

# City of Cerritos Resident and Business Studies

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#### Research Objectives

- Gather unbiased, representative data on residents' and business owners' opinions of City issues
- Evaluate satisfaction with City programs and services
- Identify best candidates for service improvement
- Compare findings with 1999 data
- Gather additional attitudinal, demographic, and behavioral information on City residents and business owners



#### Methodology: Resident Survey

Technique: Telephone Interviewing

Interview Length: 23 minutes

Universe: Adult residents in City

Languages: English, Mandarin, Korean,

**Spanish** 

• Field Dates: June 6 – 17 and June 21 - 23

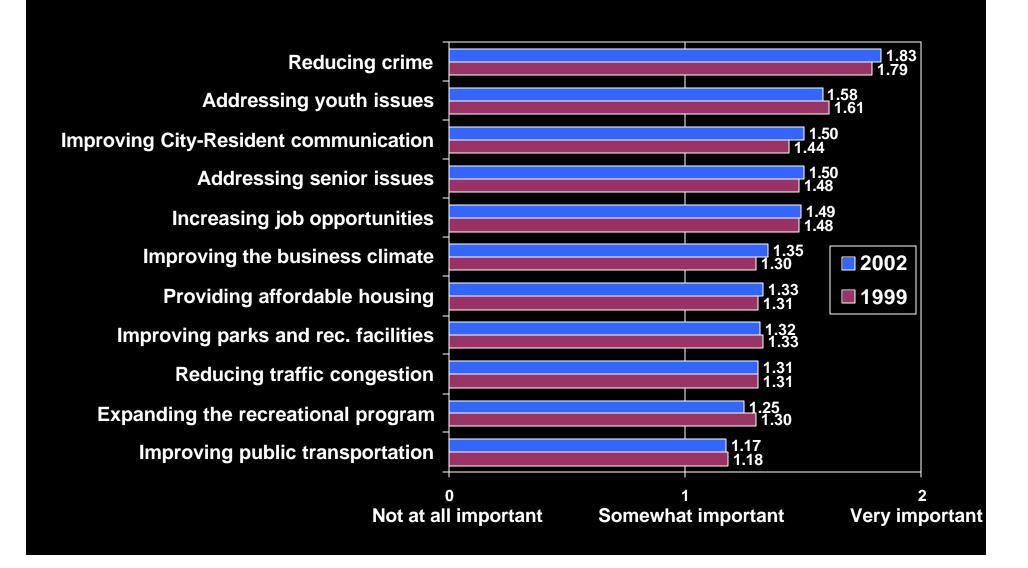
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Sample Size: N = 421

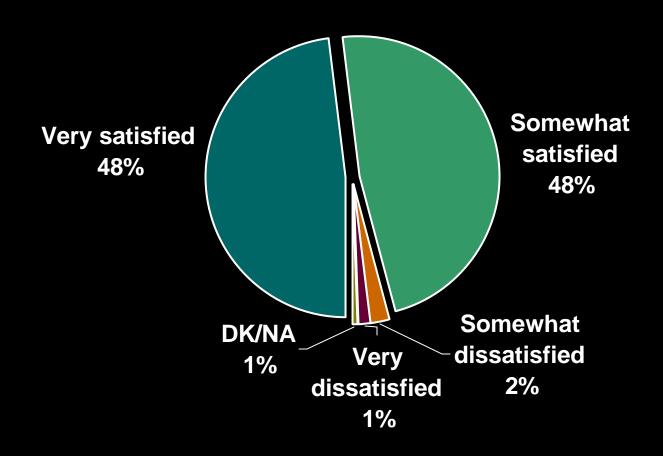
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#### Importance of Local Issues

