



# The data is in: COO exceeds residents' expectations

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Communities of Opportunity just completed its first survey and residents say that COO has exceeded its expectations. Just at meeting the fifty-three challenges, which cover core eleven issues areas like education, housing and jobs.

The survey was sent to COO's two-thousand member households in Alice Griffith, Hunters View, Oakdale, and Sunnydale. More than seven-hundred people weighed in with their rankings on how COO performed in its four year pilot phase.

The survey looked at the fifty-three challenges residents identified in COO's first year. Challenges were identified during the Community Voices community planning process in which more than 200 residents took part.

Conducted by an independent consultant, the survey asked residents to tell how they felt COO did

at meeting the fifty-three challenges, which cover core eleven issues areas like education, housing and jobs.

*I was skeptical at first but see now that they do what they say and that we can really change this place.*  
CRISTINA SANCHEZ

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