



Memorandum

TO: Dennis Hays, County Administrator

FROM: Mike Grimm^{MB}, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Community Development Consolidated Plan Survey Summary Graphs for Questions 2 and 3

DATE: July 1, 2005

As a follow-up to the Mayor and Commissioner's retreat on June 18, 2005, attached are a series of graphs which represent questions 2 and 3 results from the consolidated plan survey. As you recall, the results of this survey will be used in the 2005 update of Community Development's Consolidated Plan.

Each graph represents a combined area of the county of which five have been identified (see attached map showing combined neighborhood groups). Question 2 asked respondents to indicate the importance of various improvements they would want to see in their neighborhood. Respondents in four out of the five areas said that they would like to have crime reduced. The only neighborhood that didn't rate a reduction in crime highest was the West area which comprises the area generally west of 90th street and north of I-70. Respondents in this area felt that "making street repairs" was most important to their neighborhood followed by "improve sidewalks". Below are additional findings pertaining to question 2:

- "Make street repairs" was not rated lower than fourth out of the 13 categories by all of the five combined neighborhood areas.
- Respondents in the Northeast combined area rated "Demolish abandoned/vacant homes" second behind "Reduce crime". This was the highest rating of the combined neighborhoods for the demolition of homes.
- The need for "More bike trails/lanes" was rated higher by respondents in the West area (5th out of 13) than any other area. Further, all the other areas did not rate "More bike trails/lanes" higher than second to last.
- "New homes on vacant lots" was rated by each combined neighborhood either last or second to last.

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Question 3 from the survey asked respondents how their neighborhood is doing and to describe changes to their neighborhood in the last five years. The most pronounced change was from those respondents in the West neighborhood who indicated that the “amount of new housing units” and “Availability of neighborhood shopping” was a significant improvement. Below are other highlights from question 3:

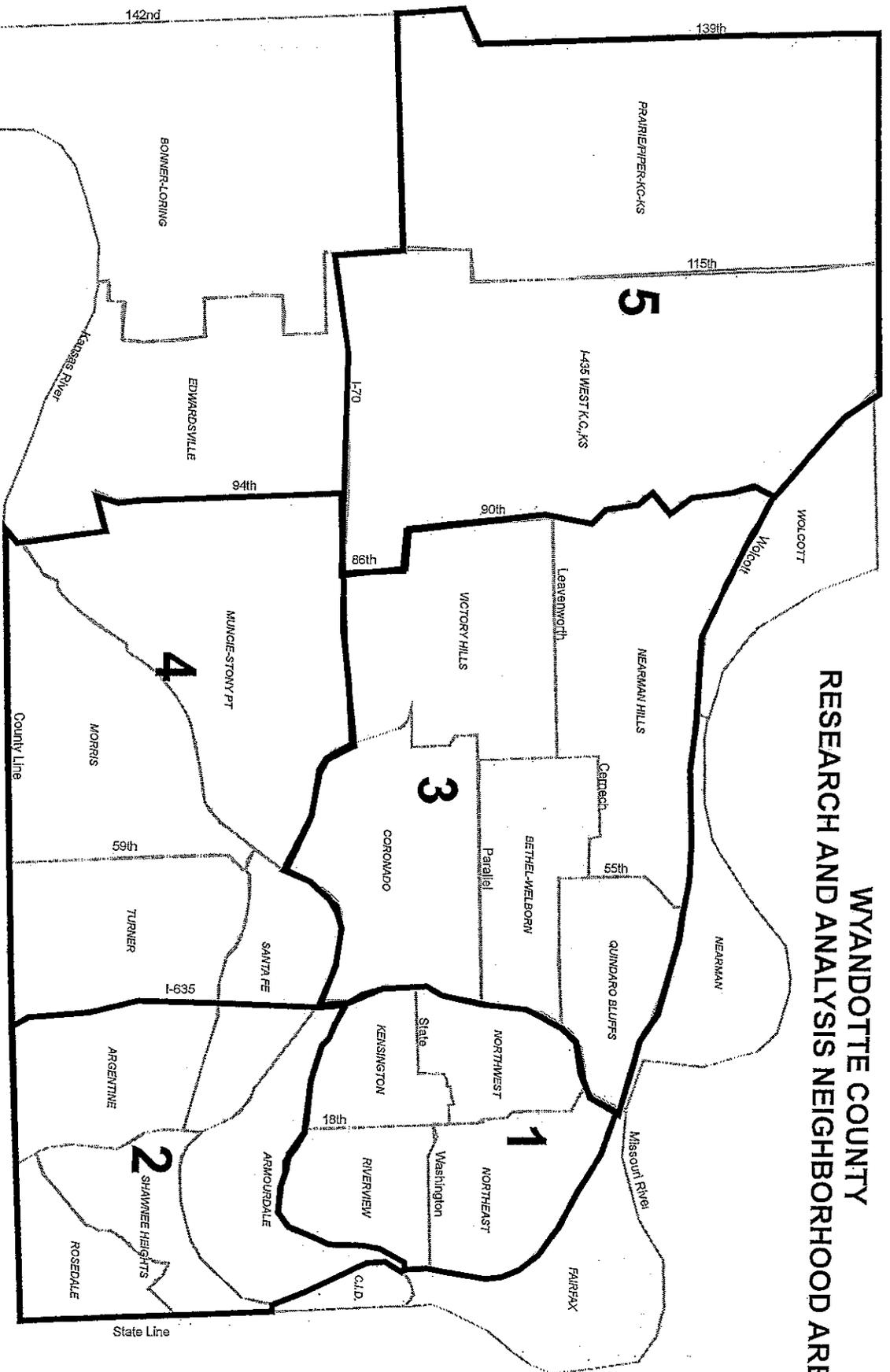
- In addition to the West combined neighborhood, the “Amount of new housing units” was identified by respondents in the Northeast and Southcentral areas as being the most significant improvement. However, these areas did not rate other categories significantly higher than the “amount of new housing units” category.
- “Street conditions” were rated either first or second by the following areas: Northcentral (rated 1st), Southeast (tied for 1st) and Southcentral (tied for 2nd). No other area rated this category as high.
- The Northeast and Southcentral combined areas rated “Condition of neighborhood parks” second. No other neighborhood group rated the category higher than 6th.

Below is a table showing the number of responses from each of the five combined neighborhoods. It may be noted that areas with a small number of responses may limit statistical significance of questions 2 and 3

Combined Neighborhood	# Responses	Pct. Of Responses
Northeast	75	26.4
Southeast	63	22.2
Northcentral	83	29.2
Southcentral	44	15.5
West	19	6.7
Total	284	100.0

Please let me know if you have any questions with the content of this memo or the attached materials (ext. 5157).

