

## Village of Volente Community Survey

The Village of Volente is conducting a community survey to find out what people in the community think about the Village and its future development and plans. This survey will allow us to validate and/or update and change our current Comprehensive Plan for the village. Your participation in this survey is voluntary as well as anonymous and we hope that you will decide to take part in it.

The Village will also host a Town Hall meeting at the Village of Volente Offices located at 16000 Wharf Cove, Volente, TX, for you to have the opportunity to visit in person with the Village Council and Staff about the survey as well as any other issues of interest to you. The meeting is scheduled for **MMMM DD, YYYY**, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. If you would like to host a meeting in your home for this same purpose we would be glad to schedule a representative to join you as a resource.

This is a chance to make your voice heard. Please take the time to go on line to take the survey, or to fill it out manually and return it by **MMMM DD**.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

1. Sex
  - a. Male
  - b. Female
  
2. Age
  - a. 18-24
  - b. 25-34
  - c. 35-44
  - d. 45-54
  - e. 55-64
  - f. 65-74
  - g. 75-84
  - h. 85 or older
  
3. How long have you lived in the Village of Volente?
  - a. Less than 1 year
  - b. 1-5 years
  - c. 6-10 years
  - d. 11-15 years
  - e. 16-20 years
  - f. More than 20 years
  
4. How many people currently live in your household, including yourself?
  - a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3

- d. 4
  - e. 5
  - f. 6 or more
5. How many people living in your household are under the age of 18?
- a. None
  - b. 1
  - c. 2
  - d. 3
  - e. 4
  - f. 5 or more
6. Are you retired?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
7. If currently employed, how far away is your work?
- a. At my home
  - b. 0-5 miles
  - c. 6-10 miles
  - d. 11-15 miles
  - e. 16-20 miles
  - f. more than 20 miles
8. Do you own or rent your residence?
- a. Rent
  - b. Own
9. Do you own and regularly use a computer?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
10. What is the best way for the Village to keep you informed?
- a. Village Website
  - b. Social Media ( ala NextDoor)
  - c. U.S Mail – postcard or newsletter
  - d. Village Meetings
  - e. Email
11. How satisfied are you with the overall quality of life in Volente?
- a. Very satisfied
  - b. Satisfied
  - c. Dissatisfied
  - d. Very dissatisfied
  - e. No Opinion
12. What plans do you have in the next 12 months?
- a. Get married.
  - b. Have a baby.
  - c. Buy a house.
  - d. Remodel our home.
  - e. Move to a new residence
  - f. Retire

- g. Start a new business
- h. Move out of Volente

### **DESIRES FOR THE COMMUNITY**

13. Different people have different ideas about what a community should be. We'd like to know what you think. Please let us know how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. **Please answer Agree or Disagree.**
- a. I would like Volente to be a retirement community with Life Style housing/Garden Homes
  - b. I would like Volente to be a bedroom community with amenities for the residents
  - c. I would like Volente to be a place where tourists come to visit.
  - d. I would like Volente to be a family-oriented community
  - e. I would like Volente to be pedestrian friendly with trails for walking, biking, and hiking.
  - f. I would like Volente to be an environmentally friendly community.

### **GOALS FOR THE COMMUNITY**

14. Different people have different ideas about goals for the community. The following are some goals that have been identified and in some cases have been included in the Village Vision. We would like to know what you think. **Please answer Agree or Disagree.**
- a. Maintain the small town, village-like atmosphere
  - b. Protect the natural environment
  - c. Encourage mixed-use development – mix of retail, office, and residential uses together
  - d. Encourage development of sidewalks, bicycle paths etc.
  - e. Have a center of the community as the focus of commercial activity (town center or downtown)
  - f. Promote the volunteer spirit in Volente
  - g. Encourage living, working and shopping within the Village.
  - h. Create family recreational activities like movie night, concerts in the park, festivals, or bingo
  - i. Encourage commercial development
  - j. Encourage parks and open spaces
  - k. Honor the history of Volente (create a holiday?)
  - l. Promote a full life-cycle community or housing for those living here and wanting to downsize.
  - m. Encourage rainwater collection

