



COMMUNITY NEEDS AND ISSUES – 1st Q 2014

1. **HEALTH:** AIDS and STD awareness, senior and disabled health issues, cancer and other diseases, chemical dependency, disaster preparedness, prevention of diseases, awareness and control of local disease outbreaks.
2. **MINORITIES:** Racial relations, Native American, Latino, Black, Asian and other ethnic groups' cultural and economic development, civil rights, immigration issues, cultural diversity.
3. **POLITICS:** Government, state and city issues, local & national issues, red tape, voting, civic duties, patriotism.
4. **EDUCATION:** Teaching awareness, motivation/empowerment, multi-lingual education, quality of public schooling, literacy, continuing education, high costs of colleges, scholarships.
5. **YOUTH:** Teen and peer influences, teen pregnancy, positive role models, child safety, childcare
6. **FAMILY:** Family values, breakdown of the family structure, parenting skills, inadequate child guidance, teen pregnancy issues, single parent issues, childcare, pet care/responsibility.
7. **RELATIONSHIPS:** Dating, marriage, divorce, sex gender diversity, social influences and peer pressure, sexual needs and issues, pregnancy, abortion, single parent issues, planned parenthood.
8. **ENVIRONMENT:** Natural disasters, traffic, pollution, garbage, beaches/parks, city cleanup efforts, global warming, going green
9. **EMPLOYMENT:** Unemployment, second careers, occupational training and job skills, career planning, youth job issues
10. **ECONOMY:** Cost of living, financial security, small businesses, economic policies, inflation, recession, rebuilding the economy of So. Cal, housing.
11. **CRIME/VIOLENCE:** Crime, violence, gangs, drugs, domestic violence, child abuse, law enforcement, local policing efforts, violence in schools.