Thank you for participating in an On the Table conversation and for taking part in this survey!

Hart Research Associates and Public Opinion Strategies (two national research firms) are conducting this survey with Legacy Foundation--Lake County’s community foundation--to learn your opinions on a few questions about your community. This is for research purposes only. You will not be sold anything. Your participation is voluntary and your responses will be kept confidential.

Everyone who completes the survey will have the chance to enter to win $250 to be donated to the local charity of their choice.

Q1 Did you recently participate in a 2018 On the Table conversation? (These conversations were hosted by various groups across the region as part of a community initiative undertaken by the Legacy Foundation.)
___Yes
___No

Q2 How old are you?
___Under age 18
___18-24
___25-29
___30-34
___35-39
___40-44
___45-49
___50-54
___55-59
___60-64
___65-69
___70-74
___75 or older

Q3 Looking ahead to the next five years or so, do you feel more hopeful or more worried about what the future holds for your community?
___More hopeful
___More worried

Q4 Listed here are several statements. For each one, please indicate how much you agree or disagree.

Q5 Do you think people in your community are more united or more divided when it comes to addressing important goals and challenges?
___Much more united
___Somewhat more united
___Somewhat more divided
___Much more divided

Q6 How involved are you in community and neighborhood activities where you live?
___Very involved
___Somewhat involved
___Not too involved
___Not at all involved

Q7 Which THREE of these issues do you think are the most important for your community to address? Write the item number from the list below of your first, second, and third choice in the spaces provided.

1st Choice:  
2nd Choice:  
3rd Choice:  

1) Housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, reducing homelessness)
2) Local public and charter schools
3) Crime, violence, and public safety
4) Reducing hunger and food insecurity
5) Public transportation
6) Early childhood development (e.g., affordable child care, early childhood education)
7) Affordable healthcare
8) Good-paying jobs and economic development
9) Parks and recreational areas
10) Race relations, racism, and racial discrimination
11) Environmental issues (e.g., air, water)
12) Social justice issues (e.g., equality, civil rights, police-involved violence, incarceration)
13) Poverty, economic security, and upward economic mobility
14) Drug and alcohol addiction
15) The treatment of immigrants in our community
Q8 How much impact do you think people like you can have in making your community a better place to live?

___ A big impact  
___ A moderate impact  
___ A small impact  
___ No impact at all

Q9 Which TWO or THREE of the following groups do you think are having the greatest impact on making your community a better place to live? (Select up to three.)

___ Residents in your community  
___ Youth in your community  
___ Local government  
___ Churches, synagogues, mosques, and faith communities  
___ Employers and the business community  
___ Nonprofits and community organizations  
___ School teachers and leaders  
___ News media

Q10 Changing topics now, please indicate which of the following apply to you as they relate to your On the Table experience. (Select all that apply.)

___ I spoke with at least one person that I did not already know.  
___ I exchanged contact information with at least one person that I did not already know.  
___ I learned about important issues in my community.  
___ The conversation helped me better understand how I can take action to help address issues and challenges in my community.  
___ None of these applies to me.

Q11 How likely are you to take specific actions or next steps regarding an issue or solution discussed at the On the Table conversation you participated in?

___ Very likely  
___ Somewhat likely  
___ Not too likely  
___ Not at all likely

Q12 What are some specific actions you plan to take as a result of your conversation?  

What did you learn that will help you take steps to make your community a better place to live? Please be as specific as you can.

D1 Below is a list of ways people can get involved in addressing issues and challenges facing their community. Please select the THREE ways you would be most interested in getting involved. (Select three.)

___ Join a small group that meets regularly to discuss issues that are important to me  
___ Volunteer with my family (parents and children together)  
___ Volunteer to serve as a board member of a nonprofit  
___ Participate in a volunteer service event (e.g., clean-up day, build day)  
___ Make a financial donation to help address an issue or challenge that is important to me  
___ Write letters to elected officials or the local newspaper on an issue that is important to me  
___ Attend a rally on an issue that is important to me  
___ Volunteer with residents from different parts of Lake County to address issues affecting Lake County  
___ I am not interested in getting involved in any of these ways
D2 Please indicate the best ways for the Legacy Foundation to inform you about opportunities to get involved in addressing issues and challenges facing your community. (Select all that apply.)

