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Results: Neighborhood Safety

Official Activity - This survey was sent on behalf of the City of South Lake Tahoe to the FlashVote community for South Lake Tahoe.

236

Responses

187 of 376 initially invited (50%)
Margin of error: ± 6%

Applied Filter:
Locals only

Responses for filter:
131

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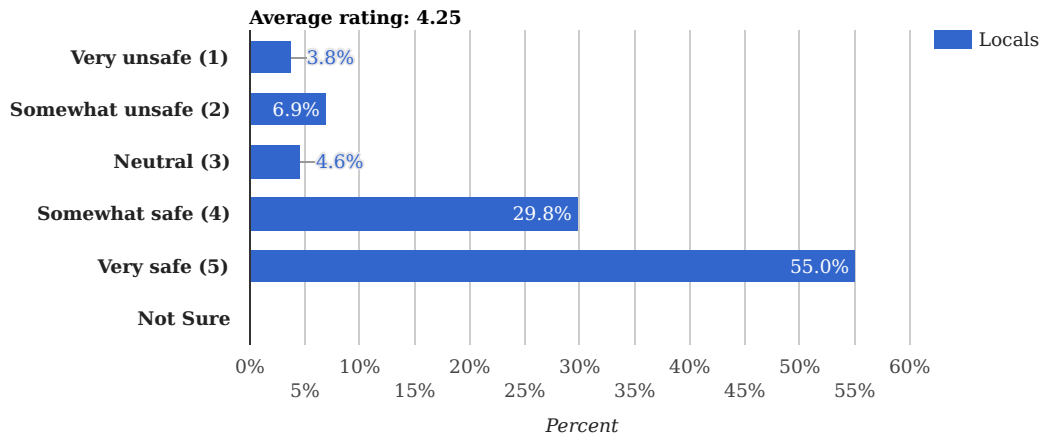
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Oct 4, 2016 2:14pm

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Advisory Groups:
South Lake Tahoe - All

Q1

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel in *your neighborhood* in South Lake Tahoe *during the day*:
(131 responses by locals)

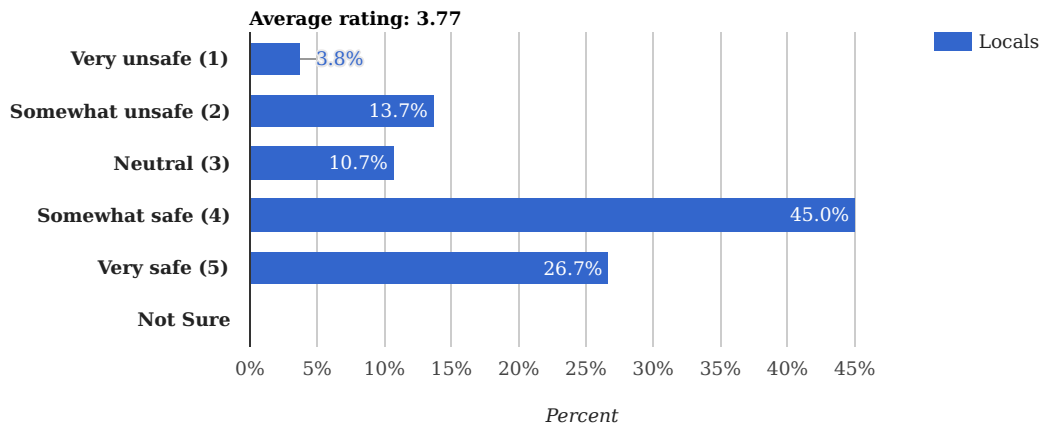


Options	Locals (131)
Very unsafe (1)	3.8% (5)
Somewhat unsafe (2)	6.9% (9)
Neutral (3)	4.6% (6)
Somewhat safe (4)	29.8% (39)
Very safe (5)	55.0% (72)
Not Sure	0% (0)

Q2

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel in *your neighborhood* in South Lake Tahoe *after dark*:

(131 responses by locals)



Options	Locals (131)
Very unsafe (1)	3.8% (5)
Somewhat unsafe (2)	13.7% (18)
Neutral (3)	10.7% (14)
Somewhat safe (4)	45.0% (59)
Very safe (5)	26.7% (35)
Not Sure	0% (0)

Q3

Any other comments or suggestions about your safety in South Lake Tahoe?

(68 responses by locals)

concern bike walk police light areatahoe
 drive neighborhood time
 unsafe house neighborhood dark

feelsafe night safety need car live

Unfiltered responses

Safety is a broad term...do you mean safe from muggers? safe riding my bike? safe from bears? safe doing drugs in public?

The only thing that makes me feel unsafe are the 3 VHR frat party hotels in my close proximity.

