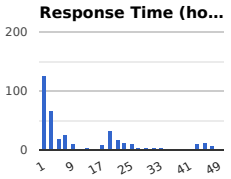
Survey Results: Blight Update

Survey Info - This survey was sent on behalf of the City of Citrus Heights to the FlashVote community for Citrus Heights, CA.

These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

392
Total Participants
386 of 836 initially invited (46%)
6 others
Margin of error: ± 5%

Applied Filter:
Locals only
Participants for filter:
355



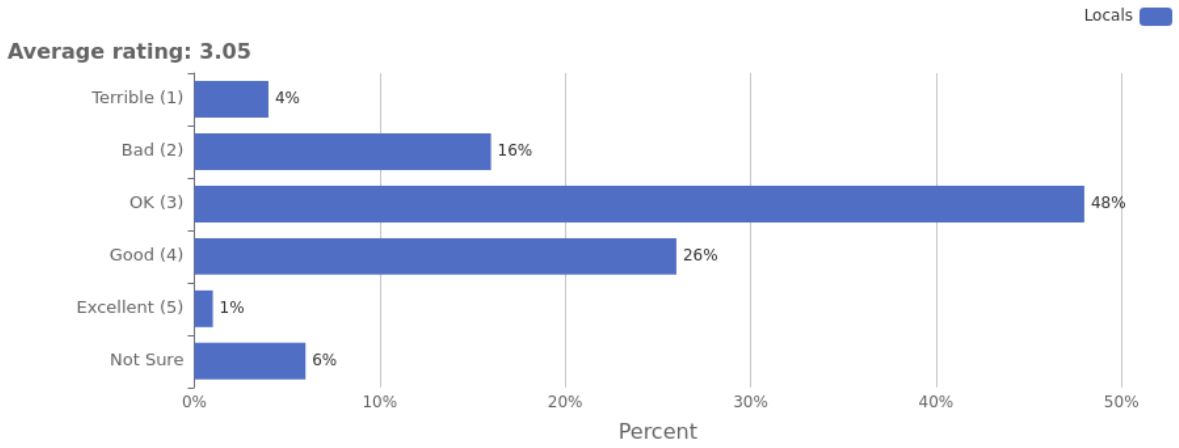
Started:
Dec 10, 2025 1:53pm PST
Ended:
Dec 12, 2025 1:54pm PST
Target Participants:
All Citrus Heights

Q1 "Blight" is a word used to describe abandoned and poorly maintained properties (visibly falling apart with junk/litter, overgrowth, etc).

How well do you think blight is being managed in Citrus Heights today?

(355 responses by)

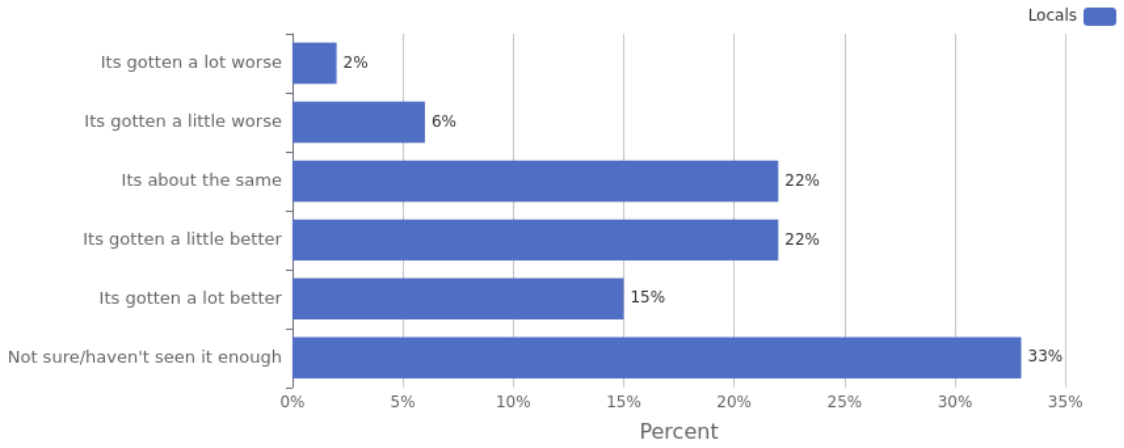
Options	Locals (355)
Terrible (1)	4% (13)
Bad (2)	16% (57)
OK (3)	48% (170)
Good (4)	26% (91)
Excellent (5)	1% (4)
Not Sure	6% (20)



