

**Federal Funding Consortium of Multnomah County: City of Portland and City of Gresham**

Annual Action Plan Need Meeting Date: December 11, 2014

Draft Public Comments grouped into the following topics.

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***Rental Housing:***

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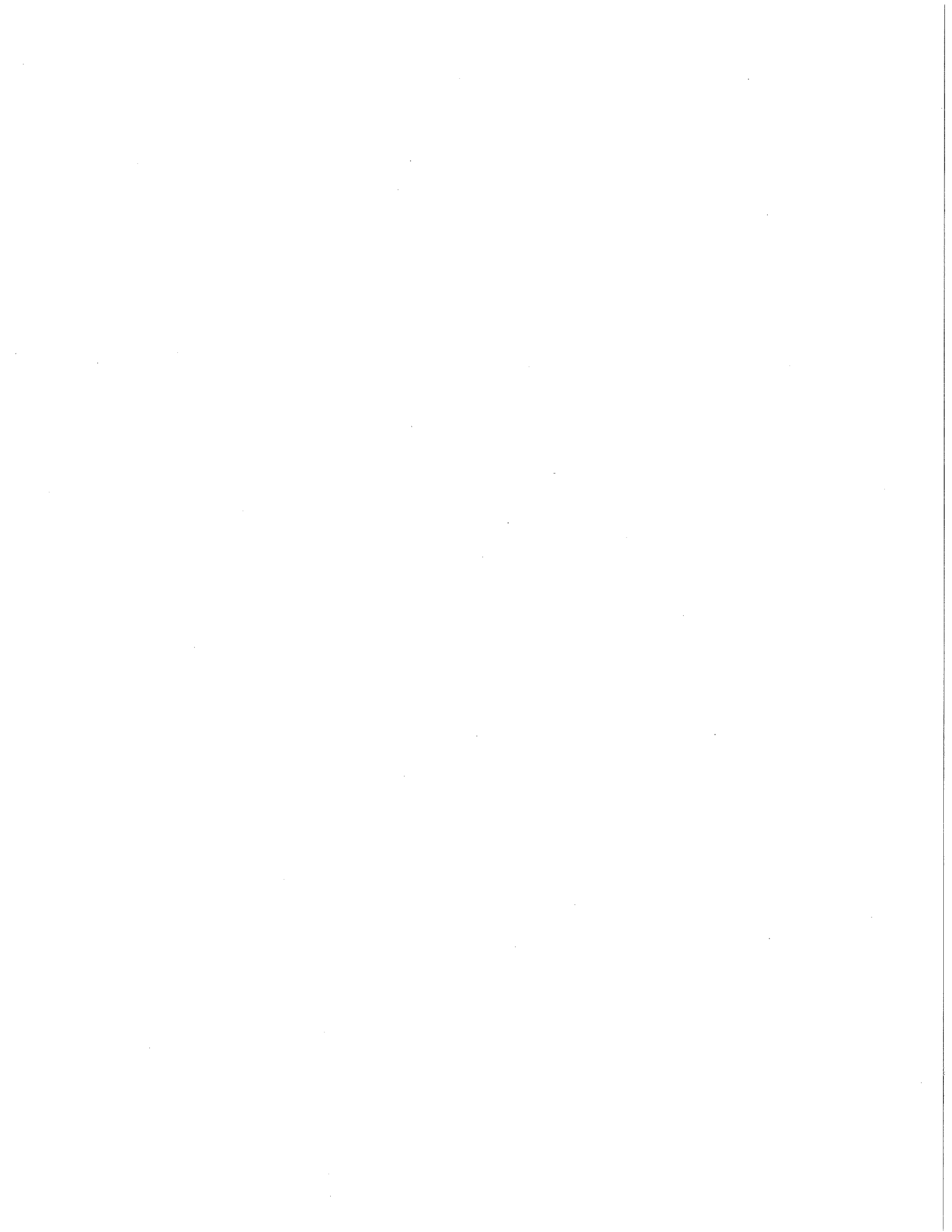
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***City of Gresham Infrastructure Development:***

Laurie Wells

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**Facilitator: Tara Anderson      LANDLORDS**

Little conversation. They drifted to another conversation.

They take section \*.

Wondering what happened to enhanced inspections within section 8. They don't want people living in bad conditions. City could do more to keep developer costs down.

City offering to help with money for landlords to make repairs.

There should be tenant education on taking care of homes.

Would like if we could send information on Lead Paint Program. They are interested in PHP putting an article in the LL news letter. 1700 LL to get it.

**Facilitator: Andrea Matthiessen      HOMEOWNERS/BARRIERS**

Finances and lack of income

Real estate agencies not selling cheaper home(not worth their time) they focus on families with more money.

Bad credit equals higher interest rates.

Need to build better credit

Good credit but not enough income.

\$870 in rent, \$1600 in income a month. Can't save enough money with current income.

How do you buy a house that's in foreclosure?

Not aware of resources to help navigate.

