

FINANCE—

- Is the financial policy of the municipality sound?
- According to what standards did you form your judgment in answering the previous question?
- Has the municipality's per capita debt increased or decreased during the last decade?
- What is the policy of the municipality as to the repayment of borrowed capital?
- From what sources does the community raise its revenues?
- Are the bills of the municipality paid promptly?
- For what part of each year does the municipality operate without a budget?
- What does the city pay each year as interest on temporary loans to finance the municipality until the first payment of taxes?
- Has your municipality ever made any bad guesses in rendering aid to new industries either by giving bonuses or guaranteeing bonds?
- Are the municipal accounts on a revenue-expense or simply on a receipts-payments basis?
- Are the official financial and departmental reports readable, clear, promptly issued and widely distributed?
- Do the newspapers of your community feature the financial and other official reports of the municipality?
- Are you satisfied with the services you receive in return for your taxes?*

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in Municipal Government and community affairs is not the result of bad intentions. For every dollar lost through conscious dishonesty, \$100 are lost through inefficiency. Inefficiency is our chief enemy. Though long entrenched, and with many miles of barbed wire entanglements in the shape of custom and habit, our enemy is extremely vulnerable. *Information, clear, pertinent, persistent and timely will find*