

Multi-Criterion Decisions



Qualitative





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Criteria

Square feet

Bedrooms

Bathrooms

Lot Size

Location

Condition



Criteria	House 1	House 2
Square Feet	2060	1860
# Bedrooms	4	3
# Bathrooms	1 1/2	3
Lot Size	1/4	1/2
Location	10	15
Condition	Ex	Good
TOTAL	4	2



DECISION SUPPORT FOR REAL: THE MCRI

We now want to use this same decision support worksheet to help you make a decision on the MCRI. Below, you'll see a list of the six dimensions we discussed. On each of these dimensions, fill in your personal responses—which side has the stronger argument and how important each dimension is to you—that you've already written in this booklet. When finished, you'll have a table like the one above that you can use to help you make an informed and considered decision. We've even included space for additional arguments if, in thinking through this issue, you have come up with new dimensions of your own. We hope that you have.

	SUPPORT MCRI	REJECT MCRI
EQUALITY ✓	✓	✓
QUALITY OF EDUCATION ✓		✓
HELP / HARM WOMEN & MINORITIES ✓	✓	
SOCIAL COHESION / ORDER ✓		✓
REWARDING MERIT ✓	✓	
APPROPRIATE LIMIT V. INAPPROPRIATE RESTRICTION ✓	✓	
	4	2





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Criteria	House 1	House 2
Square Feet		
# Bedrooms		
# Bathrooms		
Lot Size		
Location		
Condition		
Basement		
TOTAL	4	7 3



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Quantitative



Criteria	Wgt	H1	H2
Square Feet	1	✓	
# Bedrooms	1	✓	
# Bathrooms	2		✓
Lot Size	2		✓
Location	1	✓	
Condition	1	✓	
Basement	2		✓
TOTAL		4	6



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