

Turlock's Mayor, John Lazar, the Turlock Police and City Council are working to eliminate the negative impact of gangs in Turlock. The Mayor has created a Task Force to look in to providing more alternatives for our children so they will make better and safer choices.

We have asked you here tonight to get your ideas, concerns and feelings about your family's life in Turlock and what you would like to see happen. We want to determine how to best meet the needs of your children in non-school hours.

We have some questions for you to consider and hope you will be very open and honest about your thoughts. Your ideas will then be shared with the Mayor's Task Force and eventually be used to help develop a plan for Turlock.

Questions:

1. Many of you are already have your children participating in after-school programs.
Are there other any programs you would like to see Turlock offer for your children?

2. What barriers do you have that keep your child from joining in available activities? For example – transportation, not aware of what is available, do not have money for any fees, don't understand how to sign up, do not speak English, etc.

3. Does your family own a computer? Yes _____ No _____
If you had access to a computer at a park near-by would your family use it? Yes ____ No ____
4. Are you worried about your child's safety here in Turlock? Yes _____ No _____
5. Do you feel your children have a place to play that is safe from gang influence?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Do you understand what it means to be in a gang? Yes _____ No _____
7. Do you know how to tell if your child is in a gang? Yes _____ No _____
8. What schools do your children attend? (check all that apply)
_____ Elementary school _____ Junior High _____ high school
9. On the scale below check the level you believe best identifies the gang issues in your neighborhood.
 - a. don't know
 - b. not a problem
 - c. moderate concern
 - d. serious issue
 - e. very serious issue
10. What information or services do you need to help your family members make good choices about gangs?

