



OLD FOOTHILL FARMS – The Survey

We want your input about Old Foothill Farms: what you like or dislike, and what improvements you think the neighborhood needs. We will use your answers to ask our County Supervisors, Code Enforcement, and the Sheriff's Department for action. Check or circle any answers that apply, even if there is more than one.

1. Are you a longtime resident of Old Foothill Farms (OFF) ?
 - a. Longtime – more than twenty years
 - b. It's been awhile – more than five years but less than twenty
 - c. Recent – Five years or less

2. How do you feel about the neighborhood right now?
 - a. Love the neighborhood, despite minor issues
 - b. Want to stay, but concerned about the quality of life here
 - c. Leaving as soon as I / we can afford to

3. Do you think OFF has more crime than other neighborhoods, or less?
 - a. More
 - b. About the same
 - c. Less

4. Do you think the Sheriff's Department is providing the service we need?
 - a. Given their resources, they are doing a good job
 - b. They need to focus on community and quality-of-life issues more
 - c. As close as the Patrol Division is, we should see a lot more of them!

5. Do you think OFF presents an attractive picture for prospective buyers and new businesses?
 - a. With a couple of exceptions, I think we have a great-looking neighborhood.
 - b. Too many homes and yards show no pride of ownership
 - c. Too many cars, too many weeds, too much deferred maintenance, too much trash.

6. Do you want Code Enforcement to be more active and stricter in its enforcement?
 - a. Yes. Too many residents aren't taking care of their homes and yards. Fine them.
 - b. Yes – but I think warning letters are enough. People can't afford fines.
 - c. No – my property is my property, and I don't want to be told how it should look.

7. Are you concerned about any of your neighbors?
 - a. No – I know and like all of my neighbors.
 - b. I don't know all of my neighbors. A community gathering would help.
 - c. Some neighbors seem to be involved in questionable activities, and/or are nuisances and don't take care of their homes and yards.

8. Do you think the appearance of Auburn Boulevard affects the quality of residential life?
 - a. Not really – that's blocks from here.
 - b. Yes – it would be nice to have better businesses along Auburn Boulevard.
 - c. Absolutely! The shabby appearance hurts our property values, and encourages vandals and thieves to come through our streets and homes.

9. Should the County step up enforcement of commercial property maintenance standards, panhandling ordinances, and signage along Auburn Boulevard?
 - a. No – we don't want to lose existing businesses or discourage new ones.
 - b. Yes – no new businesses want to locate in an area that looks like this.
 - c. YES! – the County should be requiring property owners to paint, landscape, repave parking lots, and anything else it takes to attract homebuyers and businesses.

10. Should the County restrict certain businesses along Auburn Boulevard?
 - a. No – any business is better than an empty space.
 - b. Yes – we have too many tattoo parlors, pawn shops, massage salons, etc. – and they are hurting values and keeping good businesses from coming in.

11. Has the County paid enough attention and provided enough services to OFF?
 - a. Yes, the County has usually been responsive when we ask for services.
 - b. The County needs to be more proactive in helping our community.
 - c. The County needs to provide investment and Economic Development assistance to our community.

What are YOUR ideas for for improving Old Foothill Farms? Give us concrete suggestions below:

We need your answers to get action! Please drop them off at 5447 Leader Avenue, 5041 Buffwood Way, or 5422 Yellow Pine Way. We will be using them to ask the County and its agencies and the Sheriff's Department to step up and start improvements in our neighborhood. If you provide your name and number, we will be able to give you progress reports and get your ideas and opinions on results. You can also contact *The Old Foothill Farms Community Task Force* at www.oldfoothillfarms.com.