Q2 When you think about the Sylvan Oaks Library area in particular (Van Maren & Auburn/Crosswood Oaks area), how do you think blight is being managed there today compared to a year ago?

(352 responses by)

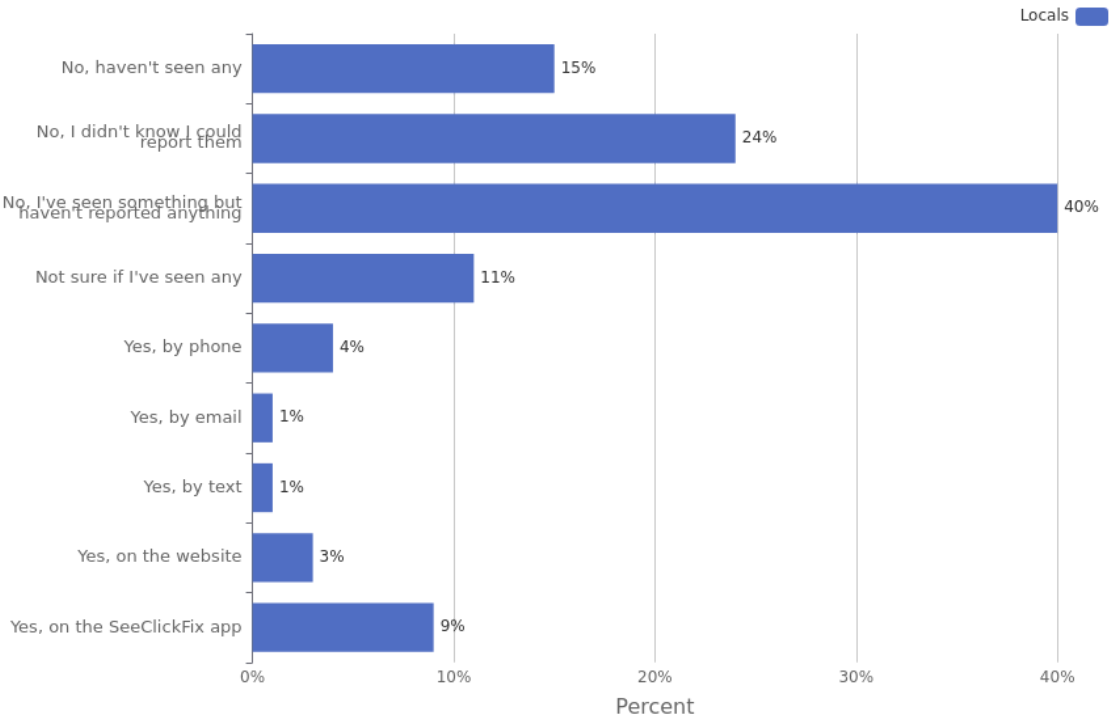
Options	**Locals** (352)
Its gotten a lot worse	2% (6)
Its gotten a little worse	6% (22)
Its about the same	22% (77)
Its gotten a little better	22% (77)
Its gotten a lot better	15% (54)
Not sure/haven't seen it enough	33% (116)



Q3 In the last 12 months, have you reported any blight issues to the City? (Choose all that apply, if any)

(343 responses by)

