

*Appendix 10.1
Community Survey Summary Report*



Community Survey Results Workbook



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Survey Basics

In this report, we present you with our observations and conclusions based on the results of 600 telephone interviews with residents and registered voters in the City of San Ramon, California. All interviews were completed between January 13 and January 23, 2007. The overall margin of error for the results of the common questions included in the questionnaire is +/-4%. The demographic characteristics of the population of individuals interviewed reflect the characteristics of the population of the city.

Summary Observations

- Residents believe that both the city and the Parks and Community Services Department do an excellent or very good job serving the needs of the community. They also give high marks to the job the city does providing recreation programs and maintaining local parks and trails.
- Residents believe the city should spend more on transportation services. This response marks a change in the attitude of local residents since 1994.
- The degree to which local residents want the city to spend funds on recreation programs and public parks is consistent with the priorities measured in 1994.
- When asked if they use the parks for passive or active recreational activities, 41.7% say they participate in passive activities and 28.5% say they participate in active activities. Over the next 10 years, residents believe they will increasingly use the city's parks and trails for passive activities.
- 66.0% believe that the city's parks and trails are very safe.
- Residents are more likely to appreciate nature, walk, hike, or participate in a family activity when they visit a local park than they are to play or watch basketball or play tennis.
- Overall, more than one-third of those interviewed believe the city needs more trails designed for mountain biking or hiking and more community gardens. There are important differences of opinion in response to these questions if responses are separated by ethnic group and parent status.
- Overall, residents believe someone in their household is most likely to participate in a library program, fitness or health class, or a sports-oriented program. There are important differences based on parent status and age in the responses to these questions.
- Almost all of the residents of the city believe it is important to explore cultural arts through local theater, dance, music, and the visual arts.

- Participation in recreation programs and the use of local parks appear to have increased since 1994.
- Residents from all parts of the city are likely to attend a performance at the new theater under construction in the Dougherty Valley.
- A majority of the residents of the city rely on the newspaper for information about local issues. There are significant differences, however, in the degree to which older and younger residents of the city read the newspapers available in the city.

Sample Preparation

The sample for this survey was prepared by blending information about the registered voters in the city with commercially available residential phone numbers and addresses. In order to make sure that the opinion of the unregistered residents of the city was also collected, information about households where no one is registered to vote was added to the voter registration records obtained from the county. To facilitate the exploration of regional differences of opinion within the city, only residential records where a complete address was available were used. Duplicates were eliminated by cleaning and standardizing the address associated with each voter or residential address. Once voter and residential records were blended, a random sample of the households in the city was taken and used for the telephone interviews completed as part of this study.

Evaluating the Delivery of Services and Programs

Three questions were included in the survey in order to evaluate the delivery of services by the city in general and by the Parks and Community Services Department specifically. Two of these questions were asked as part of a 1994 survey conducted for the Parks and Community Services Department. In both cases, the very positive responses collected in 1994 have improved.

All of those interviewed were asked: *“Consider the overall delivery of city services to the residents of San Ramon. Do you believe the city is doing an excellent, very good, satisfactory, poor, or very poor job of delivering services to the residents of the city?”* In response, 28.5% said the city is doing an excellent job and 53.3% said it was doing a very good job. Both of these responses are more positive than the data collected in 1994. All of the responses to this question from both surveys are presented in the following table.

Q3: Evaluate delivery of city services	2007	1994
Excellent	28.5%	16%
Very good	53.3%	57%
Satisfactory	15.3%	24%
Poor	1.5%	2%
Very poor	0.3%	1%
Don't know/No opinion	1.0%	1%

Women are more likely than men to believe the city is doing an excellent job delivering services to local residents¹. 33.6% of the women interviewed for this study rated the delivery of services as excellent while 23.3% of the men interviewed offered the same response. All of the responses to the 2007 survey divided by gender are presented in the following table.

Q3: Evaluate delivery of city services	Male	Female
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¹ The selection of cross-tabulation results for presentation in this report is based on the evaluation of each set of responses using the classification tree tools available in SPSS for Windows v15. This analytical tool considers all of the demographic characteristics available from the survey and identifies those that are most significant. In the case of Q3, this process identified gender as the most important cross tabulation of the data.

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Excellent	23.3%	33.6%
Very good	56.1%	50.7%
Satisfactory	17.6%	13.2%
Poor	2.0%	1.0%
Very poor	0.3%	0.3%
Don't know/No opinion	0.7%	1.3%

Later in the survey, each individual was asked to evaluate the Parks and Community Services Department. The language of the question read as follows: *“The San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department provides recreation programs and operates park and recreation facilities for the City of San Ramon. Overall, what kind of job do you feel the San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department is doing? Are they doing an excellent, very good, satisfactory, poor, or very poor job?”* The response to this question in the 2007 survey is more positive than the responses collected in 1994. The difference, however, is not as great as was the case when residents were asked to evaluate the delivery of city services in general. All of the responses to this question from both surveys are presented in the following table.

Q12: Evaluate Parks and Community Services Department	2007	1994
Excellent	28.2%	23%
Very good	54.8%	54%
Satisfactory	15.2%	17%
Poor	0.7%	1%
Very poor	0.0%	1%
Don't know/No opinion	1.2%	5%

The higher the household income of the individual being interviewed, the more likely the individual was to give the Parks and Community Services Department an excellent rating. This does not correspond, however, to an increase in the percentage saying the department is doing a poor job in households with a lower income level. Individuals in households with incomes below \$150,000 per year are simply more likely to say the department is doing a Very Good job. All of the responses to the 2007 survey divided by household income are presented in the following table.

Q12: Evaluate Parks and Community Services Department	\$75,000 or less	\$75,001 to \$150,000	Over \$150,000
Excellent	23.5%	27.1%	33.5%

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Very good	57.8%	60.6%	48.5%
Satisfactory	16.7%	10.0%	17.5%
Poor	1.0%	0.0%	0.5%
Very poor	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Don't know/No opinion	1.0%	2.3%	0.0%

The evaluation of the job being done by the department also varies by ethnic group. White, Hispanic and African-American residents of the city are more likely to give the department an excellent rating than are Asian residents of the city. All of the responses to the 2007 survey divided by ethnic group are presented in the following table.

Q12: Evaluate Parks and Community Services Department	White or Caucasian	Asian	African-American, Hispanic or other
Excellent	29.1%	20.6%	35.2%
Very good	55.6%	57.0%	45.1%
Satisfactory	13.6%	21.5%	15.5%
Poor	0.5%	0.9%	1.4%
Very poor	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Don't know/No opinion	1.2%	0.0%	2.8%

Residents of the city were also asked to evaluate the recreation programs offered by the city. This question was not asked in the 1994 survey. It read as follows: *“Do you believe that San Ramon is doing an excellent, very good, satisfactory, poor, or very poor job providing recreation programs that serve the needs of all the residents of the city?”* In response, 24.3% said the city was doing an excellent job with 45.3% rating the city’s performance as very good. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q44: Evaluate recreation programs	Percentage
Excellent	24.3%
Very good	45.3%
Satisfactory	26.7%
Poor	1.7%
Very poor	0.5%
Don't know/No opinion	1.5%

Household income is again an important factor in more fully understanding these responses. The higher the level of household income, the more likely the respondent

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was to give the city’s recreation programs an excellent rating. The lower the level of household income the more likely the respondent was to say that the city was doing a very good job of providing recreation programs. All of the responses to the 2007 survey divided by household income are presented in the following table.