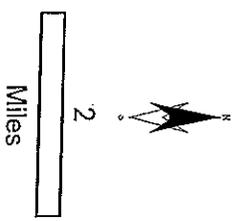
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Neighborhood Groupings For Community Development Consolidated Plan

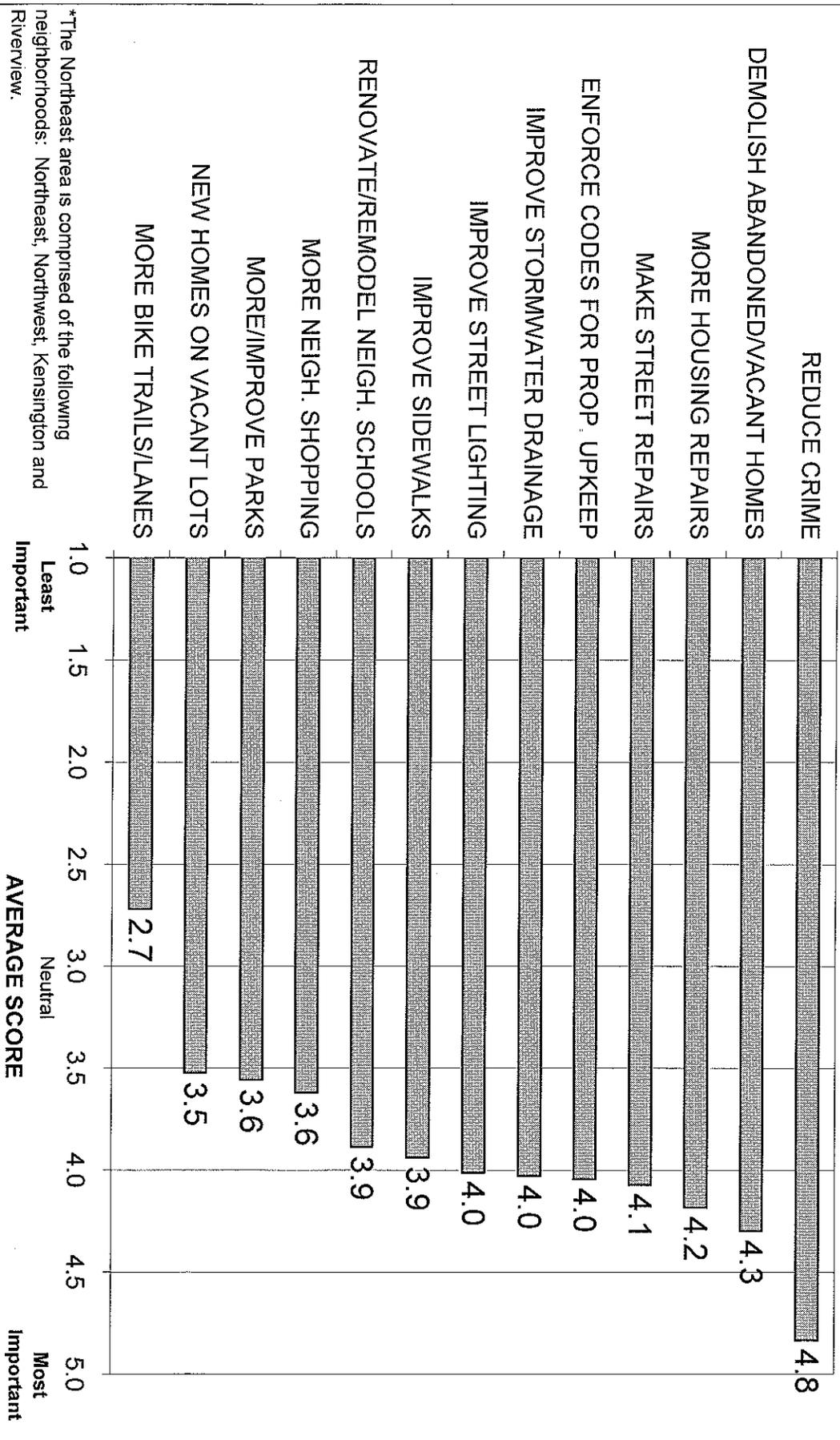
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- 1 - Northeast
- 2 - Southeast
- 3 - Northcentral
- 4 - Southcentral
- 5 - West