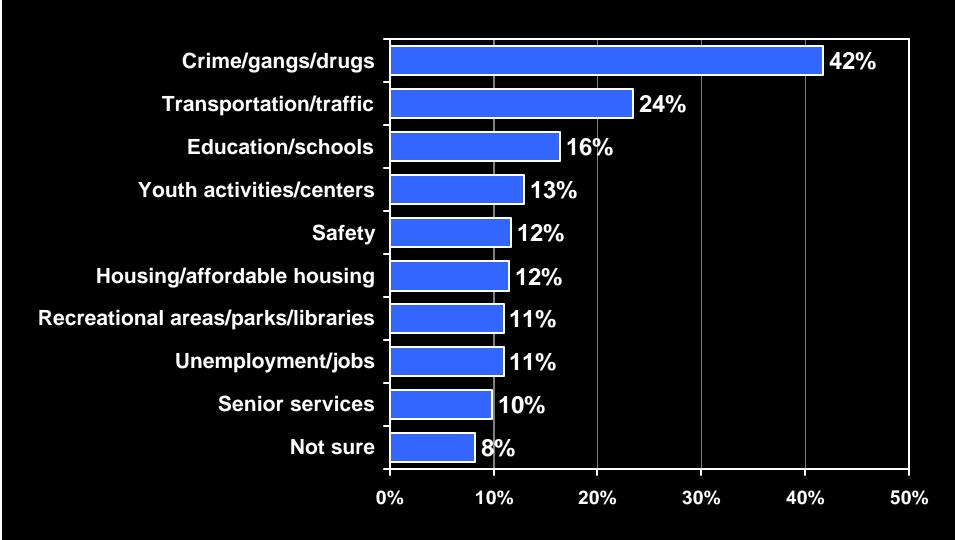


## Satisfaction with Provision of City Services



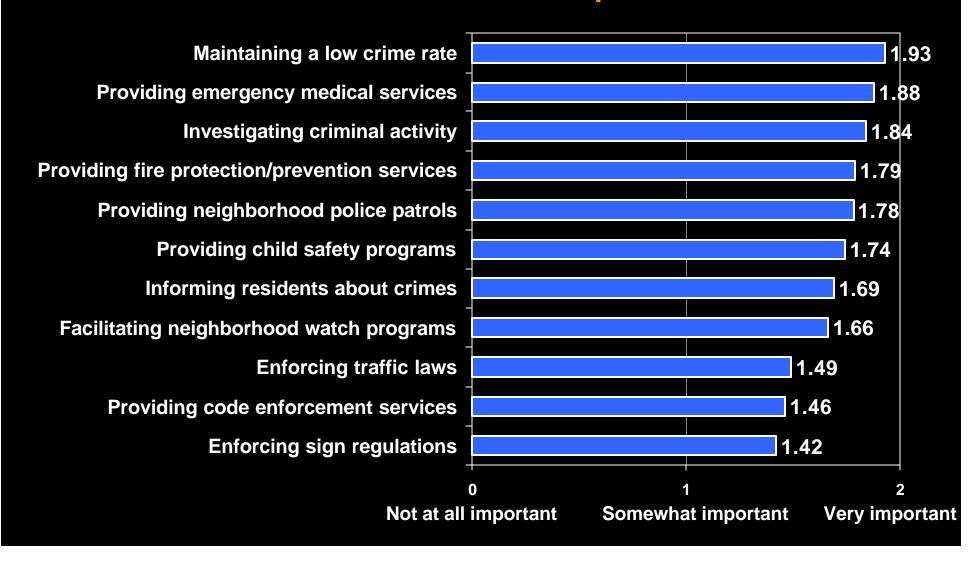


#### Most Important Issues





# Importance of Community Safety, Sheriff's, and Fire Dept. Services



# Satisfaction with Community Safety, Sheriff's, and Fire Dept. Services

Provide fire protection/ prevention services 1.49 **Provide emergency medical services** 1.45 Maintain a low crime rate 1.26 **Investigate criminal activity** 1.19 **Enforce sign regulations** 1.18 **Enforce traffic laws** 1.18 **Provide child safety programs** 1.17 Provide code enforcement services 1.11 Provide neighborhood police patrols 1.10 0.93 Facilitate neighborhood watch programs Inform residents about crimes in the City 0.70 **Neutral** Somewhat