Q44: Evaluate recreation programs	\$75,000 or less	\$75,001 to \$150,000	Over \$150,000
Excellent	21.6%	23.5%	32.5%
Very good	51.0%	44.8%	39.7%
Satisfactory	21.6%	29.0%	25.3%
Poor	2.0%	1.4%	1.5%
Very poor	0.0%	0.9%	0.5%
Don't know/No opinion	3.9%	0.5%	0.5%

Spending on City Services

Nine questions that were included in the 2007 survey helped us better understand the spending priorities local residents would define for the city. Each of these questions presented an area in which the city currently spends tax dollars and asked those being interviewed if the city should spend more, spend less, or continue the current level of funding for the program or service involved. The language of the question read as follows: *“Currently, the city spends tax dollars to provide each of these services. For each, please tell me if you believe that in the future the city should spend more, continue the current level of spending, or spend less on the service described.”* In only one area — transportation improvements — do more of those interviewed believe the city should spend more than the percentage who believe the city should continue spending at its current level. In only one area — public art — does the percentage who believe the city should spend less rise above 10%. When presented with city spending on public art, however, a larger percentage believe the city should spend more in this area than the 14.7% who believe the city should spend less. All of the responses to each of these questions are presented in the following table.

	Spend more	Continue current	Spend less	Don't know
6A. Transportation improvements	49.5%	39.5%	4.3%	6.6%
5. Library services	39.2%	53.7%	3.2%	4.0%
4. Open space preservation	41.0%	49.2%	6.0%	3.8%
7. Recreation programs	29.8%	63.5%	2.7%	4.0%
8. Public parks	23.8%	72.7%	2.2%	1.3%
9. Park maintenance	17.5%	78.3%	2.2%	2.0%
10. Historic preservation at Forest Home Farms	18.3%	56.8%	8.8%	16.0%
6B. Street landscaping	16.4%	74.6%	8.7%	0.3%
11. Public art	19.7%	57.5%	14.7%	8.2%

Six of these services or programs were presented in the same manner in the city’s 1994 survey. The greatest change since 1994 is the priority city residents give to transportation improvements. In 1994, 27% said the city should spend more in this area with 59% believing the city should continue its current level of spending². In 1994, the percentage who wanted more spent on library services and open space preservation was greater than the percentage who wanted the city to continue its current level of spending.

The priority given to spending on recreation programs and public parks is very similar in both the 2007 and 1994 surveys. In the following tables, the responses from both surveys are presented for each of these services or programs. We believe the similarity of the responses is more important than the small differences.

Q7: Recreation programs

	2007	1994
Spend more	29.8%	24%
Continue current	63.5%	68%
Spend less	2.7%	4%
Don't know	4.0%	5%

Q8: Public parks

	2007	1994
Spend more	23.8%	25%
Continue current	72.7%	72%
Spend less	2.2%	2%
Don't know	1.3%	2%

As might be expected, the parents of children living in San Ramon are more likely to believe that the city should spend more on recreation programs than are non-parents. It is important to note, however, that among non-parents, a very large majority, 66.8%, want the city to continue its current level of spending on recreation programs. All of the responses to this question divided by parent status are presented in the following table.

² The 1994 results also represent a change when compared to data collected in 1990. In 1990, transportation improvements ranked with library services as one of the highest priorities for local residents.

Q7: Recreation programs

	Non-parent	Parent
Spend more	23.0%	34.9%
Continue current	66.8%	61.0%
Spend less	3.5%	2.0%
Don't know	6.6%	2.0%

As suggested by the response among parents, there is a difference in the way younger residents of the city react to spending on recreation programs when compared to older voters. Among residents between 18 and 34 years of age, 35.9% would like to see the city spend more on recreation programs. Among residents 55 and older, only 20.7% would like to see the city spend more in this area. It is again important to notice, however, that the city's older residents do not want to see the city spend less on recreation programs. All of the responses to this question divided by age are presented in the following table.

Q7: Recreation programs

	18 thru 34	35 thru 44	45 thru 54	55 and older
Spend more	35.9%	31.8%	30.8%	20.7%
Continue current	57.3%	63.6%	62.2%	70.0%
Spend less	2.6%	2.3%	3.2%	2.9%
Don't know	4.3%	2.3%	3.8%	6.4%

There is a difference in the way that men and women react to the level of spending by the city on public parks. Among men, 27.4% would like to see the city spend more while 20.4% of the women interviewed as part of this study want to see more spent on parks. There is a similar difference when the responses of parent and non-parents are separated. Among parents, 26.2% want to see more spent on parks. Among non-parents, 20.7% think the city should spend more in this area. All of the responses to this question separated by gender and by parent status are presented in the following table.

Q8: Public parks

	Male	Female	Non-parent	Parent
Spend more	27.4%	20.4%	20.7%	26.2%
Continue current	68.2%	77.0%	75.4%	70.6%
Spend less	2.4%	2.0%	1.6%	2.6%
Don't know	2.0%	0.7%	2.3%	0.6%

The city's Asian, Hispanic, and African-American residents are more likely than the city's white residents to want the city to spend more on park maintenance. All of the responses to this question divided by ethnic group are presented in the following table.

Q9: Park maintenance

	White or Caucasian	Asian	African- American, Hispanic and other
Spend more	15.0%	23.4%	22.5%
Continue current	80.4%	74.8%	73.2%
Spend less	2.1%	0.9%	2.8%
Don't know	2.4%	0.9%	1.4%

Park and Trail Use: Attitudes

Everyone interviewed was asked: *“Please consider the overall maintenance of the parks and trails in San Ramon. Do you believe that San Ramon is doing an excellent, very good, satisfactory, poor, or very poor job maintaining its parks and trails?”* In response, 29.8% said they believe the city is doing an excellent job with 52.3% stating that the city is doing a very good job. This question was also included in the 1994 survey but the 1994 version of the question did not include a reference to trails. When we compare the responses in both surveys, the percentage who state that the city is doing a very good job is the same. The percentage who believe the city is doing an excellent job has declined and the percentage who believe the city has done a satisfactory job has increased. All of the responses to this question from both surveys are presented in the following table.

Q13: Evaluate maintenance of parks and trails

	2007	1994
Excellent	29.8%	35%
Very good	52.3%	52%
Satisfactory	16.8%	11%
Poor	0.5%	1%
Very poor	0.0%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	0.5%	2%

The response to this question differs if we divide the responses by age. Residents of the city under 34 years of age are more likely to believe the city is doing an excellent job maintaining parks and trails than residents 55 and older. All of the responses to this question divided by age are presented in the following table.

Q13: Evaluate maintenance of parks and trails

	18 thru 34	35 thru 44	45 thru 54	55 and older
Excellent	37.6%	30.6%	29.5%	24.3%
Very good	51.3%	48.0%	55.1%	56.4%
Satisfactory	10.3%	19.1%	15.4%	18.6%
Poor	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Very poor	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Don't know/No opinion	0.9%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%

Those interviewed were then asked if they would be more likely to use the city’s parks and trails for active or passive recreational activities. The question read as follows: *“Think about how you use the parks and trails in San Ramon. Would you say that you use the parks and trails in the City of San Ramon for active recreation activities like baseball, basketball, tennis, soccer, biking, running, or other sports, or passive recreation activities like picnicking, walking, biking, or simply enjoying natural settings?”* In response, 41.7% said they would participate in passive activities while 28.5% said they use the city’s parks for active activities. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q14: Active or passive recreation activities

	Percentage
Active activities	28.5%
A combination of both	26.7%
Passive activities	41.7%
Don't know	2.5%
Refused	0.7%

These responses are very similar to those collected in 1994³. All of the responses from both surveys are presented in the following table.

