2	1	0
27. Meaningful penalties for code violators _____	3	2	1	0
28. Motor vehicles ignoring speed limits & traffic signals _____	3	2	1	0
29. Non-compliant parking lots (e.g. not screened) _____	3	2	1	0
30. Notices posted on utility poles, etc. _____	3	2	1	0
31. Occupancy in violation of zoning _____	3	2	1	0
32. Panhandling _____	3	2	1	0
33. Parked cars blocking cross walks, hydrants, driveways _____	3	2	1	0
34. Parking in your neighborhood _____	3	2	1	0
35. Parking on sidewalks, lawns _____	3	2	1	0
36. Quality of bus service _____	3	2	1	0
37. Quality of taxi cab service _____	3	2	1	0
38. Racial profiling _____	3	2	1	0
39. Residential rental property maintenance _____	3	2	1	0
40. Scavengers going through your trash _____	3	2	1	0
41. School safety _____	3	2	1	0
42. Sidewalk conditions for pedestrians _____	3	2	1	0
43. Sidewalk shoveling in winter _____	3	2	1	0
44. Trash/garbage on street/sidewalk _____	3	2	1	0
45. Trash/garbage in yard(s) _____	3	2	1	0
46. Unattended children, latchkey environment _____	3	2	1	0
47. Unlocked entrances to multi-family dwellings _____	3	2	1	0

SECTION 2 - Please circle the number to the right that indicates your response.

How do you feel the City of Albany is doing in the following areas?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
48. Adequacy of parking regulations _____	4	3	2	1	0
49. Availability of citizen guide to building/housing codes _____	4	3	2	1	0
50. Awareness of cultural activities _____	4	3	2	1	0
51. Correcting zoning violations _____	4	3	2	1	0
52. Dealing with repeat code violators _____	4	3	2	1	0
53. Enforcing anti-grouper law _____	4	3	2	1	0
54. Enforcing building/housing codes _____	4	3	2	1	0
55. Enforcing parking regulations _____	4	3	2	1	0
56. Keeping parks safe _____	4	3	2	1	0
57. Keeping your neighborhood safe _____	4	3	2	1	0
58. Keeping your street clean _____	4	3	2	1	0
59. Library services _____	4	3	2	1	0
60. Making the city pedestrian friendly _____	4	3	2	1	0
61. Neighborhood revitalization over commercial development _____	4	3	2	1	0
62. Overall city cleanliness _____	4	3	2	1	0
63. Police response times to 911 calls _____	4	3	2	1	0
64. Police response times to non-emergency calls _____	4	3	2	1	0
65. Preserving/protecting city heritage _____	4	3	2	1	0
66. Preserving/protecting residential neighborhood character _____	4	3	2	1	0
67. Protecting and preserving historic sites/excavations _____	4	3	2	1	0
68. Protecting existing housing _____	4	3	2	1	0
69. Public schools and education _____	4	3	2	1	0
70. Responding to building/housing complaints _____	4	3	2	1	0
71. Response time to emergency medical calls _____	4	3	2	1	0
72. Revitalizing downtown _____	4	3	2	1	0
73. Sidewalk and street repair _____	4	3	2	1	0
74. Street lighting _____	4	3	2	1	0
75. Walking neighborhood police patrols _____	4	3	2	1	0

Of all the issues in **SECTION 1 and SECTION 2**, list up to ten that are *most important to you* by placing their numbers (1-75) in the space below. They do not need to be in any particular order.

For Your Information . . .

You may be surprised to learn that every single questionnaire is read and that your concerns as well as comments are taken very seriously. City officials have credited the survey with providing them with valuable information in focusing their efforts on specific quality of life issues as well as changing policy, enforcement and organizational issues.

**Please go to
SECTION 3**