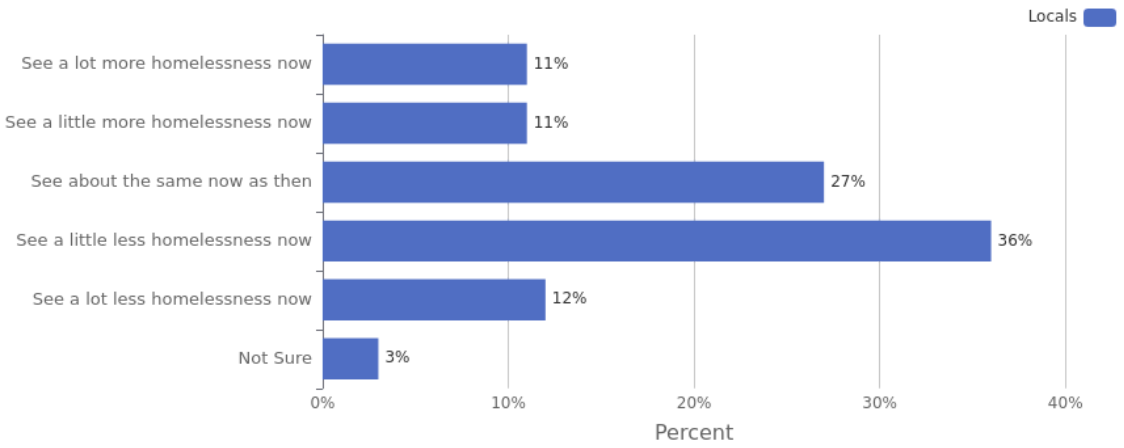
Options	Locals (343)
No, haven't seen any	15% (50)
No, I didn't know I could report them	24% (83)
No, I've seen something but haven't reported anything	40% (137)
Not sure if I've seen any	11% (37)
Yes, by phone	4% (13)
Yes, by email	1% (5)
Yes, by text	1% (2)
Yes, on the website	3% (11)
Yes, on the SeeClickFix app	9% (32)



Q4 Think of now compared to a year ago. How do you think the total amount of visible homelessness has changed in Citrus Heights, if at all?

(348 responses by)

Options	**Locals** (348)
See a lot more homelessness now	11% (37)
See a little more homelessness now	11% (38)
See about the same now as then	27% (95)
See a little less homelessness now	36% (126)
See a lot less homelessness now	12% (43)
Not Sure	3% (9)



Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about blight or homelessness prevention in Citrus Heights?

(100 responses by)

Individual Responses | AI-Generated Summary



Chatham way are should be looked at, very old mother home behind fence with fallen tree on it.

More attention to our neighborhoods. Too much focus on business district issues. Side note these flash votes are an extremely useless tool. The response to them is less than 1% of the population.

I thonk you are doing the best you can

I appreciate the crew traveling around with CHPD picking up the garbage left by people however it appears the homeless is just not leaving for long.

Homeless people seem to congregate more this year around Auburn and Greenback in front of McDonalds or near the recycling center.

I'm very grateful to the city for cleaning up the blight and addressing the homeless encampment cleanups. I was thrilled to see the article about the HART program assisting a homeless veteran. I think the city is going in the right direction in these issues.

I really like the see click fix app and use it regularly. The city is VERY responsive.

I agree that the Library has much improved (as targeted in the survey). However, trash and encampments are still visible almost everywhere. Surrounded by it in the Stock Ranch preserve area and adjacent parks and neighborhoods. Police usually mark encampment calls as "unable to locate" despite pictures and/or specific directions. Greenback & Verner/Garfield is another problem area with lots of encampments in creek area and pan handlers in the intersection.

The house on Old Auburn that was a huge car issue is getting bad again. Can we please look at the house across from Rusch Park, you can't miss it, it getting worse and worse.

Need more enforcement, not just citations. City is over-generous giving violatpors too much time o comply - that they forget to do it

I would feel safer going to Eldorado Bank next to Lichen if there was not a presence of homeless men and women hanging about. Though the City has cleaned up some, this area continues to be a hangout all around this bank.

I want to see real solutions for homelessness, not just hiding them or driving them away.