## Satisfaction-Importance Ratios: Community Safety, Sheriff's, and Fire Dept. Services

	Satisfaction	Importance	2002 Ratio
Inform residents about crimes in the City	0.70	1.69	0.41
Facilitate neighborhood watch programs	0.93	1.66	0.56
Provide neighborhood police patrols	1.10	1.78	0.62
Investigate criminal activity	1.19	1.84	0.65
Maintain a low crime rate	1.26	1.93	0.65
Provide child safety programs	1.17	1.74	0.67
Provide code enforcement services	1.11	1.46	0.76
Provide emergency medical services	1.45	1.88	0.77
Enforce traffic laws	1.18	1.49	0.79
Enforce sign regulations	1.18	1.42	0.83
Provide fire protection and prevention services	1.49	1.79	0.83



## 1999 and 2002 Ratios: Community Safety, Sheriff's, and Fire Dept. Services

	1999 Ratio	2002 Ratio	1999 Priority	2002 Priority
Inform residents about crimes in the City	0.44	0.41	1	1
Facilitate neighborhood watch programs	0.58	0.56	2	2
Provide neighborhood police patrols	0.62	0.62	3	3
Investigate criminal activity	0.63	0.65	4	4
Maintain a low crime rate	0.67	0.65	6	5
Provide child safety programs	0.66	0.67	5	6
Provide code enforcement services	NA	0.76	NA	7
Provide emergency medical services	0.74	0.77	7	8
Enforce traffic laws	0.77	0.79	8	9
Enforce sign regulations	0.90	0.83	10	10
Provide fire protection and prevention services	0.79	0.83	9	11



### Satisfaction-Importance Ratios: Community Development Services

	Satisfaction	Importance	2002 Ratio
Promote economic development	1.29	1.64	0.79
Enforce zoning regulations	1.19	1.37	0.87
Inspect buildings	1.25	1.43	0.87
Issue building permits	1.23	1.39	0.88



### 1999 and 2002 Ratios: Community Development Services

	1999 Ratio	2002 Ratio	1999 Priority	2002 Priority
Promote economic development	0.83	0.79	2	1
Enforce zoning regulations	0.86	0.87	4	2
Inspect buildings	0.81	0.87	1	3
Issue building permits	0.84	0.88	3	4



## Satisfaction-Importance Ratios: Public Works Services

	Satisfaction	Importance	2002 Ratio
Reduce traffic congestion	1.14	1.71	0.67
Coordinate traffic signals	1.22	1.77	0.69
Prevent stormwater flooding	1.34	1.76	0.76
Maintain local streets and roads	1.41	1.79	0.79
Maintain trees	1.36	1.68	0.81
Provide street sweeping services	1.52	1.75	0.87
Maintain public buildings	1.57	1.73	0.91
Maintain street medians	1.50	1.64	0.91
Maintain parks and picnic areas	1.61	1.71	0.94



## 1999 and 2002 Ratios: Public Works Services

	1999 Ratio	2002 Ratio	1999 Priority	2002 Priority
Reduce traffic congestion	0.74	0.67	3	1
Coordinate traffic signals	0.70	0.69	1	2
Prevent stormwater flooding	0.76	0.76	4	3
Maintain local streets and roads	0.72	0.79	2	4
Maintain trees	0.86	0.81	6	5
Provide street sweeping services	0.89	0.87	8	6
Maintain public buildings	0.88	0.91	7	7
Maintain street medians	0.93	0.91	9	8
Maintain parks and picnic areas	0.85	0.94	5	9



# Satisfaction-Importance Ratios: Additional City Services

	Satisfaction	Importance	2002 Ratio
Provide educational courses	1.44	1.78	0.81
Work with the various cultural groups in the City	1.31	1.52	0.86
Enforce parking regulations	1.24	1.42	0.87
Operate the Cerritos Library	1.68	1.85	0.91
Provide government services on the City's website	1.17	1.28	0.91
Provide athletic programs	1.47	1.57	0.94
Provide athletic facilities	1.51	1.60	0.94
Operate the Cerritos Senior Center	1.57	1.66	0.95
Operate the Performing Arts Center	1.56	1.53	1.02



