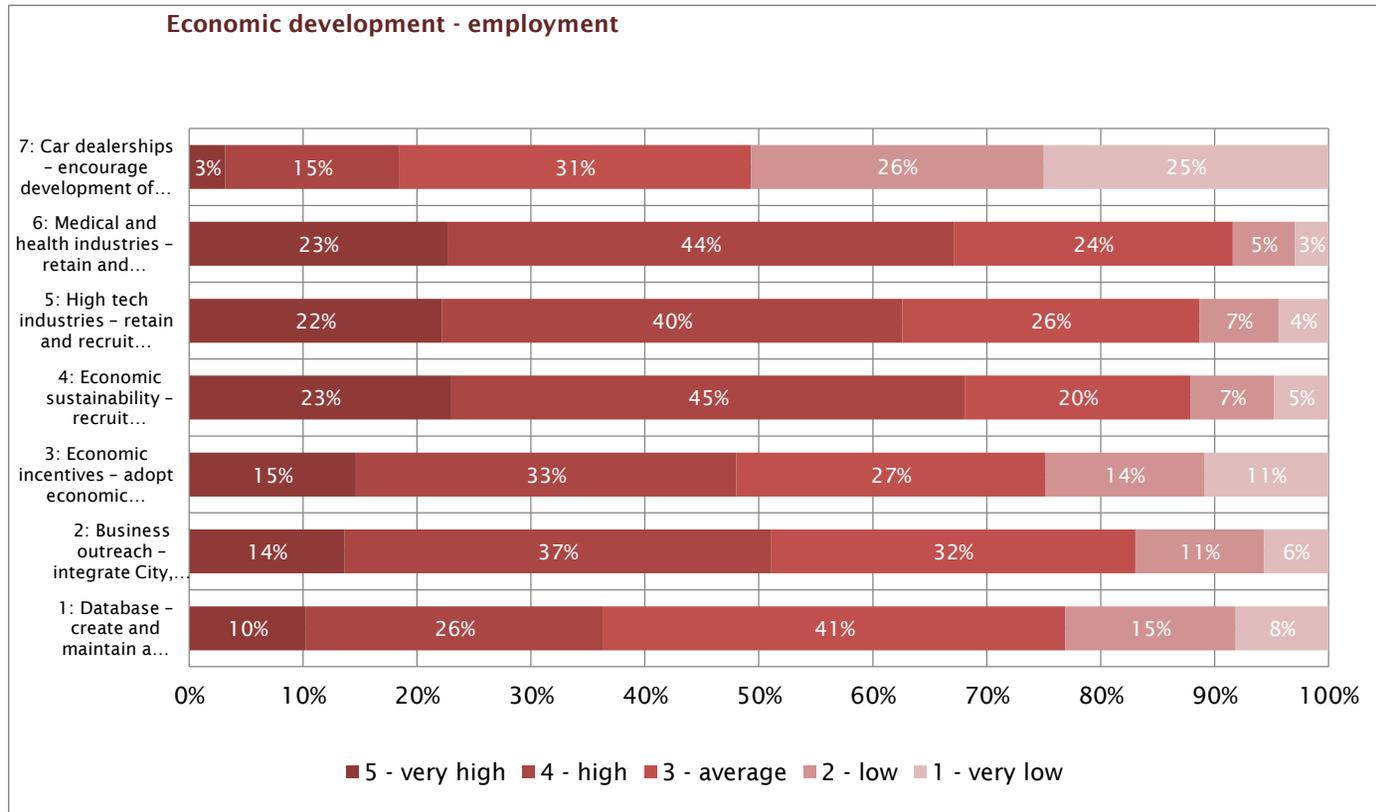


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Economic development - employment

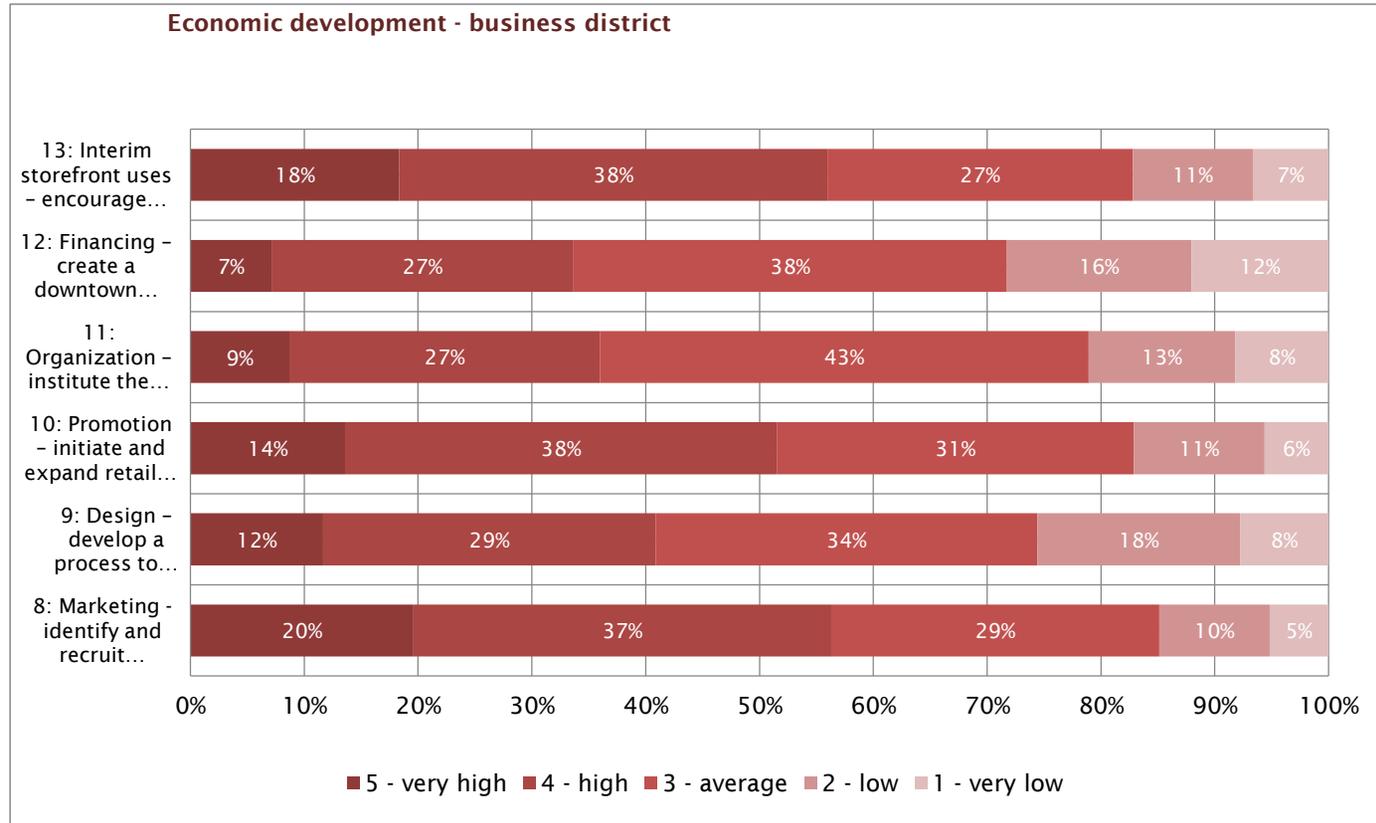
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
1: Database - create and maintain a database to identify	8%	15%	41%	26%	10%	100%
2: Business outreach - integrate City, Port, Chamber,	6%	11%	32%	37%	14%	100%
3: Economic incentives - adopt economic incentives for	11%	14%	27%	33%	15%	100%
4: Economic sustainability - recruit businesses that	5%	7%	20%	45%	23%	100%
5: High tech industries - retain and recruit businesses	4%	7%	26%	40%	22%	100%
6: Medical and health industries - retain and recruit	3%	5%	24%	44%	23%	100%
7: Car dealerships - encourage development of auto	25%	26%	31%	15%	3%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						452
<i>skipped question</i>						14



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Economic development - business district

Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
8: Marketing - identify and recruit retailers to fill critical	5%	10%	29%	37%	20%	100%
9: Design - develop a process to identify ways to	8%	18%	34%	29%	12%	100%
10: Promotion - initiate and expand retail sales and other	6%	11%	31%	38%	14%	100%
11: Organization - institute the "Main Street" Program 4-	8%	13%	43%	27%	9%	100%
12: Financing - create a downtown Business	12%	16%	38%	27%	7%	100%
13: Interim storefront uses - encourage temporary artist	7%	11%	27%	38%	18%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						451
<i>skipped question</i>						15

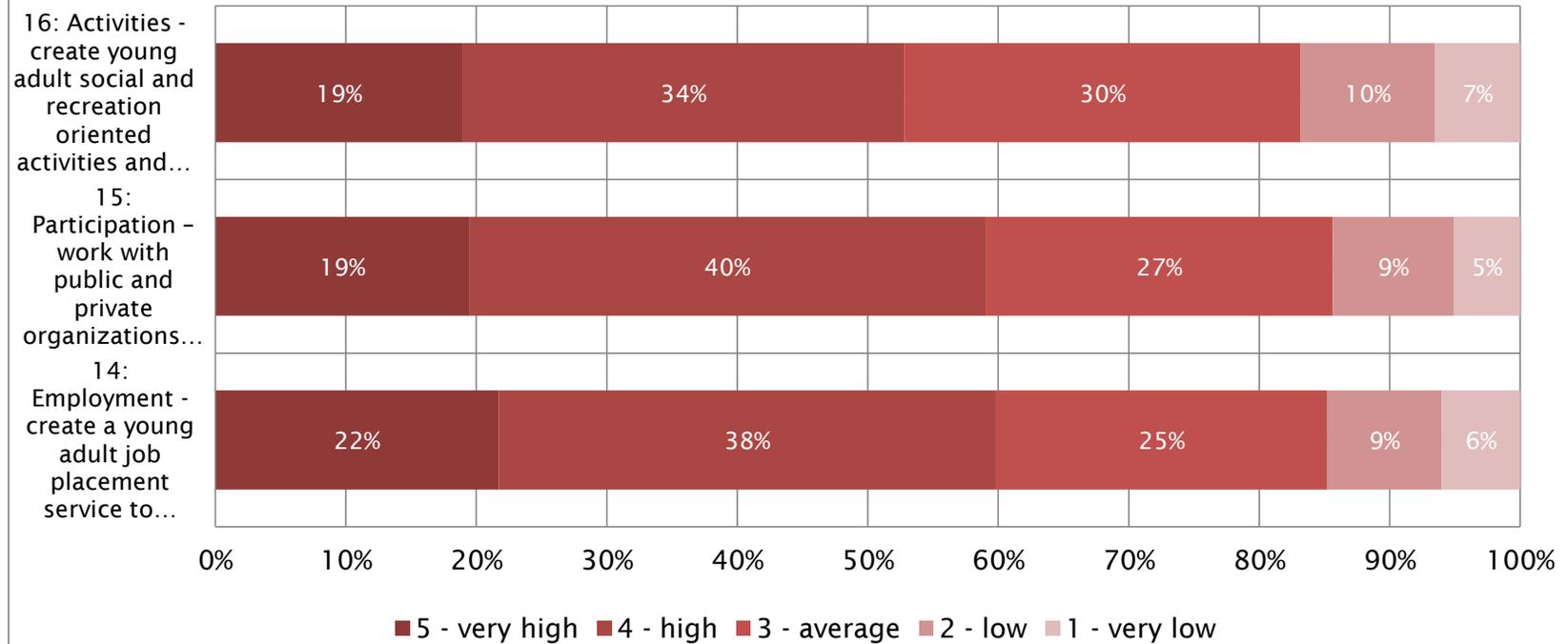


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Community development - youth

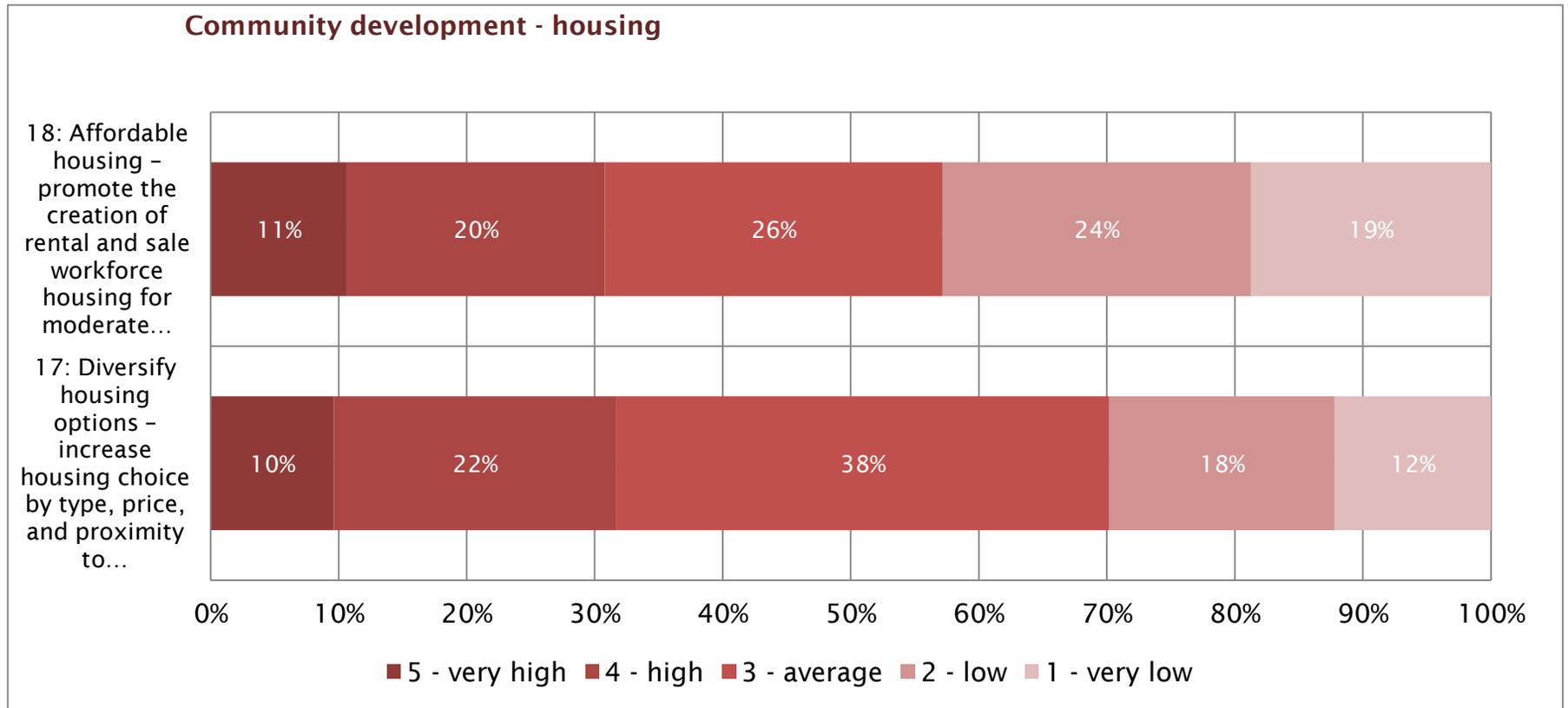
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
14: Employment - create a young adult job placement	6%	9%	25%	38%	22%	100%
15: Participation - work with public and private	5%	9%	27%	40%	19%	100%
16: Activities - create young adult social and recreation	7%	10%	30%	34%	19%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						438
<i>skipped question</i>						28

Community development - youth



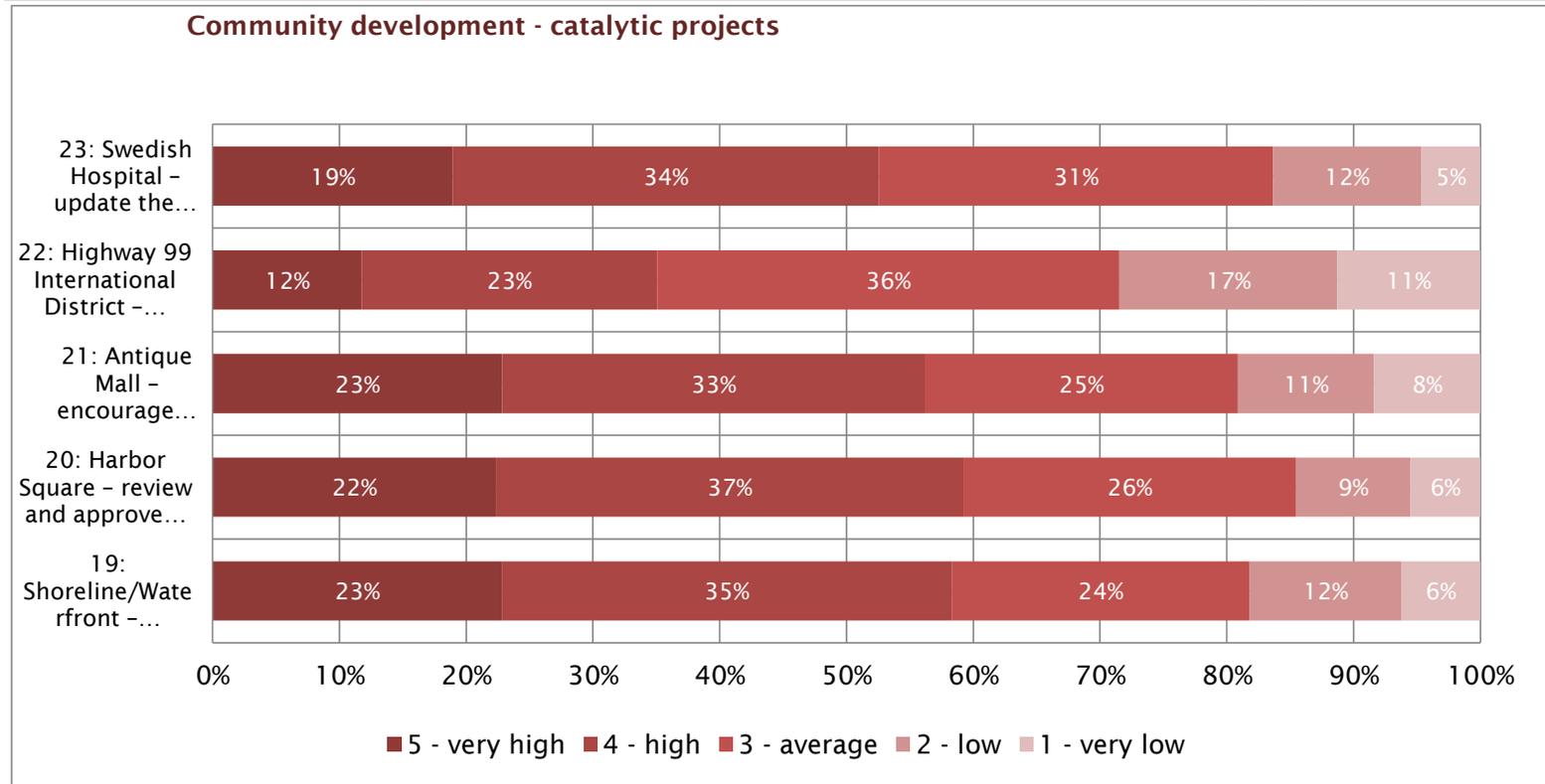
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Community development - housing						
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
17: Diversify housing options - increase housing choice	12%	18%	38%	22%	10%	100%
18: Affordable housing - promote the creation of rental	19%	24%	26%	20%	11%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						437
<i>skipped question</i>						29



