

# EVALUATING A NEIGHBORHOOD

## **Your Lifestyle**

- ✓ What do you like to do on your weekends?
- ✓ Do you prefer to be in an area with great restaurants and nightlife?
- ✓ What recreational activities do you like to do?
- ✓ What do you like to do for fun?
- ✓ Do you stay in town most weekends or like to take mini escapes?

## **Drive around**

- ✓ How far is it from work and how long is the commute during the time you would be commuting?
- ✓ What is the neighborhood like at night, during the work week and on the weekend?
- ✓ Talk to people who already live in the neighborhood.

## **Quality of schools**

- ✓ What is average school performance
- ✓ Average test scores
- ✓ College bound percentages
- ✓ Will the school provide support for any special needs your child has?
- ✓ Spending per student
- ✓ State rankings
- ✓ Financial position

## **Education/Income Profile**

- ✓ What is the average household income?
- ✓ Education Level?
- ✓ Occupations?

## **Crime rate**

Compare neighborhoods on a per-capita basis for violent & non-violent crime

## **Property Values**

- ✓ Steady or increasing values generally mean a sound investment. Choose a Realtor® who can provide data & real estate trends for the neighborhood where you are looking to purchase a home.
- ✓ It is almost always best to buy the smallest, least expensive home in the best neighborhood you can afford.

## **Future Growth**

- ✓ If you are not planning on staying in your next home for several years, an abundance of new construction could affect resale.
- ✓ Be sure you understand future growth plans for the neighborhood and the city.

Refer to the Buyer section of our website for more information and links to resources to get you started in your neighborhood research. Our website is located at [GiordanoSellsAZ.com](http://GiordanoSellsAZ.com).