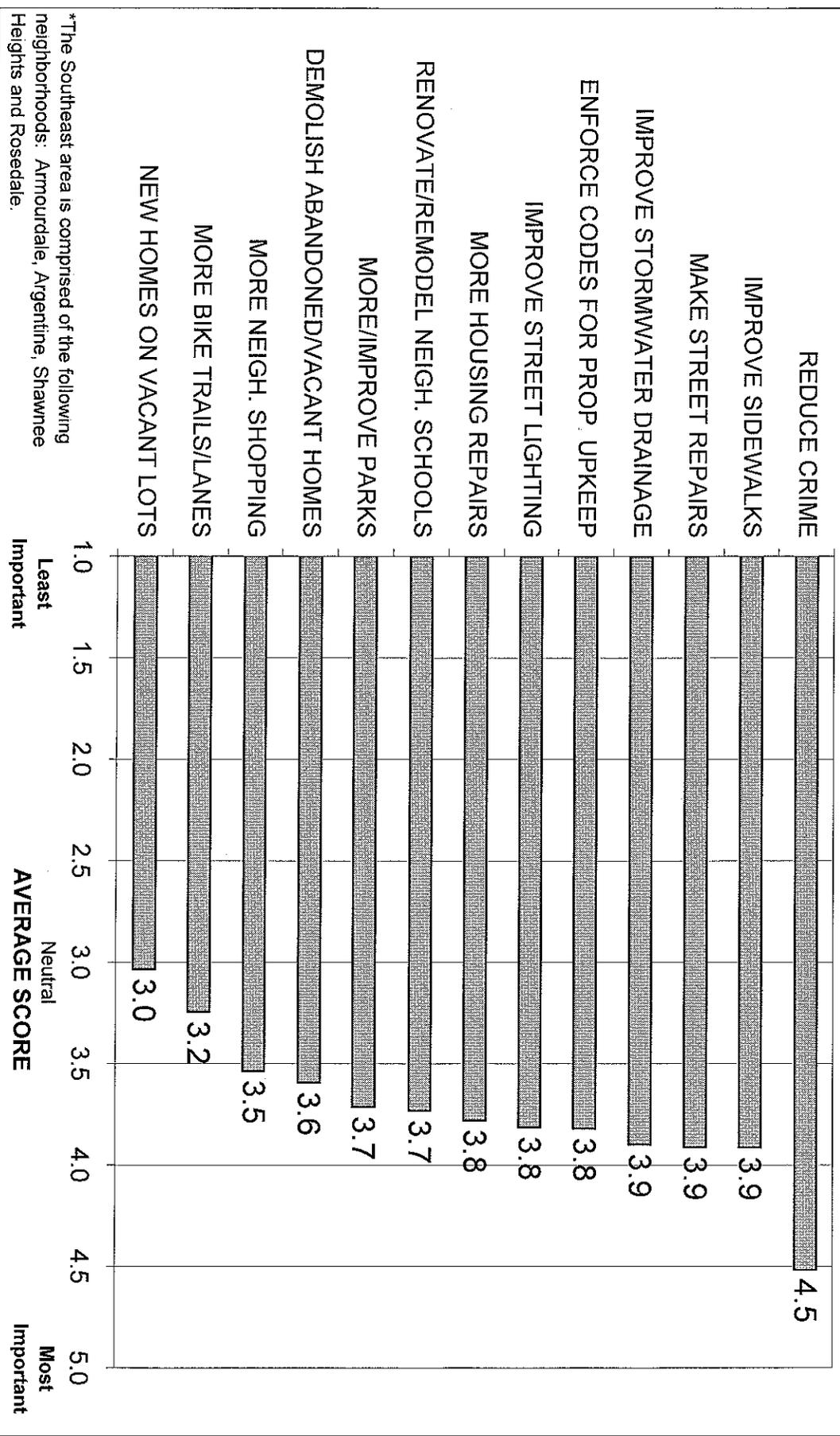
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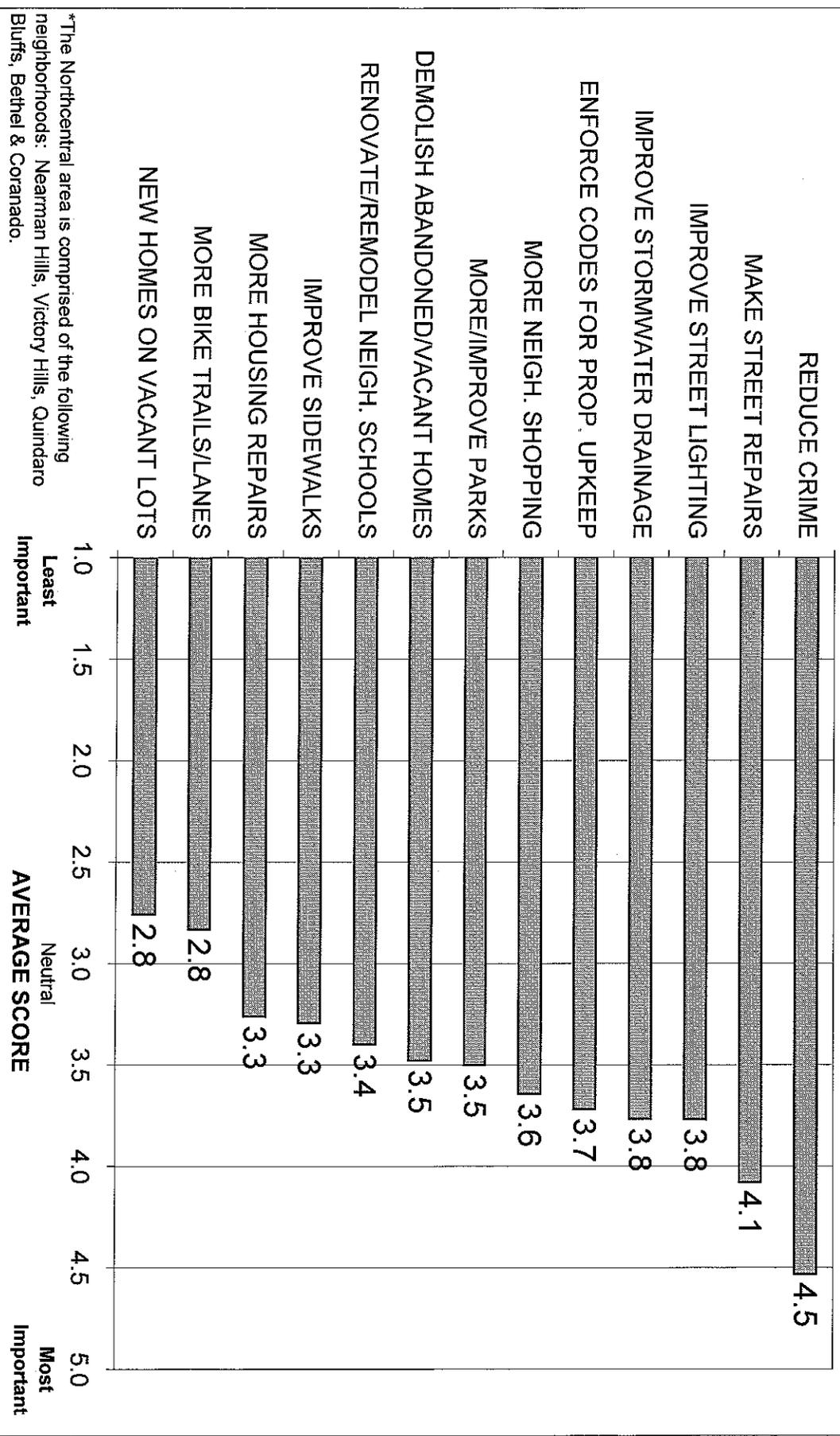
*The Northeast area is comprised of the following neighborhoods: Northeast, Northwest, Kensington and Riverview.

