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1	COMPLETE REPLACEMENT OF THE BOARD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	
2	improve gym	
3	Please do not reduce the size of the dog park! This is the most important and most used amenity. It is so special and a chain link fence is a horrible ugly idea. Please just put temporary fencing along the original post line. We need to keep the space for dogs and their families to enjoy it is the absolute most important thing and the proposed space is way too small and in a yucky area. We need that area too to enjoy with our dogs in the summer time we want to swim too with them. This new fence will ruin everything!!	The gym is disgusting too and needs new mats desperately and keep the back room open for us women who need to workout on the floor without all the teenagers walking around us while doing pelvic floor work. No more tennis courts! No one plays tennis. Kids need fun things to do. A little skate park would be ideal. And bring back walking at nights on the golf course but most importantly please get rid of this awful new plan for the dog park. Please keep the space how it is. Save money and use the orange temporary fencing along the post lines where the sign is posted. We literally have no where else to let our dogs swim and run.
4	Tear down old decrepit building next to barn. Improve tennis court at marina - convert to more pickleball courts. Improve sauna and add cold plunge at gym.	Rather than constantly increase all residents HOA fees, each facility should have a marginal membership/usage fee and those funds should go directly to that facility. So the people who use them are the one who pay and benefit from their upkeep/improvements. Non residents should continue to have access to all facilities but the usage fee for non residents should be higher.
5	Non residents taking over our marina/park/beaches in the summer.	Lived here 19 years and still love SV. The marina situation needs to be addressed. We don't even try to go on sunny weekends anymore due to non residents taking up the parking and space.
6	Keeping dues from increasing	No
7	Listening to the community members. For example, the proposed dog park change doesn't demonstrate that Board listened to the ones who use it most.	The golf course is in amazing shape and even those who don't golf should appreciate the beauty and PR it brings to Sudden Valley.
8	Find a general manager who doesn't have a anti-golf course bias. This is a community built around a beautiful golf course and wonderful lake!!!	I and many folks I talk to have great misgivings concerning the current GM. She was here before & a lot of people were happy to see her go. She does not appreciate our golf course which has a huge influence on the value of our homes and the quality of life. She is insensitive to what a whole lot of us truly like!!!
9	Wait to make impactful decisions until community feedback can be gathered. And listen to the results. For example, do not make changes to the off-leash dog park before you see the results of the survey that you know will ask the community about the importance of the dog park. This board seems to push through its agenda instead of collaborating with stakeholders to solve issues. An advisory group could have been put together for the amenity users to suggest viable solutions and alternatives that would meet the board's mandate but also satisfy the amenity users.	I do not understand why the board would vote to make major changes to the off-leash dog park that wasn't on the capital project list of the approved budget without waiting for the results of this survey. Instead of speculating on how many people who didn't show up to any board meeting to protest the changes were for the proposed changes, the board could have easily had viable community feedback to make a decision. The fact that the board knew there would be questions pertaining to the dog park that would give them actual data of the number of people in the community who use this amenity but chose to push through a vote before getting these results is infuriating. It shows the board had an agenda and did not care about the actual needs and desires of the community. I do not trust this board to work on behalf of the entirety of Sudden Valley. It's incredibly disheartening.
10	Maintaining an efficient bidget	Do not eliminate the golf course. It brings in income from all over the county, and increases property values. It was the primary reason I chose Sudden Valley when I moved 8 years ago. Many of the events bring in participation from all over the state. My great niece and nephew also participate in the Junior golf program.
11	Replacing the old barn. And maintaining golf course.	Keep the golf course
12	Keeping the golf course in excellent condition. It is a huge asset and far reaching advertising for SV which helps bring in people interested in living in here, playing here and talking about this beautiful location.	

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13	Roads	
14	Keeping unnecessary expenditures at bay due to the current economy and some struggling families.	I am not in favor of increasing rules and fines. I am not in agreement with the new rules for long term rentals, but do agree with monitoring Airbnb rentals. I feel that open space areas near homes should be assessed for hazardous trees.
15	Demolishing Barn 6 and creating a plan to replace the Dance Barn/Community Center with a new building	
16	i'd fix up the park next to the marina. it's pitted, full of poop, etc. seperating these with a fence will work, but cleaning up both spaces. Fixing the tennis court (fence back on, new flooring) will help to "maintain" what was there.	no
17	Positive engagement and promotion of existing facilities	I would prefer to see a focus on development and maintenance of current facilities even if it leads to an increase of monthly dues. I moved to the community for this reason and if there are any major changes, I would need to consider if this is an area I would want my family to live.
18	Lowering dues	Put signs up at beginning of dead end streets so thru traffic won't have to turn around with a lot of difficulty because streets are so narrow.
19	Always including the shareholders in decisions for major expenditure and projects Asking the shareholders BEFORE the decisions are made and listening to what is said and following the decisions made and presented by the shareholders to the board.	The board needs to take into consideration the needs of all the shareholders in SV. Our financial situations cover a wide gambit, from retirees to young families to multi-millionaires. We need to meet the financial needs of all. It is not about making SV an upscale community. It is about making it a place where our wide range of shareholders can afford to live. I do not believe that the current board does that.
20	Fire safety	Save Lake Louise from being strangled by lilies. Trim trees that are on common/svca property that infringe on homeowners' property
21	finish the open pavilion as voted for	put fees on all recreational activities that require paid staff and increase fees as needed to keep up with staff yearly raises.
22	Maintaining the quality of buildings and facilities	Sudden Valley has been our second home since 1980. It's a pleasure to see it grow but it's very important to maintain standards that it originated with.
23	Honoring the votes of the community.	
24	Promoting civility and working with members to build a more cohesive community through listening and understanding.	
25	Preserving the current off-leash dog park area.	The current off-leash dog park changes are poorly conceived and unacceptable.
26	Careful use of revenues, including keeping reserves elevated for use in case of unforeseen circumstances or emergencies and NOT saying "we saved on these projects, so let's spend that money now on something else."	
27	Fireside empty lots.	I keep my yard firewise. When I walk around the block I see a lot of down limbs and debris on empty lots that make my efforts meaningless.
28	Move the welcome center out of the building next to the lake and put in a coffee shop or group meeting area, so everyone can enjoy the view. The offices don't need that view. Go back to the old building	I think the board is not bringing the community along with some of their most important (expensive) decisions. I also, think some of the amenities should either pay for themselves or be deleted. Families are moving in and the boomers are dying. The community is changing whether people like it or not. The resort people are dying off. The new people want a home to raise their kids. Golf/marina may not be all that important to young people raising kids.

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29	Getting rid of the invasive lilies in Lake Louise! I worked last year pulling them by hand and it's a losing battle. This lake provides important habitat for local wildlife and the community.	I've really enjoyed living in SV. I love living so close to nature and wildlife. The more we can coexist in an environmentally friendly way the better. Limited street lights, limited fencing, and no pesticides or chemicals outdoors especially in a water shed. I see people washing their cars and I doubt they're using cleaning products safe for the environment. I know it's hard to police everyone and some people don't care but maybe they're not informed.
30	Safety and keeping dues low	Keeping dues low and keeping the sunshine room are important
31	I have owned a home in Sudden Valley since 2001. I am someone who is in favor of rules and regulations, but it often seems as if the people in charge of SVCA are out of touch with what is actually necessary and focus on small or irrelevant issues.	By focusing on out of touch issues, SVCA tends to drive people away from Sudden Valley and/or make people want to move. I was so excited to buy a house in Sudden Valley, but dealing with nit-picky SVCA regulations became very frustrating. When trying to improve the look of our home and yard, we were met with resistance from SVCA. It was difficult to process how spending money to make our house look better would be something that SVCA would question and put on hold until they decided to approve.
32	Improving amenities without a significant dues increase	
33	I really miss the adult center. It was nice to have an indoor venue to meet with friends and enjoy food, games, and adult beverages.	No
34	Supporting residents in maintaining HOA standards in the midst of inflation and rising unemployment	Glad you are doing the survey! What's happening to the Washington Foundation's WhatcomTogether# ?
35		Thanks for your involvement in this community
36	Maintaining facilities like the gym and barn. Preserving open spaces.	I am relatively new here and have never been part of an association. Working to become more involved. Learned there was a second sauna by the quiet pool that wasn't fixed. Seems sad to close things rather than upkeep. There are so many radical opinions about the board, dues, etc—not sure yet where the truth lies, but I know costs are rising and dues naturally would too. That said, I have also heard there have been financial decisions made to line pockets of certain contractors rather than take the lowest bids or using common sense and practicality when addressing repairs. It would also be great to have more community clubs and engagement!
37	How to maintain our facilities & update computer systems (less paper)	Fees are too expensive for overburdened condo owners
38	listen to the community and prioritize amenities that already exist	
39	Unity and trust. We need a long range plan that is logical and has a funding plan that can be passed that restores the unique community amenities that makes SV what it was and can be again	As evidenced by the use of the barn tennis courts, the Marina courts would bring the same community usage. We need to move to a property value based fee structure - fixed base fee for all and then a variable fee by property value - to have a chance to get fees at levels needed for investment and upkeep and that recognizes the reality that properties close to the amenities benefit the most in value from them. The golf course clubhouse could be spectacular and generate huge bar and restaurant revenue but needs serious investment as do other facilities. SV is a spectacular spot and frustrating many want to see it decay. The property transfer fee was a logical move to generate revenue and then it got politicized. I am a seasonal resident so use the amenities for a short portion of the year but our family realizes SV is so much more when looked at as a full community rather than as one lot or home trying to be isolated in the trees.

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40	The upkeep of the gym and sauna area. Taking down the old dance barn and putting in a new facility. The gym area is very outdated and is in great need of new machines and a better facility space for working out. Also the tennis and Pickeball courts at the marina are very old and outdated. It would be great if those were fixed so people could enjoy! Dedicated pickleball courts would be wonderful. It's such a beautiful spot down by the marina and it is in desperate need of some attention.	I think this survey is really great! However I didn't see it advertised anywhere?! I just hope people know about the survey and can give some honest feedback about our beautiful community we live in and how to make it better for everyone. Was there an option for people that don't have smart phones? The only thing I would include for next time is space for people to write in on some of the questions instead of just multiple choice. Some questions have more nuance than multiple choice.
41	Community	No
42	Being ethical and actually working for all members rather than focusing so much on golfers and boaters.	That chain link fence for the dog park by the marina is kind of ass but something has to be done because owners are idiots. Y'all are just making the worst people look good with that stupid fence. Also, REDACTED? What is actually wrong with y'all?
43	Keeping Sudden Valley a desirable, safe, pleasant place to live and continuing listening to the input and suggestions from its permanent residents. Thank you for all your hard work.	I appreciate the forest and lake environment as well as the quiet and considerate ambiance here in Sudden Valley. I do not feel that we need large, entertainment facilities bringing in crowds, traffic, and noise.
44	Discourage use of SVCA facilities by the non-dues-paying general public	Pool should not be available to anyone outside of SVCA members and their guests
45	1. Move Staff out of the Lake Louise Lodge. Make it the special amenity it is for Adults. Increase homeowner lifestyle and property values! One of kind experience. Everyone gets a home lake view at Sudden Valley. 2. Comprehensive HOA Development Plan that is adhered to regardless of Board changes. This plan should include a detailed inventory of each asset, building, measured asset specifications for immediate and longterm use. It should also be available for all homeowners so the vision is clear and solutions are based on actuals not ever changing board preferences, unknowns or poor guesses. 3. Gateway Beautification, new monuments that reflect a national park like style and is cohesive and unified. Please get rid of the Gate 2 looking tombstone monument. Or at least Refacade it with natural river stones or wood. Gate 2 is the first impression for most homeowners and buyers, with many amenities. The trees are iconic! Every "gateway" at sudden valley should be beautiful. Gates could be renamed. National park like monuments are the ideal fit and style. Honoring history and creating a New Sudden Valley, refreshed, groomed and with detailed care.	Remove two things at Board Meetings. First, requiring people to be recorded with a private address. Technically, people can opt out legally. The board could ask for a confidential sign in. People love their homes and the community. Unfortunately, we have less engagement and participation because some people got doxxed and the like. That's not okay. 2. Dog owners are liable for their dogs. We don't need a fence. It ruins aesthetics. However, if this is in the works please don't use chain fences, etc. make it quality. 3. It would be better for the Board to declare the goal of HOA and service committee to all homeowners to launch meetings rather than the ancestry of the Russians, Spanish and Salish people groups. The HOA can celebrate the treaty day as the Salish people have taught it is mutually beneficial and a community celebration. 4. Please change the Lodge at Lake Louise into a homeowner amenity for adult coffee, work rooms, chat and knit areas, gaming, guest entertainment, etc.
46	Please consider sliding scale or income-based dues: young resident families with a mortgage may struggle and need a break, while people for whom their property is a second or vacation home can afford higher dues.	I love it here, found a tiny old home that fit my style and economic situation. I love the resident creatures, our dark skies, the slow vehicle speeds, and the quiet. I was very sorry to see community buildings demolished rather than being restored (though I understand that is not always feasible) but not replaced. Please keep asking our neighbors to reduce outdoor lighting: I used to see the Milky Way from my deck, a profound wonder in this era.
47	Managing balancing funds and making improvements without large increases or assessments.	No.
48	Making the pool year round. We have mild weather. That will attract more residents, and community involvement.	Making the pool year-round and better fitness center are two key areas that board should focus.
49	Safe Pedestrian /bike roads in the community (between the gates and to the town)	

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50	Fence dog park and charge nonmembers for parking and have a plan for the community center. Keep all facilities clean, inviting, and well maintained even while larger projects are in the works.	Love the free golf and range ball benefit that was added. Would be nice to have limited guest passes to the pool for each household. I fully support changing non-members high(er) rates for our amenities but there is a difference between guests (attend w/member) and the general public.
51	Getting multiple bids on a project and not wasting hundreds of thousands of dollars on something only a small percentage of members use. Such as the dog park. They also need to take in account what people actually vote for, otherwise what is the point? Why are we wasting our time?	PLEASE take into consideration the amount of people that have lost their jobs recently. Quite a few reside in sudden valley. Putting an extra financial hardship on families because the SVCA board does not know how to manage large amounts of funds, makes it nearly impossible for us to provide necessities such as, mortgages, bills and food for our families. In the last 10 years, the dues have increased \$100 per month. Also, not to mention we are paying this ridiculous amount each month, and then svca wants to invite the public to use our pools and waterfront. Svca residents should always be put first when there is a need to create a queue for the pool.
52	signage	
53	With summer coming I don't think there should be public access to the marina. It should be reserved for SV residents and guests only.	
54	Maintaining the integrity of current properties and resources, while keeping dues affordable. This is NOT the time to be making changes or additions. Keep our current situation healthy, but don't make changes that aren't needed! Times are tough for so many people right now, we need to look out for our neighbors and keep dues affordable.	Please don't let folks agitating for new resources make dues an unreasonable burden for all the rest of. Sudden valley is amazing because of our community and natural resources, and while the amenities are a nice bonus, they shouldnt be prioritized over remaining an affordable community for families and seniors.
55	We are on a fixed income and unfortunately if the dues continue to rise we will be forced to move. Our options for a home in town are extremely limited with our current financial situation and its about time for SVCA to implement a senior financial assistance for seniors and others that are low income.	Keeping our dues low and providing for some sort of low income assistance is of extreme importance for us.
56	I think that the only way forward regarding dues and financing SV projects, is to create a tiered dues structure that is based on relative property value. For example, 3 tiers with dues and dues increases that are proportional. I believe that this is the most important thing for long-term financial stability of this organization, and it gets more urgent with every dues increase. I also think that anything that can be done to slow down the pace of development is important, so that there is a little time left to figure out any way to protect remaining undeveloped land.	The land that we live on is a beautiful treasure. I have been appalled at past board decisions to sell it off. I realized that there is probably little that can be done about that, but I think that any emphasis on conservation that is possible should be done. Once it's gone, it's gone.
57	Wildfire risk reduction. We can't afford to have a big fire here. But just in case, it's also important to plan what to do during and after such a fire. Reduce risk by cutting down cedar trees that are clearly sick or dead, doing everything possible to improve how quickly the community notices and reports fires and how fast the Fire District can respond, and educate everyone about ember-resistant construction details. Improve life safety by training the community in what to do, including actual fire drills. There is no substitute for the "muscle memory" created by a drill. Prepare for the aftermath by planning out erosion control and toxics mitigation measures. Encourage everyone to understand our homeowners' insurance policies BEFORE we need them.	

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58	Understand what residents value, and be prepared to make big changes based on what you find. If you can understand why the majority of residents choose to live here and what they value then the tactical choices will become more clear once you can make a strategy. My suspicion is that most folks moving here generally hold their noses at the fact that they have to deal with an HOA, they just want somewhere with access to nature and maybe something a bit more affordable. You should do more research, but if that's the case and we're facing tradeoffs around the budget and amenities, one idea is: do we really need an architectural control committee or enforcement? I personally don't care if my neighbor has a purple house and a small boat in their yard. It's certainly not worth paying for security to check on these things so we can save on the security, enforcement, and architectural coherence amenities if few value them. I was disappointed to not see these HOA functions listed in the survey questions on amenities because they are amenities. Here are some more conventional approaches where you get creative cost savings while still increasing amenity value: 1) Most amenities are better served by the private sector. Capitalism has shown that generally the market is the best way to deliver services (barring parks and other common resources). So let's increase the amount of amenities in Sudden Valley by building more spaces for commercial activity. Some ideas: 1) Do we need an onsite staffed Welcome Center on prime lakefront real estate, or could this be better served as some other third space for the community? My family's vote would be to use this beautiful space for a coffee shop or restaurant. It would add much needed culinary enrichment to the valley and bring in revenue! I am concerned that practical, simple ideas like this are being overlooked here and elsewhere. Barn plans seem to focus more on strange event planning revenue schemes instead of facilitating simple, revenue positive developments that will enhance quality of life in the valley. 2) Should Sudden Valley admin run the fitness center, or should it be contracted to a company that knows about building and maintaining a gym? 3) Allow multi-family housing developments. There is a natural limit on the amount of dues paying HOA members based on the empty plots still available, but there is an untapped potential to	Left a long comment earlier. General advice would be to undertake commercial and residential developments most likely to help balance the budget and improve satisfaction with the quality of life in Sudden Valley. I.e let SVCA do what it's good at, being a land tenant - you don't need to provide every amenity yourself. Letting commercial developments (restaurants, stores, etc.) bring in revenue and improve quality of life is smart. Doing tasteful multi-family development would also increase the HOA fee base and help solve our city's housing crisis.
59		Thanks!
60	Moving ahead with improvements and maintenance in a way that keeps stakeholders across the community informed to avoid divisions (that can derail such projects and more).	
61	Improve walkability and tear down/replace Barn 6	Sidewalks & pedestrian safety please
62	let golf supporting itself. no mower for them. buy us a streetsweeper. leave the dog park size alone. the one park that gets the most the use and you wanna chop the size to nothing. two large dogs would have a hard time chasing balls in a fenced area that small. what ever the plan don't do it	find a way to make money to help lower our dues. solar on the golf course sell the power to a data center. sv camping, no tiny home village. develop a lake side trail from the marina north to north point park. similar to the lake louise trail. we need more parking at the dog park. the boats look gross move them to area z. STREET SWEEPER. MAINTAIN what we got before trying to manage more. the unneeded welcome center is a 1.5mil mistake. turn it around and have it make us money. SV Weed Shop is needed.
63	Get rid of the golf course, open up those spaces for public access of varied uses, downsize the marina except for wind and human powered boats and possibly a rescue boat or two, turn the freed up crescent area into a large lake swimming area, and do NOT build a new building in place of the ice barn, that area will eventually flood or worse during a seismic event...protect the watershed and GET REAL ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DAMAGE FROM MAJOR EARTHQUAKES...!	It'd be nice to rid ourselves of this HOA structure in favor of a more responsive forward thinking political structure of our own design ...and good luck to us all....!

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64	Maintaining culverts	This is a beautiful community to call home.
65	Over all they are doing a good job.	
66	Enforcing quiet hours and parking rules	
67	Stricter regulations from the ACC specifically on new home builds and continual check-ins of new home builds. For example, on a new home build the contractors jackhammered too deeply into the hillside in order to maximize their profitability of the home (making the home as large as they could) - in doing so they took out half of 10 trees root systems, which already caused one tree to fall a foot from the house. The rest of these trees will fall directly onto the new house or neighbors house with time and weather. We felt this build was extremely unsafe to begin with, not a buildable lot, ACC never checked on realtor signage being different than SV regulation + driveway regulations or environmental safety, and this house has been on the market 1.5 years sitting empty. If worried about neighborhood profitability, please consider adding parking day passes for non-residents to am/pm beaches and the marina during the peak summer times. The people who live here and use facilities year round should not have our facilities changed drastically or have dues increased because of the use from people who do not live in the community.	On larger projects like the offleash dog park, I've heard different placement of where the fence will be going from each person who has come up to speak to me at the park. It seems there's a lack of clarity to what the design will be/where the dog park will be cutoff? I have no idea what the design is, but people are not happy and I am not happy to lose space there especially with reactive dogs about. Need more clarity around decisions and costs. I've never seen anyone use the baseball field within the off leash dog park area and I feel like we could've worked more to figure out a less expensive plan for the dog park and all users.
68	Maintaining the budget.	
69	Annexation into City Limits	The marina and golf course should sustain themselves without being subsidized by dues. No need for Security. Sufficient response time by local enforcement officials. Consider a levy based on property values for dues structure rather than flat rate/lot. Investment should be in making road infrastructure acceptable for City's acceptance into City for annexation purposes.
70	Being good stewards of the money we have	I appreciate the hard work it is to run an association of this size. Thank you for doing it.
71	Fitness center- new equipment and please fence the dog park! My dog can't use it without a fence	
72	Fix road drainage on onSudden Valley property behind my house ASAP	No
73	Less subjective personal. What is happening is half baked, uninformed, and unfair to the residents paying dues	
74	When 2/3 of the community votes against an unneeded and unwanted, expensive amenity, the BoD should listen. The new, over-the-top Barn 6 plan is a classic example of forcing us to pay for something we don't want.	If I leave Sudden Valley it will be because of constant dues increases and Special Assessments for expensive projects most residents do not support.
75		We love the sudden valley disc golf course. We both play out there multiple times a week. It's well maintained and great play for our weekly exercise and dog walks. Great job!
76	Investment in the community	
77	Capital planning	
78	Preserving Lake Louise and pm beach are from the lily infestation. Also clean up/update the clubhouse and/or fitness center.	I have noticed the improvements of the outdoor areas such as the small dog park, pickle ball/tennis and the kid park, and appreciate that very much. The broken down barn area could be great for a farmer's market area for the veggies, fruit and art etc. and also as a common outdoor covered area for other events?
79	Keeping costs down	

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80	Bought a hose in Jan. Moving here in July. We purchased the neighboring lot as well. Not really loving having to pay 2x the fees but understand. I'm not sure how much increase could feasibly afford. Especially since the lot being empty is not really costing the neighborhood anything.	
81	I would like to see some equity between all the gates. I feel like gates, 1, 2 and three get more attention than other gates. The roads are better maintained, sudden Valley owned land is better maintained. I also wish you put less money into the freaking golf course and more money into roads and ditches. I would also like to see the HOA actually enforce the rules. There's an example half of the homes on my in my neighbourhood are not using the correct or outdoor lighting. Including all five houses surrounding me are using bright, outwardly directed light, one of which shines directly into my bedroom and I can't do a damn thing about it. I've had many conversations with her and she has said "It's my house I can do whatever I want." And apparently that's true for everyone because half of the homes in gate nine and 13 do not have the correct outdoor lighting and are causing unwelcome light pollution. How do you enforce these rules that we paid for or do you?	In conclusion, I would like to see some HOA home spec rules, enforced, so that I'm not bombarded by light pollution. Light pollution is also bad for the environment and the animals. I would like to see less money going to a golf course that only the rich people use. And maybe you could focus some attention on the gates 5, 9 and 13 who's parks, roads and ditches are in bad repair.
82	Stop making decisions based on zero community input (e.g. dog park)	
83	Making the community fire safe as climate change intensifies.	Am concerned about the condition of the trees in the community and the degree of readiness required for severe weather in the coming years.
84	Im not sure, just bought a lot am planning for building, i do rent in SV, and I have a lot of opinions, I just don't have a big enough picture of the state of things to answer this question.	Apparently there isnt anyone over 99 in the community. I'd say invest more in the people and longevity of the SVCA if you can, hire another maintenance person rather than hire outside companies to do work, when possible. Like painting stripes on roads. Add more free writing areas to the next quiz and leave room for no opinion in the multiple choice since, your results are pretty bogus , since you have to make a selection and they are all based on having an opinion, someone that doest care about one question may respond differently than another person who also doesnt care about that question, there is no way to tell when looking at results. Nearly all of my middle if the road responses were just so i could move to the next question, some questions this was nuetral and some this suggests that i am unhappy with things.
85	Embrace access to mountain bike trails around the community.	
86		Dues based on % of home values. Yes I live in one of the more expensive homes.
87	New community center/gathering space.	
88	addressing needs not wants	
89	Given inflation and many fixed incomes ish, focus on low cost improvements/operations. Overall sv looks as good/better than historic since 2008. Long term goal revive the sv old... ice skating or like... more engaging. Additional, the fitness center weight machines do not seem wise. Ergonomically don't seem to support a broad range re: movement. Possibly hire youth interested I assisting members in fitness programs in lieu of cleaning/reception. Possibly coordinate with schools?	Thanks for efforts. Good to see the feedback loop.
90	Making sure people (homeowners and builders) comply with HOA rules and regulations	We love living in Sudden Valley and appreciate your willingness to keeping this place beautiful and peaceful and preserving the nature we live inside of
91	Firewise and evacuation plans	There really is a need for more and longer trails.

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92	Transparency. Consistency. No secret agendas.	Sudden Valley is such a beautiful place and we are all fortunate to be able to live here.
93	Fire safety and enforcement of deed restrictions about lighting and upkeep. (ALL lighting should be shielded and this should be enforced...not just focusing on cafe lighting. Let's enforce the unshielded lights that flank garages, as well as spotlights on the eaves of houses.)	Thanks for all you do!
94	Leveraging existing assets to support those most in need and more participatory decision-making.	Nearly every day I see cars driving far too fast for the conditions in these neighborhoods. Please do not wait until someone is hurt (or worse) to intervene.
95	Slowing the speed of seasonal summer traffic coming in to use pools, library, and am/pm beaches. Finishing up barn project. The fitness center has improved significantly in order and cleanliness, the id cards being renewed each year really helped clear the gym of many users. Now, though, we have pretty shoddy equipment.	More than anything I just wish the general manager, jo, could get customer service training. I know her job is difficult and kudos for her for doing it. However, I find almost every interaction with her lacking polite and respectful manners. I also find she doesn't answer your query or suggest solutions or even say, "I'll check into it and get back to you." She just makes me not want to interact at all even if it is a safety issue. I worked in the same business for decades and I always thought it is best to be professional, polite and open to problem solving. She seems to be eternally irritated.
96	I wish this surgery addressed the gym. The equipment is falling apart. Different equipment has been broken for months. I'm also not happy w/the purchase of the Welcome Center. The HOA has not kept up on repairs of current infrastructure, so I have very little faith that this building will be maintained. I also feel we overpaid. I'm a single mom. I have 1 income in my home. When the dues go up it really impacts my budget. Please be cautious when raising dues.	
97	Reducing HOA and enforcing the rules! REDACTED is an abomination.	
98	Cost management & listening to the will and needs of members	
99	Maintaining what we have. We have let so many facilities fall apart over the years and I would hate to lose any more.	
100	Dealing with lily pads in lake louise	I love living in Sudden Valley.
101	Not wasting our money and not increasing our dues. We definitely don't need a security guard because they are useless and waste of money	Stop building more houses. You are ruining the nature. It's getting very crowded in our area and the wildlife is getting destroyed. Also stop wasting money and increasing our dues for nonsense. Get rid of the security guard and the golf course.
102	Communication of plans & the use of due funds per year.	Thank you!
103	I am not sure; I am not at my house enough to be aware of the big issues. I don't make much use of SVCA facilities, but I love the quiet pool, the library, the trails, and access to the Lake.	The question requiring a response about things I don't use should have had a NA choice. I never use the marina, golf course, or some of the other lovely offerings at SV. Thanks for all you do, SVCA Board!
104	Alternative internet service	It's been my experience that SV spends an inordinate amount of resources on amenities and services that benefit only a tiny fraction of the folks who actually live here. Stop it.
105	Get the people at REDACTED in line. Make them adhere to our standards. There are multiple unpermitted structures on the property, tarps erected outside, neon sign, and a large commercial truck parked in the driveway. They have drilled into a tree for a rope swing.	No
106	Activity Center	
107	Becoming more citizen aware. Find out what the people living here want, not just what the board members want and think.	How old I am is none of your concern. My answer was, obviously, a joke.

