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CITIZENS INTERRACIAL COMMITTEE OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

QUESTIONS IN SEARCH OF ANSWERS

In the wake of the recent flare-ups involving our youth and young adults, many persons in and out of the community have begun to ask many questions; some of these questions are complex, others are not. All of them, however, are important and must utimately be answered if we are to arrive at some understanding of our youth and their concerns. The questions below are designed to direct our thinking to some specific areas and help focus more sharply on some of the crucial concerns of the community citizens.

QUESTIONS

1. Is there a "youth problem" in our community? Let us assume there is.

2. If so, to whom, and with whom?
3. How would you define and describe this problem?
4. How are you affected by it or by those involved?
5. Who else do you feel is affected -- in what specific ways?
6. Do you feel that we adults are in any way responsible for it? If so, in what specific manner?
7. Do you feel that the youth themselves are responsible for it? How?
8. Do you feel that we adults "neglect" or "forget about our youth?" If "yes", what do you feel accounts for this condition?
9. How do you feel about the many social agencies in our community?
10. How do you feel about the many churches in our community?
11. How do you feel about the many schools and their personnel in our community?

Relative to questions 9,10,11

A. Do they care enough about our youth and their problems?
B. Do they spend enough time, as far as you are concerned, with matters which affect the youth?
C. What specific changes would you make in their programs?

12. What role should the ordinary citizen play?
13. What can the mothers do about this problem? The fathers? Children
14. Should we, the community, expect others to take the lead?
15. Who should "start the ball rolling" in the community? When? How?

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16. What can you do? When will you begin? Do you need ideas? Help?
17. Who else can you get to join with you in starting something?
18. After you've begun, do you need city services? How? County services?
19. After other ideas and suggestions do you have about this problem and possible solutions? Will you share them?

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Don't throw this away until you have written down your ideas about all or some of these questions and have contacted CIC or someone else.

"COMMUNITY PROBLEMS CAN BEST BE SOLVED BY COMMUNITY PEOPLE!"