



Village of Downers Grove

Official Village Policy Approved by Village Council

Description:	Use of Comprehensive Community Surveys	
Res. or Ord. #:	Res. 88-4	Effective Date: 1/18/88
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RESOLUTION 88-4

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POLICY OF THE COUNCIL TO THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE REGARDING THE USE OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SURVEYS

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Downers Grove has heretofore established certain policies regarding finance, taxation and the use of home rule power; and

WHEREAS, these policies provide, in pertinent part, that the Village will not levy and collect taxes on real property in the Village for any purpose other than the provision of services directly affecting the value of property in the Village, or services of the Library unless approved by the voters by referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has found that comprehensive community surveys, mailed to as many households as possible, permit a more informed expression of public opinion and generally are returned in greater numbers than votes cast in local referenda; and

WHEREAS, the Council has used comprehensive community surveys for guidance on several issues pursuant to the aforementioned policies and wishes to further clarify its policy on their use,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, as follows:

1. That it shall continue to be the policy of the Village Council to consider the use of comprehensive community surveys to guide it in significant decisions relating to matters which would, or could reasonably be expected to represent an exercise of its home rule powers to levy taxes or to issue debt, and to other matters which the Council may select.

2. That the use of such surveys is only appropriate when the issue before the Village Council pertains to a decision which is essentially discretionary with the local corporate authorities, which is not subject

to control or regulation by the State of Illinois, or to review by administrative agencies, and which would not result in an unconstitutional delegation of the Council's legislative authority.

3. That whenever such comprehensive community surveys are utilized, the survey instrument shall contain a preamble or other appropriate informational document which shall state the intention of the Council with respect to the manner in which the survey results will be interpreted and utilized.

4. That notwithstanding any provision of this resolution, in arriving at its ultimate course of action, the Village Council is entitled, in its legislative discretion, to consider factors which may or may not have been available at the time the survey is undertaken, and to consider information to which it alone is privy and which may not have been made public at the time of the survey.

5. That the validity of any action taken by the Council which is otherwise in conformance with applicable law shall not be invalidated, impaired or otherwise affected by noncompliance with any part of the policy set forth herein.

6. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed.

7. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Betty M. Cheever, Mayor

Passed: January 18, 1988
Attest: Barbara Waldner, Village Clerk