


# Survey Results: Community Image and Community Connections

 Survey Info - This survey was sent on behalf of the City of Citrus Heights to the FlashVote community for Citrus Heights, CA.

These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

## 388

**Total Participants**

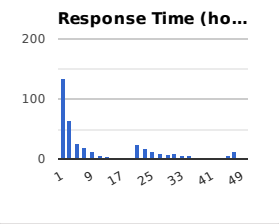
384 of 732 initially invited (52%)  
4 others

Margin of error: ± 5%

Applied Filter:  
**Locals only**

Participants for filter:  
**355**

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**Sep 20, 2022 11:56am PDT**

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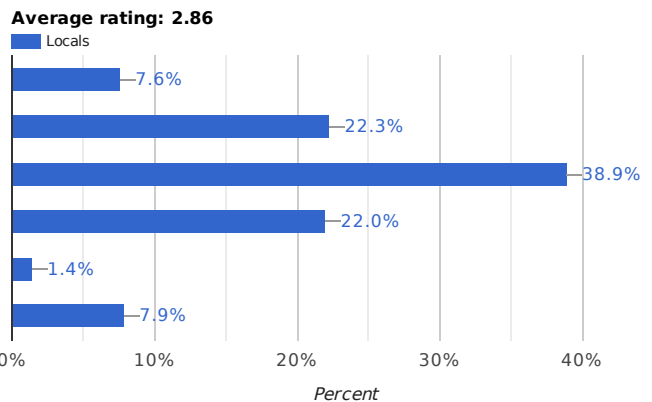
Target Participants:  
**All Citrus Heights**

**Q1** "Blight" is a word used to describe abandoned and poorly maintained properties (visibly falling apart with junk/litter, overgrowth, etc).

How well do you think blight is being managed in Citrus Heights today?

(355 responses by )

Options	Locals (355)
Terrible (1)	7.6% (27)
Bad (2)	22.3% (79)
OK (3)	38.9% (138)
Good (4)	22.0% (78)
Excellent (5)	1.4% (5)
Not Sure	7.9% (28)

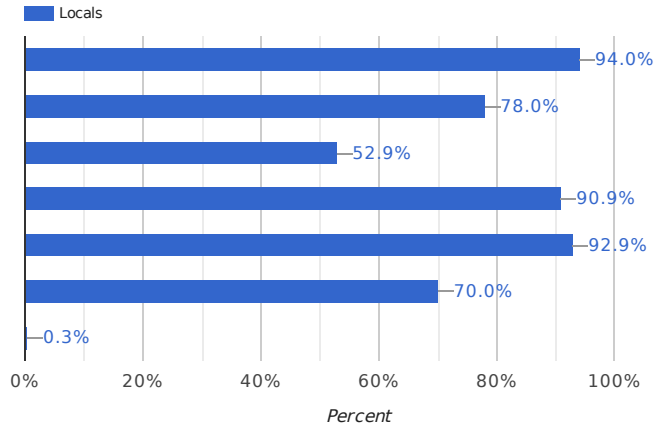


**Q2** In the past 12 months, which of the following "homelessness" related things have you personally experienced in Citrus Heights, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(350 responses by )

Options	Locals (350)
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Options	Locals (350)
Seen someone sitting on a sidewalk or street	94.0% (329)
Seen someone asking for money	78.0% (273)
Been asked for money by someone	52.9% (185)
Seen someone sleeping/camping	90.9% (318)
Seen belongings, litter or waste on a public sidewalk or roadside from someone camping/sleeping	92.9% (325)
Seen belongings, litter or waste on a Caltrans freeway entrance or exit from someone camping/sleeping	70.0% (245)
Haven't experienced any of these	0.3% (1)