- n. Encourage Xeriscaping
- o. Use volunteer groups to organize/provide holiday celebrations

## **INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENITIES**

15. Listed below are certain infrastructure facilities, amenities and other issues that the Village could sponsor or undertake. Please provide us with your thoughts by rating each of the items. **Please answer Agree or Disagree.**
- a. Volente should own its own water supply facility.
  - b. Volente should own its own sewer/wastewater facility.
  - c. Volente should establish its own paid police force.
  - d. Volente should provide community parks and playgrounds.
  - e. Volente should provide trails for wildlife/nature viewing.
  - f. Volente should provide trails for jogging and bicycling.
  - g. Volente should provide trails for horseback riding.
  - h. Volente should provide an indoor activity center for all ages.
  - i. Volente should pursue a convenience store.
  - j. Volente should pursue more small restaurants for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
  - k. Volente should pursue a gas station.
  - l. Volente should pursue a mail drop or possible post office.
  - m. Volente should pursue a small liquor store.

## **QUALITY OF LIFE**

16. We want to know your thoughts about the quality of life in Volente. We want to know how important you would judge each of the items to be. **Please answer Agree or Disagree.**
- a. The Village of Volente should provide community events.
  - b. The Village of Volente should provide recreational opportunities for children.
  - c. The Village of Volente should provide recreational opportunities for adults.
  - d. The Village of Volente should provide opportunities to voice your opinion on Village matters.
  - e. The Village of Volente should provide for future development of residences and homes.
  - f. The Village of Volente should develop and support a plan for commercial development.
  - g. The Village of Volente should develop a plan to create a Village Center gathered around a City Hall.

## **SPENDING TAX DOLLARS**

17. We want to know what you think about the following existing city services and whether you agree with the spending of tax dollars to support or enhance them. **Please answer Agree or Disagree.**
- a. Street improvements
  - b. Contracted police force
  - c. Village staff
  - d. Legal fees on hourly basis
  - e. Holiday celebrations/community gatherings
  - f. Other
18. We want to know what you think about the following possible city services and whether you agree with the spending of tax dollars to create/develop them. **Please answer Agree or Disagree.**
- a. Add village Police Force
  - b. Add additional Village Staff
  - c. Provide trails for hiking, walking, jogging, and bicycling
  - d. Permanent city hall/community center
  - e. Add water utility service
  - f. Add wastewater utility service
  - g. Legal fees on retainer basis
  - h. Other

## **TYPES OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

19. We would like to know your attitude about different types of commercial development within the Village. **Please answer Agree or Disagree.**
- a. Neighborhood retail center for Village residents.
  - b. A grocery store.
  - c. Medical or Healthcare facilities.
  - d. Warehouse and storage (inside)
  - e. Storage facilities (outside)
  - f. Retirement housing/Garden Homes
  - g. Equestrian stables.
  - h. Entertainment venues (outside)
  - i. Small boutique hotel, privately owned.

- j. Landscaping and plant store or facility.
- k. Auto repair shop.
- l. Pizza restaurant.
- m. Other

**HOW WELL DOES YOUR VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OPERATE**

20. We would like to know your opinions on how well the current village government is serving you. **Please answer Agree or Disagree**
- a. The village council responds to the problems in the community.
  - b. Law enforcement response time is adequate, if required
  - c. The village needs more handicapped access throughout
  - d. The Village should sponsor events such as the Olive Festival, Farmers Market, Chili Cook Off, BBQ cook off
  - e. The Village should promote events such as the Olive Festival, Farmers Market, Chili Cook Off, BBQ Cook Off
  - f. The Village has implemented too many ordinances
  - g. The Village has not implemented enough ordinances

**CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT**

21. We would like to know to what level you are, or are willing to be, involved in the Village operations.
- a. I attend Village council meetings
  - b. I am willing to serve on a committee
  - c. I am willing to run for a council position
  - d. I am willing to attend educational events on the Village government process

**WRITE IN**

22. If we have left anything out of our survey, in a few words let us know what you would like to see in the Village.