El Tahoe is a very mixed neighborhood. Therefore, I do not always feel safe. When people drink at night, they often fight!

I believe that services are available when needed to address serious crime when it is occurring but few preventative services. Political and socioeconomic divide causes unrest and feelings of being unsafe. Fire fuels on adjacent vacant lot also cause a safety concern.

Please don't put in street lights everywhere and ruin the star light. I'm all for increasing the police budget to accommodate more and better paid police officers as well.

Streetlights, people, streetlights.

There are continual undercover operations in our gardner mountain area, lots of vacant homes and odd non residents wandering the streets day and night. We live between the mental health office and the forest, some vacrancy , some criminals.....there are parked cars with people living in them, I witnessed a take down by undercover officers right in front of our house of a yound man, TODAY I saw another saggy panted young man wandering and looking at houses while carrying armfuls of spray paint.....i feel unsafe, lock my doors, worry about being robbed.....people speed up and down 13th street, i have a young son riding his bike in front of the house and while I am out there watching him, I still worry I could NOT stop a speeding car!!! There is no sense of neighbors with all these empty vacation rentals and air b n b options.....people have dogs off leash, I feel unsafe walking my dog on her leash as we get chased by pit bulls and aggressive dogs!

more streetlights !

More Asian Massage places please

People try to use my neighborhood as a cut threw, but it is not. Cars race threw at well over the speed limit. Children are at play and the bike path is here. We need some stop signs in the area.

The root of not feeling safe is the crimes that are committed by drug abusers. Maybe more comprehensive drug programs would help

More streetlights.

Keep the night DARK! We do NOT need street lamps on our roads! Let's see these stars that make living in the mountains so special!

As we get closer to the Y intersection it seems there are more people who project some dangerous behavior.

I am concerned by the proliferation of drug abuse, and the crimes associated with it. My otherwise very safe neighborhood is plagued by a few homes being used by drug users and dealers, bringing in erratic behavior, theft, and dangerous drivers to the area. I know that Slednet was recently disbanded and hope that resources can be found to help place a focus on this issue, as it is at the root of a lot of other crime in our town: better rehabilitation support, more patrols, education, and mental health.

VHR guests are contributing to the declining safety in out neighborhoods. There are too many parties, too much noise, too much traffic, too many drunks on the road, and there is little or no enforcement.

I do not feel as safe on weekends when there so many people in town.

No need for more street lights, fewer bike paths, or restrictions on the Warm Room. Community outreach and education would go a lot further and be a more positive long-term solution. More sidewalks and bike paths would be nice, even if they are not lit at night.

Sidewalks/walkways would make a tremendous difference in Sierra Tract. Lighting would be nice but not a priority,

We need to catch the person who keeps setting all of these fires. Having my house burn down is my biggest fear these days.

Thank you, SLT Police Department officers, for always being courteous, for doing such a great job keeping our Gardner Mt. neighborhood safe, and for always arriving so quickly when needed. Wish I could say the same for the window staff in the Police Dept building, who are rude, unhelpful, and always treat me like I'm a criminal when I'm only there seeking help.

We have been having a series of small thefts on our street (Big Pine Ave) - it appears someone is walking or biking around to see who long term residents are and which properties are second homes & vacant most of the time. Then they are stealing items like bikes, lawn mowers, etc - things that they can take quickly without much notice. This is, of course, cause for concern for me as I am often home alone with my 4 year old daughter at night while my husband is at work. We have been staying inside with windows & doors locked.

Lately we've been reading and hearing more about assaults, car and bicycle thefts.

Need more street lighting. Too dark. Also would appreciate more neighborhood policing.

Feel safe 99% of the time....

Because of all the vacation rentals in my neighborhood, I never know what kind of group might be next door or across the street from me. I have been concerned a number of times. Often times vacationer have no respect for you, the community or the Lake. They are here to have a good time no matter what. It might have something to do with the fact they feel they have paid to have a big party and just leave it all behind with no concern for anything or anyone else. It's a type of false ownership. They often times leave their brains at home and never act they way they do here in their own neighborhoods. Renting does not give them the right to keep me awake, bring in a motorhome or trailer, parking all over the street, have snowball fights on my property after spending hours shoveling, on and on!

slower speed limits

Police always respond when called. Having vacation rentals next door etc. It gets loud n non secure.

The only problems we have in my neighborhood is a barking dog. No one has responded. The animal control closes at 5 pm and the police will not respond. The dog barks from 2:30 a.m. sometimes til 4:00 a.m.

I would feel safer if people would keep their dogs leashed while walking in the neighborhood and upper truckee marsh.