# 1999 and 2002 Ratios: Additional City Services

	1999 Ratio	2002 Ratio	1999 Priority	2002 Priority
Provide educational courses	0.81	0.81	2	1
Work with the various cultural groups in the City	0.80	0.86	1	2
Enforce parking regulations	0.91	0.87	5	3
Operate the Cerritos Library	0.90	0.91	4	4
Provide government services on the City's website	NA	0.91	NA	5
Provide athletic programs	0.83	0.94	3	6
Provide athletic facilities	0.91	0.94	7	7
Operate the Cerritos Senior Center	0.91	0.95	6	8
Operate the Performing Arts Center	1.01	1.02	8	9

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### Top 10 Candidates for Service Improvement

	Department	1999 Ratio	2002 Ratio	1999 Priority	2002 Priority
Inform residents about crimes in the City	Comm. & Safety	0.44	0.41	1	1
Facilitate neighborhood watch programs	Comm. & Safety	0.58	0.56	2	2
Provide neighborhood police patrols	Comm. & Safety	0.62	0.62	3	3
Investigate criminal activity	Comm. & Safety	0.63	0.65	4	4
Maintain a low crime rate	Comm. & Safety	0.67	0.65	6	5
Reduce traffic congestion	Public Works	0.74	0.67	9	6
Provide child safety programs	Comm. & Safety	0.66	0.67	5	7
Coordinate traffic signals	Public Works	0.70	0.69	7	8
Provide code enforcement services	Comm. & Safety	NA	0.76	NA	9
Prevent stormwater flooding	Public Works	0.76	0.76	11	10



# Enforcement of Overnight Parking Regulation

	1999	2002	99 to 02 Change
Sample Size	400	367	
Less strict	39.8%	31.8%	-8.0%
Same	40.3%	52.3%	12.0%
More strict	18.8%	13.3%	-5.4%
DK/NA	1.3%	2.6%	1.4%



# Satisfaction with Performing Arts Center Programming

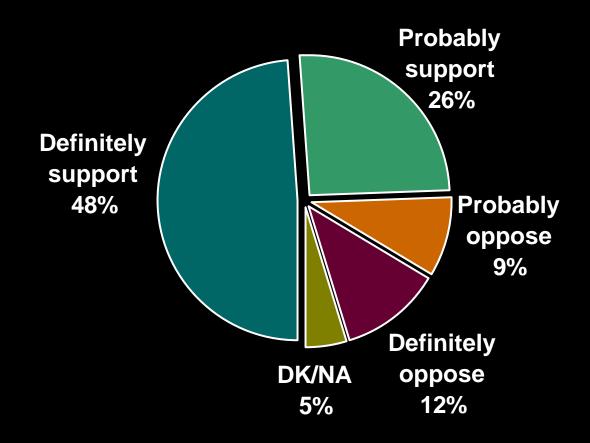
	1999	2002	99 to 02 Change
Sample Size	400	421	
Very satisfied	47.5%	44.5%	-3.0%
Somewhat satisfied	37.0%	38.6%	1.6%
Somewhat dissatisfied	6.3%	4.6%	-1.6%
Very dissatisfied	2.8%	7.1%	4.4%
DK/NA	6.5%	5.2%	-1.3%



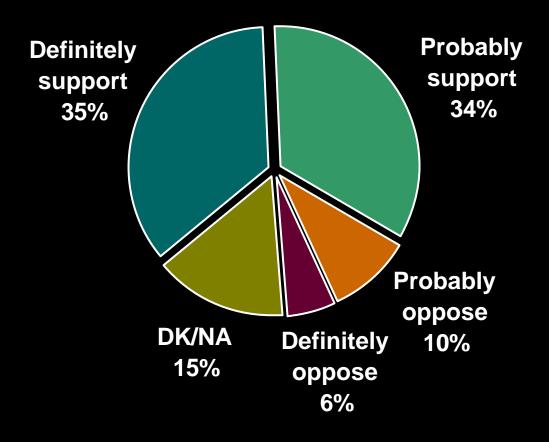
# Amount of Financial Support Provided to Performing Arts Center

