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City of Fridley Residential Survey FINAL NOVEMBER 2013

Hello, I'm ______ of the Morris Leatherman Company, a polling firm located in Minneapolis. We have been retained by the City of Fridley to speak with a random sample of residents about issues facing the community. This survey is being conducted because the City Council and City Staff are interested in your opinions and suggestions about current and future city needs. I want to assure you that all individual responses will be held strictly confidential; only summaries of the entire sample will be reported.

- 1. Approximately how many years have LESS THAN TWO YEARS....5% you lived in Fridley? TWO TO FIVE YEARS.....15% FIVE TO TEN YEARS.....16% TEN TO TWENTY YEARS....20% 20 TO 30 YEARS......18%
 - OVER THIRTY YEARS.....26% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
- 2. As things now stand, how long in the future do you expect to live in Fridley?

 LESS THAN TWO YEARS.....7%

 TWO TO FIVE YEARS.....7%
 - LESS THAN TWO YEARS....4%
 TWO TO FIVE YEARS....7%
 FIVE TO TEN YEARS.....10%
 OVER TEN YEARS.....11%
 REST OF LIFE.......52%
 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....15%
- 3. What do you like most, if anything, about living in Fridley?
 - UNSURE, 1%; NOTHING, 2%; CONVENIENT LOCATION, 25%; CLOSE TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS, 17%; CLOSE TO JOB, 16%; SAFE, 5%; SMALL TOWN FEEL, 18%; PARKS AND TRAILS, 2%; FRIENDLY PEOPLE, 4%; NEIGHBORHOOD/HOUSING, 2%; CLOSE TO SHOPPING, 4%; SCHOOLS, 2%; SCATTERED, 2%.
- 4. What do you think is the most serious issue facing Fridley today?

UNSURE, 9%; NOTHING, 41%; HIGH TAXES, 4%; RISING CRIME, 21%; LACK OF JOBS, 5%; AGING INFRASTRUCTURE, 7%; PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, 5%; DRINKING WATER, 2%; STREET MAINTENANCE, 2%; SCATTERED, 5%.

5. What, if anything, is currently missing from the City of Fridley which, if present, would greatly improve the quality of life for residents? UNSURE, 9%; NOTHING, 48%; COMMUNITY CENTER, 4%; JOBS, 4%; RESTAURANTS, 6%; RETAIL, 9%; BETTER MAINTENANCE, 6%: ENTERTAINMENT, 2%; DOWNTOWN AREA, 3%; PARKS AND TRAILS, 2%; SCATTERED, 7%. How would you rate the quality of EXCELLENT......28% life in Fridley - excellent, good, GOOD......60% only fair, or poor? POOR.....0% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....0% 7. Which of the following two state- STATEMENT A..........68% STATEMENT B......27% ments comes closer to your BOTH OF ABOVE.....6% feelings: I call Fridley "home," OR NEITHER.....0% (A) DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0% Fridley is just a place to (B) live; I'd be just as happy elsewhere. community identity and the sense GOOD.................61% of neighborliness in Fridley -- ONLY FAIR......22% -- excellent, good, only fair or POOR............2% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....0% poor? To which of the following do you STATEMENT A......24% feel a closer connection to: STATEMENT B.........58% B) Your neighborhood, or C) Your school district? DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0% All in all, do you think things in RIGHT DIRECTION......85% Fridley are generally headed in WRONG TRACK......9% the right direction, or do you DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....6% feel things are off on the wrong

I would like to read you a list of characteristics of a community. For each one, please tell me if you think Fridley currently has too many or too much, too few or too little, or about the right amount.

track?