Q14: Active or passive recreation activities

	2007	1994
Active activities	28.5%	24%
A combination of both	26.7%	29%
Passive activities	41.7%	41%
Don't know	2.5%	7%
Refused	0.7%	0%

Non-parent residents of the city are much more likely to participate in a passive activity than are parents. Parents are much more likely to be involved in an active activity or a combination of passive and active activities. All of the responses to this question divided by parent status are presented in the following table.

Q14: Active or passive recreation

Non-parent	Parent
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³ The 1994 question differed from the 2007 version in that it presented fewer examples of what was considered an active and a passive activity.

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Active activities	25.0%	31.1%
A combination of both	12.5%	37.2%
Passive activities	56.6%	30.5%
Don't know	4.3%	1.2%
Refused	1.6%	0%

Residents of the city were then asked to anticipate the types of activities in which they would be involved in 10 years. The language of the question used to ask them to anticipate life 10 years from now read as follows: *“I want you to think about the future. I would like you to think about how you will use the parks and trails in 10 years. Would you say that 10 years from now you will use the parks and trails in the City of San Ramon for active recreation activities like baseball, basketball, tennis, soccer, biking, running, or other sports, or passive recreation activities like picnicking, walking, hiking, or simply enjoying natural settings?”* In response, residents of the city indicate that they will be involved in more passive activities in 10 years and fewer active activities. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q15: Active or passive 10 years from now

	Percentage
Active activities	21.0%
Combination of both	28.0%
Passive activities	47.7%
Don't know	2.7%
Refused	0.7%

If we divide the responses to this question by age, it becomes clear that the older a resident of the city is the more he or she anticipates participating in more passive activities 10 years from now. All of the responses to this question divided by age are presented in the following table.

Q15: Active or passive 10 years from now

	18 thru 34	35 thru 44	45 thru 54	55 and older
Active activities	29.1%	30.6%	17.3%	8.6%
Combination of both	38.5%	38.2%	25.6%	10.0%
Passive activities	29.9%	30.1%	55.1%	74.3%
Don't know	2.6%	1.2%	1.3%	5.0%

Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	2.1%
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A large majority of the residents of the city believe that the city’s parks and trails are very safe. Each person interviewed was asked: *“Do you believe that the parks and trails in San Ramon are very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe, or very unsafe?”* In response, 66.0% said that the city’s parks and trails were very safe. Only 1.5% believe the city’s parks and trails are somewhat or very unsafe. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q16: Safety of parks and trails

	Percentage
Very safe	66.0%
Somewhat safe	31.7%
Somewhat unsafe	1.3%
Very unsafe	0.2%
Don't know/No opinion	0.8%

Park and Trail Use: Activities

Those interviewed for this study were presented with 11 activities in order to determine if these were the kinds of activities in which they participate when visiting a city park today or might participate in 10 years from now. In this portion of the interview, the sample was divided into two equal groups. Half of those being interviewed were presented with the following language in order to explore the activities in which they participate today: *“I am now going to read a list of activities that might take place in a park or on a trail. For each, please tell me whether the activity is something you personally always, often, sometimes, or never do when you visit a park or a trail.”* The other half of those being interviewed were presented with the following language, designed to ask them to anticipate what they might be doing in 10 years: *“Here is another question where I want you to think about what you will be doing in the future. I am now going to read a list of activities that might take place in a park or a trail. For each, please tell me whether the activity is something that 10 years from now you believe you personally will always, often, sometimes, or never do when you visit a park or a trail.”*

Overall, the responses to these questions indicate that residents of the city are more likely to appreciate nature or walk when they visit a city park or trail than they are to play tennis or basketball. The responses collected from those asked to anticipate what they will be doing in 10 years indicate that the use of the parks for such passive activities will increase while participation in more active activities remains constant. Comparing the responses from the two groups also indicates that there will be an increase in bike riding, visits to playgrounds, participation in family activities, and picnicking in the future.

All of the responses to these questions are presented in the following table.

		Now	Future
Q18A: Appreciate nature	Always do	33.6%	44.1%
	Often do	27.2%	27.1%

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	Sometimes do	32.9%	24.1%
	Never do	6.0%	4.7%
	Don't know	0.3%	
		Percentage	Percentage
Q17A: Walk or hike	Always do	23.3%	30.4%
	Often do	34.6%	34.8%
	Sometimes do	35.9%	31.1%
	Never do	6.0%	3.3%
	Don't know	0.3%	0.3%
		Percentage	Percentage
Q25A: Participate in family activities	Always do	14.6%	23.4%
	Often do	26.9%	31.4%
	Sometimes do	45.5%	38.5%
	Never do	13.0%	6.4%
	Don't know/No opinion		0.3%
		Percentage	Percentage
Q21A: Visit a playground	Always do	13.6%	17.1%
	Often do	27.6%	25.8%
	Sometimes do	32.6%	40.8%
	Never do	26.2%	16.4%
		Percentage	Percentage
Q19A: Ride a bike	Always do	7.0%	17.7%
	Often do	20.3%	22.7%
	Sometimes do	42.2%	37.8%
	Never do	30.6%	21.4%
	Don't know/No opinion		0.3%
		Percentage	Percentage
Q20A: Picnic	Always do	3.7%	10.0%
	Often do	12.3%	20.4%
	Sometimes do	59.1%	58.9%
	Never do	24.9%	10.4%
	Don't know/No opinion		0.3%
		Percentage	Percentage
Q22A: Play or watch baseball or softball	Always do	8.3%	10.0%
	Often do	15.6%	15.7%
	Sometimes do	28.6%	38.1%
	Never do	47.5%	36.1%
		Percentage	Percentage
Q23A: Play or watch soccer	Always do	8.3%	6.4%
	Often do	15.9%	19.1%
	Sometimes do	25.2%	37.1%

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	Never do	50.2%	37.1%
	Don't know	0.3%	0.3%
		Percentage	Percentage
Q26A: Visit a dog park	Always do	5.3%	8.0%
	Often do	10.0%	12.4%
	Sometimes do	21.6%	29.8%
	Never do	63.1%	49.8%
		Percentage	Percentage
Q24A: Play or watch basketball	Always do	1.7%	5.0%
	Often do	8.0%	8.7%
	Sometimes do	26.6%	35.8%
	Never do	63.5%	50.5%
	Don't know	0.3%	
		Percentage	Percentage
Q27A: Play tennis	Always do	1.0%	2.3%
	Often do	4.3%	10.4%
	Sometimes do	29.6%	38.1%
	Never do	65.1%	49.2%

At the end of this section of the survey, each individual was asked either: *“Is there another activity you do when you visit a park or trail that was not on this list?”* or *“Is there another activity that was not on this list that you believe you will do when you visit a park or trail 10 years from now?”* The question presented depended on whether the individual had been in the group asked questions about what they do today or were among those asked to anticipate what they would be doing 10 years from now. In both groups, a large number of those interviewed repeated one of the activities presented in the survey. By assigning each of the individual responses to a broad category, we are able to create the following tables. The first presents the activities named by those asked about the things they are doing today. The second table presents the responses from those asked to anticipate their activities 10 years from now. The verbatim responses to each of these questions are presented in Appendix B and Appendix C at the end of this report.