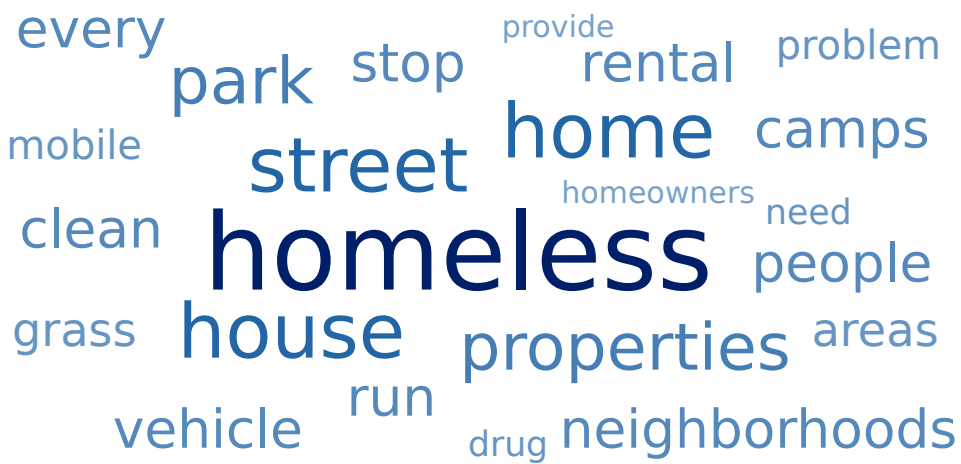
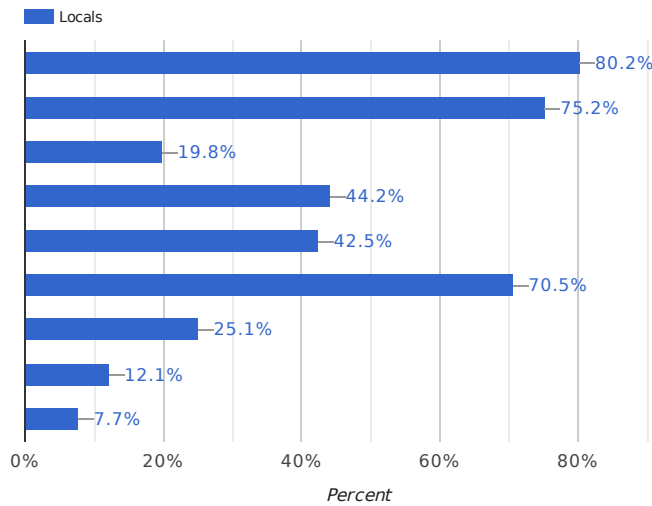


**Q3** Using some American Rescue Plan Act Funding, Citrus Heights is creating a "Beautification Crew": a two person full time team tasked with proactively finding and addressing rundown/dirty ("blighted") properties or areas.

Which of the following do you think should be priorities for beautification, if any? (You can choose up to FOUR, if any)

(339 responses by )

Options	Locals (339)
Cleaning up homeless camps	80.2% (272)
Addressing Illegal dumps/dumping of junk	75.2% (255)
Beautifying street landscapes and medians	19.8% (67)
Removing debris/weeds/leaves on roads, sidewalks, hardscapes and sound walls	44.2% (150)
Removing abandoned/damaged wheeled carts	42.5% (144)
Removing trash/litter from rights of way, including open spaces	70.5% (239)
Removing graffiti and debris from private properties with partnerships	25.1% (85)
Removing illegal signs from poles and public spaces	12.1% (41)
Other:	7.7% (26)



Adding sidewalks and street lighting

I hope this is not just a cover for trying to chase away the homeless.

Requiring rental properties be maintained

Pay more attention to neighborhoods. Run down houses, overgrown landscaping, non-operating vehicle

STOP the panhandling.....these people are sometimes frightening!!!!!!

Providing housing for the homeless so that they are not living on the streets

Homeless set up homes in library doorway. I am afraid to return books in the AM.

Clean homeless camps, but not all homeless people/camps are a problem so take a measured approach.

I feel that homeowners are the ones dumping their trash off Roseville Rd and Palm Tree Branches.

Repave streets!

maybe stop pouring blacktop/pavement over every blade of grass you can find to build more houses.

Enforce regs to clear up horder homes and business/large trailer vehicles in residential areas

Something needs to be done about the Auburn Vista Mobile Home Park. It's drug infested, run down.

All of the above



I'd like to just see an effort to enforce neighborhoods to clean up their trash and bins. After trash is picked up every week, get the bins off the street and enforce it. It's blocking our roads and making the city look like trash as well.

Do not think we had an urgent need for a Block Party Trailer. Recommend money be spent painting the pedestrian barrier on Greenback from Mariposa east to Birdcage. The barrier is rusting away. Why it was not painted when installed is beyond me. Maybe the barrier could be painted a section at a time using money as it becomes available.

Fix broken sidewalks.

Maybe use some of that money and community volunteers to clean up run down strip malls or the landscaping along sidewalks

I'm in Savannah right now and here they have so many walking trails, most under a mile, paved with a spongy material that is great for running and smooth for my daughter who is recovering from a stroke. They have exercise equipment along the way. My neighborhood ( I live on Oak Meadow Ct) has so many roots coming up, breaking the sidewalk and cars parked across the sidewalk that I know a walk for someone who is disabled would be a nightmare. This should get some attention.

The money spent on this trailer should have been spent on the very things this survey is asking about.

Some of our commercial properties have terrible landscaping. Over grown, weeds trash, no maintaining. Make it a rule. Keep it looking good.

Allow schools and ball fields to remain open for dog parks and public use when not in session

Food Truck events

does Citrus Heights have a food pantry? If not could one be established?