		MANY MUCH	FEW/ LITT		D.K./ REF.	
11.	affordable housing, defined by				-	
	the Metropolitan Council as a					
	single family home costing less					
	than \$160,250?	12%	12%		14%	
12.	affordable rental units?	20%	11%	55%	15%	
13.	luxury rental units?	3%	29%	46%	23%	
14.	condominiums?	3%	20%	58%	19%	
15.	townhouses?	4%	16%	66% 63%	15%	
16.	starter homes for young families?	8% 2%	19% 24%	63% 59%	10% 15%	
17. 18.	<pre>"move up" housing? higher cost housing?</pre>	4%	28%	53%	16%	
19.	nursing homes?	1%	29%		19%	
20.	assisted living for seniors?	1%	32%	49%	19%	
21.	one level housing for seniors	Τ.0	J2 %	490	195	
Z I •	maintained by an association?	0%	38%	37%	25%	
22.	parks and open spaces?	2%	5%	92%	2%	
23.	trails and bikeways?	1%	5%	91%	3%	
24.	service establishments?	1%	17%	80%	3%	
25.	retail shopping opportunities?	0%	41%		1%	
26.	entertainment establishments?	1%	50%		1%	
27.	dining establishments?	1%	42%	57%	1%	
28.	day care opportunities?	0%	6%	50%	44%	
29.	How would you rate the general appearance of your neighborhood excellent, good, only fair, or or poor?	EXCELLENT				
30 .	How would you rate general appearance of business and commercial areas in the city - excellent, good, only fair or poor?					
_	erty tax revenues are divided among ty, and your local public school di		_	Fridle	y, Anoka	
31.	For each dollar of the property taxes you pay, about what percentage do you think goes to city government? (READ #1-#6)	11 TO 21 TO 31 TO 41 TO OVER	20 PE 30 PE 40 PE 50 PE 50 PER	OR LESS RCENT RCENT RCENT RCENT CENT REFUSED	31% 22% 7% 4%	

32.	Do you consider the city portion of your property taxes to be very high, somewhat high, about average, somewhat low, or very low in comparison with neighboring cities?	VERY HIGH				
In 2013, the actual percentage of your property taxes going to the City of Fridley was thirty percent.						
33.	Would you favor or oppose an increase in YOUR city property tax if it were needed to maintain city services at their current level?	FAVOR				
34.	And, would you favor or oppose an increase in YOUR city property tax if it were used to improve and enhance current city services?	OPPOSE42%				
35.	When you consider the property taxes you pay and the quality of city services you receive, would you rate the general value of city services as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	EXCELLENT				

I would like to read you a list of a few city services. For each one, please tell me whether you would rate the quality of the service as excellent, good, only fair, or poor? (ROTATE)

		EXCL	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DK/R
36.	Police protection?	39%	55%	5%	1%	1%
37.	Fire protection?	47%	51%	1%	0%	2%
38.	Recycling?	33%	63%	2%	1%	2%
39.	Storm drainage and flood					
	control?	13%	71%	10%	0%	7%
40.	Park maintenance?	28%	65%	6%	1%	1%
41.	City-sponsored recreation					
	programs?	20%	61%	7%	1%	12%
42.	Animal control?	11%	67%	9%	1%	13%
43.	Code enforcement?	13%	60%	16%	3%	9%

Now, for the next three city services, please consider only their job on city-maintained street and roads. That means

excluding interstate highways, state and county roads that are taken care of by other levels of government. Hence, Interstate 694, Highway 65, or University Avenue, should not be considered. How would you rate

		EXCI	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DK/R
44.	City street repair and maintenance?	98	5 67%	21%	3%	0%
45.	1 2	12%		20%		
46.	Street lighting?	7 %	5 62%	22%	9응	1%
47.	How would you rate the quality drinking water in the City of Fridley excellent, good, on fair, or poor?		GOOD ONLY FA	IR		5% 65% 19% 9%
48.	How concerned are you about th safety of drinking water in th city - are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too co cerned or not at all concerned	e n-	SOMEWHA NOT TOO NOT AT	T CONC CONCE ALL CO	ERNED. RNED NCERNE	12% 31% 27% D30% 1%

Changing topics....

Most communities have one of two systems for garbage collection. In an open collection system, like the City of Fridley currently has, residents choose their hauler from several different companies serving the community. Other cities use an organized collection system, where the City contracts with haulers for collection throughout the city.