	1999	2002	99 to 02 Change
Sample Size	400	421	
Increased	25.3%	18.2%	-7.1%
Same	51.8%	57.6%	5.9%
Decreased	11.0%	10.7%	-0.3%
DK/NA	12.0%	13.4%	1.4%

# Support for Privately Financed Monorail System



## Support Term Limits for Council Members





### Satisfaction-Importance Ratios: Recreation Programs and Activities

	Satisfaction	Importance	2002 Ratio
After school recreation programs	1.23	1.64	0.75
Teen recreation activities	1.29	1.60	0.81
Youth sports programs	1.42	1.62	0.88
Children's recreation activities	1.54	1.68	0.92
Senior recreation activities	1.44	1.57	0.92
Adult sports programs	1.28	1.37	0.93
Family recreation activities	1.43	1.53	0.93
Special events like concerts	1.44	1.42	1.01

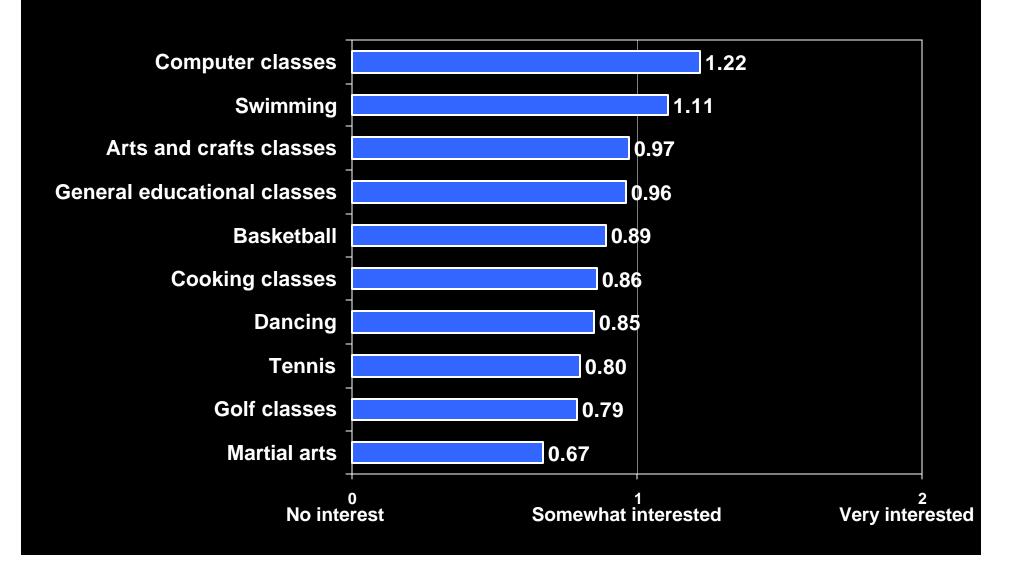


### 1999 and 2002 Ratios: Recreation Programs and Activities

	1999 Ratio	2002 Ratio	1999 Priority	2002 Priority
After school recreation programs	0.66	0.75	1	1
Teen recreation activities	0.73	0.81	2	2
Youth sports programs	0.80	0.88	6	3
Children's recreation activities	0.79	0.92	5	4
Senior recreation activities	0.81	0.92	7	5
Adult sports programs	0.79	0.93	4	6
Family recreation activities	0.79	0.93	3	7
Special events like concerts	0.99	1.01	8	8



#### Interest in Recreation Programs

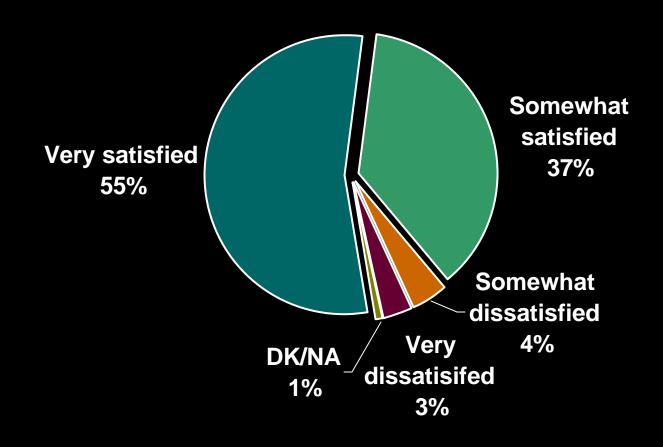




## Perceptions of Parks and Recreation Facilities



## Satisfaction with City-Resident Communication





#### Internet Access at Home

	1999	2002	99 to 02 Change
Sample Size	336	371	
Yes	83.0%	90.2%	7.1%
No	16.7%	9.2%	-7.4%
Refused	0.3%	0.6%	0.3%



