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*Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ of Decision Resources, Ltd., a nationwide polling firm located in the Twin Cities. We've been retained to speak with a random sample of Saint Louis Park residents about issues facing the community. This survey is being taken because the City Council and City Staff are interested in your opinions and suggestions about life in the community. All individual responses will be held strictly confidential; only summaries of the entire sample will be reported.*

**1. Approximately how many years have you lived in Saint Louis Park?**

LESS THAN TWO YEARS....6%  
TWO TO FIVE YEARS.....14%  
SIX TO TEN YEARS.....16%  
11 TO 20 YEARS.....23%  
OVER TWENTY YEARS.....41%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

**2. Thinking back to when you moved to Saint Louis Park, what factors were most important to you in selecting the city?**

ALWAYS LIVED HERE, 6%; CLOSE TO FAMILY/FRIENDS, 9%; CLOSE TO WORK, 23%; AFFORDABLE HOUSING, 25%; SMALL TOWN FEEL, 6%; SCHOOLS, 18%; SAFE, 2%; QUIET, 2%; CONVENIENT LOCATION, 9%; SCATTERED, 2%.

**3. As things now stand, how long in the future do you expect to live in Saint Louis Park?**

LESS THAN ONE YEAR.....1%  
ONE TO TWO YEARS.....1%  
TWO TO FIVE YEARS.....2%  
SIX TO TEN YEARS.....12%  
OVER TEN YEARS.....71%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....13%

IF LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, ASK: (N=16)

**4. Why do you plan to move in the next \_\_\_ years?**

HIGHER END HOUSING, 48%; TOO MUCH DIVERSITY, 15%;  
WARMER WEATHER, 21%; MORE CONVENIENT LOCATION, 11%;  
SCATTERED, 5%.

**5. How would you rate the quality of life in this community  
- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?**

EXCELLENT.....79%  
GOOD.....18%  
ONLY FAIR.....1%  
POOR.....1%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

IF "GOOD," "ONLY FAIR," OR "POOR," ASK: (N=82)

**6. If you could advise the City Council, what actions would  
you recommend to significantly improve the quality of life  
in Saint Louis Park?**

UNSURE, 33%; MORE JOBS, 5%; LOWER TAXES, 21%; MORE  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, 2%; MORE POLICE PATROLLING, 12%;  
STOP REDEVELOPMENT, 6%; LESS DIVERSITY, 4%; MORE  
SENIOR PROGRAMS, 4%; MORE CODE ENFORCEMENT, 2%; TAKE  
MORE RECYCLING, 5%; MORE SCHOOL FUNDING, 4%; SCATTERED, 2%.

**7. What do you like MOST about living in Saint Louis Park?**

UNSURE, 2%; SENSE OF COMMUNITY, 8%; SCHOOLS, 8%; QUIET,  
6%; FRIENDLY PEOPLE, 12%; SMALL TOWN FEEL, 6%; CONVENIENT  
LOCATION, 25%; SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES, 13%; PARKS AND  
RECREATION, 4%; NEIGHBORHOOD, 10%; WELL-MAINTAINED, 2%;  
SAFE, 4%; DIVERSITY, 1%.

**8. In general, what do you think is the most serious issue  
facing the community today?**

UNSURE, 25%; NOTHING, 7%; HIGH TAXES, 18%; TOO MUCH  
REDEVELOPMENT, 7%; LACK OF ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS, 2%;  
RISING CRIME, 11%; POOR ECONOMY, 4%; LACK OF SCHOOL FUND  
ING, 10%; LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, 2%; TOO MUCH DIVERSI  
TY, 3%; TRAFFIC CONGESTION, 9%; SCATTERED, 3%.

As I read the following statements about public safety in Saint Louis Park, please answer "yes" or "no." (READ LIST)

**9. I have an overall feeling of safety in Saint Louis Park.**

YES NO DKR  
96% 4% 0%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=16)

**10. Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?**

RISING CRIME, 69%; BURGLARIES, 31%.

