

Responses from the Hispanic Community Meeting on Strategic Planning November 19, 2013

*Denotes verbal agreement from another participant

1. What do you like about living or working in Healdsburg?

- Local things (everything is close by) *
Ex. Children to school, school to work
- Work is close by
- Afterschool Program
- There is no crime or big problems
- Peaceful*

2. What do you think needs to improve?

- To have a low cost clothing and food store
Ex. Foodmax/ Wal-Mart
- Services are very expensive
Ex. Water, Utilities, etc.
- Help for the middle class
There is help for the low class, but a middle class family doesn't qualify for aid/programs, but is also not able to afford to participate
- Focus on our community not in tourism
- Local youth programs that are drug free, that is of interest to them, and where you can play sports, and that is safe
- Traffic due to tourism
- Have to go outside the city to find programs (sports, entertainment, family education/events) for youth and family

- Local jobs
- Place to play and exercise
- Wine is a bad example to the youth. Need to welcome other businesses besides wineries. Positive places for young people free of alcohol
- City too expensive to live
- More safety/security
- Focus on schools
- Keep parents informed of what is happening with schools/programs
- School Safety
Ex. People smoking / drinking right outside of schools
- More affordable places to live/ Family Friendly / Large Families

3. What would you like to see or for Healdsburg in the next 5, 10 or 15 years?

- Center for youth
Center for young people that has supervision, where they are entertained, with help and support, which is open on weekends. Teen Center
- More jobs
- Sports programs for children and after school programs
- Enough police to keep the peace
- More Parking
- Affordable housing and business rents. Especially for businesses that provide services to local people **
- Make process for renting easier
- Available homes at affordable prices for local people

- Aid to qualify for undocumented people to get credit and rental homes
- More help for Latino community not just low income residents (ex.: Food Pantry)
- Programs to help/teach children to use computers (such as after school program)
- English/computer adult classes low cost (ESL classes have been cut).
- Latino community events * Mariachi band or Banda as a Tuesday concert suggestion
- Multi-cultural event space/opportunities. Example cited was a cultural dance program organized at Cali Calmecca where each class learns a dance and then a recital was held at Wells Fargo Center. Brought the Latino and Anglo communities together.
- More communication about what is happening in the City.

4. Do you have other suggestions, thoughts, or topics that you would like to share?

- Have Council focus more on local needs and not on tourism *
- Recreation Center for children and youth
- Focus on all residents alike
- More unification in the city
Separation in schools and meetings, equality for people with or without documents, don't have division between residents
- More community meetings like this one
- Services focused on families that are healthy and low-cost and are also available for the middle class
- Equal services for all residents – make too money to qualify for assistance but not enough to pay for programs and services.
- More work to apply for services than benefit of the service
Because they are not eligible and lose more time
- Services where you have to give something in order to receive
Ex. Charter School

- Fingerprinting all school volunteers
They are not agree, fear of being undocumented, intimidation of being undocumented
fear of separation from families, police
- More programs such as after school program at Foss Creek
Everyone qualifies
There is trust and safety
As well as good staff