Q28A: Activity not on this list: Now

	Count	Percentage
An item from the list presented	23	28.0%

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Other sports	11	13.4%
Community events	10	12.2%
Run or jog	9	11.0%
Rollerblade or skateboard	9	11.0%
Other/Miscellaneous	8	9.8%
Swimming	6	7.3%
Fly kites or model planes	6	7.3%

Q28A: Activity not on this list: Future

	Count	Percentage
Other/Miscellaneous	20	22.7%
An item from the list presented	14	15.9%
Other sports	13	14.8%
Run or jog	8	9.1%
Fly kites or model planes	7	8.0%
Rollerblade or skateboard	6	6.8%
Golf	6	6.8%
Walk the dog	5	5.7%
BBQ	5	5.7%
Community events	4	4.5%

Outdoor Park Facilities

A series of questions was included in the survey in order to explore the adequacy of the outdoor park facilities available in the city. Eleven different facilities were presented and then each individual was asked if there were facilities that the city needs but that were not presented in the survey. The language used to introduce this series of questions read as follows: *“I am going to read you a list of outdoor park facilities. Please state whether you think the community has too few, too many, or just the right amount of each to adequately meet community needs.”* The responses indicate that a majority believes the city has just about the right number of each of the facilities presented. More than one-third of those interviewed believe the city needs more trails designed for mountain biking or hiking and more community gardens.

In the following table, the facilities presented are ranked according to the percentage that stated the city had too few of the facilities described. As this ranking is used, it is important to note that the percentage indicating they do not know if the city has too many or too few increases when residents are presented with bocce ball courts and cricket fields.

	Too few	Just about right	Too many	Don't know
Q37: Trails designed for mountain biking or hiking	38.7%	50.0%	0.8%	10.5%
Q34: Community gardens	36.0%	52.7%	1.2%	10.2%
Q38: Parking lots within parks	24.5%	70.8%	1.3%	3.3%
Q39: Bocce ball courts	24.3%	39.7%	3.8%	32.2%
Q32: Group picnic areas	22.8%	72.0%	1.2%	4.0%
Q31: Tennis courts	19.2%	67.2%	2.3%	11.3%
Q35: Outdoor basketball courts	18.5%	67.2%	2.3%	12.0%
Q33: Cricket fields	17.5%	36.0%	6.7%	39.8%
Q30: Soccer fields	17.0%	69.5%	4.3%	9.2%

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Q36: Skateboard or BMX parks	13.2%	69.2%	4.0%	13.7%
Q29: Baseball or softball fields	12.3%	74.5%	5.0%	8.2%

For two of these facilities — trails and group picnic areas — dividing the responses according to the ethnic background of the individual being interviewed is important. Non-Asian residents of the city are much more likely to see a need for additional trails designed for mountain biking or hiking than are Asian residents. This information is presented in the following table.

		Q73: Ethnicity		
		White or Caucasian	Asian	African- American, Hispanic or Other
		Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Q37: Trails designed for mountain biking or hiking	Too few	41.5%	27.1%	40.8%
	Just about right	46.3%	64.5%	49.3%
	Too many	1.0%	0.9%	
	Don't know	11.2%	7.5%	9.9%

Asian, Hispanic, and African-American residents of the city have a different reaction to the adequacy of the number of group picnic areas in San Ramon when compared to the responses collected to this question among the city's white or Caucasian residents. This information is presented in the following table.

		Q73: Ethnicity		
		White or Caucasian	Asian	African- American, Hispanic or Other
		Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Q32: Group picnic areas	Too few	20.5%	29.0%	28.2%
	Just about right	73.7%	67.3%	70.4%
	Too many	1.2%	0.9%	
	Don't know	4.5%	2.8%	1.4%

The response to a question about the adequacy of the community gardens in the city also depends on the gender of the individual being interviewed. Women are much

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more likely than men to see a need for more community garden space in San Ramon. This information is presented in the following table.

		Gender	
		Male	Female
		Percentage	Percentage
Q34: Community gardens	Too few	30.4%	41.4%
	Just about right	56.4%	49.0%
	Too many	1.4%	1.0%
	Don't know	11.8%	8.6%

Whether the individual being interviewed was a parent also had a significant impact on how the individual judged the adequacy of the number of tennis courts, cricket fields, outdoor basketball courts, and soccer fields. This information is presented in each of the following tables.

Q31: Tennis courts

	Q65: Children 18 or younger	
	Non-parent	Parent
Too few	12.5%	24.1%
Just about right	68.4%	66.3%
Too many	2.7%	2.0%
Don't know	16.4%	7.6%

Q33: Cricket fields

	Q65: Children 18 or younger	
	Non-parent	Parent
Too few	12.5%	21.2%
Just about right	34.0%	37.5%
Too many	8.6%	5.2%
Don't know	44.9%	36.0%

Q35: Outdoor basketball courts

	Q65: Children 18 or younger	
	Non-parent	Parent
Too few	13.7%	22.1%
Just about right	67.6%	66.9%
Too many	2.0%	2.6%
Don't know	16.8%	8.4%

Q30: Soccer fields

	Q65: Children 18 or younger	
	Non-parent	Parent
Too few	12.9%	20.1%
Just about right	69.1%	69.8%
Too many	5.1%	3.8%
Don't know	12.9%	6.4%

At the end of this series of questions, each individual was asked: *“Are there any outdoor park facilities that are not currently available in the community that you believe should be provided in order to better meet community needs?”* The largest group of related responses cited the need for additional swimming pools. The second largest group includes responses where residents cited the need for other sports facilities. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table. The verbatim responses to this question are presented in Appendix D at the end of this report.

Q40: Outdoor park facilities not currently available

	Count	Percentage
Other/ Miscellaneous	43	31.9%
Swimming pools	28	20.7%
Other sports	17	12.6%
An item from the list presented	15	11.1%
Benches, tables, and restrooms	9	6.7%
Water park or pond	9	6.7%
Dog parks	7	5.2%
More trails	7	5.2%

Participation in Recreation Programs

To explore the types of recreation programs in which residents of the city might participate, 12 different activities, programs, or classes were presented during the interview. The language that introduced this section of the survey read as follows: *“In the following questions, I am going to read you a list of specific recreation activities, classes, and programs. For each, please tell me if you or someone in your household would be likely or unlikely to participate in that recreation activity, class, or program.”* All of the responses to these

questions make it clear that residents are most likely to participate in library, fitness, health, or other sports-oriented programs. They are least likely to participate in summer programs that also offer all-day child care, senior programs, or ethnic dance programs. All of the responses to the questions in this section of the survey are presented in the following table. The information in the table has been ranked by the percentage that said they were likely to participate in the program described.

Activity, program, or class	Likely to participate	Unlikely to participate	DK/ Refused
Q55: Library services or programs	80.5%	19.5%	
Q45: Fitness or health classes	76.7%	23.2%	0.2%
Q51: Sports-oriented programs	66.7%	32.8%	0.5%
Q49: Swimming classes	61.2%	38.7%	0.2%
Q48B: Dance classes	53.5%	46.2%	0.3%
Q47: Nature classes	51.7%	48.3%	
Q52: Visual arts classes	48.5%	50.7%	0.8%
Q53: Vocal or instrumental music classes	46.8%	52.8%	0.3%
Q50: Theater classes	38.3%	61.5%	0.2%
Q46: Summer recreation programs with all-day day care	35.3%	64.5%	0.2%
Q54: Classes designed for senior citizens	28.8%	70.7%	0.5%
Q48A: Ethnic dance classes	27.2%	72.4%	0.3%

There are two related cross tabulations of these responses that should be discussed as these results are used by the Park and Community Services Department. We need to separate the responses to these questions according to parent status and age.

