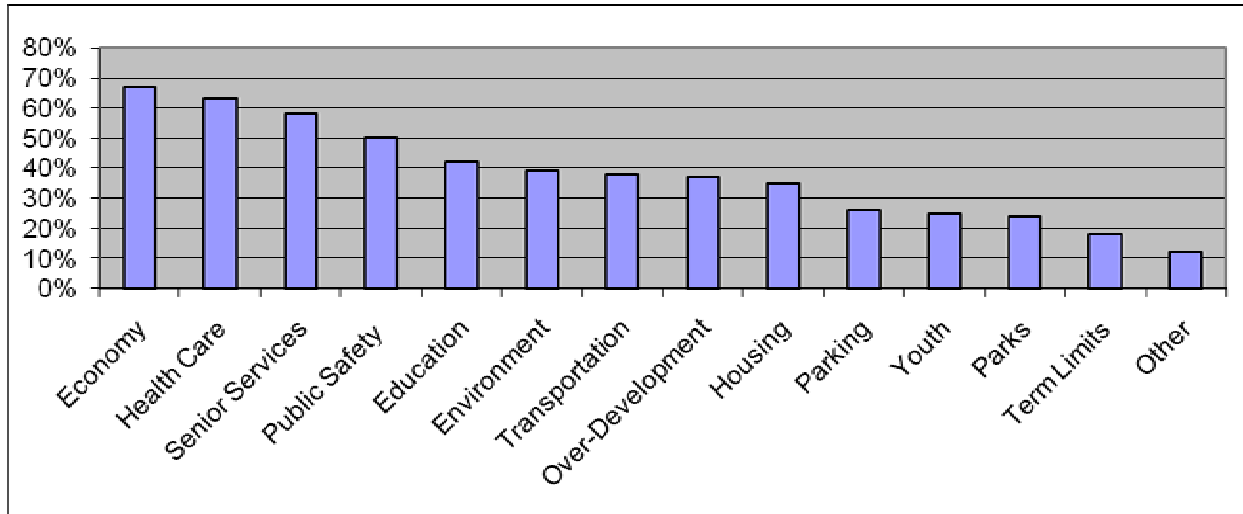


Results of the Community Survey of the 11th Council District

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SAMPLING OF ANSWERS:

Economy

“Can't afford my apartment and work very hard. Losing life savings need to help the middle class”

“Concerned about budget cuts affecting the middle class and seniors”

“First and most important is the economy. After that we can concentrate on the other issues”

Crime

“Concerned about people breaking into cars and was mugged”

“Concerned about crime”

“Graffiti keeps reappearing which to me means drugs and gangs. Two parks are being eaten away at and there is a new need for parking at the filtration plant”

“Having lived here 35 years not a worry in the world now Bedford Park is so dangerous you are afraid to venture out 12 noon let alone midnight”

“Graffiti”

Health Care

“High cost of health care”

“Affordable health care and Rx plans”

“Caring for seniors and the centers. Food prices go higher before holidays- affordable housing”

“Doesn't have health insurance and suffers from asthma. Has to be an effective way to help people with affordable health insurance like low income housing should be allowed to pay based on income”

Over Development

“Riverdale is getting very over developed. It's losing its smaller town look and prices of co ops, condos high. There is garbage thrown all over. Prices are out of control”

“Keeping Riverdale a quaint village type section of the Bronx. Reduce over building. Keep the "chains" out. No more Starbucks etc. Clean up Kingsbridge”

“Keep Riverdale less city-like. Care for structures (bridges, overpasses). Get rid of excess signage”

“Rampant over development- tearing down family homes and replacing them with 4 or 6 family dwellings with absentee landlords in 10470”

“Over development must not be allowed in Kingsbridge heights and Riverdale.”

“Concerned about overdevelopment”

“Live on HH Parkway and am very concerned about over development. Can't we put a 6 story limit? Keeping seniors in the community is a concern”

Transportation

“Concerned about subway and bus fares”

“I am concerned about the Bronx bus service. I've heard rumors that the bx20 bus will be discontinued making it difficult to access the A train. Bus service here is horrendous”

“Transportation is most important cutting out weekend express bus service will end my ability to get to work go to the theater and get into the city”

“Very concerned about the likely elimination of Bx 34 and reduced service on the Bx 10. Those 2 lines are vital to us.”

“MTA's plan to cut services on some bus lines, such as the Bx 10. It's important we have many transportation alternatives”

“Better maintenance of our roadways”

“Need the Bx 34 bus. In my 80s and its my life-line”

Education

“No more overcrowding class rooms- more help for children with ADHD - more after school programs”

“Need to attract better teachers to the public schools”

“PS 24 and RKA the neighborhood schools offer substandard education to the kids.”

