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COMMUNITY GARDENS SURVEY FOR GARDENERS

The purpose of this survey is to better understand how each community garden in San Jose operates and the kind and amount of food grown in the gardens. The survey will be administered by Dr Susan Algert or her assistant Margo Lang. It should take about 20 minutes to complete. Thank you for your participation.

1. Garden Name and physical location (pre-printed):

2. Annual fee:

3. How long have you been gardening in this location?

4. Have you had a plot at another community garden?  
 If yes, please explain when and where:

5. How far do you live from the community garden:  
 \_\_\_ number of blocks                      \_\_\_ number of miles

6. Do you live in: \_\_\_ house    \_\_\_ apartment    \_\_\_ shared housing/apartment  
 \_\_\_ other (please specify):

7. Age: \_\_\_

8. Gender: \_\_\_ Female    \_\_\_ Male

9. Highest grade completed: \_\_\_ less than 6<sup>th</sup> grade    \_\_\_ other highest grade completed  
 \_\_\_ graduated high school or GED    \_\_\_ some college    \_\_\_ graduated 2 year college  
 \_\_\_ graduated college    \_\_\_ post graduate

10. Household members—List ages of people who live with you (do not include yourself):

1. _____	4. _____	7. _____
2. _____	5. _____	8. _____
3. _____	6. _____	9. _____

11. Monthly household gross income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. Check the ethnicity you identify with: \_\_\_ Hispanic/Latino    \_\_\_ Non-Hispanic/Latino

13. Check the race/category that you identify with: \_\_\_ American Indian/Alaska Native  
 \_\_\_ Asian    \_\_\_ Black or African American    \_\_\_ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  
 \_\_\_ White    \_\_\_ Mixed race

14. Government programs that you or your family participate in (check all that apply; we would like to gather this information because part of our funding comes from the US Department of Agriculture that also funds these programs):  
 \_\_\_ free or reduced school lunch or breakfast    \_\_\_ food distribution Indian Reservations    \_\_\_ food stamps (ETB)  
 \_\_\_ Head Start    \_\_\_ TANF or Cal Works    \_\_\_ Commodities  
 \_\_\_ WIC    \_\_\_ Other

15. How much money did you spend on food last month: \_\_\_



16. How often do you go to the store or market (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ once/wk; \_\_\_\_\_ every two weeks \_\_\_\_\_ once a month  
\_\_\_\_\_ less than once a month

17. Please list the crops you've grown starting with the crops you grow the most of:

18. How much money do you think you save every month by growing your own food?

19. Vegetables: I eat this much each day:



none



1 cup



2 cups



3 cups or more

1/2 cup

1 1/2 cups

2 1/2 cups

20. Are you eating vegetables from your garden right now?

21. How many more servings of vegetables do you consume when you are eating vegetables from your garden:



none



1 cup



2 cups



3 cups or more

1/2 cup

1 1/2 cups

2 1/2 cups

22 Please list any new fruits or vegetables that you began eating after becoming a community gardener:

23. Who introduced you to the new fruit or vegetable? E.g. fellow community gardener, garden leader, neighbor or family.

24 What are some of your traditional foods that you enjoy growing in your garden plot?

25. Do you and your family eat all of the vegetables that you grow in the garden?

\_\_\_\_\_yes

no\_\_\_\_\_

25. What do you do when you have excess food from your plot:

give it to other members of the family or household     give it to people at work  
 give it to charity such as food bank     give it to others at garden  
 give it to friends     compost it or let it lay in my plot

Other (please comment):

26. Besides the food, what are other things you get from this garden?

meet with friends     exercise  
 fresh air     learn from other gardeners  
 learn from the garden leaders     stress release

27. What are your favorite things about this garden?

26. How would you rate your overall health?

poor     fair     good     very good     excellent

27. What is your height?

28. What is your weight?