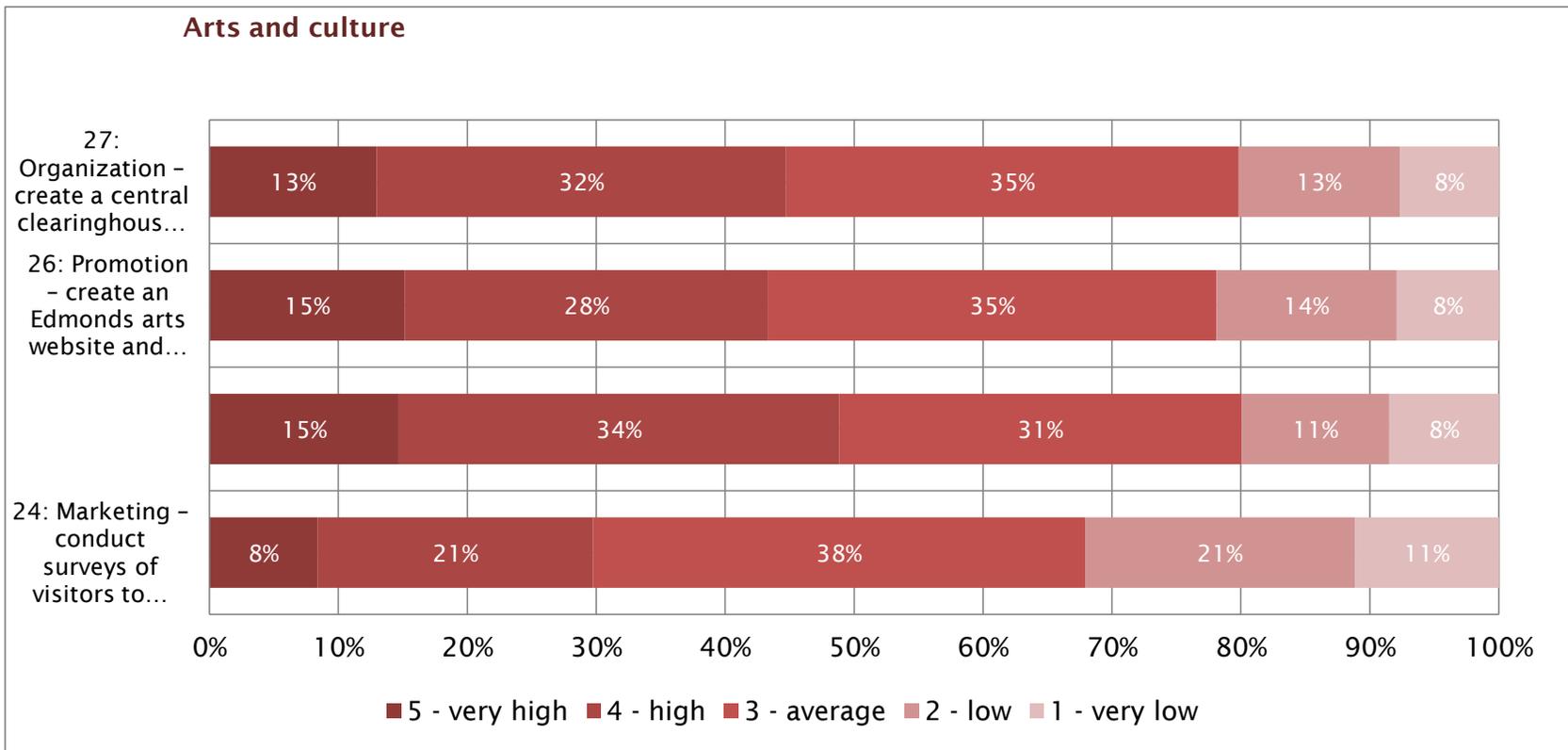
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Community development - catalytic projects						
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
19: Shoreline/Waterfront - develop a strategy for the	6%	12%	24%	35%	23%	100%
20: Harbor Square - review and approve a long term	6%	9%	26%	37%	22%	100%
21: Antique Mall - encourage packaging the	8%	11%	25%	33%	23%	100%
22: Highway 99 International District - create a plan and	11%	17%	36%	23%	12%	100%
23: Swedish Hospital -update the Hospital District master	5%	12%	31%	34%	19%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						447
<i>skipped question</i>						19



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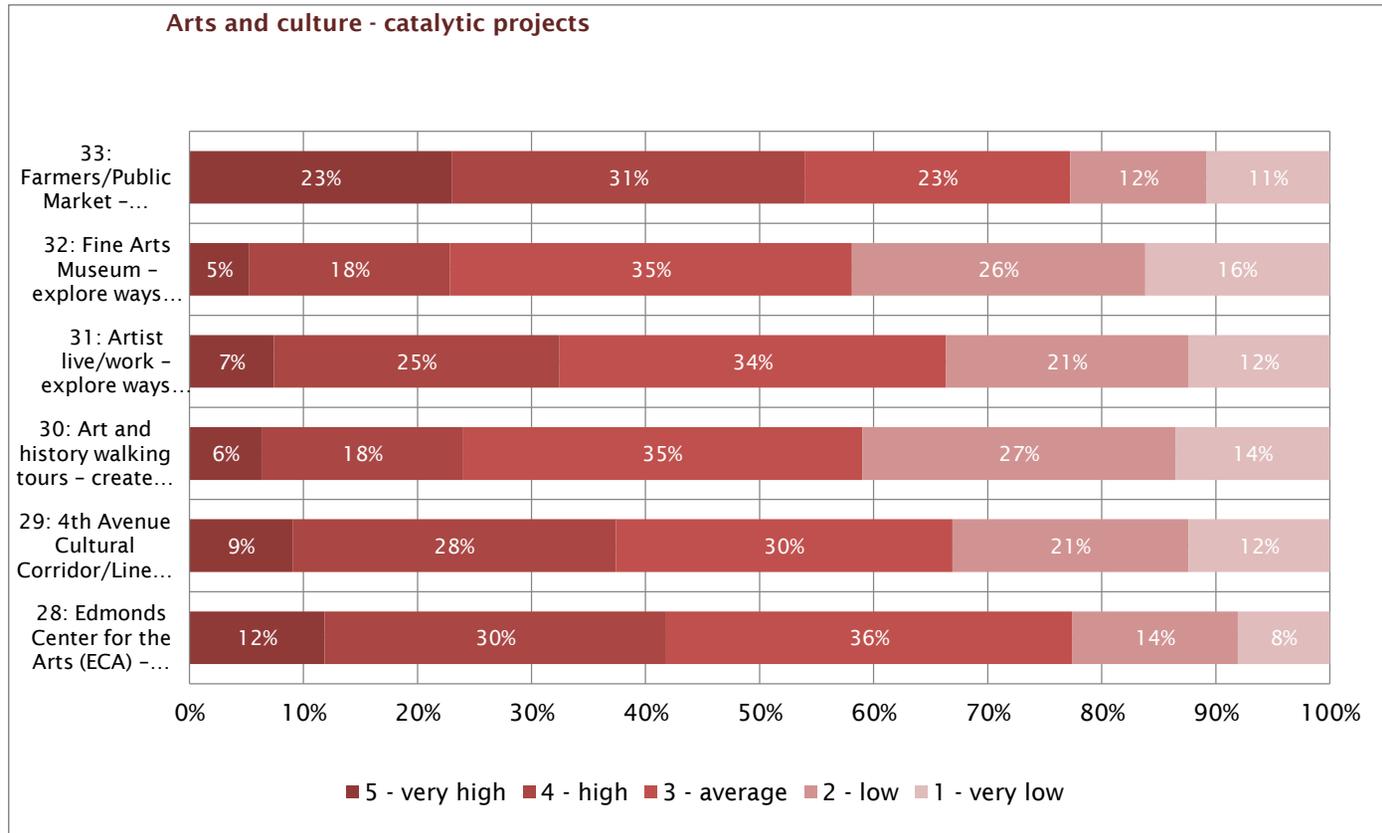
Arts and culture						
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
24: Marketing - conduct surveys of visitors to determine	11%	21%	38%	21%	8%	100%
25: Design - continue to include arts and historical	8%	11%	31%	34%	15%	100%
26: Promotion - create an Edmonds arts website and	8%	14%	35%	28%	15%	100%
27: Organization - create a central clearinghouse to	8%	13%	35%	32%	13%	100%
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<i>skipped question</i>						24



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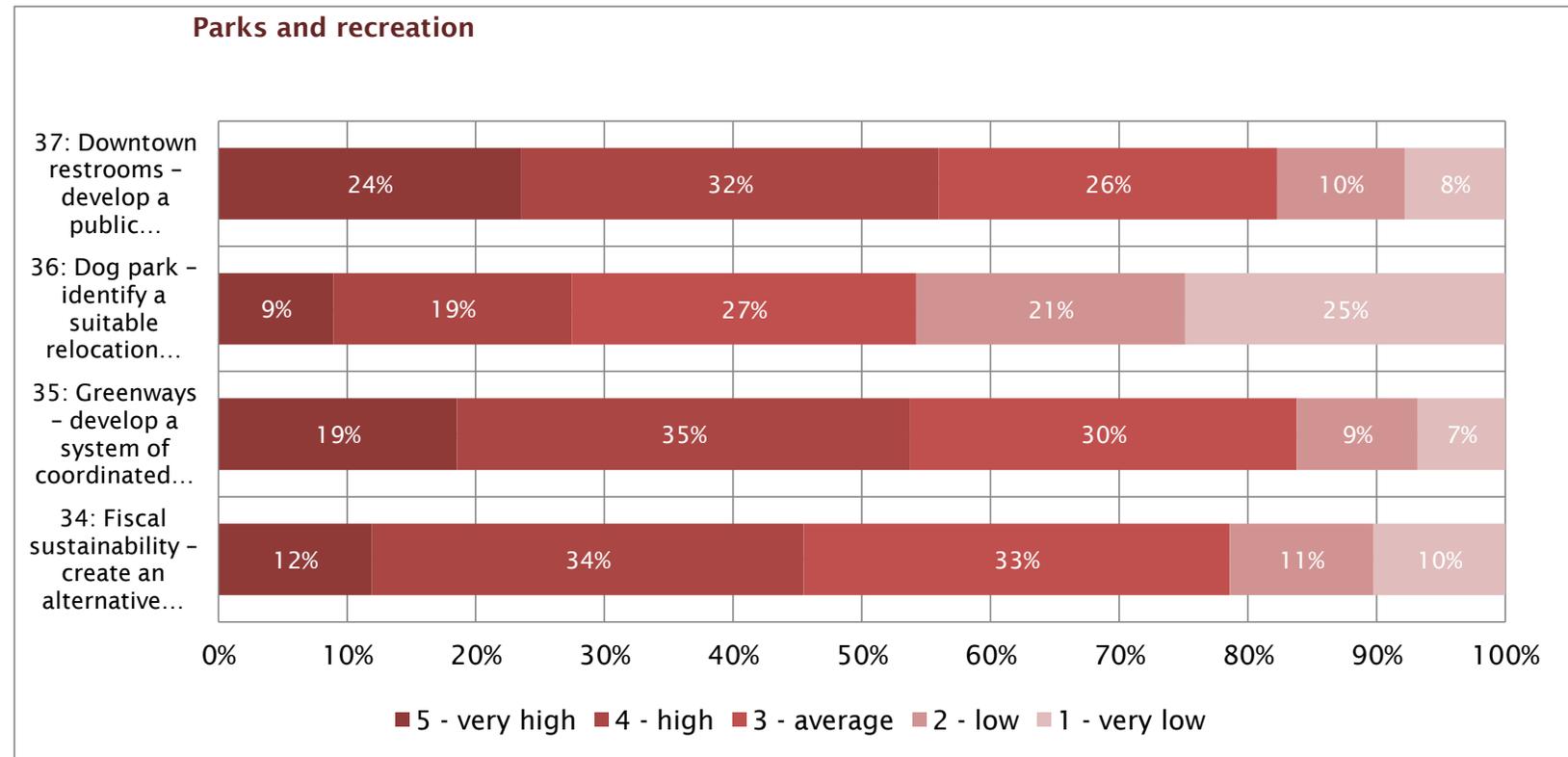
Arts and culture - catalytic projects

Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
28: Edmonds Center for the Arts (ECA) - complete a	8%	14%	36%	30%	12%	100%
29: 4th Avenue Cultural Corridor/Linear Park - fund and	12%	21%	30%	28%	9%	100%
30: Art and history walking tours - create signage, audio	14%	27%	35%	18%	6%	100%
31: Artist live/work - explore ways to develop affordable	12%	21%	34%	25%	7%	100%
32: Fine Arts Museum - explore ways to develop a	16%	26%	35%	18%	5%	100%
33: Farmers/Public Market - expand into a year-round	11%	12%	23%	31%	23%	100%
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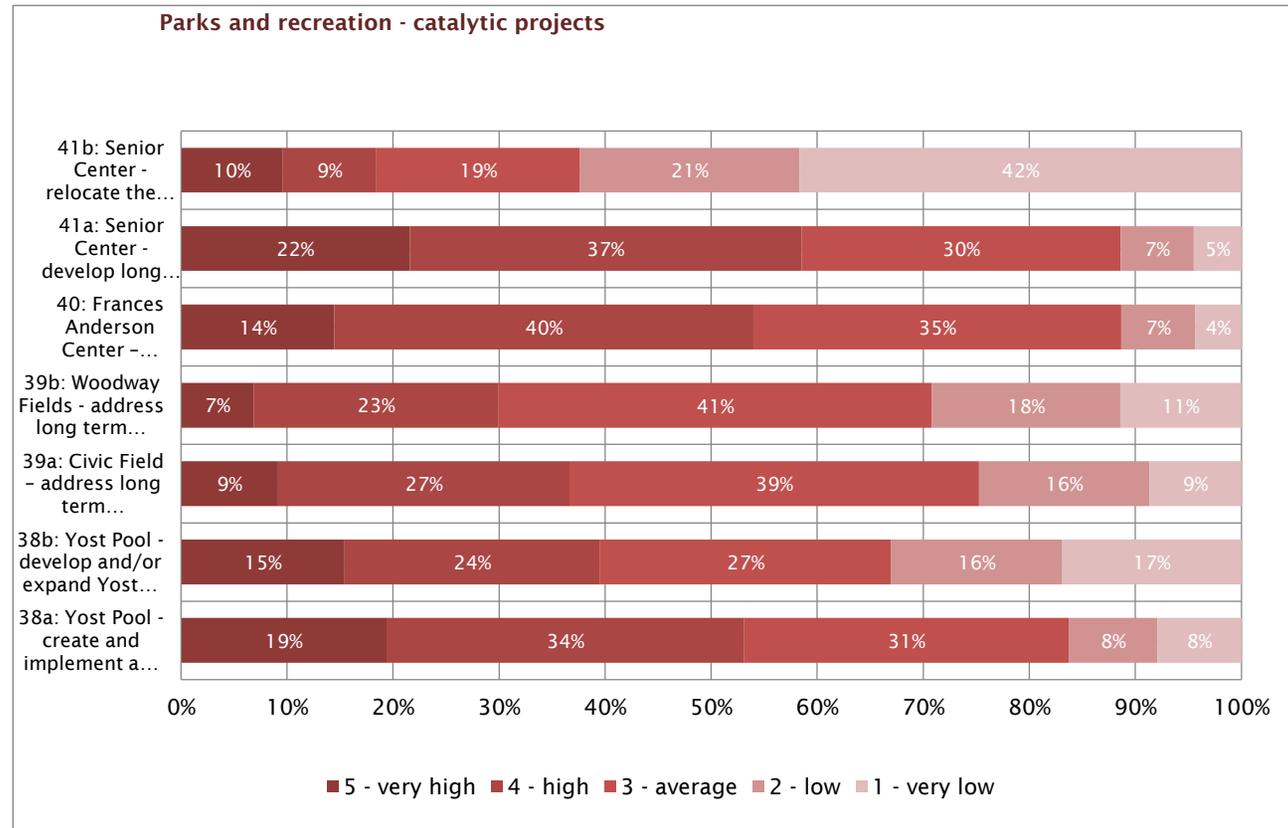
Parks and recreation						
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
34: Fiscal sustainability - create an alternative	10%	11%	33%	34%	12%	100%
35: Greenways - develop a system of coordinated open	7%	9%	30%	35%	19%	100%
36: Dog park - identify a suitable relocation site and	25%	21%	27%	19%	9%	100%
37: Downtown restrooms - develop a public restroom	8%	10%	26%	32%	24%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						446
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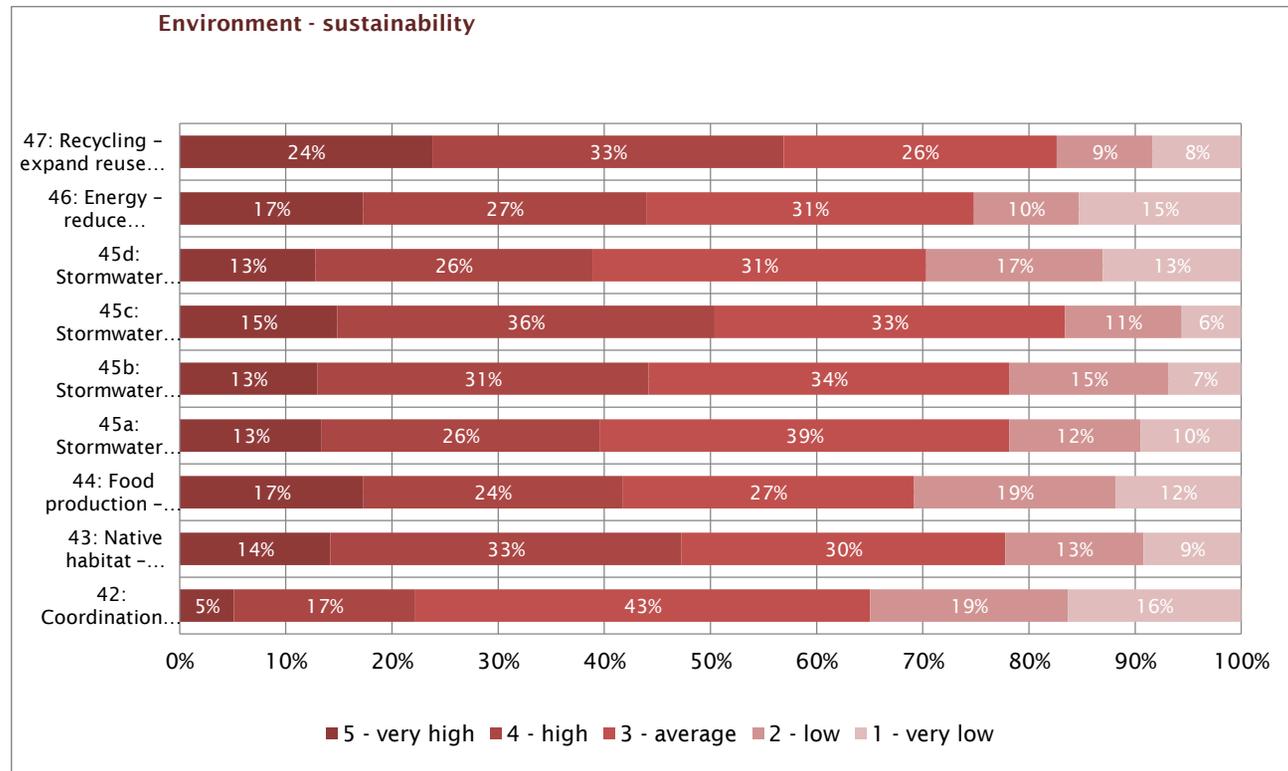
Parks and recreation - catalytic projects

Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
38a: Yost Pool - create and implement a long term	8%	8%	31%	34%	19%	100%
38b: Yost Pool - develop and/or expand Yost Pool to	17%	16%	27%	24%	15%	100%
39a: Civic Field - address long term property ownership	9%	16%	39%	27%	9%	100%
39b: Woodway Fields - address long term property	11%	18%	41%	23%	7%	100%
40: Frances Anderson Center - refine long range strategy	4%	7%	35%	40%	14%	100%
41a: Senior Center - develop long term solution for	5%	7%	30%	37%	22%	100%
41b: Senior Center - relocate the Senior Center to	42%	21%	19%	9%	10%	100%
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					<i>skipped question</i>	19



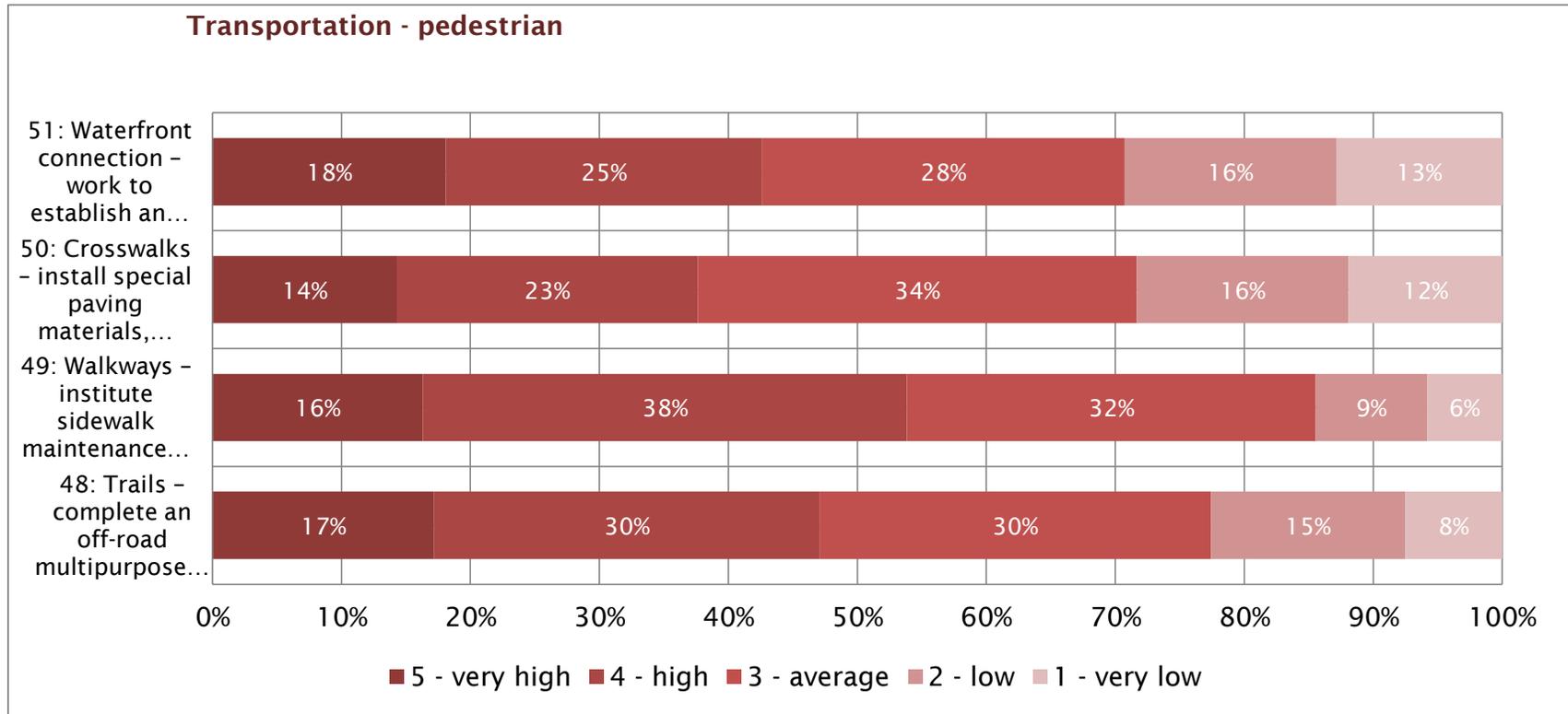
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Environment - sustainability						
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
42: Coordination - establish a central clearinghouse to	16%	19%	43%	17%	5%	100%
43: Native habitat - plant street trees, restore native	9%	13%	30%	33%	14%	100%
44: Food production - encourage community gardens	12%	19%	27%	24%	17%	100%
45a: Stormwater and habitat - daylight Willow Creek to	10%	12%	39%	26%	13%	100%
45b: Stormwater and habitat - resolve on-going flooding	7%	15%	34%	31%	13%	100%
45c: Stormwater and habitat - resolve flooding on SR-	6%	11%	33%	36%	15%	100%
45d: Stormwater and habitat - encourage the	13%	17%	31%	26%	13%	100%
46: Energy - reduce Edmond's carbon footprint through	15%	10%	31%	27%	17%	100%
47: Recycling -expand reuse and recycling programs in	8%	9%	26%	33%	24%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						436
<i>skipped question</i>						30



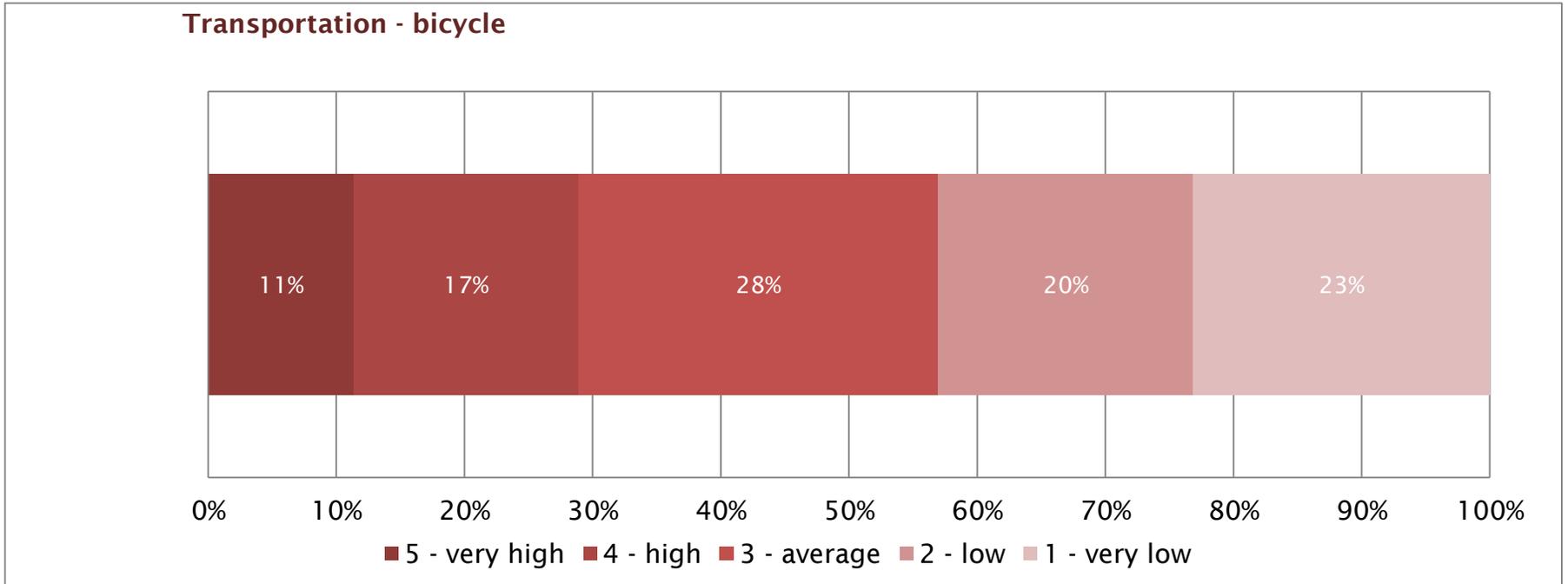
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Transportation - pedestrian						
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
48: Trails - complete an off-road multipurpose trail	8%	15%	30%	30%	17%	100%
49: Walkways - institute sidewalk maintenance and	6%	9%	32%	38%	16%	100%
50: Crosswalks - install special paving materials, flashing	12%	16%	34%	23%	14%	100%
51: Waterfront connection - work to establish an	13%	16%	28%	25%	18%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						439
<i>skipped question</i>						27



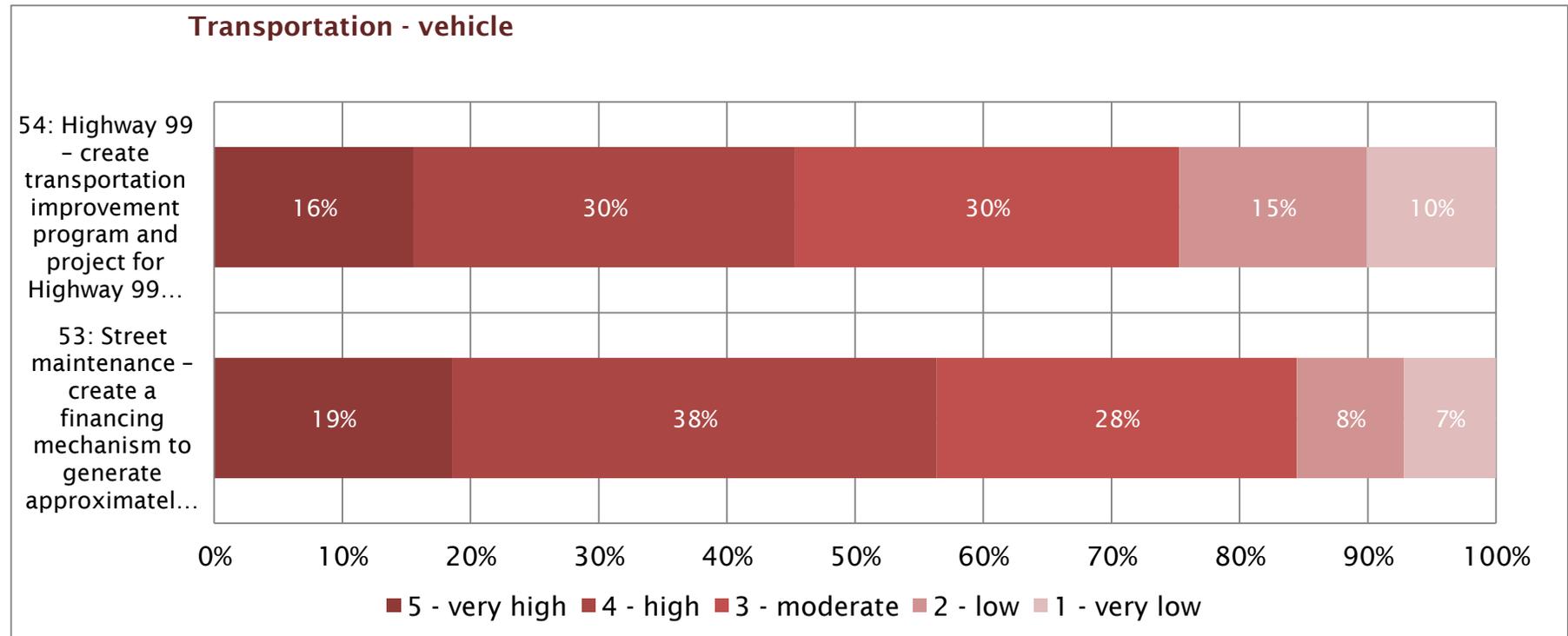
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Transportation - bicycle						
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
52: Bikeway network - institute an on-street network of	23%	20%	28%	17%	11%	100%
					<i>answered question</i>	423
					<i>skipped question</i>	43



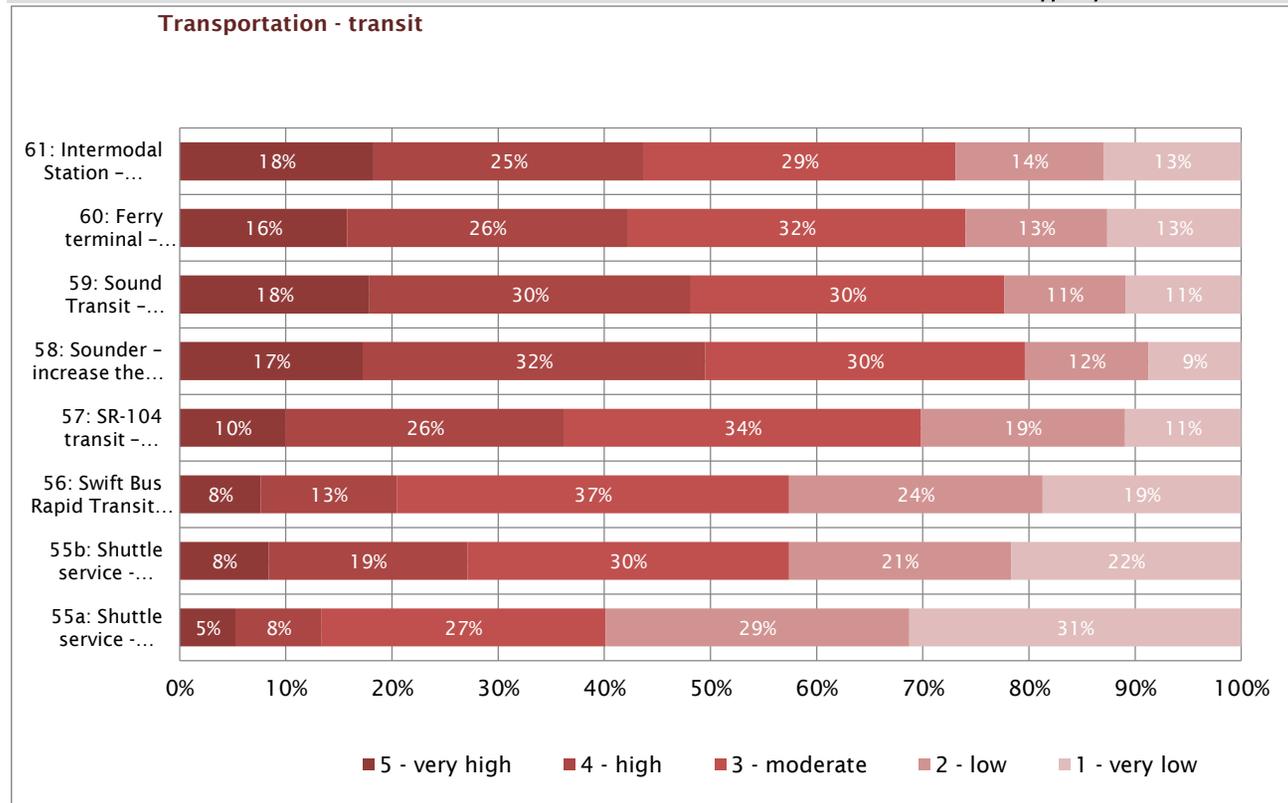
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Transportation - vehicle						
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - moderate	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
53: Street maintenance - create a financing mechanism to	7%	8%	28%	38%	19%	100%
54: Highway 99 - create transportation improvement	10%	15%	30%	30%	16%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						437
<i>skipped question</i>						29



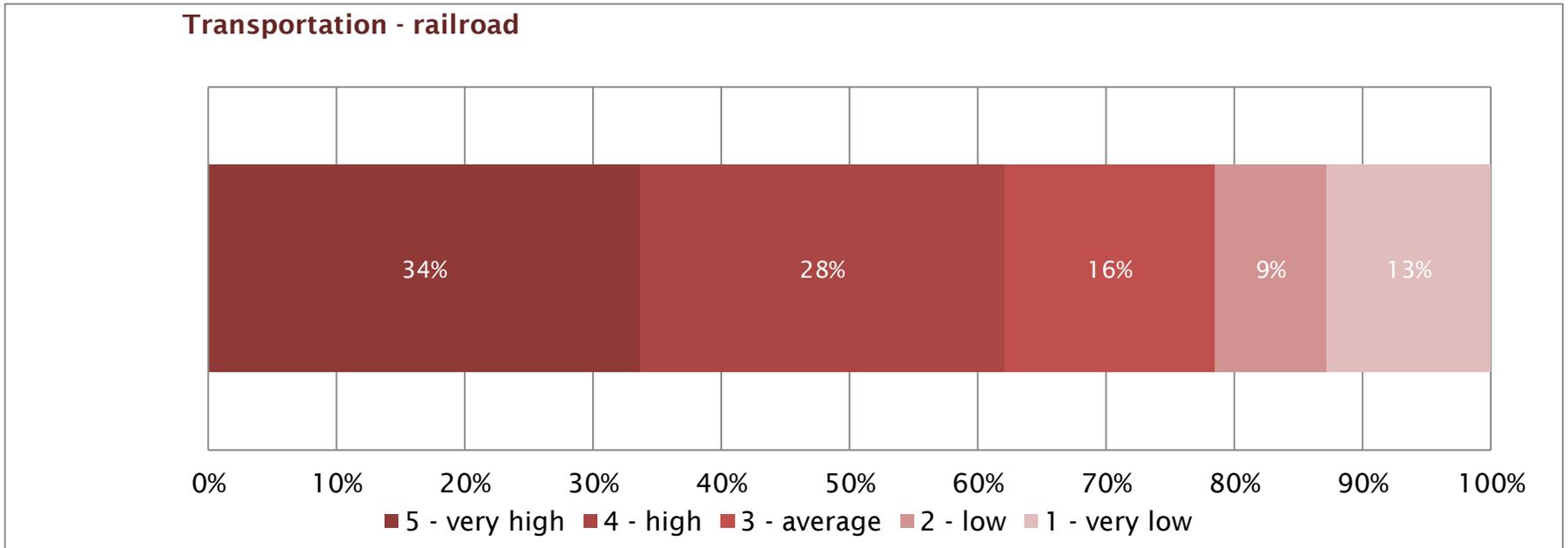
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Transportation - transit						
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - moderate	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
55a: Shuttle service - initiate seasonal or possibly year-	31%	29%	27%	8%	5%	100%
55b: Shuttle service - initiate seasonal or possibly year-	22%	21%	30%	19%	8%	100%
56: Swift Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) - enhance Community	19%	24%	37%	13%	8%	100%
57: SR-104 transit - expand Community Transit's	11%	19%	34%	26%	10%	100%
58: Sounder - increase the schedule and number of	9%	12%	30%	32%	17%	100%
59: Sound Transit - develop Community Transit links with	11%	11%	30%	30%	18%	100%
60: Ferry terminal -create an interim ferry waiting and	13%	13%	32%	26%	16%	100%
61: Intermodal Station - develop an integrated Amtrak,	13%	14%	29%	25%	18%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						440
<i>skipped question</i>						26