Habitat homes are available

**RENTAL HOUSING**

CCC's CHIPS program has housed 43 ppl in months since they started.

CCC wants to mobilize its alumni communities to get active in housing advocacy and telling their stories.

Welcome Home is organizing a big Lents coalition to win new revenue for housing.

RCP client with terminal illness got on priority list with Home Forward but still waited many months. He finally got his keys, he died the next month. He was 55+, homeless and in chemotherapy living outside on his own for months.

Woman who lived at JP shelter for five months working with NWPP had a good plan, worked hard on her goals, but ran out of time and got kicked out of shelter and because she was so scared she attempted suicide.

Workers don't have options to help people anymore.

CCC dreams of a skybridge from clinic to top floor of Helen Swindells to help people in hospice care.

In just two years, options have dried up for workers.

There are issues with the health and cleanliness of apartments, poor maintenance of appliances, or no parking availability.

Language is also a barrier to getting housing.

Information on how to apply or what the process is.

A lot of discrimination.

Income is not covering rent and rents are too high.

Larger units for families of immigrants.

No section 8 homes.

lack of information on where people are for the need of housing.

Waste of time to work on housing.

No affordable housing that is safe or clean.  
Are there care managers for housing?  
Issues because of language is a huge problem.  
Too much money for repairs.  
Landlords to not come and do repairs.  
Landlords give them excuses rather than fix broken issue.  
Instead of getting back deposits, they often have to pay more out of pocket expenses.  
Can't afford to live on your own.  
Had to move across the country to get affordable housing.  
Low maintenance of carpet in low income homes.  
Program to educate owners of affordable housing and their responsibility.  
Housing repair grants.  
Security deposit recouperations.

### **HOMELESSNESS**

Rents are not the same in the same complex.  
Rents increase every three months within the same apartments for different people.  
Large families have no extra money after rent.  
No health insurance or language assistance when going to the hospital.  
Leave in house but cant save.  
Appointments missing due to number of appointments.  
Families in the same apartments but rents are not the same.  
Insurance assies is expensive and could jeopardize kids access to school.  
Concern aboutg going to hospital due to expenses.  
Minimum wage isn not enough to pay rent.  
Because of the need to work, can't study english.  
Housing not in good condition, exposure to infestation.  
Family can't pay rent, moved with mom but can't stay there. Manager doesn't allow to have more than one family.  
What's needed in the community? Language barriers, and income for apartments.  
Because of rent they double or triple up in apartments.  
Access to parks.  
Transportation, carpool with friends for work. Walk 20 minutes after the bus stop.  
School for kids 18 yrs or older.

### **SHORT TERM SHELTER**

In our community very littler experience of short term shelter.  
What happens if someone can't afford their own apartment?  
If family arrives without a place to stay, we can all stay with each other but apartment regulations cap on the number of people, ect, get folks in trouble.  
Asked what they want to talk about:  
Basic needs, food, shelter, and clothing. We need shelter.  
Our income doesn't cover rent and rents go up.  
Would like affordable housing.  
We came here to live, not temporarily.  
We want our own home.

Applied to Habitat For Humanity but very small supply.

3 person in a two room, on SSI income. (\$721), 1 wife without income, room rent is \$725 in SE Portland.

When applying for Habitat, they don't qualify due to low income.

When studying, little income is possible.

If we can get affordable housing, to own is important for community.

Habitat mortgage equals rental cost.

Family of 8 members in 3 bedroom, can't afford larger unit, children have no place to play, and no space for them for 8 years.

Preventative thoughts:

Wrongful evictions because people don't know their rights and responsibilities.

Screening criteria that is so strongly.

Education and reasonable accommodations.

What is the right forum for these types of conversations.

Have People used Housing Programs:

\*Not particularly but we are working with CAT, has been helpful. But issues and people being \_\_\_\_\_ for it. Went to CAT letter writing claims and landlord apologized for it.

Asked about language challenges and access:

Had one instance of support from Impact NW.

Interpreter has acted as \_\_\_\_\_.

Late fee charges and timeline to pay all an issue.

8 children in a 3 bedroom is too small and around apartment are not safe. Home Forward is not accessible.

More affordable homes for homeless people.

For people with children and people without children, people to help them apply for Ssi, Sork, ect.

Need support people , not to feel isolated.

Year around shelter for families is important.

Discussed Challenges of Immigrants:

#### **Additional Comment(s):**

"Housing is a basic need for refugees"

"We need more time for more meetings like this"

"thank you for meeting. I hope meetings will continue".

"thank you for meeting tonight"

"We need more time for the same meeting"

"rental prices need to decrease".

" I need your help with rental housing".

" I want a new home".

" I want home ownership".

#### **Barriers:**

Getting too congested

Can't afford rent

Price to purchase a home.

Income and credit.

Rental Cost are high

Can't afford neighborhood

No barriers to move

Rental Cost are high

Rent continues to rise.

to expensive to live anywhere

low income, ready to become homeowner

Increased rent

Too expensive

Language

Language, income loss

Language

Expensive

Need more room

Poor

High Rent.