### Visited City of Cerritos Website

	1999	2002	99 to 02 Change
Sample Size	400	421	
Yes	26.8%	39.3%	12.5%
No	72.8%	60.1%	-12.7%
Refused	0.5%	0.6%	0.1%



#### Methodology: Business Survey

Technique: Telephone Interviewing

Interview Length: 15 minutes

• Universe: Cerritos business owners /

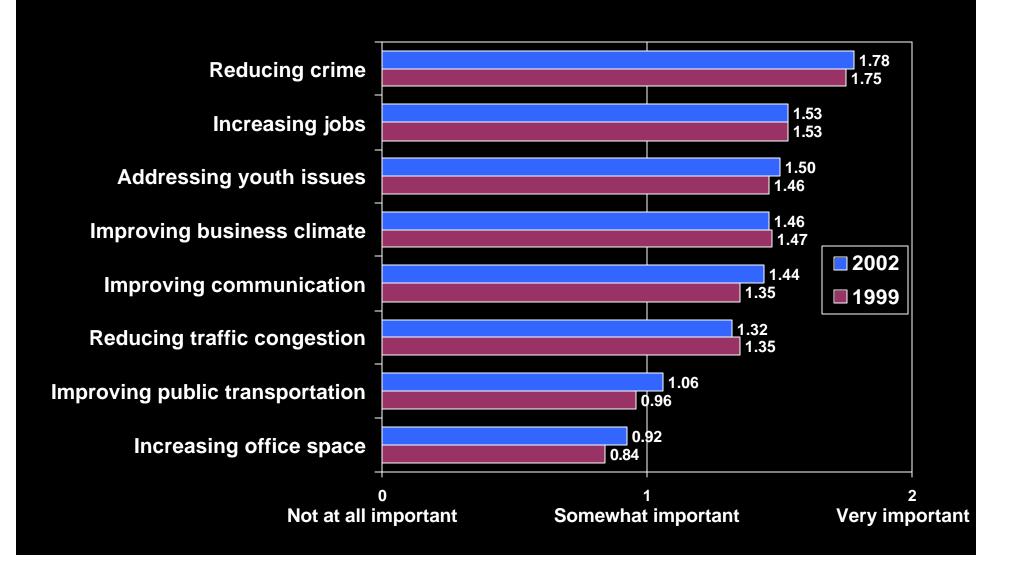
principals

• Field Dates: June 2 - 16

• Sample Size: N = 200

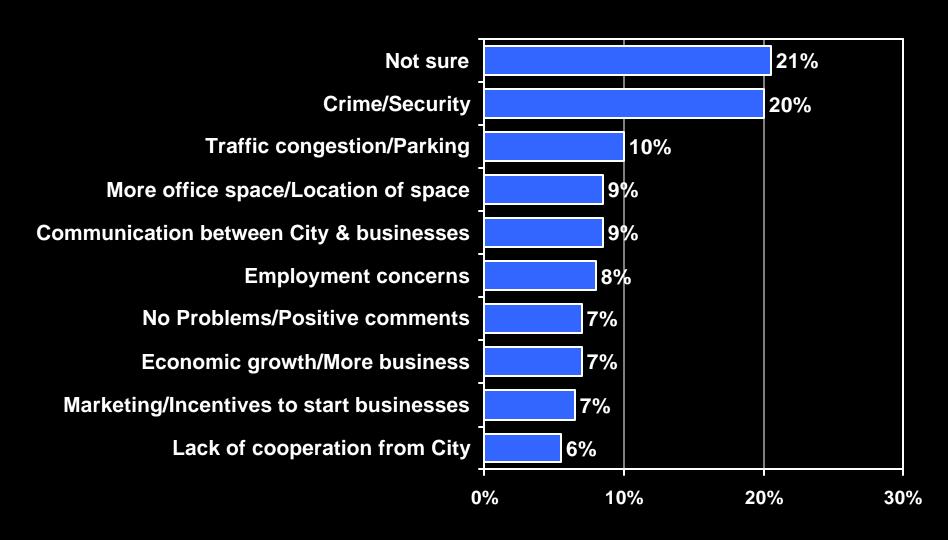
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#### Importance of Local Issues