Adopt a corner or intersection? Similar to Caltrans adopt a highway

Have the city leaders seem to care what happens within our city, just like the governor, step out of the office and help pickup trash and litter and maybe plant a tree . Just do something!!

Clean up and renovate family -oriented areas i.e. parks, sports complexes, trails so citizens are more apt to use them

Help fund the Kathy Cook Amphitheater. It is something that will bring the community together.

Good question... unfortunately, nothing comes to me at the moment.

House. The. Homeless

Bring in higher end businesses in the Grand Oaks area. No more churches/mexican restaurants. L

Halloween costume parade for kids. "Visit with Santa Claus" for kids. Community caroling event. Public family music events. (folk, 50's, bluegrass, jazz, barbershop, etc)

Have neighborhood parties in neighborhood parks

I just like to see brush, weeds, branches, bushes to be trimmed back or kept clear on sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians.

Patrol the bike path from Sunrise Blvd to Sayonara Ave. Have seen mini bikes, and small trail bikes on the paths.

Keep pedestrians off dividers of two way streets from standing and asking for money. Happens daily on Antelope Rd and Roseville Rd in front of gas station.

I don't know the cost, but the Antelope overpass needs to be made presentable. It is ugly and weedy and one of our two main access points to Citrus Heights. It has been ugly a long time; way past time to fix it!

Encourage commercial property owners to maintain their roadside landscapes.

City & neighborhood association sponsored pancake breakfast events. Chilli Cook-off maybe twice a year for each. These would be in addition to holiday events.

More police presents. Working with not against our city workers. The block partys were a big hit but, when covid hit, there was no more. Listen to the people, take note what they say. Help people help themselves.

The CBPT is a great idea and I hope it succeeds. Fantastic fireworks display on the four of July may be good for our city, bring in revenues that our citizens spend in neighboring cities.

continue on with the present program under your auspices which seems to be working well enough to catch the attention of interested citizens in our City's improvement plans to better our street and property environments.

Probably more than allotted, but we need more street lights in residential areas. My street is dark and perfect for those middle of the night thieves.

More encouragement with neighborhood interactive activities

I've always thought a Police Food Truck was a good idea. Popping up here & there. Food is a good bond between folks. This sounds similar. I think it's a great idea. Emphasis on having "Exit 100 at Antelope" Night League Baseball along with Softball

at Rush. Place for folks to gather for food, drinks, entertainment

Maybe have a flea market on a monthly basis somewhere in the city where people can get together and sell crafts, antiques and garage sale items and maybe have food trucks to make it a regular event. Keep registration fees low for residents and charge higher fees for non residents.

Host "Community Information Nights" that are topical in nature (Homelessness, Community Policing Efforts, etc.) - potentially incorporating with Connect CH meetings? I think the obstacle with presenting all of these items during City Council meetings residents commonly feel that these are then "decision points" rather than "discussion points" and are put off by not being able to think about the issue having been presented all sides with possibly a Q&A portion.

Not any under \$5000 initiatives but some sort of outreach, enforcement re amplified parties in residential neighborhoods, and year round fireworks/firecrackers

You want to improve the community? Do something about the Auburn Vista Mobile Home Park located at 7721 Auburn Blvd Citrus Heights, CA 95610. The mobile home park is where 95% of all the narcotics in the city come from. The owner of the mobile home park, Larry Axelbaum, his son Brett, and the Maintenance man, Koke Conner all traffic drugs with the residents of the mobile home park. Koke Conner has trailers in there dangerously and illegally wired to steal electricity. There has been 7 trailer fires on that little property since 2012 and the property can only hold 27 trailers. None of the residents work or have a job, they're always home and they all traffic drugs. In the past, Larry Axelbaum has created fake rental agreements with phoney co-signers, back dated them, and used them to file false court documents such as evictions. Larry created those fake rental agreements for jobless drug traffickers he had living on his property. I know all this because I lived in there for years.

Community oriented events, perhaps in the parking areas at Sunrise Mall.

Block party trailers, what a waste of money

Neighborhood bar b que city brings meat everyone else pot luck

I think a stronger social media presence would help reach a lot of the younger generation. Information on what is being done. The homeless is insane. They are everywhere and the mess they bring and leave is terrible.

The neighborhood associations would be able to help with this question. There have been ideas submitted to the city by the neighborhood associations in the past and they were turned down.

Movie nights in parks; concerts in parks

I don't know anyone who will ever use the trailer, but if it has worked elsewhere OK.... However figuring out legitimate ways to notify people of what's going on around us and what government is up to is a good thing. I would say more communication.

Not sure

Why do residents always look to the local government to resolve the homeless issues? Can Citrus Heights promote a volunteer organization to monitor and clean the landscape I have often wanted to clean the meridian on Antelope and Lichen but thought I would be arrested for sweeping the meridian.