I think Citrus Heights is heading in the right direction

The HART program is working to help those homeless. Also Celtic Cross Church since August on Thursdays has offered a late lunch of soup and sandwich in church hall for those in need.

The city needs to do a much better effort on the trash clean-up left or created by homeless. It is terrible by my residence.

I really don't get where the city goes down the path of asking constituents to report blight given the fact it can't maintain its own infrastructure, look at the roads these days.

Graffiti, litter, severely mentally disturbed homeless in our parks, in front of stores that need help before they hurt themselves or others, overgrown yards, vehicles parked on lawns, etc. I know the city is putting forth the effort to keep our city clean and safe, but it does seem to be getting worse everywhere.

Think is time for new laws to replace the weak ones in place. Changing times require change of laws. I would like to see leadership truly act on what they promise and contribute towards fixing this great country. Be more like President Trump and make things happen!!!

Rules on blight should be tightened up. Homeless people should be offered viable alternative living accommodations rather than just having them move along someplace else.

It is a problem on both fronts that is not getting better in Citrus Heights.

The pan handling needs to be stopped. They get aggravated when i walk by them and don't give them money.

Just wondering if code enforcement does anything?

Keep the parks and trails safe for children and seniors. If they're being used as a place to be for the homeless for more than an hour or so, they don’t feel safe.

We know they are out there, but they are just less visible

I pass by a place most days on Auburn Blvd (surface street/side street) at Raintree Dr. There is a house there that has tons of junk out front. It is an eyesore and has been for months.

The city needs to pop partner with other county and regional agencies/organizations to address the root causes of the crisis.

The city needs to focus more on engagement and community grants, and less on punitive responses to problems.

no comment

Move the homeless out and the blight issues will move with them. The homeless/residentially challenged/unhoused or whatever you want to call them are the major contributors/causes of blight problems in Citrus Heights. Most homeless issues are the result of poor choices or lifestyle preferences (Drugs). Citrus Heights does not have the resources to deal with this issue. Move the homeless out and let the State handle the problem. I'm sure another 24 billion dollars will fix everything, just ask our Governor.

Keep up the good work & thank you!!

As a person that has worked in the City over the past year at night on both Sunrise Blvd and Dewey/Van Maren, I can say I have seen much more homelessness than I thought existed in our City. Along with rampant open drug use during the night time hours. Madison/Sunrise intersection with the gas stations is a hot bed for drug use and prostitution. The gas station across from the library at Auburn/Van Maren is the same along with the Walgreens at Greenback/Dewey.

Would like to see excess cars dealt with and things like piles of wood stored in front yards

Never thought about this subject. The last question related to homelessness. Is that what was meant from the beginning? Why didn't you say so?

The appearances have gotten better. I trust it is not that i have gotten use to them but i think it is really improved.

It’s improving. Keep up the good work.

I live in Crosswoods near the library mention. I feel there is less blight. Less homeless. I appreciate the parks and rec cleaning up the fields so camps cannot hide in the brush.

I report graffiti often. Sometimes I have to submit multiple times because nothing is done about it. There are times I call it in to the city. If there is a way to report graffiti is shouldn't take multiple times or more than one way to report it before it is dealt with. This is graffiti on city property and not commercial or residential. I do know that there is a longer period involve for action to happen when it is located on those two types of property. I am glad that you are asking this question. I hope graffiti is considered within your definition of "blight".

The corner of Antelope and Lauppe Lane. Across from Rausch Park. It looks like a junk yard.

It just is a difficult subject to deal with

Code Enforcement really needs to get back to making rounds around neighborhoods like pre vovid times. Its so bad with abandoned houses and places just falling apart, broken down cars in streets and vandalism in parks.

I would really like to see properties cleaned up including absentee owners along Auburn Blvd and homeowners who don't take care of the front of their homes or clean debris from the sidewalks in front of their homes.

Please check the property at 7398 Antelope Rd. There seems to be a constant addition of cars and trucks and equipment and junk. It's a total eyesore.

We need have someone drive around and cite homeowners who have neglected their property and cars that are never moved.