IF A RESPONSE IS GIVEN, ASK: (N=326)

	50.	Could you tell me one or two reasons for your decision?	DON'T LIKE C WANT C CHOICE LESS I LESS N LESS F ORGANI	URREN HOICE /LOWE RUCK TREET OISE.	T HAU R COS TRAFF MAIN	LER T IC TENAN	12% 36% 12% 21% CE.3% 2%
Movi	ng on						
_		y know, the City of Fridley ow liquor stores.	ns and	opera	tes t	WO	
51.	cont	ou favor or oppose the City inuing to operate its munici-liquor stores?					4%
	IF "	OPPOSE," ASK: (N=16)					
	52.	Do you still oppose the continued operation of the municipal liquor stores if closing of the liquor stores would result in \$250,000 loss of revenue for the city?	NO				69%
53.		you visited any of these es during the past twelve hs?	YES NO DON'T				41%
	IF "	YES," ASK: (N=237)					
	54.	Which store do you generally shop on University Avenue or Highway 65?	UNIVER HIGHWA DON'T	Y 65.			30%
	crit as e	se rate the store and/or staff eria. For each one, please texcellent, good, only fair, or jion, just say so	ll me i	f you	woul	d rat	_
			EXC	GOO	FAI	P00	DKR
		Product selection? Prices of products?	11% 8%		9% 14%		0% 0%

	57.	Courtesy and friendliness of staff?	26% 70% 3% 0% 0%
Thin	king a	about another topic	
58.		there areas in the City of ley where you do not feel ?	YES
	IF "	YES," ASK: (N=105)	
	59.	In which areas do you not feel	l safe?
		APARTMENTS, 17%; UNIVERSITY ATTRAILS, 2%; EVERYWHERE, 18%; AREAS, 5%; PARKING LOTS, 2%; SCATTERED AREAS, 8%.	RETAIL, 3%; LOW INCOME
	60.	What would make you feel more	safe?
		UNSURE, 5%; MORE POLICE PATROLIGHTS, 16%; LESS LOW INCOME LOITERING, 3%; NOTHING/NO WHI	HOUSING, 3%; LESS
61.		ou feel safe in your immediate aborhood walking alone at :?	
62.	Do yo	ou generally feel safe in your?	YES
63.	polio borho	would you rate the amount of ce patrolling in your neigh- ood too much, about the amount or not enough?	TOO MUCH
64.	trafi in yo	would you rate the amount of fic enforcement by the police our neighborhood too much, tright amount or not enough?	TOO MUCH

65.	How serious of a problem is traf- fic speeding in your neighborhood very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?	SOMEWHAT SERIOUS26%
66.	And, how serious of a problem are stop sign violations in your neighborhood very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?	VERY SERIOUS
67.	Please tell me which one you consi concern in Fridley? If you feel t problems are serious in Fridley, j	hat none of these
	Violent crime	
Cont	inuing	
68.	How would you rate park and recreational facilities in Fridley excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	EXCELLENT
When	you consider your quality of life	in the city
69.	How important are park and recreational facilities to you very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT44%

When you consider the value of your home....

70. How important is the appearance VERY IMPORTANT......41% of your neighborhood park -- very SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT....48% important, somewhat important, not NOT TOO IMPORTANT.....8% too important or not at all important?

NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT...2% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

I will now read you a short list of park and recreational opportunities within the City. First, for each one, please tell me if you or members of your household have used it during the past year. Then, for those you have used, please rate it as excellent, good, only fair, or poor....

		NOT	EXC	G00	FAI	POR	DKR
71.	Larger community parks?	32%	26%	40%	1%	0%	1%
72.	Smaller neighborhood parks?	30%	26%	42%	2%	0%	1%
73.	Trails?	39%	25%	31%	3%	0%	1%
74.	Community ballfields?	60%	14%	23%	1%	0%	2%
75.	In general, do you feel that existing recreational facilities offered by the City meet the needs of you and members of your household?	NO .				• • • • ·	99% 1% 0%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=5)

76. What additional recreational facilities would you like to see the City offer its residents?

MORE TRAILS, 40%; INDOOR POOL, 60%.

Suppose the City of Fridley proposed a parks and recreational facilities referendum which you considered to be a reasonable approach. The proposal would be placed on a referendum ballot for approval by the voters. In order to fund construction, residents would be asked to approve a property tax increase for a twenty year period.