Is there a way neighbors can register their Ring cameras with Police for illegal activity in the neighborhood.

Help organize and publicize creek cleanups.

How about more "welcoming" city limits signs? "Welcome to Citrus Heights" followed immediately by, "Traffic Laws Strictly Enforced" is not exactly a warm and friendly welcome. (And let's be honest, with limited staff, CHPD can't possibly "vigorously enforce" traffic laws. Just listen to all the loud, burning rubber and exhausts well after midnight.)

Concerts in the park (cover bands) or sunrise mall parking lot. Movie nights at a park. Some type of food festival one a quarter or food trucks at sunrise mall.

CH is becoming more diverse & that brings all sorts of us vs them divides. How about hosting community dialog events that connect people with very different backgrounds/ ideas together to have listening sessions to help understand differences, something like the new Story Corps initiative & others together. How can u have community without tolerance, understanding, & acceptance of differences & a willingness to find the common ground?

involve community in decision-making, via the neighborhood associations

Before Covid the city hosted an outdoor concert and fair. After being shut in with Covid that would be fun.

Don't allow any more fast food restaurants

I'm sure this idea is not in that price range however, I would love to see a couple of well placed electronic road signs with current community events (prioritize by date) to remind or bring in participants. Not big like highway road condition signs, but big enough for event name, time and place to be easily and quickly read. Flashing means more than one listed. Last line permanent: Hope to see you there.

I would love to see a kid business day. What I mean by this is allow entrepreneurial kids to setup their own "shop" in a park for a day without having to worry about getting a business license or dealing with sales tax. You could put in a minimum age requirement like 10 and require that any products or food sold were kid made. It would be a fun event for kids and community members who want to support their hard work.

Concerts, local talent Local talent contest Contest for song about Citrus Heights Bake-offs

Community outdoor movie nights/ice cream socials. Community fairs like we have at Rush park. Community Christmas tree

Plan fun community events on more days other than Sunday.

PLEASE remove the encampments throughout Citrus Heights, along the roadsides, in shopping centers, etc.

Unpaid free events such as amateur comedy nights, or amateur jazz fests (no hard rock, hip hop or other types of music that would attract gangs, drugs or unruly people), where performers are not paid but can gain experience honing their crafts. During nice weather the events could be held outdoor. In colder weather the city can donate space for attendees. Laughter and quality music bring people together in good ways.

Let the CHP patrol Auburn Blvd for the speeding, burn out, racing car to car, car to motors, running red lights etc. The City's CHPD seem to be short on officer's especially in the Sylvan Road & Auburn Blvd to catch the early too late night burn out's with LOUD muffler's that rattler your window's or wake you up from a deep sleep and then try going back to sleep.

Devise some way to pre-empt transients from establishing entire homeless camps which are first unsightly and secondly when abandoned by this group of citizens leaves gross amounts of garbage, dangerous hypodermic needles and other dangerous items lying around. I would not have any objection to paying lets say an extra \$5.00/mo to the county/city to pay for a coordination of law enforcement and county Utilities sewer/garbage services to pay for control of the transient population and clean-up of unsightly messes they leave behind. Perhaps a local bill along these lines for public consideration should be brought forward by our local politicians.

Police and Firefighters attending neighborhood or community activities. We love it when they come to our events.

Specifically engage seniors in community connection.

just make the city safe again. You can't drive down the road without seeing someone urinating, defecating, shooting up drugs, tweaking out, or screaming profanities at people passing by.

How about a turn that party trailer that's gonna get stolen like everything else, into a mobile shower so homeless people can actually get a job flipping burgers like everyone tells them to go and do. How are you people keeping the homeless from being able to bathe while telling them to flip burgers. No fast food place can have dirty people handling food. If you won't house the homeless, at least let them bathe and have a chance at housing themselves.

remove vehicles that are not operating from public view

Trail cameras. Holiday Decorations Contest. Community Food Bank.

Increase safety at shopping, restaurants and parks

Purpose based events, paint parties, school "cleanup ", involve students and youth groups to educate and execute community pride

Tear down abandoned buildings or have city buy vacant buildings on a discount to do what they may. Having boarded up vacant buildings is an eyesore and it makes the city look bad.

A community newsletter that highlights cool local stuff and local people doing interesting things, distributed to homes and/or at newsstands throughout the city. The currently circulating, weekly small newspaper that's called "Citrus Heights Messenger" really doesn't cut it; it kinda sucks and I'd like to see a nicer print newsletter, maybe in the mail?

Community Block Party Trailer is of no interest to me or anybody I know. Revoke Citrus Heights cityhood and go back to the county. No more DO NOTHING city council and worthless police department worried about seat belts but not interested in cell phones texting etc.