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108		I like the improvements -- signage, roads, and don't think it is the neighborhood's responsibility to provide FREE gym service. There is not enough money to do EVERYTHING that EVERYONE wants -- focus on the basics that raises value to the property, keeps everyone safe, and emphasizes why folks live here -- I assume the beautiful surroundings and without those, the value diminishes. Thanks for th doing this, and I do appreciate the new signage. It improves the entire community.
109	Transparency	I love living here. We don't use amenities much. Affordability is key for us. We know the HOA needs money to function but worry that drastic and ever increasing dues will wreck our budget when we are on a fixed income.
110	Maintaining stability, inflation, and facilities	We have lived in 2 prior HOA's; SV for 20. I feel for the ROI on monthly dues, facilities/services available, is SIGNIFICANT. 30 yrs ago we paid much for for a much smaller community. I also feel the staff are maligned for the amount of work they do. There are 'small' politics in this community that place too much emphasis on non-issues. We are very fortunate. I do feel forestry is the one thing that requires continual education and management. We live in a timber box. Our neighborhood on Grand View had a 'neighborhood' meeting last year with a grounds management expert and we all learned extensively and thus modified our behavior. I also want to thank the staff, especially groundskeepers, for maintaining the quality of life they do for ALL of us. Thank you.
111	Rule compliance	Would like to thank the admin team for a good job. They have a hard job trying to please the people in this community.
112	Abolish the ridiculous rental inspection and \$350 fee!!	Yes... the \$350 fee and rental inspection is unjust and it is not SV's business. Ridiculous.
113	Keeping costs down or same while enduring the cost of living up but wages remaining stagnant.	
114	Gym equipment and pool.	
115	Improve popular community meeting area and facilities. Bring the gym up-to-date. Make pools welcoming. Stop prioritizing the golf course over other amenities.	Hoping feedback will help update priorities for all.
116	Capital improvement projects to existing facilities	Thank you for all the hard work svca does!
117	Dog park	Great place to live!
118	Reducing dues	
119	The money grab for people who own rental properties is so wrong. TOTAL MONEY GRAB! Enforce the regulations don't penalize everyone for the sake of a very small number.	Drop the rental property registration fee
120	Fair use of community spaces.	Thanks to everyone who wants to improve living quality in Sudden Valley.
121	Re-opening Sunday evenings so EVERYONE can use the golf course at least once during summer	With the amount of money being spent on the golf course, everyone should be able to enjoy it.
122	Dog park access staying around. It is one our favorite amenities. Our whole family uses it. Its the only beach where the kids and dog can swim.	
123	Stop ignoring the votes of residents. Hate what's being done to the dog park.	
124	Removing hazards and maintaining parks	Keep the dog park the way it is. Do not let churches become a staple in our community.
125	Don't know	No

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126	As someone in logistics there is absolutely no reason ALL of our roads can't be snow plowed and ice prepped.. I have done the math. We need absolutely clean and transparent budget quarterly reports sent out to every homeowner. There is needs to be better communication when there are system issues (example- why didn't accounting notify homeowners of a glitch the HOA dues process?! And instead allowed a threatening letter go out and then get pissed homeowners were asking questions. Make it make senses.. our dues of so expensive for the bare minimum we are getting, horrible HOA to live in. Can't wait to move out.	Hopefully this survey will actually do something.. but my expectations of results are on the ground. Please don't have a shovel..
127	The Golden Rule. Please.	Treat each resident in the way you would want to be treated. Courtesy and respect will go a long way. I have lived at my place in Sudden Valley for nearly 30 years. Things have changed so much since I moved here and it's mostly negative I am sad to say. I will pray for your guidance.
128	Traffic safety. I've lost count how many cars come speeding down Lost Fork Ln at 50-60mph.	
129	The new fee and registration requirement for rentals was motivated by a rise in short-term rentals but is being applied to all rentals. They should be restricted to short-term rentals only (say, terms of 30 days or fewer).	See my comment about the rental registration and fee — should be repealed or restricted to short-term rentals only. Absolutely not ok to charge for long-term rentals, which in no way detract from the character or cohesion of the neighborhood. Long-term tenants make SV their home.
130	Lake Louise Trail and Docks	Last years GM really got things done. I would like to see more of that going forward.
131	making use of money they already have	
132	To not diminish the space of the off leash dog park at the marina. Take care of the "ice barn." Make the fitness center usable- replace the broken, ancient equipment.	Please take care of the amenities. Please do not dance the dog park.
133	Fire prevention	Living here since 2004, I believe SVCA is recovering from bad \$\$decisions in early 2000s and unrest during 2010s. It's positive.
134	Spending money wisely...so much wasted spending! Always fund the basics and the rest gets the left overs. You don't always get to fund everything.	Be the best at budgeting like your life depends on it! Life is expensive...it's not a joke anymore
135	Clean and lean	Thank you all for the hard work
136	Don't raise dues for barn 6. We voted to have a shelter not a building. We can use the library or rooms in barn 8 as a senior area. They are flat and easy to access and empty much of the time.	You spend too much money without asking us first if we want to pay for these things. You get architect drawings that cost 1000s without asking. You ignore what we vote for. You are making a big mistake on the fencing of the dogpark without asking what people want. There will not be adequate mowing in spring with the fence there. Too hard for people with dogs to get to the bathroom with your plan. People in town think SV is private, so they won't be spending money for cards. How will they get the cards? If they come for the day without a card to enter they will just leave. It is a way to weed out city folks I guess. It is a 3 year building plan that you already are purchasing without complete approval from members. You move ahead without asking us. We don't all have the money you have. My dues have doubled since I moved here. I do think the games in the barn and fitness center are good and having more events at the barns more often is a positive.
137	Stop raising dues to spend on things like the million dollar welcome center. We already live here! Why do we need to be welcomed? You spend our dues on the golf course but the residents don't get to use it for free! You focus on bring people out here to make you money instead of making residents lives better. Cut our dues!!	What is the barn going to be turned into that we have to pay \$5600? When do we get to vote on it?

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138	Improved cell service on main roads like Lake Louise Drive as Example	Love it here
139	Ensuring that anything related to golf and golf related property/activities do not take ANY money from dues paid by residents. Anything related to golf should ADD money to SVCA budget, not draw from SVCA budget. Avoid due increases	
140	Keep our existing assets in great shape! Stand firm and be confident leaders-thank you!	The Gym is an amazing asset, please keep it up to date.
141	You need to cut back funding to the golf course as it takes a majority of the funding and has been cause for several issues that boarder on fraud in recent years. Additionally, employee wages should be re-checked as it seems as though there are many out of control wage earners within the organization.	
142	Fire danger	no
143	Building repair	
144		Do not raise our HOA FEES.
145	Having my next door neighbor clean all the junk out of his yard and finding a way to lower dues.	Ask people to volunteer to help with improvements instead of raising dues. Raising dues devalues every single home whenever you do it.
146	Amenities maintenance	
147	Stop the massive corruption and get rid of REDACTED once and for all.	No
148	Improving existing facilities	
149	Cost/Budget control and forensic audit of our financial operations. Better leadership, particularly at the Board level. Better qualified members.	I am not pleased with the continuous increase of dues without obvious improvements. I am not pleased with how the board operates at its meetings, and do not approve of the cliquishness of the board. Also disapprove of how they deal with members who dissent for the board's direction and actions. The board appears to not listen to association's members; ignore their concerns. Tends to waste money, e.g. not using the prior survey results to guide the direction of the association. Elected leaders are placed there to serve the membership of the association, not their own personal, often private agenda.
150	Honor the vote by members – e.g., Barn 6 vote in 2023	Why does REDACTED keep coming back like shingles?!
151	take care of the barn in the most inexpensive way possible; install more speed bumps before someone gets killed; keep public areas maintained	
152	Spending money on improvements and maintenance that benefit the majority of residents and spending less money on things like the golf course, dog parks, and boat launch, that do not benefit the majority.	The fitness center has been very neglected. Machines need to be fixed or replaced and the sauna needs remodeled and kept more clean.
153	Stop spending money on projects that are unnecessary such as cutting the dog park in half (a low cost, highly valued amenity) and spending a lot of money for amenities that are used less for only part of the year (such as tennis courts, etc). The barn rebuild project as well—we don't need to spend millions here and the proposed use of space for the project is essentially useless to many residents. There is no need for more community space and communal kitchens, etc. Improving the existing amenities we have would be money better spent; such as making the pool accessible year round with a pavilion and heater, improving the fitness center, etc.	This survey was not well written and came off as biased. Communications in general are poor and not accessible. We only heard about the dog park changes from neighbors after decisions were made. Why aren't flyers at the dog park? Spending millions on building more communal space is not a good investment and waste of funds; we should improve what we already have.
154	maintenance	
155	Roads	No
156	Implement parking fees for non-residents and enclose the off-leash dog park,	Investigate means to revert back to private community status.

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157	Keeping community informed in real time about decisions affecting life in SV, not announcing them after decisions are already made. Members feel excluded from the decision-making process. It seems obvious that existing facilities should be well-maintained (or, if appropriate, removed) before new facilities are purchased or built. The approval of an expensive and unsightly fence bisecting the beautiful off-leash dog park area is a good example of an expensive and unnecessary project driven by a privileged few. The \$4 million building is another example of a project the membership does not support but the Board passed anyway. There seems to be something other than member service and stewardship involved in the Board's decisions. The attitude toward public comment is, at best, tolerance. The Board certainly does not welcome and invite input from members regarding significant decisions. I will be glad to see 5 of the 9 Board members replaced in November and I will hope the new Board will be more responsive to and respectful of member perspectives.	I hope SV will make these survey results public. I also hope SV BOD will not unduly rely upon the survey results for decision-making. Last I heard, the survey had yielded only 900 responses, approximately 25% of the total households in Sudden Valley. The focus of decision-making should be on real time member input, respectfully received and carefully considered. I appreciate that SV has launched this survey and I think it should be done annually to build and maintain trust with the membership. Most important to me, now and into the future: MAINTAIN THE CURRENT OFF-LEASH SPACE IN THE DOG PARK!!! If you have to create boundaries, make environmentally sensitive and aesthetically desirable boundaries consisting of native vegetation.
158	Keeping everything well maintained and safe	
159	NO NEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS for any new buildings. We already have the Dance Barn for community events. We should NOT replace the old Ice Barn!!	SV is a declared wildlife sanctuary. Educate residents about coexisting with our native wildlife. There is no reason for any predator to be killed in SV.
160	ROADS	
161	Not sure need options to consider here.	No
162	I think making the barn area a more usable safe space. The ice barn needs to be turned into an outdoor covered area that could be used year round and the dance barn needs to be cleaned better by staff	We love SV!
163	Reducing budget to reflect the high cost of living and mortgages. Spend wisely and frugally to reflect how expensive everything is.	The facilities are great, and you've done a good job. But everything is so expensive. This is a good time to be frugal and money-wise, so that families can afford to live here and not lose their homes due to having to pay for things that are not necessities

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164	Really? 1) Disconnecting from the REDACTED-devoted group of elite who want only what serves the wealthiest of SV residents, who aim for development, and who appear to care nothing for the many who simply cannot afford to pay for "amenities" they do not use 2) Involving the community, many smart and experienced people, in planning and decisions 3) determining how to curb and manage use of SV "amenities" by "the public" when WE are the ones paying for it all (i.e., for once and for all, admit that our tax status may not be optimal, and, even so, does NOT require us to permit public participation in all things all the time. It's not rocket science. Residents of SV want more exclusive opportunities - and they should be given this. 4) Acknowledge that the current dues structure is simply unfair, and create a new approach in which all members pay a base fee, but those using selected facilities pay extra. 4) STOP DEVELOPING. You are at great risk of killing the goose that laid the golden egg. DROP ALL development plans for Area Y; and negotiate with the City of Bellingham to allow them to purchase these lands, prohibit development and while doing so? Increase our home values (as a special niche community) AND contribute to increased quality of drinking water for everyone in the Bellingham area. This is a NO BRAINER.	So many of them. 1) Improve the quality of our BOD & staff - we need people with knowledge, skills and experience in managing natural resources and related recreation - and managing HOAs. 2) Stop being manipulated by REDACTED and his unique and personal plans/agenda for developing SV to make money for... who?? Him and his associates? Who is making money on his ideas? You MUST look into that question 3) Do a much better job of listening to the community. This survey falls incredibly short of being comprehensive in design; a more professional design might actually provide useful data regarding Sudden Valley owners/shareholders/members and their needs and desires. 4) Stop all discussion of further development!!! Instead? Respect and build upon what truly makes Sudden Valley special today (not in the 1950s). What is that? (By the way, this survey fails to ask what people most value about living here). An earlier survey resulted in a clear conclusion: what do people value? a) slightly more affordable than the city limits b) the natural environment of forest, creek, woodland, lake side. That's it. Not the "amenities." Although there are certainly those who choose SV for the golf course, or maybe the pools? The majority of SV OWNERS said they value the natural environment, and access to it, far over amenities and programming. (Most members live W of Lake Whatcom Blvd, and really are off the radar of the SV Board of Directors (BOD). But - we have the opportunity to present SV as the "undeveloped development" and to enhance our property values through that emphasis. We ought to be embracing & promoting the "un-development" that SV aimed to be from the beginning. 5.) Improve relationship with Whatcom County. All members of SV pay County taxes, yet see fewer benefits than many. Focus on improving that relationship and services. 6) Stop ALL talk of further development, and negotiate with the City of Bellingham and/or Whatcom County to restrict further development in order to protect the watershed - that should be a high priority for us!!!! 7) Renovate the "Admin Building" / "club house" - fix that up to house, once again, house our administrative staff, and open up the "Welcome Center" to be a venue that provides a variety of opportunities to all SV residents. So many, many ideas for this building, - but all got squashed when the Board decided to keep the Admin staff
165	Financial responsibility. Please conduct a similar survey for the barn project. It is a HUGE waste of money. The barn should be scrapped and the reserves strengthened and dues lowered. Our property values would all improve dramatically.	Please continue to involve the community in major decisions—especially those with significant financial impact. Several recent proposals have raised concerns about cost relative to community priorities, including tennis court resurfacing and the proposed dog park fencing approach. For the dog park, we encourage maintaining the previously established 2020 boundaries that already received substantial community input and using a practical, cost-conscious fencing plan (approximately 300 feet rather than 800+ feet where feasible). More broadly, we ask the Board to prioritize responsible financial stewardship and ensure large capital projects reflect demonstrated community support. Please avoid committing HOA resources to major expenditures—such as proposed \$4M+ barn projects—unless there is clear evidence that they align with resident priorities and provide strong community value. Respectful dialogue, transparency, and fiscal responsibility will help maintain trust and ensure resources are directed where they matter most to residents.
166	not raising dues /or having dues based on value of home. I live on a fixed income in a condo.	I love living in Sudden Valley. I moved here to be by my daughter and family. She relocated and now I am unable to pay HOA and assessments so I have to sell and leave the valley.

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167	Honest and transparent communications with residents. Stop making decisions without community input. The existing off-leash dog area is being reduced too much.	
168	Serving the community as a whole, not just the loudest voices and the deepest pockets. Get more snow plows and de-icing tech (or hire a contractor for big storms), fix the drainage issues and tree blow down on public trails so people are comfortable using them year round, provide activities that can be accessed for free by the masses like bike trails/pumptracks, sports tournaments or meet ups, or after school activities for kids.	Overall, thank you for doing what you do. Its likely a thankless job. I've lived here my whole life, love it, and dont have plans to leave. But id love to see more public, communal activities organized by the SVCA. Running groups, tennis tournaments, pickleball tourneys, bike rides, volunteer days to clean up Lake Louise and our trails, etc. It has always felt like my dues go to two places: keeping the golf course alive despite those that live in SV barely getting a discount on a membership, and some mysterious place where it disappears. Please make an effort to use my dues to create more free, communal based things for people to do. I dont need my dues to have a positive monetary ROI. I want them to build community amongst the people that live here.
169	I would like to see improvement and upkeep of current spaces (working equipment in the gym) rather then expansive new projects in a time construction is so expensive. The idea of a senior center is nice, but I don't think the real estate office was a needed investment or that the welcome center is utilized as such- people go to the community center where there is space to congregate. If that space is converted, great, then the El Agave connecting space could return to a welcome admin space- otherwise that is a huge investment in real estate no one asked for.	I would love more proactive communication about the thought about large scale investments (such as the new welcome center) and the intended use and rational prior to big investments.
170	Transparency and honesty with community. Stop making unilateral decisions without community input. Give community honest information about processes.	Do not make any final decision about the dog park with out community input. Leave at least half of the existing dog park intake. Do not put up a chain link fence. Keep new fence within ACC guidelines. SV residents should not have to go to the county to find out information about the permitting process.
171	maintaining current amenities	
172	Maintenance on existing properties and roads. Keeping costs down.	
173	Putting in speed bumps to slow down people going 40 to 50 miles an hour on Windward. I've almost been hit several times and people do not slow down just because you're walking your dog. Also Get new equipment in the fitness center. It's dangerous to not have well-maintained functioning equipment.	We should always try to maintain the amenities we have. We've already lost ones that I wish we had like the ice-skating rink and the campground. Since people can't regulate themselves, speed bumps are necessity not to want there needs to be budget for these items one about every 150 yards.
174	Maintaining or improving our community assets and facilities	The dog park at the marina needs to be better managed to keep dogs on leash before getting into the park, and the amount of soace for dogs reduced.
175		Thanks for inviting input from community members
176	Fire safety, and fire wise cleanups. There need to be more scheduled	Keep up the good job
177	Control dues. Make the best of what our dues can offer.	My top goal for Sudden valley: security and safety. Those who would like to see revitalization should not force all to pay the same.
178	Keeping costs down.	
179	maintaining current facilities only and not wasting dues to building new ones	Sudden Valley dues should only be used to maintain essential facilities, road repairs and not for creating new job positions, and.
180	Do not raise dues or add a special assessment. Maintain what we have with the current dues.	
181	Using money on existing structures.	No

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182	Dear SVCA Board: Dear SVCA Board: do the best you can, for the majority of the community, within the current budget. Now is NOT the time for freewheeling costly new projects. NO decisions on major expenditures without a community-wide vote. This survey seems to have avoided the biggest current issues: resounding NOs on event centers, new "barn", \$77K cyclone fence for dog park. Yet those are the very issues that need direct, unequivocal community votes. And such voting should not be conducted in the manner now dictated by WA State legislation that was so questionably "passed" by WA State a few years ago: ie, NOT a majority of all possible SVCA voters, but rather, a majority of those who actually vote. SV will never get past the shame of that WA State legislation, but that's another matter. For the present, I would wish the Board to ensure that there are NO commitments to major expenditures/obligations/special assessments without explicit community vote approval.	Please see detailed comments above. Additionally: SV is a lovely place to call home. I believe that the vast majority of people here are decent and honest people. However, there are some who seem to have outsized plans for our valley home. I would remind the Board that those few ambitious individuals are wildly out of touch with both the majority of the community, as well as grossly out of touch with our nation's, our state's, and our community's current financial reality.
183	Disaster preparedness and fire safety	
184	Not increasing costs for members! Making necessary improvements within current budget.	None
185	Ensure a safe and attractive environment while maintaining transparency, seeking membership input and representing member priorities.	Charging rental owners extra for services already provided to all members is unwarranted and is not equitable or fair.
186	Understand that the majority of people in the Valley are pretty disgusted that you purchased a waterfront property to house your offices, adding another facility to maintain, while at the same time you ask for more money year after year, and show that you're unwilling to maintain our current facilities. The fact that board members actively lobbied for changes to state law that effectively remove the votes of our members is absolutely disgusting! Shame....	People move to Sudden Valley to live in an affordable community with amazing access to the lake and trails, please do your best to focus on trail access and areas for families to enjoy. Please stop adding additional facilities to our already under maintained infrastructure, move back into the clubhouse offices and sell the "welcome center"
187	1. Improving the fitness center sauna. The current sauna is small and dirty. LEADERSHIP CHOSE TO REMOVE THE LARGER SAUNA IN THE LIBRARY BUILDING! 2. CCR's should be enforced. > Exterior lighting issues. STRING LIGHTS/BISTRO lights, Spot lights, and clear exterior fixtures. Enforce the downward facing only and the light spectrum limits to 3,000 KELVIN MAX. NO MORE STRING LIGHTS! > Junk Cars/Trailers > hoarder houses- REDACTED and similar! NOTHING HAS CHANGED, while I am threatened for minor violations... ALL SVCA property should follow the CCRs as well. Much of the lighting is non compliant as is the proposed 5' tall chain link fence proposed for the dog park. THAT FENCING WOULD IS NOT COMPLIANT. Spending the \$70,000+ is a irresponsible and unnecessary. 3. UNFAIR and UNEVEN Enforcement of rules-Some members are not held accountable, while others are seemingly targeted. 4. Jo Ann Jensen's attitude about the license plate readers at the marina park is atrocious. Her open mocking of members during a recent board meeting was unprofessional! SHE NEEDS TO BE REMOVED FROM THIS ASSOCIATION. SHE IS A DETRIMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY. Why are we moving to a police state? PEOPLE DO NOT MOVE HERE TO BE PART OF A POLICE STATE! 5. OPENING BACK UP OF THE PUBLIC STRIP ALONG THE MARINA IN FRONT OF SPINNAKER LANE HOMES. BOARD MEMBERS LIVING HERE HAVE TURNED SPRINKLERS ON PATRONS ALLOWED TO BE THERE. 6. Agendas by board members that do not reflect the community are inappropriate. 7. REDACTED is a known problem, yet has been allowed back on the board...	REDACTED and SIMILAR are a detriment to our community. THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PERSIST FOR YEARS AS IT HAS! END THE USE OF STRING LIGHTS! IMMEDIATELY TERMINATE JO AN JENSEN. SHE's a negative part of our community. DON'T WASTE MONEY ON THE DOG PARK FENCE AND UTILIZE THOSE FUNDS TO ENFORCE THE ALREADY IN PLACE RULES. Exterior lighting, junk cars and hoarder homes. AT NIGHT, THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS IS LIGHTING>>>GET IT UNDER CONTROL...

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188	Focus on bike friendly corridors for traveling within SV. Maintain current facilities, do not build more facilities, work with the safe cycling group to facilitate a pump track for our kids.	Focus on family friendly items, understand that the majority of new residents are moving here for access to trails, the lake, and to raise families in an affordable community, do your best to embrace those values
189	1. level of noise in neighborhood (noisy dogs, noisy cars); 2. deterioration of Lake Louise; 3. SV needs to clear SV owned land to make fireproof (homeowners are supposed to clear our property to make fireproof, but SV owned lands around homes are still severe fire hazards)	this survey is very poorly designed. It forces to you to answer questions about things like pickleball that I don't care about. It needs to include an option of: does not apply to me or NA. Next time, hire someone who knows how to design a survey that can give you more accurate answers.
190		I understand how challenging it can be to manage a community like this made up of so many different people from different backgrounds and experiences. Blending families and seniors is challenging. While folks can disagree with the board, there will never be solutions that satisfy everyone.
191	Focus on maintenance for current amenities. Find ways to reduce cost on golf maintenance and administration cost. Maintain all roads of sudden valley not just gate 1 & 2. Stop overspending, we don't need \$70k fence at the off leash dog park. Stop increasing dues every year, people are barely getting by. Be honest and transparent! Listen to the homeowners, your job is to represent not to rule!	Please reconsider and listen to the homeowners about the design of the fence at the off leash dog park. The long corral to get in and out of the dog park is dangerous and careless. This is not the way to go about and the chain link fence is absolutely horrendous.
192	Better Communication with all residents, especially those that do not live in Sudden Valley year round. Emails would be nice, informing all residents of current and future events. The emails should be professional, thorough and objective, addressing both sides of an issue, if applicable (eg. fencing off part of the off-leash dog park).	Sudden Valley should be a place where all residents feeler safe and welcomed, PERIOD! Also, we need to get along with everyone, no matter what our differences are.
193	Educating owners on the importance of achieving a solid reserve fund for the many capital projects that need to be done now and in the future	I love Sudden Valley for the location in relation to the lake, Bellingham, the outdoor activities including the Chuckanuts, the Cascades and the big cities. I would love to see less development and more maintenance of our current amenities. We live in a forest and need to be more climate friendly keeping trees, native plants and grasses in place for our own health.
194	Fiscal responsibility with tue focus on not increasing dues but spending within SVCA's budget.	
195	Maintenance and improvement of common areas such as the marina/dog park area.	
196	Optimizing the budget and responsible spending while recognizing the financial limits of many residents.	Create a "non-applicable" category for the items we don't use
197	Remembering that many household budgets are already challenged.	
198	Investing in community spaces for families like parks/play grounds/renovating treehouse park, etc.	My wife wants the soccer field tilled/leveled to remove ruts and provide flat surface (preventing tripping when running on) My family is interested in trying to see Tree House Park come to life. We have no interest in seeing our dues go towards the golf course in any way. We prefer to see other parks and other community spaces be prioritized.
199	Amenities and safety, secondary egress for gates 1 and 2	need to work to get politics out and just support the improvement of the community. enforce the rules concerning upkeep of properties both developed and undeveloped..
200	How about getting the house cleaned up on REDACTED that I have been trying to get you to do for years	

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201	Soliciting member input and feedback to inform decisions. Better and more frequent surveys. BOD needs to stop ignoring and showing contempt for membership. Find a more equitable solution for the dog park. Upgrade the fitness center.	This survey should be used to help inform important decisions and investments by addressing specific projects and investments. There is no real planning by SVCA. Pet projects get pushed forward by a BOD that shows absolutely no interest or concern for the community they represent.
202	Building renovation and Marina dry storage. Dry storage need to be paved	
203	Road maintenance	Turn am pm beach into dog park and marina should not have a dog park
204		Thank you to the staff and board for all that you do!
205		Thanks to the staff and board
206	No new buildings, please. Focus on the common areas by cutting down dying trees and dangerous trees. There are dangerous trees around the school bus stops ready to fall over and kill someone, for instance at the gate three the harborview school and city bus stop common area has lots of trees in bad shape brittle branches and dying trees tree debris all in the woods.	I believe too much money is spent facilities that aren't used much whereas the majority of the population lives in the woods, and the woods are not maintained by any standard. And anything within 10 foot of the setback should be trimmed of saplings and sideways leaning trees.
207	Trying to gather data on how many members of Sudden Valley use the amenities that are a high cost to maintain. ie; what fraction of residents use the golf course?	No
208	If large expense projects are being considered, please begin the notification process long in advance.	In general, I am very happy with the facilities maintained by the Association. I would like someone to consider a refresh on the picnic area / shelter by the kayak launch area.
209	Get rid of the lilies in Lake Louise	
210	Dues should be tied to market value some residents are in very small homes, suites paying the same dues as a million dollar home. Like taxes there needs to be a base and a market adjustment to keep fees affordable to the residents or a usage fee, I don't appreciate paying for facilities I do not use, charge a fee to members using some facilities.	I appreciate you reaching out and asking the owners for feedback, now I hope you listen to it. I recognize being a board member is a commitment and is thankless so thank you for your time!
211	The never-ending new home construction makes Sudden Valley a miserable place to live. Contractors seem to ignore the rules and Sudden Valley doesn't seem to care. The builders, realtors, and landlords seem to be in control of this neighborhood and it shows.	Do better.
212	reducing dues for non-residents	
213	Being more transparent / longer time allotment for community members to speak. work harder to keep house footprint / height back to what SV was designed to accommodate.... or shift any neighboring lots into a double lot. SOMETHING.	Please re-establish adult pool no laws are being broken ... children high on the spectrum welcome --NO infants people are not careful re swim diapers. LIFE GUARD FEE A MUST for children's birthday parties THIS IS A HUGE LIABILITY parents gab and catch up I've watched it more than once. That said the party time allotment* and closing time should be extended for late workers post dinner swimmers, to DUSK. This is a therapy pool for many. * 2.5 hours is not really much time for an adult party ... also zero alcohol zone ... unless an adult party lifeguard fee is attached.
214	A better budget. Increasing dues are getting old.	IF we need major projects done I suggest the board doing fund raiser to get money so the association does not get their dues increased. Challenge estimates instead of accepting ones that are way too high.