In the following table, the percentage likely to participate among non-parents and among parents are separated. In the far right column, the difference between the percentage of parents and non-parents more likely to participate in the activity, program, or class is presented. The difference in the way parents and non-parents react to the programs presented is greatest for sports-oriented programs and senior

citizen programs. Someone in a parent household is much more likely to participate in a sports-oriented program. Someone in a non-parent household is more likely to participate in a class designed for senior citizens. The response in these two groups is most alike for fitness or health classes and nature classes.

Activity, program, or class	Pct. Likely to participate		Difference between reaction among parents and non-parents
	Non-parent	Parent	
Q55: Library services or programs	69.1%	89.0%	19.9%
Q45: Fitness or health classes	75.8%	77.3%	1.5%
Q51: Sports-oriented programs	42.6%	84.6%	42.0%
Q49: Swimming classes	43.4%	74.4%	31.0%
Q48B: Dance classes	37.9%	64.6%	26.7%
Q47: Nature classes	49.6%	53.2%	3.6%
Q52: Visual arts classes	42.2%	53.2%	11.0%
Q53: Vocal or instrumental music classes	29.7%	59.6%	29.9%
Q50: Theater classes	26.6%	47.1%	20.5%
Q46: Summer recreation programs all-day day care	17.6%	48.5%	30.9%
Q54: Classes designed for senior citizens	50.8%	12.5%	-38.3%
Q48A: Ethnic dance classes	22.7%	30.8%	8.1%

In the next table, the responses to these questions are separated by age. This information makes it clear that interest in sports-oriented programs drops off significantly above age 54. Interest in programs for senior citizens, as might be expected, is concentrated among those over 55. We can also see that there is more interest in summer recreation programs with all-day day care among residents under 45 years of age than was apparent in the responses collected from all of the residents of the city.

Activity, program, or class	Pct Likely to participate
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	18 thru 34	35 thru 44	45 thru 54	55 and older
Q55: Library services or programs	76.9%	86.1%	85.3%	71.4%
Q45: Fitness or health classes	84.6%	77.5%	77.6%	67.1%
Q51: Sports-oriented programs	81.2%	89.0%	65.4%	31.4%
Q49: Swimming classes	70.9%	79.2%	56.4%	38.6%
Q48B: Dance classes	55.1%	65.6%	54.4%	33.9%
Q47: Nature classes	47.0%	53.8%	53.2%	52.1%
Q52: Visual arts classes	52.1%	52.0%	45.5%	44.3%
Q53: Vocal or instrumental music classes	53.8%	61.8%	42.3%	25.0%
Q50: Theater classes	31.6%	48.6%	42.3%	27.1%
Q46: Summer recreation programs with all-day day care	46.2%	51.4%	29.5%	15.0%
Q54: Classes designed for senior citizens	6.0%	7.5%	24.4%	77.1%
Q48A: Ethnic dance classes	51.3%	31.3%	26.1%	13.1%

At the end of this section of the questionnaire, each individual was asked: “*Are there classes or programs that were not on this list that you believe should be available in San Ramon?*” Most named a class or program that did not fit into a broad category. Of those that could be classified, residents expressed a need for classes or programs in computers, foreign languages, or cooking. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table. The verbatim responses to this question are presented in Appendix E at the end of this report.

Q56: Classes or programs not on this list

	Count	Percentage
Other/ Miscellaneous	61	37.7%
Computers	17	10.5%
Foreign languages	16	9.9%
Cooking	16	9.9%
Specific sports	16	9.9%
Arts and crafts	9	5.6%
Specific visual arts	8	4.9%
An item presented on the list	8	4.9%
Specific dance	6	3.7%

Yoga

5

3.1%

The Importance of Cultural Arts

To assess the importance residents of the city place on the cultural arts, each person was asked to agree or disagree with the following statement: *“It is extremely important to explore cultural arts through local theater, dance, music, and visual arts programs and classes.”* In response, 40.5% strongly agree and 49.8% agree with this statement. Only 9.0% disagree or strongly disagree. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q57: Important to explore cultural arts

	Percentage
Strongly agree	40.5%
Agree	49.8%
Disagree	7.5%
Strongly disagree	1.5%
Don't know	0.7%

Women are more likely to strongly agree with this statement than are men. Disagreement with this statement is also stronger among men than among women. All of the responses to this question divided by gender are presented in the following table.

Q57: Important to explore cultural arts

	Male	Female
Strongly agree	33.4%	47.4%
Agree	52.4%	47.4%
Disagree	10.5%	4.6%
Strongly disagree	2.7%	0.3%
Don't know	1.0%	0.3%

When the responses to this question are separated by ethnic group, it is clear that Asian, Hispanic, and African-American residents of the city are more likely to strongly agree with this statement than are white or Caucasian residents. Disagreement with this statement is lowest among Hispanic and African-American residents. All of the responses to this question divided by ethnic group are in the following table.

Q57: Important to explore cultural arts

	White or Caucasian	Asian	African- American, Hispanic or Other
Strongly agree	37.2%	45.8%	52.1%
Agree	52.0%	45.8%	43.7%
Disagree	8.6%	5.6%	2.8%
Strongly disagree	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
Don't know	0.5%	1.9%	0.0%

The Use of Classes, Programs, and Facilities

Three questions were included in the survey in order to determine how frequently residents of the city use recreation programs and park facilities. The first of these was asked only of residents with a child 18 or younger living in the household. These parents were asked: *“Which of the following best describes how often one of the children in your household participates in one of the classes or recreation programs available in San Ramon: 1) More than once a week; 2) Once a week; 3) Once a month; 4) Once a year; or 5) Never?”* In response, 14.0% said they have a child who participates in a class or program more than once a week and 31.8% said their children participate once a week. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q66: Child participates in class or recreation program	Percentage
More than once a week	14.0%
Once a week	31.8%
Once a month	20.1%
Once a year	18.4%
Never	14.9%
Don't know	0.9%

Compared to the results of the 1994 survey, these numbers indicate that the number of children participating at least once a week has increased since 1994. To make the results of each survey comparable, the 1994 data was reconfigured to reflect the way in which this question was asked in 2007. This allows the responses from both surveys to be presented in the following table.

Q66: Child participates in class or recreation program	2007	1994
More than once a week	14.0%	14%
Once a week	31.8%	17%
Once a month	20.1%	22%
Once a year	18.4%	24%
Never	14.9%	23%
Don't know	0.9%	0.0%

Each individual interviewed was asked: *“Which of the following best describes how often you or one of the other adults in your household utilizes the services of the Parks and Community Services Department including classes, programs, events, or facilities: 1) More than once a week; 2) Once a week; 3) Once a month; 4) Once a year; or 5) Never?”* In response, 19.8% said that an adult in their household utilizes the services of the Parks and Community Services Department more than once a week with an additional 21.8% stating that someone in the household utilizes these services once a week. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q67: Adult utilizes Parks and Community Services	Percentage
More than once a week	19.8%
Once a week	21.8%
Once a month	29.0%
Once a year	20.2%
Never	8.7%
Don't know	0.5%

Finally, each person interviewed was asked: *“Which of the following best describes how often you or someone in your household uses one of the park facilities in San Ramon: 1) More than once a week; 2) Once a week; 3) Once a month; 4) Once a year; or 5) Never?”* In response, 31.5% said that someone in the household uses one of the parks in the city more than once a week with 31.7% stating that someone in the household uses one of the parks at least once a week. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q68: Frequency of park facilities use	Percentage
More than once a week	31.5%
Once a week	31.7%
Once a month	26.7%
Once a year	7.0%
Never	3.0%
Don't know	0.2%

Compared to the responses collected when this question was asked in 1994, park use has increased in the city. All of the responses from both surveys are presented in the following table.