I live in Tahoe Keys. The situation is quite different at Stateline and maybe, elsewhere.

More Street lights at the south end of town

Street lights would help increase the feeling of safety at night

i should have said very safe on the first question

My two main safety concerns in my neighborhood are - the speed of the cars driving in my neighborhood. Way too fast for a school street, family neighborhood with children and pets, and posted 25mph. the other is lack of lighting. My street, Tahoe Island Dr. is very dark at night.

Convicted sex offenders continue to live in old hotels which have been allowed to convert to extended stay housing. These are not apartments and should not be allowed to operate as such. We've had a murder in the Lone Pine. We have homeless camping on the beach at night.

Generally I think this area is very safe.

We live away from the casinos and know our neighbors. This helps.

Lack of street lights and narrow streets in the al Tahoe/regan beach neighborhood, causes me to feel unsafe whether I'm driving or walking after dark

Areas that I do not feel as safe: Bijou, ski run, casinos

depends where you live

I live in a safe neighborhood in the Keys...

I strongly suggest that our City start and monitor a local neighborhood watch program through our Police Dept. in every neighborhood within our city. Every neighbor needs to introduce themselves and get to know their Neighbors and the contact ph#'s and email address's of all their surrounding neighbors. Regardless of weather owner living in the residence, renter, Realestate mgr, or missing owner. The Police cannot do this job by them selves. This has worked in many communities and MUST be done here in South Lake, especially with all the tourist that infiltrate our area. Our Police Dept. cannot do this job by them selves. We have done this in our Neighborhood and this has proven to be successful.

Trash is a problem, the bears are not safe.

There are a lot of hispanics, HUD housing and vagrants in my neighborhood.

more street lights and police.

Because there are so many vacation homes around me it feels less safe.They are empty most of the time..I don't see or know my neighbors..who would I ask for help?call 911?..good luck..There's no one to be on neighborhood watch

I feel safer here then anywhere I've lived.

My answers refer to pioneer village

I live in the Tahoe Keys

this would be a more effective flash vote survey if it asked the neighborhood you live in.

I feel very save in daytime too. I hit wrong answer!! Please fix

The warm room has attracted too meny homeless to the area

do not know any neighbors because they are all vacation rentals

Definitely better than about 3-5 years ago. Personally feel the sheriff is part of a problem, not an acceptable solution, at least about 4 years ago. Some people don't call the police here, don't trust them. Some tend to call the land owner / mgr of the property involved.

My car has had two petty thefts over night in the past 6 months. Eloise/12th Ave.

Police presents in nonexistent in my neighborhood despite regluar car break-ins.

More street lites

Definitely aware when walking through neighborhood, especially in common gathering areas and high density living blocks, i.e. Regan Beach Park, Harrison Ave, grocery store parking lots

so many vacation rentals you never know who or what kind of people are around.....

It would be nice (lovely) if the SLTPD would traverse smaller streets on a impromptu basis. Example: When returning to HQ on Johnson, don't take the Johnson/Safeway corner, rather (occassionally) drive up to Fremont Ave, make a left there and go via Treehaven (or other sidestreets) back to Johnson and back to HQ. Be unpredicatable. SLTPD is way to predictable in the way that traverse our city.

I feel safe here,

visible presence of law enforcement patrol would be nice!

I have noticed a higher than usual foot traffic through my neighborhood in the past year - mostly teenagers walking around at night. It's disturbing to wake up at 1 a.m., look out my front door and see people milling around. I feel vacation rentals have absolutely contributed to this - 5 new rentals in my surrounding block alone (two at the end of our street, one next door, and two on the street directly behind our house). Most of them advertise 14 people, which usually means a minimum of 15 to 20. Does the City put a limit on how many vacation rentals can be permitted in one particular area? If not, this should be considered. We purchased our house in a quite family neighborhood 26 years ago and it has turned into a constant party zone!

Tahoe keys blvd desperately needs street lighting. Its so dark on that street and it is a very popular rd to walk, skate board and ride bikes but its very difficult to see.

Our AI Tahoe neighborhood is eclectic. Mixed amongst many long term residents who keep their surroundings looking neat and attractive, are residents who do not keep their surroundings up. Parking on the wrong sides of the street, improper garbage management, (beyond coyote/raccoon/bear access), loud music, can often be a problem. We get few police drive bys, and if music is loud or if parking is illegal, no citations seem to follow. Unleashed dogs, and general disregard of rules is common. I suspect there is substantial drug use amongst some. It seems there must be urban blight regulations that are not enforced, and I suspect police are targeting higher levels of crime than these "misdemeanors", but when authorities ignore enforcement of misdemeanors, it makes for slum like conditions. We need to do better.