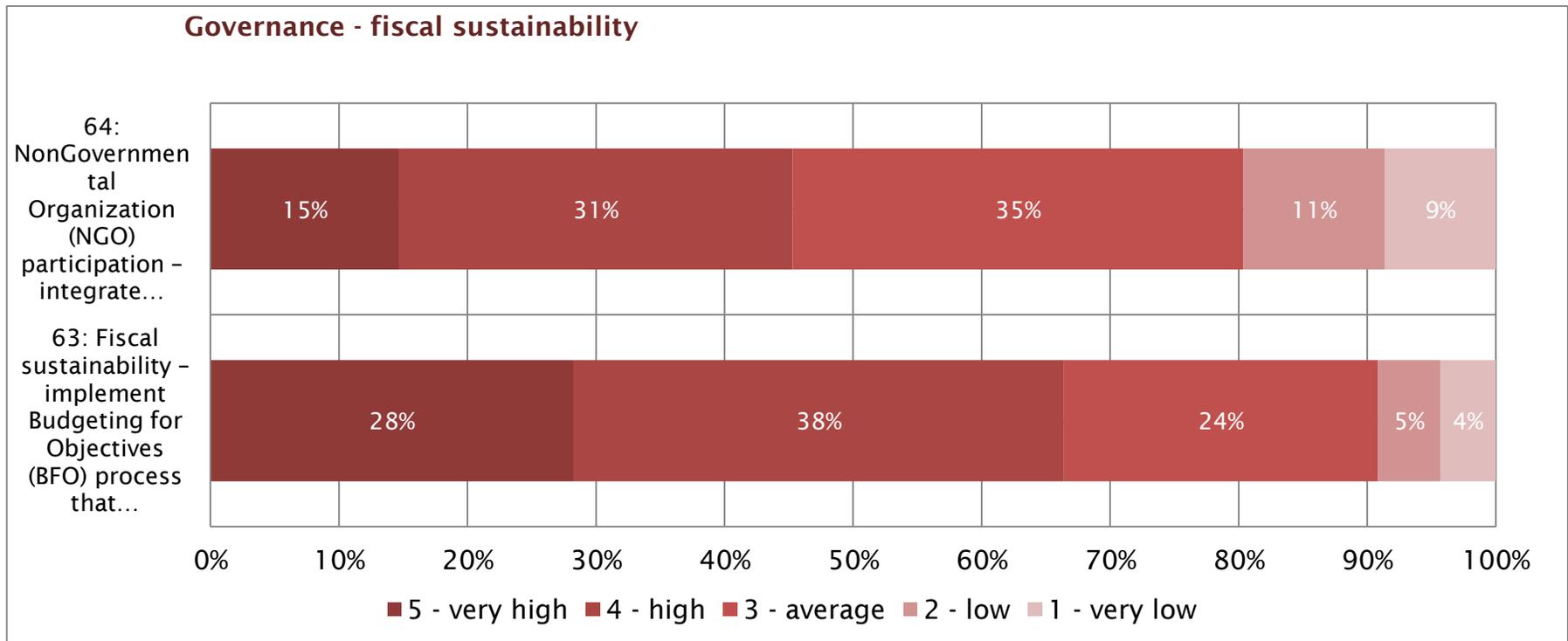
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Transportation - railroad						
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
62: BNSF - participate in the environmental impact	13%	9%	16%	28%	34%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						422
<i>skipped question</i>						44



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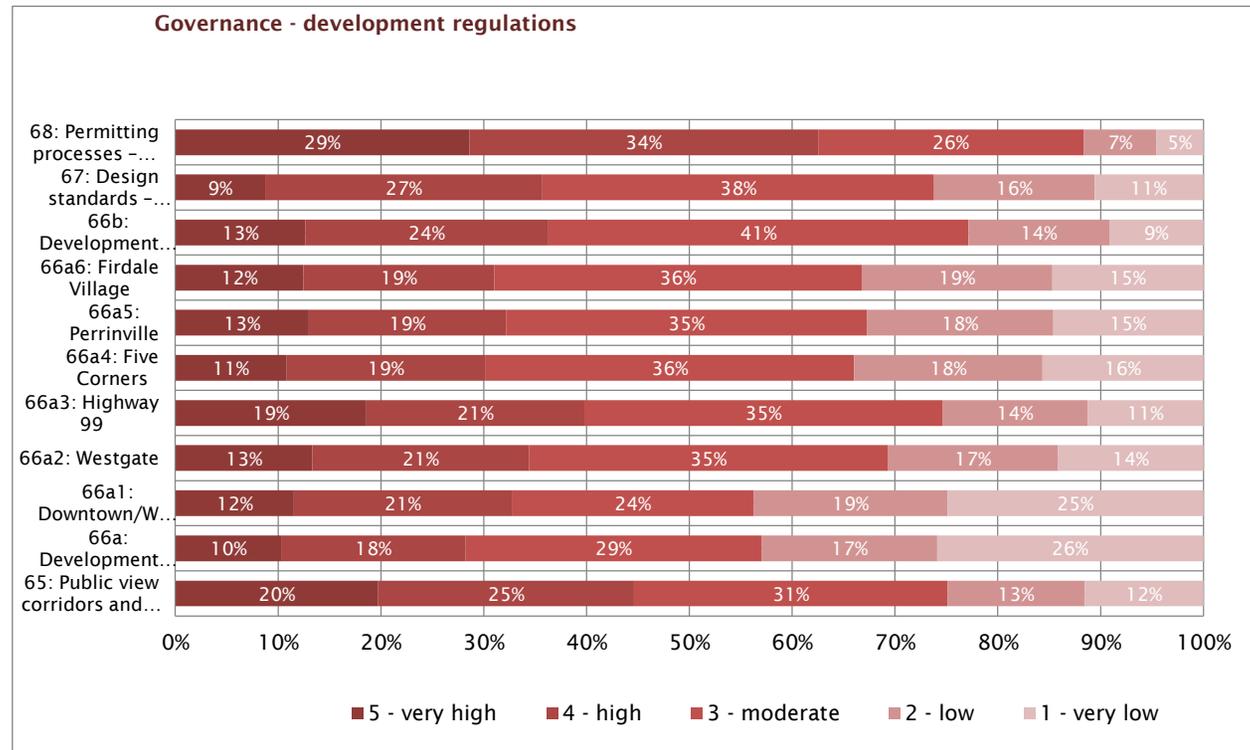
Governance - fiscal sustainability						
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - average	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
63: Fiscal sustainability - implement Budgeting for	4%	5%	24%	38%	28%	100%
64: NonGovernmental Organization (NGO) participation -	9%	11%	35%	31%	15%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						407
<i>skipped question</i>						59



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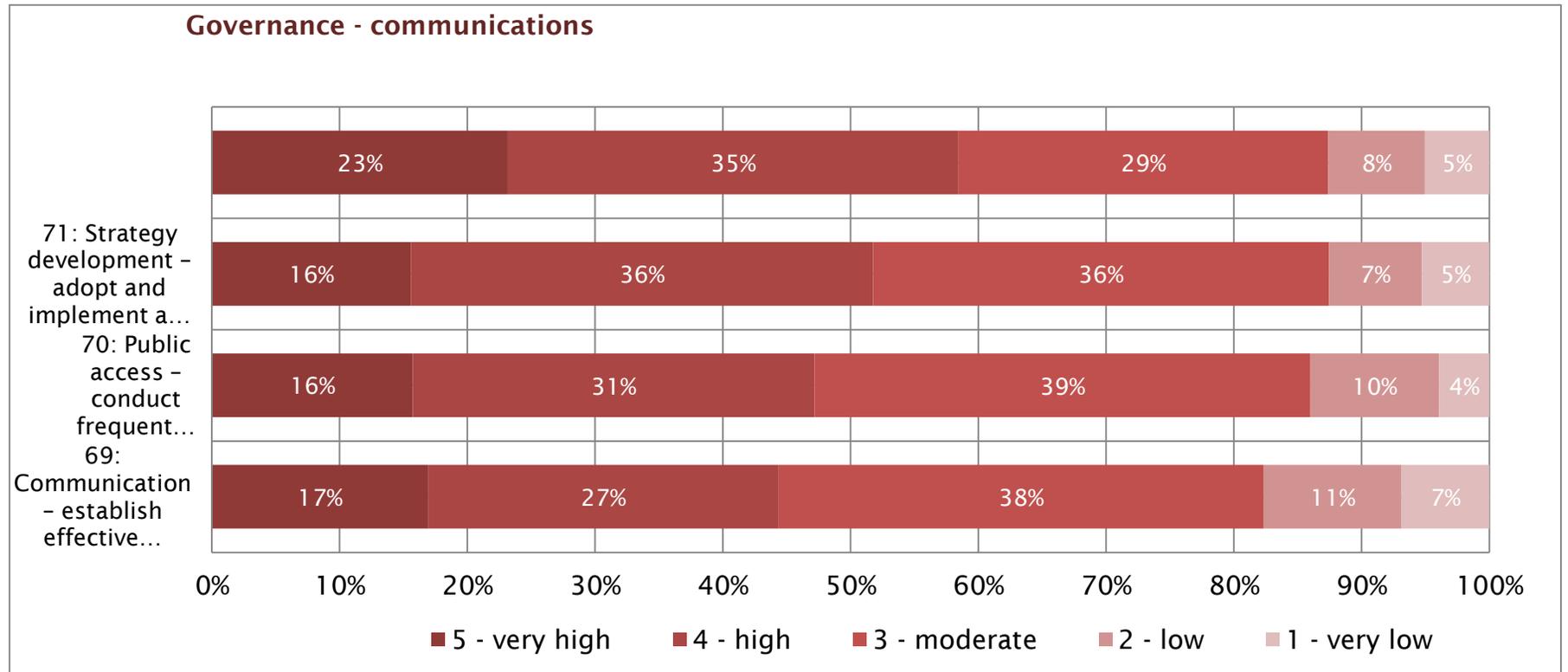
Governance - development regulations

Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - moderate	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
65: Public view corridors and visual preservations -	12%	13%	31%	25%	20%	100%
66a: Development regulations - amend mixed use	26%	17%	29%	18%	10%	100%
66a1: Downtown/Waterfront	25%	19%	24%	21%	12%	100%
66a2: Westgate	14%	17%	35%	21%	13%	100%
66a3: Highway 99	11%	14%	35%	21%	19%	100%
66a4: Five Corners	16%	18%	36%	19%	11%	100%
66a5: Perrinville	15%	18%	35%	19%	13%	100%
66a6: Firdale Village	15%	19%	36%	19%	12%	100%
66b: Development regulations - address ground floor	9%	14%	41%	24%	13%	100%
67: Design standards - illustrate site, building,	11%	16%	38%	27%	9%	100%
68: Permitting processes - consolidate and simplify the	5%	7%	26%	34%	29%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						427
<i>skipped question</i>						39



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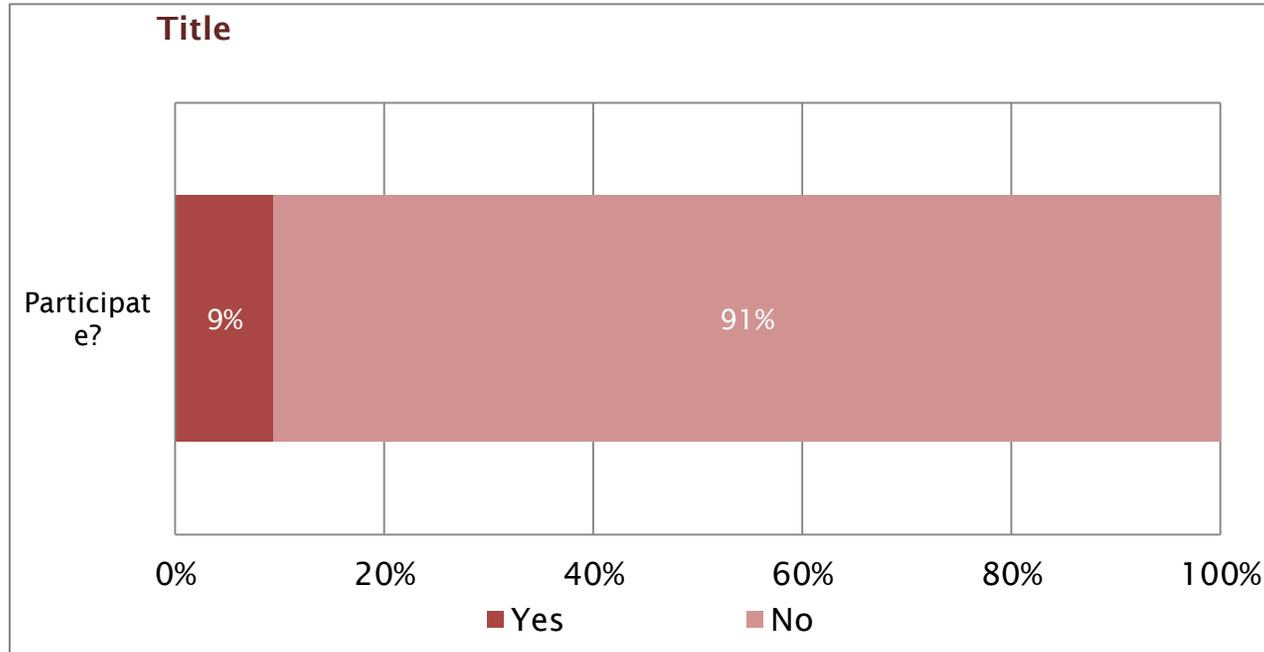
Governance - communications						
Answer Options	1 - very low	2 - low	3 - moderate	4 - high	5 - very high	Response Count
69: Communication - establish effective public information	7%	11%	38%	27%	17%	100%
70: Public access - conduct frequent town halls, public	4%	10%	39%	31%	16%	100%
71: Strategy development - adopt and implement a	5%	7%	36%	36%	16%	100%
72: Assess performance results - assess, on an annual	5%	8%	29%	35%	23%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						417
<i>skipped question</i>						49



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73: Prior to taking this survey, did you complete any of the initial surveys or participate in focus group sessions and/or community charrettes during this strategic planning process?

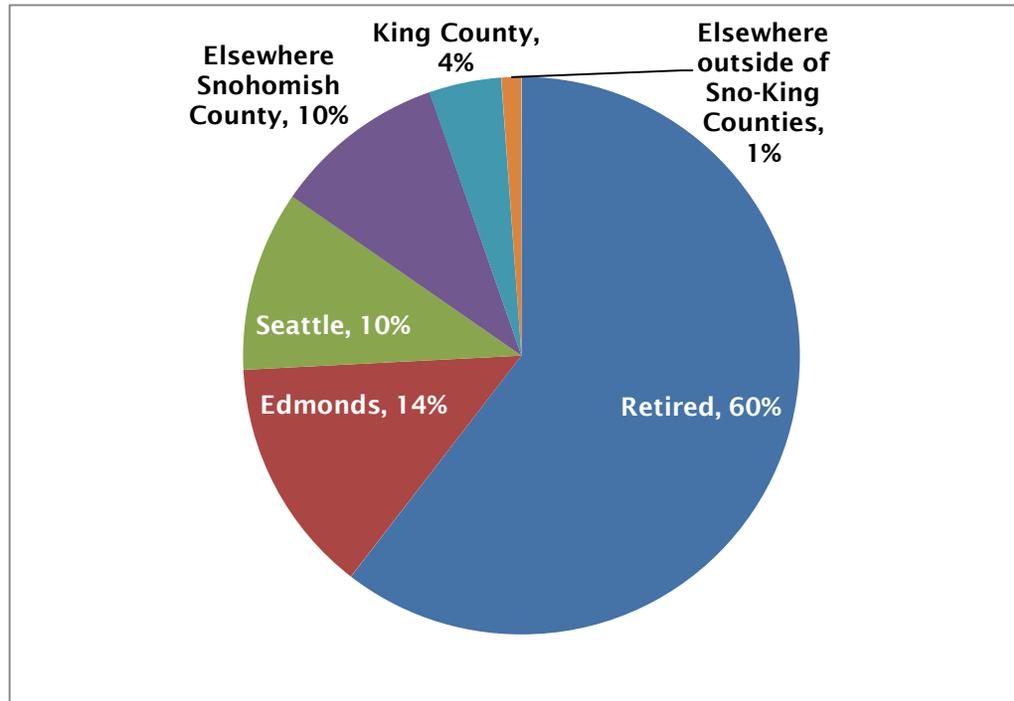
Answer Options	No	Yes	Response Count
Participate?	91%	9%	100%
	<i>answered question</i>		437
	<i>skipped question</i>		29



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74: Where do you work?