Housing

“Nyc housing- living in public housing and it is destroyed and infested with rats, roaches and dirty hallways. Hardly ever cleaned. Nothing is being done about mold and mildew. Rents sky high”

Public Safety

“Cars are speeding on Broadway”

“Violations of stop signs at 261st and Liebig esp between 630am to 730 am”

“Keep the lives of the middle income families and seniors safe”

“As a Senior citizen public safety is at the top of my concerns followed by others”

“Need a traffic light at E 235th St. and Katonah Ave before a child or senior gets hurt or killed at this dangerous intersection”

“We need more police protection- our neighborhood used to be safe- Daytime robberies and shootings that make us afraid to go out”

Parking

“Leave the alternate parking on Wed a free day as it always has been in Riverdale.

“Need more parking spaces on E. 211 Street btw Decatur Ave and Tryon Ave.

Parking is a nightmare in general in the east Gunhill area”

Senior Services

“Concerned about Riverdale senior services”

Multiple Topics

“Too much dog droppings and people smoking in parks”

“Taking away too many supermarkets - difficult for people without cars”

“Too many unemployed youths in the community- and the re-surfacing of drugs and graffiti”

“Neighborhood needs to be more inviting to both young and old. Need for our youth to have something to do.”

“Need more street parking. Less construction in the Bronx, Tax reform”

“Violence among our youths- killing among our youths (guns) recreation for our youths (centers)- Affordable housing- curfew for youths- education cut backs in our schools”

“Graffiti on 238th street city steps- pot holes on our roads- graffiti in our neighborhood and on our schools- St Gabriel’s 235th. Noise from Manhattan college students”

“Education - quality programs - after school - quality health care- senior services”

“Need better shops on Riverdale Ave - to many empty stores - need a theatre”

“Maintain Medicaid- upgrade Kelly field - protect pensions and benefits”

“Concerned about filtration plant and improve public transportation”

“Senior with no car I was looking forward to the shopping mall and theater on Broadway at 230th.”

“I am in disbelief on the amount of time the city has taken to fix the 254th street bridge. It appears that work is done sporadic and ineffective.”

“Parking and traffic tickets are out of hand. Cut fines by 50% or less allow agents to give warnings. Don’t close Van Cortlandt Senior center”

“Need a supermarket”

“Poverty issues- recycling program- job creation- limit housing development- affordable housing instead”

“Young people need safe places to relax besides parks. Need the 10,9, 20 bus and better service- health care for all”

“Keep senior centers open and Key Food Parking lot should be available to everyone”

“Lack of supervision of high school student’s increases graffiti - Decline in senior programs- fare increase”

“The rising costs of rent. And the seniors fixed income also costs of blue cross blue shield medical community - subsidies are needed”

“We’re concerned about cuts in public transportation and services for schools/ students”

“Disability discrimination in nyc”

“50th precinct having true leadership and needs a full time captain”

“Lack of jobs with benefits to help people enter the middle class- I want universal health care- schools- are schools are overcrowded- Discipline is lacking- standards low no child left behind is a disaster for ps 24”

“Youth behavior- crime, muggings, graffiti, gangs, groups, loitering and vandalism. Drugs, Rats, sanitation, garbage, litter the condition of the streets and sidewalks”

“Need more and safer bike lanes”

“Just had child so I am concerned about daycare and health care cost and quality- social and environmental situation in our neighborhood - pro-green”

“Riverdale needs new representatives- need more services and better transportation- better stores- movie theaters- reasons to stay and not drive elsewhere”

“No private ownership of Van Cortlandt Park (garbage in the park). Senior centers closing, affordable housing, and crime”

“Jobs and Job training”

“A playground near 232nd street and oxford Ave is needed. A collaborative team teaching class at 24- less overcrowding is needed at 24- better supermarket near Johnson”

“Reduce unjust parking tickets, raise express bus fares, expand city ticket program, real time subway and bus tracking, build a park in the triangle”

“Cost of transportation- high cost of health care – crime”

“Dirty streets esp. when it snows. Landowners refuse to clean sidewalks, dog poop all over and large rats running wild in the day and night”

“Racial Issues and daycare centers”

“I’ve been working with the community for 30 years. Need a new leader that can work with all ethnic groups”

“Cultural development- need an arts center where locals can exhibit their art work, show movies, photographs, concerts, plays, and political speakers”

“Close of senior centers - raising fare on access a ride - increased rate on health care”

“Streets are in bad shape- cars keep getting broken into- Kingsbridge is a mess- dirty - low quality stores and traffic”

“Air pollution from the reservoir construction site.”

“Run- don't let Koppell, the council and the mayor defy the people who twice voted for term limits”

“Disappearance of variety of small shops. It’s ruining the neighborhood with new empty tall and small buildings”