

Community Vision Forum

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Qualities & Goals

Notes

Forum #3

Quality: Compassionate/Loving

Goals: Endorse propositions that try to find common ground
Community is accepting of differences, alternative families and lifestyles
Break the cycle of negativity – pay it forward
Strong faith community
Role models
Educational choices
Avenues to develop values
Sports and recreational opportunities which teach teamwork
Exposure/feeling of acceptance (multigenerational, cultural diversity, and experience)
Eliminate separatism
Engaged in the community
Experiential education (learning how to put yourself in others' shoes; reach out to people)
Increased inclusivity
"Egolessness"
Value youth and people
Recognition
Increased volunteer opportunities

Quality: Self-Confident/Capable

Goals: Role models/mentoring/guidance/support
Education
Accessible non-academic activities (out-of-school programs)
High levels of accomplishment along with recognition (positive reinforcement)
Kids show up prepared for success
Connection to community ("It takes a village to raise a child")

Safe neighborhoods; free of drugs, alcohol, and crime
Family togetherness
Economic progress, development, and guidance
Job opportunities, job assistance, and opportunities for success
Affordable housing
Physical assets: recreation, sports
Creative outlets: music, etc.
Experiential learning (especially in nature)
Emphasis on a safe environment
Safe zones within a community
Development of emotional intelligence
Value youth
More activities for parents
Guidance from teachers regarding life choices
Guidance from family regarding life choices

Quality: Healthy (physical, spiritual, and emotional)

Goals: Religion – a sense of place in the universe (sense of direction)
Connection to overall community
Exposure to different types of people; sharing common direction
Nutrition and nutrition education
Public safety
Mental health
Access to all kinds of healthcare and screenings (equal access)
Healthy lifestyles
A value for healthy food in schools and markets (must be easily accessible in markets)
Health education
Appreciation of being connected to something “bigger than yourself”
Being at peace with yourself
Clean/healthy environment
Sense of well-being