77.	see your prop to fund these say, would yo your monthly crease by \$ STARTING POIN	d you be willing to erty taxes increase improvements? Let's u be willing to see property taxes in? (CHOOSE RANDOM T; MOVE UP OR DOWN RESPONSE) How about th?	NOTHING
Cont	inuing		
78.	hold particip	embers of your house- ated in any City eation programs?	
	IF "YES," ASK	: (N=97)	
	79. Which on	es?	
	SUMMER P	ROGRAMS, 21%; BASEBA	1%; SWIMMING LESSONS, 11%; ALL/SOFTBALL, 17%; YOUTH IS, 4%; SENIOR PROGRAMS,
		satisfied or dis- d with your exper-	SATISFIED
81.	and recreatio	ent mix of City park n programming meet your household?	YES
	IF "NO," ASK:	(N=0)	
	82. What pro	gram(s) do you feel a	re lacking?
	NOT APPL	ICABLE.	
83.	for park and	bers of your househol recreation facilities What would that be?	d currently leave the city or activities? (IF
			KES/BOATING, 16%; SPORTS CENTER, 2%; SCATTERED,

Moving on...

There have been on-going discussions in the community about the need for a Community Center that would provide community gathering space for recreation, programs and meetings.

Spo	ee for reoreacton, programs and meet	go•
84.	Do you support or oppose the construction of a Community Center by the City of Fridley? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?	STRONGLY SUPPORT
85.	If a Community Center were built, how likely would you or members of your household be to use the facility very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?	VERY LIKELY
Sup	construction of the Community Centerpose the City of Fridley proposed a relopment which you considered to be	Community Center
86.	How much would you be willing to see your property taxes increase to fund this construction? Let's say, would you be willing to see your monthly property taxes increase by \$? (CHOOSE RANDOM STARTING POINT; MOVE UP OR DOWN DEPENDING ON RESPONSE) How about \$ per month?	NOTHING
Mov	ing on	
87.	Other than voting, do you feel that if you wanted to, you could have a say about the way the City of Fridley runs things?	YES
88.	How much do you feel you know about the work of the Mayor and City Council a great deal, a fair amount, very little, or none at all?	A GREAT DEAL5% A FAIR AMOUNT38% VERY LITTLE42% NONE AT ALL15% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED0%

89.	From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the job the Mayor and City Council are doing? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) And do you feel strongly that way?	
90.	How much first hand contact have you had with the Fridley City staff quite a lot, some, very little, or none?	QUITE A LOT
91.	From what you have heard or seen, how would you rate the job performance of the Fridley City staff excellent, good, only fair or or poor?	EXCELLENT
92.	During the past year, have you contacted Fridley City Hall?	YES
	IF "YES," ASK: (N=118)	
	93. On your last telephone call or visit, which Department did you contact the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, Community Developement, HRA, Park and Recreation, Building Inspections, Engineering, Administration, the Assessor's Office, the Finance Department, or the General Information Desk receptionist?	POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thinking about your last contact with the City, for each of the following characteristics, please rate the service as excellent, good, only fair, or poor.... Moving on.....

97. What is your principal source of information about Fridley City Government and its activities?

NONE, 1%; CITY NEWSLETTER, 49%; LOCAL NEWSPAPER, 32%; STAR TRIBUNE, 2%; CITY WEBSITE, 7%; CABLE TELEVISION, 4%; WORD OF MOUTH, 5%; SCATTERED, 1%.

98. How would you prefer to receive information about Fridley City Government and its activities?

NONE, 1%; CITY NEWSLETTER, 54%; LOCAL NEWSPAPER, 25%; STAR TRIBUNE, 1%; CITY WEBSITE, 6%; CABLE TELEVISION, 3%; WORD OF MOUTH, 4%; MAILINGS, 3%; E-MAIL, 2%; SCATTERED, 1%.