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215	Responsible use of funds to align with the common vision of residents rather than funding of special projects that benefit the few.	It would be helpful to understand the far-reaching, planned projects the SVCA would like to undertake and fund. Planning for increases in dues or modification of existing facilities should be well thought out and communicated. SVCA still has negative connotations associated to it within Whatcom county for a variety of reasons, somewhat discouraging new residents from choosing a Sudden Valley property. Actions should be taken to reverse this sentiment, become an inclusive body where residents feel like their voice can be easily heard.
216	Fostering a sense of community and engagement with residents. Moving ahead with projects that better the community.	I hope this survey provides the information to move forward with projects that benefit the community.
217	Continue repairs and keeping SV assets in good shape	
218	Barns repair or build new structure	Thank you for this survey
219		It would be lovely if you did automatically allow 2 passes to the pools with each unit. I pay the same as everyone else but I am the only one residing at my house and often have family that come. I'm not asking for extra guest passes for a bunch of people but allowing two per household and one of those as a guest would be nice or some kind of flexibility for one additional guest use of facilities as long as they are with the homeowner/resident instead of charging a \$10 fee each time.
220	Budget accountability and communication. No backroom decisions out of sight. And help make our community safe. Speeders and stop sign runners are everywhere, and it's getting dangerous!	We know the board has a difficult job and we're appreciative of all the time and work and communication, thank you!
221	Represent the entire community and not just the few. I'm tired of "this should be a resort" BS.	Dissolve the HOA
222	Resolve the future of the Dance Barn - keep? improve? replace?	Since we don't use some of the facilities such as the golf course or dog park, they aren't important to us but we appreciate the value to other people in our community - therefore I choose the middle response for those. Although I'm on a very tight budget I still believe that our dues need to be high enough to adequately take care of our facilities. As part of community gathering places, please do include a comfortable, pleasant senior center. And please find solutions to the problem of nonSV residents crowding and often disrespecting our facilities.
223	To stop grandiose resort plans that most of us can't afford.	The board needs to be completely transparent and listen to the majority even when a vote isn't required. The current board is unethical and needs to stop with their own personal wants and listen to the people's needs.
224	I'm a senior,a widow living by myself. I can't afford to support the SVCA. Lower the dues based on property value/ income/ use of all these useless amenities.	I bought my condo when prices were reasonable— now between SVCA dues and HOA (plus all the special assessments)— I really am struggling to make ends meet here in Sudden Valley. Please get your money from the wealthy residents for all the “amenities “ I don't use.
225	Update facilities and fitness equipment	Thanks

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226	first I want to make a comment about this survey--in the section that asked about how I feel about the maintenance of different facilities, there was no N/A option. How can I answer about facilities I never use? I don't use the golf course or off leash trail--so how can I answer? I tried to leave out choices, but it won't let me move on. Kind of a stupid way to get opinions. As for leadership, maybe focus on not wasting money on building a palace for a community center and fix up what is here. Stop wasting our money on other nonsense--like people were complaining about parking at the am/pm beach--so you came up with the brilliant idea of stickers and putting everyone's car in a database for your "study." Study of what? What a waste of money. And what's the point of stickers if there is no fine or towing of non-residents? If anything just issue one pass to people like the Discover pass. YOU hang it from the car you're parking there. A lot cheaper. I did not get a sticker--I surely don't want my car linked to my home address in your system. I doubt you have any sort of decent security. But that was a waste of our funds. How about you fix the amenities like the gym? How about charging non-residents to use the beaches and marina--a source of revenue.	It's none of your business how old I am and has nothing to do with this survey. I love living here but I think you are out of touch with the community. No one wants to pay for new facilities or wants an increase in dues. Are you that tone deaf?
227	Lowering Dues	Dues are too high!
228	Making the dog park better and fixing barn 6	I love Sudden Valley. It's a beautiful place to live. I would live it if we had leaf pick up once a year. Thank you so much!
229	Keep residents informed in advance and part of the decisions on improvements to common areas	
230	Road repairs and striping. Monthly sweeping of debris on roads.	Fencing in the dog park at the Marina is not a good use for dues money. Concentrating on the road repair is far greater.
231	Bringing community together	
232	Making SV walkable with trails or sidewalks.	Thank you!
233	Appearance of common areas says a lot about the community.	I know this might sound petty, but is there anything that can be done so that the manhole covers do not rattle when cars go over them - can hear cars approaching as they hit each manhole cover.
234	Managing our money well keeping parks and roads maintained and a light in the gate one mail box area is necessary as a senior I have almost several times getting my mail in the dark, a light would not cost much !!!!!	Please keep dues as low as needed for maintenance with increasing taxes living here can be hard on young families along with seniors. !
235	Stop unneeded capital expenses like dog park fencing and the barn replacement. Listen to the community more!	
236	Manage money better so that dues don't increase more than inflation every year. Also please fix the gym equipment that has been broken for a year	-Please fix or replace broken gym equipment. -Don't increase dues by max amount every year. They are increasing faster than inflation.
237	IMPROVE A PLAN FOR HOT WEATHER FIRE FIGHTING	
238	Staying within budget	Thanks for conducting survey
239	Maintaining amenities or improvements. I think raising dues to have better amenities or new ones is the right path.	I think the services and amenities that are included in the dues is a bargain compared to other places we have owned. I pay membership dues for the Golf Club and monthly for RV storage. I am very happy with those. I am tired of the winners that don't see the value that they are receiving. We love living here!

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240	Transparency. In my opinion the BOD is dysfunctional and dishonest. They are not interested in seeking community input and pursue private agendas beholden to their small cohort of friends and neighbors. SV is a diverse community that requires investment of time and energy to understand, but this board seems to think of SV as a collection of special interests and divides neighbors with dissent and labels (golfer/non-golfer, dog owner/non owner...) instead of seeking to form a consensus. The GM understands our finances and budget process well, but struggles to interact honestly with the community and BOD. I would be encouraged to see her stand up to the board and represent the community on issues. More frequent town halls would be good and might prevent some of the misunderstandings and disagreements on FB and social media and would go a long way toward a more functional government.	Real progress is often made with small, incremental improvements. Focus on the little things before they get out of hand. Our roads and storm water maintenance are a great example of that approach. Our facilities would similarly benefit from less deferred maintenance and more frequent updates (new basketball hoops, fresh paint on walls, service contracts on gym equipment, service awards for staff and volunteers, a suggestion box in the welcome center, a tool library, periodic financial statements, ...).
241	Listening to residents...for example, the two-thirds of the people who voted against the budget, yet it passes anyway. How do we fix that? Another example: residents vote on how to deal with the barn re-do and an entirely different solution is decided upon by leadership. Neither of those sound like listening to residents at all, regardless of the satisfaction survey.	I was required to answer the satisfaction question about amenities in its entirety, but there were many things (like the pools, playgrounds, tennis courts, etc) that I do not use, so a response of "never utilized" should have been offered. As it is now, I selected the "best" response, but now the survey will be inaccurate since I do not use those amenities at all.
242	Transparency in SVCA communications. Before doing anything else SVCA needs a communications audit and a 5 yr communications plan to identify goals, tools and implementation /tracking. Frequency of communication does not equal quality. All communication tools should be evaluated for effectiveness. Primarily the website could use a major overhaul to serve as the main information hub (I never ever use the website it is too frustrating) focus on design user flow and accessibility. Eliminate inaccessible pdfs please! Hire a consultant.	Thank you for the opportunity to share feedback in this survey. The results and comments of this survey should be made public. Whats the point of a survey if you don't share the underlying results. We are dismayed by the decisions being made by the board. Whats the point of a community vote if the board is going to do whatever they want? The community voted for an open air pavilion and without another vote the board decided on what we understand to be an ~\$8 mil event center? How, why? We DO NOT support the dog park fencing plan. A temporary summer would be optimal.
243	Ensure that all common facilities are maintained well.	I'm satisfied with this beautiful community. I especially enjoy the convenience & quality of El Agave. I support all recreational activities. I'm not sure everyone realizes how lucky we are. All amenities support the value of all our properties.
244	Maintaining a balanced budget, ensuring current budgeting is sustainable	
245	Spending our money responsibly rather than keep taking more of it	Non-residents should be charged a daily use fee to use our amenities. Any packages USPS won't deliver directly to a house because of size or location - should be left at the Welcome Center for residents to pick up there rather than having to drive to Bellingham and stand in line for an hour at the Post Office there - we need to update our agreement with them.
246	There is no need to start new projects. I believe it is important to take care of existing facilities without overextending and impacting the dues unnecessarily. I also believe that the board should take actual feedback from community members. Too often it seems that decisions are made regardless of pushback from the community and seemingly without any care for the opinions of the community.	
247	Lower the dues.	
248	decision on covered sports facility	It's a beautiful community but would like to add indoor pool/ whirlpool
249	Keeping dues affordable, especially as so many other costs increase for families living in SV.	I'm frustrated by the SVCA and how things are run. I've lived in SV for more than 20 years.
250	Know it's almost impossible here but how can we "tone down" the negativity with too many framing everything as an "us and them" mentality.	Thanks for trying to get additional insights - too often seems all staff gets is negative feedback!

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251	Hazardous tree removal and opening up areas to improve views.	
252	The building next to the gym seems to be a general safety risk. Not sure if that building could collapse or somehow people could get injured. The one easy and impactful change would just be to improve the cleanliness of the gym. It is always dusty and has hair. Even if it has a thorough cleaning every few days, it would make a big difference.	No
253	Budgeting. I realize that the global situations are increasing costs everywhere and that requires 'tightening the belt' for most of us. Our household lives on a fixed income and every increase to the budget takes a toll.	We have lived in Sudden Valley for over 40 years. Conditions here have improved over the decades. We expect to continue living in the environment we love.
254	Not raising dues	Enjoy living here for the last 20+ years, but the dues are too high.
255	Educate community on driving safely, we have no sidewalks but our community is filled with active walkers and several school buses now drop children off on our roads and we have a daily increase of delivery vehicles.	
256	How the monthly dues money is used to keep SV up to codes and safe conditions	No
257	They need to focus on actually listening to the community instead of railroading in BS	This survey was crap. It's useless, really, as if you people will listen, anyway. The dog park is the latest installment on you do what you want, to hell with everybody else. What a friggin waste of money to make something even LESS functional than it is now. I don't even have a dog, and I know SV is just spending money on something no dog owner wants, and none of us benefit from. And now they're going to need an access card to take their dog? Just make a complicated inconvenience, like you do with everything else. For what? Control. When you lack power, You are obsessed with control, showing what pathetic wussies you are, which explains your arrogant obtuseness. You people act like our dues are just chump change which makes it okay to throw it around like confetti. You had better adopt a new philosophy about how to run shit because there's a new day coming and all you fuggin old guards will one day find you were left behind. We're in the midst of a paradigm shift and it will be awesome. We see through all these token "concerns", we're know the deal you've dealt, and all we can do is play the game. Somebody is going to win, won't you be surprised when it's not who you thought...
258	Sustainability	
259	Amend SVCA voting process. An initiative should only pass if the majority of voting members approve it, and forced due increases installed as a result of this voting process are placing a significant hardship on our community.	Due increases are hurting our community members. Amend the voting regulations and adopt a first-past-the-post system rather than the broken supermajority of residents system currently in place. This current system does not reflect the will of the community, but rather the will of the board. The board surely knows this is a broken system, and using wordings on the ballot to utilize current voting rules in their favor. We love Sudden Valley and are happy to pay dues to maintain its beauty and charm. However, the community members deserve full autonomy over the final decisions that affect them, particularly those involving finances.

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260	HOA fee increases are excessive. Amenities are great to a point, but not when they drive the kind of increases they have for the last 3 years. When we bought our house the fees seemed balanced vs what you get, but the increases have made the dues as a percent of monthly costs very high. We are also in an inflationary environment where people are having difficulty covering costs. Increases like this do not allow people to make discretionary cost decisions. It would be better to shift to a user fee structure for some of the amenities that not everyone uses. Paying for road maintenance, safety, compliance, and for amenities that are commons – where you can't really regulate if someone uses them, it makes sense for these to be covered in dues. But for things like docks, pools, golf – things that have higher costs, aren't used uniformly by everyone, and user access can be quantified...if there have to be cost increases, let them be borne proportionately by those who are using them. I anticipate that it could be done so that dues subsidize some of the costs, so it is a lower per transaction cost or maybe there are membership fees to partake in certain amenities so that it is more predictable from a budget standpoint and residents still feel like they are getting value. I'm also not interested in one time assessments. These make sense if you live in a condo with shared structure, roof, plumbing, etc. I bought a single family dwelling to avoid these types of issues. I also have an issue with the \$300 annual fee to maintain my property as a long term rental. My property is one that we invested a significant amount of resource in to buy and we maintain it as a future primary residence. We are not clearing a significant amount between Rental income and mortgage payments plus costs. We need this spread to cover a roof replacement in a few years. Between the rising HOA dues and this cost is excessive. It provides no value to me and I can't see what it does for other residents. You can say that I'm a landlord and therefore I don't care about any amenities and I only want low costs. There may be some truth to that, but the neighborhood I live in has an HOA and has dues. I'm even on the board and so I understand that there are costs, responsibilities, and that some residents want amenities. I'm just asking for these costs to be balanced.	Please review comments on HOA dues & Rental Property Assessments.
261	Cleaning up the barns. Demo and replace, IMO they are an dated and an eyesore. Improved lighting at intersections and main roads.	In the past years I have seen positive improvement with the ACC committee. Also
262	Improving, replacing, repairs of existing facilities including both Barns, so many facilities have been lost to disrepair over the last couple decades.	I am excited to see SVCA moving along in repairs and improvements at the Marina Park. I look forward to see Treehouse Park be next on the list, as it would be the last park that has/should have playground/picnic spaces updated.
263	Board decision making transparency, coupled with communication of policies and changes to members.	No
264	Traffic safety is by far my biggest concern. The speeding on our roads is so dangerous. We need to have way more speed bumps.	
265	Roads, forest health, and new community center	
266	infrastructure roads trim trees overhanging all roads equity for division 13 and 9 and west of lake whatcom blvd. Treated differently and looks messier than the lake side.	clean up the sv west of lake whatcom blvd. The roads, the trees, trimming back overhanging branches. KEEP THE GOLF COURSE and quit raising the salaries of the big shots in the welcome center.
267	Remove the rundown barn. It's an eyesore.	We love living here!
268	Encourage business to move to the community as means of bringing on a new revenue source. This may mean repurposing or expanding existing facilities. Ideally, community members could ask without a car via a sidewalk or unconnected trail system.	

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269		I love living here!
270	Updating the gym/equipment	
271	Hard to say. It seems that our biggest issue is that Sudden Valley is the size of a small town and we have a volunteer board running it like an HOA. There are a lot of problems because the job is too big for a rotating volunteer HOA that attracts activists and cronies who take care of themselves and their pet projects over what's best for the community. It's insane to have this system for over 3,000 homes and 7,000 residents. So we consistently complain about the HOA with members who run, get elected and leave a few months later because it's been a dysfunctional power center run by a handful of cronies that keep new ideas and better people from serving on the board. This has been consistent for years and years. Some of the priorities that are undertaken like repairing roads by only filling in the cracks, and adding the uneven crosswalk by the spa (we cringe every time we drive over it - it looks like children painted it), are done in minimal ways that look tacky and janky and incomplete, but cover the minimum issue like filling cracks in a road but leaving it looking crappy rather than doing a nice a job by covering the asphalt and making it even. Everyone I know in Sudden Valley complains about how we subsidize a golf course that can't bring in revenue to support itself while most residents do not golf or use the course. We have the 'bones' of a beautiful neighborhood, but many areas look run down and tacky because care and quality don't seem to be considered in the lack of professional outcomes we're left with after the work is done. The fitness equipment sits broken for months, the dog park is on land that's mostly muddy and swampy so it's not used as much as it could be, and other fundamental amenities are barely managed except for the golf course. We LOVE Sudden Valley while being disappointed by how much more wonderful it could be with more TLC, care and consideration for the community over the golf course and the HOA board's personal desires.	Thank you for having the annual survey. We love Sudden Valley despite it's issues that could be improved. And we're so grateful for the library, fitness center, beaches, and community center.
272	I would love to see the parks and trails department back and more attention to making these areas look really good! Any garden beds especially at front gates and clubhouse need weeding and attention by an actual Gardner or landscape company.	I'm very pleased to see things improving like replacement of signage, culvert work, the old barn coming down. I'd love to see the landscaping improved.
273	Refurbishing Barn 6, repairing other amenities.	
274	Understanding what the majority of neighbors want and working on those things, balancing the budget and not spending on "pet" projects that benefit only a few.	Special assessments are fine IF a majority of those who vote are for it, we shouldn't count people who don't vote as a yes vote.
275	Get our facilities more current. The fitness Center is not very functional. The building is old. How are we going to move forward with a decent building? I have been written up twice for violations which I am fine with. My bother is that each time the SVCA send me a letter in priority mail that cost \$10. Do we legally have to send notices through mail and does it have to be priority? I wonder how much we are spending on postage fees for communication with our home owners...can we opt to receive notices via email or just have it posted to our front door? Or is this a legal issue for properly communicating / citing things within the association?	I think the trailer rule should be revisited and trailers should be allowed for up to 3 days without a parking pass before it then goes to a required pass. Pretty ridiculous I can't bring a trailer to my property to have yard waste removed or to do work without a parking pass. Too many hoops to jump thru. See my previous input box for final comments. Thank you.

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276	Appearance of the homes in the community.	I just received a rental questionnaire stating my mailing address doesn't match my Sudden Valley residence address. If that is the case why did this survey and all other items from SVCA come to my residence here in Sudden Valley, not my supposed mailing address?
277	Not raising the dues and using the monies collected to maintain existing structures rather than spend money on new buildings or an unnecessary dog fence that will ruin the marina and park area.	
278	Working within the available budget to make fee increases minimal.	In general we love living here and think SV administration does a good job overall. We would like to not have dues increases every year if that's possible, recognizing that it may not be as costs are going up everywhere.
279	Ensure a commitment is made to keeping the invasive water lilies in Lake Louise under control. This is a potentially serious environmental concern that faces our community.	Thank you for taking the time to distribute and analyze this survey. I'd love to learn about the results. Perhaps in an article in Sudden Valley Views?
280	Keep improving SV each year.	Please trying to keep making SV better and better. SV is an amazing place to live and play.
281	Reduce dues for Seniors living on Social Security.	I'm 81 and wife is 70. Our fixed income shouldn't be for Community Center, Golf Course, or Pool as these activities we do not utilize.
282	Honesty, being open minded, flexible and kind. It is not about what the leadership wants. It is what is best for the community.	Good luck.
283	Community Center/Fitness Center	no
284	I think there is far too little disclosure of where are dues are going. We receive an annual breakdown of what dues increases are going towards, but it's incomplete data that is circulated. For instance, a salary increase in a dollar amount only is not a helpful statistic if you don't know how many employees the increase is covering. Additionally, I don't think residents should be responsible for maintenance of the golf course and marina. Those fees should be covered by the individuals who use those areas, not by residents like us who use neither.	I'd like to see this community better cared for, and think it has great potential. It needs to be better maintained, and money needs to be spent smartly.

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285	The golf course remains the single most valuable asset for SVCA. While the course is experiencing high volume, it is vital the Board recognizes that increased activity is a reflection of the current macro-level golf boom, not an indicator of exceptional course conditions or an improved player experience. On the contrary, maintenance standards are noticeably declining. The golf industry is highly cyclical. If we treat the course as a short-term cash cow for the association rather than reinvesting in the asset, we will find ourselves in a precarious position when this peak inevitably softens. If we do not elevate the actual "day of golf" experience and address the declining pace of play now, golfers will choose to spend their dollars elsewhere when demand normalizes. To ensure long-term stability and prestige, I urge the Board to consider the following: Revenue Reinvestment: We do not need to increase homeowner dues to fix these issues. We need to allocate a higher percentage of the revenue generated by the golf course back into the course to improve playability and conditions over time. Operational & Leadership Oversight: This issue may not solely be driven by budget constraints; it points to potential operational or leadership gaps on the Turf Care side. We need to evaluate whether we are maximizing the efficiency and output of our existing spend. Accountability Metrics: To that end, what specific Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) does the Board currently utilize to measure leadership performance in course maintenance and operations? We have a window of opportunity to leverage current revenues to elevate our course into a premier, sustainable asset. Let's raise the bar now so we are protected for the future.	At a minimum, we have to have annual dues increases to keep up with inflation.
286	1) Improving the general overall maintenance of the community. Our entrances, parks, roadsides, and landscaped areas around the Clubhouse are horrible. Maintenance needs to be year round - not from May through September. Including road sweeping.	1) Improve the aesthetics in the community. 2) Tear down the barns and replace with a quality Community Center with indoor pool, meeting rooms, restaurant, etc. 3) Add a second entrance to the Gate-1 neighborhood at the end of Windward Dr. (already platted) - along the 15th fairway and air strip property.
287	Paving our road. It's a mess!	No
288	Not have the agenda pushed through of the board members without getting community feedback.	The dog park was the major influence that helped us decide to buy in sudden valley. It saddens me and my neighbors that the community was not given a chance to have a say. Technically the LRPC didn't even get an opportunity to vote. Using one member of the board to talk to a select few dog park people is not a community representation. This is what leads to the community not having faith in these current board leaders.
289	repair/replacement of ice barn	I'd like an article in the views or via e-blast how the board came up with the \$130 rental property fee.
290	Reducing speed limits. People drive TOO FAST on our roads with no consequences	Thanks for conducting this survey!
291	stay within budget, and work toward the goals of maintaining the community value. Must stay on budget. Too many families can not afford increases, despite the inflationary costs that happen.	
292	Stewardship of the dues collected. Make sure vendors aren't gouging us.	
293	Really needs to prioritize the needs of the Valley Community by truly listening to our residents.	
294	Communication	I hope that this summer all staff and members can know the rules for both our pools. Expecially posting rules for the quiet pool .
295	Bring back community cohesiveness.	You are doing a good job.

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296	maintenance throughout	Different restaurant operator would do so much to improve our quality of life
297	being HONEST with members	so much unrest among residents about the ruling board. Do they even want to hear us?
298	Clarify pool use rules, remove the old barn that is falling down, decide what new facilities and building need to be improved and then do it without further discussion.	Improve the dog park to reduce association liability as recommended
299	Rules Enforcement. Enforcement of unsightly homes, storage of junk in front of houses, cars parking on street and ROW, barking and unleashed dogs. Please open lap swim hours earlier and ONLY for residents. No monthly passes for non-residents for lap swimming.	Open lap swim hours earlier and ONLY FOR SVCA RESIDENTS.
300	I acknowledge that it is the responsibility of the SCVA board to guide the financial direction of the Valley. I accept that as expenses rise dues may also have to rise and am comfortable with that as long as the board continues to be prudent with the resources available. I believe that existing facilities, grounds and assets should be maintained in an ongoing basis so that large expenses or irreparable damage is avoided.	
301	Paying attention to the membership and showing more respect towards them. This includes seeking input from the membership and actually paying attention to it. The format of board meetings should be changed to allow comments (ALL COMMENTS) at the time in the agenda when specific issues are being discussed and voted on. The current 15 minute period should be used for items not on the agenda. Members who are appointed to the board due to vacancies should not be proud of the fact that some people consider them evil and should not be appointed when they have shown a condescending attitude towards the membership when speaking at a committee meeting or town hall. The board should respond when conduct complaints are filed (I have personally filed a complaint to the board president and never received a response.) Board members should turn off their cell phones during meetings. To summarize, the board should remember that they are to represent ALL the members of SVCA, even those who don't agree with them.	Both members of this household are "senior citizens" and we are both categorically opposed to spending money on a senior center. If you build it, we will not come. Golf course management should provide weekly, published feedback on how many additional tee times they have sold on Sundays, and if it is not significant, walking the front nine should be reinstated. Park signs were "decommissioned due to poor condition; there are no immediate plans to replace them. We may re-visit it when time and resources allow". Yet there are still park signs in gates 1 and 2. The North Point Beach sign has clearly been replaced recently. Gate-ism is alive and well in Sudden Valley.
302	They should faithfully represent the members' expressed needs and interests rather than their own personal self-serving wishes and interests.	You should publicly disclose the results of this survey and use them as a basis for all decision-making to serve the members' expressed needs and interests, rather than the personal self-serving wishes and interests of the directors, committee members, and general manager.
303	Consulting community members before spending our money and keeping dues reasonable	
304	Not the dog park! Mowing the sofield park and the peninsula at the marina.	
305	Short Term Rentals and abusive parking/use of properties. Permanently parked vehicles in front of homes. Speed bump on Polo Park needs to be replaced, not patched. Heavy construction trucks tearing up roads and grassy areas adjacent to roads. Amazon delivery trucks tearing up grassy areas when they pull over off-road. People driving through stop signs, particularly the entry way at Gate 9. Stop allowing tree removal without an actual hazard assessment! Too many beautiful trees are being removed!!!	Yes, you are allowing overdevelopment of Sudden Valley. Every single open lot seems be under development. The construction trucks are tearing up our roads and road verges. Are you enforcing the land use review requirements for development?
306	Handling the unsafe buildings, improving existing buildings	It's a beautiful area to live.

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307	Get rid of lily pads in Lake Louise	More aerobic equipment in gym like Nu Step, more recumbent bikes, way better resistance machines especially pectoral machines. Fix the Universal. POOL RESERVATIONS for laps, no kids before noon. Thank you
308	Roads	
309	Remove the dangerous old barn next to the dance barn and move plans forward to create a great community space there.	Please still keep the marina dog park available for dogs to swim even if an enclosure is made. Many SV dogs get their exercise there and swimming is important for pups too. Thank you.
310	Roads and upkeep, speeding...need for more speed bumps	no
311	With the community growing and growing and homes being built, I do not feel like anymore dues increases should be implemented. The current economy is a struggle for many people. I don't feel like SV spends the money where it should and I also don't feel like it's the residents responsibility to fund the golf course. Amenities should be funded by those who use them.	I've lived in sudden valley for 15+ years. I have watched my dues triple, yet I see nothing for it. I think SV possible has too many employees who are being paid too much for the work they do. I'd also much rather have a security that we can call for a safer community or who will ticket those who race through the valley in the morning or pass school buses.
312	Responsible use of community resources impacting the largest number of residence.	Times are tough for everyone at the moment and having a welcoming safe community is important for all of our sanity. As long as SV puts the community first we can maintain that focus. Thanks for all you do.
313	1) Keeping non-residents away from AM/PM beaches and dog park 2) Compliance to SVCA bylaws re cars/parking/speed limits/junk vehicles on properties	I feel that SVCA & Board are doing a good job. Pls keep it up. Thank you.
314	Stop building new houses, inforce quiet hours, lower the dues.	No
315	Maintaining common areas and listening to the owners. The board has ignored property owners in several instances this year and overstepped its purpose/authority.	This survey is flawed and therefore not accurate. The survey requires answers questions even when I may not hold an opinion on that topic. Generally, I want the board to know that I and the neighbors I have spoken to are concerned and frustrated that board ignores input from owners and seems to do whatever it wants. This is not how a community association should be run.
316	Listening to us. For example, we do not need to spend money on a fence for the dog park.	No dog park fence. Pool avail for lap swimming early in the morning, we could sign a release from liability form. Money was spent for landscaping at welcome center, not being maintained.
317	Not spending the "approved" money on fencing in 1/3 of the current dog park. Lots of us think it is a huge negative.	For so many of us, the presence of a local gym and dog park are an amazing feature of Sudden Valley. Keeping gym equipment maintained is critical and continuing the freedom and size and easy access of the dog unleash area is critical. I attended that Board meeting a month ago, and although being a board member is a thankless job, the president and the board members' actions and behavior was totally unprofessional (no matter what was summarized in a follow-up newspaper front page article). I was embarrassed to see how rude and abrupt the board was.
318	Updating fitness center! It's well used and the equipment is frequently broken or falling apart.	
319		Mountain bike trails would be a good addition
320	Stop doing what they want(dog park) and start asking and listening to the membership	Thanks for this opportunity
321	SAFETY (Roads, traffic, speed, outsiders using amenities not following rules while not paying for the use)	We are one of the many families that watched the Welcome Center purchased when not needed, and then money we didn't have diverted to fix what was supposed to be move in ready when numerous facilities that the people of sudden valley pay for and use went unfixed, and unmaintained. Fix what we have before we expand.