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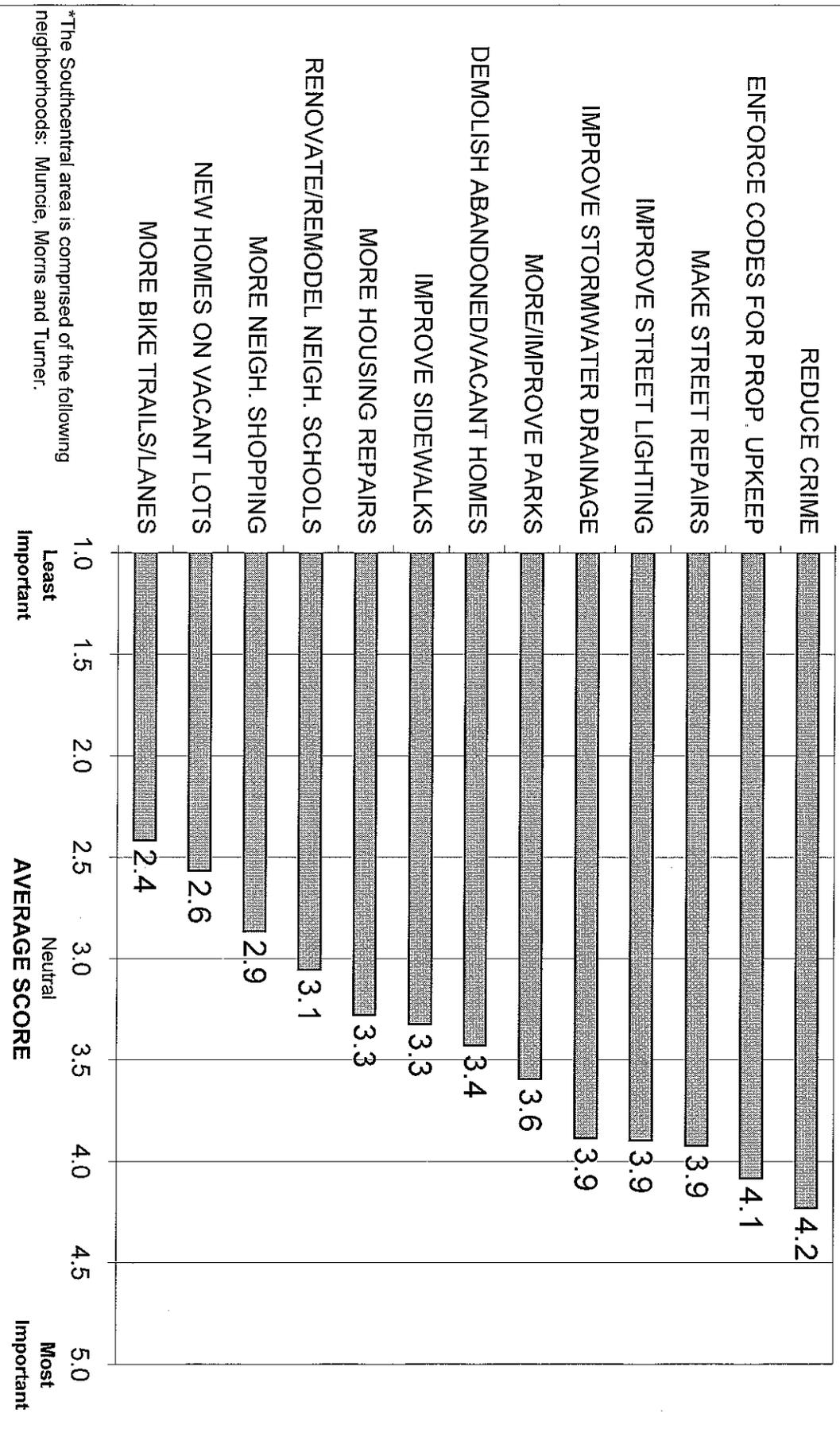
*The Southeast area is comprised of the following neighborhoods: Armourdale, Argentine, Shawnee Heights and Rosedale.

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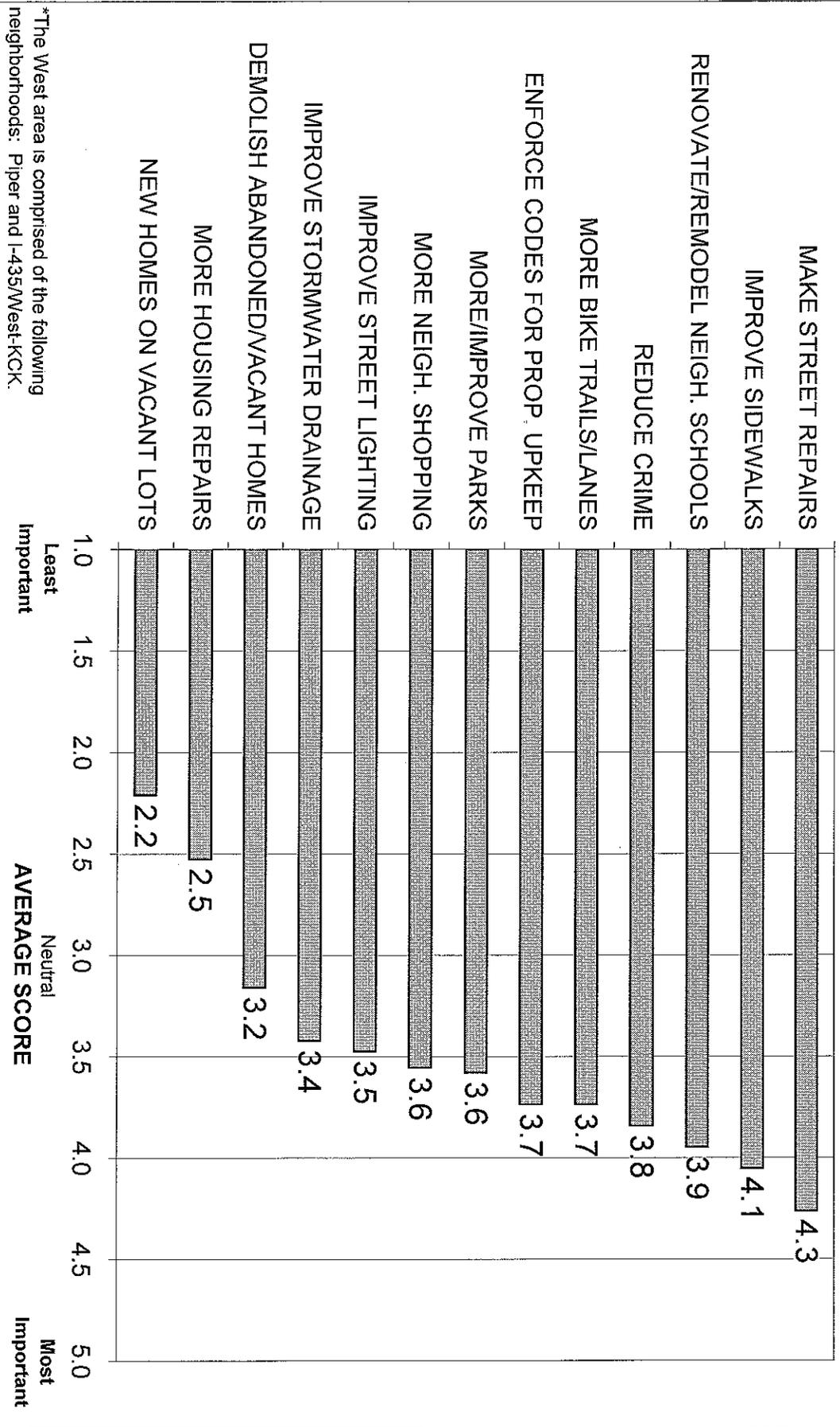
*The Northcentral area is comprised of the following neighborhoods: Nearman Hills, Victory Hills, Quindaro Bluffs, Bethel & Coranado.

