



Survey Results

From May 11, 2007

What are your number one concerns in the community of Porter Ranch in the areas of:

Your children's education:

- Castlebay Elementary – starting Fall 2008 school overcrowded? Are there any plans for preschool or pre-Kindergarten?
- New school at Mason & Sesnon
- (No comments – rated number one concern)
- I am happy with Castlebay Lane. I am concerned what my children are going to do after elementary school. Frost will not be an option! I am hoping that the new school will be built at Sesnon & Mason, and will be built in time for my children, but time is running out for us! What about a high school?
- This is my biggest concern. Our children continue to slide down in their test scores. Parents have to help children with their homework on a daily basis.
- Concerned about college graduates.
- Quality education in adequate facilities.
- Enough attention to each child. Build another school in Porter Ranch to accommodate the growing number of families.
- Castlebay is too crowded. There is no middle school. (Yes, I know about the k-1 school, and I wish it would open now!)
- Update classroom computers. More classroom involvement in computer programs.
- Safety – traffic around Castlebay.
- Number one priority! K-8 school built for children in the Porter Ranch community!
- Overcrowding of classrooms.
- Number one concern by far. Good education, safe environment, with no drugs.
- (No comment – rated number three concern)
- Need to hurry on the new high school so my daughters don't have to go to Frost.
- We hear Castlebay is great! I am concerned about the middle school.
- Our need for a high school is very important.
- That it be competitive as far as quality.
- Not a good school to transition to after Castlebay.

Public safety:

- (No comment – rated number two)
- Public safety is so important. As parents, we owe it to our children that they are safe at home and outside of home. Let all parents unite to provide safe environment at all times. We must know who our neighbors are, and how they are contributing in making our neighborhood safe. At home, we must restrict the TV time and internet time. We must involve ourselves in our children's lives and help them succeed and share with others. Let us make them the leaders this country would want in the future.
- Drive slowly. Speed limit to 35, not 50. Put new cement.
- Left turn signals, police/crossing guard in front of school.
- Maintain a safe environment, have sufficient resources to promote safety. Speed bump (1 or 2) on Brasilia, west of Baird).
- Street lights, replace bulbs quicker when they burn out.
- There seems to be an increase in graffiti in Porter Ranch, especially around the Wilbur/Tampa park.
- Traffic is terrible. Speed bump needed on Killoch Way to slow down traffic (no 4-turns, also)
- Lights in park, police presence
- Speeding on Muirkirk Drive & Sesnon; crime (Mainly theft in cars). (#1 & 2) Safe community. No drugs.
- (Rated #1) The 18700 block of Stewarton Dr. – dirt on the hillside is eroding. Need vegetation to hold it before it slides. This is the park where many people come to enjoy the view (sunrise, sunset, panoramic view of the valley) especially on July 4th evening to view the fireworks from various locations. With the vegetation and irrigation system put on, it will keep the animals (snakes, coyotes, deer, squirrels, raccoons, etc.) from coming to the residential areas which is not safe for the kids. Without the vegetation, it is a fire hazard. There are 24 residences in this area, with only Stewarton toward Braemore to exit in case of fire.
- Need a light at Kirkholm and Sesnon. Get the police to stop the street racing on Sesnon.
- We live east of Reseda and Braemore. It is difficult to cross the street at Castlebay.
- I understand those individuals who live outside of the gated communities have a high burglary rate.
- That the schools be free of gangs, guns and drugs.
- More speed bumps on Sesnon to stop speeding/racing.
- Less speeding and less congestion on Rinaldi.

Quality of life:

- I wish there were more shopping centers in Porter Ranch, it will be more convenient.
- (No comment – rated #7)
- Good.

- It's already great. Senior residence that is affordable.
- Post signs of the trails, maps to make it easier for access.
- It would be nice to have our city streets landscaped better.
- Overgrown weeds along major streets heading towards Porter Ranch on the sidewalks.
- Too much traffic. Very loud parties (a few people who cause a lot of trouble).
- (Rated #4) Need repavement of the road.
- Is there a way that someone can fine people or remove old broken cars that are in people's driveways?
- It's what you make of it.
- I'm happy with it.
- Excellent.
- Good already.
- Too crowded – no parking at services in town center.

Community involvement:

- Clean-up of Reseda Blvd. sidewalks.
- (No comment – rated #4)
- For everyone. Keep the community clean.
- The Neighborhood Council has been doing a great job. I wish more citizens would participate in our area.
- We like to be informed. If involvement is effective, we will take part.
- Getting members of the community motivated to get involved in PRN Council.
- That there be more opportunities for community involvement. I am not aware of any projects, activities, etc.
- Need more parking, more park events. Liked the movies at Bernson Park.

Parks and play areas:

- Shade in.
- Not enough, wish there were more around the area.
- (No comment – rated #3)
- Not enough trees.
- Bernson Park is beautiful. Perhaps a park event(s) for seniors.
- Safety. Clean restrooms.
- Holleigh Bernson Park is really nice. I'd like to see some signs asking dog walkers to pick up after their dogs.
- Lights in the park. Police presence.
- Gang activity and graffiti on benches, etc. (Porter Ridge Park).
- (No comment – rated #5)
- Need to change or remove the sand at E.T. Park.
- These are important, and the ones in Porter Ranch are good.
- Organization of picnics and BBQs to get neighborhood together. Shade in the big Porter Ranch park.

- Pooper scoopers available to public.

Community and neighborhood development and relationships:

- Is there anything community members can do to hurry the process on the new school at Mason?
- (No comment – rated #5)
- If the development continues at the rate it is currently happening, then it would be nice if charm could be added to the architecture. i.e., Calabasas Commons.
- More security.
- Improve the mobile phone reception.
- Improving the local trails and providing information on different areas.
- On ramp to 118E freeway from Rinaldi takes too long and creates backup.
- Residents who live above Porter Ranch regularly speed down Muirkirk at very high speeds, putting our children's lives in danger. I have purchased and posted "15 MPH" signs, produced flyers for the neighborhood, and even had the Police Department monitor the speeds. It is imperative that these people who have children assume responsibility and stop speeding before a child is seriously injured or killed.
- (No comment – rated #6)
- Very important.
- (Comment says "same as above") Organization of picnics & BBQs to get neighborhood together.
- A community center or multipurpose room would be great,
- More restaurants, more trees.

Public art:

- (No comment – rated #6)
- Art shows, such as the Studio City one that is happening this weekend at the park on the corner of Moorpark & Laurel Canyon.
- Hold arts & crafts fair for the children at the parks.
- Is there any? Any projects that make Porter Ranch look more kept up and newer would be great.
- Is there any?
- Great museums throughout LA – not necessary in Porter Ranch.
- (No comment – rated #7)
- I would like the area to look nice.
- I would prefer to spend money on other concerns which are more important.