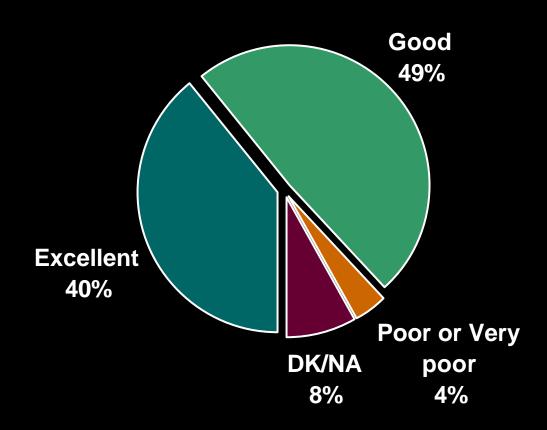




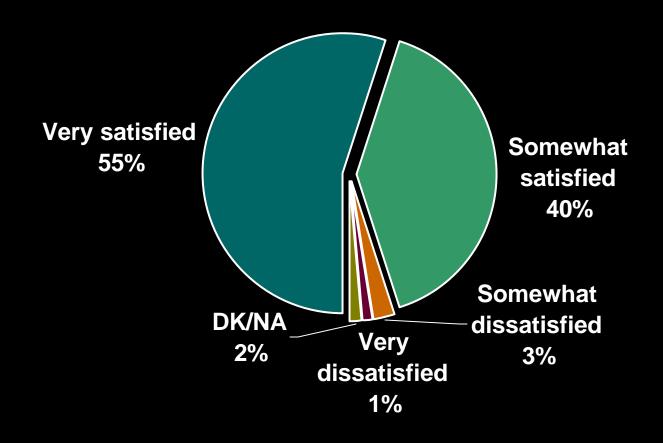
#### Most Important Issues



#### Business Climate in Cerritos



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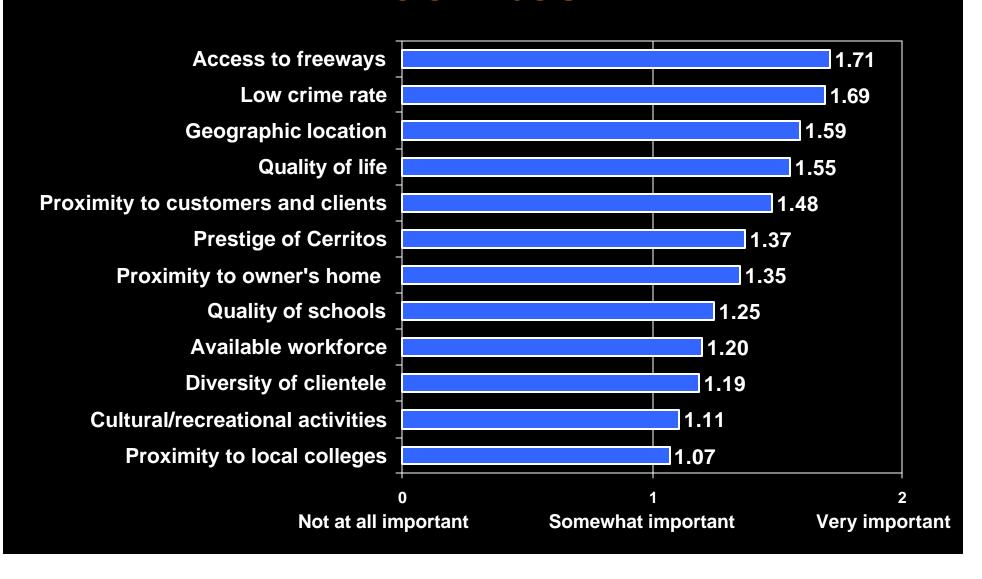