___Post on Legacy Foundation’s social media accounts
___Text messages from Legacy Foundation
___E-mails from Legacy Foundation
___Announcements through local TV, radio, and newspapers
___Legacy Foundation’s website
___I am not interested in hearing from Legacy Foundation about opportunities to get involved

D3 Please indicate what, if anything, prevents you from getting more involved in addressing issues affecting your community. (Select all that apply.)

___I am unsure how to get involved or where to find out about opportunities to be involved
___I tried becoming involved but it was not a satisfactory experience
___I want to be more involved, but I do not have enough time
___I am not sure what I can do that would be helpful
___I am not interested in getting involved
___Some other reason not listed here (specify:)

___________________________________
___Nothing—I am as involved as I would like to be

D4 Last year, On the Table participants in Lake County identified education and youth development as one of the top issues they would like their community to address. From the list below, please indicate the TWO areas related to education and youth development that you think are the most important for your community to address. (Select two.)

___Affordable, quality child care and preschool
___High-quality schools with qualified teachers
___Before- and after-school programs
___Adequately preparing high school graduates for college
___Job/vocational training

D5 Last year, On the Table participants in Lake County identified economic issues and poverty as one of the top issues they would like their community to address. From the list below, please indicate the TWO areas related to economic issues and poverty that you think are the most important for your community to address. (Select two.)

___Availability of good-paying jobs
___Eliminating economic disparities across race and gender
___Drug use and addiction
___Lack of training and skills for the workforce
___Homelessness
___Hunger

D6 Last year, On the Table participants in Lake County identified equality within our community as one of the top issues they would like their community to address. From the list below, please indicate the TWO areas related to equality within our community that you think are the most important for your community to address. (Select two.)

___Racism
___Gender discrimination
___Discrimination against immigrants
___Accessibility for people with disabilities
___LGBTQ rights and equality
___Lack of access to core services (e.g., quality schools, jobs, grocery stores, etc.) based on where you live

D7 Last year, On the Table participants in Lake County identified transportation as one of the top issues they would like their community to address. From the list below, please indicate the TWO areas related to transportation that you think are the most important for your community to address. (Select two.)

___Bike lanes on roadways
___More sidewalks
___Access to bus service
___Access to train service
___Road repairs/improvements
___Recreational trails for walking and biking
Q13 How likely are you to take part in an On the Table conversation again next year?

___ Very likely
___ Somewhat likely
___ Not too likely
___ Not at all likely

Q14 Did you participate in an On the Table conversation last year?

___ Yes
___ No

Q15 Are you interested in receiving e-mail communications from Legacy Foundation about how to get involved in community issues and events?

___ Yes (please provide your e-mail:)

___ No

These final questions are for statistical purposes only.

QF1 Are you…?

___ Male
___ Female
___ A gender identity not listed here

QF2 What is the last grade that you completed in school?

___ High school graduate, GED, or less education
___ Vocational training, 2-year college degree, or some college, no degree
___ 4-year college or bachelor’s degree
___ Postgraduate coursework or degree

QF3 Are you the parent or guardian of any children under age 18?

___ Yes
___ No

QF4 Thinking about elections for local offices in your community (such as for mayor, city council, and county council), would you say you vote in …?

___ Every local election
___ Most local elections
___ About half of the local elections
___ Less than half of the local elections
___ Few local elections
___ Do not vote in local elections

QF5 Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties?

___ Strong Republican
___ Leaning Republican
___ Completely independent
___ Leaning Democratic
___ Strong Democrat
___ Other

QF6a For statistical purposes, are you from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

___ Yes, from Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background
___ No, not from Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background

QF6b Are you…?

___ White
___ Black/African American
___ Asian
___ Other
___ Biracial or multiracial

QF7 Finally, what is your ZIP Code?
That concludes the survey. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

If you would like to be entered for a chance to win $250 to be donated to the local charity of your choice, please provide your name and the best phone number and e-mail address to reach you. This information will ONLY be used for your chance to win $250 for a local charity.

If you do not want to enter please leave blank.

Name

Phone number

E-mail address