



## Appraisal of My Community Living Preferences

Please place a check in the numbered column that best reflects how you agree with each statement.

	Strongly			Moderately				Seldom		
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1. I prefer to move into a home that is ready and doesn't need internal fixing up such as painting walls or changing floor treatments.										
2. I have very particular likes and dislikes when it comes to decorating and furnishing a home.										
3. I prefer to have very bright colors on the walls and décor in my home.										
4. I prefer to have more earth tone colors on the walls and décor in my home.										
5. When I'm home, I like to hear some type of continuous noise in the background such as music, TV, and/or etc.										
6. I tend to spend more time at home in the kitchen.										
7. I tend to spend the most time at home in the living room.										
8. I tend to spend most of my time at home outdoors.										
9. Having a private patio or backyard is very important to me.										
10. I travel by bus often so I need to be close to the major bus lines.										
11. Living in close proximity to a grocery store and/or shopping areas are very important to me.										
12. Living close to a city park is very important to me.										
13. Living close to a school is very important to me.										
14. Living close to a place of worship is very important to me.										
15. Having a neighborhood that is both scenic and safe for evening walks and/or jogs is important to me.										
16. If I can hear the noise of traffic when I am in my home, it never bothers me.										
17. Having a pet or pets is a priority for me in my home.										
18. I like having another person or persons in my home most of the time.										
19. I like to live close to one or more persons with whom I can regularly socialize..										
20. I like to know my neighbors and socialize with them.										



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21. Having a flight or two of stairs to climb to my front door is not an issue.										
22. I prefer living in a ground floor apartment.										
23. I like to have a lot of sunlight in my home with curtains and blinds pulled back in the daytime.										
24. I prefer my living room and/or bedroom windows to face a specific direction due to the temperature and room lighting in the summer/winter.										
25. I prefer my patio or backyard to face a specific direction due to the direction of sunlight.										
26. Having a private and secured off-road parking space is important to me.										
27. Having sufficient outdoor lighting around my home such as street lights, entry lights, etc... is very important to me.										
28. Living in a secured gated community, in which visitors can enter the grounds only by the resident's permission, is very important to me.										
29. Having ample storage space is a necessity for me.										
30. Having a window in the kitchen is very important to me.										
31. Having an eat-in kitchen is very important to me.										
32. Having ample counter space in the kitchen is very important to me.										
33. Having a dishwasher is very important to me.										
34. Having a built-in microwave is very important to me.										
35. Having more than one bathroom is very important to me.										
36. Having ample counter space in the bathroom is very important to me.										

*Note A rating of "6" or higher indicates a strong community living preference. A rating of a "9-10" may indicate areas in which you are less negotiable when it comes to acquiring the "home of your heart." Once you complete this self-appraisal, you may want to use a colored highlighter on those statements that you rated as being a "6" or higher. This appraisal can be used as a type of checklist to help you choose the home that works the best for you*



## Self Assessment of Home Building Strengths

Please place a check in the numbered column that best reflects your degree of competence in each area.

	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	<b>High</b>			<b>Fair</b>				<b>Low</b>		
1. I am skilled in managing a household budget.										
2. I have strong organizational skills when it comes to paying bills and effectively managing finances.										
3. I am very skilled in using and balancing a checkbook as well as keeping track of debit and credit card purchases.										
4. I am very good at making value-added purchases, and I almost always get the most out of every dollar I spend.										
5. I am very skilled in knowing how to decorate my home in a cost efficient and attractive way.										
6. I know a great deal about my rights and responsibilities as a tenant and/or homeowner.										
7. I have made excellent progress in establishing credit.										
8. I have made excellent progress in establishing and/or restoring my credit.										
9. I have done extremely well in maintaining good credit.										
10. I have considerable skill in understanding how to read my credit report.										
11. I make it a point to check my credit report at least twice a year.										
12. I know a great deal about my rights and responsibilities as a tenant and/or homeowner.										
13. I am fully knowledgeable of community resources to support and enrich my community living experience.										
14. I have developed a solid personal support system with family and/or friends.										
15. I have developed strong relationship skills to bring value and harmony to my home and community living experience.										
16. I have developed engaging hobbies, interests, and/or activities to give my life purpose and meaning.										

*If you find that you rated yourself below a "9" in any of these skill areas, don't be discouraged. You'll get an opportunity to polish and enhance your strengths where needed. And perhaps you can share some of your wisdom in those higher rated areas with your classmates..*