Q68: Frequency of park facilities use

	2007	1994
More than once a week	31.5%	22%
Once a week	31.7%	24%
Once a month	26.7%	30%
Once a year	7.0%	17%
Never	3.0%	5%
Don't know	0.2%	1%

A New Theater

Three questions were included in the 2007 survey to explore the reaction residents have to the building of a new theater in the Dougherty Valley. This topic was introduced in the survey with the following language: *“The city will open a new 600-seat theater this fall. This theater is a project being completed in cooperation with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. It will be located on the campus of the new high school now under construction in the Dougherty Valley.”* Each person interviewed was then asked: *“Do you believe you or someone in your household will be extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely to attend a community theater performance at this new theater?”* In response, 17.2% said they were extremely likely to attend a performance at the new theater. In addition, 28.5% said they were very likely to attend. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q41: Likely to attend performance at new theater

	Percentage
Extremely likely	17.2%
Very likely	28.5%
Somewhat likely	37.5%
Somewhat unlikely	9.7%
Very unlikely	6.8%
Don't know	0.3%

As might be expected, the residents of the city living in the Dougherty Valley believe they are more likely to attend a performance at the new theater. But more than 10% of the residents of all three of the major areas of the city say they are extremely likely to attend a performance (with more than 25% stating they are very likely to attend). All of the responses to this question divided by area are presented in the following table.

Q41: Likely to attend performance at new theater

South of Montevideo	North of Montevideo/ Outside	Dougherty Valley
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		Dougherty Valley	
Extremely likely	12.6%	13.3%	25.8%
Very likely	25.2%	27.3%	32.5%
Somewhat likely	37.0%	41.3%	32.5%
Somewhat unlikely	12.6%	10.7%	6.2%
Very unlikely	12.6%	6.6%	3.1%
Don't know	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%

All of those interviewed were then asked: *“Which of the following do you believe is an appropriate cost for an individual ticket to a community theater performance at the new theater? 1) Less than \$10; 2) \$10 to \$15; 3) \$16 to \$20; 4) \$21 to \$25 or 5) More than \$25.”* A majority, 52.0%, believe \$10 to \$15 is an appropriate cost. 18.2% selected a higher cost and 27.5% said the cost should be less than \$10. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q42: Appropriate cost for ticket

	Percentage
Less than \$10	27.5%
\$10 to \$15	52.0%
\$16 to \$20	15.5%
\$21 to \$25	2.5%
More than \$25	0.2%
Don't know	2.3%

Those who said they were likely to attend a performance at the new theater were then asked: *“What type of theatrical performances would you or someone in your household be interested in attending at the new theater?”* Individuals were allowed to name more than one type of performance. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q43: Type of Performance

	Percentage
Musical theater	29.9%
Drama	22.4%
Comedy	10.2%
Other	8.4%
Children's theater	7.0%

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Orchestral	6.5%
Dance	4.9%
Locally based entertainment	4.1%
Opera	2.3%
National or regional touring companies	2.3%
Don't know	2.1%

A Source of News

Each individual was asked: “Where do you get information about local issues?” The majority named the newspaper as their source for local information. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q69: Source of information about local issues

	Percentage
Newspapers	53.0%
Radio or TV	5.8%
Internet	14.7%
Neighbors and friends	11.7%
Other	13.0%
Don't know	1.8%

It is very important to divide the responses to this question by age, however, in order to use them to plan a communications program in the city. Residents older than 45 years of age are relying on the newspaper for information in much larger numbers than residents of the city 44 or younger. For the city’s younger residents, the Internet is a much more important source of information. All of the responses to this question divided by age are presented in the following table.

Q69: Source of information about local issues

	18 thru 34	35 thru 44	45 thru 54	55 and older
Newspapers	37.6%	45.7%	60.3%	65.7%
Radio or TV	7.7%	5.2%	3.8%	7.9%
Internet	21.4%	20.8%	12.2%	5.0%
Neighbors and friends	10.3%	17.3%	11.5%	6.4%
Other	21.4%	9.8%	10.3%	12.9%
Don't know	1.7%	1.2%	1.9%	2.1%

Those who said they rely on the newspaper were also asked: “On which newspaper do you rely on most of the time?” A very large majority, 72.6%, named the San Ramon Valley Times. All of the responses to this question are presented in the following table.

Q70: Newspaper relied on most

Percentage

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San Ramon Valley Times	72.6%
Tri Valley Herald	10.7%
SF Chronicle	3.8%
Sentinel	3.5%
Other	9.4%

Appendix A

If the individual interviewed said they had lived in San Ramon for less than 5 years, he or she was asked where they had lived before San Ramon. 68.4% named another location in the Bay Area; 10.2% named a location in California but outside the Bay Area; 17.5% named a location outside California but inside the United States, and 4.0% named a location outside the United State.

The Bay Area

- Alamo, CA
- Alamo, CA
- Benicia, CA
- Berkeley, CA
- Berkeley, CA
- Brentwood, CA
- Brentwood, CA
- Brentwood, CA
- Castro Valley, CA
- Concord, CA
- Concord, CA
- Concord, CA
- Danville, CA
- Dublin, CA
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- Fairfield, CA
- Fremont, CA
- Hayward, CA
- Livermore, CA
- Livermore, CA
- Livermore, CA
- Los Gatos, CA
- Menlo Park , CA
- Milpitas, CA
- Milpitas, CA
- Newark, CA
- Newark, CA
- Oakland, CA
- Oakley, CA
- Palo Alto, CA
- Palo Alto, CA
- Pinole, CA
- Pinole, CA
- Pleasant Hill, CA
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- Redwood City, CA
- Redwood Shores, CA
- Richmond, CA
- San Bruno, CA
- San Francisco, CA
- San Francisco, CA
- San Francisco, CA
- San Jose, CA
- San Jose, CA
- San Jose, CA
- San Leandro, CA
- San Lorenzo, CA
- San Pablo, CA
- San Rafael, CA
- South San Francisco, CA
- Sunnyvale, CA
- Union City, CA
- Union City, CA
- Walnut Creek, CA
- Walnut Creek, CA
- Walnut Creek, CA

In California but Outside the Bay Area

- Bakersfield, CA
- Chico, CA
- Davis, CA
- Los Angeles, CA
- Los Angeles, CA
- Los Angeles, CA

- Mission Viejo, CA
- Oxnard, CA
- Palm Springs, CA
- Rocklin, CA
- Roseville, CA
- Salinas, CA
- San Diego, CA
- Santa Cruz, CA
- Southern California
- Southern California
- Tracy, CA
- Tracy, CA

Outside California but Inside the USA

- Albuquerque, NM
- Apple Valley, MN
- Arizona
- Atlanta, GA
- Boston, MA
- Branchburg, NJ
- Chicago, IL
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Fairlawn, NJ
- Florida
- Fort Collins, CO
- Grants Pass, OR
- Hawaii
- Indianapolis, IN
- Irvin, TX
- Ithaca, NY
- Ledyard, CT
- Massachusetts
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Mount Arlington, NJ
- New York, NY
- New York, NY
- Newark, NJ
- Ogden, UT
- Oregon
- Pullman, WA
- Rochester, NY
- Springdale, AK

Outside the United States

- Denmark
- India
- India
- India
- India
- Japan
- Sweden

Appendix B

Is there another activity you do when you visit a park or trail that was not on this list?