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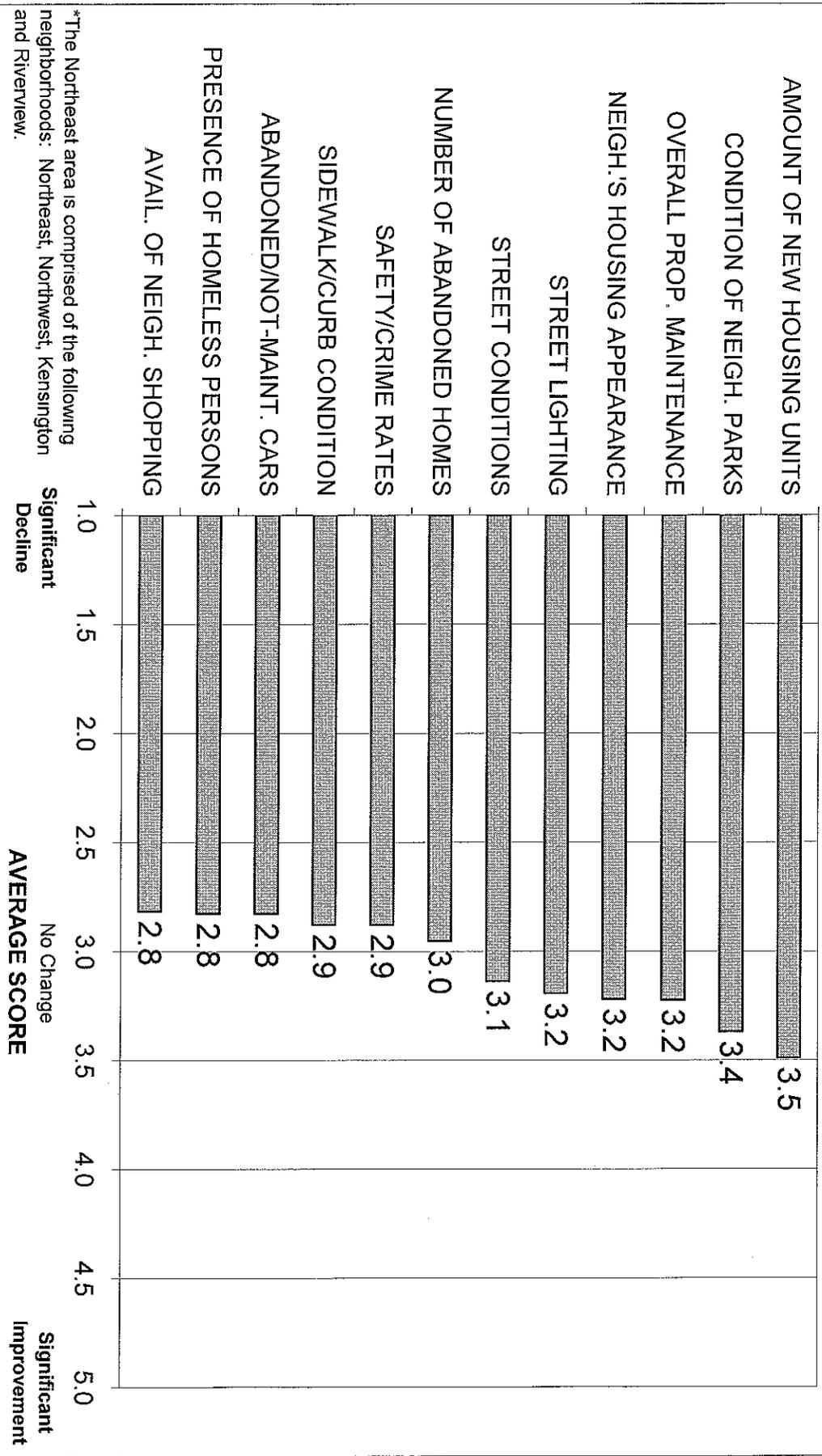
*The Southcentral area is comprised of the following neighborhoods: Muncie, Morris and Turner.

**QUESTION 2 RESPONSES FOR WEST* COMBINED AREA
 "HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?"**



*The West area is comprised of the following neighborhoods: Piper and I-435/West-KCK.