Different pop-up events at empty spaces in the Mall. Maybe instead of movies or concerts in the park we could do a movie or concert in the mall in an empty store. Maybe move some other outside events into the Mall - Farmer's Market or other park events could get moved inside when it's really hot or cold/rainy. PLEASE start using that space for SOMETHING in partnership with the Mall.

Ask box stores to collaborate with one another in hiring a service to collect their shopping carts. Code enforcement needs to be more proactive than only complaint driven. They could send at least one of the three officers out an hour a day driving through a designated neighborhood identifying code violations and then sending out notices to those in violation. It is hard to "rat" out your next door neighbor and maintain a cordial relationship. Economic development needs to work with businesses to help them maintain a nice visual image. If we want economic growth the visual image of the city is vital.

Our youth need things to do. The skate park is great (other than the obvious bad element that hangs there). I say ask teens and pre teens what they would like to see. Maybe a temporary ice rink like Folsom has. Could certainly put one on at Sunrise mall.

Need way to beautiful the subdivision walls. The composite walls that were used in the 1970's and 1980's are now all moldy and ugly...not to mention...possibly unhealthy for the people living next to them. Is there a way to clean them...or paint them. I'm thinking of the one along Oak Avenue between Menke and Kenneth Avenue.

Clean up our parks, there are now homeless and drug addicts camping and sleeping and using in their vehicles. Parks are for families.

Run more friendly competitions for most beautiful yard, best water wise, best kept block, etc to gain pride in our neighborhoods.

Grind down "lifts" on sidewalks so elderly can use walkers to get around.

Paint certain block walls and get rid of graffiti. Make the walls all one color instead of the hodge-podge palette of colors that are now on them!

Fix potholes.

Ask Foundation Christian Church what they are doing for community events and help to advertise those events.

Increase community connections by continuing to focus on connecting with elementary - high school youth.

See a lot of people with mental health issues on the streets, Some are homeless and some do have housing. It's getting scary to walk anywhere. I would suggest more proactive intervention. I agree with the governor 's Initiative to require them to go into treatment.

Make a "town square", maybe behind city hall and host events. Every nearby city has markets and events at a town Square that brings people together. With our nice weather plan year around events

Make use of open property like on syanara to build a tiny house community with dumpsters and garden space.

Businesses should remove flag type signs from the strip areas right in front of their business. Per Citrus Heights code, unless a business is not visible from the street they are not to put up advertising signs of flag type signs (I'm not sure what to call the long fabric on a pole type signs). Makes our city look tacky and cheap.

This does not fall within the budget limit above, but I think that having Neighborhood Mediation service officers, be they paid or volunteer, that can meet with neighbors having minor disputes or irritations with one another and could dissipate tensions before escalate to criminal or civil behavior. This would also create a sense of connection to the City.

Do active and regular cleaning of the creeks. I live adjacent Arcade creek across from Arcade Creek Office Park. While I monitor it, there still needs be cleanup done. I have traveled along the Creek to A &A Stepping Stone and there are several areas in need of cleaning.

Improve landscape in medians/near sidewalks and commercial real estate. Provide incentives or mini-grants to owners of commercial buildings to improve landscape. This could include xeriscaping or implementing drought tolerant landscape. Improve community parks through cleanups and beautifications projects.

Have Food Trucks at strip malls or events.

Get rid of the homeless

Clean up the city, quicker responses to complaints, stopping thefts and larceny, arrest criminals!! Stop making us tax paying citizens feel like our concerns don't mean anything and reestablish our rights as tax paying citizens. Close down the tweaker houses throughout the city, there are 3 in our area (Rusch Park) alone that need to be addressed.

It's hard to think of small-dollar things that would improve community when the core problem there is the car-dependent development pattern here. But if we want to make the streets more attractive as-is, and I can think of a few places that would benefit from wood chips and shade trees.

Write a vagrancy law and use to money to post it.

Free parking concerts with local bands and food

I don't have any ideas at this time.

Highlight how community members can contribute through local agencies or the police department to help the homeless in our area. Are any agencies helping the homeless in C. H.?

It's about time you repaired Madison Ave between Fair Oaks Blvd and Sunrise Blvd! It's a mess and damages cars. That apartment complex behind Sunrise mall which is actually a halfway house for sex offenders needs to be shut down!

The main concern I have is the city building more and more new construction for housing. The traffic is already bad on many streets and it's only going to get worse. The City doesn't seem to care about the quality of life of the people who already live here.

Let citizens get creative with photo contests, idea or design competitions and community art projects. Encourage citizens to get creative when it comes to identifying and addressing local issues.

react. not let a problem become continue and become worse. plan-act.

I am not that creative

cleaning weeds and trash and planting flowers

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Equip parks to have community events, Rusch Park is very successful in doing this.



