

Appendix C.
Selected Questions from Past Loudoun Residents Surveys

What single factor most influenced your decision to move to Loudoun County?

Response	2002	2001	1999	1997	1995
Schools or community services	4.7%	4.0%	4.8%	3.1%	2.2%
Housing affordability	24.0%	23.6%	18.6%	23.5%	23.6%
Location of work site	28.6%	32.4%	28.9%	28.6%	23.7%
Taxes	1.7%	1.6%	3.6%	5.3%	5.1%
Quality of overall community	3.9%	6.0%	6.2%	5.6%	4.6%
Family considerations	11.7%	13.1%	11.6%	12.5%	17.8%
Rural character/beauty	17.3%	16.6%	17.4%	15.2%	13.6%
Other	8.2%	2.8%	9.0%	6.2%	9.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

How safe do you feel in your neighborhood?

Response	2002	2001	1999	1997	1995
Very Safe	55.7%	61.4%	56.8%	51.6%	52.6%
Safe	41.5%	36.7%	40.6%	44.8%	44.6%
Unsafe	2.7%	1.5%	2.3%	2.7%	2.2%
Very Unsafe	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.9%	0.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

How would you rate the overall quality of life in Loudoun County?

Response	2002	2001	1999	1997	1995
Excellent	44.4%	41.5%	43.2%	36.1%	34.5%
Good	50.2%	51.9%	50.5%	57.3%	56.9%
Fair	4.5%	6.1%	5.2%	6.4%	7.2%
Poor	0.9%	0.5%	1.1%	0.2%	1.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Do you feel the county provides good value for the tax dollar?

Response	2002	2001	1999	1997	1995
Yes	81.8%	80.4%	75.1%	71.8%	78.4%
No	18.2%	19.6%	16.5%	28.2%	21.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	91.6%	100.0%	100.0%

What do you think is the single biggest problem facing Loudoun County?

Response	2002	2001	1999	1997	1995
Growth/development	54.1%	66.6%	71.2%	49.3%	52.5%
Schools	3.2%	3.7%	5.9%	12.9%	4.9%
Youth activities	0.2%	0.8%	1.2%	na*	1.4%
Taxes	5.3%	3.1%	2.9%	8.9%	0.5%
Traffic/transportation	25.4%	17.3%	12.1%	16.6%	16.6%
Adequate services	0.3%	1.9%	0.7%	9.4%	2.9%
Government	0.4%	1.5%	1.6%	2.8%	1.3%
Other	11.1%	2.2%	4.4%	0.0%	5.9%
Affordable Housing	na	1.2%	na	na	na
Crime/Drugs/Vandalism	na	1.0%	na	na	4.6%
Cost of Living	na	0.7%	na	na	na
Economic Development/Jobs	na	na	na	na	5.7%
Land Use	na	na	na	na	2.3%
East/West Split	na	na	na	na	1.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

* includes in schools

**includes "youth problems"

***includes "politics/politicians"

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Do you support the purchase of development rights by the county from landowners on a voluntary basis to preserve open space?

Response	2002	2001	1999	1997	1995
Strongly support	40.7%	49.3%	na	na	na
Somewhat support	33.9%	31.7%	na	na	na
Neither support nor oppose	12.6%	8.9%	na	na	na
Somewhat oppose	5.0%	4.9%	na	na	na
Strongly oppose	7.8%	5.2%	na	na	na
Total	100.0%	100.0%	na	na	na

Do you support the efforts the Board of Supervisors is making to manage growth in Loudoun?

Response	2002	2001	1999	1997	1995
Support	76.4%	84.4%	na	na	na
Oppose	23.6%	15.6%	na	na	na
Total	100.0%	100.0%	na	na	na