**QUESTION 3 RESPONSES FOR NORTHEAST* COMBINED AREA
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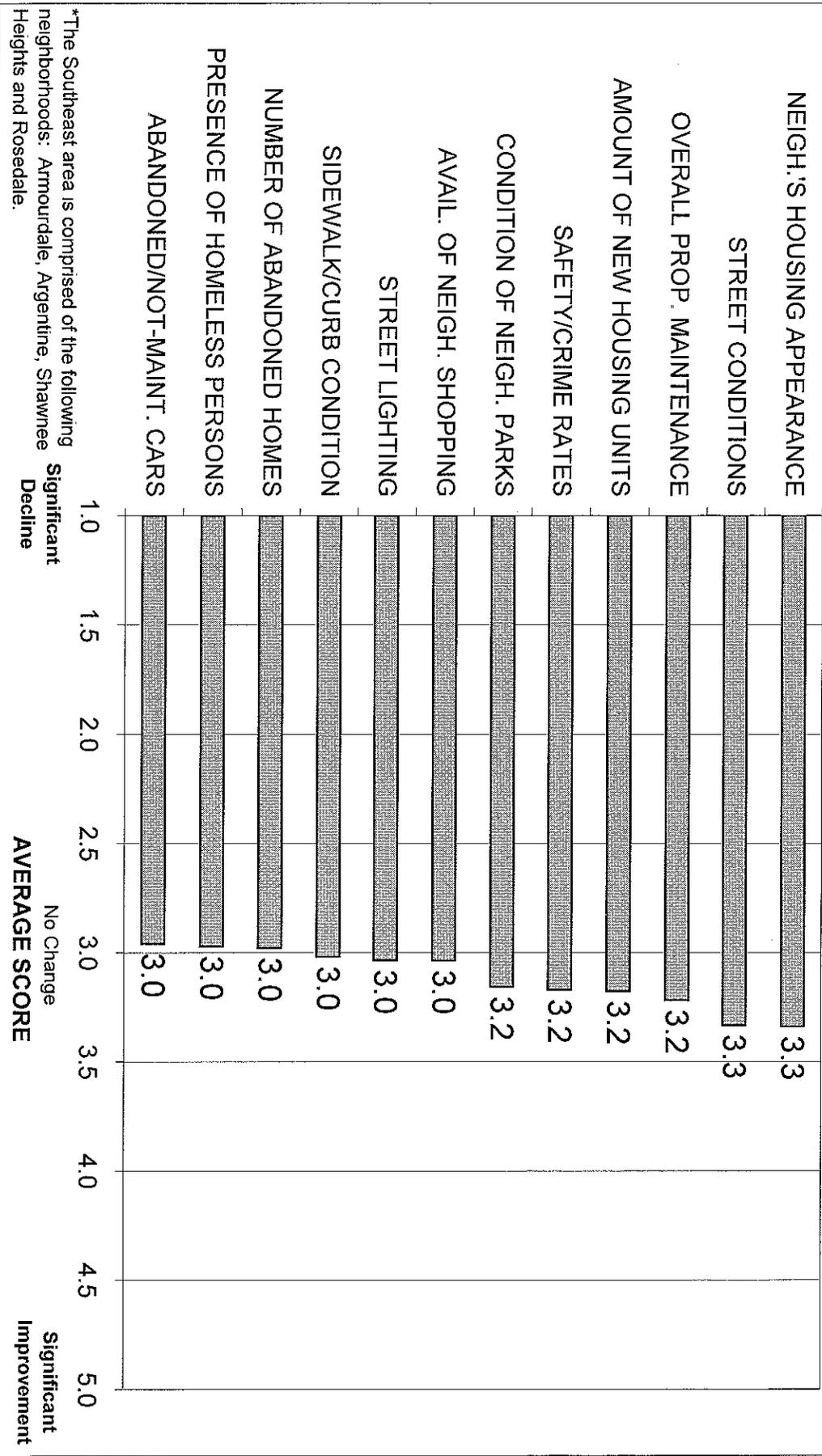
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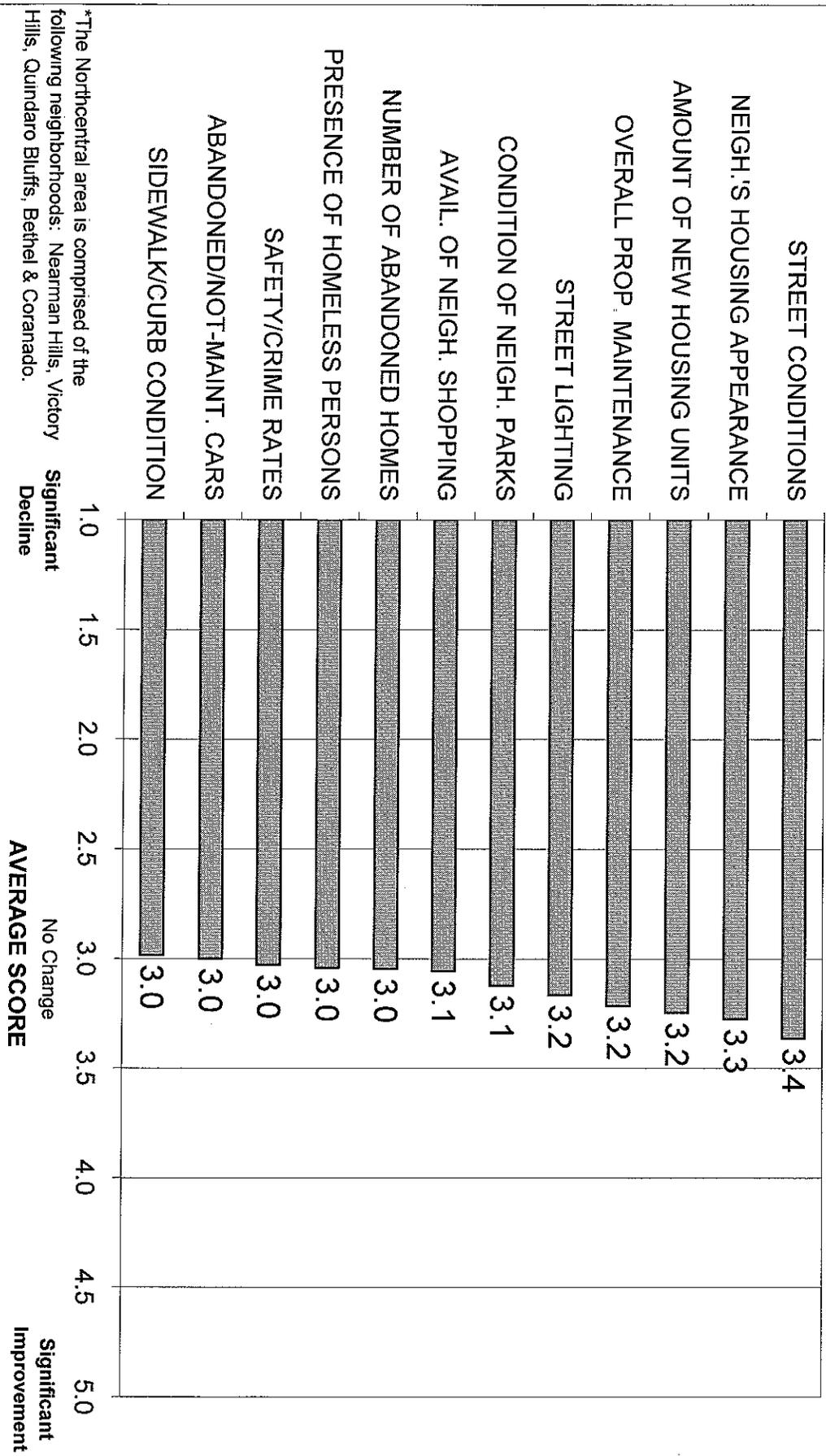
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Significant Improvement

