



Background and Vision Statement

1. Please indicate your gender:	a. Male	824	42%	b. Female	1128	58%	Total
2. Do you have children 18 years old or younger?	a. Yes	1025	51%	b. No	972	49%	1997
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3. How long have you lived in Hinsdale?							Total
a. Do not live here		11	1%				2002
b. Less than a year		58	3%				
c. 1 – 5 yrs.		348	17%				
d. 6 -15 yrs.		580	29%				
e. 16 - 25 yrs.		394	20%				
f. 26+		611	31%				
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4. Please circle your age range:							Total
a. 18 - 29		6	0%				1995
b. 30 - 49		849	43%				
c. 50 - 64		693	35%				
d. 65 plus		447	22%				
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5. Please indicate on the map to the right in which zone your home is located.							Total
1. N of Ogden all		117	6%				1910
2. S of Ogden, W of Garfield, N of tracks		396	21%				
3. S of Ogden, E of Garfield, N of 47th		309	16%				
4. S of tracks, W of Garfield, N of 55th		511	27%				
5. S of tracks, E of Garfield, W of County Line, N of 55th		209	11%				
6. S of tracks, E of County Line, W of 294, N or 55th		150	8%				
7. S of 55th all		218	11%				

6. The following value statements were developed earlier this year by the Village Board to serve as the foundation for a Statement of Objectives and Policies. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. Hinsdale – a vibrant community where the future embraces the past.	415	24%	957	56%	272	16%	65	4%	248	1957
b. Hinsdale’s sense of community is exemplified by its history, tradition and unique character.	543	31%	1034	58%	166	9%	29	2%	188	1960
c. Hinsdale’s sense of community is exemplified by its superior array of services.	270	17%	856	53%	426	27%	49	3%	365	1966
d. Hinsdale’s sense of community is exemplified by its social and economic vitality.	335	21%	981	61%	249	16%	36	2%	319	1920
e. Hinsdale’s sense of community is exemplified by its collaboration between public private and social entities	239	17%	805	59%	274	20%	50	4%	578	1946
f. Mission Statement: The Village of Hinsdale exists to preserve and promote our quality of life, uniqueness and vitality. We are committed to manage our resources to provide outstanding services and to guide change by collaborating with those vested in our community.	443	27%	1008	61%	170	10%	44	3%	286	1951

Charm & Character

7. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following? Please circle the number.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. The beauty of its homes and its central business district primarily defines Hinsdale’s charm and character.	774	41%	965	51%	126	7%	21	1%	71	1957
b. Hinsdale is in danger of losing its charm if its physical appearance and housing n change too dramatically.	684	37%	711	38%	357	19%	102	6%	115	1969
c. Hinsdale is in danger of losing its charm if buildings in the business district chang dramatically.	635	35%	651	36%	416	23%	116	6%	150	1968
d. Hinsdale should do a better job of ensuring that new construction fits with the character of the town.	834	48%	597	34%	258	15%	64	4%	216	1969
e. The historic character of the downtown area contributes to the charm and appeal the Village.	947	50%	822	44%	90	5%	19	1%	93	1971
f. The annual flowers and landscaped corners add to Village charm and character.	1166	61%	708	37%	25	1%	4	0%	66	1969

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Housing and Community

8. The single-family character of the Village and the need for more housing options have been discussed in public meetings. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. Hinsdale should remain primarily a single-family residential community.	879	47%	662	35%	258	14%	67	4%	85	1951
b. The Village should encourage preservation and/or improvements to existing homes as an alternative to teardowns.	735	42%	595	34%	334	19%	95	5%	200	1959
c. Older residents leave Hinsdale because they cannot find suitable housing options.	619	41%	608	41%	200	13%	70	5%	467	1964
d. I would support more rental apartments if they were high quality and in keeping with the Village's character.	232	13%	497	28%	600	34%	444	25%	187	1960
e. I would support more condos/townhouses if they were high quality and in keeping with the Village's character.	488	26%	809	44%	284	15%	263	14%	121	1965
f. No additional housing developments (single-family teardowns excluded) should be approved under any circumstances.	249	15%	324	19%	705	42%	397	24%	280	1955
g. The Village should allow the market (e.g. homeowners and developers) and the zoning code to determine what multiple-family housing is provided in the community.	149	9%	547	34%	590	36%	346	21%	316	1948
h. Empty-nester housing (condos/townhomes) should be encouraged by the Village at appropriate locations.	510	30%	824	48%	256	15%	136	8%	238	1964

Business Districts

9. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding Hinsdale's Business Districts?

