## VERSION 1.0 Level IP " <br> OFFICIAL STRATEGY GUIDE FOR <br>  <br> Presented by: Lucas Casarez, CFP ${ }^{\text {TM }}$

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Summary

## Goals

1. Child 1's education
2. Retire @ 60
3. AnNiVersary travel every 5 years @ \$8,000
4. Family travel every other year @ $\mathbf{\$ 3 , 0 0 0}$
5. Vehicle replacements every 10 years @ $\$ 10,000$ each 6. $2^{\text {ND }}$ Child's Education

## Current Stats

Your net worth is $\$ 179,863$ as of $11 / 6 / 19$


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| Assets |  | Liabilities |  | Net Worth |
| Bank | \$ 16,329 | Credit cards | \$ 10,419 | \$ 179,863 |
| Invested assets | \$ 59,217 | Mortgages | \$ 229,264 |  |
| Real estate assets | \$ 344,000 | Home equities | \$0 |  |
| Life insurance cash value | \$ 0 | Student loans | \$ 0 |  |
| Other assets | \$ 0 | Other debts | \$ 0 |  |
| Total assets | \$ 419,546 | Total liabilities | \$ 239,683 |  |

Tax allocation summary

\$43,290
Tax deferred asset
\$7,973
Tax free asset

- Taxable - Tax deferred - Tax free


## Strengths

Debt free other than mortgage. Home payment is $20 \%$ of gross income, which is low and awesome. Manage your existing budget well to maximize credit card rewards. Expected vehicle replacements are very reasonable. You both enjoy your work.

## Weaknesses

Funding college expenses puts a lot of stress on your current plan. CURRENT life insurance coverage is insufficient. Long-term savings rate is a little low.

## Possibilities

Fun travel where you can explore the world and taste good food. Child 1 graduating debt free. Having a second child.

## Threats

Not having enough life insurance coverage. Current coverage would protect family for about two years before Client 2 would have to look for work, which would also be associated with a dramatic impact to lifestyle. Estate documents to outline wishes for assets and Child 1's care. Recession and loss of job.

## Overall Plan Projections

Assumptions:

Your Controlled Variables:

- Retire @ 60
- Spending *\$1,700*/Month + Life Insurance + Mortgage + Auto + Taxes + Retirement, 529, \& ESP Savings + Below Goals + Synchrony
- Child 1's College Goal ( $\sim \$ 22,261 \times 4)$
- $2^{\text {nd }}$ College Goal ( $\sim 22,261 \times 4$ )
- Family Semi-Annual Vacations @ $\$ 3,000$
- Anniversary Travel: every 5 years @ $\$ 8,000$
- Vehicle Replacements: two vehicle replacements every 10 years @ \$10,000

Non-Controllable Variables:

- $3 \%$ Inflation Rate
- Age 100 Life Expectancy
- Social Security: Using $\$ 0$ using an estimate based on current income it would add $15 \%$ to probability.
- Retirement Health Care Costs
- Long Term Care Costs
- Keysight Pension Estimated $11 \%$ annual income x max 30 years $=\$ 283,800$ vs. $\$ 11,300$ in fidelity?


## Alternate Scenarios

- Delay Retirement to age 67 (69\%)
- Reduce spending Current \& Retirement by \$400 (60\%)
- Increase income by $\$ 15,000$ \& Save (68\%)
- Combo: Retire at 65 \& Reduce Current \& Retirement Spending by \$200 (69\%)


## Strategy Recommendations

## Cash Flow

- Increase ESP Plan to $10 \%$
- Switch to contributing to Child 1's 529 semi-annually matching up with the ESP purchase and sale.
- Begin to save monthly for future vehicle purchases if you prefer to pay cash.
- Recommended emergency savings for 6 months of expenses. ( $\sim \$ 30,000$ )
- Hold off until Synchrony is paid off, then use that monthly payment.
- Explore cost comparison of paying auto insurance in full versus monthly. (may be significant savings)
- Establish a savings plan to fund vacations. Bonuses may help, but with current targets would be insufficient to cover the full travel costs.
- Estimated tax refund of $\$ 3,700$ which would be nearly $\$ 300$ a month that could be used for cash flow, especially with ESP contribution.


## Debt Management

- Pay current mortgage as scheduled.
- Keep leveraging credit card rewards card.


## Life Insurance

- Replace Client 1's current whole life policy
- \$500,000 15-year term
- \$750,000 25-year term (Asset Projections at 25-Years ~ $\mathbf{\$ 1 . 3 9 5}$ Million Median)
- Client 2 may want to have a policy to cover childcare expenses.
- Employer provided (may be able to avoid medical screening, but lose if you leave Keysight)
- Separate policy or as rider (may require a health screen, but can be in place for 10-15 years to cover the gap in time when childcare would be needed)


## Disability Insurance

- Coverage currently paid for through Keysight.
- Additional policy with State Farm, would be helpful to review policy to gauge added value.


## Estate Planning

- Update estate documents to make sure your wishes are carried out. (Wills, General Power of Attorneys, Medical Power of Attorneys, and Living Wills)


## Tax Planning

- Instead of Non-Retirement Vanguard contributions, transition additional savings to be applied to Roth account for Client 2.
- Currently in the $12 \%$ tax bracket
- Strong case to be made for ROTH 401(k) contributions until you reach $22 \%$ bracket. (estimated ~\$416,000 in tax savings in retirement)

Baseline


Proposed plan reflects (\$416,855) more total taxes than Current plan

Today's dollars

## Retirement Planning

- It will be important to find ways to meaningfully increase $401(\mathrm{k})$ contributions. A great target would be $11 \%$.


## Investments

- Review investor profile assessments together.
- Child 1's 529 is the current plan I'd recommend.


## Level Up Action Items



Sign Investment Management Agreement (Docusign)


Client 2 to finalize ROTH transfer request that was created.

- Vanguard account to be liquidated and sent to checking account
- Then fund Client 2's 2019 Roth contribution with $\$ 6,000$

Client 1 to complete life insurance process.

- Once in place, cancel current coverage


Client 1 to review insurance options of Client 2 and initiate process.


Add Client 1 as primary beneficiary to new ROTH account.


Review disability quote and existing disability policy to find best fit.


Update Estate Documents (legal guardianship is the main purpose).