My neighborhood, along with others I heard of, has a lot of incidences of nighttime predators checking for unlocked vehicles and stealing contents from the cars.

Speeding cars are the biggest concern to safety in my neighborhood on Herbert Ave. People are constantly speeding, and backing into the road from the Los mexicanos parking area. That corner is always an issue as people are turning in from the 50 as well.

Q4

What local topics or issues, if any, would you like to see addressed in future FlashVote surveys?

(64 responses by locals)



community...I feel like this place is very disconnected...am I alone?
Bike riders responsibility to make themselves visible
I like the trending thinking of our community first, tourism second. Would like to see the community of full time residents grow, young families, retirees etc.
Front lawns, old cars, trash etc.
What to do with the rainy day fund
how the city decides what streets get plowed in what order.....during heavy snowfall and wind?
More Asian Massage places please. They make the city look classy.
Pioneer Trail bypass, zoning restrictions such as driveway improvement or expansion
pedestrian zone for "walkable downtown" at Lakeview; re-route Hwy 50 to Pioneer; any streets with paint down the middle should be required to have bike lanes painted on the sides, too; sell off the airport bc it's a financial sink; allow people just outside the City lines (ie: in unincorporated SLT, in Meyers, along Pioneer) to vote in city decisions
Housing
Bicycle riding against traffic. Dog litter.
Banning VHR in residential neighborhoods.
The public should be offered a chance to provide information that would help in prioritizing the CIP list.
Dang, I can't think of anything right now.
Noicy neighbors with unsightly junk & too many vehicles
How to spread tourism and tourist attractions more evenly throughout the year.
Enforcement of - problem behavior by BOTH long term residents & visitors - during peak holiday/tourism periods (noise, trash, parking). How can residents work with the City to encourage everyone to be "good neighbors" (including inconsiderate home owners or long term tenants - not just tourists)?
slower speed limits
Maybe the City Council
You're doing a good job!
Affordable housing
Vacation rental reduction.
traffic.
Run down properties and blight in the neighborhoods.
Whatever you need.
sidewalks
Dogs, leashes, dogs on Regan beach where they are not supposed to be.
Overall speed limits throughout town. Are they too high, too low or just right for our city?
Traffic safety. Tourist accommodation regulation. Community activities.
housing, infrastructure, art
Roads
Historical neighborhoods
cost of housing and traffic.
Street replacing.
Sidewalks
Housing
Vacation rentals, sub par housing shanty town around town.

Maintenance of buildings in the city. The Senior Center appearance and care is deplorable. I understand that although it is owned by the county that the city has accepted maintenance and housekeeping for that building. It is disgustingly dirty and unkempt. There seems to be no leadership to guide the staff. There are very nice people working there and they work hard. However, the building and grounds are deplorable. Why is there no care for that building?

Homelessness solutions, affordable housing, rental price gouging

#1. Sidewalk's installed. #2. Storm drains installed. #3. Bike routes on South Shore room and around the Lake implemented. #4. Neighborhood watch program.

Vacation Home Rentals vs. affordable housing

Tougher trash laws on residents who allow trash left on the ground by bears to be left on the ground and who repeatedly refuse to pick it up.

housing

We shouldn't have to pay to cut trees when fire is such a huge issue...and seniors should get a voucher to assist in clearing trees...

Mental illness

how to bring more small local and unique business to the area,

Locals use of parking at beaches and trail heads and the feasibility of discounted/free parking for full time residents.

Trash, goose and dog poop on our beaches.

City Budgets

Too meny vacation rentals in the area

vacation home rental ban or limit

Bridge from the AI Tahoe subdivision to the Keys subdivision over the marsh for nonmotorized transportation.

- City of SLT marketing initiatives - Development strategies - Affordable housing and long term rentals for locals

Support for local businesses

Street maintenance

street sweeping.....we pay for it but don't see much getting done.....where is that money going??????

Loop road

The issue I would like to see addresses are the mini mansions that are going up in residential neighborhoods. They dwarf the homes next to them and look out of place. What are the zoning rules for such homes? Why are they allowed?

How often as a LOCAL RESIDENT do you use the community swimming pool (on Rufus Allen), the library, the bus service, the concerts at Lakeview. Let' see what PERCENTAGE of the citizens are really using what 100% of the taxes are covering. That will help us prioritize some of our focus.

Not sure

open!

Vacation rentals, homelessness, street repairs, affordable housing

I like the idea of FlashVote surveys, and think they are helpful. Communication from City Management to Residents is much better in the last couple of years and you should all be proud of that. Urban blight, bike trails, street conditions, event evaluation, maybe reporting on progress made on our most pressing issues would all be good topics to elevate.

Homeless population