**11. I feel safe walking in my neighborhood alone at night.**

YES NO DKR  
65% 34% 1%

**12. My household is a part of our area's Neighborhood Watch.**

YES NO DKR  
53% 42% 5%

**13. I have participated in National Night Out activities in the community.**

YES NO DKR  
66% 34% 1%

**14. I can rely on my neighbors for help in a safety-threatening situation.**

YES NO DKR  
87% 9% 4%

**15. I have participated in block parties in my neighborhood.**

YES NO DKR  
62% 38% 0%

**16. Have you or anyone in your household had contact with the Fire Department during the past two years?**

YES.....7%  
NO.....93%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=28)

17. How would you rate the quality of service provided by the Fire Department-- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....50%  
GOOD.....46%  
ONLY FAIR.....4%  
POOR.....0%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "ONLY FAIR" OR "POOR," ASK: (N=1)

18. Why did you rate the service as (only fair/poor)?

SLOW RESPONSE, 100%.

19. Have you or anyone in your household had contact with the Police Department during the past two years?

YES.....18%  
NO.....82%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=71)

20. How would you rate the quality of service provided by the Police Department-- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

POOR.....3%  
EXCELLENT.....41%  
GOOD.....48%  
ONLY FAIR.....9%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "ONLY FAIR" OR "POOR," ASK: (N=8)

21. Why did you rate the service as (only fair/poor)?

TOO MUCH SPEEDING, 38%; SLOW RESPONSE, 50%; NOT FRIENDLY, 13%.

Moving on....

*I would like to read you a list of a few city services. For each one, please tell me whether you would rate the quality of the service as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?*

EXCL GOOD FAIR POOR DK/R

*I would like to read you a list of a few city services. For*

each one, please tell me whether you would rate the quality of the service as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	EXCL	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DK/R
22. Police protection?	33%	59%	2%	0%	6%
23. Fire protection?	34%	56%	1%	0%	9%
24. Recycling and brush pick-up?	29%	60%	3%	0%	8%
25. Storm drainage and flood control?	19%	64%	8%	1%	9%
26. Park maintenance?	27%	68%	2%	1%	3%
27. City-sponsored recreation programs?	22%	59%	5%	0%	15%
28. Animal control?	16%	74%	3%	1%	7%

Now, for the next three city services, please consider only their job on city-maintained street and roads. That means excluding interstate highways, state and county roads that are taken care of by other levels of government. Hence, Interstate 394, Highway 100, Highway 169, County Road 25 or Minnetonka Boulevard, should not be considered. How would you rate ....

	EXCL	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DK/R
29. City street repair and maintenance?	18%	62%	18%	2%	0%
30. Snow plowing?	27%	65%	7%	0%	1%
31. Street lighting?	16%	64%	15%	5%	1%

32. How would you rate St. Louis Park city services in comparison with neighboring communities-- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....	13%
GOOD.....	71%
ONLY FAIR.....	4%
POOR.....	0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....	12%

33. When you consider the property taxes you pay and the quality of city services you receive, would you rate the general value of city services as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....	10%
GOOD.....	65%
ONLY FAIR.....	10%
POOR.....	1%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....	15%

Changing topics....

**34. In general, do you think the City of Saint Louis Park's emphasis on environmental concerns is too TOO high, about right, or too low?**

TOO HIGH.....1%  
ABOUT RIGHT.....91%  
TOO LOW.....4%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5%

IF "TOO HIGH" OR "TOO LOW," ASK: (N=20)

**35. Why do you feel that way?**

UNSURE, 10%; TAKE MORE RECYCLING, 35%; POOR WATER QUALITY, 30%; NOT ENOUGH PUBLIC TRANSIT, 10%; SCATTERED, 15%.

**36. Do you think the City should promote the use of alternative energy resources, such as wind power? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?**

STRONGLY YES.....18%  
YES.....59%  
NO.....14%  
STRONGLY NO.....1%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8%

**37. Do you think the City should promote the construction of energy efficient public buildings? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?**

STRONGLY YES.....20%  
YES.....63%  
NO.....9%  
STRONGLY NO.....0%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8%

IF "STRONGLY YES" OR "YES" IN EITHER QUESTION 36 OR 37, ASK: (N=333)

**38. Would you still support the City of Saint Louis Park undertaking these measures even if they cost taxpayers more?**

YES.....74%  
NO.....15%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....11%

Moving on....

**39. Other than voting, do you feel that if you wanted to, you could have a say about the way things are run in this community?**

YES.....81%  
NO.....8%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....12%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=30)

**40. Why do you feel you cannot have a say?**

DON'T LISTEN, 83%; DON'T WANT A WAY/VOTE FOR THEM, 7%;  
DON'T KNOW HOW, 10%.

Changing topics....