### Top 10 Candidates for Service Improvement

	Department	1999 Ratio	2002 Ratio	1999 Priority	2002 Priority
Inform businesses about crimes	Sheriff/Fire	0.45	0.44	1	1
Investigate criminal activity	Sheriff/Fire	0.66	0.63	5	2
Maintain low crime rate	Sheriff/Fire	0.64	0.73	4	3
Reduce traffic congestion	Public Works	0.73	0.74	8	4
Maintain streets and roads	Public Works	0.69	0.76	6	5
Coordinate traffic signals	Public Works	0.86	0.79	17	6
Promote economic development	Comm. Develop.	0.70	0.81	7	7
Promote redevelopment	Comm. Develop.	0.85	0.84	16	8
Provide building permit services	Comm. Develop.	0.78	0.85	10	9
Promote shopping	Admin.	0.87	0.88	19	10



## Reasons for Locating Business in Cerritos





### Perception of City's Sign Policy

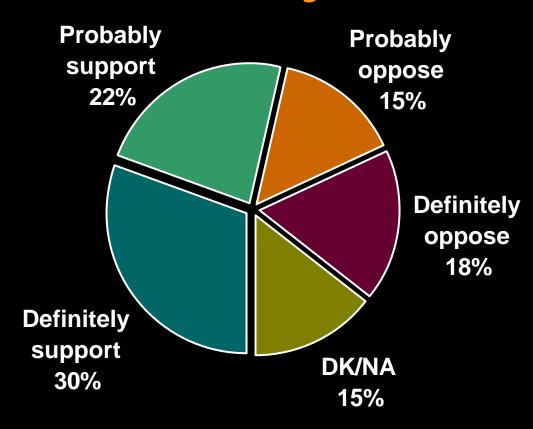
	1999	2002	99 to 02 Change
Sample Size	200	200	
Too restrictive	39.0%	23.5%	-15.5%
About right	29.0%	30.0%	1.0%
Not restrictive enough	1.0%	2.5%	1.5%
No opinion	30.5%	42.5%	12.0%
Refused	0.5%	1.5%	1.0%



### Enforcement of City's Sign Policy

	1999	2002	99 to 02 Change
Sample Size	200	200	
Very fair	21.5%	24.5%	3.0%
Somewhat fair	26.5%	31.5%	5.0%
Somewhat unfair	8.5%	10.5%	2.0%
Very unfair	9.5%	3.5%	-6.0%
Don't know	33.5%	26.0%	-7.5%
Refused	0.5%	4.0%	3.5%

# Support for Privately Financed Monorail System





## Satisfaction with City-Business Communication

	1999	2002	99 to 02 Change
Sample Size	200	200	
Very satisfied	32.0%	52.5%	20.5%
Somewhat satisfied	47.0%	32.0%	-15.0%
Somewhat dissatisfied	9.5%	6.0%	-3.5%
Very dissatisfied	4.0%	3.5%	-0.5%
DK/NA	7.5%	6.0%	-1.5%



#### Internet Access at Business

	1999	2002	99 to 02 Change
Sample Size	152	163	
Yes	81.6%	80.4%	-1.2%
No	17.8%	19.0%	1.3%
Refused	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%
DK/NA	0.7%	0.0%	-0.7%



#### Business has Website

	1999	2002	99 to 02 Change
Sample Size	200	200	
Yes	39.0%	53.0%	14.0%
No	59.5%	45.5%	-14.0%
Refused	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%
DK/NA	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%



### Visited City of Cerritos Website

	1999	2002	99 to 02 Change
Sample Size	200	200	
Yes	21.5%	41.0%	19.5%
No	78.5%	57.5%	-21.0%
Refused	0.0%	1.5%	1.5%

#### Conclusions



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