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322	A reasonable plan to return the SVCA properties back to a healthy state.	
323		We care more about that when we bring up a problem (like neighbors running over our fence or parking in front of our house for several days) it doesn't get dismissed by SVCA. For the most part, we enjoy living here. But when people are allowed to do whatever they want in our community (like destroy property or being a rude neighbor or leaving dog poop all over people's lawns) it is when we think of leaving this community.
324	Reducing dues to cover the 1 thing everyone here needs, roads. Everything else should be self funded and if there isn't enough people paying for the specific amenities, it tells you there is no value and it needs to be scraped.	Stop spending money on new things when the existing assets aren't maintained. Sell the golf course. Reduce dues by charging more to the people that use specific amenities.
325	fitness center-need a new one	no
326	Amenities	Sidewalks! Would love SV to be safer by foot or bike (includes kids)
327	Please replace the broken equipment in the gym. This is a relatively inexpensive thing to do that would allow residents to cancel their existing gym memberships.	
328	properties that are not taken care of, too much crap in surrounding area's and too many cars	We have lived here for 25 yrs, we do not utilize any of the facilities but was glad when people could use the pools without a separate fee
329	Keeping dues at an affordable amount. The amount for my undeveloped property is almost the same as my developed property. How did this happen?	How did my undeveloped property dues increase?
330	Abiding by the bylaws. This money grab to try to charge rental units annually without a member vote is illegal, unethical, discriminator, misguided, and without justification.	The boards job is to maintain the common areas, be good stewards of community funds, and act in the best interest of ALL homeowners within the community (without discriminatory practices), this includes those who manage rentals within the community.
331	upgrade of dog park/beach and tennis court pickle ball area at Marina park. Can we charge outside users for their use of our facilities. ie Gate for admission at Gate 1, home owners have a pass that open the gate, everyone else much check in with Security. OR could we put a gate at the bottom of Marina drive for outside users, exit out at Spinnaker Lane?	we have been here 15 years and watched older buildings fall apart because of lack of upkeep. We must continue to raise our dues to, at the very least, maintain the quality of all of the wonderful amenities we currently have. If we can find a way to charge outsiders to use our facilities (dog park, beach, pickleball and tennis courts, etc.) we should find a way to do so
332	Keeping costs down in this challenging economy	
333	Marina	
334	Road safety	
335	Lowering dues	Lower dues
336	Replacing the rec/fitness building. The building is old and equipment/finishes are gross.	
337	Changing the admin's adversarial, screw-you attitude toward residents and lack of responsibility. They work for us, and should not be relying on obsolete entitlements to exploit residents. Most dues-payers are uninterested in your amenities.	See above. SVCA should be as responsible, helpful and collaborative as any public agency, but its values are self-promotional. Life would be easier and more affordable in the county.
338	Lowering dues. I am selling my home that I have lived in for over a decade because the SVCA always wants more money	The dues are getting ridiculous.
339	The swale off of number 13 on the golf course next to 71 Windward. It is EXTREMELY overgrown, and the space across the road is very overgrown as well. There also needs to be better speed control on Windward Dr. It is very dangerous for people walkers because drivers come flying around curves.	Cleaning up public outdoor space and speed control need to improve.
340	Listening to what the community wants.	
341	Community relations, I think you are doing a decent job but word on the street is very negative.	Survey question 8 should have option for 'Do not use', I chose the middle option for those I have no opinion about.

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342	Listening to what the community wants then following those mandates. Stop doing expensive and unnecessary assessments on large projects.	
343	Communication	
344	Determining a way to charge non residents (marina access fees, dog park fees, golf course fees, etc) This is a net-new way to drive SVCA income and will only benefits the resident. This is all preferential to increasing rates or trying to lower quality of expected services.	
345	Listen to the community! Get rid of REDACTED!	1. \$350 annually to register a long term rental is highway robbery. How is that money going to be used? How will long term rentals benefit?? What long term rental problem will it solve? Short term and long term are NOT the same and should be treated differently. Why charge long term annually for NO CHANGE? 2. The pool lifeguards are just kids who are terrible at it. Laugh, joke around, flirt, chitty chat on their walkie talkie, everything but guard. Train them better or get more mature people who will take the job seriously. 3. The showers in the women's locker room are C.O.L.D.! And the person I complained to at the front desk KNEW THIS. 4. If you do a survey, pay attention to the results. Don't blow it off as if it means nothing. The last survey I took was a complete waste of time because "whoever" didn't like the outcome. 5. Take dog barking complaints seriously. It's a big problem and a real health problem. If "you're" going to tell people that their complaints will be taken seriously then follow up as if "you" mean it. 6. Why are some Board candidates sponsored and supported by group money and others are not? 7. Get rid of REDACTED. 8. Make SVCA dues value-based instead of flat rate/per lot. Why does the owner of a \$150,000 condo have to pay the same dues as the owner of a (multi) million dollar home? How does that encourage a diverse community? Or is that the point? It's really unfair to the "little guy" in the condo who has to pay double dues and assessments.
346	Listening to the community. Going back to majority rule in spite of WUCIA. Not building new structures. Preserving the functional barn.	Thank you for circulating this survey. I wish the dog park didn't have to be subdivided by a chain link fence. It's going to be so ugly. I thought we were co-existing well.
347	Better communication with community members and accountability for the BOD to listen to community's needs	
348	Allow residents to remove enormous over-grown trees, that are way too close to the house, which is extremely dangerous & is a serious fire hazard!	
349	Stop wasting our money	Sudden Valley used to be a nice place to live. Not so much any more
350	Trying not to bankrupt its members. Also have a voting system where my vote counts.	I moved here when my vote counted. Now it doesn't and that is very upsetting
351	Making the golf course profitable so non golfers are not paying for it, same with pool, charge \$1/per to pay for maintenance. Everything else charges.	Collecting data on people comes with responsibilities. In the future surveys a none of the above should be a choice. The questions about dues were not equally weighted as the other questions- meaning that only one negative choice was available.
352	Upgrade, improve existing buildings/facilities. Maintenance of green areas. Traffic speed control.	We truly appreciate the hard work you do. We would like to request that attention be given to the surrounding areas of the marina. It would be helpful if the duck poop could be regularly removed. There is also a sick tree at the end the area that may need care, It has sticky leaves. Thank you!

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353	Please just focus on current facilities. Avoid scope creep. Dues have just increased significantly and nobody wants to see yet another increase for another project.	
354	getting the facilities in good condition	I'm pleased with the way the board is trying to improve the Valley. I know the boards get such negative feedback (having been on it), but so many of us appreciate the work they are doing.
355	Eliminating special interest influence	
356	Traffic control possibly adding more speed bumps in dangerous locations. Trimming back tall grass & weeds also at dangerous intersections such as the corner of Jubilee and Marina Keeping the general SV members informed on board decisions to help reduce some of the animosity and negativity that we often read on line	No
357	The voice of the people and getting out arrogant egos and narcissists.	
358	Long term plan to transition away from the golf course	N/A
359	Keeping our dues low. Not all members benefit from some previous changes that increased dues. Thank you	Appreciate efforts to include member input. Survey monkey rocks
360		Marina wet slip rates are way too high, feels like price gouging. Not all boaters are rich!
361	Bike safety, community garden support, community spaces like the library and pool.	My dream is to be able to bike commute to work safely. I see too many bikers on lake Louise that are being passed by cars unsafely. I want to see a bike path that goes around lake Louise and lake Whatcom blvd. This would connect everyone to be able to use our trails, waterfront and community spaces on a safe way. I would bike to work every day if there was a bike path on lake Louise rd. I would never want to leave SV then. I love being in the woods so close to trails and waterfront. Bit I feel trapped by the busy roads that surround the neighborhood.
362	Keeping dues low	
363	To realize that you can't be all things to all people. Focus on setting goals, make the case to the community at large to support them, present the action plan to get them done, and seek approval from the majority to get them done, execute.	Words of gratitude for all the neighbors who serve the community and take a lot of grief. Kudos to them. It's a thankless job, so your commitment to this community doesn't go unnoticed and it's greatly appreciated by many. Let's build a stronger community together.
364	Learn to reallocate funds to balance a budget, cutting programs and amenities as needed, I stead of asking for more and more money to accommodate the additional spending you want to do	Dues have almost tripled in the past 9 years, but the quality of life in sudden valley has not changed in that time. Most people buy out here because it's the most affordable place in bellingham. The increase in dues has more of an impact on residents than you might think.
365	CLEAN UP THE MARINA BEACH, MAKE IT USER FRENDRY FOR EVERYONE, NOT JUST DOG OWNERS. ALLOW SECURITY TO ENFORSE RULES BY TICKETING, CONTROL VACATION RENTALS , NOT RENTALS	I WAS DISAPOINTED TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THE RENTAL COMMITTEE. WHAT WE PERSONALLY HAVE EXPERIENCED IS ABUSE BY VACATION RENTALS IN OUR AREA DISRUPTING OUR LIFE ON A REGULAR BASIS BY NOT FOLLOWING OR RESPECTING ANYONE WHO LIVES AROUND THE VRBO'S. NOTHING THE COMMITTEE CAME UP WITH ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM. THEY CAME UP WITH A WAY TO MAKE MONEY BUT WE ARE STILL SUBJECT TO THE NOISE, DISRESPECT, TOO MANY PEOPLE OF THE VACATIONERS FROM SOME VRBO'S. SECURITY CANNOT GIVE TICKETS ON THE SPOT, IN FACT THEY CAN DO NOTHING. GOOD LANDLORDS ARE BEING PUNISHED, THEY ALREADY REGISTER THEIR GUESTS AND NOW YOU WANT TO CHARGE THEM. HOUSING IS EXPENSIVE FOR THE NEW GENERATIONS AND FOR SENIORS AND NOW YOU HAVE PUT A STOP TO MULTIPLE OR 2 FAMILIES LIVING IN ONE HOUSE BUT DONE NOTHING ABOUT THE REAL PROBLEM.

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366	Being good stewards of the funds received. We dont need to keep increasing dues, we need to be smarter about how money is spent so we can keep Sudden Valley affordable for families.	No
367	responding to member requests/complaints	Where is the "Senior Center"? I think the Whatcom County Library and quiet pool amenities should have been included in the survey.
368	Staying within the budget and focusing on the basics of keeping roads and trails clear and navigable with good signage. For my part, most of the other facilities are nice to have; i.e. pools, tennis courts, rec center, and the marina. However nice to have, these areas are not required for living here in the forest and add significantly to the strain on our HOA finances when most are used by a minority of the constituency.	If you enjoy trying to herd cats and pleasing all the people none of the time, the HOA is a good avenue to pursue those pastimes. I give all the folks who take on those responsibilities credit, as sometimes the rewards are few.
369	Improved communication with members. Large capital expenditures need to be voted on.	Thank you for inviting input from members
370	This shouldn't even cost much money: Enforcement of community standards. Homeowners who don't keep their property up affects all of us who do, in terms of property value and shared enjoyment of this beautiful place. Sudden Valley has a somewhat stubborn reputation for low-end real estate. We don't need to support that reputation by visitors driving by homes that have been let go. Thick moss on roofs, multiple cars parked partly off narrow roads turning them into mud pits, junk in yards, and (especially lately) people leaving their dumpsters on the road all week long. Where are our standards? It's embarrassing to invite people to my home.	I love living in Sudden Valley. I'm grateful that the embarrassing sniping and angst that occurred for years between the board and some unreasonable community members has calmed down. I ask that all of those on the board keep in mind what a miserable time that was and to do all they can to be respectful of those who live here in hopes that those times do not return. It was a blight on our reputation throughout the area which it didn't deserve. Let's keep it light, people OK?
371	Prioritizing expenses and doing this survey is a start. I'm sure the community members can identify money pits vs items not being tended to or need reconsideration for maintaining/keeping.	Thank you for taking the temperature of Sudden Valley residents!
372	Compliance. REDACTED is a fire hazard and a disgrace. Then maintain roads and common areas.	Do not build new stuff until old stuff good.
373	Responsible spending.	Thank you for sending out the survey!
374	I used to be involved in Sudden Valley politics but it was a mess. There's a deep cynicism throughout the community. People need to know that the board is honest and is careful about managing resources.	I'd like to be more involved but it was honestly demoralizing when I paid attention and attended meetings. Our governance has long been a mess.
375	Demolish eyesore of derelict barn, no need to build new buildings and raise dues. Focus on upkeep of existing buildings and grounds.	We would like to see Sudden Valley protect its natural spaces and the trees that we all moved here to enjoy. Stop overbuilding on every available space and lot.
376	Keeping the Golf Course in good condition and continue to market it to increase the number of rounds played each year.	Thanks!
377	Building more cohesion among members - very tired of constantly hearing the same group of people complain about conditions, blaming others, but not wanting to invest needed. funds.	A thanks to the staff and leaders - they spend a lot of effort and time and often get nothing but negative feedback. This multi-year negativity has absolutely hurt the identity and values of Sudden Valley properties. Need to stop restricting investments, allowing assets to deteriorate to save a few bucks.
378	De-icing roads in winter	
379	Reducing costs.	
380	I do not agree with the voting system... it seems like my vote does not count ...just the people on the board they do what they want like the new office most people did not think we needed that ...waste of money... would have been better to build a new barn !	I wish we could do better... I love living here.... like better places to eat ... like a breakfast place
381	Focus on members before outside community.	

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382	Effective leadership with team approach rather than individual agendas	
383	Clean up Sudden Valley. Many homes have junk on the property and too many autos, trucks, and work equipment on site.	Sudden Valley has improved because of good management. Keep up the good work! Kudos to Jo Anne Jensen in particular.
384	Reducing spending on discretionary projects. IE Barn 6	Keep Sudden Valley affordable, discontinue discretionary spending and raising dues. The 250k spent on Barn 6 is insulting with everybody's increasing costs.
385	due to the overall economy, keep expenditures low while still replacing/repairing old facilities	the board seems to have improved since the COVID years
386	Improve community adherence to traffic laws and safety! Speeding, running stop signs , parking violations etc	As a senior who walks Sudden Valley Roads routinely enforce of traffic laws is important to our safety! On mt street people routinely drive too fast, sometimes twice the posted speed limit!
387	Maintaining what we have and work that benefits the most residents/that is open to all. I hate that we all pay for the marina, yet it is space-limited to only a few individuals who mostly have means to pay their own way (they can afford a boat).	In addition to the above, I'd like to see a few trails/gravel paths put in that could increase walkability without using being in the major roads. Actually having gravel on at least one side of the bridge going to the Gate 13 mailboxes and something connecting Meadow to Huckleberry through the small green strip would be great. The latter would allow greater park access for people with kids w/o requiring them to use Polo Park/Gate 9, and the Beaver Creek bridge.
388		the new rental fee is way too high
389	Prioritize the maintenance of existing infrastructure and amenities over starting new projects. Stop the poorly designed Dog Park Fence Project and use the \$80K for addressing other needs like improving the gym.	We love living in Sudden Valley due for the sense of community, natural beauty, lake life and amenities like the swimming pools and dog park. It is awesome how welcoming the neighbors are and how well most houses are maintained. The BOD needs to do a better job communicating big projects with greater transparency, actually listening to community feedback and sharing clear criteria and goals. Currently too many projects start with hypothesis driven assumptions that do not align with SV community needs. The clearest example is the Dog Park Fence project which was designed in secret, obfuscated behind Marina Improvements and then the BOD dismissed feedback from the biggest customers who use the park year round. Projects of this size with substantial community impact need a forum like an Open House to gather community input before agreeing on a design. Sudden Valley amenities are in need of regular maintenance and a refresh. The biggest examples include the El Agave building (with the weird "19th hole deli") which is showing its age, the dingy gym + locker rooms with broken equipment and park amenities like cement tables and pavilion. It seems like every SV building used to be nice and now feels dated + forgotten. The HOA dues seem reasonable, however it is difficult to understand where the money is going when the maintenance of facilities and amenities is so poor. The microscopic view of balance sheets published in the Views does NOT tell people where our HOA money is going. Adding new amenities and increasing dues is hard to support without better clarity. Golf Course seems to be the amenity prioritized over all others, despite less than 20% of SV households having a membership. It is unclear how the investment in the golf course benefits the rest of the SV community.

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390	Ensuring fiscal responsibility, ensuring those of us who have abided by the rules and been good neighbors for years aren't penalized for the actions of a few. Ensuring the things that should be basic parts of our life in Sudden Valley are cared for, such as roads. I think there needs to be some fiscal by-in by those that use the more costly amenities. For example, berth fees could go up to pay for things related to the marina, the cost to play a game of golf could go up to fund the golf course, there could be a pool/clubhouse fee for those who use those facilities, etc. But looping all of that into the yearly dues has been a point of frustration for the nearly 10 years that I've lived/owned in Sudden Valley, and it just gets worse each year. I've seen families leave Sudden Valley because of the fees, only to have their homes snatched up by AirBnB companies that immediately turn around and rent the property out. We're creating our own problems by pricing people out of the area.	
391	Respect for all members.	I love Sudden Valley.
392	Maintenance of common areas, parks, need tree removal and more flexibility to allow owners to take down trees due to fire hazard and windstorms, rotunda pavement left growing grass un maintained remove pavement and sod it's been like this too long- unsightly. Finish projects or don't start them.	Beautiful community needs to be maintained!
393	Managing expenses rising from federal government mismanagement.	Let's not overbuild Sudden Valley.
394	Roads	
395	Controlling development.	No.
396	Spend less money and lower the dues. Sell the new overpriced building we purchase on Lake Louise and try to recoup as much of our money as possible and move back into the old building	We own the lot next to our home. No matter how many lots we own there are still only 2 of us. We shouldn't have to be paying such an obscene amount of money every month just to hold land and try to maintain some green space
397	communicating their intentions/needs/concerns, allowing the community to weigh in, and factoring that into their decision making. from what i can see, it seems like the board makes decisions that are against the opinions/preferences of residents and doesn't respond to resident concerns.	SV is a great place to live, but the residents bear a heavy burden to maintain facilities that are freely open to the public. This needs to be a focus of the leadership, how to capture some funds from everyone that uses SV facilities and not just residents. We also need to maintain/improve our current facilities instead of focusing on new things - we don't need a senior center or new kitchens in a new building when our current fitness center is old, run down, and not well maintained.

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398	Restrictions on access by non-association members to grounds and facilities, especially pools and beaches; and to include enforcement on short term rentals.	Our chief concern is the access to our grounds and facilities by non-association individuals who are not direct guests of members. E.g., our beaches, pools, courts are inundated by non-association individuals. While decals have been put into place for most (not all?) association member vehicles, absent enforcement, we do not see how this solves the problem. Exacerbating this problem are the number of short-term rentals, which advertise use of the association spaces and facilities (e.g., after a wedding event last summer at an airbnb event near us, 4 cars with 3+ individuals in each headed to the AM/PM parking and beaches). We appreciate the focus on registration of rentals and increased fees for their administration, but strongly urge that enforcement quickly follow. In general, we would welcome the return of gate houses restricting access to at least the Gates 1 and 2 areas. Regardless, we think that there is a profit center not utilized by charging access fees for the use of our facilities by non-members. Finally, and it's all related, we request that Security be given the authority to respond beyond simply writing referrals. In response to such matters as illegal parking, loud noise we would strongly prefer that they are able to knock on the door, issue citations, call for help as necessary. Presently, enforcement relies too much on residences having to deal with the issues; Security provides no immediate relief.
399	DANGEROUS SPEED RACERS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS & LEAVING THE OFF-LEASH DOG PARK ALONE.	I HAVE CALLED SV MY HOME FOR 19 YEARS. THERE ARE SO MANY BEAUTIFUL ASPECTS TO IT, BUT BY ALLOWING DEVELOPERS TO SNATCH UP GREENBELT PARCELS, CLEAR CUT EVERY SINGLE TREE & BUILD A MONSTROSITY HOME ON IT IS JUST PURE EVIL. WHEN I HAD A TREE STRIKE 10 YEARS AGO, THERE WERE 2 VERY DANGEROUS TREES THAT HAD TO COME DOWN IN THE NATIVE FRONT YARD...IT TOOK AN ACT OF CONGRESS WORKING WITH THE ACC TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE TREE REMOVAL, YET NEWLY PURCHASED PARCELS CAN NOW BE RAZED WITHOUT ANY THOUGHT GIVEN TO THE AGE/MAJESTY OF THE TREES. WHY? WHEN REDACTED WAS ON THE HOA BOARD MANY YEARS AGO, HE TRIED NUMEROUS TIMES TO FAIRLY ADJUST OUR DUES TO COINCIDE WITH OUR PROPERTY VALUES. SADLY, HE FAILED EACH TIME, BECAUSE RICH HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE A VERY LARGE CARBON FOOTPRINT DID NOT WANT TO SEE THOSE OF US IN SMALLER HOMES CATCH A BREAK...THE PRESENT BOARD DOES NOT WANT TO RESURRECT THIS TOPIC & EACH TIME THE DUES ARE RAISED, IT BECOMES HARDER & HARDER FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE NEVER MISSED A DUES PAYMENT TO CONTINUE TO LIVE HERE.
400	Stop increasing dues. Use your resources and focus on what matters most. Increasing dues annually isn't satisfying residents -- it's filling the pocket's of SVCA and Board Member's/Admins bank accounts. Put someone in charge that understands the operations and wants to do it, not someone who can check all the boxes with the experience and education who wants a big paycheck (I saw the job posting and requirements/qualifications). It's gone way downhill in the last 2 years.	The off leash dog park decision was a joke. I didn't come to the in person meeting to avoid arguing with a wall. Like a terrible decision geographically and financially. You could have done SO much better with SCVA Maintenance team and volunteers who would have saved the dog park. That fencing doesn't cost what you all projected. Very upset about it.
401	Roads	None
402	Overall appearance of the Sudden Valley grounds.	Fee structure extremely difficult for condo owners who pay HOA fees and Sudden Valley fees. Fees should have been reduced when the decision was made that condos are on private property and as a result are no longer supported for maintenance, snow removal etc.

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403	Wise spending and staying within their budget.	Purchasing the Sunmark property without the community's approval is one of the worst things I have seen a board do in the 44 years that we have lived here. This is something that cannot happen again.
404	Proactive code enforcement of dogs, parking, trashed lots. The employees should all report for immediate followup by a code compliance officer.	80
405	We need to maintain assets that generate revenue (boat launch, storage and parking, golf course). And funds should be spent on existing infrastructure (roads, culverts, existing buildings). Don't worry about DEI, don't worry about expansion, keep the stuff going that we have and invest money into things that make money.	
406	Low hanging fruit like signage / general appearance of common areas that does not cost a lot.	Love Sudden Valley, just want some more care taken on appearance.
407	Listening to residence about what they deem is important, prioritizing those importances, and making sure that the budget fits the priorities of the community. Also, making sure that wages for the Sun Valley staff are reasonably accommodative for living but still reflect the conditions and situations that the residence also experience	I love living in sudden Valley, and I love the fact that our community is well cared for and maintained
408	Realizing that not everyone in the community is on the same page. Certain board members want to rule the community like their little fiefdom. Complete reset needed.	Since this is the second survey I've participated in, I will be interested to see if it matters.
409	Maintain what we have got	no
410	Proper spending and budget management. Make decisions without raising dues. Always keep in mind the intense pressure regular families - the core of Sudden Valley - are faced with in the current economic system.	There should be funding for arborists to assess the land. There are still partially downed trees from the bomb cyclone all over gate 3 and it's sketchy as heck. Anyway, tree oversight should be a thing. People almost literally died during the cyclone, we need experts to get into the community for safety. Similar to the firewise program. Proactive not reactive.
411	To find where money is falling through, where it's wasted or not getting most for the buck	
412	Barn 6+8	
413	Maintaining and improving appearance of our community. Some properties are virtual junk yards. Behind us is a home with debris stacked against the outside walls. Weeds have overtaken the debris. It looks like a junk yard. There are a number of places like it in our community. Require it be cleaned up by the homeowner or SVCA clean it up and charge the homeowner for the work.	It has been a good life.
414	Value for dues	You can't please everyone
415	Focus on some sort of traffic control system to eliminate excessive speeding in the valley. Most drivers don't adhere to the mph posted signage.	No
416	Getting a better relationship with owners. It feels like there is a growing disconnect, and community cohesion, while not 100 percent possible, will build trust and participation.	The rec center really needs attention - showers, sauna seating and weight machines. Thank you
417	Expanding cycling infrastructure and trail access, including pump track. Also, SVCA seems to operate as though as a sleepy vacation community. It's not.	Growth in Bellingham is exploding. You can work with that and make SV an attractive place to live or you can work against it and add to the negative-skewing reputation it has. We don't use most of the amenities but understand that our dues contribute to their upkeep and that's part of being in a community. That's fine with us. We just wish all the NIMBYs saw it that way too.
418	Adding amenities for neighbors to gather so we don't have to go all the way into town	We'd like to see coffee shops, Better fitness facilities, a "third space" and hopefully better offerings in our village marketplace

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419	Rebuild the community center	In general I am in favor of improving our community spaces, parks, trails, and amenities (including rebuilding the community center/dance barn). I would also like to see more sanctioned mountain biking trails go in around the area that are more suited to intermediate riders.
420	Focus on fire safety. Nothing else matters if Sudden Valley is destroyed in a forest fire.	This is not a valid survey. You should not attempt to draw conclusions or make decisions based on the results. The most egregious problems are: 1) Everyone is required to answer all questions, even if they never use an amenity. 2) The likert scale with 4 very similar "agree" items and 1 disagree cannot yield valid results (what's the difference in "agree a little" and "somewhat agree"?) 3) Question 13, the only valid answer seems to be "None of the Above" - all other responses triggered a "This field is required" error.
421	The most important thing is to focus on Barn 8 but do not replace Barn 6. We need to be fiscally responsible considering the current economy with skyrocketing costs of daily living. We should not be adding considerable debt to Sudden Valley.	We were not pleased to hear that the Board welcomed former General Manager REDACTED to the Board. We would like to see new and younger residents with new ideas on our Board.
422	Safe roads, speed enforcement, general maintenance	Either enforce the by-laws, or let's get rid of them. My vote is for enforcing them.
423	Finding ways to cut wasteful spending and make things more efficient	
424	I think it is unfair that people that live in Sudden Valley do not have access to the marina or am/pm beaches because people outside of the community are allowed to be let in and park there. It is honestly ridiculous that there is not gates or some way to restrict outside users from coming in. Our community should be able to enjoy the amenities and lake access is the biggest amenity sudden valley offers.	The fact that there is not an "NA" option on these questions is dumb
425	Getting the gym equipment fixed	Please fix the broken gym equipment. It's been over a year.
426	Tree work and roads	
427	Update the barns	
428	Overall community appearance is important for home values and a pleasing aesthetic for all who live here in the woods. Focusing on derelict vehicles versus worrying about someone having their boat or RV parked in their own driveway, would instantly improve the neighborhood. Vehicles overcome with moss, vegetation, and mold are a public health issue and should be addressed sooner than later.	Sudden Valley is an amazing community and area to live in. Having some more areas for teens and young adults would be wonderful.
429	Funding Capital Reserves and managing finances to maintain quality of common area association infrastructure within the limitations of 7% annual dues increase.	
430	work on the Marina area. Tennis/pickleball courts and roads. The off leash dog park is amazing and is my most used amenity. It is the best dog park in the county	I have lived in Sudden Valley for 18 years. Most people I show the community too are surprised by how much it offers (golf, restaurants, the store, dog park, marina, gym and pool). The seemingly preferential treatment to Gate 1 residents and their viewpoints is frustrating and my only complaint.
431	traffic speed limit. Do not support building a new meeting area. barn should be torn down and not invest more into. People are just surviving and cannot or want new facilities.	SV is mostly a middle working class community. board should listen to vote results. current vote system does not reflect a collaborative effort though legal
432	Get the Dog Park Fenced ASAP, Get Barn Issue resolved, Get the Mail Theft/Loss situation resolved with the Post Office and get the Fire House be reopened now! Two years closed is too long!	I am very happy with the Board. We had a very unstable Board a few years back. I am tired of "musical" GM's.
433	over all save roads, safr	safe roads, safe personal areas around traffic.
434	Let the golf course make it's own revenue for improvements like other golf courses... stop using dues to prop up a golf course when I still have a gravel road and pay \$160/month!	Allocate the HOA funds to the things directly associated with the Hs

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435	Roads	
436	Community events and spaces	
437	Keep dues from increasing	Its a disgrace that a budget with dues increases can pass even though more than 58% of the homeowners vote against it
438	Help residents with fire safety by collecting tree limbs and other debris.	I would like to see one more restaurant in Sudden Valley.
439	Cutting wasteful spending	Tell the Board to enforce the rules and regulations and do the inspections themselves - neighbors shouldn't have to report on neighbors
440	Getting rid of the parked cars that haven't been moved since the pandemic of 2020 (including those in driveways that are just hidden there and not moved for years).	
441	Emergency Preparedness	
442	Non-resident Parking at the marina	
443	Not increasing dues for the inadequate services we have	I like living here....but the dues are becoming outrageous and the fact that a budget that includes increasing dues can pass when 59% of lot owners vote against it is just plain wrong and not democratic at all.
444	Expanded RV storage, road repairs, street lighting, better use of security's time, coverage equal ticketing.	The association could make home improvements easier to be approved for all residents.
445	Not to be too overwhelming with looking for stuff at homes, unless complain is received.	
446	Maintaining what exist and NOT investing in new building or facilities. Spin-off the golf course and let it carry its own weight without OUR financial assistance.	Please do not saddle us with more dues and more assessments. Long range planning needs to back off any ideas about a facility where the ice barn is or any ideas about a senior center. I am a senior and do NOT support the concept.
447	Transparency	Rules are made (best example is quiet pool) but SVCA does nothing to enforce them. It creates an atmosphere that SVCA members can't enjoy amenities.
448	Keep up the good work I see making improvements, and communicate the communities reactions and impacts inside and outside of Sudden Valley. Continue efforts to restrict outside access without a guest fee. Sudden Valley hasn't felt this good (to me) in 20 years.	
449	For a change, the current board seems to be doing a good job, may their thoughts and work be allowed to continue.	No
450	Getting a good replacement for the Dance Barn	
451	Efficient use of existing revenue	
452	sv is a community asoc not a resort n never will be.	Current BOD is a disgrace to OUR COMMUNITY ASSOC. No real input by members attending the bi weekly mtgs is recorded or valued or recognized. Its a joke n sad. One of the members has a debilitating influence on the entire process n fellow board members n the entire sv community. That needs to change immediately. Just like last time he was "here". Wake up!!!!

