

CITY POINT LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY

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Address: _____ Year Purchased: _____ Owner Name: _____

A. If you purchased your home *after* the vote on creating the City Point Local Historic District:

1. Were you aware that you were buying a home in a Local Historic District (LHD)?		Yes	No
2. Was the fact that your home is in a LHD a positive or negative factor in your decision to purchase it?	Negative	Neither	Positive
	1	2	3
			4
			5

B. Impact of the Local Historic District (LHD)

1. In terms of the City Point neighborhood as a whole, do you believe that the advantages of having a Local Historic District have outweighed the disadvantages?		Yes	No
2. Overall, are you currently less in favor or more in favor of the LHD than you were when you first moved to City Point?	Less in Favor	More in Favor	
	1	2	3
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3. All other factors aside, do you believe that the LHD has increased or decreased your home's value?	Decreased	Increased	
	1	2	3
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			5
4. Are you happy with the effect that you believe the LHD has had on your home's value?		Yes	No
5. How rigid or flexible do you believe that the Historic District Commission <i>has been</i> in interpreting the LHD regulations?	Very Rigid	Very Flexible	
	1	2	3
			4
			5
6. How rigid or flexible do you believe that the Historic District Commission <i>should be</i> in interpreting the LHD regulations?	More Rigid	More Flexible	
	1	2	3
			4
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7. How much do you personally know about what the LHD regulations <i>require</i> of you as a homeowner?	Very Little	A Great Deal	
	1	2	3
			4
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8. How much , if at all, have the LHD regulations <i>changed</i> how you maintain your home?	Not at All	Significantly	
	1	2	3
			4
			5
9. Overall, how easy or difficult do you find it to comply with the LHD regulations?	Very Difficult	Very Easy	
	1	2	3
			4
			5
10. How expensive have you found it to comply with LHD regulations?	Very Inexpensive	Very Expensive	
	1	2	3
			4
			5
11. How much, if at all, does it bother you that you have to comply with the LHD regulations?	Not at All	Significantly	
	1	2	3
			4
			5
12. Has the existence of the LHD led you take better care of your home than you would have <i>without</i> the LHD?		Yes	No
13. Do you believe that the existence of the LHD has led your <i>neighbors</i> take better care of <i>their</i> homes than they would have without the LHD?		Yes	No

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14. Do you know of neighbors who engaged in renovations or other changes immediately <i>prior</i> to the LHD becoming effective, in order to avoid the LHD permit process?	Yes	No
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If yes, what kinds of activities (replacing windows, building additions, renovations, etc.)?

15. Because of the LHD regulations, have you avoided engaging in certain maintenance/renovation projects that you would have pursued otherwise?	Yes	No
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If yes, what kinds of activities (replacing windows, building additions, renovations, etc.)?

16. Were you aware that state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credits are available for owners of properties in historic districts?	Yes	No
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17. If yes, have you ever taken advantage of these state or federal historic rehabilitation tax credits?	Yes	No
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18. Is your home marked with a City Point Historic District plaque?	Yes	No
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19. If no, would you ever consider purchasing such a plaque?	Yes	No
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C. The Effect of the LHD on the City Point Community

1. Do you believe that residents in City Point generally have good relations with their neighbors?	Yes	No
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2. Personally, how well would you say that you know your City Point neighbors?	Not Well at All					Very Well				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

3. To what extent do you believe the process of forming the City Point LHD improved community cohesion and neighborliness?	Not at All					Greatly				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

4. How much do you trust your neighbors to comply voluntarily with the LHD regulations?	Not Very Much					Highly				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

5. How comfortable would you feel telling a neighbor that you believed they were not in compliance with LHD regulations?	Very Uncomfortable					Very Comfortable				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

6. Are you a member of the City Point neighborhood association?	Yes	No
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7. How effective do you believe the neighborhood association has been in improving the quality of the neighborhood?	Ineffective					Very Effective				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

D. The Future

3. Without a City Point LHD, what do you believe would be the overall quality of life in City Point ten years from now?	Worse		No Change			Better	
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2

4. Do you believe that the City Point neighborhood is “gentrifying”?	Yes	No
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5. If yes, how much of a role do you believe that the LHD has played in this gentrification?	No Role					A Large Role				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

6. Also if yes, how much does the issue of gentrification concern you in regards to the City Point neighborhood as a whole?	Very Little					Very Much				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

7. Would you be in favor of expanding the City Point LHD above I-95 at some time in the future?	Yes	No
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME!