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**Icebreaker:** What is your proudest moment in the last service year in relation to the Pandemic?

**Survey Question 1:** What is your role in your community regarding health needs/ COVID?

<b>THEME</b>	ADDRESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS
<b>Quote</b>	"Bring healthy food and fruit treats to the development."
<b>Quote</b>	"Pass out flyers in the community about opportunities available in Nickerson Gardens."
<b>Quote</b>	"Ask what the community needs; helps by referring the community to services such as therapy and counseling. Addressing community needs."
<b>Quote</b>	"Volunteer work doing triage and referrals within the community for people in need."
<b>THEME</b>	BRINGING INFORMATION AND RESOURCES INTO THE COMMUNITY
<b>Quote</b>	"Sharing information with family and friends."

**Survey Question 2:** What are some of the most pressing needs/concerns that you face right now? (Top 3 needs) and where does managing COVID fit in?

<b>THEME</b>	ADDRESSING FOOD NEEDS
<b>Quote</b>	"Food for seniors, more food giveaways and outings for seniors, more activities for the kids."
<b>Quote</b>	"Need hot meal programs for seniors, more outings, plant fruit trees."
<b>Quote</b>	"More access to food, more information on Covid-19, more resources to keep kids engaged."
<b>Quote</b>	"More community involvement, gym needs to be fixed, better attendance for giveaways."
<b>THEME</b>	INADEQUATE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH
<b>Quote</b>	"Food for seniors, more food giveaways and outings for seniors, more activities for the kids."
<b>Quote</b>	"Boys and girls club needs to be worked on."
<b>Quote</b>	"More access to food, more information on COVID-19, more resources to keep kids engaged."
<b>Quote</b>	"More community involvement, gym needs to be fixed, better attendance for giveaways."
<b>THEME</b>	ENGAGING SENIORS
<b>Quote</b>	"Food for seniors, more food giveaways and outings for seniors, more activities for the kids."
<b>Quote</b>	"Need hot meal programs for seniors, more outings, plant fruit trees."
<b>THEME</b>	OTHER
<b>Quote</b>	"More activities for Spanish speakers, help for undocumented community residents. Jobs."

**Survey Question 3:** What are some of the top 3 challenges for you and your family to be healthy during the COVID pandemic?

<b>THEME</b>	SAFETY
<b>Quote</b>	"Killings and safety are higher priority than COVID-19 in the community."
<b>Quote</b>	"We did have a lot of incidents in here as well, but the LAPD is taking care of that. It's not as bad as it used to be, it calmed down a lot."
<b>THEME</b>	THE YOUNGER GENERATION ISN'T TAKING COVID SERIOUSLY
<b>Quote</b>	Younger generation is not concerned about COVID-19 like seniors are."

**Survey Question 4:** How do Black Americans in Los Angeles feel about COVID? How do they/you feel about the COVID vaccine? Who do you know who's gotten?

<b>THEME</b>	HIGH ANXIETY FROM CATCHING COVID-19 THROUGH FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS
<b>Quote</b>	"Seniors passing from their children (with COVID-19); Buried a lot of family members."
<b>THEME</b>	UNSURE OR UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE VACCINE
<b>Quote</b>	"Still thinking on it."
<b>Quote</b>	"The vaccine doesn't prevent you from getting Covid-19."

<b>Quote</b>	"Wanting information about what is in the vaccine & the effects it has on your body."
<b>Quote</b>	"Want to know more."
<b>Survey Question 5: What are challenges facing your members/clients to getting the vaccine? What would make it easy/difficult to get the vaccine?</b>	
<b>THEME</b>	NOT WANTING TO GET VACCINATED DUE TO SIDE EFFECTS
<b>Quote</b>	"Grandson got a shot."
<b>THEME</b>	ABLE TO GET THE VACCINE IF THEY WANT IT
<b>Quote</b>	"Knowing where to get vaccinated; mobile clinic access hours."
<b>Quote</b>	"Working to have as many mobile vaccine sites as possible."
<b>Quote</b>	"As far as access the access is there."
<b>Survey Question 6: What influences a person's decision to get/not get the vaccine?</b>	
<b>THEME</b>	"ETHNICITY AND RACE OF THE PERSON ADMINISTERING THE SHOT IS NOT IMPORTANT. PEOPLE WANT MORE INFORMATION ON THE VACCINE."
<b>Quote</b>	"Color is not a problem."
<b>Quote</b>	"Having more information on the vaccine."
<b>THEME</b>	HAVING A DOCTOR OR NURSE PRESENT WHO CAN SPEAK AND EXPLAIN IN SPANISH IS IMPORTANT.
<b>Quote</b>	"Being able to obtain knowledge from the doctor/bilingual."
<b>Survey Question 7: Who is a trusted messenger in your community?</b>	
<b>THEME</b>	THERE ARE A FEW TRUSTED MESSENGERS IN THE NICKERSON GARDENS COMMUNITY
<b>Quote</b>	"Music entertainer, Anthony "Top Dawg" Tiffith, came in during the pandemic."
	"Lucie Hooper, Anthony "Top Dawg" Tiffith, and Keith Wilkerson."
<b>Survey Question 8: What resources /programs have you seen that can help people understand /get the vaccine?</b>	
<b>THEME</b>	WELL-ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY CHURCHES ARE IMPORTANT
<b>Quote</b>	"Love and Unity vaccination site."
<b>Quote</b>	"The Dome vaccination site."
<b>Survey Question 10: Wishlist for making it easier to get the COVID vaccine, if money is no object?</b>	
<b>THEME</b>	MORE INFORMATION ON THE VACCINE WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR DECISION TO GET IT
<b>Quote</b>	"Having more information on the vaccine."
<b>Final Thoughts</b>	
<b>THEME</b>	NICKERSON GARDENS NEEDS MORE CONTRIBUTION FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES
<b>Quote</b>	"Nobody from the outside is contributing to the community."
<b>THEME</b>	THE COMMUNITY IS RESILIENT