Property on the corner of Lauppe Lane and Antelope is in terrible condition! Junk, non running vehicles, large chunks of wood, rusted equipment, a total eyesore! Where is code enforcement in a situation as this?

Regular police patrols are needed in all areas that are populated by the homeless including on Van Marion kitty corner to Sylvan Oaks library where I have seen drug deals go down

I wish out of town rental property owners would come look at the "nice" house they bought and rented to such very "nice" tenants who could give a **** for the now not so nice property that they occupy and ignore. "Its not my problem." Sickening.

Fix the roads. Why are you wasting my property taxes on an arch? Fix the roads.

Large number of cars parked on residential properties.

The library is so much better and haven't seen Russell for a few years now. But there is a bit more homeless at the 7-11 again. The pan handling is up and down.

Citrus Heights needs a shelter for the homeless population and affordable housing for all

I do not observe any homeless camps now but I see Many more transient homeless moving about cduring the day with their belongs looking for the next place to sleep that night..I also see monepeople day sleeping on random stretches of landscape..What is Citrus Heights doing to help these people transition to permanent housing? What are the good Christian churches doingto justify Their tax exemption status?

There is still blight and homelessness up and down our street (Canelo Hills Drive). Lots of homeless still between Oak and Sylvan Rd. on Sunrise (especially around/behind the In-Shape/Leatherby's parking lot...the same thing around Walgreens), in the Lowes Parking lot, on Madison between Manzanita and Fair Oaks Blvd., the Target and Walmart parking lots and surrounding area, over by San Juan High School, in the Safeway and Sam's Club parking lots, up and down Oak to Kenneth, Auburn from Madison down thru Sylvan corners to 80, Old Auburn from Sylvan Corners to Fair Oaks Blvd., especially in the baseball field area. If I've left areas in Citrus Heights out I have not commented on, It's probably because I have not traveled in those areas lately. There are also vacant lots with trash, overgrown yards, areas of illegal dumping, and general neglect all over the area we live in between Woodmore Oaks, Sunrise Blvd, Oak Ave and Fair Oaks Blvd. Then there is the Sunrise Mall issue!

Please continue the process to keep Citrus Heights cleaner and great looking! Love this City!

The homeless are gathering in the Famiky Fitness shopping center and I have seen an uptick in panhandling on the medians on Sunrise

Sometimes I see less homelessness and I think the homeless issue has improved. Then suddenly there's a bunch of homeless roaming around in the same area.

I'm thankful for improvements! My impression is the city is working hard on this issue.

I didn't know a resident could report a blight. I think the unhoused population is less than last year. Or maybe they've just learned to hide better. I still think that if the city were to furnish lockers then the unhoused population could stash their belongings and not have to carry them around all the time.

I feel the City is making an honest effort, but needs use different methods and processes in order to outsmart those that are currently gaming the System / City.

Blight is sometimes a hard thing to respond about. I think the city looks pretty great. I've called about vacant lots being taken over by motorcycle kids which isn't a category

Still waiting to have the city address homeless people sleeping in their cars in residential neighborhoods. In particular, Greenback Estates.

I used to recognize the homeless near my home but now it's always different people. I wasn't so worried seeing the same people as they were technically my neighbors too, now idk who's out there and it's kind of unnerving.

Each of us need to be somewhere. I wish there could be better options for many. I know everyone is looking for solution. Sadly it is a challenging situation.

Where is our money going? More homeless, more trash on the streets, more potholes. Who is managing our money?

Whatever rules you have, apply them fairly and evenly to all.

People are erecting tall metal buildings everywhere, blocking off public right of ways for parking in front of their property, ignoring setbacks, accumulating junk, running dog rescues with dozens of barking dogs,. It's really gotten bad in our neighborhoods. Enforcement the law

It's still a problem. There was a homeless guy pushing a loaded down cart with a German Shepherd tied on top walking down my street. Twice. By Westwood park.

Thank for all your efforts. God bless.

