The California neighborhood is located in western Louisville. The California Neighborhood is located west of 9th Street and east of 26th St. between Broadway and Oak.

The boundaries for the California neighborhood are generally Broadway on the north, over to 9th Street on the east, Oak Street to the south and 26th Street to the west.

Surrounding neighborhoods are Parkland, Russell, Park Hill and Limerick.

Neighborhood Highlights

- **Neighborhood size** - XXX square miles
- **Metro Council District** 6, George Unseld – 574-1106; 4, David Tandy – 574-1104; 3, Mary Woolridge – 574-1103.
- **Adjacent Neighborhood Schools** - Wheatley Elementary, Carrithers Middle School, and Jeffersontown High School are the resides. Other schools close by are Brandeis Elementary, Coleridge Taylor Elementary, Johnson Traditional Middle, Central High School
- **Civic Groups** - California Federation, California Roundtable, California Community Coalition
- **TARC** - Bus routes #12, 18, 22, 23, 25, 96
- **Distance from Metro Louisville Central Business District** - 1.5 miles
- **History** - The area was settled by Germans around the time of the 1849 Gold Rush. Oral tradition holds that because the land was the “far west” of the city, it was called California. After the Civil War many African Americans settled the area. By the 1870’s, California was a working-class neighborhood with a
### Housing Highlights

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<td>Total housing units</td>
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<td>Occupied housing units</td>
<td>2,139 (86%)</td>
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<td>355 (14%)</td>
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<td>1995 – 2000</td>
<td>158 (6%)</td>
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<td>1990 – 1994</td>
<td>45 (2%)</td>
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<td>1980 – 1989</td>
<td>175 (7%)</td>
<td>26,369 (8.6%)</td>
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<td>1970 – 1979</td>
<td>176 (7%)</td>
<td>53,928 (17.6%)</td>
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<td>1960 – 1969</td>
<td>237 (10%)</td>
<td>56,326 (18.4%)</td>
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<td>1950 – 1959</td>
<td>304 (12%)</td>
<td>54,813 (17.9%)</td>
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<td>1940 – 1949</td>
<td>478 (19%)</td>
<td>28,392 (9.3%)</td>
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<td>921 (37%)</td>
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## Neighborhood

### Median Home Value

- **Louisville Metro**
- **Metro Statistical Area**

### Median Household Income

- **California**
- **Louisville Metro**
- **Metro Statistical Area**

### Year Houses Were Built

- 1939 or earlier: 37%
- 1940-1949: 19%
- 1950-1959: 12%
- 1960-1969: 10%
- 1970-1979: 7%
- 1980-1989: 7%
- 1990-2000: 8%

### Housing Occupancy

- **Occupied**: 86%
- **Vacant**: 14%

The following highlights responses from 37 residents who participated in the Neighborhood Assessment Survey. Of the survey participants, 45% have lived in the California neighborhood for 1-4 years, 29% for 5-10 years and 26% for more than 10 years.

Participants ranged from 20 to more than 70 years of age.

Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in the California neighborhood?

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You most strongly agree with the following statements:

1. If someone asked me for directions I would stop to help.
2. It is very important to me that I live in this neighborhood.
3. During the past year I have been notified or have seen posters or flyers for neighborhood get-togethers, festivals, etc.
4. People who live in my neighborhood generally get along with each other.

You most strongly disagree with the following statements:

1. There are no illegal activities (such as drug dealing, prostitution, gang activities) taking place in my neighborhood.
2. Every building in my neighborhood is occupied, either by people living in them or by businesses such as stores and workplaces.
3. If there is a problem in my neighborhood, the residents can get it solved.

The following are the top three reasons you continue to live in your neighborhood:

1. I am close to my child’s school and/or daycare facility.
2. I have easy access to grocery stores and other retail services.
3. My neighborhood is clean.

The following are the top three reasons that might make you consider moving away from the Portland neighborhood:

1. I don’t feel safe here.
2. The neighborhood is dirty and unattractive.
3. Other

You would regularly use the following new establishments added to your neighborhood:

1. Coffee shop or cafe
2. Health Clinic
3. Convenience store/gas station

For a complete copy of the survey results, contact the Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods at 574-3380.
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Summary

Resident Survey and Public Workshop

Residents of the California neighborhood submitted responses to the Quality-of-Life Self-Assessment Survey, the major results of which are shown on the earlier “Survey Results” page of this snapshot. Additionally, an energetic and enthusiastic group of 27 neighbors braved chilly spring weather to attend two resident workshops in April and May. The meeting brought together California residents, representatives of the Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods and planners and workshop facilitators from the Center For Neighborhoods.

California neighborhood residents who took part in the Quality-of-Life Survey and Public Workshop and who gave generously of their time and ideas include:

Jackie Grace Lee    Sharita Malone    Elizabeth Dorsey
Dreema Jackson      Carlos Jones      Jackie Floyd
Robbie Bell         Susan Nichols      Deborah Wade
Gwen Kelly          Keith Price       Yolanda Wade
Beverly Gaylor      Kim Mapp         Billie Jean Walker
Barbara Weaver

The primary result of this public workshop and the residents’ energies is the Action Matrix.* In addition to being a “to-do” list of neighborhood improvement projects, this document outlines sustainable partnerships between the California Neighborhood and all the identified entities, such as Louisville Metro agencies and private business organizations, who can continue to help each other realize their common goals of a healthy and prosperous neighborhood with an ever-improving quality of life.

* Action Matrix is the table of projects, potential partners and implementation schedule for neighborhood goals.

Thanks

In addition to the dedicated California neighborhood residents who participated in the Neighborhood Assessment Project, “Thanks” are extended to:

The California Block Club Federation (for local coordination of the assessment process)
California Community Center (for the use of their facility for the workshops)
Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods (for sponsorship, leadership and guidance)