**41. How much do you feel you know about the work of the Mayor and City Council-- a great deal, a fair amount, or very little?**

GREAT DEAL.....3%  
FAIR AMOUNT.....47%  
VERY LITTLE.....49%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3%

**42. From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of the Mayor and City Council? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) And do you feel strongly that way?**

APPROVE/STRONGLY.....11%  
APPROVE.....59%  
DISAPPROVE.....6%  
DISAPPROVE/STRONGLY....1%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....23%

IF OPINION STATED, ASK: (N=310)

**43. Why do you feel that way?**

UNSURE, 2%; GOOD JOB, 40%; NO PROBLEMS, 19%; COULD IMPROVE, 4%; GOOD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, 4%; TOO MUCH REDEVELOPMENT, 8%; GOOD COMMUNICATION, 10%; POOR JOB, 2%; POOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, 4%; POOR COMMUNICATION, 4%; WI-FI ISSUE, 3%; SCATTERED, 1%.

44. During the past year, have you visited or contacted Saint Louis Park City Hall either in-person, on the telephone, or by e-mail?

YES.....27%  
 NO.....73%  
 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=109)

45. Was your last contact with the City by a personal visit, a telephone call, or by e-mail?

PERSONAL VISIT.....64%  
 TELEPHONE CALL.....35%  
 E-MAIL.....1%  
 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

46. On your last contact with the City, which Department did you contact?

UNSURE, 1%; POLICE, 6%; BUILDING INSPECTION, 11%; LICENSES/PERMITS, 17%; CODE ENFORCEMENT, 5%; GENERAL INFORMATION, 1%; ABSENTEE VOTING, 33%; GARBAGE/RECYCLING, 10%; PUBLIC WORKS, 9%; CITY COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATION, 2%; TAX ASSESSMENT, 2%; PLANNING, 3%; PARKS AND RECREATION, 2%.

*Thinking about your last contact with the City, for each of the following characteristics, please rate the Saint Louis Park City Hall staff as excellent, good, only fair, or poor....*

	EXC	GOO	FAI	POO	DKR
47. Ease of reaching a City Staff member who could help you?	37%	56%	6%	2%	0%
48. Courtesy of the City Staff?	36%	61%	3%	1%	0%
49. Promptness of response?	39%	55%	3%	4%	0%

*Moving on....*

50. How would you rate general redevelopment in the City of Saint Louis Park -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?

EXCELLENT.....13%  
 GOOD.....55%  
 ONLY FAIR.....15%  
 POOR.....2%  
 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....15%

IF A RATING IS GIVEN, ASK: (N=340)

**51. Why do you feel that way?**

GOOD CITY PLANNING, 17%; CITY NEEDS REDEVELOPMENT, 24%; BRING IN BUSINESSES, 5%; TOO MANY APARTMENTS/CONDOS, 6%; SHOULD SPEND CITY FUNDS ELSE WHERE, 2%; IMPROVING APPEARANCE OF CITY, 28%; TOO MUCH GROWTH, 10%; NOT RIGHT TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT, 3%; NOT ENOUGH REDEVELOPMENT, 2%; ADDS TO CITY'S TAXBASE, 2%; SCATTERED, 2%.

**52. Do you support or oppose the continued redevelopment in the City of Saint Louis Park? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly?**

STRONGLY SUPPORT.....11%  
 SUPPORT.....54%  
 OPPOSE.....15%  
 STRONGLY OPPOSE.....3%  
 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....18%

IF A RESPONSE IS GIVEN, ASK: (N=328)

**53. Why do you (support/oppose) the continued redevelopment in the city?**

UNSURE, 2%; CITY NEEDS REDEVELOPMENT, 31%; BRING IN BUSINESSES, 7%; TOO MANY APARTMENTS/CONDOS, 4%; SHOULD SPEND CITY FUNDS ELSEWHERE, 3%; CITY NEEDS MORE JOBS, 3%; IMPROVING APPEARANCE OF CITY, 29%; TOO MUCH GROWTH, 15%; NOT RIGHT TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT, 2%; ADDS TO CITY'S TAXBASE, 4%; SCATTERED, 1%.