Bring art and music into community. Encourage more weekday farmers markets.

Use any available funds on service that actually help the homeless. We don't need cute street signs and painting existing bike lanes green. Our homeless population is growing every day. What is being done to help them get jobs and homed?

Better understanding of causes of homelessness.

not sure

Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about improving community image and increasing community connections and events in Citrus Heights?

(106 responses by )



We desperately need sidewalks, street lighting and an end to water wasting landscapes.

Turn homeowners' attention to their front yards, which are often cluttered and full of trash.

fixing roads/pot holes

Focus on middle school aged activities, summer programs etc. Parents shouldn't have to travel to roseville or folsom for coding, robotics or sporting activities.

Allow breweries to open in Citrus Heights. Products made in our city connects us and provide pride

The main thing is dealing with the homeless and their piles of junk, using the public sidewalks as toilets and begging/camping outside of stores.

A homeless navigator to engage with the people sleeping on the streets. Maybe that currently exists, if so we need more!

Finish cleaning up the Auburn Blvd corridor to the freeway!! It's the main entrance to the city and SO UGLY!

Fix our streets. Greenback, San Juan, Dewey, and portion of Madison are in very poor repair. Make the mall owners do a better job of keeping it maintained. It is starting to look like most of Oakland.

Or police need to get tougher on crime and the city needs to sockeye them more money so they can hire more officers.

Be a part and help fund some of the homeless efforts that are already doing work in the city. I recently heard of HART and attended one of their meetings. Some of the things that they're after seem like they're pretty easy to help with. Are there funds or efforts that can be done to help this organization help the homeless? I'd also like to see trash overall on public property be addressed. I'd also like to see more businesses be attracted to the community to help fill in the many empty business fronts.

Having music in the park sure makes me feel like I'm part of a community. I loved old Fair Oaks park when that was happening.

Run down rental properties. Landlords need to be held accountable for these.

Encourage maintenance of private landscapes even if they are not being watered. Mow the weeds!

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Have more. We like music/ food truck events at clean places.

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We need to plant more trees on the walking path on Old Auburn, they took trees out and promised to replant more trees, also get the park benches installed that were promised , many seniors walk that path and sure could use the benches to rest on !

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Instead of complaining about homeless individuals, force the adjacent jurisdictions (municipal and county) to create an agency to provide for adequate mental health and habitation beds, similar to the vector control district, to allow for placement of the mentally ill and habituated in treatment facilities.

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Expand code enforcement Workforce and be proactive in enforcing city ordinances

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You're on the right track! Keep up the good work. Thank you!!

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House the homeless. Don't spend money on enforcing image, solve the root issues.

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Sunrise Tomorrow - this will be a big deal, I just hope it gets started soon (will also help with some other community issues) and will be a great success all around.

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Clean up our parks and keep our children safe, the number of drugs that are available to buy at Rusch park is disturbing.

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Fix potholes!!!!!! I have been to third world countries with better pavements.

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I wish I had some suggestions, but I don't.

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Hope to see 4th of July celebrations here in the future

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I realize it is an enormous task, but the drugs, homelessness, theft, break-ins has to decrease. Our City as well as surrounding areas degrading.

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Get rid of the homeless. They are ruining this city.

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I've heard stories about Rusch Park not being safe due to some hanging out that drink and do drugs there. I find it hard to believe as events take place there. Maybe it is later at night they show up. I'd hate to think kids could pick up syringes with who knows what in it. I also want to know what steps are being taken to bring awareness to Jr High and High School students and parents on fentanyl pills and being in marijuana cigarettes with many deaths happening in different cities and local in Roseville. Hopefully the Sentinel Newsletter would not hide it from Citrus Heights if it happens here. Tessie Williams

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Bring back the block partys. Bring back the coffee with a cop. Listen to what we have to say. This is a good start but after a few months it just goes away. I love Citrus Heights and I will do whatever it takes to make it better.

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Our streets badly need resurfacing.

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I want to thank whoever cleaned up the homeless encampment on Vernor and Greenback. Halleluia, you got rid of that dump. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. There is no excuse for the homeless (they use to be called bums, until we enobalized them, now they've turned it into a profession) to not work as there is a deficit of people filling the current need for workers in our job markets.

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it would be a welcome gesture to post signage with the citrus oranges theme on street signs throughout Citrus Heights which would remind residents of our city's past connections with the long-gone citrus growers who first populated this once-rural area.

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Providing more traffic officers to ticket offenders. Reinstate the motorcycle officers.

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Perhaps create a city corporation yard where people can store their mobile homes and trailers when they are not using them for vacations. (Although have a feeling some people are using it for additional housing on their properties.)

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see previous comment

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Improve image by paving /improving main thoroughfares. Many streets feel like being in an impoverished community.