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453	Maintain and improve what we already have - what we have is fantastic but poorly maintained. Look at the gym: It's unusable. Half the machines are broken. I would love to work out there but I can't because it's useless. We love the marina and AM/PM beach, but in the summer it's overrun with people from in town. We need an access gate! Charge people who don't live in SV a fee to enter and use that money for maintenance. The dog park is absolutely wonderful. I do think an entrance fence where the sign is would be helpful, but keep access to the water open. The dogs love it and it's so fun to swim with them. I know there's a plan for a full perimeter fence, but I think that's too much - a simple straight fence between the small playground and the grassy area is all that's needed in my opinion.	Focus on maintenance and improvements. Fix the barn! The gym, the so called "children's room" that has literally nothing in it, etc. We don't need anything new, we need to take care of what we already have.
454	Emphasize compliance with the rules and regulations that all homeowners here have already agreed to. Let us not be complacent about our responsibilities as homeowners. This is the key to maintaining the quality of our community.	I love it here. I am grateful to all who serve in the Association.
455	Focus on MAINTAINING existing facilities and amenities that RESIDENTS use. Quit prioritizing new/improved facilities for use by non-residents at the expense of people who live here. If the focus is additional revenue, this should be gained by charging non-residents more for amenities: paid parking passes for the beaches, higher fees for golf and the marina, higher rental fees for religious groups using our facilities. There should be NO construction of new facilities until SVCA leadership demonstrates the ability to care for the existing core amenities used by residents.	SVCA leadership has been the greatest disappointment about living here, and will be the reason we leave - even though we love our neighbors and the location. SVCA leadership could do just ONE thing that would completely change our opinion - and that is to pause the Barn 6 "community center" plan, do a proper survey of RESIDENT needs for the Barn 6/Barn 8 area, then present survey results and possible options to members for a BINDING vote. If SVCA leadership can do this expediently (before the general meeting), and ADHERE to the plan voted on by members, our household will have regained confidence in the SVCA's ability to manage our community.
456	Maintaining existing facilities and keeping dogs off the beach.	We are very happy living in Sudden Valley and view the golf course as a superior amenity.
457	Update bus stops they need a light and a better shelter it's too dangerous and dark.	If you could somehow seal the signs better at the gates so they don't get water damage that would help for better visibility and post on fb friends and family group more often about events. Maybe even flyers at the mailboxes.
458	Sudden Valley HOA should be a private community for the residents. Upper Gates need to be cleaned up with bylaws, no trash around property, cars off sides of roads, garbage cans out of sight remove. Old non moving cars removed, old furniture, blue tarps covering trash on property removed	By not having all residents follow Sudden Valley bylaws in the upper Gates you are allowing neighbors to devalue all our properties. HOA rules are for all Gates and all homeowners not a selective few
459	Not increasing the dues	Thank you.
460	Maintain fiscal health	
461	* Repair the equipment in the workout room. The facility has been unavailable for an extended period, despite funding already having been approved, and restoring access would greatly benefit the community. * Move forward with demolishing the old barn. The structure has become a significant eyesore and detracts from the overall appearance and perceived value of the neighborhood.	We truly appreciate all the time, energy, and effort the board and committee members dedicate to our community. We love living in Sudden Valley and are grateful for everything that goes into making it such a wonderful place to call home.

	What is the most important thing for SVCA leadership to focus on this year?	Do you have any final comments?
462	1) Continuity of leadership. Create a space where people continue to be involved. The Barn project is another example of poor communication, leadership, financial planning for an questionable and significant investment. The renovation cannot be guaranteed to be used by a majority of the members, and the limited potential use is too expensive an investment of community financial resources. This feels like a push from a small and highly invested group that is ignoring the vocal opposition and those who are silent.	Surveys are just a quick temperature check and the data to some of these questions may not tell you anything. Sudden Valley is a lovely location and has many good amenities. We arrived with the beginning of the COVID lockdown, closure of the facilities, and the challenges of running an association online. As a teacher I experienced the negative aspects of only working online with the public and I think the Association is still dealing with this. Your elected Board needs to find more ways to engage in person with community members on issues and day to day living "in the Valley". Major financial discussions should continue to be in person as well as online; they should be positive, respectful, and welcoming to all; and well-advertised in advance for the busy person just able to scan headlines on the weekly email. We have had mixed reception from the staff employed at the "Welcome" center. Every less than positive encounter is detrimental to public opinion. Staff hours should flex at least once a week until 7pm to allow the resident coming back from work to talk to staff in person. The animosity displayed online by community members is disheartening and reading online Facebook comments only underlines the fractures in the community. This community is too big to be run like a neighborhood with an HOA. Maybe the community needs incorporate and run on a city model. It's time for rational, responsible, supportive decision making that will be responsive to the communities' financial resources, maintain current levels for facilities, roads and public safety. One last thing – we need more pedestrian walkways for safety and good health.
463	Maintaining the nature of and access to open spaces within and adjacent to Sudden Valley instead of surrendering entire plots and fencing residents in at the whim of LWWSD. It's funny how much less you care about the impact your laissez-faire decision making has up here in the cheap seats rather than the marquee properties east of LW boulevard. Thanks for approving the construction of a prison fence right on my back door. NIMBY? Maybe, but would YOU like a prison fence as your view when it used to be woods? Will you answer for my reduced property value? Rhetorical question. I, of course, know you wouldn't and you won't.	You need to learn to communicate with residents - even the ones you don't care about on the west end. Finding out about your allowing LWWSD to conduct a land grab and cut off all access to the rear of my property via permit comment period at the county reveals how little of a rip you give about those of us in the cheap seats. But you'll still take our money to improve the lakeside, won't you? God help us if we don't pay. I'm incredibly disappointed in a board that is so obviously checked out on the impacts of its poorly researched decision making. We deserve better for our money.
464	Build Barn 6 with Multi-purpose court, have kitchen so Sudden valley residence can eat together, Breakfast, hamburgers, Spaghetti dinners, hotdogs, Senior gatherings.	Would really like to see Barn 6 built so we will have a place to gather for activities and food functions breakfast, lunches and dinners at different groups to build community now and for children. Will need kitchen and good restrooms to make it functional.
465	Efficiency with existing due structure, prioritize maintaining existing amenities without increasing dues, no need to add new buildings or structures. The ability to access the pool year round, even on a limited schedule.	Year round pool!
466	Spending money wisely and communicating in detail ALL expenses.	New tennis court net cranks are already broken, courts not kept clean. Clearly, maintaining facilities throughout SVCA has not been adequate.

	What is the most important thing for SVCA leadership to focus on this year?	Do you have any final comments?
467	The most important thing for leadership to focus on is following our governing documents. Consistently following our by-laws and established policies, which includes all aspects of the association. When a question comes up for discussion, the first question to keep in mind is what do the governing documents have to say about this topic? In my estimation this cannot be done all at once. To me, the major barrier in not being able to fulfill the aspirations set out in our governing documents is the lack of resources. So gradual and meaningfully spent dues increases will be needed to realize the intentions of our governing documents. Holding down dues while allowing facilities and amenities to fail is unacceptable to me.	Gradually and thoughtfully increase dues to keep up with inflation as well as to catch up on too many years of indecision as the result of inadequate funding.
468	Listen to the people	The fencing plan at the dog park is a terrible idea, and will see an unprecedented amount of blow back.
469	I'd like to see the leadership in Sudden Valley focus on ways to improve community cohesiveness. I see and hear a lot of the "new" people do this wrong, or the "old" people don't want this to change. I think continuing to invest in things the community members use and appreciate and continuing to provide a safe place for people of all ages is the most important thing to keep everybody happy and to keep neighbors looking out for neighbors. I see cohesiveness as investing in things like a pump track for the kids AND a community space for adults to gather. Clean am/pm beaches where residents feel safe letting thier kids play and a dog park that allows for enough space for dogs to chace balls and swim and not get piled up on eachother.	Please do not fence the dog park. 75% of the year, only dogs and owners are at the park. I would rather see more enforcement around keeping dogs leashed when the come/go then to shrink the park and make the whole space useless for most of the year.
470	Enforcing rules against residents who have let their homes and yards deteriorate to the point where it has become an eye sore.	
471	Fitness center and not embezzling	Sudden valley is extremely poorly maintained
472	ALL of the community members, not just a select group or demographic.	No
473	Update existing SV facilities and invest in street lightning with the \$441,000 a month received in HOA dues.	NA
474	Improving and maintaining trails (drainage, brushing, access [more trails connecting], replacing old/missing benches, and docks like Lake Louise) - fixing the dog park turf (NO FENCES), and requiring non-residents NOT to park at AM/PM so its accessible to residents like it used to be. Ive been here 14 years, and the things that matter just degrade while we spend money fixing things that dont improve overall quality of sudden valley living like the enjoyment of the great outdoors, like beaches trails and benches. More bike trail availablity would be great too. Repeater road access and parking? A pump track? What about a kid friendly green/blue jump line sudden valley trail or 2? Also please fix the bark spot on lake louse where lilly pads were gathered (i helped a lot) which used to be nice and grassy for people to enjoy the lake!	Sudden valley discourages fences - and SHOULD! No dog park fence PLEASE! Keep all our open spaces open! Any neighbor where an ACC proposal may affect them should be notified asked for comment BEFORE the ACC meeting, so they dont get blindsided by having ugly privacy or dog fences built on special conditions. Infact special conditions should be VERY difficult to get - everyone should play by the SAME rules regardless of medical conditions etc. We live here to enjoy the beauty, maintain docks benches etc. that were pre-existing before spending money on new projects!
475	Compliance. Some properties are way out of compliance	
476	Continue to improve the barn area. If ever possible, we would like to see the waterfront beaches no longer open to the general public. They are over-crowded in the summer with non-members.	
477	THE GYM	Would have liked the opportunity to talk more about the GYM and SECURITY

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478	Make wise decisions for the future of SV. Develop a comprehensive plan for future maintenance and improvement. Maintain current amenities. Somehow charge the public for use of our beaches and parking! Improve traffic safety. More speed bumps. Do not create surveys or questions on the AGM ballot that people think are a final answer! Example: How about a three way stop sign on SV drive at Harborview?! No more big expenditures without HOA consent — the purchase of the Welcome Center was over the top abuse of power! Very behind the scenes shenanigans.	Yes. My grandchildren visit and use the parks, pool, foot golf, etc. I often walk Lake Louise Trail, and walk to the marina daily. I don't own a boat other than my kayak. I don't golf. At present I don't use the gym, but I still want those amenities. They are part of what makes life worth living here. I like to see active people. I wish the coffee shop would return. I owned a dog for years, but don't have one currently. I am not opposed to improving the marina, including fencing the dog park. I saw a map somewhere. Don't put a horseshoe court where children might run! Continue to research options to control public access to the marina and other beach areas! Thank you for all you are trying to do. Oh — at one time there was a neighborhood cookout on July 4. I thought it was a great way to bring people together.
479	I want to hear much less about the golf course and dog park and much more about how we're going to address our spiraling and aging tree management costs.	Board turnover is too high.
480	Taking care of our Community- preserving the integrity of our community- as well as the area and it's natural beauty	Thank you for all that you do! Thank you for reaching-out to learn how the residents of this amazing area/community feel/think and to be included in this survey. Thank you!
481	working towards having the reserve study fully funded (i.e. having money in the bank to take on all known future needs of the community)	it has been quite astonishing to witness how poorly the Board has handled the issue of the dog park. In all my years of watching Board meetings I don't think I've ever seen anything handled so behind the scenes. And it is perplexing why board members are so involved in the details of the planning. The whole endeavor should have been passed to the very competent GM as soon as the decision was made in an open meeting to renovate the dog park.
482	Safe and sensible outdoor recreation opportunities	Thanks for the increasing support for outdoor recreation in SV
483	Efficiency and reduce costs	I think SVCA should simply maintain operations, rather than trying to increase ANYTHING. We might even reach a point where we could actually reduce our dues!
484	Gather input from actual residents and all Sudden Valley neighborhoods—not just those represented by board members—in regards to maintaining existing facilities (i.e. Barns 8 updates and improvements). Actual residents are not developers or absent Airbnb owners.	Our household is not pining for fancy facilities—i.e. a new Barn 6. We appreciate our wonderfully diverse neighbors and the surrounding forest views and trails.
485	Lower dues	N/A
486	Amenity costs, controlling the budget	Sudden Valley is our alternate home and we love it
487	Do not put round up in lake Louise we don't know long term effects.	Improve community and fitness area to include indoor basketball and multi use area
488	Letting residents authorize large capital expenditures Board not allowed to make huge dollar decisions without us authorizing.	
489	Upkeep	No
490	Make due on improvements as possible.	Nope. Great place to live.

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491	STOP SPENDING MONEY UNNECESSARILY. Nearly 100k to fence the dog park is outrageous. The dog park is perfect as is. We don't even have a dog but firmly believe this and love watching dogs enjoy themselves from afar while at the marina. You think a fence is going to accomplish anything? Bad owners will simply ignore it altogether or still let their dogs run off unsupervised. Spending a lot of money to make something worse is certainly a thing to do.... Spending millions to build the welcome center was certainly a thing to do... all without putting anything to so much as an official community vote. Stop prioritizing the wants/wishes of the few either on your committees or friends/neighbors/special interests influencing your decisions. This has led to great resentment among many of us here in the community while you seek to raise our dues every year to spend on things we have no interest in. Maintaining roads and basic necessities is one thing. Wasteful spending is something else altogether.	Think I've said it already but, seriously, the whole dog park episode is a complete disgrace and it feels like the tip of the ice berg with the HOA as a whole.... too much priority given to the wishes of the few without real regard to the preference of the majority.
492	Traffic enforcement and exterior code enforcement.	Enforce existing codes. Trash cans stored properly. This is despite the new recycling containers TOO BIG... whomever made that choice didn't consider the huge footprint it takes up inside the garage...now more people are keeping them outside! Very tacky!
493	Improving honest upfront communication about plans for the community. Standing up against the WUIOCA laws impacting our HOA.	
494	Keeping the HOA dues from increasing so often and in such large increments. I believe a moratorium on dues increases should occur no earlier than every three years with the norm to be around every 5 years.	If the HOA dues increase annually, my family and I will be priced out of Sudden Valley, and runaway SVCA HOA dues will make it unlikely I will be able to sell my house easily when I can no longer afford to stay. We have been here for 13 years and had hoped we would not have to move again. I am very concerned that I will be forced to make a decision about moving sooner rather than later if dues keep increasing!

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495	It's important as a board to listen to residents and address real issues. Spending a thousands of dollars on a dog park fence is such a waste. Putting that funding into proper drainage and grading of the marina and park area would be a much better use of those funds. I never see anyone using the sports courts, rarely see anyone at the pavillion, but see dogs in the park all the time. Boats are sitting in mud in "dry" storage and there is a pond in the road every winter. I would rather see those issues fixed than wasting money on fencing that nobody wants.	I have lived in Sudden Valley for 5 years and never have had any complaints. I think, for the most part, the board has done an okay job of managing the area. I do think that recently, though, some of the decisions that have been made are against what the vast majority of residents want. It would be great, as a resident, to feel like I had more of a voice as to what projects and improvements my money went to. The board moved forward with the dog park fencing project despite the fact that tons of people use the park and want it kept as is, and hardly anyone uses the courts or pavilion. I love the idea of having vehicle stickers for our amenities, but it was difficult to get them and we ultimately never did. I have a household of 5 drivers with 5 vehicles. Only my husband and I are on the title. My 3 adult kids who live at home had to provide extra proof of address. Then we had to go down during weekday business hours to have someone put the sticker on our cars. We all work weekdays, so never could go get them. It's not like we would be handing out our parking passes to people. It would have been nice to just say "this is our household and their vehicles" and have them mailed to us. You have all the info and if it didn't match, you'd know. I also submit my dues payment through my bank. The system is so antiquated that they have to mail a check. I am not using the system that SVCA has in place as it is also imperfect and doesn't work and has issues. I have gotten a letter twice saying that a payment wasn't made, but I can provide a bank statement with all the details saying it was. When I inquire about it and provide that info, I don't get a response as to why the mistake was made and how payments get lost. I had my bank return a check sent to SVCA because it hadn't been cashed. I feel like in this day and age, it shouldn't be that hard or expensive to set up a better bill pay system. The online version we have gives me less confidence than having my financial institution just mail a check. I usually don't have any gripes against SV or the association and never understood the complaints that past SV residents would have. I am starting to see the light though and it is putting a stain on an otherwise amazing place to live.
496	THE BARNs, REPLACE OR FIX THEM LIKE NEW. WE NEED A NEW EMERGENCY SHELTER OR COMMUNITY BUILDING	WE NEED TO UPDATE, REPLACE THE BUILDINGS
497	Gym needs functional new equipment so there less delay on fixes. Squat rack and deadlifting area would be stellar for all involved in the fitness center	I believe sudden valley residents should get a better discount at the golf course and the gym needs a refresh.
498	Get that old barn down!	For 9 years that old barn still stands, it is a ugly eyesore.
499	Barn Replacement and continued improvements at the gym, pool and golf course	
500	improving current facilities. Gym is really bad	no
501	Tear down the one barn--it is an eyesore and a safety hazard. Fitness center equipment is largely broken.	Trails are in very poor condition. So much equipment is broken in the fitness center it is becoming marginal to go there. Too much funding goes to the golf course--find ways to charge the people who use it to fund more of the repairs. The roads crew does an outstanding job with the funding and equipment it has--but it needs more. Particularly during winter snow events there needs to be more enforcement so the roads are clear of vehicles for them to plow. There needs to be much more enforcement of the rules/regulations in Gate 3. Too many of the properties formerly used for open space are being developed--many have lots that have been completely cleared, a driveway with a significantly steep slope, and an overly large house which does not fit within the setting.

	What is the most important thing for SVCA leadership to focus on this year?	Do you have any final comments?
502	Communication. I have often written emails to the association and there has never once been even one answered. Seems the administration doesn't answer questions/emails. Maybe that could be something someone could work on.	Again please get the administration staff to be more responsive when emails are sent to them. Find an accounting system where I can check my account on line. Stop putting all the focus on the Golf Course.
503	Do the basics first! Then the fancy stuff. We don't need new buildings unless the old ones can no longer be maintained.	Keep what we have nice.
504	Rebuilding trust through transparent, evidence-based leadership while balancing competing uses of shared community spaces, ie the marina, dog park, and beaches. There has been limited Board communication, management, and provision of any factual supporting data related to concerns about excessive public use of our parking lots, beaches, and parks in the summer months; and reducing the dog park and installing a large ugly fence for a problem that has not been clearly demonstrated. Instead there has been irrational, fear-based planning by most of the Board members and unilateral decisions. Giving community members just 15 minutes or 3 minutes per person to share feedback and make requests at Board meetings is simply not enough time for the Board to fairly and accurately represent all SV residents priorities. Data-informed decision-making is needed. Many residents feel current decisions are reducing our quality of life in SV. Shared spaces should reflect how SV residents really use them year-round, not just summer time. Good leadership would gather real usage data, evaluate safety objectively, avoid pitting resident groups against each other, look for compromise solutions rather than "winner/loser" outcomes and not make major decisions without including the community for discussion and vote.	Policies and rules should be applied fairly and consistently, not selectively or in ways that appear to benefit particular individuals or groups. This principle should apply equally to the Board and the broader SV community.
505	Making the budget balance with existing dues and not continuing to increase it.	
506	Preventing spending increases, particularly on gate 1/2 improvements over other parts of community.	More support and embracing of the outdoor and cycling community
507	I see no value for what we pay in dues. Sudden Valley HOA has a terrible reputation of being incredibly difficult and authoritarian.	Get rid of the ACC and allow owners the freedom to improve their property as they see fit. Far too often the ACC votes on emotion and act as if other people's property is their own.
508	Hold people accountable that have trash all over their yards and don't clean it up !!!	
509	Financial responsibility	I would like the potholes fixed at the marina. Also, smooth out worn/ damaged speed bumps
510	Keep the roads mowed and plowed and the potholes and flood prone areas fixed.	
511	Welcome center should become a profitable business center that increases revenues to prevent further dues increases. Cafe or Bistro would be a great fit with limited take and bake dinner options.	No large purchases without a vote.
512	Dispelling inaccurate information	
513	Keep doing more outreach like this to support homeowners, and less "compliance". You're making many homeowners hate this community.	
514	Resolve the issue of Barn 6. SVCA needs an updated community gathering area to support meetings and activities.	Would like to see the Board move forward on projects that seem to be "stuck" rather than moving forward.

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515	Being transparent with the community and getting feedback before making financial decisions that affects the residents (even if its a small percentage of residents.)	Communication between the board and residents is an area that needs improvement. When information isn't shared clearly or consistently, it often leads to speculation, gossip, and unnecessary division within the community. Instead of fostering trust, it can create a sense of "sides" forming—those who feel aligned with the current SV BOD and those who feel unheard or opposed. Strengthening transparency, providing timely updates, and creating more opportunities for open dialogue would go a long way in building trust and bringing the community together rather than unintentionally dividing it.
516	affordability	
517	General upkeep of roads and grounds as well as amenity preventive maintenance.	Hopefully this survey will lead to thoughtful participation by our residents. Given we live in a "city" of over 3000 homes and 7000+ residents not all will be satisfied. Do your best for the most. Do not be pulled into a quagmire trying to satisfy a small but vocal minority.
518	Maintaining a clean, safe, viable community.	Changes in the availability and use of facilities by the SVCA Administration need to be voted on by the membership. I.E. the private adult center being turned into a public facility; changing the adult pool allowing children; closing the dry sauna in the adult center. Non members using Lake Louise trail.
519	Building a sense of community. Community events.	
520	studied consideration of major decisions including collateral impacts.	
521	1) Tree removal and upgrading the appearance of our entrances and parks. 2) Removing the Barns (blight area) and build a modern community center. 3) Adding a new entrance to the gate-1 neighborhood at the end of Windward Drive (the access is platted).	Thanks for your service!
522	Making tough financial decisions with money at hand and not raise HOA.	
523	Listen to the community	
524	Listening to the community who elected them. Not listening to REDACTED.	This survey is not written well. In some cases, a "Don't Use" category would have been nice. But thanks for at least trying to get community feedback. (And I was serious about REDACTED—he was terminated as GM for a reason. He does NOT uphold the professional Code of Conduct that is expected from our elected leaders.)
525	Most and most importantly the SVCA should rethink on the Security Deposit amount asked from the people who are constructing houses in Sudden Valley. It is an exorbitant amount. People are highly discouraged because of this to invest/ build in Sudden Valley.	Yes. Please please reduce the Security Deposit asked for construction of the house. It is totally unjustified. It is almost 7-10% of the cost of construction of an average single family. People who genuinely wants to construct feels so helpless to share this amount, especially with ever increasing cost of construction. Please please reduce it substantially.
526	Reducing the dues. Remove amenities before increasing dues. Absolutely no new amenities or buildings that would increase dues.	Make it so we can pay dues easily online without surcharges.

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527	Understanding their job. As for the last five years, I see the board doing what the board wants to do. Forcing their personal delusions of Granger upon the voting community in which they serve. The marina receiving large amounts of funding. With no standard operating procedure of maintenance as requested by the general manager oh it's just hearsay. We do whatever it is whenever we need to do it. Complete negligence on the safety of the individuals using the marina 67 potholes litter the area. The dog park forcing one plan for a dog park improvement upon the community. Where are all the permits, where is the environmental impact study? Where is the report from the Stewart's of Lake Whatcom? Which this is not an improvement at all, but more catering to individuals who are not part of the HOA. The barn. ?????????? The purchase of the new community center, was there a backdoor deal made there? Little more oversight, less spending. Live within our means and no raising of dues whatsoever. As due's increase and services decrease. Inflation no mismanagement of money. A complete review of employees salary. Some people may be paying pay too much for their specific job once again a complete CCR and job review. I feel the board does not understand their specific job and responsibilities as an elected public servicer. Can you recite the sudden Valley mission statement? They are charged with the duty of executing legal documents that the voting community votes on. We need to have a complete review of the CCR and how the board spends money. The board has way too much power and delegation of money. anything or any project over \$25,000 must be approved by the voting community. Example measure two On the ballot in November was overwhelmingly passed by the community This would update the marina redo the slips, remove the toxic tires that are dissolving into the drinking water that our children drink in the community. However, through hearsay that one of the board members had a boat in the marina and did not want to move forward as this would increase a price. Using a position of power for self gain. I would think this would be a criminal act and grounds for immediate removal,swep under the rug. There was actually an article in the Sun Valley news and then lost in the wind. Complete financial accountability. The marina generates almost \$90,000.	Yes, in results of the survey being published.
528	I'd love for it to be easier to bike in sudden valley. Riding from my house in gate 3 to the lake could be safer with better bike paths.	Nice to see some noticeable maintenance and repair happening, excited about the dog park being fenced in.
529	The survey would be better if it had n/an answer option because I answered some questions that I had to in order to move forward, but I have no opinion. Maybe I've missed it, but an update on the new community center ground breaking would be great. I would love an updated workout gym. Doesn't need to be fancy. We love SV!	No
530	Let members have a vote on important decisions.	Revenue should be sought for non-members that impact our community.
531	lowering dues	
532	Saving the dog park	No
533	Getting most people pulling I the same direction. Cuts unneeded costs.	I have lived here 13 years and the politics has been somewhat annoying but hasn't affected me much. Keep the pool going, that is the best amenity we have.
534	Listening to the membership- ie the people living here. Leadership seems out of step with community concerns and opinions.	