Run or jog

- Jog or run
- Jogging or running
- Jogging
- Run or walk
- Running
- Running jogging
- Running
- Running
- Sometimes jog around the track

An item from the list presented

- Activities for the kids
- Barbeque
- Bicycle
- Bring the kids there
- Chase my granddaughter
- Children's gym, preschool facilities in the parks
- Friend or family get together
- Hike
- Hiking
- I just walk and enjoy it.
- I just walk around the park.
- In the sand
- Leisure walks
- Maintain tennis courts
- Play with kids
- Play with the kids
- Read, play with grandkids
- Sand areas for little ones
- Tennis and swimming
- The hiking. I walk the iron horse a lot.
- Visit friends
- Walking and running
- Watching birds or animals

Rollerblading or skateboard

- Roller skating/rollerblading
- Rollerblade
- Rollerblading
- Rollerblading
- Skate park
- Skateboard
- Skateboard
- Skateboarding
- Skateboarding or skate park

Community events

- City events like fireworks and concert
- Concerts
- Enjoy summer concerts in the park
- Fourth of July celebration and wind festival
- Listening to the orchestra in Central Park on Sunday nights
- Outdoor concerts
- Outdoor concerts
- The art and wind fair on Memorial Day
- We do regular activities; art and wind stuff
- Wind festivals, 4th of July

Walk the dog

- Play with my dog
- Walk dogs
- Walk the dog
- Walk the dogs
- Walking the dog
- We walk the dogs and bike.

Other sports

- Bocce ball
- Football, organized teams, and playing around
- Football
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Other common sports
- Play bocce ball and rock climb
- Play football
- Volleyball
- Volleyball
- Volleyball

Fly kites or model planes

- Fly kites
- Flying kite in the park
- Frisbee and kites
- Model airplane flying and watching
- Shoot off rockets
- We like to fly aircraft; gliders.

Other

- Laying in the sun and reading
- Play chess or ping pong
- Qigong practice
- Sleep, reading
- Swimming
- Swimming
- Treasure hunting
- Water play

Appendix C

Is there another activity that was not on this list that you believe you will do when you visit a park or trail 10 years from now?

Run or jog

- Jogging
- Jogging
- Run and jog
- Running
- Running
- Running primarily
- Running
- Running

An item from the list presented

- Bike riding
- Family outings
- Have a party in the park, use the facilities
- I would like to see more hiking trails.
- Just enjoy nature and the creation God has made and enjoy life and the surroundings
- Mainly biking
- Observe nature, enjoy the outdoors
- Picnic
- Play with my grandkids
- Playgrounds for the children
- Tennis
- Walking is probably the main one
- Walking
- Watch soccer

Rollerblade or skateboard

- Roller hockey
- Rollerblade
- Rollerblading
- Rollerblading
- Skate boarding or riding bike on a manmade path
- Skateboarding (kids)

Community events

- Enjoying the park with concerts
- Listen to concerts that they bring to the park
- Music, the 4th of July stuff, fireworks, and the art and wind festival/art classes at the community center
- Plays or band concerts in the park

Fly kites or model planes

- Fly a kite and rollerblade
- Fly kites
- Fly kites ride dirt bikes
- Flying kites, launching rockets, playing flag and tackle football
- Kite and walking

Other sports

- American football
- Badminton, courts in the parks
- Bocce ball
- Bocce ball
- Bocce ball courts
- Other sports like maybe football and things of that nature
- Play cricket
- Play cricket
- Play volleyball
- Use the playground, volleyball
- Volleyball
- Volleyball and bocce ball
- Volleyball

Swimming

- Aquatics
- Swim
- Swimming
- Swimming
- Swimming pool
- Swimming
- Swimming

BBQ

- Barbecue

- Barbeque
- BBQ
- BBQ maybe
- BBQ

Golf

- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golfing but there is no spending San Ramon???
- Maybe a putting green or something to do with golf
- Play golf

Other

- A community vegetable garden would be fun.
- Beer keg events
- Craft work or park craft activities
- Doggy poop bags
- Exercise station along the way. It would be nice to have those.
- Have meetings
- Just keep it clean
- Just sitting in the park in the shade
- Kung fu; tai chi
- Napping in the grass, photography, art
- Nature conservation
- Photography
- Play chess
- Possibly lead a botany expedition
- Ride a horse if it's available
- Rock climbing
- There's a problem with the landscaping. It's nice in some and not in others. Old ranch estate area has been neglected during the past 10 years.
- They could improve the dog park.
- Walking my dogs
- Water areas where there are gardens

Appendix D

Are there any outdoor park facilities that are not currently available in the community that you believe should be provided in order to better meet community needs?

Swimming pools

- A community pool
- A good lap pool, heated swimming pool
- Additional swimming
- Another community pool
- Another swimming pool
- Community pool
- Indoor pools
- Kid's pool or a pool
- More golf courts and swimming
- More swimming centers
- More swimming
- Need more swimming pool facilities because the Cal High one is pretty crowded
- Pool, handball court
- Pool
- Pools
- Swimming pool area
- Swimming pool
- Swimming pools for exercise classes
- Swimming pools
- Swimming pools
- Swimming pools
- Swimming
- Swimming

Other sports

- A city football stadium for use
- Badminton and tennis combined hard court. You could change out the nets.

- Croquet fields and lawn bowling fields
- Disc golf; racquet ball courts
- Football field
- Golf
- Horse shoes
- Horseshoe pits
- Lacrosse fields
- Lacrosse fields
- Maybe a sand pit volleyball court
- Open gym
- Roller hockey
- Volleyball court
- Volleyball court
- Volleyball courts and sand volleyball courts
- Volleyball

An item from the list presented

- Cricket field
- Another BMX track or bike park
- Bocce ball
- Cricket parks
- Cricket. We need a field where we can play.
- Cricket/cricket fields
- Currently, there is no designated cricket field. We have to share on the baseball field.
- Just parking
- More bocce ball courts
- More lighted tennis courts
- More parking lots
- More things like tennis or bocce ball. The community is aging.
- Need more tennis courts
- Parking will be a problem 10 years from now.
- The kids need more things for baseball. They need batting cages.

Dog parks

- Dog park
- Grassy dog parks
- I'd like to see a dog park at Central Park.
- I'm not aware of a dog park.
- Large dog park
- More dog parks
- More dog parks

Benches, tables, restrooms

- Bathrooms

- Benches along iron horse trail
- More bathrooms
- More benches along the trails
- More picnic tables
- Picnic type areas. The bathrooms aren't staying open as long as they should. When I walk at night, the bathrooms are locked.
- Public restrooms or water fountains in the parks
- Sinks in the parking lots
- There are not enough shady parts in parks.

Water park or pond

- A lake
- A little fishing area like man made lake. Build a velodrome for bikes.
- A place where children can play with remote control boats
- A water park for kids would be great. Just something little.
- A water park like Central Park
- Maybe a lake or a pond would be cool
- Water feature at Dune Acres
- Water park for kids
- Water parks coming out of the ground

More trails

- Biking and walking trail
- More hiking trails
- More natural hiking trails
- More jogging trails
- More running trails
- The hiking or running trails
- You need more trails on the west side and we need more parks because there are not any near where I live.