*I would like to read you a list of some characteristics of a community. For each one, please tell me if you think Saint Louis Park currently has too many or too much, too few or too little, or about the right amount. (ROTATE)*

	MANY	FEW/	ABT DK//MCH	LITT/	RGHT	REFD
<b>54. apartment units?</b>	33%		2%	56%		10%
<b>55. single family homes for rent?</b>	9%		9%	58%		25%
<b>56. higher cost housing?</b>	18%		6%	62%		15%
<b>57. affordable housing?</b>	5%		17%	69%		10%
<b>58. starter homes for young families?</b>	3%		12%	74%		11%
<b>59. "move up" housing?</b>	7%		13%	65%		15%

<b>60. condominiums and townhouses?</b>	33%	4%	56%	8%
<b>61. senior housing?</b>	4%	23%	50%	23%
<b>62. full-time job opportunities?</b>	0%	44%	28%	28%
<b>63. part-time job opportunities?</b>	1%	30%	42%	27%

*As you may know, the populations of most inner ring suburban areas are becoming more diverse in terms of age, household income, race, and ethnicity.*

**64. In general, do you think that growing population diversity is a good thing or a bad thing for the community?**

GOOD THING.....	77%
BAD THING.....	7%
BOTH (VOL).....	7%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	9%

IF A RESPONSE IS GIVEN, ASK: (N=363)

**65. Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?**

UNSURE, 3%; TEACH TOLERANCE, 28%; CITY NEEDS A MIX, 8%; EMBRACE DIVERSITY, 22%; BRINGS VARIETY TO THE ECONOMY, 13%; RISING CRIME, 6%; DIVERSITY IS WAY OF THE WORLD, 14%; TOO MUCH ISN'T GOOD, 4%; SOME GOOD/SOME BAD, 2%; SCATTERED, 2%.

**66. Currently, how well prepared do you think the community is to meet the growing diversity of residents-- very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not at all well?**

VERY WELL.....	20%
SOMEWHAT WELL.....	62%
NOT TOO WELL.....	4%
NOT AT ALL WELL.....	1%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	14%

IF "NOT TOO WELL" OR "NOT AT ALL WELL," ASK: (N=19)

**67. Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?**

UNSURE, 11%; NOT ENOUGH TEEN ACTIVITIES, 5%; RISING CRIME, 42%; NOT ENOUGH AFFORDABLE HOUSING, 16%; LANGUAGE BARRIERS, 26%.

68. Do you, yourself, feel welcomed in the community?  
 YES.....97%  
 NO.....3%  
 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

69. Do you feel accepted by the community?  
 YES.....99%  
 NO.....1%  
 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

*Now, let's discuss your neighborhood in more detail....*

70. First, do you know what neighborhood you live in? (IF "YES," ASK:) What is its name?

NO, 14%; AQUILA, 3%; BIRCHWOOD, 5%; BLACKSTONE, 2%;  
 BROOKLAWNS, 2%; BROOKSIDE, 3%; BROWDALE, 2%; CEDAR  
 MANOR, 2%; CEDARHURST, 4%; COBBLECREST, 2%; ELIOT, 4%;  
 ELMWOOD, 7%; FERN HILL, 7%; LAKE FOREST, 2%; LENOX, 3%;  
 MINIKAHDA VISTA, 4%; OAK HILL, 7%; PENNSYLVANIA PARK, 2%;  
 TEXA TONKA, 5%; WESTWOOD HILLS, 8%; SCATTERED NEIGHBOHOODS,  
 12%.

*As I read the following statements about your neighborhood,  
 please answer "yes" or "no." (READ LIST)*

	YES	NO	DKR
71. The appearance of housing in my neighborhood has improved during the past few years.	92%	6%	2%
72. Homes in my neighborhood are well maintained.	98%	2%	1%
73. People know and care about their neighbors and participate in solving problems with their business and residential neighbors.	83%	6%	12%
74. Property values are increasing in this neighborhood.	60%	21%	19%
75. I would feel comfortable in discussing neighborhood problems with my neighbors.	89%	9%	2%
76. This neighborhood is a good place to raise children.	94%	3%	3%
77. People have pride and ownership in our neighborhood.	95%	3%	3%
78. I feel a part of my neighborhood.	95%	4%	1%

79. How would you rate the overall aesthetics, the pleasing appearance, of residential neighborhoods in Saint Louis Park -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....15%  
 GOOD.....79%  
 ONLY FAIR.....6%  
 POOR.....0%  
 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

80. How would you rate the overall aesthetics, the pleasing appearance, of commercial and retail areas in Saint Louis Park -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?