Answer Options	Response Percent
Retired	60%
Edmonds	14%
Seattle	10%
Elsewhere Snohomish County	10%
King County	4%
Elsewhere outside of Sno-King Counties	1%
<i>answered question</i>	
430	
<i>skipped question</i>	
36	

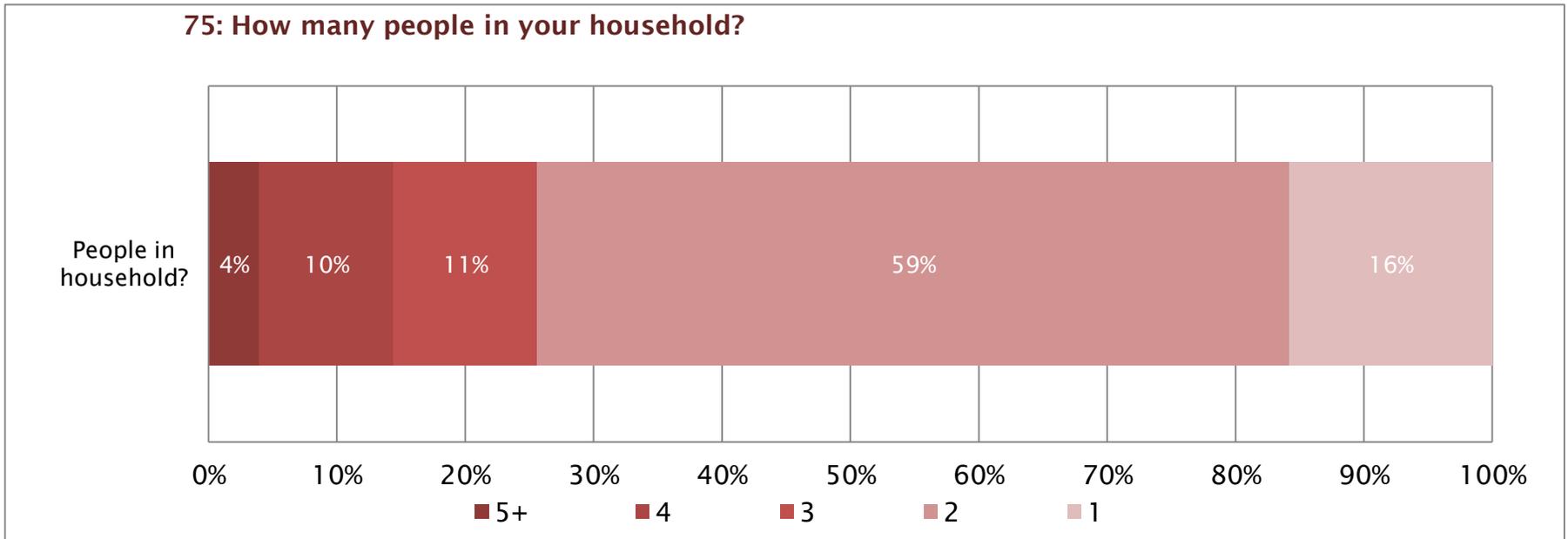


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75: How many people in your household?

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5+	Response Count
People in household?	16%	59%	11%	10%	4%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						430
<i>skipped question</i>						36

75: How many people in your household?

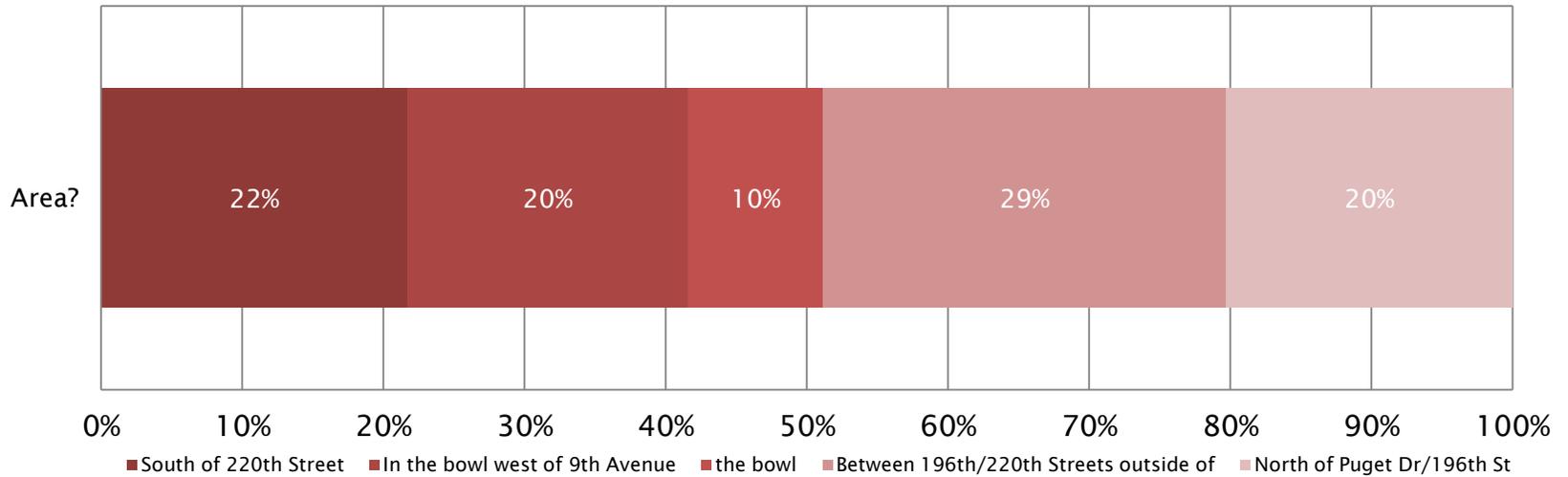


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76: Where do you live?

Answer Options	North of Puget Dr/196th St	Between 196th/220th	the bowl	In the bowl west of 9th	South of 220th Street	Response Count
Area?	20%	29%	10%	20%	22%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						438
<i>skipped question</i>						28

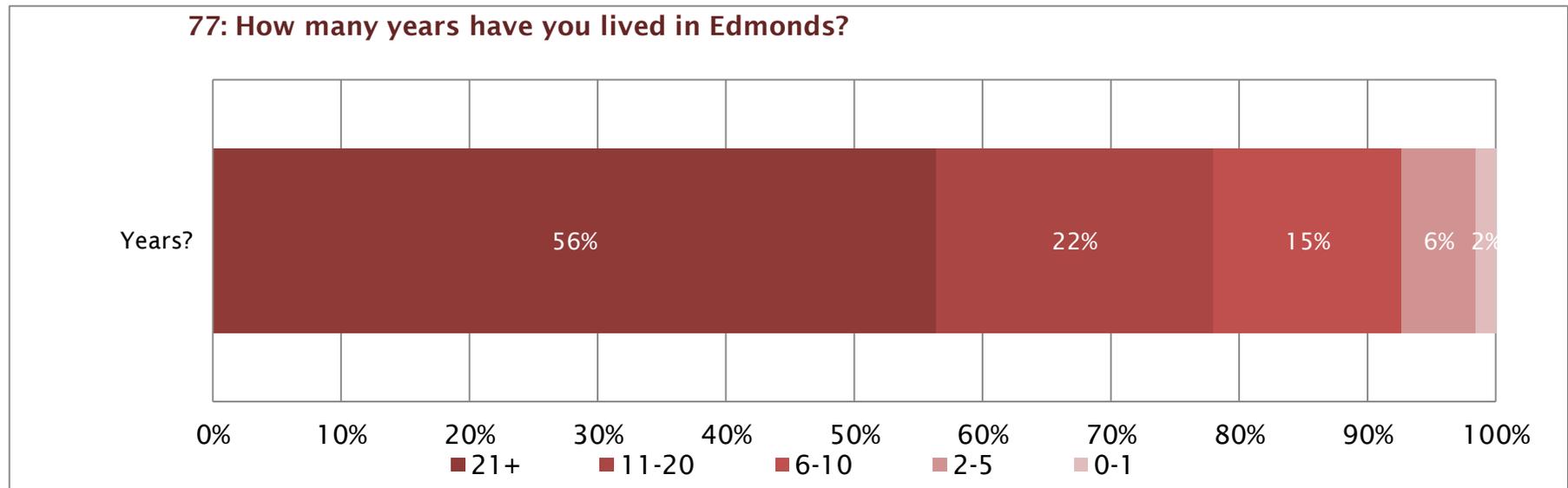
76: Where do you live?



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77: How many years have you lived in Edmonds?

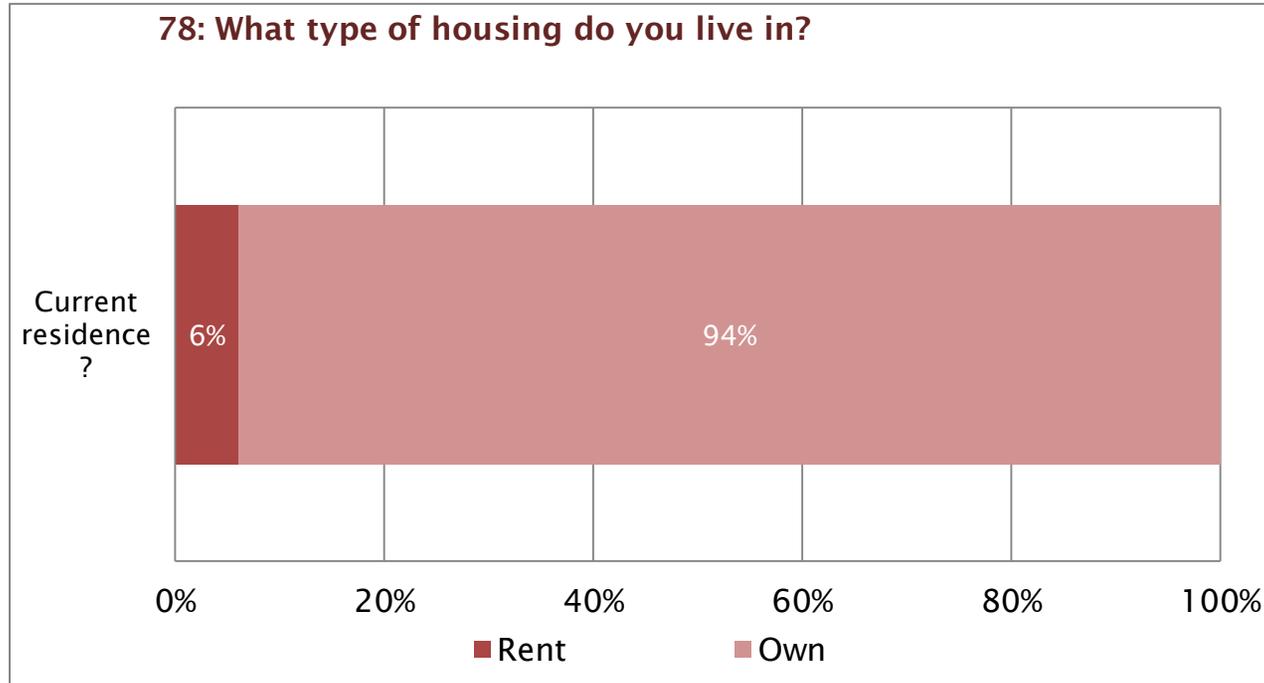
Answer Options	0-1	2-5	6-10	11-20	21+	Response Count
Years?	2%	6%	15%	22%	56%	100%
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<i>skipped question</i>						17



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78: What type of housing do you live in?

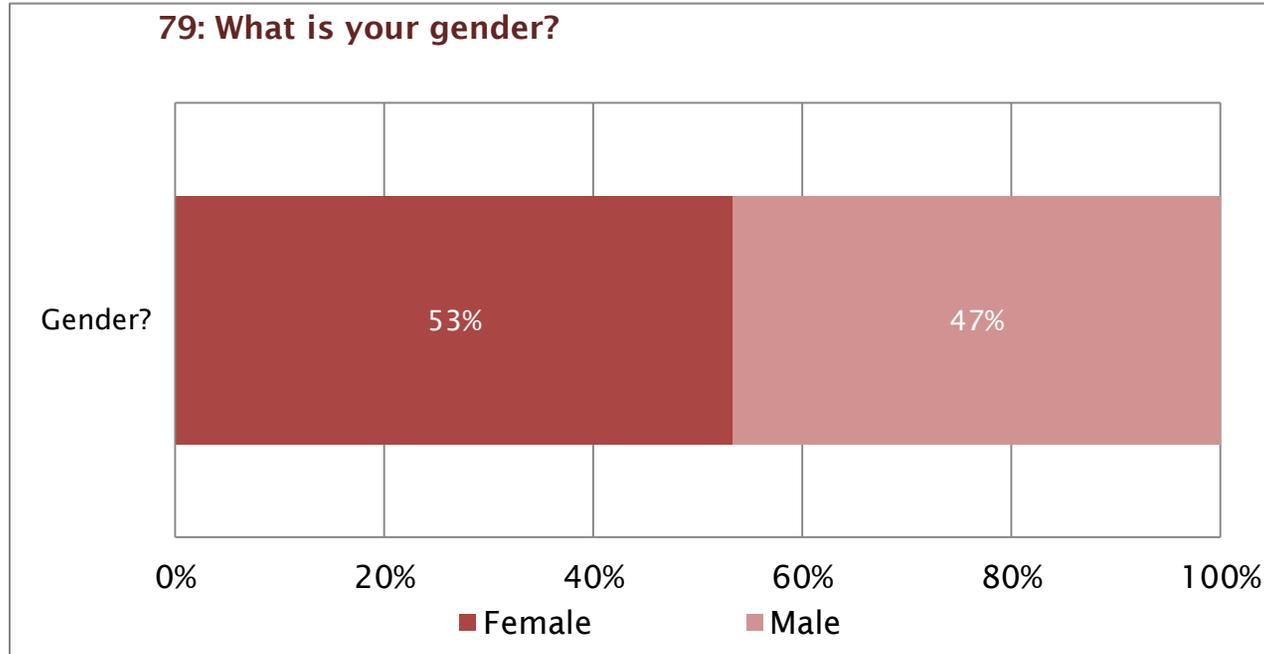
Answer Options	Own	Rent	Response Count
Current residence?	94%	6%	100%
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	<i>skipped question</i>		19



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79: What is your gender?

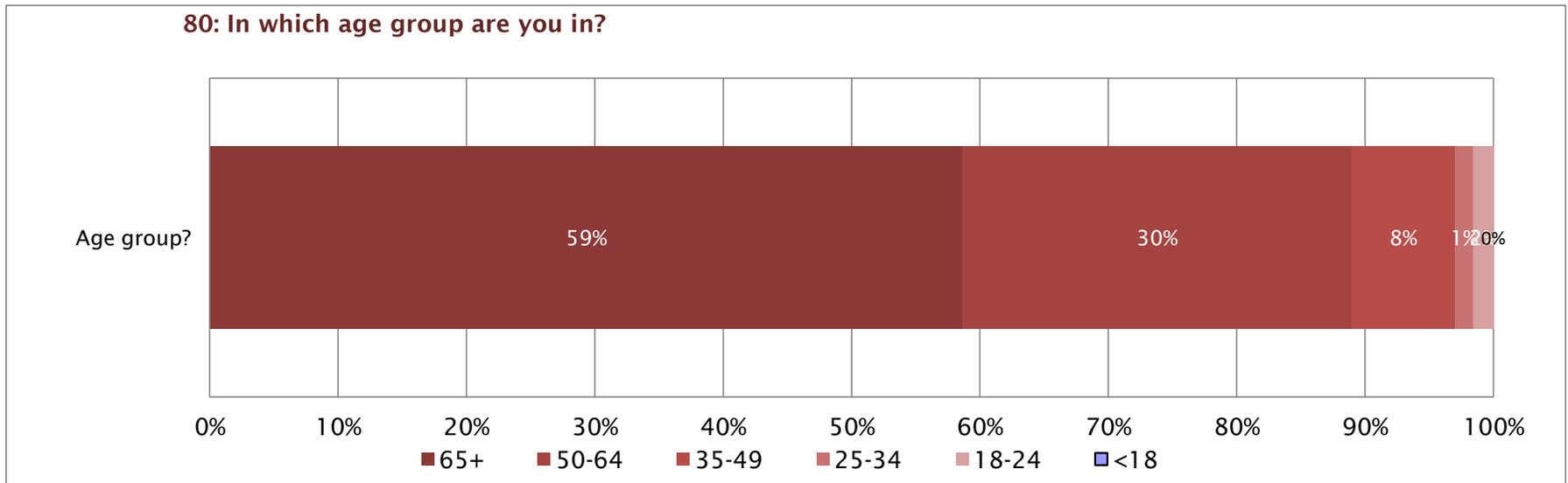
Answer Options	Male	Female	Response Count
Gender?	47%	53%	100%
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	<i>skipped question</i>		20



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80: In which age group are you in?

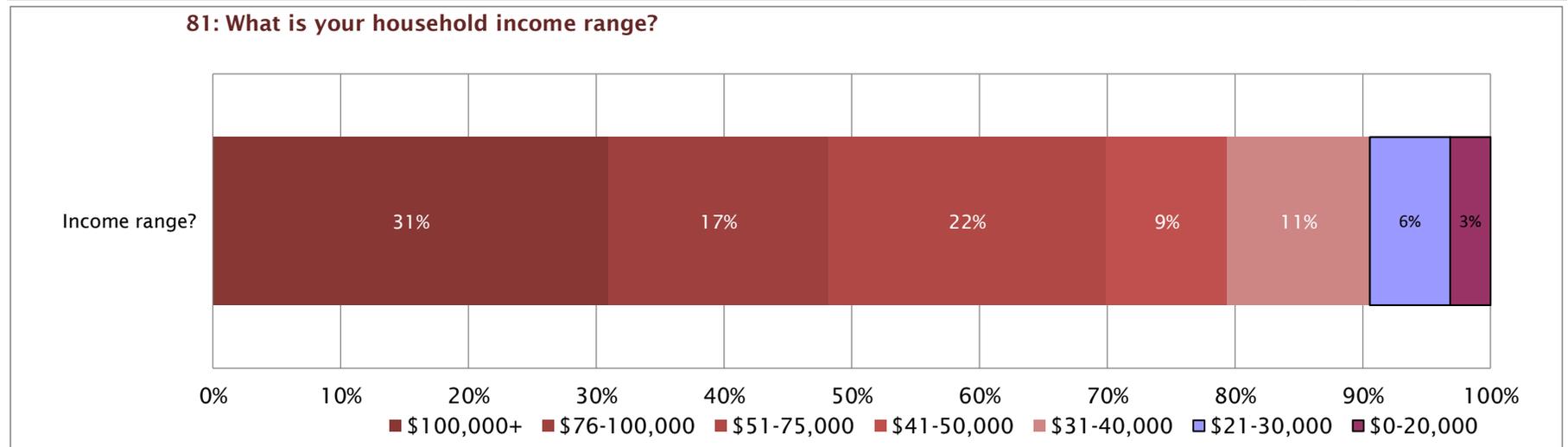
Answer Options	<18	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Response Count
Age group?	0%	2%	1%	8%	30%	59%	100%
<i>answered question</i>							433
<i>skipped question</i>							33



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81: What is your household income range?

