

Carolina Common Well

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Communitarian Profile for Rising Associate Members

With you getting this Communitarian Profile, you must be interested in becoming more committed to Carolina Common Well. And as a rising Associate Member we are interested in finding out more about you. We have structured the following questionnaire to help us focus on our rising members' needs and desires.

Please complete this questionnaire and give it to your 'buddy', i.e. the person assigned to you when you became an Exploratory Member.

Directions: Please mark/highlight the best answer(s) for each of the following questions

MEMBERS

1. Community members should work

- Onsite
- Offsite

How important is this issue to you:

- a deal breaker if others don't agree with me
- very important
- important
- somewhat important
- not important

2. Should income or asset levels be a prequalification for joining the community?

- Yes
- No

How important is this issue to you:

- a deal breaker if others don't agree with me
- very important
- important
- somewhat important
- not important

3. How important is it that people who join be prequalified in terms of skills?

- a deal breaker if we don't prequalify
- very important
- important
- somewhat important
- not important
- a deal breaker if we do prequalify

4. Are you comfortable having a background check? How important is this issue to you:
- Yes a deal breaker if others don't agree with me
- No very important
- 4a. Do you think background checks should be a prerequisite for joining? important
- Yes somewhat important
- No not important
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5. Which statement most closely represents how you feel about diversity? How important is this issue to you:
- I want to live in a community with a wide diversity of income, class, race, education, sexual orientation, etc. and would sacrifice other community goals to achieve such diversity. a deal breaker if others don't agree with me
- I support diversity to the extent that it does not compromise the unity of the group around sustainability. very important
- I believe the challenges of getting any group of Americans on the same page are so daunting that no effort should be made to recruit any more diversity than we will naturally need to deal with anyway. important
- I support diversity to the extent that it does not compromise the unity of the group around sustainability. somewhat important
- I believe the challenges of getting any group of Americans on the same page are so daunting that no effort should be made to recruit any more diversity than we will naturally need to deal with anyway. not important
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6. Should people with any of these attitudes be permitted to join the community? Racist, nativist, white supremacist, xenophobic yes, & a deal breaker if we screen them out
- yes, these attitudes aren't relevant on a case-by-case basis
- no, these attitudes should never be tolerated no, & a deal breaker if we allow them in
- no, & a deal breaker if we allow them in

PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES

7. Which statement most closely matches your preference for housing layout in the community? How important is this issue to you:
- Everyone must be willing to cluster housing in order to keep as much land as possible open, both for farming and for wild area
 - While a few more separated dwellings can be allowed, at least ___% (fill in the blank) of the dwellings must be clustered to preserve farmland & open space
 - Giving everyone the amount of privacy they want is more important than keeping the housing compact
8. Choose all the statements that represent your attitude about how strictly “green” community housing should be. How important is this issue to you:
- All houses should be hand-built of earth-based materials
 - Toxic materials should be prohibited in house construction
 - Houses should be designed to be as healthy and affordable as possible
 - Housing should at least qualify for ENERGY STAR certification
 - Community members should be allowed to build whatever they want
9. I want to live in a community that produces its own supply of sustainably energy.
- A deal breaker if we don't produce our energy
 - Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
 - A deal breaker if we insist on this expensive option
10. I am willing to tolerate inconvenience to move toward energy independence.
- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Undecided
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
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FOOD

11. Our food should come from
- Only what we grow ourselves onsite
 - As much as possible from what we grow onsite with the rest coming from within the local foodshed (within one day's human-powered transport)
 - As much as possible from what we grow onsite with the rest coming from local sources up to _____ miles away
 - Any sustainably-grown source
 - Any economical source
- How important is this issue to you:
- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
 - I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
 - This issue is not important to me
12. Which of these statements is true for you?
- I am committed to eating what we grow and growing what we eat.
 - I expect to continue eating bananas and other world-trade products as long as I can get them.
- How important is this issue to you:
- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
 - I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
 - This issue is not important to me
 - A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
13. Are you willing to commit personal and community resources toward food self-sufficiency? Yes No

SOCIAL VALUES & LIFESTYLE

14. Choose the statement that best reflects your views on the use of poisons in the community:
- I want to live in a community that has a zero-tolerance policy for the use of pesticides, herbicides, and all other man-made poisons.
 - I support a policy that uses poisons only as a last resort.
 - Some things, such as poison ivy, require use of a man-made chemical, period.
- How important is this issue to you:
- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
 - I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
 - This issue is not important to me

