

TO: Interested Neighbors and Community members

**FROM: Neighborhood Planning Council Leadership
City Councilman C. J. Potter, First District**

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

As many of you know, Wilmington has been experiencing considerable growth and redevelopment along the Christina Riverfront; along several major roadway corridors; and within many communities. While much has been accomplished and many projects have been completed, we both know that a lot more needs to get done. With that said, I'm collaborating with the leaders and membership of the Neighborhood Planning Councils in an effort that will guide future development efforts to revitalize our communities and neighborhoods. A first step in this effort is to identify the specific needs of neighborhoods and communities by conducting a needs assessment.

Your responses on the enclosed questionnaire are important. The questionnaire does not ask for your name – in fact you don't have to identify yourself at all. However, the more households that submit a completed questionnaire, the better the data can be as representative of the overall community's interests. The tabulated responses will help the NPC leadership, the elected officials from your areas, and others more strategically represent your neighborhood revitalization concerns and community improvement issues as well as the community's needs.

The completed questionnaires should be forwarded to:

**1st District City Councilman Charles Potter, Jr.
Wilmington City Council
Louis L. Redding City County Building
800 North French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801**

Thank you.

Neighborhood Planning Council Workshop
April 19, 2008
Neighborhood Needs Questionnaire

Kindly Mark (X or check mark) those items that apply to you or your household. Also fill-in the information where necessary. Please print.

Unless otherwise stated, please base your responses and answers on the experiences of you or members of your household during the last 12 months.

Today's Date Is _____

Part 1: Housing Assessment

- A. Number of years living in Wilmington _____
- B. Name of the street where you live _____
- C. What is the street intersection (e.g. two streets - Eastlawn Avenue & North Heald Street) closest to where you live _____
- D. Number of years in your current home _____
- E. In the place where you live, are you renting or buying (Circle one)?
- F. How many people live in your current home _____
- G. How many people under 18 years of age live in your current home _____
- H. What type of fuel is used to heat your home in the winter? Electricity; Home Heating Oil; Natural Gas; Wood Stove; Coal; Other_____
- I. During the past 12 months, have you experienced any problems in your dwelling that affected your family's health? Yes No
- J. If you answered "Yes" to **Question I**, how did the problem[s] get solved? (Check all that apply)
 - 1. _____ problem fixed itself or went away
 - 2. _____ landlord repaired problem
 - 3. _____ owner repaired problem
 - 4. _____ friend, family member, relative repaired problem
 - 5. _____ owner hired professional/handyman repaired problem
 - 6. _____ problem continues
- K. If you answered "Yes" to **Question I**, did the problem affect your family's health?
 Yes No

Part 2: Social Assessment

- A. What is the gender of the person completing this survey? _____ Male _____ Female
- B. What is the race/ethnicity of the person completing this survey?
_____ White Alone _____ Black Alone _____ American Indian or Alaskan Native
Alone _____ Asian Alone _____ Native Hawaiian or South Pacific Islander Alone
_____ Some other race alone _____ Two or more races _____ Hispanic
- C. What is the age of the person completing this survey? _____
- D. If anyone lives with you, please list their relationship to you, their ages, and their gender.

- E. Do any persons listed in Question D attend school (Mark All that Apply)
1. _____ Public School 2. _____ Charter School
3. _____ Home Schooled 4. _____ Private School
5. _____ Parochial or faith based School 6. _____ 2- year tech./community college
7. _____ 4-year college/undergraduate school 8. _____ graduate/professional school
- F. Mark the highest level of education attained by the person completing this survey.
a. _____ No schooling completed
b. _____ Completed 9th grade
c. _____ Completed 12th grade no diploma
d. _____ High School Diploma or GED
e. _____ Some (1 or more years) college, no degree
f. _____ Specialized Training Certificate
g. _____ Associate's Degree
h. _____ Bachelor's Degree
i. _____ Master's Degree
j. _____ Professional Degree
k. _____ Doctorate Degree
- G. Do you or does anyone in your home have a mobility impairment or a certified disability?
_____ Yes _____ No
- H. How long have you or the person living in your household had a mobility impairment or a medically certified disability?
1. _____ One year or less 2. _____ Two to 5 years 3. _____ Six to 8 years
4. _____ Nine years or more
- I. Are you employed outside of the home? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Retired
- J. If you are employed outside of the home, what type of employment is it _____ Full time
_____ Part time _____ Retired
- K. How do you most often travel to work to your job site?
_____ Drive alone _____ Car Pool _____ Ride Mass Transit (bus, train, etc.) _____ Other

L. How long does it typically take you to travel directly to your job site from your home?

M. Do you or members of your household visit or use the parks or recreational areas located closest to your home? _____ Yes _____ No

N. If yes, how often do you or members of your household use the parks or recreational areas closest to your home?

____ Daily ____ Once per weekly ____ 2 to 4 Times Per Week ____ Once Per Month
____ Less than once every couple of months ____ Rarely (Once per season)
____ Never

O. If not, please list some reasons why you do not use the parks or recreational areas located closest to your home.

Part 3: Economic Development

A. What is your estimated annual household income from all sources? Please mark the highest level that applies.

____ Less than \$10,000	_____ \$11,000 to \$14,999
____ \$15,000 to \$19,999	_____ \$20,000 to \$24,999
____ \$25,000 to \$29,999	_____ \$30,000 to \$34,999
____ \$35,000 to \$39,999	_____ \$40,000 to \$44,999
____ \$45,000 to \$49,999	_____ \$50,999 to \$54,999
____ \$55,000 to \$59,999	_____ \$60,999 to \$64,999
____ \$65,000 to \$69,999	_____ \$70,999 to \$74,999
____ \$75,000 to \$79,999	_____ \$80,999 to \$84,999
____ \$85,000 to \$89,999	_____ \$90,999 to \$94,999
____ \$95,000 to \$99,999	_____ \$100,999 to \$124,999
____ \$125,999 to \$150,000	_____ \$150,999 to \$199,999
____ \$200,000 or more	

B. How often do you buy groceries (Spending at least \$25.00 or more per trip)?

____ Weekly ____ Twice per Month ____ 3 or more times per Month

C. When you need to buy groceries spending more than \$25.00 per trip, where do shop? (list the grocery store name[s] & location[s])

D. If you need to spend less \$25.00 for food that will be prepared in the home, where do you shop? (list the grocery store name[s] & location[s])

- E. When you need to buy clothing spending more than \$25.00 per trip, where do shop? (list the store name[s] & location[s])

- F. If you need to spend less \$25.00 for clothing items, where do you shop? (list the store name[s] & location[s])

- G. How do you most often travel to the grocery store or the clothing store?

_____ Drove alone _____ Car Pooled _____ Rode Mass Transit (bus, train, etc.)

- H. Do you have a bank or savings institution that you regularly use for:

_____ Savings _____ Checking _____ Other

- I. Would you like to see more residential dwellings located near where you currently live?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Uncertain

- J. If you answered “Yes” to Question I, what types of residential dwellings would you like to see located near where you presently live?

_____ Single Family Homes for Sale _____ Condominiums
_____ Apartments _____ Other types residential dwellings

- K. If you answered “No” to Question I, please list some reasons why you would not want to see more residential dwelling located where you currently live.

- L. What retail businesses would you like to see located within a short walking distance (15 minutes or less) of where you presently live?

- M. What other type services or community resources would you like to see located close to where you live? Please list as many as you can.

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return this community needs assessment survey.