Answer Options	\$0-20,000	\$21-30,000	\$31-40,000	\$41-50,000	\$51-75,000	\$76-100,000	\$100,000+	Response Count
Income range?	3%	6%	11%	9%	22%	17%	31%	100%
	<i>answered question</i>							349
	<i>skipped question</i>							117



Comments

Mailed from Florida - hope this gets there in time.
Leave 5 Corners alone. Do not put in a roundabout. Traffic flows well now. I am through there daily. Leave it alone.
The proposed waterfront multi-use, including condos increases present heights that would block many people's views, not mine but countless others that include walkers. Make it easier for businesses to get licensed.

n/a

Interesting survey. I don't think 5 Corners needs a rotary!

See attached letter - a retired 35 year city resident.
See attached letter - Chester Heisey.
Also - SWIFT scheduling ruined local businesses on 99 - 1 every half hour instead of every 10 minutes. Future growth won't come without design standards.
Accountability is necessary.

Government costs too big and complicated. Edmonds should stay simple.

yes

no

When I agreed to do this, I thought it was different than what I did before. I answered all these on computer earlier. Karen Rochelle-Smith
And where is that roundabout at 5 Corners? I avoid that intersection due to the ridiculousness of the existing traffic flow.
There is a need for more free parking in Edmonds. If you start charging for parking in Edmonds you will lose your customers. That will include us!
I do not approve of tearing down older small homes and replacing them with condos. Not everyone wants to live in a "rabbit warren". Affordable housing in Edmonds is becoming very scarce. It is not a family friendly city anymore. Therese Berg
PS Swedish Hospital had their nerve changing the name of our hospital. After all we have from the beginning supported the hospital without tax dollars.
Sorry this is not complete. I received it, set it aside and misread the 7-16 deadlines. I do not feel qualified to answer those that I left unanswered.
I thing no roundabout at 5 Corners. No need for it! More education is needed for pedestrians and bicyclists in Edmonds. So many pedestrians pay no heed to traffic before stepping into the street. Fountain at 5th and Main is a particularly dangerous location.
You need a proof reader - the yellowed marks would really upset an English teacher. Also, I don't know who you outsourced this project to, but whoever contacted me by phone had a hard time with the English language. Which is why I requested this paper copy?
No - 5 Corners roundabout - a truly unnecessary expense.
No 0 increase in the building heights in the Edmonds Bowl - which does not include the waterfront.
I love Yost Pool! I would like to see it open longer as an outdoor pool. I used to go to Yost for many years when I lived in Shoreline.
I hope you all don't plan on keeping all the groups, plans, and meetings. Who wants to spend all their time attending meetings? Keep it simple and go after small wins.
Love the Antique Mall. You need to work with the mall to improve the area and quit trying to shoot it down or redevelop it. How is Old Milltown are doing?
Non-completion of 228th to Highway 99.
No stoplight @ 228th and 76th West.
Public execution of all the idiots who planned and approved of the nightmarish carving up of 76th W with bike lanes and resultant loss of parking will probably win an award as the worst civic project of all time. Plan for the fiscal impact from the resulting traffic fatalities and lawsuits against the city. User fees for all cyclists over 12 years of age.
Do not increase building height restrictions. No more than 2.5 stories. Whichever city council members or public officials approved the 4 story "Compass" complex on 232nd street and Route 104 should be exposed for violating public wishes and

sentiment. It's an affront.

Talk of increasing business tax breaks to attract more businesses is foolish. There is so much vacant commercial space because Republican fiscal policies have killed the economy, which requires a sturdy middle class to thrive. The middle class supports it by spending.

Push for a statewide income tax to salve our pathetic underfunding of education, green space, arts, and rail transportation.

As a past city councilmember for 8 years in a north King County city and focus on transportation issues for 6 of those years, I think we need more focus on:

- 1) vehicle access to the waterfront,
- 2) vehicle parking at the waterfront and train station,
- 3) pedestrian traffic crossing tracks and accessing ferry station,
- 4) future planning for ferry dock, railroad tracks.

I would like further discussion r.e., options of integration of trains passing thorough the city ferry access and complexity of uses by vehicle, public transportation, and pedestrians.

Finally, what to do about coal cars and potential increase in numbers. As a small city, we can't stop them but we can seek the mitigation to maintain good quality of environment. Thanks for opportunity to participate. Peggy Gerdes, 425-745-4030, peggygerdes@aol.com

#22 - foreign signs are not appropriate - this is America.

None.

Thanks for the survey - looks good. I admire the dedicated people in Edmonds - also all members of the City Council and Mayor. VK 7/2/12

I've lived at my current address since Sept 1967. Edmonds has always been a pristine are of mostly single family dwellings good ol' boy mayor Harv Harrison tried to sneak through a plan to raise building height, but we caught him and tossed him out.

In answering the survey questions I got the uneasy feeling of the ghost of Harv Harrison past has come visiting. I find little wrong with the Edmonds area, though it sill galls me that Edmonds High School is named Edmonds-Woodway. As you can see by my responses most questions were not important to me, though I will say this about the following questions:

#8 - no car joints in Edmonds. We can go to cluttered Lynnwood for them.

#12 - I don't even know what the question asked - but any "finance" org plans that do not state accountability of taxpayers' money is a no go.

#17 - again vague but be sure to limit the height to 25 feet.

#34 - with accountability there's no need for this question.

#62 - if the Edmonds City Council allows Chinese coal shipments without a most vigorous protest I propose they be publically whipped at the new to be roundabout at 5 Corners.

My name is Chuck Ellis, 8420 214th Place SW, 425-774-4542.

I sincerely hope you do not make purposed changes to the 5 Corners traffic flow. In talking to my friends and several businesses - none of them like the idea of a roundabout. I go thru' the 5 Corner intersection many times a week and I have never encountered a problem. Why tray a fix - when there is no problem?

We live fairly close to 5 Corners (Emerald Hills) and have been active in stating our objection to spending 1\$1-2 million (or more) on the 5 Corners roundabout. We feel that our comments - and those of many other citizens - were ignored and in facto laughed at. It makes us angry at our elected officials and city employees - who work for us. The feeling we get is that despite requests for feedback, the city of Edmonds is going to do what it wants - regardless of what the citizens (and taxpayers) want. If you're going to ask - actually listen. If it's just about public relations, forget it, do what you want, and we'll change direction at elections.

I am generally not in favor of the redevelopment plan for Harbor Square as currently proposed.

Year-round Farmers' Market at Harbor Square. Bring fruit, vegetables, seafood by boat, train or truck. Smaller Pike Street Market.

It will be hard to come up with an action plan from this. This is a very poor survey. It goes around the problems but does not go to them.

No to the roundabout at 5 Corners!

Wouldn't make any difference as voters, why should we pay for any of this, bullshit! Edmonds is a unique city. It is extremely important to keep it that way. I firmly believe in strategic planning. But of most importance is monitoring in accountability.

I would like the city to control traffic on 9th Avenue. I would say control it better, but there is little to no control now. I have requested the police to monitor the speed on the street. It has not happened. They make claims, but I know the 30 mile speed limit is surpassed by at least 30% of the cars. They should have a speed trap at least two days a month at different times of the day until drivers wise up. This is too nice a city to allow this speeding and reckless driving to continue.

no

Add new blood to the decision making process in Edmonds. The present power structure serves the establishment (rich) - look at use of our public waterfront for a private boating "club". 99% of Edmonds residence will never own a boat!

Hi. I sense a general growth in the already oversized bureaucracy with this survey and prefer not to complete it. Sorry to have wasted your time. Bob Eckberg Rethink the 5 Corners project. There is no plausible reason for a roundabout. The money could be used in a much more needed place. Without upsetting businesses already established there.

Economic development:

#1 and 2 - should/could be implemented by existing staff of all entities - no additional revenue outlay.

#12 - already in place?

#20 - no building without tenants approved and in place.

#26 - job for Chamber?

#27 - permits process function.

#42 - foresees major turf war.

#43 - coordinate volunteer cleanup days.

#50 - wow - whose dollars?

Wish we had more input on "new businesses" (i.e., fewer banks) and more retail.

Too many questions! It is very difficult to remain focused and to fairly prioritize topics when there are so many choices.

Have first class maintenance of current assets. Quit looking for new ways to increase taxes and population density.

I love living in Edmonds - the parks, waterfront, shopping, and much more!

I don't feel knowledgeable enough to respond to items 1-13, 17, 19-22, 24, 26-32, 34, 38-40, 43-48, 50, 52, 59-57, 59-72.

Love to walk on the waterfront - appreciate how well it is cared for. I enjoy the seasonal aspect of the Farmers Market. I am a senior and like current location.

Let's work on it! We need a department type store in Edmonds - any possibility? Too many businesses selling the same type of merchandise. We need a better mix to meet the needs of community and to attract new business. We love Edmonds! We have a great Mayor! Let's make it even better!

Survey too complex. I circled some priorities - simplify permitting, speed development, change!

I believe that people who choose to live in Edmonds or people who like to come to Edmonds are quite, unique, and beautiful. It's an Edmonds kind of day, not a Bellevue kind of day.

I do not believe too much business development or too much interference in Edmonds life will do Edmonds any good or create anything positive. Human society is already complicated enough. We should not depart too far from human nature or nature of a city otherwise we will be lost. If Edmonds is a paradise, we don't need to make it a horizon that is lost.

Edmonds is a great place to live³, just a very charming small town - the baskets and corner gardens are very special to us. The ferries and water and beaches are great visitor spots and special to all of us who live here. Let's keep it accessible to all! No high-rises and no more roundabouts!

Repair existing roads. Fill in ditches along roads. Do not install circular roundabout at 5 Corners - waste of money. Survey too long!

We need to focus on street maintenance.

It seems like most development should be along Highway 99. Look across the highway and see the difference in Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood.

#37. I thought we already had one.

#62. No coal trails. I witnessed one of these very long trains travel north.

#66. Hard to answer. I need more information on what is excluded in the mixed use.

#49. Extending a sidewalk along side of one side of 188th from 88th to 92nd avenue West (Seaview Avenue) would be good. 188th is busy and the walk area is poor along side of it.

The four-way stop at 188th and 88th has been a great help in slowing traffic down. Thank you.

Several years ago my husband and I were involved with many other people in Edmonds in fighting the Brightwater Project by attending many meetings, writing letters recruiting friends and relatives in Edmonds, and surrounding towns to write letters to fight it. We prevailed! We were disappointed by the condominiums that were built. They look like a housing project and where is the park that was to be up there to view the Sound?

A public bathroom downtown please!

The bicycle lanes and restriping of 76th between 99 and 205th is a disaster. The center line should be restriped straight. The major use for that street is car/traffic not bikes. I have seen cars driving in the bike lanes (confused by the mess). At night you feel as though you are driving directing into oncoming traffic, with headlights coming right at you. Put it back the way it was and it would be safe for all including for bikes.

I wish there was more police seen in the neighborhood. I love Edmonds. Mary Black Balance the budget and consider raising the height limits by at least 5 feet downtown and much higher on outlying areas.

Yes - 2 current issues that disturb me very much:

1. The bowling alley issue. We need recreational outlets in Edmonds. Why let Walgreen's Drug take away this outlet? Walgreen is a big national corporation and they are intent about driving Bartell's out of business at that location. Bartell's is a home-owned business that has provided excellent service for many years in Seattle. Their stores are clean, neat, and attractive and they have just redone this store so it is very attractive. Their clerks are always extremely helpful and they also see to it that nobody has to stand in a lot. Service at the nearby Walgreens on Highway 99 - quite the opposite.

2. The roundabout at 5 Corners. I use this intersection frequently and see no need for such a change. The users overwhelmingly do not want it and the merchants involved certainly do not. Just because the UW class designed it and grant funds are available shouldn't force something that no one wants. Articles in the Beacon tend to confirm my point of view.

Many of your questions and the words you use are very vague. How are things going to be financed; for how long; what about unintended consequences? What exactly does "suggest" mean - a friendly word or a fine if not followed? Who loses - who gains! In a perfect world, fines are wonderful but doesn't Edmonds have a few money problems? And I'm sure there are many of us who cannot afford higher taxes especially for ideas that benefit only a few no matter how idealistic those ideas are. Continue to keep us informed as you have in having us participate in this survey. We don't want any surprises!

27. Coordinate events with nearby cities and areas. Maybe do joint events.

36. Too many out-of-town dogs are already coming to Edmonds streets, sidewalks, parks, and dog beach.

39a-b. Make the tournament participants help pay for the fields.

Fix the lousy streets and sidewalks in Edmonds and stop planting trees in sidewalks. That's stupid!

Please stop the development of the roundabout at 5 Corners.

1. Balance budget.

2. Properly standardize height limits by areas - Highway 99, 5 Corners, Downtown, etc.

3. Ensure waterfront is left legitimate marine oriented users to include restaurants.

No.

This survey is too long & confusing.

Focus on business growth and less about stupid traffic circles. The building height restrictions need to be adjusted and allow increased business and density in the downtown core. The leaders in Edmonds politics are very disappointing...

Do not raise building heights at Harbor Square! Do not put in a roundabout at 5 Corners - there is simply no problem 23 hours a day. I drive through that area a lot. Help Robin-Hood Lanes stay here - there are many Walgreens we can go to - few bowling alleys. Clothing too priced in Edmonds downtown.

Build a hometown where Edmonds residents even those who don't drive, can find the services that we need. IF we have pride in our town and find our center here, visitors will feel it and return. We don't want to be same kind of a resort or Disneyland destination but a real living community.

This has been exceedingly difficult to complete. There is not one item which is really more important than another in spite of my making some as less important. The answers are quite subjective and are responded to as either what I personally would like to see achieved and those which all the rest of the community. The best answers are for those who have more information at hand and realize what is best for the total community.

I realize this questionnaire is designed to input from the citizenry and can provide some insight. I suspect only by continuing to assess the decisions leading to finality with the community will a good consensus be reached.

I hope you are successful - there are many hours ahead for many persons before this process can be completed. Even then, not everyone will be happy - this is to say the least.

Stop trying to spend more money where it's not needed or desired.

Would not be in favor of so many items if I had to pick the ones that are affordable and prioritize them. Thanks for the effort on your part.

Questions should in general be shorter and framed using less "city planning" jargon. Edmonds is a dull and boring little town. I've lived here 40 years and just say it's where I live - not my home. The city can't wait to do away with the location of Edmonds Senior Center. We have hardly any access to the beach. If you cross the railroad tracks to get to the beach you will get a ticket from the police hiding in the bushes. This town should be lively like Kirkland. I think our city government leaves a lot to be desired!

No high-rises! No roundabouts - not needed at 5 Corners!

My concern is that the city of Edmonds begins planning activities on too many fronts. I hope that you can determine priorities and select your follow on actions to concentrate on a few high priority items. Thanks for the opportunity to participate. Gives us a year-round pool! And don't presume that everyone can walk everywhere - I cannot. Parking is essential for me, and for other who are in my position.

Bus routes are not handy, especially for connections to Aurora Village, Metro routes, and seem to presume one wants to go to Everett or Lynnwood, which I do not - I can drive there if necessary.

Closure of the Ace store was too bad, but understandable given the height problem. I would rather buy from a local store than a big box retailer. But there is no place, really, to buy a spool of thread, a moderate gift (as in Ace) etc. But there are dozens of financial outfits (banks, brokerages, mortgage companies etc) all at street levels, and several more coming! How is that supposed to coax retail businesses? And customers for it?

Develop a master plan for Edmonds Way so that it does not look like an extension of the Highway 99 strip malls. Make it more like a parkway for Edmonds Way as the main vehicle entrance into Edmonds. First impressions are lasting.

I really enjoy living in Edmonds! Don't change it too much or too fast!

"Charm" is an attraction for visitors & hoppers as well as being pleasant for locals. Keep the 25 foot height restriction and avoid high density to retain "charm".

A common theme - such as the Bavarian theme of Leavenworth - might be investigated. Hopefully the city will have enough funds to support this wish list. Children are our future.

Focus on downtown Edmonds and waterfront. Forget priority 99. Reconsider the relocation of the ferry terminal. It belongs where it is - the transit center close to Main Street.

Do not change the height restrictions!

I do not feel household income is anyone's right to access. Many if not all of the concerns deal with economic well-being of our country - not just Edmonds. If feel we need to have the money upfront first, rather than determine taxes based on expenditures. We need to maintain what we have - i.e., infrastructure before we consider improvements of any kind and put safety first.

This was written in "policy wonk" fashion. I wish you had had some "civilians" sit down and translate it into more straight forward clear form.

Sorry I cannot complete this form. I fell and had fracture on Walnut and 9th - uneven sidewalk and rocks on pavement 6/22. Jean Felior

Please keep height requirements in bowl area lower than 25 feet. It would be helpful if neighbors consider the views by keeping trees trimmed.

We lived at 9th and Spruce for 24 years, but moved in June to 76th Avenue West. As I no longer live in the city of Edmonds, not sure if this input is valid or not.

Maryann Paige

This questionnaire is useless for the average citizen - everything on the survey is important but without information about what these things cost and how much is available in the budget, we cannot meaningfully prioritize these items. Nor should we be asked to. This sort of prioritizing task is the job of government. The City Council should do this. Don't abdicate responsibility for prioritizing these things to citizens and hide behind the survey results for political cover. Lead us. Tell us what you thing the right choices are and why. Then ask for public input, but not in the form of a useless survey.

We don't have money for any of these projects so why are we spending money for this? Please don't destroy our small town atmosphere. No coal!

Who will do the work required to implement these various objectives? Where will the money come from? Can we recruit volunteers when possible?

My hope for the waterfront is that you don't block the view driving downtown and from people's homes. We're so lucky to have that open space!

I will not fill this out - this is the biggest bunch of double speak I've ever read - get down to earth - both feet on the ground - get real.

Glittering Generalities in Grant Speak - large sums of consultant \$ to state the obvious in non-specific superlatives. To put it simply as it should have been done by the Council members - pick 5 projects, discuss (no consultants - you were elected) and vote to spend the money accomplishing at least one project!

The questions, many, were poorly presented, unclear or confusing.

No coal trains!

Quit spending money!

Politically support a state income tax.

Stop plans - like buying Skippers.

You bought south side ferry dock and not put in one place to park a car.

Wipe out lots of parking east side railroad tracks for another bus stop.

Stop planting trees - they grow up and block everyone's view (and you won't cut them).

Thank you to all who worked on this. I know the amount of time and effort such an undertaking requires.

No roundabout at 5 Corners!

I feel the 5 Corners roundabout is not needed. I go thru the intersection twice a day and have no problem.

I do not want the height restriction changed to go higher. It will ruin the look of our nice city - Harbor Square and the Old Safeway!

Please be sure to move the dog run from the waterfront. That area should be left for the public with improvements. Sincerely Hattie Reedy.

What are you trying to say? This survey makes no sense. How about writing this so the general public can understand it and not just the lawyers who wrote it. I will not give you my opinion until this is rewritten.

Need downtown parking! Number one need!

