

The following are comments from Antioch citizens that were recorded at the Quality of Life Forum held at Lone Tree Golf Course on July 22, 2006.

- Consider centrally located disposal bins free of charge to encourage citizens to have a place to remove debris causing the visual blight in the City.
- Consider a program/ordinance requiring new homeowners to be owner occupied for some period certain before they are allowed to rent the property.
- Priority should be placed on attempting to conduct investigations for violent crime and vandalism incidents. Jim, recall the follow-through issue from Police Services.
- Consider rotating days when garbage collection and street sweeping activities are conducted. Jim, recall the issue of scheduling the street sweeping post garbage collection.
- Garbage collection on tax roll.
- Enforcement of city code and zoning and side lot sizes.
- Per Councilman Kalinowski—response rates from City staff to requests and issues by citizens.
- Incentive or penalty to ensure adequate staffing requirements (Police service example)
- Personal Responsibility—foster strong neighborhood alliances.
- Retaliation for crime reporting. Chief Hyde to talk about anti-bullying programs.
- Implement speed bumps where possible.
- Introduce an anonymous text message system to report bullying in schools.
- Make data available to see type of crimes happening in neighborhoods.
- Ordinance requiring rental property owners be held to strict standards of maintaining properties.
- Control off-street parking.
- Know your neighbors--Take responsibility
- Participate in national night out—Neighborhood watch programs presentation.
- Deer Valley Plaza—install surveillance cameras.
- Drug and alcohol enforcement in BellShaw (sic) Schools
- Zero tolerance policy on all crime
- Take a look at number of sex offenders living around schools.
- Sycamore Drive/El Campanil/Downtown Antioch—start an immediate clean-up system
- Improve lighting in shopping centers, WalMart and Deer Valley.
- Require analysis of violent crime areas and start a plan to correct.
- Why is Deer Valley Crime the way it is? Do an analysis.
- Stop problems at roots—don't just react
- Teach at home, school, the concept of respect.
- Low cost-free counseling for parents to deal with challenges with their children.
- Take ownership of neighborhood problems.
- Use vacation house check program (APD)
- Make landlords responsible; increase accountability.
- What are other Cities doing to solve these issues? Share best practice situations.
- Website—anonymous reporting of crimes and activities.
- Contacts available from other agencies for citizens.
- Consider the Beat Oakland Program (UCBM reference point)
- Add officers not assigned to beat for cover calls and proactive action
- Address public safety for kids between leaving school and getting home
- Dress code for kids—better image may promote respect.
- Money for more PD and code enforcement officers
- Increase fines (State law issues may impact this; write your legislature).
- Better supervise Skate Board Park
- Challenge day program for students with a core group of citizens.
- Hot line for truancy observations.

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