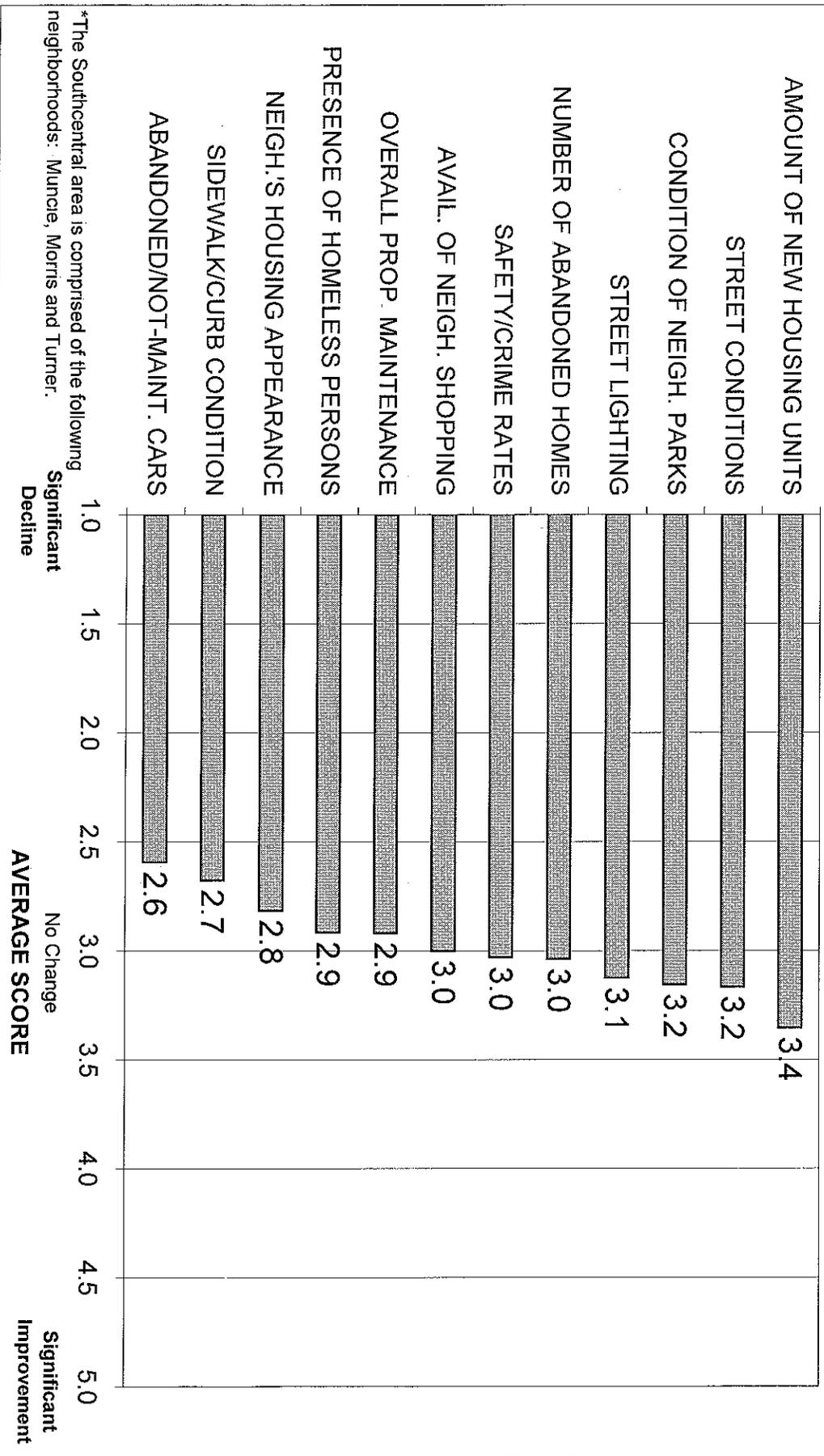
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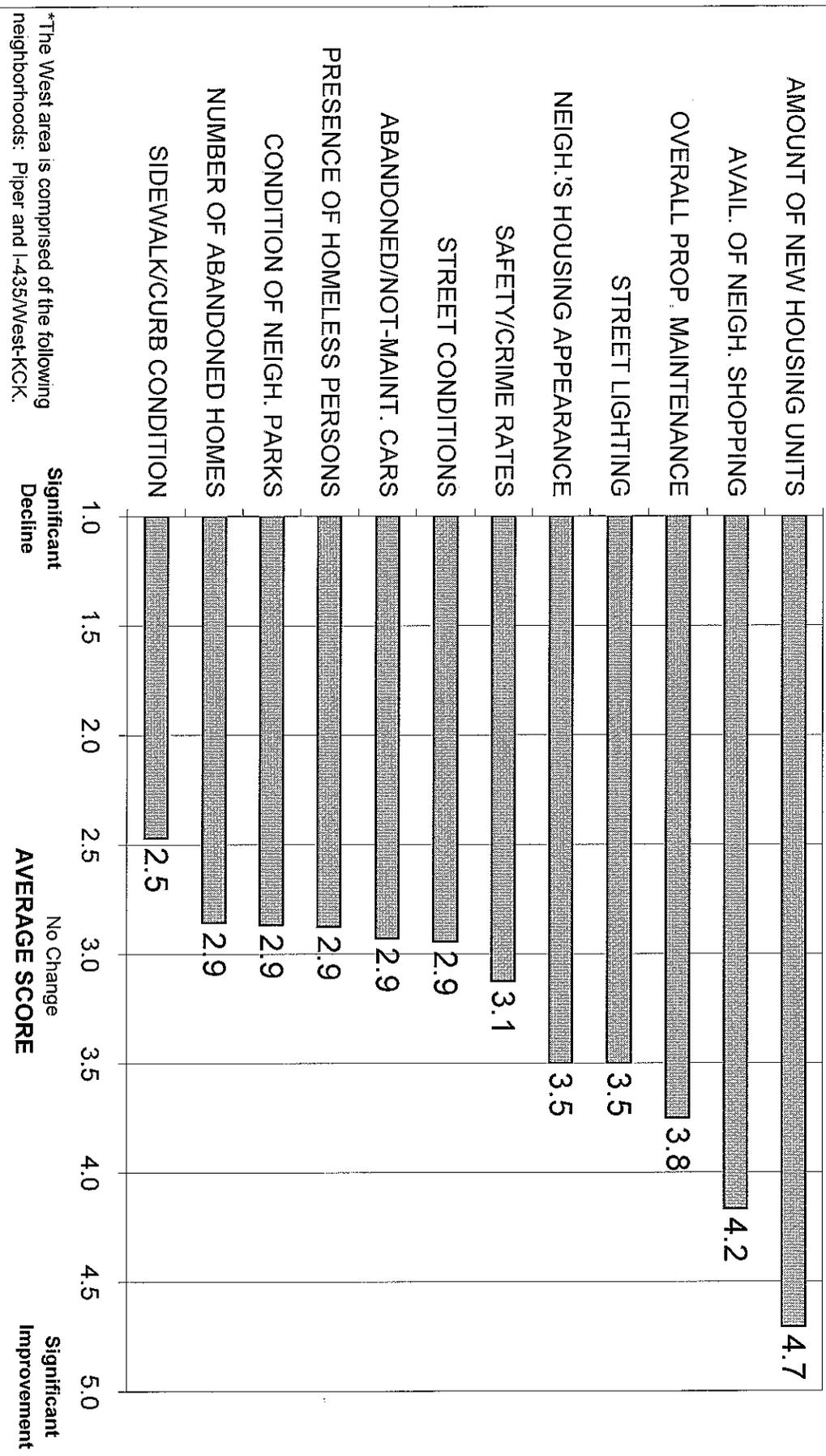
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*The West area is comprised of the following neighborhoods: Piper and I-435/West-KCK.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN SURVEY

Dear Resident:

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is preparing a Five-Year Housing Plan to address needs of the city's neighborhoods and housing units as well as improve and strengthen the city's housing stock

To successfully prepare this plan, residents are being requested to respond to the following survey. Your responses will help determine the strategies and priorities in this plan so the Mayor and Unified Government Commission can better prioritize public actions to enhance this plan

The label on back of the return envelope will help us determine which neighborhood you live in. We will summarize results by these neighborhoods. Your response will be confidential. There is no way to identify who has completed the survey.

