

## CSA #41 – Richmond/Rosenberg Executive Summary

### Demographics:

The Richmond/Rosenberg CSA is an ethnically diverse community located southwest of Houston. 48% of the population is Anglo, 39% is Hispanic, and 11% is African-American. The median household income is slightly higher than that of Houston's; however, the median home value is significantly lower. The area is not as well educated as Houston as a whole. About 27% of adults do not have a high school diploma, and less than 22% of the adult population has a college degree. Most households consist of married couples with children; however, about 11% of families with children are headed by single mothers.

### Satisfaction levels:

Compared to the rest of Houston, the residents of the Richmond/Rosenberg area reported levels of satisfaction with their lives consistent with Greater Houston. 41% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, 80% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families, and 55% reported high levels of satisfaction with their friends. Only 33% of adults successfully manage the demands of their careers and families; however, 46% of residents reported being happy with their lives as a whole.

### Spiritual Condition:

Residents of the Richmond/Rosenberg CSA show signs of spiritual awareness consistent with the rest of the Greater Houston area. 37% of the Richmond/Rosenberg CSA residents attend church weekly, and 12% of residents never attend church. When having problems, 40% would be likely to see a religious counselor, and 33% would seek help in a place of worship. However, the community is much more spiritually aware than these statistics would indicate. 80% of residents are likely to read the Bible or other inspired literature when they have problems. Likewise, 91% of residents are likely to pray when they have problems, and 77% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

### Interviews with Key Leaders in the Richmond/Rosenberg CSA:

According to leaders, the Richmond/Rosenberg CSA is a small, safe, community-oriented area. Leaders praised the area for its good school system, commercial growth, and diversity. The area suffers, however, from rising crime, a strained infrastructure, and a breakdown in the family unit. Leaders lauded the Church for supporting healthy values, serving immigrants, and providing volunteers who assist with various service ministries. However, interviewees commented that the Interfaith Council has been criticized for being confrontational and controversial. Also, there is some perceived animosity and disunity among local congregations. Leaders commented that congregations could continue to help to solve problems within the community by working with the local government to provide more social services for those in need.