15. Choose the statement that best reflects your preference for participation requirements in the community: How important is this issue to you:
- I expect to be a good neighbor, but I don't want to attend endless meetings or have others tell me what community work I need to do—all such participation should be voluntary on my part.
 - Because of the ambitious nature of community goals, I believe we will need to agree on work requirements and some kind of tracking system.
 - If I'm not able or willing to contribute labor, I should be able to pay others to do it for me.
- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
 I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
 This issue is not important to me
16. Choose the statement that best reflects your preference for a community decision-making philosophy: How important is this issue to you:
- I want to live in an egalitarian community where everyone's voice has equal weight.
 - I believe that individuals taking leadership in the areas of their strength is a benefit to the group and that such leadership can function as part of an egalitarian decision making structure that honors everyone's voice.
 - I believe the wisdom of the founders and long-time residents should be given greater weight.
 - I believe the community will function best with a strong elected leader to make executive decisions.
 - I believe maximum efficiency is obtained with a benevolent dictator.
- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
 I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
 This issue is not important to me
17. Choose the statement that best reflects your desires for involvement in the community outside our intentional community: How important is this issue to you:
- I want to live in a community that is tightly knit and avoids outside entanglements.
 - I want to live in a community that has a full range of relationships and exchanges with the larger, surrounding community.
 - I want to live in a community that is actively engaged in community service and seeking ways to educate & facilitate the larger community toward sustainability.
- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
 A deal breaker if others choose the first one. Either of the other choices is fine.
 This issue is not important to me

18. Choose the statement that best reflects your preference for the spiritual atmosphere of the community:

- I want to live in a community dedicated to a particular spiritual path.
- I want individuals to be able to follow their own spiritual path without pressure from the group.
- I want to live in a community of tolerance for both believers and secularists.
- I want to live in a community of atheists.

How important is this issue to you:

- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
- A deal breaker if others choose the first or last one. Either of the other choices is fine.
- This issue is not important to me

19. Choose the statement that best reflects your preference for the community attitude toward illegal immigrants:

- I want my community to avail itself of this cheap source of labor.
- I think the community should stay focused on our main objective and not allow illegal activity on our land.
- I want my community to fight for justice for all oppressed people including illegal immigrants, to include providing sanctuary on a case by case basis.

How important is this issue to you:

- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
- I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
- This issue is not important to me

20. Choose all the statements that reflect your views on sexuality:

- Homosexuality is a disease and should be prohibited.
- Sex outside marriage is sinful and should not be tolerated.
- What people do in their own bedrooms is their own business.
- I want to be in a community open to polyamory and swinging.

How important is this issue to you:

- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
- I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
- This issue is not important to me

21. Choose the statement that best reflects your preference with regard to nudity in the community:

- OK in private areas only.
- OK in specified places such as a group hot tub.
- Nudity is part of being honest with ourselves and should be OK anytime, anywhere.

How important is this issue to you:

- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
- I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
- This issue is not important to me

22. Choose the statement that best reflects your preference for community policy on illegal drugs:

- What residents do in their own house is their own business.
- The community must protect the property of all by never allowing anything illegal.
- Legal or not, I want a community free from all drugs.

How important is this issue to you:

- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
- I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
- This issue is not important to me

23. Choose all the statements that reflect your attitudes about alcohol:

- Alcohol use should be confined to private residences.
- I am comfortable with others using alcohol responsibly on common property as long as no pressure is applied on me to participate.
- I enjoy a glass of fine wine with a meal and want to share that experience at group meals, especially if we've made it ourselves.
- I value a life of sobriety and would rather live in a community of people with a similar value.

How important is this issue to you:

- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
- I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
- This issue is not important to me

24. Choose all the statements that reflect your attitudes about tobacco use:

- I favor a ban on all forms of tobacco use anywhere in the community.
- What people do on their own property is their own business, but smoking should not be allowed in common buildings or on common land.
- Although smoking should be prohibited in indoor spaces because of the detrimental effects of second-hand smoke, all outdoor spaces are fine for smoking.
- Because I value a healthy lifestyle and setting a good example for children, I would prefer that community members not smoke; but I'm willing to set aside an area from which smoke will not likely drift to support people who are making an effort to quit.