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Community involvement in a post Covid Citrus Heights is at an all time low.

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You need to address all the drug trafficking and the police corruption. CHPD will make lots of excuses to not do anything about drug trafficking in the city and they do this because they have a lot of informants that they have out here trafficking narcotics in their corrupt drug operations. There's CHPD officers who protect the Auburn Vista Mobile Home Park and prevent investigations from taking place into the drug trafficking that goes on in there. CHPD officers have several informants that live in the Auburn Vista Mobile Park. I know this because during the years I lived there a few CHPD officers tried recruit me to become a snitch and sell drugs for them in the mobioe home park, but i refused. After I turned down CHPD's offer to traffic narcotics and be snitch, they started fabricating cases on me and harassing me. Several officers threatened my life and told me they wanted me out of the mobile home park and out of their drug operation.

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Remove the outdoor food stand in front of private residence near intersection of Kensington and Mariposa. —it draws homeless into the area.

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Stop the cars doing donut in intersections. Send police immediately,

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Make the patrol officers more friendly and approachable!

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How about repaving our roads. CHPD patrol our neighborhoods and parks better so we feel it safe to go out and about. Especially the parks.

I think events should be the least of the worries. Please clean up our streets. Then let's talk about events.

We have a resident who walks the trail along Old Auburn just about every morning picking all trash/debris left by thoughtless citizens. I'm so proud of her, I gave her an emergency whistle if she needs help. She deserves to be recognized!

This is not just for Citrus Heights, but Sacramento/California. Homelessness keeps getting addressed but where are the results. We seem to be doing about the best in our city. Women children Vets esp.

Helping to clean up some of the iconic properties here and getting commercial properties rented would be a great idea. There seems to be a lot of rundown areas in our city.

I have lived here for twenty years and I think the city does a good job over all. Thank you.

Put more police on the street and let them do their job

If we continue to cater to the homeless instead of providing them with services such mental health or rehabilitation we will never solve their needs or get to the root of their homeless issue. If it's not mental or drugs and they can't afford a place maybe living in CA is not the place to be as it's the most expensive state.

More family friendly entertainment and activities would be nice.

Please address parking on the streets. There are cars on my street that have expired license plates. One 2bed2bath duplex has 7 cars they park everywhere including their front yard. It would be nice if once a month someone from the city went down the street & cited those people.

Clean up the blight around town, predominantly from homeless people. Looking forward to seeing the large Sunrise Village development happen, should help Citrus Heights if done correctly.

Convert useless green spaces into drought tolerant landscaping. Get community groups or neighbors to own & maintain their space.

Shout out to CH Connect!

I'm liking the new business that have gone up and new construction. I think the rest is up to the citizens to help keep it nice.

Keep the homeless out of our parks. I used to take a daily walk to Rusch Park but no longer feel safe.

Rusch Park events are good. More serve days in the parks. On-line local business directory if we don't already have one. Craft Fairs to benefit local shelters, food banks, etc.

Better 4th of July parade

More city sponsored service opportunities for the community to participate in together.

Install doggy waste stations along the walking trail on Old Auburn Blvd. and beautify that trail with benches and all season flowering bushes.

Hire more Police for area's beside Sunrise Mall area Greenback Lane. There doesn't seem to have a Police Beat around Auburn Blvd as it's a raceway.

None now

Get the homeless out of here.

make homeless camping/sleeping anywhere illegal. Make them go to a shelter or rehab.

It was good to see a security office at the library...

We definitely need more community events. For instance, we used to have the Red, White and Blue parade.

Community image would, I think, be improved by going ahead with the plans for Sunrise Mall.

Look to Placer County.

pressure wash sidewalks, get rid of weeds in the cracks in the street, use drought tolerant landscape, remove and replant downed trees in the creeks. More accessible community walking trails

Pave more roads please. I've been requesting that Rollingwood gets paved for several years now. I think it's been neglected for well over a decade.

I've been living in Citrus Heights for about 21 years now. Not sure what has happened over the years but we have so many criminals and sex offenders that live in this city. It's hard to have a great community image with so many rotten people living here. Of course there are alot of good people that live here, but we have such a rotten image to people who live in the cities around us. I've worked in Folsom for 20 years and residents there think our city is a horrible place to live because of the crime and homelessness. Our image has changed for the worse over the years and it's sad. We need more police and less focus on

supplying affordable housing for people. In economics, it's bad to try to manipulate real estate markets and it will fail ever time. Let the market decide who lives here and who doesn't.

Revoke the charter

Splash Park or Splash Pad in the summer, please!

I commend CH for following through on getting the trash-vehicles off our neighborhood street. Maybe a notice/warning could be sent out to CH residents that unused vehicles are not allowed to be "stored" on our streets.