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. The predominately two-story building height in the central business district contributes to Hinsdale's small town character.	756	41%	902	49%	150	8%	28	2%	137	1973
b. Service businesses (i.e. banks, realtors, salons) on the street level detract from the vitality of the business district.	195	12%	413	25%	833	51%	199	12%	331	1971
c. I enjoy shopping in downtown Hinsdale.	417	23%	1049	58%	253	14%	76	4%	166	1961
d. I would take advantage of later shop hours if more shopping alternatives and restaurants were available.	509	31%	795	48%	302	18%	46	3%	308	1960
e. The Village should promote the development of a cohesive shopping district north of the tracks.	240	18%	619	46%	361	27%	127	9%	590	1937

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f. The retail area north of the tracks is attractive and represents Hinsdale well.	114	8%	658	47%	528	38%	96	7%	540	1936
g. The Ogden Corridor (from York to the Tri-State) looks tired and could use a face-	409	27%	778	52%	256	17%	50	3%	452	1945
h. The addition of empty-nester housing to downtown will detract from the charm of Hinsdale.	244	15%	404	24%	704	42%	324	19%	283	1959
i. The potential land uses (retail, office, housing) along the Ogden Corridor (from Yc to the Tri-State) should be evaluated.	338	22%	1050	67%	121	8%	48	3%	404	1961
j. The addition of empty-nester housing (condos/townhouses) to downtown will help make the downtown more vibrant.	243	15%	676	43%	443	28%	218	14%	375	1955
k. The presence of national brands (e.g. Gap, Chicos, Starbucks) in Hinsdale contributes to the appeal of our downtown.	220	14%	816	51%	418	26%	161	10%	352	1967
l. The improvements at the Hinsdale Office Park along Ogden Avenue are in keepir with the charm and style of Hinsdale.	262	22%	850	70%	85	7%	17	1%	746	1960
m. The Village should provide financial incentives for retail shops to locate and stay Hinsdale.	321	20%	741	46%	402	25%	154	10%	343	1961
n. The visual impact of existing signs reflects an appropriate balance between the character of the Village and the needs of business owners.	121	8%	1189	83%	106	7%	19	1%	513	1948
o. I believe the size and density of future downtown buildings should be closely managed by the Village.	592	34%	1001	57%	140	8%	33	2%	188	1954
p. The Village encourages the proper maintenance of the exterior appearance of downtown buildings.	304	20%	1088	72%	114	8%	13	1%	436	1955
q. The scale and character of Fuller's Home & Hardware Store is an example of a recent development in keeping with the charm and style of Hinsdale.	817	45%	924	51%	62	3%	23	1%	140	1966

10. The need for additional restaurants in the Central Business District was identified by residents as a priority. The liquor ordinance permits alcohol to be served only with a meal.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. I visit other towns because Hinsdale does not have enough restaurants.	849	46%	646	35%	275	15%	69	4%	124	1963
b. I would dine in Hinsdale more often if there were more restaurant options.	884	48%	696	38%	193	11%	56	3%	135	1964
c. The Village should allow live entertainment in restaurants that serve alcohol.	433	29%	528	35%	358	24%	200	13%	443	1962
d. Wine shops should be allowed to serve wine by the glass.	429	27%	639	41%	331	21%	166	11%	401	1966
e. I believe allowing a restaurant to serve alcohol without food is appropriate for Hinsdale.	418	24%	535	30%	490	28%	313	18%	208	1964

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f. Beer and wine should be sold in convenience stores.	222	13%	466	28%	603	36%	396	23%	282	1969
g. The ordinance should allow bars and taverns.	190	11%	275	15%	691	39%	631	35%	181	1968
h. The ordinance should allow bars and taverns with live entertainment.	169	10%	245	14%	642	37%	698	40%	211	1965
i. The ordinance should allow traditional liquor stores.	142	8%	383	23%	575	34%	600	35%	262	1962

Aesthetics

11. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding aesthetic, beautification and maintenance issues in Hinsdale?

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. The Village should implement or encourage a beautification program for all business areas.	483	28%	1131	66%	84	5%	9	1%	259	1966
b. The Village does a good job maintaining parkway trees.	366	20%	1306	71%	142	8%	31	2%	151	1996
c. The Village does a good job maintaining and repairing streets and curbs throughout the Village.	145	8%	840	46%	528	29%	297	16%	166	1976
d. The Village does a good job maintaining and repairing sidewalks.	117	7%	863	53%	481	30%	168	10%	351	1980
e. The Village should add sidewalks in areas of town that do not have them.	393	26%	675	45%	299	20%	145	10%	433	1945
f. The main thoroughfares to the Village (e.g. Ogden, York, County Line) are attractive approaches to the community.	121	8%	1022	65%	375	24%	65	4%	386	1969
g. The brick streets in town substantially contribute to the charm and character of the community.	663	37%	885	50%	180	10%	47	3%	214	1989
h. Beautification improvements (landscaping, decorative street lamps, buried overhead lines, etc.) are important to improving Hinsdale's future.	754	41%	1013	55%	67	4%	9	0%	147	1990
i. Trees are a critical part of the character of Hinsdale and we need to do more in the area of tree management and planting.	908	49%	866	47%	54	3%	7	0%	155	1990
j. The condition and maintenance of our streets is acceptable.	112	6%	925	51%	506	28%	282	15%	167	1992
k. The architecture and quality of some new single-family homes are inconsistent with the charm and character of Hinsdale.	568	33%	638	37%	399	23%	106	6%	277	1988