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535	I don't want to check in at a front desk to use the gym when I have a key card, and the same goes for the pool as well. If members have a key card to get in, then they should be allowed to bypass the front desk. I don't wanna take the time to give my address every time I want to use an amenity. Also, \$20 for a replacement key card is too expensive I don't want to have to confirm my address to use the gym when I have a key card to access it	The sudden Valley golf course member price is way too expensive and the fact that they don't include youth course discounts is poor planning. My kids and I go and play lake Padden instead, even though we live in Sudden Valley Members. So we drive further to get a reasonable rate for me to be able to play golf with my kids, even though we live in a community that has golf
536	Follow through with plans for barns, marina, dog park fencing.	Since I don't use the pool, dog park, tennis courts, etc I was forced to select "somewhat" instead of Not Applicable. I also want the BOD/Admin to continue to improve our safety issues and to create a simple but comfortable and welcoming senior center.
537	I think the current SVCA leadership is exemplary. I am so grateful to REDACTED, and others for giving up so much of their time for the betterment of our little village. I see you chewing through the To Do list ... "Rome (Sudden Valley) was not built/improved in a day." Thank you for everything. Hearts, REDACTED	Thanks for doing this. Will love to see the summary of the answers.
538	The best thing about Sudden Valley is its proximity to world class mountain biking. It will always be a desirable place to live because of this, regardless of the additional amenities the community offers.	The last three questions were to personal. Shame on you for making that a requirement to complete the questionnaire.
539	Maintenance	
540	Transparency of decisions and allowing for ample time for SVCA members to submit feedback for any proposal.	I was very disappointed about the Board of Directors' decision to move forward with building a fence at the marina dog park. This has negatively impacted my opinion of the Board and I will inform other SVCA members about the lack of member feedback during this process. Other than that, I love living in the SVCA community.
541	Barn repairs	
542	Make arrangements for retired people on fixed incomes to not have their dues constantly increased. Seriously considering moving.	
543	Managing budget, improving beaches, and not wasting money on a dog park.	No
544	Fix cracks and potholes in upper gate streets and hills Trim back trees overhanging roads and remove dead, downed and dangerous trees from vacant lots to minimize fire hazard	I believe too much money is spent on recreational activities and facilities and not enough on maintenance. Upper gate roads are neglected with hazardous conditions due to downed branches and trees on vacant lots. Use the authority of the board to have maintenance clear these areas and place a lien on the property to recover costs. Fix cracked pavements and potholes.
545	Doing the best you can with the dues already being collected, including collecting unpaid dues, and fines for frequent violations of community rules & guidelines	Nah
546	facilities planning	no
547	Listen to community choices	Wish the board could be less divided and would respond to community wishes
548	Including dues payers in long range planning, strategies, and goals. Leadership being held accountable for decisions and financial responsibilities	I have lived in the valley for over 20 years, raised a family here. I have known the valley since it was created in the 70's. With the new higher end housing being built, there will be a further shift in the demographic, and a need to establish a long-term vision for how this community should grow and increase property values comparable to Bellingham
549	Modernizing amenities and facilities. Everything needs a refresh.	

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550	Positive communication within the board. I lack confidence in our board. Keep the dog park the way it is. Recall administrative fees for rental houses. I don't own a SV rental, but I vehemently disagree with charging an extra fee for property owners. Stop allowing hoarders to continue to exist in our neighborhoods. They lower our property values and create safety and health risks for everyone.	
551	How about getting a GM who will actually do their job and not leave in 6 mos? How about not making arbitrary decisions about how money is spent? How about not pissing away millions of dollars on a barn that should have been bulldozed years ago? How about putting a solar light or electrical one at the mailboxes for safety reasons? How about cleaning out the DITCHES so that rain water does not back up and cause flooding instead of just mowing 12" from the road? The ditches belong to SV not the residents and yet you do NOTHING to maintain them! How about NOT raising dues on wet slips (they have doubled in 8 years) when there is NO INCREASE in the cost of the water that the boat sits in how about not pissing \$10,000's of dollars away on rebuilding a boat ramp and having it out of commission for >2 years because you were so damn stupid not to make it ADA compliant? How about you not piss away thousands of dollars on building a fence at the dog park and just leave it alone. How about you stop raping residents on their dues and FOR ONCE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HOW YOU PISS MONEY?????????? With over 3000+ homes in this valley, doing the math on the low side of \$175/home/month = \$525,000/month and that figure I know is on the low side x 12 months = \$6,300,000.00 /year means that we have watched all of you incompetant idiots piss away >\$50,400,000.00 in the 8 years we have lived here!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This is a heinous crime and you should all be brought up on charges of imbezzelment!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	You all make me sick to my stomach. You disgust us!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
552	I don't have a dog, but from what I've heard it seems that this area is very important to the area and fills a real need for people. It seems to me that the plans I've heard about would be better served by utilizing the AM/PM beach areas.	I've been generally satisfied with the governance of Sudden Valley. When I first moved to Bellingham, I heard a lot of negative comments about the Valley. I've now lived here for more than 20 years as a renter and then a home owner and I would not choose to live anywhere else in the area.
553	Dedicated bike path to Bellingham from SV on Lake Louise Road for safety and traffic safety (light or stop signs) at Gates 5 entrance and Lake Louise Rd and Lake whatcom blvd as both are blind intersections. Thank you!	Waitlists are quite lengthy...
554	Lowering dues, supporting Sudden Valley Safe Cycling for building a trail from SV into town, and building a pump track at the park.	
555	Barn 6 and 8	Thank you for voting to fence the dog park
556	Stop raising dues and use the money you currently collect more responsibly... Sudden Valley is becoming gentrified And I am being priced out of the market	Because of the dues increases over the last few years, I can no longer afford to live here
557	Listening to the residents. Looking at the people who are on the board and make sure that they treat people with respect. It is unacceptable for someone on the board to tell people to shut their mouths. They should be removed from power, not given more power. Be sure that what we are doing with out money is done with integrity. How can you expect residents to want to pay higher dues when the money you are given has not been spent responsibly.	
558	Transparency and improved communications to Residents before impactful decisions are made. Thank you.	No thank you.

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559	Reducing fees and eliminating extraneous facilities	We should not have to pay for facilities we don't use like the marina golf course etc
560	Keeping the dog park as it is. A public wetland.	Thank you for creating this survey. An attempt to inform leadership in planning for the future may be futile, but it is appreciated.
561	Lowering dues while improving current amenities that aren't the marina or golf course.	The board neglects the community by spending money on egregious things such as the Dog Park fence and event space. I doubt the board even lives in Sudden Valley. Our community spaces that we pay for are overrun by non-SV residents. What are our dues actually paying for except run down facilities and cannot be used? I.e. the gym with broken or outdated equipment, moldy showers, broken sauna, no more "adult" pool, no pump track, broken fences along the tennis courts. Every year the dues have increased but I have yet to see any return on investment.
562	Traffic safety for pedestrians, bikes, and cars.	Chronic, illegal parking on SVD that blocks visibility and creates a traffic hazard (low visibility, driving into incoming traffic, and blocks any possibility to walk on the side of the road) should be enforced.
563	Abandon the association and become part of Bellingham, so our property taxes pay for the same things in sudden valley that are being used to pay for things in Bellingham--like roads and parks.	I state again: Abandon the association and become part of Bellingham, so our property taxes pay for the same things in sudden valley that are being used to pay for things in Bellingham--like roads and parks.
564	Fiscal responsibility.	
565	Not increasing the dues.	I wouldn't mind dissolving the SVCA altogether and becoming part of the city.
566	Not increasing fees 7% and figuring out how to control beach traffic in the summer so residents can enjoy the amenity we pay for	I think this community has so much potential. It's no longer the resort-style community it may have been 40 years ago — it's a place where Bellingham residents come to find a little more peace and quiet. If the golf course can't operate sustainably or profitably, it may be time to rethink its future, especially given the environmental impact on our drinking water. Imagine if the lakeside holes were transformed into a public beach, walking paths, and gardens — spaces that more people could enjoy and that better reflect what the community values today. Reimagining the area as a shared natural space could create something far more lasting and beneficial for future generations.
567	Being more responsive to residents. For example, enforcing codes on homes that are dilapidated or an eyesore.	
568	Reevaluate why you don't need 50% of people to vote for a change to approve it. Absolutely ridiculous and undemocratic.	I strongly disagree with any policy that allows measures to pass without support from a majority of voting members. Decisions affecting the community should require more than 50% approval of votes cast to ensure legitimacy, fairness, and trust in the association's governance. Allowing measures to pass with less than majority support risks disenfranchising homeowners and undermines confidence in the process.
569	Bike trails, pump track, safe bike lanes to/from/around SV	Sudden Valley is a great place for young families. We should be investing in the future.
570	Prioritizing projects to not increase dues or at least increase them minimally	Mountain biking is a very large reason why many people choose to live in this area. Increasing the infrastructure reflect the user base would be beneficial for the community.

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571	Walking/biking trails along lake Louise to the SV welcome center. Fix the basketball court. News paper and security are a huge waste of money. Sell the marina land because all of Bellingham uses it anyways. Sell the golf course because it loses money. Fix the gym equipment. Allow more commercial real estate because it would be nice to have more shops/places to eat.	Please stop wasting money on the news paper, so may people just throw it away. Security is a joke. Make the gym 24/7 and fix the equipment.
572	Stop wasting MONEY	I have lived here since 2001 and have witnessed mismanagement over and over. Any major project should be voted on by the people.
573	As a resident of Sudden Valley, I feel like there is a huge disconnect between the amount homeowners pay into this HOA and the quality of amenities we actually receive in return. With over 3,000 homes paying more than \$160 per month, that represents nearly half a million dollars every month in HOA dues. Residents deserve to see a clearer long-term vision for where that money is going and how it is improving the community experience. Right now, many of the facilities feel outdated and neglected. The current gym space in the old barn is extremely underwhelming for a community this size. Much of the equipment is broken, the game room feels decades old, many of the video games and controllers do not work, and the shower areas have visible mold issues. It does not feel like a facility that reflects the potential of Sudden Valley or the amount residents contribute financially. Why not create a modern community recreation center when the old barn is eventually replaced? Imagine a gym and wellness facility that actually serves families and residents year-round — something with updated workout equipment, indoor recreation space, family gathering areas, and even amenities like an indoor pool or children's play area. Communities across Washington invest in facilities that create real value for residents and attract new homeowners. The lakefront amenities also feel like a missed opportunity. AM/PM Beach could be dramatically improved. There is very little actual beach space or sand for kids to play on. The waterfront areas could become true gathering spaces for families with swimming zones, floating docks, inflatables, slides, shaded seating, and better-maintained shoreline access. When you compare our amenities to places like The Firs, it is hard not to wonder why Sudden Valley — one of the most beautiful communities in Bellingham — lacks the same level of ambition and vision. Sudden Valley should be one of the most desirable neighborhoods in the region. We live surrounded by incredible natural beauty, but the community facilities do not match that potential. I would love to see leadership focus on creating a long-term vision that makes residents proud of where their HOA dues are being invested.	Sudden Valley has an incredible amount of untapped potential. As one of the larger HOA communities in Washington, a true "mega HOA" with thousands of homes and millions collected annually in dues, we should be thinking much bigger about the future of this community. Right now, it feels like we are settling for maintaining outdated infrastructure instead of building toward a modern vision that matches the beauty of where we live. We have a barn facility that is aging, deteriorating, and no longer meets the needs of a community this size. Turning it into another simple covered gathering area is not enough. Sudden Valley needs a legitimate modern recreation and fitness center, something residents can actually use year-round and be proud of. A real gym, updated family recreation spaces, indoor amenities, and a long-term investment in wellness and community. We also have an outdoor pool that is only usable for a few months each year. In the Pacific Northwest, why are we not discussing converting it into an indoor facility so families and residents can use it year-round? And perhaps the biggest missed opportunity is the lake itself. Our summers here are incredible. We live in one of the most naturally beautiful places in Bellingham, yet we do very little to capitalize on it. We should be investing in real beach improvements, swimming areas, floating docks, family recreation zones, and waterfront spaces that actually encourage community life and outdoor enjoyment. People should dream of living in Sudden Valley because of the lifestyle and amenities here, not just because of the scenery surrounding it. I believe residents are ready for a bigger vision, better long-term planning, and investments that reflect the scale and potential of this community.
574		your new ACC director is a little over zealous. have him chill out a little.
575	Not increasing dues	I love where I live. But SVCA politics are awful. I don't know the answer but I have to believe there's a way.
576		This is not a fair survey because I was forced to answer question 7, so I did not answer truthfully. I couldn't. So how is that helpful for you? You need another column for "Does Not Apply" or "I Don't Know" or "I've Nothing to Do With It."
577	Improving , upgrading and improving appearance of SV.	I wish SuddenValley had an official Facebook page to be cited for projects and controversial issues. It would have to be kept up and updated continuously.
578	Fiscal stewardship. The answer is not asking for more money, it's using the allocated money appropriately	

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579	Maintenance and keeping the budget in check.	The marina should not be given over to the dog park lobby. It should have a good fenced area, but not the total takeover that some are advocating for.
580	Communication. Specifically communication about things that will increase dues. Or selective fees that affect individual members - but offer no benefit to that member. Specifically the Long Term Rental Fee / Registration	Yes asking age is not appropriate. And please rescind the long term rental fee - before it ends up costing the association legal fees
581	Getting a pump track or safer biking areas for kids, lets tear down the barn that no one can access and use that space.	I like the idea of a fence around the dog park, but there will be major issues if it is cut down to 1/3rd of the proposed size. My dog got his ear nipped and had to go to the ER to close the bleeding yesterday when there were maybe 6 other dogs in the large area. Smaller areas will cause more issues.
582		Sudden Valley should investigate incorporating as a town/city. We are considerably larger than Everson, Nooksack, or Sumas.
583	Separating off leash dogs from playground and picnicking areas. Enforcement of fines for failure to follow leashing and dog waste rules. Traffic safety and enforcement. Replacement of Barns 6&8.	Need to find a way to charge non SV residents to use our facilities and parks. Increase fees for nonresident pool use. Go back to banning children from the Quiet Pool or at a minimum strictly enforce the rules in place. Would prefer to disallow non residents from renting pools and other SV amenities.
584	Getting community support prior to decision making	Thank you for the survey, please keep up the request for comments and information
585	Cutting costs and more focused spending. Focus on leadership and decision transparency.	
586	Keeping costs down while providing essential maintenance such as roads ; speeding is a huge issue on my street. Dog park has been useless due to poor maintenance over the years with holes and boggy areas as well as owners being irresponsible with their dogs	Dues are increasing faster than income. I distrust the board and GM to do what's in the community best interests. When I needed SV they were of no assistance. Because of dues and poor reputation of SV I would not recommend this HOA . I fear my home value will be impacted
587	Trying to keep the annual dues as low as possible while properly maintaining all facilities.	No
588	Building the new event/rec center	
589	Listen better to residents about new facilities and changes to the dog park. At this time, neither projects seem supported by the bulk of residents.	
590	Tearing down Barn 6, reengaging with the community on what is in Barn 6 (not sure why there were no more townhall meetings about the amenities for Barn 6) paying off barn 6 before entertaining any further discussion or ideas for barn 8.	Yes we'd really like to see ongoing improvements in the sudden Valley community for all generations, young and old. However, in a fiscally responsible (no special assessments) and transparent manner. Also consideration should be given to asking residence who live outside sudden Valley to pay for parking/beach access and enjoying the amenities that our dues pay to maintain.
591	Meaningful member participation in project design	Yes
592	Proper budgeting	No
593	Our streets. Control the vegetation and STRIPE the secondary roadways.	The wildfire control measures and information is excellent.
594	More Reasonable Dues Structure. Its Out of hand.	No

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595	To stop believing that a homeowners association is a free-for-all with other people's money. Sudden Valley is a place to live, not a "community" to spend millions on buildings used by a very small fraction of residents. Take care of the roads, dangerous trees, sewage, and parks. Incessant "pet projects" and building construction is wasteful. We just want to live here. My neighbors are my community and we don't need facilities to associate together. Our real estate prices are low enough for people to move here but get expensive with the excessive dues. If we had our way, we would disband the association. It has grown way out of proportion in the 30 years we've lived here.	There is a perennial lack of common sense from the Association. Someone gets a bright idea, "Wouldn't it be great to have...(something I want)." Then it gets enacted and we spend tens or hundreds of thousands, or even millions on something relatively few people living in the Valley use. The Association should be deliberately focused upon fundamental needs of the Valley: road maintenance and clearing; forestry management, especially dangerous trees and fire suppression; sewage treatment; park maintenance, and a few other essentials. The golf course should either make a profit or be sold, either for golf or development. If the gym cannot make a profit (including paying for the building), the equipment should be sold and the gym closed. Same-same for everything someone "wants" to build, like a "senior center." If there is no existing building for it, we don't need it. Our experience of the Association is one of favoritism, unequal enforcement of rules, personal fiefdoms and preferences by members of the board or committees being enforced (e.g., no white garage doors). The Association should strive to decrease its financial drain on residents and also its footprint in our lives.
596	Operational efficiencies to maintain lowest operating costs possible and in maintaining and leveraging what we as a community have. Better listening to and serving the Sudden Valley community (example with the dog park the community was NOT listened to. Making a highly used park smaller is wrong). Focus on what we have, not building new. Fire safety should also be a focus.	I appreciate all the work the board and committees do. However The board appears to not take community input well and meetings are not welcoming to "new" people or differing ideas. There seems to be a keen desire to build amenities to rent out which goes against the sudden valley culture and needs. We also do not sweat the assets we have, which is a shame. Better and more methodical planning is needed. It is also important to keep fees low for residences. We need to be smart with expansion and improvements as operational costs will only continue to rise and stress income from monthly dues. High dues can negatively impact residences and real estate.
597	Getting along and sharing your opinions on matters that involve residents. Upkeep and informing us of projects .	Good idea to do a survey every now and then.
598	Continuing to do what's best for the community as much as possible, and not let special relationships/interests control what happens in the community.	Overall, I think the board is doing a good job. As a new member of the community, I can see how dated some of the common buildings have become....not to mention, the disrepair that a lot of the facilities are in. I hope to see them get remodeled/updated as dues increase, and the funds become available. But with that, I believe \$8 million for a new building is a ridiculous figure to spend on a common space. I'm not sure if that includes what's been spent to date, during all the past infighting. But I'm very familiar with the commercial development industry, and I'm not sure how that figure was reached. However, I trust that the board will do the best they can to be good stewards of the community's funds.
599	maintaining access to trails for biking and hiking	I really do like living in Sudden Valley. I love the access to trails and nature and I hope it stays that way
600	Maintaining appearance and upkeep on all common spaces and facilities, and having them be user friendly for residents	When we first came here, rules were enforced, and there was more respect and friendliness among the community.
601	Caring for drainage ditches	No
602	Better communication	no
603	Making decisions in the sunshine (meaning: listen and share reasons behind decisions made.).	I suggest that you have an open channel where residents can ask questions and you respond. This can be done online with a guaranteed response within x number of days

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604	I think the current amenities such as the gym need attention/improvement/ face-lift. I like the plan to revamp the marina park (despite the uproar from the dog owners). Any chance we can get a cafe or picnic area with food truck/espresso cart looking over Lake Louise at the welcome center?	Keep working to make Sudden Valley great!
605	Work on actually improving things, not making things worse. Don't touch my dog park. I'm serious, I don't care about the fence, but don't reduce the size. Also, figure out how to reduce out of valley use. Maybe a parking pass or something while still keeping it open to the public as required for insurance reasons. But don't make the dog park smaller.	Please improve your survey design. This is a badly done survey. You should have NA options instead of just the Strongly Agree->Strongly Disagree scale. You'll get a bunch of meh data out of this because many people don't use or care about a specific amenity. Also, I gave you a fake age because you don't need to know it. Make it optional. My final thoughts: 1. Don't reduce the size of the dog park 2. Focus on targeted and direct financial projects 3. Support community based projects such as the pump track 4. Improve the fitness center. Half the machines don't work at any time and it drives me crazy. It can't be that hard to keep them working?
606	Transparency in all financial decisions that are made which have an impact on residents.	none
607	Budget	I would like to see something done about certain homes left to deteriorate, attracting wild animals, insects, and mold growth.
608	I feel that SV needs more attention to the unsafe driving throughout the valley. More speed bumps and patrolling	The BOD needs to be more transparent about plans and decisions being discussed and made. Seems like alot of decisions are done without community input
609	Access to our beaches (Sofield, Marina, AM&PM) has become a real problem. Word is out that they are public, and they are now unusable by HOA members. It was a bad decision to make them public, and either that decision needs to be reversed (with an increase in dues), or day-use/parking fees need to be charged to non-HOA members. This is the single biggest issue (bigger than the barn, the welcome center, the pump track, the dog park fence, etc.). Our single biggest asset in this neighborhood is the lakeside beaches, and they have become unusable by us the members.	
610	Staying within the current budget and focusing on the essentials and not all the luxuries. With the economy the way it is, people can't afford to pay more. It should be more like it was during Covid days when we only focused on what was really necessary. This community is very 2 sided and it seems the board only listened to one side which is the minority.	I have only lived in the community for about 14 years and my dues have increased 180%. That is way too much of an increase over that period of time. We need to do better.
611		This rental application & charge is BS. I already have to notify my condo association. We handle or own tenants when they do something wrong. Condo clusters don't need SV to take over.
612	If there are rules, ENFORCE THEM! Someone living not far away treats their home/yard like a DUMP (Black Bear Ct) and NOTHING is done! Please focus on road upkeep such as line painting - which used to be done every summer, and now is on the back burner.	We have rules in SV, yet they are not enforced. Enforce them or get rid of them!!!! Speeders should at least get warnings. People who have a fire hazard/dumping ground in their front yard (REDACTED) should be FORCED to clean it up!!! Unlicensed vehicles should be towed. Security should actually be allowed to do something besides cut up trees that fall in the road! We pay big bucks for "Security", but they essentially do nothing!!!!

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613	Safety of the Valley streets and eliminating the off-leash marina dog park. Speeding is out of control and more speed bumps needed to start. Kids and some adults with small motorized bikes zipping around with proper gear or supervision. The marina area stinks because of the off-leash dog park and years of bacteria/nitrogen build up. Dealing with reactive dogs and their owners just trying to take a walk or work in the yard is a continuing challenge. A walking stick and pepper spray are a daily reality in our own yards and on the SV streets.	Please address the problems of safety and beauty of our streets. This includes speeding, yards not maintained including vegetation and recreation equipment (canoes & kayaks) left out like lawn ornaments, and dog related issues. Thank you.
614	I would love to see the gym equipment updated and the gym professionally cleaned. Also a clear set of rules for the quiet pool and a way to maintain them!!! Last season there were 4 different sets of pool rules which led to disagreements (some very uncomfortable!!) between members. Pool furniture does need updating and someone (security?) needs to check the pool areas after they close ie umbrellas closed so the wind doesn't take them down, furniture neatly organized for the next day! Also I'd love to see a nice gathering center for members. I was not here when the library was the senior center but it sounds like it was really nice. The winters are long here and many of us seek social connection especially in the grey season!!! THANK YOU!!!	PLEASE FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE MARINA PROJECT!!!! Dogs are great but that beautiful land should be enjoyed by the people!!!
615	Our pride in Sudden Valley, particularly in ensuring that rundown homes are brought up to par, e.g. a house running a car business on Sudden Valley Drive between Gates 3 and 9 is a disgrace.	
616	Maintaining the community	No
617	The Board needs to have a better understanding of the owners preferences, and make decisions based on what the owners want, as they represent the owners.	
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619	Continued improvement/care for common elements. Dues never should have been \$76 for nearly 30 years straight. At least some kind of increase for inflation would have been appropriate. We are all paying the price in decrepit infrastructure now.	Thanks for trying to make things better after years of mismanagement. I understand why people don't want to pay more. But this could have been avoided with smaller increases over a longer period of time.
620	Safety and lighting	
621	budget control	
622	stop with the vanity projects and concentrate on infrastructure	mandatory dues increases are onerous
623	DUES. Rules. And enforcement	
624	Communications	No
625	Speak directly to the residents	Do not get rid of Welcome Center
626	No wasted funds - It seems like too much money is waster on projects that could be done less expensively. Also Security is a joke and a total waste of money. It was way better when security worked for Sudden Valley and was not outsourced.	
627	I attempted to join the long range planning committee and was actively ignored by leaders. They said i wasn't a member so i couldn't speak. I said i wanted to be a member, gave them my info, the next meeting they once again did not allow me to speak. It was clear they were not interested in my input, and the atmosphere was one of agree with us or don't want you here.	I wish my 30 years of recreation and facilities management, as well as my vast experience working with multi generation groups could be used to support my community. I have lived here for over 20 yrs.

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628	Stability, a balanced budget: planning and prioritizing projects over time to work within the annual budget instead of continuously increasing dues.	I'm not sure the reason behind the recent policies to register cars and renters, but no matter how you sell it, it feels intrusive like SVCA is overstepping. I don't understand how these control measures add value for average homeowners. I'm not sure SVCA is focusing on the right things with these efforts - there must be more important things to focus on with our limited attention and resources. We've managed as a community for decades without these measures. Also who is making money off doing "inspections" of rental units? Maybe I'm cynical from 5+ decades around the sun, but this feels "off". All that said, running a community this size is inherently difficult; so many diverse needs, desires and priorities to balance. Perception is everything, which is why I've shared here.
629	Some of our dues are set aside for the golf course-which members have to pay to use?? If the golf course isn't self sustaining then it should be closed or charging non HOA members more to use it and offset their own cost. We have collapsing buildings and decrepit workout machines in the gym. Let's put money where actual HOA members use it	It's time to get spending under control (golf course and welcome center building purchase are ridiculous expenditures)
630	Safety and inclusion, making it less about the golf course - give me a break, why do we always cater to the richest most born on 3B thinking they hit a 3B "sport." Invest more in the Gate 2 park, increase the safety of the netting that protects the Gate 2 park and pool from the golf balls that go flying. Tell the old snubs that kids can swim in the quiet pool if they are being QUIET, and, in my experience, behaving better than the old folks who get bent out of shape at the sight of a happy child. And make the GYM nicer. No excuses not to. Take some money from the golfers, invest in the gym. Clean it up, better equipment, and make the playroom in there safer for children - that concrete floor and those toys are a death trap. Additionally, the endless construction near some of our homes up here on Grand View Lane.....make it stop.	You guys do a great job. We happily pay our HOA fees and Sudden Valley is beautiful. Can't believe we are a 1 mile walk to the park, library (what an amazing library), AM/PM beaches, soccer field, etc. The roads and trails are in excellent shape and we feel safe in the winter. The bad? The park in Gate 2 needs to be safer: those golfers tee-ing off have almost taken out a few kids as the safety netting needs work. The gym should be much, much better as should the playroom in there (though the other amenities are a nice touch and the workers are great). Also, wishing this one into existence: some entrepreneur opens a coffee shop across from Gate 2 in that shopping center or near the club house. But yeah, overall, amazing place to live, clean and safe. Lets just invest in our youth more, yeah?!
631	communications to residents, traffic safety, fitness center improvements,	I feel most of us are in the dark about exactly what is going on with planning regarding the barn 6 and 8 situation. The cleanliness of the fitness center is woeful. Cleaned up regularly and with better and well maintained equipment would make a huge difference.
632	Maintaining the buildings and equipment that we already have. We don't need new big buildings. If maintained there would be no need to replace. Put your money in what we have.	Wildfires are a concern. Being able to exit quickly is a concern.
633	Not to raise dues we are on a limited income and keeping costs across the board low are mandatory for us.	Keeping costs down is mandatory for our home and we hope the SVCA board will do all they can to keep our dues increases non existent
634	SVCA needs to get back to basic essentials. We have too much staff and need to get the budget back on track. SV has been missed managed greatly over the past several years. DO NOT ASK ME TO SUPPORT A DUES INCREASE!	Refocus operations on core essentials by streamlining staffing levels. Reducing payroll and limiting positions to only those necessary will help maintain efficiency and keep costs under control, as was successfully done in prior years. Avoid increasing dues. Maintaining current rates should remain a priority to ensure continued affordability for members. Preserve the off-leash dog park as a shared common area. It has functioned effectively in its current form for the past 20 years, and no changes are necessary at this time.
635	Eliminate the new LONG TERM rental fee. Not the same oversight required of SVCA as short term and that was not voted on to my knowledge!	Extremely dissatisfied with recent annual assessment of long term rental properties! Will most likely sell sooner due to that decision.
636	As a golfer, for me it's to keep the course in the condition that it is currently. It is excellent.	