My wife and I are extremely dissatisfied by the lack of response from the city of Edmonds to inquiry or comment from citizens regarding city decisions. As an example, many Edmonds residents are opposed to the traffic circle plan and 5 Corners. Most feel that the plan was developed from flawed data, not from actual existing conditions. I have sent numerous inquiries to the City Council, as have many others - the response has been "deafening". As long as the city spends funds on such unnecessary projects, ignoring the folks, I will find it very difficult to vote for additional tax increases. Thank you

All things cost money Edmonds doesn't have! What are the core responsibilities of the city? That's where the money should be spent!

Edmonds as is has a pleasant personality. Radical changes will disrupt that personality. All things in moderation while spending other people's money with common sense.

There are many vacant buildings downtown; therefore, the first order of business should be a plan to get them occupied with quality, made in the USA products, food, etc.

Thank you for allowing me to participate. God bless the USA, based on the rule of law and an awesome constitution.

Thank you for implementing this survey. Since we travel extensively for work it is difficult to make community meetings. We like the opportunity to have our voices heard. We would like to see the character of downtown Edmonds maintained. It is a huge draw for residents and visitors alike. Larger developments and heights should be pushed to areas outside of the downtown and waterfront areas.

First - it would be nice if this survey was in everyday English rather than legalese. I have no idea what you are talking about on 90% of this survey.

Second - your website wasn't any better. I looked all over for Actions, Responsibilities, and Performance Measures - saw nothing by that name - or even something about the mail-in survey. Nothing that helped me find what I was looking for. Finally saw the search button and used that - but I still wouldn't be able to find this document easily as you have implied.

One last thing - a roundabout at 5 Corners is stupid. And guess what - federal money also comes from us!

#2 - I know that this networking already occurs. Are you talking about another committee - do I get paid if appointed?

#4 - Does this mean tax breaks?

#6 - Do we need more doctors - shouldn't this be a free market thing - if we need them, they will come.

#7 - If it is their property, can't they decide whether to go up or out?

#8 - How many employees does this take. Again if the need is there, won't someone want to fill it?

#9 - Grants from the government? Shouldn't this be a cost of doing business?

#10 - Why do we have to "promote"? If the need is there someone should want to do it.

#11 - What in the world does this mean?

#14 - Why can't they just use the internet like the rest of us?

#15 - Some of this sounds ok, but I would think it would be something the schools do.

#16 - We already have library programs, recreation center programs, school programs - do we need to run every minute of their lives?

#17 - And how would you do that?

#19-23 - sounds beautiful but what does it actually mean?

#29 - "linear park" - does that mean close the street to traffic?

#30 - What about the private sector doing this?

#31 - I have never heard of the Schack Center.

#35 - Can we come up with a plan and let volunteers do the work?

#36 - Why relocate?

#38 - Where does the money come from? These things are already available locally. Is this another hole to throw money into?

#43 - what is a disturbed area? From government property, from private property?

#45a - what does this mean?

#45d - does this mean encourage or does it mean put it in the code?

#50 - or maybe even some bridges over 99 - isn't Highway 99 under state jurisdiction?

#53 - What does this question specifically mean?

#54 - The Shoreline area of 99 is beautiful but it doesn't encourage me to stop.

#56 - don't use.

#58 - IT would be nice if the Sound had a later run to tourists. I'd love to use it to get to Seattle Library - but what am I going to do for 3 hours before it opens?

#59 - Isn't that already part of the plan? Sure sounded like it.

#60 - does this mean a bridge over the train tracks for pedestrians? IF so, yes.

#63 - What does that mean?

#68 - this sounds like a good idea.

#69 - maybe - but make your website more usable first.

#70 - why - it doesn't seem to make a difference?

#72 - Done you already to this? How do you know where you are and where you're going?

I do not want to waste our dollars in upgrading the 5 Corners area with useless roundabout traffic reorganization - leave it alone! It works just fine - spend your time and efforts on more needed projects.

Do not allow raising the building heights restrictions to accommodate the Harbor Square and old Safety - Antique Mall areas. Once these restrictions are lifted it will open up many other greedy developer opportunities to add many more and ruin our lovely quaint town!

This survey is way too long! Most of the issues are in my opinion things we have elected officials to deal with. If there is going to be increased taxes, and there will, let the public vote on it.

Economic development business districts (#8-13) - create a Business Improvement District to answer all of these questions.

Community development (#14-16) - work with public and private organizations to accomplish all of these.

Most of these questions should be presented to an answered by the appropriate agencies and informed persons and groups. The average person who is not acquainted or involved would not be able to intelligently answer them nor would they have any idea of the financial resources needed.

The majority of this survey should be done by appropriate groups, agencies, informed to address these questions. The average citizen would not be acquainted or involved enough to answer them with knowledge to respond intelligently. The financial aspects of money of these issues are beyond the average citizen to know how to respond.

Do not coal trains through Edmonds. Street repair needs help.

Whatever is done to improve our beautiful and unique city, it has to be done without raising taxes. Our home value has dropped over \$300,000 during these trying times and our property taxes have gone up. If and when home values return to prior levels - Edmonds property taxes are going to be absurd! This household votes not on all tax levies (as well as many of our neighbors). This has to be taken into effect when considering any improvement that will need voter's approval. Our family travels the world, but Edmonds is where we always return. Thanks Government needs to take care of its delegated, dedicated responsibilities and not overtake the rights of property and business owners. Some of these ideas sound nice and would be good in a booming economy, but that is not the case now. Careful thought should be given to necessary programs and my marks indicate what I consider important.

So far, public transportation has not been cost effective at all! I don't know the answer. Most people are wedded to their car.

Since no dollar amounts are given for the programs presented, it was difficult for me to fill out this form. What can we afford? Is the value of the program worth the cost?

Where is the money coming from for all these ideas? Our property taxes are high enough.

Not at this time.

You don't need 72 possible action times before you to the most important item of all - balance the budget until actions are taken to put Edmonds on a fiscal responsible path. You can't do many, many of the items listed. So item #63 is most important of all and following close behind are items #34 and 52.

Where is the money coming from to do items 3, 14, 17, 25, 26, 28, 39, and 41 to name a few items?

And by the way, when did the dime come from to fund all these meetings, this questionnaire, etc. All that effort should be re-directed to enhancing city revenues and cutting city costs. Then long range enhancement can be discussed and evaluated. Some of this can be done through public/private partnerships (Antique Mall). How far along on that is the city?

1. Increase number of parking places.

2. Fill the large number of empty business buildings before you permit anyone to build more.

Concerning the coal trains:

I would like to see fewer or no coal trains going through Edmonds. Also, I believe the cars should be covered. All these trains going through Edmonds are bad for our environment and the health of our citizens.

I am against a coal export terminal at Cherry Point in Bellingham. I am against allowing higher buildings in Edmonds. I would like to see Edmonds retain it "small town" atmosphere. No tall buildings in the "bowl".

We do not need any more commission like the tree folks. There is too much (control and influence) by non-elected political appointees.

The committee has identified a number of crucial areas of need to address. It will be a challenge to prioritize these and identify resources and personnel to move forward! Best wishes to you.

1) Re" Environment - sustainability. Too many detailed environmental rules and regulations can be a meddlesome imposition on our citizens. Weighing the necessity with the freedom of the individual in a balance which needs the utmost consideration before implementing.

2) Both public and private sectors should have equal representation in Edmonds Strategic Plan Actions. It looks like this is the case from the survey questions. Kudos and keep it up.

#28 - no parking garage to block any neighbors "views" of the Sound.

#29 - good, but not #1 on my list during these economic times unless (extra) funds are raised.

#33 - any parking, please, nothing to block anyone's view of Sound.

#37 - like restroom idea, but how to keep maintenance costs down?

#58 - one solution for parking problems?

#60 - yes

#63 - yes, public input by the way, and thanks for the survey!

#66 - not sure I understand this one.

#70 - yes, even though a "majority" will not attend.

* Love Edmonds; do not ever want to move.

No roundabout at 5 Corners - unnecessary!

Edmonds is a lovely community and we have enjoyed living here for 28 years. The addition of restaurants and activities are open later than 9 pm have improved the town immensely and keep us from always heading to Seattle.

My suggestion would be to have the existing transit buses make a loop down past Anthony's Restaurant on a half hour basis as boaters and walkers could have dependable and regular transportation. This would help everyone get to the beach and back to Edmonds shopping center. Young people without cars could use this service. Right now it appears that the buses just "sit" and wait for the ferry or their time schedule. This would be a year-round bus route.

1) Street vendors and market along waterfront would be so much nicer - open, airy and make more scenic!

2) Add more historic info about Brackett's Landing, sunken ship were divers go, etc.

3) Dog park area needed but dogs can get on the railroad track in current park (my son's dog did - scary)!

4) Can the bird sanctuary (near Harbor Square) be more known - I actually ran across it by accident when walking my dog?

5) Expand focus from Edmonds Arts to other interests of people.

6) Encourage more businesses to locate in Edmonds (downtown) currently only grocery no drugstore. I wrote Walgreens to reconsider to downtown as the older people have no pharmacy in the downtown area.

Anita Rodgers

Pay attention and address what the people of Edmonds want. Do not spend money you do not have!

Edmonds needs to embrace the truth of increasing diversity. I live two blocks from 99. Proximity to Hwy 99 means more of us are multiracial and many of us are recent immigrants. "The Bowl" means nothing to us. We don't have views to protect either. Edmonds isn't a white retirement community anymore; everyone's needs need to be addressed. Edmonds should reach out and recruit non-white, working people from all economic levels for boards, committees and input. These people may need accommodations, like childcare, but their involvement is necessary.

Edmonds clearly needs planning and regulation that would prevent the creation of such ugly monstrosities as the condos/apartments (?) being completed along Edmonds Way south of Westgate.

no

41c. Senior Center - develop additional parking as a 5 high priority.

47. Recycling - require apartment and condo buildings to have recycle bins - 4 priority.

36. Dog Park - have separate small and big dog parks - 4 priorities.

Maintain the existing charm and small town feel of Edmonds. No high density or increased building heights in the existing downtown core area!

Don't forget to allow for parking downtown, which can be difficult.

I am impressed with all the things the city of Edmonds is involved in! It is a great place to live!

Prioritize development of the Waterfront to increase revenues.

Fix the light @ 224th St SW & HWY 99

Good process!!

First step is to develop a plan of how the city should develop. At the same time establish with the school system and port a common vision. The objective is to make all of the entities the best in the region so people will seek to move here, thereby driving up home values and providing more customers for local businesses. Try to keep the pedestrian small-town character of Edmonds while improving the art/retail/restaurant destination that visitors will be drawn to and have better access to through ferry, walking, cycling, rail, and shuttles (for special events from parking areas). Visitors will also appreciate the green/environmental steps made to protect and restore watershed, coast line, and salt marsh areas. Keep the coal dust OUT of our community - this dust will fundamentally change the attractiveness of our home town. Recreation: a year-round Yost pool would be nice. A little concession development (portable?) and advertising for the tournaments at Edmonds City Park might draw a Saturday crowd, too. I love living in Edmonds.

Don't let the special interest groups and developers take our town away. Developing and creating more of a tax-generating corridor along 99 would be preferable to office parks w/o retail in the downtown area. Thank you for asking!

Never let high rise builders in. No need to change what we have we need to learn to improve what we have. Need a code to maintain trees for views. Keep our water and streams up to code. The Antique stores are what bring in the people, perhaps adding more interesting stores and eateries and craft stores in the same parking lot or building a new mall as long as it is height restricted. Never let Edmonds turn into Seattle or you will lose Edmonds forever!

It would be nice to have the Antique mall and the Summer Market near one another, bringing events as such near one another brings new interest to ones who visit for one and gain an interest for the other, and less driving and re-parking. Small buses to transport you around are not good if you're going to purchase items you would have to carry them around all day, people purchase more if they can load their cars up and keep coolers in their cars for food they buy.

Ace hardware would be a great place for the Antique Mall. The Antique Mall would be a great parking area / shopping area / park and ride.

Why do people shop at a Mall like Northgate, everything is in one place you park once you can drop stuff into your car and return to shop or go eat after shopping and not have to carry stuff. If you have to worry about a shuttle and the hours when it leaves and arrives you lose shoppers money, their arms are tired with what they are carrying already they will not take a shuttle ride to their car and back.

Anyhow those are my thoughts and ideas.

Kathie Nelson

Many people come/move to Edmonds for the Arts. Edmonds is very much an Arts community and it is important to consider the vibrancy of this important market segment when making decisions.

Why does the city just leave its Idle funds in the safe pool earning next to nothing? It has lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest by not actively managing their cash flow over the years...Is it laziness, stupidity or both? You have the reputation of giving out petty speeding tickets which does not help attract visitors here too. Great ideas but you need money to implement them. Invest your monies like the other cities do.

I am a resident of Edmonds as well as my two adult children with their families. We made a commitment to only shop and patronize Edmonds shops and restaurants as well as events. We believe in supporting our community and are dependent on the Edmonds commerce which means some expansion on some additional services. I've loved the 'small-town' feel of Edmonds since arriving in 1964, Would like to see even more shops, I really don't want too many more changes. Could I be getting old perhaps?

I believe it is vital to include the young in planning anything that would include parks and recreation. When given the opportunity, it is my experience that young people not only have great ideas, but they are the future and would appreciate having a say for what will one day be theirs. It also helps give them a sense of pride and hopefully it will help establish a trend of less crime because they are a part of the community.

Keep Edmonds charming and don't try to build an industrial or sports center. Do everything possible for children's education.

Road funding should come from increased gas taxes-pure user fee. Car tab fees are fees for "ownership".

I am really for building an underground access near Ferry so traffic and such isn't held up by the trains. There needs to be a better system down there for cars and pedestrians.

Top priorities should be development of Antique Mall and business district between waterfront and 3rd Ave, because of potential to increase jobs and small business locations. Similarly, a year-round Public Market would fit Edmonds very well, in my opinion.

Be smart with our dollars. Public dollars pay for parks, streets and walkways. We need to be more open minded about how we may access them and build them. We have sidewalks to nowhere and roads that don't meet code in our neighborhood. Frustrating. Think before we build. Food for thought.

Implementing any programs to bring business or residential density to the city of Edmonds should not be dependent on increasing the property or sales taxes of Edmonds residents. The object of improvement should be to ease the tax burden on residents and to control a budget that keeps tax increases at an absolute minimum.

I believe the Edmonds community should become (or perhaps already is) sustainable, financially sound, easily researched (online) and maintain the small-town feel. Locally-owned businesses are important to me too.

I love living in Edmonds, near Yost and the Waterfront, etc. However, there has been too much emphasis on making businesses jump through multiple bureaucratic loops, often stretched out over months, and this discourages small businesses from coming here - which, in turn hurts our tax base, employment opportunities, etc. Please streamline these functions and adjust the City's mindset to one of encouraging businesses to open here, instead of someplace else.

Any improvement to the current "public transportation" would be appreciated. People outside of Community Transit work on Sundays. In an effort to reduce the overall carbon footprint, encouraging alternative transportation would be a given. How about reducing rather than enhancing the amount of single-driver vehicles on the road? Conduct an economic impact assessment to see the current affect on the overall economy since Community Transit ceased its Sunday operations. Are they cheap or just plain stupid?

With regard to height limits in downtown, I would support the extra foot or two the merchants say they need to make the first floor more viable for retail. I love the mixed use buildings I see in Vancouver BC and would like to see more of that here. I don't think we should increase height limits downtown by more than a few feet, however. In the other business areas, I have no problem with it.

I agreed to do this survey. However, the questions are beyond my expertise. Sorry This was too long to do in one survey I did not want to finish it. And I could not find any actual information on the city web site you mentioned.

I would add an item to add parking for Sound Transit train riders. Item 58 suggests adding train runs, in order to increase ridership, but the limited parking already limits ridership. One way to provide more parking would be to allow Edmonds residents to get permits that would allow them to park all day in 3-hour parking spaces in the vicinity of the train station.

Have a link to Main St program 4 point approach. I tried to Google it but did not find a page to describe it.

Also, I am interested in Yost pool being maintained but was not aware of the possibilities for an upgrade or need. I do think that public pools are important to be kept in excellent condition but it is also important to determine feasibility of including a lot of accessories that may not be needed.

Everett and Walla Walla have achieved All American City status and Edmonds can too! Also we should have a plan to bring winers and tasting rooms to Edmonds as Woodinville has done. Harbor Square would be ideal for this setting.

Thank you for asking me to complete this survey. Edmonds is nice the way it is today, it has a feeling of being a small town, and has managed to keep this quality despite being surrounded by city. Please don't do anything to change that! I am opposed to any large-scale residential or business developments that would impact the quiet small-town feeling of Edmonds. My best advice is to go very slow with development in general. Height limits of 2 or 3 storeys should definitely be respected. I oppose opening Paine Field to commercial aviation. Thank you very much!

Waterfront development that compliments Edmonds future growth is contingent upon making decisions related to relocating the Senior Center, re-building and renovating the Harbor Square area, and determining a lucrative mixed use purpose for the old Safeway location (Antique Mall). Talks about these areas have been "spun" for many years with no definite action taken. How many plans does it take to develop an action plan that works? Hard decisions go into that process!

Re: #52: Marked this Very Low not because I don't support bicycle transportation, but rather, the ineffectual emphasis on the so-called "bike lanes" along our roads. Slapping paint down & calling part of a car lane a "bike lane" does not make it a safe or effective bike lane. As has been so successful in Europe, we should not spend any more money on the ineffective & dangerous "Sharrows" or in-street bike lanes -- we should have been & should start to, with any future work on public by-ways, plan & construct off-road bike-paths as much as possible, with lanes along the roadside where necessary. If you are serious about people using bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation. Contact me if you want more information on how, for example, the huge city of Hamburg approaches bike paths in conjunction with pedestrian traffic. In our self-centered society here, the development of effective bike ways has to go hand-in-hand with appropriate public education.

Re: #57: Only if it is economically feasible - if not enough people use it, we can't continue to spend money on things that take and don't give back. Just like a citizen shouldn't spend more money on a big fancy car he WANTS but CAN'T AFFORD gasoline for with what he earns, and runs up debt and is not able to pay his other bills, civic entities need to learn not to spend more than they can afford. Harsh

reality of life.

Re: #58: Hand-in-hand must come a way to get to the train station that doesn't end up turning the local area into a Park-and-Ride. Put the majority of regular/pass-user parking out of our quaint, historic downtown area & run a shuttle, leaving enough near-by parking available for day-to-day occasional users. We would use the train to run downtown or up to Everett or Vancouver more often, if the scheduled trains made it more feasible. If the weather is nice, we can walk to the station, but of course that is an iffy thing in our climate, and also if one does a lot of shopping it's a problem not to have the car available nearby when returning home.