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Government and Policy – Elected Officials/Staff

12. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. I understand how the caucus system in Hinsdale works.	145	9%	629	41%	575	37%	189	12%	445	1983
b. I am satisfied with the caucus system method of selecting Village Board candidates.	54	6%	432	45%	319	33%	149	16%	1012	1966
c. The caucus should endorse second term candidates seeking a second 4-year term.	37	5%	314	41%	293	38%	126	16%	1198	1968
d. The Village staff responds to my concerns and serves the Village constituents well.	111	10%	626	54%	301	26%	115	10%	817	1970

Government and Policy – Parks and Recreation

13. The Village of Hinsdale currently owns and manages most of the park and recreation facilities in the Village. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. The Village manages its park lands well.	257	14%	1415	77%	138	8%	17	1%	167	1994
b. The Village should make obtaining more open space a greater priority.	281	20%	636	45%	455	32%	44	3%	576	1992
c. The Village manages its recreation programs well.	193	13%	1169	78%	110	7%	35	2%	486	1993
d. The recreation program offerings are sufficient in breadth and depth.	150	10%	990	69%	241	17%	57	4%	549	1987
e. There are enough parks and recreational facilities in Hinsdale to serve the existing population.	187	11%	1073	64%	331	20%	77	5%	319	1987
f. Hinsdale's parks need better maintenance.	78	6%	298	22%	926	67%	74	5%	616	1992
g. Hinsdale is a 'bicycle friendly' town.	50	3%	664	44%	687	45%	119	8%	465	1985
h. The Village should develop a plan that promotes and accommodates safer bicycling and walking.	371	24%	924	61%	205	13%	22	1%	462	1984
i. Existing parks and recreational facilities are conveniently accessed by bicyclists and pedestrians.	76	5%	914	64%	381	27%	66	5%	540	1977

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Government and Policy – Zoning Code

14. The appearance of new homes constructed following the demolition of older homes has been debated by many. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. The Village should allow the market (homeowners, builders, developers) and the zoning code to determine what single-family housing is provided in the community.	226	13%	683	39%	576	33%	262	15%	198	1945
b. The side yard space between new homes is appropriate.	86	5%	514	30%	757	44%	371	21%	251	1979
c. The architecture of new homes is compatible with the charm and character of Hinsdale.	106	6%	737	44%	562	34%	268	16%	281	1954
d. The Village should adopt procedures that provide incentives for homeowners/business owners to renovate Hinsdale’s older homes/buildings rather than tear them down.	602	34%	796	45%	281	16%	107	6%	207	1993
e. The lot coverage (building footprint plus driveway) on new homes seems fine to r	78	4%	526	30%	728	42%	405	23%	243	1980
f. Reducing the size of new homes will decrease property values.	183	11%	439	28%	682	43%	289	18%	384	1977
g. The height of new single-family homes is consistent with the charm and character of the Village.	128	8%	730	43%	522	31%	309	18%	287	1976
h. The Village should discourage large, attached garages on the front of new home: where the garage doors are a prominent architectural feature as viewed from the street.	493	31%	703	44%	322	20%	97	6%	369	1984
i. The Village should better control new home bulk to ensure that it is in keeping with Hinsdale’s charm and character.	557	32%	827	48%	265	15%	68	4%	266	1983
j. I believe homeowners and developers should be allowed to manage tree planting removal of trees on private property without municipal oversight.	193	11%	554	32%	681	39%	326	19%	238	1992
k. I believe new homes are getting too large for the lot size.	740	42%	572	32%	334	19%	116	7%	221	1983

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Government Services and Infrastructure