For each of the following, please tell me whether you consider it to be a major source of information for news about the city, a minor source, or not a source at all. (ROTATE)

		MAJ	MIN	NOT	DKR
99.	The City publication,				
	the "Community Report?"	63%	19%	18%	0%
100.	The "Sun Focus" news-				
	paper?	42%	29%	30%	0%
101.	The "Anoka County Record,"				
	newspaper?	11%	18%	72%	0%
102.	The Star Tribune?	8%	42%	50%	0%
103.	The City's website?	18%	22%	60%	0%
104.	Community Channel 17?	14%	19%	67%	0%
105.	City employees?	4%	25%	71%	0%
106.	Direct mail updates?	13%	38%	50%	0%
107.	Social media, such as Facebook				
	or Twitter?	1%	14%	85%	1%
108.	Friends and family?	16%	57%	27%	0%
109.	During the past year, did you	YES			81%
	receive the "Community Report,"				19%
	the City's bi-monthly newsletter?	DON'I	'KNOW/	REFUSE	D0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=325)

	110. Do you or any members of your household regularly read it?					
	IF "YES," ASK: (N=304)					
	111. How would you rate the content of the newsletter excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	EXCELLENT				
		EXCELLENT				
113.	Does your household currently subscribe to cable television, satellite television or neither?	CABLE				
	IF "CABLE," ASK: (N=241)					
	I would like to read you a short list of programs shown on Fridley Government Channels. For each one, please tell me if you frequently watch it, occasionally watch it, or do not watch it.					
	nacen 10.	FRQ OCC DNT DKR				
	114. Bulletin Board listing of meetings, events and information?115. Live or taped re-broadcasts of City Council meetings?116. City programming, such as "Call on the Council?"	10% 30% 61% 0%				
		12% 28% 60% 0%				
		10% 24% 66% 0%				
117.	Do you have access to the Internet at home only, at work only, at both home and work, or at neither place?	WORK ONLY2%				

IF INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME, ASK: (N=328)

118. How do you connect to the internet at homeon a dial-up modem, DSL, T-1 line, Comcast High Speed Internet, wireless, or some other way? (IF "OTHER," ASK:) How?	
IF "HOME,""WORK," OR "BOTH," ASK:	(N=337)
119. Have you accessed the City's website?	YES
IF "YES," ASK: (N=178)	
120. How would you rate the city's website excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	EXCELLENT
121. Were you able to find what you were looking for?	YES

I would like to ask you about social media sources. For each one, tell me if you currently use that source of information; then, for each you currently use, tell me if you would be likely or unlikely to use it to obtain information about the City of Fridley.

		NOT USE	USE LIK	USE NLK	DK/ REF
123. 124. 125.	Facebook? Twitter? YouTube? Blogs? Podcasts?	34% 59% 63% 78% 88%	27% 14% 11% 6% 2%	39% 28% 26% 16% 11%	0% 0% 0% 0% 0%

IF ANY SOCIAL MEDIA SOURCE IS USED, ASK: (N=232)

127. What do you typically use social media for?

CONNECT WITH FRIENDS, 88%; WORK, 2%; GET NEWS, 7%; SCATTERED, 3%.

Now, just a few more questions for demographic purposes....

Could you please tell me how many people in each of the following age groups live in your household.

age groups live in your nousehold.	
128. Persons 65 or over?	NONE .76% ONE .13% TWO OR MORE .11%
129. Adults under 65?	NONE ONE TWO THREE OR MORE
130. School-aged children and preschoolers?	NONE 68% ONE 13% TWO 15% THREE OR MORE 4%
131. Do you own or rent your present residence?	OWN
132. What is your age, please? (READ CATEGORIES, IF NEEDED)	18-24 .5% 25-34 .12% 35-44 .23% 45-54 .25% 55-64 .18% 65 AND OVER .17%
And now, for one final question, keepin are held strictly confidential	g in mind that your answers
133. Is your pre-tax yearly household income over or under \$75,000? IF "OVER," ASK: Is it over \$100,000? (IF "YES,"	UNDER \$50,000

OVER \$125,000.....4%

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%

ASK:) Is it over \$125,000?

IF "UNDER," ASK:

Is it under \$50,000?

134.	Gender	(DO NOT	ASK)	MALE		48%
				FEMA	LE	52%
135.	REGION	OF CITY		WARD	ONE	35%
				WARD	TWO	34%
				WARD	THREE	32%