How important is this issue to you:

- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
- I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
- This issue is not important to me

25. Choose all the statements that reflect your preferences regarding guns in the community:
- I want to live in a community that does not allow any kind of weapons.
 - I do not want a gun in my home but am willing to allow others to keep guns stored in a safe manner (trigger locks).
 - I own a gun and will respect the safety needs of those who are afraid of guns.
 - I want to live in a community where everyone is encouraged to own and know how to use a gun.
- How important is this issue to you:
- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
 - I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
 - This issue is not important to me

26. Choose all the statements that reflect your preferences for community policy on hunting:
- I oppose all hunting for any reason.
 - I oppose hunting purely for sport, but believe that game hunting can be an important and even ecological source of protein when done respectfully.
 - Hunting is OK, but not on our community property.
 - If we have enough land to provide a home for wild animals, we can selectively and responsibly harvest animals as needed for community food.
 - Any restrictions on hunting would be an unacceptable infringement of my rights.
- How important is this issue to you:
- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
 - I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
 - This issue is not important to me

27. Choose the statement that best reflects your preference for community policy on noise:
- On my lot and in my home, I expect to play music as loudly as I want whenever I want.
 - I expect to be thoughtful of my neighbors when generating any kind of sound, but don't want any community regulations about noise—we should work out any conflicts on a case-by-case basis.
 - I want to live in a community that establishes quiet-hour policies.
- How important is this issue to you:
- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
 - I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
 - This issue is not important to me

FINANCES

28. Choose the statement that most closely matches your preference for the primary financial model of the community:
- I want to live in an income sharing community with a communal purse.
 - I want to live in a community in which each household has independent finances.
- How important is this issue to you:
- An income-sharing community would be a deal breaker for me.
 - Having independent finances would be a deal breaker for me.
 - This issue is not important to me-I could go either way
29. Choose the statement that best reflects your preference for community policy on income/asset qualifications:
- In order to assure the viability of our community, we should determine a minimum income or asset level for all members.
 - As long as interested people can figure out how to pay their share of the community infrastructure and ongoing maintenance, it doesn't matter what their income or asset level is.
 - I am strongly committed to figuring out how to make a sustainable lifestyle affordable to all who want it and believe that with enough creative imagination, we can do this without compromising the financial integrity of our community.
- How important is this issue to you:
- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
 - I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
 - This issue is not important to me
30. Choose the statement that best reflects your preference for the ownership model of the community:
- Individual holdings in the community should be sellable in the public market to give maximum profit to the seller.
 - The community should have first right of refusal for properties going on the market.
 - The community should design some kind of share or co-op structure that allows members to remove their equity if necessary without putting houses on the public market because that will remove community control over who enters the community.
- How important is this issue to you:
- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
 - I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
 - This issue is not important to me

31. Complete the following sentence in the way that matches your preference for a community policy on liquidity. How important is this issue to you:
- We should organize community finances so that
- Anyone who wishes to leave can sell their share at a profit.
 - Anyone who wishes to leave can sell their share, but with a cap on the profit so that we can create an affordable legacy.
 - Anyone who wishes to leave can recover only what they have invested in their own dwelling—not what they have invested in community infrastructure.
 - Anyone who wishes to leave must surrender their property to the community to protect the group from people lacking in the commitment needed to build community.
- A deal breaker if others don't agree with me
 I can tolerate some deviation from my preference
 This issue is not important to me

32. What forms of communication within the Carolina Common Well would you like to receive and/or participate in?
- Important communications like Meeting Agendas, Meeting Minutes, and other business.
 - A newsletter that potentially summarizes what's going on with CCW and that might have articles/stories about CCW.
 - A blog that has lots of discussions of lots of different items of interest.

33. Or here is another way to look at this.

Purpose	Recipients	Tool
Conducting & Discussing CCW business	All members except Exploratory	Discussion Board
Important Announcements (Meeting Agendas, Meeting Minutes, Events we'll table at, etc.)	All members	Email list
Newsletter: summary of CCW events and progress , stories & articles to generate interest in CCW	All members, all non-members on our mailing list, anyone else we can get it in front of	Email list, website, others?
In-depth intellectual exploration of issues that motivate formation of an ecovillage; designed to attract thoughtful folks in the Blogosphere to CCW	Blogosphere	Blog on our website

What are your thoughts on this?