15. Traffic, transportation and utilities issues have been mentioned as areas for improvement. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. Too many residential streets connect to Ogden Avenue between Madison and Washington Streets.	70	6%	179	14%	799	63%	218	17%	721	1987
b. The Village should actively pursue linking unconnected sidewalks throughout town.	408	26%	811	52%	244	16%	89	6%	439	1991
c. The existing sidewalk maintenance program satisfies my needs.	108	7%	874	57%	430	28%	126	8%	450	1988
d. The enforcement of existing traffic laws is adequate.	175	10%	1265	71%	226	13%	111	6%	193	1970
e. The "at grade" railroad crossings are reasonably safe and well signed.	221	12%	1485	79%	125	7%	40	2%	109	1980
f. Pedestrian safety is adequate in the downtown area.	169	9%	1456	78%	204	11%	36	2%	114	1979
g. Pedestrian safety is adequate at 55th and Grant/Madison (high school).	95	7%	900	67%	284	21%	72	5%	623	1974
h. Traffic flow at the intersection of Ogden and York should be improved.	518	33%	825	52%	220	14%	12	1%	403	1978
i. Cell phone coverage in Hinsdale meets my expectations.	87	5%	645	40%	359	22%	505	32%	375	1971
j. The Village should do more to promote wireless connectivity in Hinsdale.	491	38%	550	43%	185	14%	56	4%	695	1977
k. Electric service is reliable and meets my expectations.	123	7%	900	49%	510	28%	297	16%	152	1982

Parking

16. What is your personal experience of the availability of parking in the following areas?

	Ample		Adequate		Sub-standard		Deficient		No Opinion	Total
a. Central Business District – shopping	53	3%	486	25%	708	37%	680	35%	59	1986
b. Central Business District – train commuter	60	5%	293	24%	368	30%	502	41%	750	1973
c. Gateway Square Shopping Center	506	27%	1214	66%	90	5%	32	2%	146	1988
d. Grant Square	617	32%	1252	65%	50	3%	14	1%	58	1991
e. Highlands Train Station	80	12%	290	45%	150	23%	121	19%	1343	1984
f. Hinsdale Parks	247	17%	948	64%	225	15%	65	4%	496	1981
g. West Hinsdale Train Station	62	10%	298	49%	144	23%	110	18%	1362	1976
h. Library / Memorial Building	95	5%	684	37%	797	43%	278	15%	130	1984
i. Hinsdale Center for the Arts	229	20%	752	67%	106	9%	31	3%	861	1979
j. Community House	325	20%	1141	69%	150	9%	41	2%	334	1991

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17. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. We do not have a parking problem in town.	110	6%	276	15%	647	34%	857	45%	94	1984
b. I regularly circle downtown to find a place to park my car.	766	41%	787	42%	285	15%	51	3%	94	1983
c. The Village should provide more spaces in close proximity to downtown for shoppers, commuters and shop employees.	716	40%	837	47%	198	11%	42	2%	172	1965
d. The parking problem would go away if shop employees did not park in metered spaces.	285	22%	544	41%	356	27%	133	10%	659	1977
e. One hour is an appropriate amount of time to allow for shopping (e.g. non-errand	92	5%	336	18%	816	44%	618	33%	126	1988
f. More quick-stop parking spaces (less than an hour) should be located in downtown	183	11%	719	43%	494	30%	259	16%	333	1988
g. I can find adequate parking in reasonable time within a reasonable distance from shopping/errand destination.	138	7%	572	31%	729	39%	420	23%	121	1980

Individual Health and Welfare

18. The arts and social activities are important to many Hinsdale residents. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. There are an adequate number and variety of arts and cultural activities and programs for all ages in Hinsdale.	199	13%	1026	65%	303	19%	56	4%	399	1983
b. I would take advantage of a performing arts facility if one were built in Hinsdale.	197	14%	685	50%	388	28%	95	7%	613	1978
c. There are sufficient opportunities in Hinsdale for social interaction and the exchange of ideas and concerns.	109	8%	931	65%	333	23%	57	4%	553	1983
d. Hinsdale should sponsor more community events like Uniquely Thursday, the Christmas Walk and the Art Fair.	276	19%	900	64%	209	15%	31	2%	567	1983
e. The Village should do more to promote healthier interpersonal relationships among Village residents.	199	17%	579	48%	317	27%	100	8%	776	1971

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19. The Village uses several different communication tools. How strongly do you agree or disagree that the following tools are effective for communicating with Hinsdale residents.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		No Opinion	Total
a. I use the The Village website: www.villageofhinsdale.org	130	9%	622	42%	557	37%	177	12%	474	1960
b. I read the Village newsletter: Village Views	372	20%	1394	74%	87	5%	28	1%	110	1991
c. I watch public access television on Channel 6.	94	6%	515	33%	615	39%	333	21%	412	1969
d. I find Town Hall Meetings an effective forum for public information sharing and debate.	99	9%	622	56%	263	24%	121	11%	867	1972

Community Vision

20. Please share your vision for what the Village should do to make Hinsdale an even better place to live. Also, please add any final comments you may have.

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