Still would like to see a lot more progress. Low income apartments are bringing in the crime too. CH is so poorly managed compared to Roseville

Require better front yard upkeep for rentals.

I'm glad you're keeping the homeless from setting up any encampments at all.

At our church we get periodic homeless sleeping. Two nights ago a male was sleeping in front of the door , impeding entrance.

Sayonara Dr. always has garbage piled up on the street. I live in Crosswoods East and homelessness is a lot less visible in my area. I have seen the clean up crew several times. Thank you for that.

what is being done to reduce blight besides taking a survey, appointing a committee (?) or having a conference?

Perhaps Applebees and Costco could be a bit better about weeding/maintaining the median in front of Applebees on the signaled entrance, the mall perimeter continues to look awful, or was last time I paid attention.

Not sure what can be done at this point

I think a focus on the homeless RVs that park on public streets would be nice. There is a blue and white one that is regularly parked on Auburn Oaks Ct that does not give the feeling of “yeah, I want to live HERE”. Auburn Blvd is the driveway of Citrus Heights and for some reason we let blight sit right in the way.

Can empty businesses be turned into homeless “centers” temporarily? That way they serve a purpose to society if temporarily.

Unfortunately it takes to long to clean up the blight on private properties. On public properties the city is doing an excellent job when they are made aware of the problem.

Good job Citrus Heights! The City is looking much better, thank you.

Shelters and fund prop 36

Our house backs up to Arcade creek. It feels like we have had a few less homeless folks camping there.

Homeless people not from this area should be sent to where they are from.

I don't envy you the task of figuring out how to address this issue. It's essentially unsolvable, all the while you have tons of residents complaining about it. Good luck

More acceptance of unconventional housing may increase affordability and reduce homelessness.

I think Citrus Heights does a good job.

Just hope Citrus Heights offers help instead of forcing others or fining them outrageous amounts

I’m not entirely comfortable with homelessness being equated/linked to blight. If this is an attempt to simply clear homeless encampments without addressing the underlying needs of the homeless then I am opposed and offended by the effort.

The blight I notice is on Antelope and Lauppe Lane on the privately owned corner with all the junk parked there. It's pretty bad and owner should do more.

Would like to hear more via newsletters on how homeless individuals are being helped, not just pushed to go elsewhere.

Can blight include left turn lanes that haven't been repaired in several years that are very dangerous, with broken reflectors, broken and never repaced metal dividers in the median? Greenback Lane between Birdcage and Mariposa which the left turn/U-turn is in front of Spring Creek Apartments is in bad need of repair to make U-turns/left turns safe again.

Strike a substantial number of provisions from the zoning and building codes to give property owners the freedom to build more houses and townhomes on their parcels. Homelessness is largely found in regions with housing shortages. People try to overcomplicate this issue, but it's simple: beyond a certain baseline of people who are truly too ill or addicted to live in homes, homelessness happens when there aren't enough homes! Scarcity drives up rents and mortgages. When there are droves of people living in cars because they can't afford rent, they are competing with the mentally ill for critical services and overloading the system. This is a significant contributor to blight.

I just hope that real services are being offered. The homeless need mental health services and drug abuse programs as well as housing.

There are still several areas by Greenback Lane and Auburn that have homeless and/or people with severe mental health issues that I don't feel safe around. I would love to walk to the store one of these days and enjoy my neighborhood without being asked for money. Thank you.

The area at Sylvan library has gotten bad so bad we don’t go there anymore. It feels unsafe. Also green area on Greenback by 80 FWY entrance is bad too. And liquor store with recycling place next door near Greenback on Auburn is gross too. Always blight. We don’t walk there anymore either.

I don’t consider being homeless a blight.

I feel like we haven’t gotten rid of the homeless, we have just forced them inti the shadows. I travel to work through the city at 4:30am and I seen many homeless lurking around neighborhoods but never any police

Seems the city is trying to address the situation

This city sucks

People need shelter, it’s complicated for sure

I would like to know the best resource for learning about resources currently available to the homeless, if any.

Additional survey reports

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