EXCELLENT.....8%  
 GOOD.....83%  
 ONLY FAIR.....8%  
 POOR.....1%  
 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

81. Are there any specific areas in Saint Louis Park where aesthetics should be improved?

UNSURE, 21%; NO, 59%; LOUISIANA AND MINNETONKA BOULEVARD, 2%; MEADOWBROOK, 2%; LAKE STREET 2%; TEXA TONKA, 3%; EXCELSIOR BOULEVARD, 2%; KNOLLWOOD, 4%; PARK PLACE, 2%; SCATTERED, 3%.

82. Are there properties in your neighborhood you would consider to be a problem? (IF "YES," ASK:) What makes the property a problem?

UNSURE, 3%; NO, 87%; YARD MAINTENANCE, 4%; UNKEMPT RENTAL PROPERTIES, 2%; VACANT PROPERTIES, 2%; SCATTERED, 2%.

*I am going to read you a list of home improvement programs offered by the City to residents. For each one, please tell me if you were aware of it prior to this survey....*

	YES	NO	DKR
83. Remodeling and architectural advice?	47%	52%	1%
84. Energy rebates?	52%	47%	1%
85. Loans and financing?	52%	46%	2%

Changing topics....

**86. Do you leave the City of Saint Louis Park on a regular or daily basis to go to work, school or shopping?**

YES.....59%  
NO.....41%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=236)

**87. How would you rate the ease of getting to and from your destination -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?**

EXCELLENT.....28%  
GOOD.....62%  
ONLY FAIR.....9%  
POOR.....1%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

**88. How would you rate the ease of getting from place to place within the City of Saint Louis Park -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?**

EXCELLENT.....20%  
GOOD.....76%  
ONLY FAIR.....3%  
POOR.....1%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

**89. Prior to this survey, were you aware Hennepin County is proposing the construction of the Southwest Light Rail line connecting Eden Prairie and Saint Louis Park to downtown Minneapolis?**

YES.....81%  
NO.....19%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

**90. How likely would you or members of your household be to regularly use this service -- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?**

VERY LIKELY.....25%  
SOMEWHAT LIKELY.....31%  
NOT TOO LIKELY.....20%  
NOT AT ALL LIKELY.....21%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%

*Changing topics again....*

**91. Prior to this survey were you aware of Saint Louis Park "Children First" Initiative?**

YES.....56%  
NO.....44%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=224)

**92. And, were you aware of the set of forty developmental assets focused on by this initiative for assuring the success of city children?**

YES.....46%  
NO.....54%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=103)

**93. Have you, yourself, been actively involved in any activities to help the asset-building process?**

YES.....46%  
NO.....53%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

**94. Prior to this survey, were you aware of STEP, Saint Louis Park Emergency Program?**

YES.....81%  
NO.....19%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

*Turning to parks and recreation....*

**95. In general, do you feel that existing recreational facilities offered by the City meet the needs of you and members of your household?**

YES.....93%  
NO .....3%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=11)

**96. What additional recreational facilities would you like to see the City offer its residents?**

INDOOR PLAYGROUND, 36%; INDOOR POOL, 36%; OFF-LEASH DOG PARK, 9%; COMMUNITY CENTER, 9%, TENNIS COURTS, 9%.

97. Does the current mix of City park and recreation programming meet the needs of your household?

YES.....93%  
NO.....3%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=11)

98. What program(s) do you feel are lacking?

WALKING PROGRAMS, 82%; SWIMMING LESSONS, 9%; YOUTH SPORTS, 9%.

99. Do you or members of your household currently leave the city for park and recreation facilities or activities? (IF"YES," ASK:) What would that be?

NO, 59%; COMMUNITY CENTER, 4%; PICNICS, 2%; TRAILS, 15%; LAKES/BOATING, 8%; CULTURAL EVENTS, 5%; PARKS, 3%; SCATTERED, 4%.

100. Do you think the City of Saint Louis Park has enough places for residents to meet with family, friends and business associates?

YES.....87%  
NO.....7%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....6%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=27)

101. What kind of places would you like to see available in the City?

UNSURE, 4%; COFFEE SHOPS, 33%; FAMILY RESTAURANTS, 15%; PARKS AND TRAILS, 37%; UPSCALE RESTAURANTS, 7%; SCATTERED, 4%.

102. How important do you think it is VERY to the quality of life in a community to have a strong arts and cultural presence -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

IMPORTANT.....40%  
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT....52%  
NOT TOO IMPORTANT.....6%  
NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT...1%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2%

Moving on....