As a member of the CHASEN board I am aware of most city events. I am glad to see that the city wants to become a cleaner and more attractive city. As we have more events such as National Night Out and Sunday Funday where people can come out and interact and enjoy events in our city we can increase the pride of our community. The more we can involve the community the better our city becomes. Find ways to help people interact. Where there are no neighborhood associations seek out people who could accept the leadership responsibilities to create one. (City council members should know people in their district who could do that.) I appreciate Armando reaching out to CHASEN to inform us of cleanup projects in our neighborhood and inviting us to walk with him through the areas he will be cleaning or trimming trees. I appreciate that he has reached out to us for help with a project on Wintergreen and Old Auburn. We will be providing a large group of youth to come and help get the work done

The severely mentally ill on the streets projects a horrible image. I realize CH can't do anything right now but hoping in the future there will be a place for them to be admitted and get them off the street.

Stop cutting our police force.

I understand the signs at the Citrus Heights city limit of the policeman on the motorcycle stating that the laws will be enforced, but these signs seem to signify a "crime neighborhood", and I think it pulls down the feel of the neighborhood. I would like these signs removed.

We're very grateful to CHPD for removing homeless and debris from our creek area on Park Oaks. I'd like blight enforcement to be more present with homeowners in the neighborhood.

To spread the impact and address "NIMBY" - install mini homes in every parking lot. Establish a truck service to deliver water and remove waste. Furnish these homes with an address, solar power and internet. Thank you.

Urge the owners of sunrise mall to fix up the landscaping around the perimeter. I know the mall is on its way out but there must be something that can be done to help improve the look before construction begins.

I have called about a dieing tree at an unoccupied house behind my house. Can't find out who the owner is. No help from the city.

Bring back the fireworks show and red white and blue parade

See what some groups are already doing and help to get the word out to the community. Also see if you could get community feedback for one day events.

Biggest priority is getting the homeless off the street forcing them to get care. Everybody is afraid of stepping on their rights but they are intruding on other peoples rights polluting the streets and making it unsafe for children to even walk to school.

See previous answer

Somehow improve sunrise Blvd. Please no more car washes or check cashing or dollar type stores in any part of our city! We have too many of those already!

Advocate to for an entity like Habitat for Humanity to open a facility in Citrus Heights. Middle class folks have a wide band width of income that maintaining and improving their property can be a struggle. The Sacramento COunty Library is now lending out tools, perhaps Citrus Heights could expand on this concept. Landlords and developers would not be allowed to use the service

Keep on getting work to rejuvenate Sunrise Mall

I think the city is actually doing a good job of trying to cleanup and beautify the area. Love the murals and spots of art around. Keeping Sunrise Marketplace including the mall is important! Have to admit I rarely get over to area north of freeway so I really don't know what's happening there.

Deleting Blight was a main stay of Henry Tingle. The city looked great and issues were dealt with quickly. Hoping the new City Manager has the backing to readdress this. It seems to have gone away with Henry.

Homelessness and street drug use is getting out of hand. Love citrus but this is starting to turn into Sacramento. We need to be better!

Stop putting "band aids" on potholes and fix them correctly.

I like where we're headed!

Just all of the usual stuff that it sounds like CH is already moving towards: less car dependency, getting rid of parking minimums and height restrictions and generally rethinking zoning codes. Rebuilding the mall into something that isn't a sea of asphalt (please don't rebuilt it as an outdoor "main street" surrounded by parking - put the buildings right on the street and

the parking behind). Any possible extension of the bike trails would be welcome, as well as any bike/pedestrian connections between streets/neighborhoods that don't currently connect, if you ever happen to get the rights-of-way. A bike lane (or ideally bike road) connection on Sunrise at the Roseville border would be great. Keep it up with the street sweeping since there's always broken glass accumulating in the bike lanes (and also on the sidewalks). One other idea is for any future building/rebuilding of roads with sound walls: put the sidewalk and trees on the other side of the wall from the road.

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Send the homeless back to where they originally came from.

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Use funds to remove drug addicts/homeless from citrus heights. Bus them to downtown Sacramento

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None at this time.

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General Services has been very responsive to reports of graffiti And abandoned carts.

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See previous comments

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My personal opinion, but take a look at placer county. They have beautiful roadside areas & new construction. Compare the multi story unit on Sierra College Blvd between Old Auburn Road & Oak Ave to the multi story unit on Sunrise Blvd between Old Auburn Road & Oak Ave. the Placer County building is beautiful.

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don't just move homeless, find them a place to stay

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More block parties

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Shasta County does a job readiness fair for homeless and low income folks where they get haircuts, hygiene products, help with resumes, mock interviews and more. People donated their time and many organizations were involved.

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Get work started on Sunrise Mall!!

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