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637	Clean up the gym. We've had the same broken equipment for months. It's also extremely dusty in there, so we should do just a better job of vacuuming.	
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639	Listening to all of the sudden valley neighbors. Also, compliance, you've made a great start and we look to you to continue. Our home values are impacted when others don't comply. We live in a beautiful community. Let's keep it that way.	No, thank you!
640	barn maintenance so it is safe.	no
641	2-way communication!	The Board has become very unwilling to listen to members. Communal areas need communal input. Please listen to member input when spending money or changing amenities.
642	Listening to the community.	
643		Thanks for sending out the survey.
644	Placing a residential pass or fob access system to the marina, off leash dog park and beaches to allow only residents into these areas and avoid overcrowding (and potential damage, crime, littering, etc.) caused by people who come from other areas that are not SV. This has been proposed and discussed many times, pushed for a permanent solution, and nothing really has been done. For example: My husband was bitten by a dog in the off leash park and it happened to be a pet from someone who wasn't a SV resident and who managed to "escape" the situation without consequence. Not that all SV residents are responsible necessarily but at least if it would've been a SV pet, there would've been a trail of responsibility to follow. That's the kind of issues that residents have to deal with because there's unlimited access to non residents into our community.	The monthly HOA we pay could definitely be used much better than it is now. No need to increase it but to reorganize how it's spent.
645	Community input	Board and LRPC terrible job with dog park communication
646	Not spending money on the dog park at the marina. That is a prime location for people to enjoy the lake. AMPM beaches are too crowded but yet the dogs get a large portion of the lake, while contaminating the lake water with feces. The dog park should be relocated to a more centralized location. I'm sure the \$90k budget for a fence is more than enough money to completely move the dog park and develop a whole new site for that. Also, when voting, our votes should never be counted as an automatic vote unless we vote no. It should be an automatic no unless voting yes.	
647	Keeping the negativity in Board and Committee meetings down. Continue to build on teamwork, transparency and good communication.	To me SV is quaint and rustic in appearance, which is its brand. Keep it that way in building design and areas of capital spending.
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649	Community balance, equity, understanding	Survey is good idea - valuable info.
650	I'm a big fan of safety. We should have traffic slow down within the neighborhoods. It would help to install mirrors at the entrances. This could prevent accidents for entering and oncoming traffic.	We have some bicyclists that park their vehicles all over our streets. They don't want to ride up the hill in Gate 28/5. I'm tired of picking up trash that they leave. This includes dog wastes, dirty underwear, etc..
651	Not raising the dues	Most of the people who move to SV is because it is affordable not for the amenities. I can't afford higher dues! Especially right now!
652	Resolution of new community center / replacement of decaying Dance Barn	Thankfully the days of divisive SV politics and substandard BOD membership seem to be behind us. Let's keep the unity in community and maintain quality staff leadership/retention.
653	Keeping costs and dues under control	Dues should be based on assessed value

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654	Keep costs down, inflation is out pacing wage growth, Sudden Valley is no longer the affordable option for the area, the additional cost of dues bringing cost of living in line with being in town, with that in mind I have been looking at selling a moving back to town. Further more increasing dues decreases the value of our properties making sudden valley less desirable.	Each year since I bought this house sudden valley has gotten more expensive and the amenities aren't worth it. At this point most of my friends have moved back to town because sudden valley is no longer the affordable option. I don't think I would recommend sudden valley to anyone at this point.
655	H.O.A. dues	
656	Snow removal in snow months. If that isn't an important thing, I would vote for trail maintenance	
657	1. Reset expectations for the SVCA paid staff and hold them accountable - what are we as a community actually getting from these people and what are they supposed to be doing to serve the community? Are they even working or just busy with 'activity' or just sitting there? This current setup is not a good use of residents money and cutting low output / low performance employees from payroll could free up funds for much needed improvements. 2. Maintain the community by mowing easements & ditches along the streets regularly (as applicable), cleaning / painting the Community Center, and complete the work on the dog park, including putting in drainage. 4. Marina - regrade and install drainage to prevent flooding both of the road and the grassy areas. 5. Gate 1 Tennis / Basketball/ Pickleball courts - resurface and replace all fencing. Put in gates and locks on the gates.	Will we see any output from the board and downwards in the SVCA operation as a result of this survey? And, please revamp and effectively maintain the SVCA website - very old & stagnant 'news', incomplete & getting worse weekly in trying to find any useful information.
658	Road safety	
659	Keeping dues at current level; maintain amenities - especially pool - don't hold it hostage!	Communication is everything. Don't let things seem secret or hidden (pump track eg - talk to the Firs about using theirs!), enforce CCR's (parking, DOGS, messy houses, etc), if we say we have security - then let's have some and please tell us what security means to the association and what we can expect (or change the by-laws and get rid of what feels like an unnecessary line item that seems like it's only a dog holding area for at loose animals)
660	There has been a big swing in the community as prices are increasing my neighborhood is looking better than ever. People are taking care of their property and upgrading things. I think leaning into this growth and supporting home owners improvements would be good for overall property values. Removing dead trees and making improvements more streamline.	
661	BICYCLE AND WALKING TRAILS TO CONNECT SV TOGETHER SAFELY	CERTAIN FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO MANY... LIKE RV STORAGE AND BOAT SLIPS YET WE PAY FOR MANAGEMENT OF THESE... ACCESSIBLE TRAILS WOULD BE FOR EVERYONE AND WOULD AVOID WALKING/RIDING ON ROADS.... A MIRROR AT THE ENTRANCE AT GATE 5 WOULD IMPROVE SAFETY THERE TO SEE ONCOMING TRAFFIC
662	Mitigating effects of climate change on the ecosystem.	The Board is chronically unresponsive to association membership. The association should jettison the golf course, and seriously consider pursuing annexation to the County. The HOA regime does not allow for representative governance.
663	Stay focussed on their budgeted plans and pay no attention to the few that complain about anything and everything	It's good to see this survey to get some good feedback back.

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664	Maintaining the quality of life in Sudden Valley through its stewardship, for which I am very grateful.	I greatly appreciate the time and effort put in by the Board and our managers. Articles in the monthly newspaper about improvements and successes, and the quality of life in different areas with more photos can help uplift our community spirit and reflect back the value of our chosen place to live. Thank you for your work!
665	Ongoing Communication. The LTR decision made by BOD (not the committee which i followed) is brutal. Definitely needs to be revisited and refined	
666	Add food trucks, brewery tap room ie.kulshan for more immediate food and drink options	Have seen vast improvements from the past 5yrs been living here. Keep up the good work!
667	Parks and trails	
668	No increase in dues	No
669	balance of the community.	
670	Annual dues adjustments tied to inflation	Question should include "no opinion, I do not use this service or amenity" I was forced to opine on stuff that I do not and will not use or interact with. The questions could have been better worded and formatted
671	Maintaining what Sudden Valley currently has and being mindful of all the families in Sudden Valley who are being impacted by the current economy.	
672	Keeping the dog park without a fence right down middle and putting the fence from the corner of the tennis CT to the concrete bench on the shoreline. With a key card entrance on the golf course side. The general public should be discouraged in using the dog park, troubles happen when it is over crowded.	This survey is not going to solve any of the problems. The SV BOD is very self serving. The pristine unique area of Sudden Valley is being ruined by over crowding and the greed of the BOD. So sad.
673	Growth of the residential sector and natural environment	Thank you for the commitment and dedication to our community
674	Keeping sudden valley accessible to the wide variety of income groups that live and work here	No
675	Transparency, communication and stability. I recognize and appreciate many of the leadership are volunteer positions and with any organization there is bound to be issues, but if lines of communication are open and transparent, we should be able to mitigate frustrations. GM position needs stability, numerous changes over last couple of years has created uncertainty in the role and the overall Organization. Financial decisions must not be made in a vacuum (ie Welcome Centre purchase/renovation) .	I love living here, feel the dues are reasonable, but recognize they should increase, at a steady rate. I believe special assessments would likely place an unexpected financial burden to many residents. My concern is always if the Organization is fiscally responsible - credibility in financial management would go a long way with residents.
676	Emergency prep like increasing firewise pickups and better CERT radio coverage	
677	Emergency planning & preparedness	Long range planning must included planning for our future reality - emergency preparedness is more important than amenities - what good is a golf course or a dog park if your house has burned down
678	Communication	New Board and management is doing a better job than previous boards.
679	Fiscal	No
680	keeping costs within budget; good communications; not creating new facilities	Overall I'm satisfied with the association. I don't think that facilities or activities should be expanded. I would not recommend SV except for gate 1 or 2.
681	Improving existing infrastructure, reduce environmental impact and waste of resources used to maintain golf course such as water used to maintain course. Separate fees for golf course to not include in SVCA hoa Dues and shift onus of costs towards those who actually use the golf course.	No

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682	Staying within budget. Not increasing dues. Fiscal responsibility. Getting and considering member feedback. Maintaining current building/spaces. Not starting new construction projects. Not taking on more debt.	Yes. I use the natural amenities at Sudden Valley- Lake Louise trail for walking, and lake for water recreation, and AM PM park and beach for swimming etc. I appreciate that there is a bathroom at AM PM beach. I would like to see a porta potty or 24 hour available bathroom at Lake Louise near the Welcome Center. If a permanent bathroom was built some day maybe it could be a single person all gender unit addition to the welcome center that has an external door. We also appreciate road maintenance. My partner loves having the library in our community. We like the fire wise branch pick up and having wood chips available. I don't support changes to the dog park, I don't support renovating a new barn or any other buildings that are not currently functional because of construction costs plus cost of utilities and maintenance after construction. I don't see the need for more indoor space. Let's maintain what we already have and not take on more debt or raise dues. I don't support a parking pass sticker program or locked gates and key fobs. I don't support rental homes needing to pay fees and be inspected. Let's keep things simple and not add make more work and complications. I like small government I don't the HOA policing article that has started in the Sudden Valley Views. It has a condescending tone. How much does the Sudden Valley Views cost? Maybe it should be replaced with an E- newspaper, with links emailed and on the website.
683	Getting the old barn sorted. Getting the community better connected to deal with times ahead and making it more inviting and accessible to young families who cannot afford to live in town.	People love to hate on HOAs rather than try to work with them. I hope you don't let misplaced anger affect you too much. I think overall you are making what we have work in a complex and far less than optimal situation. Thank you.
684	Make property owners clean up the old cars, garbage, etc!!! We get for too much lighting or having to get permission for even minor improvements, yet no one does ANYTHING about all the junkie properties!!	Lived her 17 years and the area is still known throughout the county as one where many residents are not happy with the various boards over the years. I am a member of another HOA which is well run and there's never been the negative issues that seem to happen here. The area has gotten more "junkie" looking in the last 17 years. Wish the AC would spend more time enforcing the rules about junk cars, trash, motor homes, etc.
685	Affordability	
686	Regaining the Marina community park for the community. It has gone to the dogs, literally.	The community is getting better every year!
687	Cleaning up homes that have disabled cars and junk in there driveways.	No.
688	Two things: long-term planning and contract oversight	None
689	Traffic safety	Im tired of paying for nothing
690	Sustainability in the budget	
691	stop buying dwellings that are not needed or going to require large maintenance work.	
692	Acting on informed, researched, and thoroughly communicated and discussed solutions	Keep doing your very best to make our community a pleasant, safe, desirable and affordable place to live. Sudden Valley should continue to be a community we live in with great pride.
693	Clearing drainage of pipes under driveways	Pool deck furniture is a close second. Senior center matters a lot to me too.

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694	Restricting the marina to SV property owners only, and only lake bound boats. Absolutely no ocean boats should be allowed to be stored, moored, or flushed out in Lake Whatcom and our precious marina	It is important to maintain our property, and respect our precious environment. If it means dues need to be increased, then that's what we should do. If there are people living here that complain about the dues, then perhaps this beautiful place is t for them. Better to maintain our value, than to devalue this paradise, in efforts to attract lower income families. This place was not designed for that. Perhaps moving to Bellingham or Blaine may be a better fit for those people.
695	Road maintenance. Also assess the least-utilized services you offer and reduce or eliminate them.	
696	Neighbors and friends are increasingly encountering cougars face-to-face on trails located very close to residential areas, often while walking their dogs or jogging during daylight hours. At the same time, there has been a noticeable decline in the deer population. Many people who walk alone with their dogs now fear for both their own safety and the safety of their pets.	Sudden valley is a lovely place to live with the natural beauty and wonderful management. The roadwork is impressive and was carried out in a timely manner.
697	Turn the golf course into a 9 hole course and build a solar farm on the other 9 holes. We could power SV to a large extent.	
698	reduction of expenditures	
699	Bringing the community together and not making decisions that support a small group. It is disheartening to hear about the changes to the dog park when we are there almost daily all year round and 80% of the usage is from dog owners	I love living here but wish there was less controversy. That is a big reason why I don't get involved.
700	Open communication with homeowners on where we should be as a community 5/10/15/20 years from now	
701	Integrity: Transparency, honesty, following open meeting laws	This is a residential community, not a resort community. Residential services should have priority over resort services.
702	Developing the marina, adjoining park and dog park areas.	no
703	Add more speed bumps where needed to deter excessive speeding	No
704	Making good choices with the off leash dog park by not adding a huge fence. That's such valuable real estate, a fence would be such an eye sore to the lake front property.	
705	Fixing gym equipment, and making the renovation of the old barn project a priority.	Please fix the gym equipment.
706	Lower dues by reducing amenities. Persons on fixed income are and will continue to struggle. Could dues be adjusted according to property value, amenities used, etc.?	
707	Traffic safety, speed signage and radar checks. As a father of 2 under 3 with a dog, we are very concerned with the speed that Visitors and teenagers drive at, especially without sidewalks.	In general, against dues increasing. Though, would support a special assessment to make walking with toddlers safer (1. Speed bumps, 2. Speed limit signs, and 3. Radar "this is your speed"). If it saves one life it is worth it. Appreciate the survey. Thank you.
708	Sidewalks	
709	Sense of community without attacking the Board	I feel the general manager and Board are doing a great job

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710	Not penalizing owners with ridiculous fees and making owners absorb the costs when we have outside residents using our facilities and amenities. If parks are to be used For public then they should charge the "public" to pay for access. The security we have is a joke. The costs for the so called security is outrageous and not worth it. This isn't a gated community anymore and people need to stop acting like this is a private gated retirement community. It's not. There are many types of residents here from varying levels of different economic status and this is not the luxury retirement community that it was originally designed for. It is however the last "affordable" place in Bellingham for many people. And many residents live on fixed incomes. I would say probably majority of the families here now. Quit being jerks on social media. REDACTED. You are a condescending jerk and you talk down to so many people on the social media forums. It's gross. You act like your shit don't stink. Well it does.	Quit being jerks to people on the social media forums. I didn't vote for the people who are on the board currently. I'm not impressed with how some have been communicating with people who are just trying to survive in this ridiculous time. You are supposed to represent the residents and not make awful decisions because you have a personal preference.
711	Work within the budget using the provided dues to improve Sudden Valley. For the Residents. Not the board's personal agenda.	I personally would appreciate it if SVCA stopped raising dues. The dues were half as much 6 years ago. That tells me there's plenty of money to work with. It's a choice to gouge residents which is wrong.
712	Updating the barn and fitness center	Thank you for considering resident responses when determining what projects to do first
713	Why are you changing the dog park!? There is already a beachfront park that is dog free, plus the spit at the Marina is dog free too. Decreasing the size of the dog park will increase injuries between dogs, potentially increasing injuries with people; will decrease the incentive for people to move to SV as the large dog park is one of the most notable and beloved staples of our community; and decrease the trust we already have in SV Board leadership.	DO NOT SPLIT THE DOG PARK!
714	Redo the lockers rooms for the pool/fitness center (there is mold)	I would be fine with paying more in dues if we made an excellent community area to enjoy and didn't put any money towards the golf course. Gate 1 and 2 get way too much priority and the other gates have pot holes and areas that are not kept up.
715	More security, install actual gates at gate 1 to restrict access to only property owners	We have too many people coming into Gate 1 to use our marina and parks that do not live here! We can't use the amenities we are paying for because the marina is overrun with people who are not paying to live here. Please tell the fitness center to do a better job of cleaning the floors around the machines. They sweep but leave an area of dirt in the centers of all of the machines and they need to maintain the kayak storage area at the marina. People have been storing kayaks on the ground of the racks for over a year and not paying. I've shown staff photos yet nothing has changed in the six months since they were notified. Also when is the person that built out their backyard garden all the way to the edge of the golf course going to be dealt with? For some reason they were allowed to landscape property beyond their property line all the way to the golf course. REDACTED is the property in question. It looks terrible from Lake Whatcom Blvd with that tacky wire fencing. They should be required to put it back in it's natural state. I'm sure they are not paying property taxes on the land they have taken over.
716		I don't feel dues should be going to golf course maintenance.

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717	Maintaining current amenities and infrastructure. Making sure Golf enterprise has goals to work towards so they can make their own capital purchases. And leadership should focus on making things better, not burdening to community with pipe dreams of board directors.	SVCA leadership should ensure that every decision made reflects the best interests of the association and its members as a whole. Decisions shouldn't just benefit those who play golf and live close to certain amenities.
718	Getting costs under control	I don't know how everything costs so much
719	Budgeting. More community involvement events. The trivia has been a hit, open mic has been a hit. The more intriguing the event is the closer knit the community becomes.	Have a blessed day.
720	Improving safety for walkers/ joggers/ bikes on the side of the roads. No shoulder, no lights. Such a gorgeous place to walk, but not safe.	
721	Reduction in dues	Leadership shouldn't put money into projects or activities that each year take the bulk of the budget and keeps increasing dues. The golf course is a luxury that few benefit from. Leadership should concentrate on community activities that all can enjoy and share in and help residents understand each other's situation. Some neighbors disregard friendly courtesy to ask people to keep their yards clean but instead go straight to the HOA. This teaches people to disregard the situation of their neighbors. It's all things that is wrong with this country. We should not have leadership be dismissive of community challenges to focus on budgets.
722	Transparency	
723	Maintaining amenities	I LOVE SUDDEN VALLEY. MOVED HERE IN 1999 - NO REGRETS.
724	Smart spending	
725	Fixing the sauna and gym improvements instead of wasting so much extra funds ruining the dog park/beach.	I understand the need to fence it off the dog park for liability reasons, however the proposed plan is overcomplicated, poorly thought out and uneconomical. It feels like the community was not actually consulted on the idea. My household as well as many others are pretty upset by the execution of this. 1. This takes away most of the space of the dog park (which is still multi use) used and loved by the community. Don't forget that there is the entire arm that is not multi-use for people to enjoy that do not want to be by dogs. 2. The design is a poor use of the space that creates a different liability by creating a confined space that can force dogs into uncomfortable situations and could lead to incidents. 3. The proposed design adds so much more fencing, work and cost as opposed to just fencing the whole beach.
726	Dismantling the architectural control committee, selling off the golf course, fixing the payment systems, and letting people live without so much oversight and infighting in politics	Focusing on roads and allowing home owners the quiet peaceful enjoyment of their residence without Committee or Board overreach and the political theater that is the SVA GM and Board should be the focus. You don't get engagement because the drama is off-putting and the personalities are domineering. The energy is in the wrong place and always creates conflict.
727	Need to stop non-residents from using beaches, as it has become out of control. I could not find parking at AM/Pm beach multiple times last summer, and it is apparent that a large majority of people do not live in SV. —non-residents are also an issue at the dog park. Non-residents additionally do not have the same level of care and respect for SV parks and facilities.	It seems like changing SV to a 501c4 to save money, may end up costing SV more by having to deal with all the issues arising from non-residents using the SV public spaces. PS I have lived in SV for 27 years now. —Additionally the WUCIOA law that WA state adopted (that prior SV Board members advocated for) is a terrible law. —Yes dues should go up every year, but not by 7% as SV Bylaws now allow, but rather by average inflation (closer to 3%). Seattle's CPI average for the last 5 years was just over 5%. If SV wants new facilities then sustainable strategies like fee for use (or donations) should dictate what can be afforded, not charging all residents more dues.

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728	Do. Not. Do. Things. That. The. Membership. HAS ALREADY BEEN ASKED ABOUT AND SAID NO.	don't price out people by gentrifying the neighborhood.
729	Getting back to basic operations, building community trust, and executing on a well planned community improvement plan. I am in full support of rebuilding the community center. Tear down both barns and make a nice community center, and I'd happily pay more dues.	Sudden Valley has tremendous potential, is a wonderful place to live and I'd love to live here for decades.
730	Revitalizing the barn and facilities.	Nope
731	Upkeep and improvements to roads and culverts for safety reasons and to avoid future problems.	none
732	Simplify/consolidate, maintain, and improve existing structures while ensuring the amenities are for SV residents and charge an automated fee for non residents as the money will help maintain facilities.	Keep it simple. Consolidate resources and downsize, do not take on more as this will help maintain what resources we have and help keep the cost of dues and maintenance lower for a longer period of time.
733	Roads	Nope, I focus my time and energy on politics and activities in Bellingham not SV.
734	I think improving the fitness center would be really beneficial. It has a lot of unused space, outdated/broken equipment, and lacking adequate equipment for a lot of exercises. I'd really like to enjoy it more	
735	Running the community within the budget provided by our annual dues and not passing any projects that require special assessments.	Please keep in mind that costs have increased for everyone in all facets of daily life. Proportionally these increases have a larger budgetary impact for lower income members of our community. Passing budgets that increase dues every year or starting projects that require special assessments is a tough pill to swallow when the budgets or projects do not have widespread community support.
736	I would like to see more funds allocated to repairing road conditions and making roads more presentable. Funds should be spent on amenities that benefit most residents	My main complaint again is about unreasonable annual HOA fee increase where roads are not properly maintained. For example, the road conditions of Clematis and Sweetclover Circle are poor, full of patches and ugly. They need to be properly repaved. Nice roads increase property values and are more attractive to potential home buyers.
737	The BOD would be wise to thoroughly consider the wishes of the homeowners, thru town hall meetings, more frequent detailed surveys, and Q&As with its constituents. The BOD has a perception of being tone-deaf and making decisions that serve its purposes, not the purposes of the homeowners. The BOD desperately needs to improve its community outreach, communication strategies, and recognition that the BOD works for us, not the other way around. They are not omnipotent and can easily be voted out of office. Five board members are up for re-election in November. Be advised that ppl are sick and tired of having their opinions ignored and voted down.	Share all of the details of this survey, so homeowners can interpret the results themselves!
738	Representing the majority of homeowners' voices and doing less to do more for the people who love living here. Cost of living is high enough. If facilities get upgraded, focus on the things most people use daily—like the fitness center and sauna.	Please do not fence off the off-leash dog park. It will cause a greater display of dog aggression due to enclosed space and barriers. Instead, focus those funds on education and signage. Consider hiring an animal behaviorist to discuss off leash areas and infrastructure moving forward so as to not make the problem worse. There are unseen consequences to adding a fenced entryway especially. I for one, will not be able to bring my dogs there, because while they have great recall and do well on and off leash, confined spaces are a no go. We live here and take our dogs to the park most days year round and are very upset to see the current plans.

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739	You need to have a community vote on changes to any existing amenities or new amenities added. We are very upset about the off leash dog park fence being fenced and the size of such being determined before community input. The fenced size of the off leash dog park should include the whole open field and water access. It just needs separation from the playground and back pavilion. It doesn't make sense to have a small area for an amenity (off leash dog park) that is used 365 days a year by many people (while the beach, playground, basketball courts, etc. sit empty most of the year).	Keep the dog park the area of the whole open field and keep water access for the dogs.
740	Lowering dues	
741	maintaining the quiet forest atmosphere that the majority of members came her for over and above 'resort' vibe	love the library!!
742	keeping in budget	the parks should not be covered in literal choking hazards. replace the gravel with wood chips
743	The "mandated" system of voting the budget down requiring a majority of votes is backward. The BoD should appeal to the State for a change, allowing us to return to the system whereby the budget must be approved by a majority. Other State-mandated reserves are not applicable. Many budget items seem to not consider the talent that is in the Community (likely done at "in-kind" rates), thereby increasing expense(s), and dues. Finally, BoD should consider a Senior Discount on dues (like the County/State do for property taxes).	We have been considering moving for a number of years! We are lucky we have really great neighbors. That is what keeps us here; not the amenities, nor the Association. Acknowledged that we wouldn't have great neighbors somewhere else, so + + SVCA! Even though the overall experience is rather mediocre, it IS a comparatively fine community. The dues are becoming unaffordable (along with water/sewer, propane, Internet service monopoly etc.)
744	Do not change off leash dog park size. You can fence it in but keep the majority of the size. It is used year round by community members and others that come from outside SV. Please keep its large size. There are many non-dog parks/beaches, but this is the best dog friendly beach in all of Bellingham and everyone knows it. If you make it just over an acre in size, you have ruined it.	Please please listen to your community about not decreasing the size of the dog park. Please focus on fencing it in within a reasonable size. It is also a massive waste of community members dues to spend that much money and also create a corral for people to walk. No dog park has or needs that. It is an irresponsible waste of our money.
745	Ask and listen to what community members actually want. How about removing the decrepit and dangerous docks on Lake Louise. Holding Securty accountable and Mae them actually patrol the mailboxes so we don't have mail stolen for a year. Absolutely no fencing of the off-leash dog park. Are you kidding me?! What an horrendous eye-sore that would be. I'm not upset (yet) but how does sudden valley bring in over \$300k in revenue a month in dues (2,000 ish homes) with little to no visible improvements (half of the gym equipment has been out of commission for months and months) and still show we're in the red - all the while wanting to spend absorbent numbers for things no one wants.	Review previous comments to improve life in Sudden Valley.
746	Listening to owners. They do not feel heard. Also, more atention to residents than catering to outsiders.	I feel like Sudden Valley runs itself pretty well. I would like to see the rules enforced regarding junk left outside houses and multiple non- running vehicles.

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747	The threat of a devastating fire in Sudden Valley is imminent. The long held belief that most major forest fires will happen "east of the Cascades" is no longer true. The most important thing the SVCA leadership must do at this time is establish a moratorium on all new construction in Sudden Valley. It is literally a death trap. The physical layout of SVCA is a real constraint. Sudden Valley has about 6,300 residents in a forested, mountainous setting. The road system is: Narrow, steep, and winding and not up to modern code. It's confusing even for residents. Some areas have only one way out (e.g., Gate 1 ~600 homes, single egress road). That combination—high population + limited exits—is exactly what has caused deadly evacuations in places like Paradise, California. All new construction should be put on hold until the current population is living in a place that is equipped with up to code egress routes for every home when required to evacuate at short notice. Any other "improvement" to Sudden Valley before this is done is dangerously irresponsible. Thank you.	I would just like to re-iterate: The threat of a devastating fire in Sudden Valley is imminent. The long held belief that most major forest fires will happen "east of the Cascades" is no longer true. The most important thing the SVCA leadership must do at this time is establish a moratorium on all new construction in Sudden Valley. It is literally a death trap. The physical layout of SVCA is a real constraint. Sudden Valley has about 6,300 residents in a forested, mountainous setting. The road system is: Narrow, steep, and winding and not up to modern code. It's confusing even for residents. Some areas have only one way out (e.g., Gate 1 ~600 homes, single egress road). That combination—high population + limited exits—is exactly what has caused deadly evacuations in places like Paradise, California. All new construction should be put on hold until the current population is living in a place that is equipped with up to code egress routes for every home when required to evacuate at short notice. Any other "improvement" to Sudden Valley before this is done is dangerously irresponsible. Thank you.
748	Landscaping common areas and gate entrances	Nope
749	Safety and financial responsibility	
750	Do what you say you will do. Once a decision is made whether by community vote or by board decision following appropriate board rules, execute in a timely manner. You will never make everyone happy and debating the loud few is futile. If the issue is controversial, go to a community vote and live with the decision.	
751	Be financially responsible	No
752	SVCA leadership should focus on managing the HOA as a residential community rather than a business venture. Our membership is diverse, and many owners cannot comfortably absorb rising dues tied to large capital projects. I believe we should prioritize keeping dues as affordable as possible while maintaining existing amenities in good condition. Where appropriate, certain higher-cost amenities (such as marina slips or golf-related capital improvements) should be increasingly supported through user fees rather than being broadly subsidized by all members.	I would like SVCA to conduct at least 2 of these types of surveys each year so they have a clear idea of what the community priorities are. Thank You.
753	Dues should be adjusted by home value and seniors should get a discount. Multi million dollar homes are going up and I own an original "cabin" built in 1976 and pay the same dues as a 2M dollar home, yet my home value is 256k. Seems off doesn't it?	The yard next to me is hideous. So bad I woke up to 30 plus rats in my living room and 50k in damage. Literally no yard work is done. Why such skewed values? I called for 3 years about LED bright white xmas lights wrapped around the other sides house. Ready to sue and was told, finally it violated rules and statutes. Why did I have to suffer for 3 years? Lost sleep, got sick from lost sleep and more. Why does it take so long?
754	The LOWEST POSSIBLE Monthly DUES.	FOCUS ON LOWERING MONTHLY DUES.....
755	Maintaining a balanced budget without dues increases, we're already being taxed out of our homes. Selling lots and rent out assets to accomplish that goal.	
756	Blighted homes and policies that promote new construction in sudden valley/reevaluating the need to inspect rentals as the invisible hand of the free market will determine if a rental gets rented.	it's a great place. I hope you guys can keep it that way. lately I'm loosing faith. owner since 2017 of two properties in sudden valley
757	Fire prevention, traffic safety and building maintenance and upkeep	I think the Board is doing a good job in managing many competing interests. It seem that the detractors/complainers carry too much weight. You do not hear from those who are happy with the situation.