Other

- A park course. You run and there are exercise stations in the area.
- A– quarter-mile track for running
- An arboretum or a sculpture garden or a combination of the two
- An outdoor area for playing music or playing chess
- Auditorium where music can happen and exhibitions
- Baby swings
- Celebration facilities for weddings, parties, or reunions
- Classes I can take with my teenagers like dance, art, exercise, etc.
- Community center; more musical activities
- Empty area that has been here for 17 years and looks very unkempt; it could be picnic area
- Enclosed parks or playgrounds for kids in the winter time
- Fitness course

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- Forest hill
- Handicapped-accessible playground for kids with disabilities
- It is hard to walk or jog on the Iron Horse Trail because of the rollerbladers and bikers.
- Model railroad
- More flower gardens; more raised flower beds
- More forests
- More parks closer to residential areas
- More sandboxes
- More swings because some parks don't even have them
- More things for kids that are educational. Art education. More playgrounds for kids.
- Non-skateboard recreational place for kids to meet and play
- Not enough fields with lights and artificial turf
- Open-space preserves that developers cannot develop on
- Organize more things for the parks, like concerts, especially for the middle age group that don't have children
- Playground equipment
- Rock climbing walls
- Rock climbing
- Satisfactory for the little ones but not for when they get older
- Skateboard parks
- Skating rink
- Soccer fields need to be fixed along with baseball fields at the high school
- Someplace where you could do a campfire for scouts
- Something handicapped-accessible
- The Forest Home Farms needs to be open more.
- Theater or something
- There should be a toddler park wherever there is a normal park.
- There's a piece of land that was to be a park. They promised a park and now it's a parking lot for tractors.
- They could use ball walls to play tennis so people can play on either side of they wall if they don't have a partner to still practice.
- They need an undercrossing at i580 on Iron Horse Trail.
- Things for people who are handicapped
- Yoga and ping pong

Appendix E

Are there classes or programs that were not on this list that you believe should be available in San Ramon?

Foreign languages

- Foreign language classes
- Foreign language classes
- Foreign language
- French and foreign language classes
- French classes, cooking classes
- I would like to see more language classes actually.
- Language classes
- Language classes
- Language learning classes
- Language — French or Spanish
- Language
- Language
- More language classes
- More second languages; more that I speak
- Spanish classes
- They should have more of a variety of language classes.

Cooking

- Cooking and nutritional classes
- Cooking and parenting classes
- Cooking for children, the art activities aren't aimed toward teenage just teenage???, and more plays. More in the way of theater and art.
- Cooking
- Cooking
- Cooking
- Cooking
- Cooking

Computers

- Computer classes
- Computer classes and personal finance classes
- Computer classes or foreign language classes
- Computer classes, dance classes, history of the valley, opening up the farm more frequently than once a month
- Computer classes
- Computer, multimedia
- Computer program classes
- Computer
- More computer classes
- More computer classes
- More with computers and self-help
- Summer computer classes
- Tech., computer classes or writing classes
- Technology-related classes, computers, public service/volunteering; how to be more involved in the community

Specific sports

- Archery
- Bocce ball
- Classes in bocce ball
- Community snowboarding trip
- Golf or tennis lessons; training for dogs
- High school team programs
- Kayaking classes
- More tennis classes for adults and adult swimming
- Roller hockey
- Scuba
- Scuba
- Soccer, baseball, and karate for the kids
- Swimming
- Tennis classes, have instructors teach you how to play tennis or golf
- Tennis classes
- Triathlon classes

Arts and crafts

- Arts and crafts
- Arts and crafts and cooking classes
- Arts and crafts, calligraphy, pottery, and ceramics
- Craft classes

- Crafts, photography, and home improvement classes
- Knitting
- Knitting, sewing, and needlepoint
- Maybe crafts and kids activities; paintball and rock climbing, for example
- More arts and crafts classes

Yoga

- Do more yoga classes and more stuff like yoga, probably Pilates
- Yoga health and wellness classes; nutrition classes
- Yoga
- Yoga

Specific visual arts

- Art classes, because my wife's an artist
- Children's art classes
- I think there should be more clay classes.
- More art classes
- Painting
- Painting
- Pottery
- Specifically, a stained glass class

Specific dance

- Ballroom dancing
- Children's dance class or beginner dance class
- Dance classes
- Dance, such as ballroom dancing
- Dance; general instruction
- Dancing for older people

An item from the list presented

- Health classes
- Instrumental classes
- More day camps
- More fitness lessons
- Some medical things. Teaching how to take care of yourself as you get older. People with things like diabetes or arthritis. Things to help yourself.
- Swimming classes, water aerobics
- Swimming
- There was no mention of music. Orchestra.

Other

- I would like to see more classes offered during off-school hours.
- I'd like to see a hula hoop class or dance because it's low cost and fun!
- Scheduling
- Adult education
- Babysitting classes
- Book clubs. I mean for all children where people can just get together.
- Business classes; Self-improvement classes
- Camera club, photography, language classes, something with travel
- Chess classes
- Chess; in San Ramon we hardly find any advanced chess classes.
- Community college classes or closer community college or educational facilities
- Community walks and nature activities for kids
- Covered pool
- CPR class
- Creative writing, tennis classes
- Dog training
- Educational classes
- Educational with a historical background to it; something that teaches residents the history of the valley
- Exercise programs in the evening that start at 7 PM or 8 PM or a weekend class.
- Financial and college-related programs
- Firearms — safety and range activities
- Fishing classes
- Gardening-type classes
- Hiking groups
- I think they should have a story time through the libraries for children 1 and older. The one they have, you need to be 3 and older. Fitness classes. They need a kick boxing class, and more rigorous classes. The ones they have are more towards senior citizens.
- I wish the library was a little more welcoming. Dublin Library seems so much more welcoming than the San Ramon library. The resources are pretty much the same but I usually go to Dublin.
- I would like adult basic bridge or card classes.
- I'd like to see more classes at the gardens. Again, I would like to see some dance classes that could be teenager/adult together. Also, I am going to say motorcycle safety. I think it would be a good program to have.
- Indoor swimming pools
- It's not necessarily the type, but more the timing. For example, people who work on the nights or weekends; if programs could be offered during the day, my wife would like to attend a yoga class, but it is hard to find one during daytime hours.
- Jewelry fabrications, clay guild. Look at the civic arts program in Walnut Creek; it's the best in the country in terms of a local city-run program. That's where I go.
- Karate or martial arts
- Karate-type arts
- Karate
- Language arts classes
- Lego classes
- More multinational classes
- More afternoon programs for kids
- More classes for babies and toddlers

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- More outdoor education type classes
- More available for older people or working people that are available at times when they go
- More teen activities
- More weekend classes for parents
- Nature classes
- Need more classes for the seniors citizens like trips
- People between the age of 45 and senior exercise classes
- Pilates
- Probably like gardening and landscaping classes
- Probably more stuff for kids in the early evening for parents who work rather than just during the day
- Promote chess more, advanced chess clubs like Berkeley
- Rock climbing, meditation classes, cultural classes, towards different ethnicities
- Self-defense class for women every week or two
- Senior center swimming or just more senior activities
- Some kind of safety class having to do with outdoor; CPR
- Special needs classes for those who are not completely functional
- Special needs programs
- There is a shortage of classes for preschoolers and toddlers. Fremont has so much more offered for that age group. Art classes, cooking, gymnastic classes for the preschool level. The after-school programs are excellent for the elementary kids; the variety of choices.
- They don't offer things for people who work all day. Things after 7 PM or things on the weekends would be better. To have a fitness center where people in the community could use the fitness center. Adult hours so no competition with the kids. Have some cooking as well but not just basic. Young people could meet people in a place other than a bar and with a local chef. They would be expensive.
- Things of scientific interest for kids
- Toddler gym classes
- Travel classes
- Writing courses