Directions: Please follow the directions for each question below and **return the survey in the envelope provided by June 6, 2005**. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Development office at 573-5100 and mention this survey

1 Do you own or rent your residence? (Circle one)

1 OWN 2 RENT

2 How important are the following improvements for your neighborhood? *Please circle one response* for each neighborhood improvement category

<u>Desired Neighborhood Improvement</u>	<u>Most Important</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Least Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>		
1. MAKE STREET REPAIRS	5	4	3	2	1	9
2. IMPROVE SIDEWALKS	5	4	3	2	1	9
3. MORE AREA HOUSING REPAIRS (PAINTING, NEW ROOFING, ETC.)	5	4	3	2	1	9
4. DEMOLISH ABANDONED / VACANT HOMES	5	4	3	2	1	9
5. RENOVATE/REMODEL NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS	5	4	3	2	1	9
6. REDUCE CRIME	5	4	3	2	1	9
7. IMPROVE STREET LIGHTING	5	4	3	2	1	9
8. MORE / IMPROVE PARKS	5	4	3	2	1	9
9. BUILD NEW HOUSING ON VACANT LAND	5	4	3	2	1	9
10. BUILD MORE BIKE TRAILS / LANES	5	4	3	2	1	9
11. ENFORCE CODES FOR PROPERTY UPKEEP (LANDSCAPING, FENCE REPAIRS, ETC.)	5	4	3	2	1	9
12. IMPROVE STORMWATER DRAINAGE	5	4	3	2	1	9
13. MORE NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPPING	5	4	3	2	1	9
14. OTHER _____	5	4	3	2	1	9

3 How is your neighborhood doing? In the last 5 years, how would you describe the changes to your neighborhood? *Please circle one response* for each of the following categories

<u>Changes to Your Neighborhood</u>	<u>Significant Improvement</u>	<u>Slight Improvement</u>	<u>No Change</u>	<u>Slight Decline</u>	<u>Significant Decline</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
1. YOUR STREET CONDITIONS	5	4	3	2	1	9
2. YOUR SIDEWALK AND CURBS CONDITION	5	4	3	2	1	9
3. NEIGHBOR'S HOUSING APPEARANCE (PAINTING, ROOF, ETC.)	5	4	3	2	1	9
4. NUMBER OF ABANDONED HOMES	5	4	3	2	1	9
5. SAFETY / CRIME RATE	5	4	3	2	1	9
6. CONDITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	5	4	3	2	1	9
7. AMOUNT OF NEW HOUSING UNITS	5	4	3	2	1	9
8. OVERALL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE (LANDSCAPING, FENCE REPAIRS, ETC.)	5	4	3	2	1	9
9. PRESENCE OF HOMELESS PERSONS	5	4	3	2	1	9
10. AVAILABILITY OF NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPPING	5	4	3	2	1	9
11. STREET LIGHTING	5	4	3	2	1	9
12. ABANDONED / NOT-MAINTAINED CARS	5	4	3	2	1	9
13. OTHER _____	5	4	3	2	1	9

Please continue on back



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4 How long have you lived in your neighborhood? (Circle one)

- 1 LESS THAN ONE YEAR 2 1 TO 5 YEARS 3 5 OR MORE YEARS

5 In the next three years do you plan to ... ? (Circle one)

- 1 PURCHASE A HOME 3 RENT AN APARTMENT
2 RENT A HOME 4 DON'T PLAN TO MOVE

6 If you intend to move, how important are the following factors? *Please circle one response* for each of the following factors.

Factors to Move	Very Important		Somewhat Important		Not Important	Don't Know
1. COST OF HOUSING	5	4	3	2	1	9
2. AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE FINANCING	5	4	3	2	1	9
3. SAVING FOR A DOWN PAYMENT	5	4	3	2	1	9
4. AGE AND CONDITION OF CURRENT HOUSING	5	4	3	2	1	9
5. NEW/MORE FEATURES – KITCHEN, BATHROOM	5	4	3	2	1	9
6. HANDICAP ACCESS / SPECIAL FEATURES	5	4	3	2	1	9
7. SIZE OF HOUSE – NEED MORE BEDROOMS	5	4	3	2	1	9
8. SIZE OF HOUSE – NEED FEWER BEDROOMS	5	4	3	2	1	9
9. DESIRE TO STAY IN EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD	5	4	3	2	1	9
10. SIZE OF LOT, BIGGER YARD	5	4	3	2	1	9
11. LIVING NEAR SHOPPING	5	4	3	2	1	9
12. LIVING NEAR MEDICAL SERVICES	5	4	3	2	1	9
13. ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	5	4	3	2	1	9
14. NEAR TO NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	5	4	3	2	1	9
15. HIGHER PAYING JOB	5	4	3	2	1	9
16. QUALITY OF SCHOOLS	5	4	3	2	1	9
17. NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY	5	4	3	2	1	9
18. OTHER _____	5	4	3	2	1	9

7. Please provide any additional comments you may have. You may attach an additional sheet if necessary.

The following questions are for analysis purposes only and responses will be confidential. Please circle the number next to the appropriate answer for each question below.

8. What age group are you in?

- 1 18-24 YEARS OLD 3 35-44 YEARS OLD 5 55-64 YEARS OLD
2 25-34 YEARS OLD 4 45-54 YEARS OLD 6 65 YEARS OR OLDER

9. Please indicate your racial or ethnic origin

- 1 WHITE 5 SPANISH / HISPANIC / LATINO
2 BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN 6 MULTI-RACIAL
3 AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE 7 OTHER _____
4 ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER

10. Which of the following best describes who lives in your household?

- 1 SINGLE ADULT, NO CHILDREN 4 MARRIED, WITH CHILDREN
2 SINGLE ADULT, WITH CHILDREN 5 OTHER _____
3 MARRIED, NO CHILDREN

11. What is your approximate household income, from all sources, before taxes?

- 1 LESS THAN \$25,000 2 \$25,000 TO \$49,999 3 \$50,000 OR MORE

12. Are you? 1 MALE 2 FEMALE

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY.
PLEASE RETURN IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED BY JUNE 6TH 2005.**