**103. What is your principal source of information about Saint Louis Park City government and its activities?**

CITY NEWSLETTER, 37%; SUN NEWSPAPER, 37%; MAILINGS, 2%; WEBSITE, 10%; CABLE TELEVISION, 7%; WORD OF MOUTH, 4%; STAR TRIBUNE, 4%; SCATTERED, 1%.

**104. How would you prefer to receive information about Saint Louis Park City Government and its activities?**

CITY NEWSLETTER, 33%; SUN NEWSPAPER, 33%; MAILINGS, 10%; WEBSITE, 12%; CABLE TELEVISION, 7%; WORD OF MOUTH, 2%; STAR TRIBUNE, 3%; SCATTERED, 1%.

**105. During the past year, did you receive the "Park Perspective" the City's bi-monthly newsletter?**

YES.....92%  
NO .....8%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=368)

**106. Do you or any members of your household regularly read it?**

YES.....95%  
NO .....5%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

*As you may know, the City currently cablecasts and webcasts City Council and Planning Commission meetings.*

**107. How often do you watch City Council or Planning Commission meetings -- frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never?**

FREQUENTLY.....5%  
OCCASIONALLY.....24%  
RARELY.....25%  
NEVER.....46%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

**108. Have you accessed the City's website?**

YES.....41%  
NO.....59%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=163)

**109. Were you able to find what you were looking for?**

YES.....95%  
NO.....4%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

**110. What information would you like to see on the City's website?**

FINE AS IS, 41%; RECYCLING, 15%; DEVELOPMENT, 7%; LICENSES, 3%; PARKS AND RECREATION, 4%; GENERAL INFORMATION, 10%; COMMUNITY EVENTS, 9%; CRIME STATISTICS, 4%; CODES AND ORDINANCES, 3%; SCATTERED, 5%.

*Now, just a few more questions for demographic purposes....*

*Could you please tell me how many people in each of the following age groups live in your household. Let's start oldest to youngest, and be sure to include yourself....*

**111. First, persons 65 or over?**

NONE.....77%  
ONE.....13%  
TWO OR MORE.....10%

**112. Adults under 65?**

NONE.....17%  
ONE.....23%  
TWO.....57%  
THREE OR MORE.....4%

**113. School-aged children, 5 to 18 years old?**

NONE.....76%  
ONE.....11%  
TWO OR MORE.....14%

**114. Pre-schoolers?**

NONE.....93%  
ONE.....6%  
TWO OR MORE.....2%

115. Do you reside in an apartment, townhouse or condominium, duplex, or a detached single family home?

APARTMENT.....21%  
TOWNHOUSE/CONDO.....15%  
DUPLEX.....5%  
SINGLE-FAMILY HOME....59%  
SOMETHING ELSE.....1%  
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

116. Do you own or rent your present residence?

OWN.....66%  
RENT.....34%  
REFUSED.....0%

117. What is your age, please?

18-24.....5%  
25-34.....15%  
35-44.....20%  
45-54.....17%  
55-64.....23%  
65 AND OVER.....20%  
REFUSED.....1%

118. Is a language other than English spoken in your home?  
("IF YES," ASK:) What is it?

NO, 87%; SCATTERED ASIAN, 2%; GERMAN, 1%; SPANISH, 6%;  
SOMALI, 1%; RUSSIAN, 1%, SCATTERED, 2%.

119. Which of the following categories represents your ethnicity - White, African-American, Hispanic-Latino, Asian-Pacific Islander, Native American, or something else? (IF "SOMETHING ELSE," ASK:)

WHITE.....81%  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN.....9%  
HISPANIC-LATINO.....3%  
ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER.3%  
NATIVE AMERICAN.....0%  
SOMETHING ELSE.....1%

What would that be?

MIXED/BI-RACIAL.....4%  
DON'T KNOW.....0%  
REFUSED.....0%

120. Is your pre-tax yearly household UNDER income over or under \$50,000? IF "OVER," ASK: Is it over \$75,000? IF "YES," ASK:) Is it over \$100,000? IF "UNDER," ASK: Is it under \$25,000?

UNDER \$25,000.....	7%
\$25,001-\$50,000.....	26%
\$50,001-\$75,000.....	22%
\$75,001-\$100,000.....	16%
OVER \$100,000.....	9%
DON'T KNOW.....	1%
REFUSED.....	20%

121. Gender.

MALE.....	48%
FEMALE.....	52%

122. REGION OF CITY:

WARD 1.....	27%
WARD 2.....	26%
WARD 3.....	25%
WARD 4.....	23%