Re: #61: As long as it does not "become" the waterfront & dominate it, and is done tastefully and KEPT LOW. Better to go subterranean than stick up, and build a park/green area on top of it. Much as most transportation interfaces such as subway and train stations in major cities do. They don't let the transportation dominate the ambience of the area that it serves. Don't need any high buildings blocking the sky & views down to the waterfront from different parts of downtown Edmonds. Again, we don't need to reinvent the wheel. If someone wants to add creative & thoughtful design ideas to what is already being done in other places, that's great - but do the homework first.

re: #62: Has anyone asked/pushed the question/issue - why are drivers on our public roads required to COVER THEIR LOAD, but these trains are allowed to (even now) go through with nothing keeping the dust from being blown around?! We can put a man on the moon - surely someone can figure out a cost-effective way to have automated covering system on these cars. And if it makes it more expensive to market coal, then so be it. It IS (SHOULD BE) a part of the cost of responsibly transporting coal. No free lunches. Someone is making a lot of money off this coal that goes through town; at the expense of everyone they run the coal past.

Re: #64: Not totally comfortable with the idea that the commercial sector would get to be involved as the "non-government" representatives of the citizenry. Dangerous, unbalanced. They are players, but there are others who might have good ideas but are not so focused on just commercialism or might want to just "build up" the town. Need to also involve those skilled in promoting the arts & activities as a way to bring dollars into town, good at fundraising and managing on a shoe-string. A balance so we can maintain downtown Edmonds as the quaint & delightful-to-spend-time-in small-town-feel place that it has been, and hopefully will continue to be. There're plenty of other areas outside of the downtown/waterfront area that can be commercially developed. But PLEASE, quit with variances & with allowing buildings right up to the street like the new housing projects along SR-104 leading into our town. Used to be nice trees. Let's keep that corridor inviting (it CAN be done as well as allowing some building) to the people who that is their first impression of Edmonds as they come down into town. Think about it. Doesn't take that much more thought & maybe giving a little from the developer to maintain a "green" look as one comes down along that highway. It'll pay in the end for all of us.

Re: #68: Whatever you do, do NOT gloss over existing zoning & rules. Please do NOT just "rubberstamp" requests for variances that impact those who already live & work in an area, to allow someone to have an unforeseen impact on established residents. Such as, allowing lots to be subdivided down in an area not zoned for such density. That is NOT fair to the neighbors/neighborhood. It is pure greed & ruins the ambience in an area from that time on. Public comment MUST be allowed & listened to before allowing such changes. If neighbors don't object, then possibly consider. But should be disallowed if even one neighbor objects. Be fair to those who bought and moved into their homes with an existing set of assumptions. If an entire area is up for consideration for rezoning, that should be brought before the citizenry who will be impacted by it, and they should have a say.

Re: #69: I do not consider Twitter or blogs an appropriate way for government to conduct communication with the citizens. Many of the people still living here in Edmonds are older and some do not use all of the latest fads of social media. Some of us are aware of it and use some of it, but do not check it regularly. Facebook has proven itself to be too flakey & unreliable, changeable & untrustworthy, to have the responsibility & privilege of carrying communication between my local government & myself. Blogs are for inconsequential news & updates.

I DO consider E-MAIL to be an appropriate communication tool. It certainly cuts down on postage costs (since those not using on-line means should still be communicated with by our local government, via post). Set up informational webpages & send me/us a link.

THANK YOU for this opportunity to participate & comment!

Many Edmonds residents, including myself, feel that the city could be more dogs friendly.

Resent the condominiumization of Edmonds; question the authorization of building permits to developers whose projects sit empty for many years and/or are of sub-standard construction, (see Mill Town retail development, Perrinville retail mall). Question the need for more retail development at Harbor Square, etc., when so many storefronts remain empty.

I totally support most public projects as it enhances my quality of life and that of my neighbors leading to the overall health of our community. Don't assume that we all will vote no - if the project is valuable, many of us will support it even though we don't show up at city council meetings.

I would love to see a hardware store, a small office supply store and efforts made to get tenants for all the unoccupied spaces now in Edmonds. So far the process has started but is slow.

I want to see more paved sidewalks in walkable Edmonds neighborhoods (e.g. along Maplewood Drive). I would love to see continued investment/funding for the Frances Anderson Center, our public parks and play fields, the Farmer's Market and community festivals that draw neighbors and tourists to Edmonds.

Beautifying/redesigning areas like the Antique Mall, Five Corners, Firdale, Perrinville and Aurora Ave. from 220th - 196th would also bring long term economic improvement to the area.

I didn't have enough information to answer the majority of these questions. I used "3" as an "I don't know enough to make an informed answer" option.

Where/how will the city of Edmonds (purportedly without funds) achieve any of these goals? I think if a city cannot afford to keep the streets in good condition, and public restrooms in order, there should NOT be more expenditure on anything! We have enough parks, our buildings are already too high, and mismanagement is getting worse. Clean up your house, Edmonds, before you scab on new projects that no one can afford right now!

Reported progress toward each goal established in the plan should be identified with the Strategy it supports. An annual summary of Strategies needs to list goals that have been accomplished toward each strategy, and a link to the funds expended toward each goal and subtotaled by Strategy. The balance of funding expended toward each strategy may indicate a need to adjust emphasis on tasks. A process to review the Strategies before the annual budget cycle in order to identify: those that have been accomplished per the plan and should be continued; those that may need to be revised because of changes in the environment; those that should be eliminated; and new strategies as indicated by changes that have emerged over the past planning cycle.

We need to find a way to enforce the city codes when too many people are living in a residential house that are not related and don't meet the definition of family. We have a renter next door renting out rooms...7-10 cars stacked up every day. They don't take care of the property, but you can't legally line them all up and check IDs with the address. So frustrating!

Create revenue producing utility - e.g. home security system for Edmonds residents. Determine the transport feeder hubs to downtown as: Five Corners - West Gate - 196th at 76th Ave. - Perrinville.

I stopped responding to this survey because the interlocking nature of the subjects reoccur in other topic fields so often that the survey results will be GARBAGE! Who got paid for this crap! Some sophomore wannabe social "scientist"? It looks like a survey designed to produce a predictable result by allowing "weighting" of the width between one response to a particular subject opined in several topic fields. It seems like a great deal of funds have been spent developing plans and nothing happens. It is time to develop a plan and move on it. We cannot move forward if we let a few residents with antiquated ideas rule the City Council. Identify a few great ideas and move on them. You cannot solve everything at once. What is being

done to leverage the fiber capacity?

Not at this time.

Protect our environment and lifestyle while updating economic base.
2 things - please develop the 5 Corners roundabout asap!! I truly think it will help!
The number one thing in my opinion and need is to create more parking for the Edmonds train station for commuters like myself who want to take the Sounder to Seattle. For the 7:10 train there is not parking anymore so I drive my car and don't like that at all. You must create more parking immediately and add more train schedules to and from downtown Seattle asap!! I truly want to take public transit but cannot do that with the terrible situation at hand in Edmonds with the Sounder train situation.
Thank you very much,
Abbie White

I appreciate the City's initiatives to involve residents in planning. Good work. I am generally satisfied with the operations of city government. Any resident here knows the particular qualities of life in Edmonds; our city government has generally worked to maintain those qualities. My chief concern is that simple solutions to problems will be drowned out by elaborate plans that lead to development modeled on other places. As an example of what I mean, consider the old Safeway/Antique Mall site. A simple solution to several problems would be well landscaped parking that provides access to the waterfront and parking for trains/busses/ferry, shopping, and the waterfront. Yet I fear that elaborate plans will lead to high-rise development that will meet fewer waterfront objectives. Some of the questions are not easy to respond to due to lack of background information

Transportation questions: Millions of our tax dollars have been spent on the new bus lanes, stations, new curbing on major streets corners. Sounder trains, station, buses. I don't think we need more. Maybe we should have thought it out better the first time. Now to help lower some of the cities costs. A small idea. Why not have local merchants have the ability to sponsor some of the ground maintenance such as the large grass field on sr104 where the lanes split to the ferry. They could have a display sign showing they are funding the landscaping. I think the city should outsource more of the maintenance for such things.

Question 80.... "In which age group are you in" is POOR grammar. This survey is waaaaaay too long. You cannot get quality survey input from a survey that goes to this level of detail. I started it, and realized I didn't have the patience. The group needs to "focus" on critical and meaningful statements. Hopefully we didn't pay someone to create this because if we did I would question their effectiveness in producing anything other than huge amounts of questionable data.

I think we need to do as much as possible to attract young people and children as permanent residents to our city, and also encourage and celebrate diversity of population in any way we can.

Maintain character and height limit in Edmonds

I do watch Comcast and the Edmonds City Council Meetings. This gives a fair amount of input on some of the important questions before the city. This survey leaves out a great deal of detail which would contribute to better input on many of the statements offered in this inquiry. Simplify, merge, combine, and provide electronic access for permits, licenses, etc. Follow Port Townsend's lead and make this city really livable and fun, with a big tourist influx year round. The farmer's market is a great start, and festivals. Edmonds is NOW a destination. Keep this momentum going and tourism will keep growing. This city still runs itself, as far as retail, like a retirement community. There are many families and singles here, build on this!! Too many rules and regulations break the spirit. Edmonds has its niche--identify it and grow it. Lots of your suggestions in this survey reflect that impetus. Good job!
No one ever listens to the public point of view, as when they get around to asking, it seems the choice has already been made. Five Corners is a perfect example. No one wants it! We can't afford it, but if the rumors I have heard are correct, we are

getting it any way. Bah Humbug!

Better advertising for events in downtown Edmonds. Unless you live in the bowl you have NO idea anything is going on. People outside "the bowl" feel like 2nd class Edmonds residence, invest in us too. Stop wasting money on art projects and lipstick and invest it in places that keep Edmonds fiscally conservative, safe, and generating money outside of taxes and fees.

Do NOT change the 5 corners intersection. To do so would drastically change the traffic flow and worsen flow through the intersection, in spite of what review and research may show. I have gone through this intersection over 44 years and the few times that traffic does back up quickly go away and most people can traverse the intersection without much difficulty. Yes, there are still some people that do NOT know how to go through a 5 way stop situation, but they may eventually learn and use the existing roadway without the unnecessary huge expenditure to do any damage to the existing flow.

Follow up and implement improvements to Sunset Ave North, so there are complete sidewalks, benches and accessible access to water side of street for walkers and wheelchairs.

The charm of Edmonds in the small town atmosphere. The goal should be to preserve that quality and still have every shop and store front full. Rather than invent new, I would like to see the city concentrate on supporting, maintaining and assisting what is already here.

I would not like to see Edmonds be developed like Kirkland. I think if the 99 corridor could be more developed and leave Edmonds more "low-level" would be my dream. Safer pedestrian access to the beach is also a priority for me. I did not answer the Governance issues as I did not feel I have enough knowledge in that area. I am in favor of height restrictions and keeping open the views we now enjoy. This was a good survey, covering a very wide range of issues in Edmonds. One item, I noticed, was not addressed. I'm one who strongly opposes the five corner roundabout proposal. It's surprising that didn't show up on this survey. US Government money is OUR money. The true, real, practical traffic at 5 corners says a roundabout is NOT necessary. But when will the city government respond with information to tell the citizens what is happening. It is obvious that many, many Edmonds residents are also strongly opposed to this unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer money.

The survey is way too long.

I think most would agree all the ideas listed on good ones (so I won't waste my time with it), but it would be very wasteful to use the survey to justify funding any of them without a very careful cost/benefit analysis for each starting with the one that has the best chance of bringing in the most revenue for the city. The city does not have the money to act on all of these ideas - AND certainly not with a very careful cost/benefit analysis.

If some of these ideas could be implemented without cost great! However, if they become made work projects for staff that would otherwise not be needed on the city payroll during this downturn in the economy then we would be far wiser to lay those staff members off or at least put them on part time status.

The privacy questions are unfortunate and have no place in this survey. For this reason I stopped and only offer my observations.

Bottom line is no matter what new business anyone can bring to Edmonds, this economy is not going to turn around until our country and its leaders get back to time test fundamentals of business and deal with unfair trade practices in other nations - mainly China.

The root causes of the downturn and these micro booms and busts in our economy have not yet been addressed by our leaders. Further we will not become competitive enough to compete in the world markets until the growing disparity in public and private wages or salaries as well as benefits are addressed at the nation level - by executive decree if necessary. Stockton California is a good example of spending gone-a-muck - most of their problem as it is with Edmonds is directly related to excessive wages, salaries, and benefit of city workers and staff.

Property values in the Edmonds Bowl and elsewhere in the Edmonds community are being compromised by the growth of unconstrained vegetative growth. Puget

Sound views once readily enjoyed are being diminished or have already been eradicated by trees, or other vegetation, allowed to grow unchecked. Many huge trees are a liability in our high wind storms during the year, especially in the winter months. Other maturing communities in this area & outside have addressed this ongoing problem in successful ways over the years. Why can't Edmonds be more active in the stewardship of its trees & large vegetation? What can be done to facilitate a forum to prune or curtail such trees which block or constrain views? Left unchecked, Edmonds will no longer have views to offer anyone. Private citizens may be willing to underwrite efforts to improve the Edmonds townscape before it becomes non-existent. Is there some forum whereby this conundrum can be addressed?

Building Government bureaucracies is not any answer to build a solid economy and prosperous society. The current building department is an embarrassing sham that is killing growth. Our City council is so wasteful they should have the check book taken away from them. We need to unbridle our business community and let them provide the services that people want, not tell the people the services they should have.

The Shoreline development of Hwy 99 really stands out as a way to create community and raise the opinion of that area by those from other areas. Edmonds needs to do something similar to catch the eye of the thousands who pass through each day. We do enjoy the small "village" feel of downtown Edmonds. We are proud to live here. Things that illustrate that feel should be enhanced including the waterfront area.

Let's develop a study of our existing owned buildings/properties for maxing income to the City i.e.:

Dayton and 2nd Ave S. (old Public Works Property)

Please do NOT allow building heights to ruin Edmonds (did you know Paris has an in city building height restriction?). Please do not allow Edmonds to turn into a mini Seattle-which has gone from a unique city a cookie cutter city. Please keep in mind Seattle drove out a large portion of its population over the top taxes, poor public service and terrible regard for its older and younger citizens.

Need to reduce the cost of doing business. This will bring business to Edmonds. It will increase employment and tax revenue.

Leave 5 corners alone. Use the money for streets. A roundabout will just make traffic worse at that intersection.

Please focus on livability by the existing taxpayers, not on becoming the San Francisco/Seattle of

Snohomish County (see the idiotic ban on grocery plastic bags).

Why aren't you asking about Quiet Zones on BNSF tracks in downtown? I would rate that highest priority. We are a generally older community and would appreciate the silence at night.

I (and others) question the motives behind many of these objectives, which are written in a vague manner. The survey results could be used to support private agendas, profit-driven agendas, in a period of financial public deficits. Some objectives would be more acceptable in a time of prosperity. Potholes now, dog parks later. Public expenditure to support individual commercial ambitions, never. Do not ease height restrictions anywhere with the possible exception of 99. I lived in Bellevue in the 50's and 60's when there was nothing over 3 stories. Look at it now. We don't want that.

Some of these questions made me wonder how this would be paid for. All are admirable but I rated some lower because I don't want to see taxes rise. And, we don't need calming of traffic on hwy 104 at Hwy 99. I use Costco, Dollar Store by Safeway (crossing hwy 99), and Main Street into Firdale. Do not find it a problem.

July 10, 2012

TO: Edmonds Strategic Plan City of Edmonds

FROM: Chester Heisey, 300 Second Ave N Unit 1-A

RE: Opinion Poll

Thank you for including me in this study. However I am not knowledgeable in some of the areas and in other areas the ideas seemed good, but were things which should be implemented as various departments had needs and funds become available, or my knowledge may not have been sufficient to understand the question. So some questions were left blank, but I expressed my opinions where I had them. There are two areas where I feel very strongly.

One is question 66, development regulations. I grew up in Southern California, neighboring a college town that thought it was a bit better than the surrounding towns. A large shopping mall wanted to build in the town but was turned down. The developer went to the next town, secured property right on the line between the towns, and built the shopping mall. That town received the tax revenue from the Mall not the college town, which had to increase property taxes for needed revenue. The State wanted to build a much needed extension the freeway that would connect with the freeway to Los Angeles. The town fought this too, so the freeway was built to the edge of town and all the traffic was dumped onto the city streets, creating morning and evening traffic congestion through the college town. The city fathers didn't seem to learn from their mistakes. I would hate to see Edmonds left behind by clinging to outdated ideas of what Edmonds should be.

The second area of strong feeling is the coal trains issue. Our national government keeps increasing debt which means the China will eventually be our master because we will be too weak to avoid it happening. Shipping coal to China would help our balance of payments and stimulate business in the USA, both of which would be beneficial. I realize there are environmental issues to consider, but it took us a long time to realize we were polluting our environment. China will not take as long to come to the same realization, and will also do something about it. I think they are smarter than we were. In the mean time we will have bought some time which might be enough to regain our financial freedom China.

I hope these thoughts will be helpful.

Sincerely yours

Chet Heisey

July, 2012

City of Edmonds:

I was very pleased to be invited to fill out the survey that is included with this letter. It gives me the opportunity to express my feelings about the City of Edmonds and how they go about their business. I am sure that you really don't care what the public thinks, it gets it off my chest though.

It seems that the City is afraid of laying people off in order to balance their budget. Why is the City above the private sector, they lay off when needed, it is about time that the City did also.

The fact that you want to waste the taxpayer's money to put in a round about at 5 Corners is ridiculous. That intersection works fine, I proceed through it all times of the day with no problem, everyone takes their turn. I expressed my opposition when that Bloom woman came to our door soliciting our vote. It seemed then that she was against it, but she has become a turn coat like the rest of the council. She will say anything to get someone's vote, I am sorry I voted for her.

During the down turn in the economy you need to stop worrying about all these parks that have been built and continue to be proposed, the City has quite enough. The expenditure that was made on the Interurban Trail, I know some was from a grant, did it need to be so fancy.

My last issue is the bicycle lanes that are made in Edmonds and all over the place. Why doesn't the City take the lead like they did on plastic bags and start charging a license fee for bicycles for people over 18 years of age. In that way they can pay for their dam lanes that become an inconvenience to the car driver. That tax should not be the burden of someone who does not use the lanes. Set an example, lets get this proposed as a state initiative. Another example of this is the way a car driver needs to wiggle down 76th towards 205th to make room for bicyclers. It would also be nice if the bicyclers would follow the rules of the road, most of them do not, they go where ever they want.

My last issue is on the food trucks. I am not surprised that Chanterelle opposes allowing them in the downtown area. They are just worried someone else might have better food than theirs. I have never had a good meal at their restaurant, their food is awful, I will never go back. The City wants more tax dollars, stop and think people, and stop falling all over yourself to please a very few. The Here and There has great food and it is very reasonable. If you don't charge a fee for them to come to town, do so. Don't run the small business out of town.

Thank you,

A retired 35 year City resident