

# COMMUNITY SURVEY

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1. When you think about taking a new job, where would you like to see it located? Pick top two (2).

- Near my house or apartment.
- Near my child's daycare or school.
- Near a bus line or other form of public transportation.
- Near shopping like grocery stores, clothing stores, or other place where I can run errands.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What are the top two barriers that prevent Jeff Davis Corridor community members from finding stable, well-paying employment? Please indicate which is your top choice (1) and second choice (2).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Not knowing about businesses that are hiring.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses don't want to hire someone with a criminal record.                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> There aren't enough jobs on the Jeff-Davis Corridor.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Can't secure high-quality, low-cost child-care for preschool children (0-4 years old).             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Members not having access to resources—money and expertise—to start their own businesses. | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of access to after-school care or activities for school-aged kids (Kindergarten—High School). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't have transportation—bus access or own car—to get to and from jobs.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't have legal paperwork such as driver's license, green card or other documents.                 | _____   |

3. Many community members have said that paying for housing has gotten harder over the last two years. What has been your experience in paying for housing?

- Paying for housing isn't really an issue for me.
  - Paying for housing has always been hard, but it has not gotten harder in the last two years.
  - I don't know. Someone else in my household deals with it.
  - I live with someone else and don't pay rent.
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- Yes, it is harder:
    - I'm paying more money for rent but my apartment size hasn't changed.
    - I've had to move to a smaller or lower quality apartment to afford rent.
    - I had to move into a bigger apartment and have to pay more rent for it.
    - The property taxes on the home I own have gone up in the last 2 years.
    - My mortgage payment for the house I own is more than it was 2 years ago.
    - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Many changes are coming to Manchester, and will continue down the corridor. With these changes, which is the most important thing to you to preserve on the Jeff-Davis Corridor? Pick top two (2).

- The history and culture of the Jeff-Davis Corridor.
- Ensuring that long-term community members don't get overruled in community decisions, such as at civic associations, PTA, or other places where decisions are made.
- Ensuring that current community members can still afford to live here.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Helping current favorite neighborhood businesses expand.

5. Many new businesses are coming to the Jeff-Davis Corridor, for example new breweries and waffle shops are opening on Hull Street. What kind of new business, or expansion of existing businesses, would you like to see in the Jeff-Davis area?

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

6. Which neighborhood do you live in?

- Afton
- Bellemeade
- Blackwell
- Brookbury
- Broad Rock
- Castlewood
- Cherry Gardens
- Cullenwood
- Davee Gardens
- Hillside Court
- Jefferson Trace
- Lafayette Gardens
- Manchester
- Oak Grove
- Rudd Trailer Park
- Other:

7. Thinking back over the last 12 months, do you feel like your neighborhood on the Jeff-Davis Corridor looks cleaner and better cared for?

- No, it looks about the same
- Maybe, it looks better on some days than other
- Yes, it looks cleaner and better most of the time

8. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to Self-Describe:  
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9. Which of the following best describes your race and ethnicity? (Select all that apply).

- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latinx
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native American or Alaska Native
- White or Caucasian
- Prefer to Self-Identify:  
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10. Which best describes your age?

- 18–24 years
- 25–39 years
- 40–54 years
- 55–69 years
- 70 years or older

11. What is your current housing situation?

- I, or someone in my household, rents the place I live in (e.g. public housing, paying a roommate to share a space, apartment complex, etc.).
- I, or someone in my household, owns the place I live in.
- I do not have a fixed address right now.
- Prefer to Self-Identify:  
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12. Do you have children under 18 years of age living in your home?

- Yes
- No

13. Which best describes your highest level of education?

- Less than high school degree
- High school degree
- Some schooling or technical training after High School
- 4-year college degree or more

14. Are you currently working?

- Yes, I work 35 hours/week or more.
- Yes, I work less than 35 hours/week and that's enough for me.
- Yes, I work less than 35 hours/week and I'm looking for more hours or another job.
- No I'm not working, but I'm looking for work.
- No, but I don't want a job right now (i.e. student, caring for children, etc.).
- No, I'm retired

*By completing this survey, I give my consent that my answers can be used by RVA THRIVES to understand the hopes and needs of the community. I understand that I skip any question that I don't want to answer and I do not have to turn in the survey if I do not want to share my answers. I understand all answers will be anonymous.*