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758	The board and LRPC must stop putting forward pet projects and ramming them through without actually considering the needs of the community as a whole AND the needs of the community segment that would be most affected by changes. Follow a proper planning process instead of a few board members making plans behind the scenes and then springing them on the community without adequate time and space for input and without even listening to community members who do comment. The off-leash park is the perfect poster child for doing everything wrong as a board, as was the car sticker program. It's also wrong for the board to tell the LRPC that their primary purpose is to find ways to increase revenue for SVCA. In our Bylaws, it is the LAST item in the list of areas that LRPC should be focused on. It is infuriating to see the direction and the cronyism of the board over the last few years. I have no doubt that there is bullying that comes along with that, driving out other board members who speak up in dissent. The board should also stop allowing members of the same household to serve on such important committees as Finance and LRPC, or for one to be a board member and the other to be on either of those committees. We also should not allow three board members to serve at once on the Finance Committee - what's the point of an independent committee if they are just going to rubberstamp everything to be sent back to themselves once seated at the board table. Cronyism again and again.	Just because we have a lot of seniors here does NOT mean we need a dedicated senior center. I am a senior, as are most of my friends. We do not want to go sit in a room to play cards and drink coffee and have a volunteer "watch over us, and call Steve to come and get grandma when it's time for her to go home". We go to each other's homes or out to a coffee shop or a restaurant. Plenty of seniors don't want to go hang out with other seniors at all. If we wanted to go to a senior center, there's a well-run, fully staffed one in Bellingham. There is only one person who keeps pushing this idea of a senior center, with absolute no data to back up her assertion that it is desired by many people. Get the actual, real, applicable data, then start whatever planning is in line with that, instead of once again taking one person's pet project and dedicating precious common area to it.
759	to afford residents more freedom to rent and maintain their properties without unwarranted restraints.	i am new to the community and you chopped down my broadleaf maple and left a massive stump. no notice, no nothing. i am still cleaning up. i loved that tree.at least you could grind the stump. argh. looks so crappy.
760	Not raising dues. Certain amenities should have additional fees to pay for their upkeep. Ie the marina, tv storage, etc. our dues should pay for their upkeep basic necessities.	Open the fitness center 24 hours
761	The dig park is used all year round. I do not mind a fence but making it smaller will only serve a few swimmers and will lead to a mud pit dog aggression. A simple fence from the tennis court to the water is best.	Please improve the fitness area and save the current size of the dog park.
762	Being legally compliant, and I'm not sure they are. When I called the office to voice my concern, I felt like they blew me off. I'd like reassurance that the BOD is consulting a lawyer before they propose major policy changes, and i think there is ample evidence they are not.	Communication about the rental registration program was poorly designed, felt like something they tried to slide under the radar, and may actually be illegal according to an attorney i asked, in addition to a fair housing violation. Seriously, consult an attorney. I don't want to be on the hook for a lawsuit and having to refund years worth of fees like happened with the transfer fee nonsense.
763	Removal of those invasive water lilies in Lake Louise.	No.
764	Using the budget we have to make needed repairs	
765	Listen to the residents.	
766	Bridges and Speed Bumps	
767	Respect the private property of home owners. The HOA should protect home owners, not apply needless layers of over regulation.	I've lived here for 24 years and am extremely frustrated by inconsistent leadership. I maintain my home and love my neighbors. I want the leadership to understand that I own my property - having worked a long career to pay for it and call it my own. High dues and over-regulation are extremely frustrating to me.
768	Traffic safety. Speed bumps Sudden Valley dr gate 3.	Traffic safety. Speed bumps on sudden valley dr gate 3. Kids are walking to/from bus.
769	Not implementing an inspection fee for LTR. Seriously, this is going to cause me to sell my LTR.	Yes, revoke the LTR fee.
770	Raising the dues so we can prepare Sudden Valley for the future	Thank you to all the volunteers that make Sudden Valley a special place to live.

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771	Pump track for the kids and us mountain bikers. If people are so worried about erosion or dust or whatever they like to complain about then VeloSolutions does asphalt tracks like the one in cordata park. But all those are far and you have to drive to them which is not an option all the time for kids to get a ride.	
772	Not luxury amenities!	
773	Drainage / ditch repairs Clearance of flammable material in greenbelts Consider planning for safe pedestrian access on major SV roads	I think overall the board does a good job and I realize it's not an easy one!
774	Protecting the existing homeowners buy NOT selling more SV lots to developers, buying open lots and creating more green space. We don't need more houses here. Clean up and enforce the rules	We need to have SV staff advocate for the homeowners and enforce the rules, improve safety and for the love of God stop having the GM ask the attorney for permission to do even the smallest task.
775	We've lived in SV for 10 years now. For years I've wondered why our spaces always have to look so shabby. Honestly it's embarrassing when we have guests and take them around the area... here's the falling down barn, here's the field that rarely gets mowed, here's the beach absolutely covered in goose poop. We've lived here long enough to know that there's a very vocal contingent who hate everything about the HOA, who are resentful of every amenity and eager to complain about every expenditure. These people are frankly exhausting but seem to think that they speak for our entire community. We do recognize improvements that have been made: new kayak racks, repairs to the steps by the barns, playground upgrades, the new little bridge on the corner trail, etc. We are happy to support these improvements (and we use them!).	Thanks for doing this survey. We love where we live and our invested in this community. I serve the children living here at our neighborhood school. I think we live in a special little place that deserves to be maintained and that we can be proud of.
776	Keep it safe here.	No
777	I think the derelict barn needs to be demolished. This might be a good location for a new library building.	
778	Barn 6	It has been great to see a board that is working for the best interests of sudden valley and trying to be fiscally responsible. It's also been nice to see events coming back to sudden Valley
779	Maintenance of roads and parks. How can we make money from our facility. We bought sunmark without input from the community and part of it is not being used. We should have rented it out and still can, the unused upstairs.	
780	The people instead of spending money we aren't asked about beforehand.	
781	Existing building improvements and shared greenspaces/trails as they are fire hazards	
782	REDACTED firing themselves REDACTED YOU REDACTED I HOPE YOU REDACTED HAVE A HEART ATTACK AND GO AWAY YOU PIECE OF REDACTED BAG REDACTED FACE LOSER AND TO THE REST OF THE LOSER BOARD REDACTED ALL OF YOU REDACTED PIECES OF REDACTED. YOU SHOULD ALL REDACTED RESIGN NOW, I HOPE THOS COMMUNITY HAS A REVOLUTION AND TOU ALL ARE REDACTED LIBTARDED REDACTED SIMPLEJACK LOSERS	Yep TOU REDACTED SLUGS MADE THIS PLACE A COMPLETE REDACTED HOLE REDACTED ALL OF YOU AND REDACTED YOU REDACTED
783	SV is not a resort. This is bedroom community where houses are more affordable than some areas. Many seniors & young families with limited extra funds. Stop money grabbing for more dues, exorbitant fees from those who rent their homes, fixing up things that few people use, and fixing things that aren't broken (the off leash dog park) to appease the minority.	
784	Not increasing dues and not creating new projects.	
785	Stop increasing dues. I'm on a budget and these increases hurt my pocketbook.	Stop increasing dues

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786	Get rid of the golf course and turn it into a sports plex/ public park. Turn the gym into one on par with the nicest in Bellingham and charge people for it, or bulldoze it and lease it to someone who can properly utilize the space. You manage some of the most beautiful/valuable land in the world, take some pride!! There's no reason we should have broken down facilities. You have a duty to maximize the value/acre, not only to the sudden valley residents but also to the city/state/ country who thrives when land is utilized properly and suffers when land is underutilized, especially when it is underutilized by an organization that is monopolistic in nature(there is no competitor HOA, so we are stuck with you!). When you maximize land utilization you provide value to the individual, revenue for the state, profit for the HOA. When you do not you not only deprive the individual and state, you deprive the organizations who could properly manage the land the opportunity to do so and enrich themselves by doing so. I wouldn't say anything if we were in the middle of nowhere, but we are lakefront paradise so you have a duty to not be amateur and overly focused on a minority group of golfers! Sudden Valley could be a staple location of the entire state in terms of sports, waterfront activities, community, etc. MAXIMIZE VALUE TO THE INDIVIDUAL. MAXIMIZE LAND UTILIZATION. MAXIMIZE PROFIT FOR THE HOA. MAXIMIZE TAX REVENUE FOR THE STATE. IF YOU DONT KNOW HOW TO DO THAT HIRE SOMEONE WHO DOES AND USE YOUR WARCHEST TO FUND IT. DONT GUESS OR TEST YOUR THEORIES WITH OUR MONEY. VANCOUVER PROBABLY HAS SOME PROS, SEEMS LIKE THEY KNOW HOW TO MANAGE PUBLIC WATERFRONT, BUT WHAT DO I KNOW.	You guys do a good job on the roads. Shrink the golf course to just a driving range (à la top golf), charge people top dollar, and turn the rest into a public park/sports complex for all ages all activities and hire some pros (look at Buenos Aires, Paris, Vancouver, etc.) for an idea of what world class sports facilities are. If it's good enough olympians/professional athletes will come and train there when they need to acclimate for tournaments/events that are in the same region (and will pay to do so! Seriously! Especially if it's in a great location! This is within reach for sports events that are in Vancouver/ Seattle but athletes/teams want a quieter place to acclimate. E.g World Cup teams) In terms of raising dues I'm a fan of opt in raises. So, if dues are \$120 with gym access where the gym is dilapidated, I'd rather dues drop to \$110 and if you want the gym you need to pay \$40 a month extra for a total of \$150, or however much is needed from users to make it functional. those who don't use the gym can opt out. Not a fan of the paternalistic "we're going to raise dues on everyone for facilities that are subpar that you may not use". Also SAUNA ON THE LAKE PLEASE AND NOT A DRY ONE "" if you did that I would shut up, even though you should still maximize the value of the land beyond just for sudden valley residents and for the state in general since it's such a stunning natural resource. And seriously ask for professional help from people who have done it before, done it many times, and have done it well.
787	Maintenance of SVCA property and rights of way; remediation of lake Louise; fire wise efforts and uplifting of community visually as a premium HOA instead of a struggling underfunded one.	This HOA is perpetually hobbled by inadequate cash flow compared to infrastructure requirements. Dues are ½ the amount needed to properly operate
788	Find a more efficient way of spending our money without raising dues. We put so much money into new buildings and the golf course-a golf course that gives community members no benefits. I don't want to pay to let old rich men golf near my home. Allocate money to giving us another gym instead of a dumb pavilion no one asked for. Set caps on the amount of STRs you're allowing so you don't let our community turn into a vacation spot instead of one for families	I'm just generally frustrated. We pay an astronomical amount in dues with barely any actual benefits. SVC could be amazing if we just focused on making our existing buildings (gym) better. We don't need fancy pavilions, we don't need fancy event centers, nor do we want them. We dont want to pay the price for rich people to golf. This is a neighborhood for Christ's sake, not a concert venue. Make this place for families and not for profits. And that includes cracking down on STRs because it's getting ridiculous
789	Building a continuous positive leadership through the board of directors.	We have lived here for 46 years and would like to see a positive direction for the whole community. Years ago the recreation center and activities for kids was amazing. We understand that there's not as many kids programs but would encourage the future to always have this as a priority.
790	Financial	
791	Barn 6 followed by Barn 8	Focus on the essentials not getting dragged down by pet projects: I.e. extreme dog park fencing
792	Repairing and maintaining the fitness center and its equipment. Please focus on improving the buildings and spaces we already have rather than building new ones.	I do not want our dues to increase every year. I want the budget to be used wisely to target projects voiced as most important by our community members.
793	Stop wasting money -\$70k for a dog park? Insanity.	
794	Unity and communication within the community.	

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795	i just bought here a few months ago and don't feel I know enough to comment. i do believe it is important to consider all the users and be sensitive to affordability as well as asset management. (love living here so far!)	Good luck!
796	Stop wasting our money on items not approved by residents. This is getting out of hand. Our ever increasing dues are a joke around the county.	Over the last 8 years that we've lived here we've witnessed our hard earned dues go towards some ridiculous expenses. I wanted to give the Board the benefit of the doubt with the purchase of the so-called Admin Building. But why is the old office sitting empty? Why were we not allowed to vote on it? And that's just 1 example. This the affordable housing neighborhood of Bellingham, but you are making it cost prohibitive to live here. Know your audience, for goodness sake.
797	Fiscal responsibility and not board pet projects	
798	Keep dues the same	No
799	Tearing down or remodeling ice barn	
800	Maintenance of our SVCA assets.	Thx.
801	Working together in finding compromise. There seems to be resistance to change and an unwillingness to be open to it.	No
802	Improving the amenities as the buildings are deteriorating (gym equipment, clubhouse, community Centre)	We live in this great community for all its amenities, including the golf course and marina. They should be kept up in good shape and refreshed when needed
803	Maintaining Dues at current levels and downsizing staffing as needed to do so. The General Manager is woefully overpaid to start with.	Quit assuming that the board and our employees call the shots. Put issues in front of SVCA membership who fund everything. We want to vote on any significant issue - example - rental home fee and dog park restrictions. Homeowners will make these decisions, not their employees.
804	develop a LR plan with the financing to support it and a living wage salary for staff	Make a community supported plan and stick with it.
805	Let's figure out what to do with the tear down barn and get going on a facility that we can be proud of and use with up to date equipment. The dues are not providing the value we deserve to have.	The leadership needs to represent the views of the people and not the agenda of the elected.
806	Figuring out Sudden Valleys identity. The marina still goes unmanaged and watched during the summer. There is missed opportunity for financial gain. Everything is charged based on comparable businesses but not on maintaining cost plus saving for maintenance and long term projects. Feels like they are view to make money, not serve the members when it comes to some amenities. Most people want to just be left alone and do not want to be involved. Seems like some new plans don't take those parts of the membership into consideration.	I love SV and bought here for the Marina and Golf course. As stated prior it feels as SV is in an identity crisis of which direction to go. Unfortunately you can't make everyone happy and costs are rising across all functions of life. However, sometimes it feels like it is trying to be ran as a business instead of an HOA. I appreciate the BOD and the hours they give to SV as it is not an easy task, for which we thank them for their service.
807	Community maintenance!	Nice place to live once you understand the Seattle Freeze ☹️
808	Good financial stewardship	No
809	Fitness center equipment	
810	Tree removal	N/a
811	Communication to members	No
812	New equipment for the Fitness Center.	No.
813	Involving community votes for large capital expenditures like the dog park or anything requiring a special assessment. Fixing or replacing broken gym equipment would go a long way.	Thanks for the survey please publish the raw results so we can do our own analysis.
814	Appearance of gardens - full of weeds. The compliance dude is a bit too much with his articles about following the rules, how many people did what... He's like Gladys Kravitz or an HOA Karen.	Overall Sudden Valley is a wonderful place to live. Something needs to be done, however, with the old Rotunda site and lower parking space. It's unsightly and a waste of space when something could be put there that's useful to residents, even more parking and a gazebo at the top with a bench.

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815	The Marina fence so we can enjoy the beach and park, view without having dogs running around off leash. Hopefully this gets done soon.	Please get the permit and start working on the Marina fence so we can enjoy it this summer. Sometimes it seems things take longer than needed to complete. Just get it done so people can stop all the negativity and live with what the BOD voted on. No need to procrastinate. The welcome center shouldn't be used for offices. We should be able to come up with good ideas to have that building for the community. Fix up the old admin offices and move admin back in where they were before. Thank you
816	Prevent fees and restrictions on rentals and increase number of recreation passes based on home size and number of bedrooms.	
817	How to reduce dues instead of raising. If we must have a golf course, open it to PGA tours with the understanding that all course repairs are paid first and then apply funds to lowering dues. In the alternative make the course 9 holes and build condos on the other 9 = win - win.	In these difficult economic times and they're going to get worse, we need to adjust S.V. community expenses downward not up. Most of us are going to see living expenses increase over the next 1 - 2 years. Let's not make matters worse.
818	Roads and REPLACE speed bumps (patching is unacceptable)	
819	Fire danger. The valley is full of fuel on SV owned property. There is only two ways out of here if a fire starts. Insurance is becoming hard to get. It is time to start cutting trees and maintaining the land owned by SV. I will be moving this year because climate change is going to make the trees that surround my home a real danger.	I love sudden valley but I will be leaving this year.
820	The dog park. Too many holes. Too much mud. If you're going to move it make it like the one in Issaquah highlands with well maintained wood chips in a dry area	
821	Invest in the buildings and amenities we have. Don't delay repairs or defer maintenance.	My marina fees have almost tripled but I don't see any improvements or new about improvements.
822	Being honest, forth coming about where our dues are being spent. Actually, firing the entire board as unanimously passed fencing the dog park - without following any procedures needed. \$80k for an unneeded, unnatural looking fence, on a boundary that was not passed by community vote. I now HATE the current BOD! I plan to write on every social media and to newspapers to let every person considering moving here to rethink that as our BOD is horrible.	Fire the entire BOD!
823	Getting community feedback before making decisions.	
824	No one wants dues to increase for amenities	
825		We generally really enjoy living in SV.
826	Fixing gym sauna	Please do not raise dues. I can barely afford to raise my daughter here. Her quality of life is affected if dues go up.
827	Long term amenities for future ownership.	No
828	Fixing the gym/lockers and club house	
829	Bringing SVCA Marina Tenant bylaws and processes so that they align with the new state law.	I feel like the leadership in my community is moving away from all the chaos that we experienced with previous leaders in the last couple years. I really appreciate how the leaders listen to each other, and have discussion. I believe that all decisions need to be based on solid data and information.
830	Keeping dues where they are at	
831	New gym equipment. Keeping our dog parks as is.	

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832	The ACC appears to be exceeding the authority granted under the CC&Rs by requesting engineering documentation unrelated to architectural appearance or aesthetic review.	Sudden Valley is a great place to live, but many residents are concerned that building and ACC requirements have become increasingly strict in recent years. Many owners purchased lots believing they were buildable, only to find that new rules and interpretations now make construction extremely difficult, impossible, or financially unrealistic. It is important to remember that Sudden Valley consists largely of smaller, steep-slope lots — not large one-acre parcels with easy building sites. While reasonable safety and environmental standards are important, increasing requirements for engineering, drainage, setbacks, and reviews are reducing property values, discouraging investment, and pushing builders and homeowners away from the community. Residents want a more balanced and predictable process that protects the environment while still respecting property rights and preserving the ability to reasonably build within Sudden Valley.
833	Get us new gym equipment, it's been pathetic to deal with the rec manager and this ordeal has drug out way too long. Too many people use this ammenity and this was supposed to be addressed over a year ago. Zero communication to the community about what the plan is and what is going on. Many people have got memberships in town and given up on our gym that we pay for. I don't know why we would pay for a rec managers salary if they are incapable of properly managing the recreation facilities, and if it's not the managers fault - then whose?	Replace the gym equipment and maintain the facilities properly. Stop wasting our money on the golf course when facilities and equipment is falling apart elsewhere. Stop raising the HOA dues if you aren't providing any better amenities, while actively removing certain amenities we had previously.
834	The dues are way to high. Find a way to stop funneling the money into a golf course.	Sudden Valley can't keep the abandoned cars off the streets. It can't put sidewalks in on deadly roads. It can't get the tent dwellers off Lookout Mt near Tumbling Water. What it can do is financially push it's residents out for golf course improvements. The HOA fee is becoming an unreasonable tax and if you increase it every year at 7% you will soon discover there will be abandoned houses.
835	Maintaining amenities such as the library, rec center, and trails/open spaces to ensure ability to use all year and encourage community involvement	Architectural Review committee uses arbitrary and personal feelings in making decisions about improvements to properties rather than standardized, researched and published criteria
836	Quality of Sudden Valley. To entice Bellinghamians to come out to SV!	I have had Property in SV for 42 years. It is pleasure to come out to the Valley!
837	Community buildings	
838	Focus more on what the majority of owners are telling you. I have yet to speak with one person in favor of spending a large amount of money on a rebuilding the barn, yet the board presses on because a vocal minority wants it. There are a number of properties that need to be addressed (REDACTED for example) and other maintenance of the property in general. Focus on that for a few years and work on spending less money (keep dues the same). I personally can afford the dues but we are undoubtedly heading into tough financial times. The board needs to "read the room" better.	
839	ensuring that the financial future is sustainable for the community with out placing increased burden on community members	any sort of paved walking surface in gate one would be greatly appreciated. having to walk my dog in traffic is the main reason i would leave sudden valley
840	Dance Barn upgrade or replacement	This board is doing a much better job than ones we've had in the recent past.
841	developing a professional management team that serves the best interests of the community, doesn't favor certain gates, and doesn't give our amenities away to the public over community members - emphasis on "professional"	In the past I have tried to be involved in the HOA process - but meetings and voting and decisions handed down were done in such an unprofessional manner that I could not be a part of that

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842	Fitness center	Less focus on golf courses and more focus on facilities the entire community can benefit from. Please also communicate dues increases via official mail or email.
843	Stop paying the GM an exorbitant amount of money! Sudden Valley is becoming way too expensive to live at due to the increase of our dues. I'm not the only one that feels this way! Also increase Deal with problem, Holmes and problem homeowners/Tennants. Example: Constant security calls on people and the people that leave their trash and junk cars everywhere!	Keep the dog park big! Reduce golf the course!
844	Keep dues fair. If they increase, you can only do this in small annual increments, not all at once. But we're pretty much reaching the peak height there. Too high of dues reduces property value. So you need to learn to live on the money you already have.	The Marina parking is out of control at the moment, particularly on sunny weekends. The dog park is currently a dangerous place, with the children's playground equipment nearby. When our children were young, I took them to the playground equipment there a few times, but it was crazy. Huge dogs would barrel over my children. Also, dogs run loose on the spit area at the Marina, so that needs to be supervised, or more "no dogs" signage needs to be placed. Thanks.
845	Barn 6, updates to Barn 8, updates and expansion to fitness center (dry sauna and steam room sauna to keep us healthy in the winter months please!), Community Open gathering spaces, coworking spaces (can be for rent for a fee for SV residents who work remotely, Digital nomads, and even money making venture by opening to non SV residents for a larger fee), consideration to have one of the pools open year round (like many northern places even in Canada can put inflatable dome over pool during winter months to keep heat inside and reduce cost to heat the pool in the winter months, or have it open during winter months and heated.	The changes we have seen in the past 5 years have been incredible and positive and greatly appreciated! Keep up the great work in a forward and progressive direction for all of us in SV! Thanks!
846	maintaining proper values	
847	Plow the roads asap when it snows. Also, do NOT increase dues.	The trails are great! Please don't increase dues.
848	Getting rid or redoing the ice barn. Fixing up the dance barn to meet code and safety	I don't mind paying dues if I see exactly where my money is going which hasn't always been the case. I also like the opportunity to vote. Un cast votes should not automatically be "yes" votes
849	Operating within their budget just like all of us have to do	
850	We have lived here a long time, we are almost to the point where we cannot afford to stay and the upkeep living here in Sudden Valley entails. The dues are an amount that is hard for working families to maintain. They have increased so fast and so much. Without visible improvement to things we use/need, the point of such high dues is hard to understand. When we moved here, dues were around \$60 or maybe even less. Something to think about as there is an increase in Sudden Valley members the dues should not have to increase so much...it is hard to justify where all of this money is spent. Also there should be bidding on projects and maybe source locally when possible, that would really feel like community. The amount it costs for things is outrageous and feels like someone is not doing due diligence in getting quotes and negotiating a fair price.	Nope
851	Lowering Dues	Stop raising dues. Do not charge additional for gate access in the marina. There should be no additional charges
852	Haven't seen much of anything I'd consider leadership from Sudden Valley and its management team	This place seems like someone who's bad at poker. You don't need more chips, you need to learn how to play
853	Traffic safety	Prioritize for majority not elite and golf.

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854	Please I beg you to lower the dues. Or minimally at least don't raise them anymore. I've been here since 2002, my HOA dues were \$28 at the time and we had all kinds of excellent amenities, real snow plows, street sweepers coming in all the time after big wind storms. Now our dues are seven times more expensive and we don't get crap for our money now! I was very embarrassed when I saw our little tiny snow plow quad chugging up the street	Please I beg of you folks to just get a grip on these dudes. All the rich Folks at gate one should not have the say over what the rest of the whole valley pays. If they want an exclusive gated community they should move to one and leave us the hell alone
855	Better management of current resources without increase in fees and dues. I do not feel our dues are well spent. I do not see where the dues are going? The facilities are poor and falling apart and out dated or broken fitness equipment. The roads and public landscaping is minimum. I feel like we keep paying more and more and see nothing as a result. Part of the appeal of SV was affordability with amenities. It is no longer affordable and amenities are sub par	
856	Be good stewards of money	
857	Keeping dues low as everything else is rising in prices	No
858		The survey could have been designed better to include NA when one could not answer specifics (for example, I don't use the golf course so don't know much about it at all)
859	Better security, ticket speeders, fine rule breakers like dogs off leash, get more people involved with committees. The Sudden Valley Views is greatly improved this year and the Weekly Blast is also very helpful. The Board should keep up the good work that has been happening for the last few years .	no
860	Prevention and communication about natural emergencies like fire, wind, snow, ice	Like many, we are too busy with work to get involved in the community. Also we can't afford to move away, but we love it here.
861	Managing barking dogs and fencing the off leash park.	I'd like more transparency on where dues money is going.
862	Ways to trim the budget!	
863	The board spent \$1.6 million without any input from the community. The board went outside it's authority. You do it again the board is fired.	The board makes too many decisions without input. If it doesn't stop, they should be removed.
864	Keep working on Lake Louise issues, a functional volleyball net between AM and PM beaches. Getting rid of the Coyote den behind the pool, a covered seating area for people/kids waiting for the public bus at the Gate 2 entrance. Thanks.	Great place to live.
865	Stop trying to compete with other very expensive communities. Sudden Valley should be PROUD of the fact that it is an AFFORDABLE community. In the 20+ years I have lived here, despite constant doom warnings that Sudden Valley needs more and more, it has managed to be a beautiful, affordable place to live without falling apart.. I don't mind keeping it up but just don't think we need to assess or raise fees to add more buildings. An example of money well spent was upgrading the tennis courts.	
866	Getting along!!!	
867	ROADS, CULVERTS, CONTINUE IMPROVING THE GOLF COURSE, IMPROVE STAFF RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS (AKA... STOP HIDING IN THE "WELCOME" CENTER!)	Thanks. That was a competent survey... not great, but better than most previous surveys. Let us know what you take away from it and how it will influence decision-making for making SVCA a true "model" HOA community. Question... is there a shared "Vision" for this community? If so, how does it compare to the original vision for SVCA? Why is it that we NEVER hear the Board make any reference to a "shared" vision for SVCA? (hint: we do NOT have one.). I suggest creating a genuine shared vision should be the Board's #1 priority.

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868	- Seek community input prior to making significant decisions via announced "listening sessions" in which the board formally seeks community input. Five three-minute comments at Board meetings is NEVER enough community input. - 5-ft galvanized fencing in Marina Park must be reconsidered. - Common beach areas (am, pm, marina park) should have security gates to reduce outside use and create revenue streams (outside users are charged an annual fee). - Reopen beach area on west side of Marina Park - it is embarrassing that current board members who have homes there discourage access. - Considerations for safety and thriving of wildlife must be taken into account in all decision making. - As our reserves are getting low, and as there is a range of home values and therefore incomes in SV, consider dues based on home values similar to taxes. This is a common equation used in HOAs. This reduces the push-back on dues increases from those who can least afford it and makes "the pain" of increases more equitable across home owners.	No