Wants a change

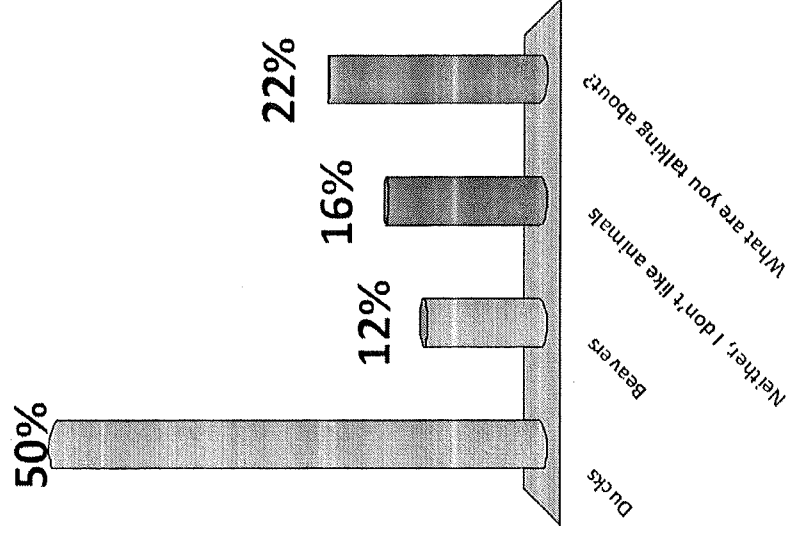
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Welcome!

# Are you a Ducks or Beavers fan?

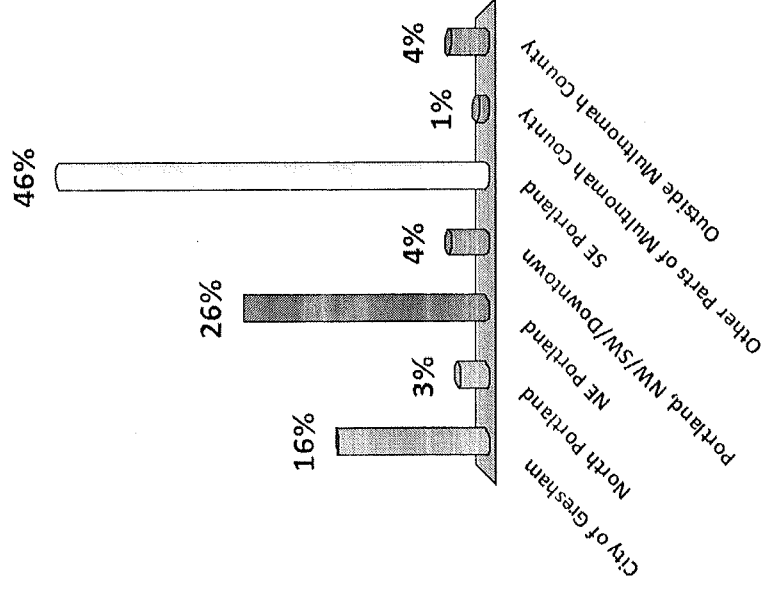
1. Ducks
2. Beavers
3. Neither, I don't like animals
4. What are you talking about?





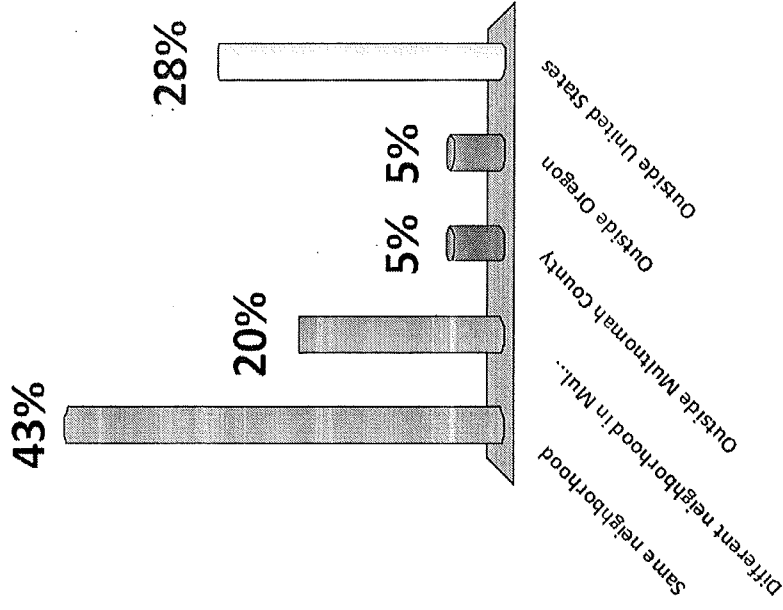
# Which neighborhood do you live in?

1. City of Gresham
2. North Portland
3. NE Portland
4. Portland, NW/SW/Downtown
5. SE Portland
6. Other Parts of Multnomah County
7. Outside Multnomah County



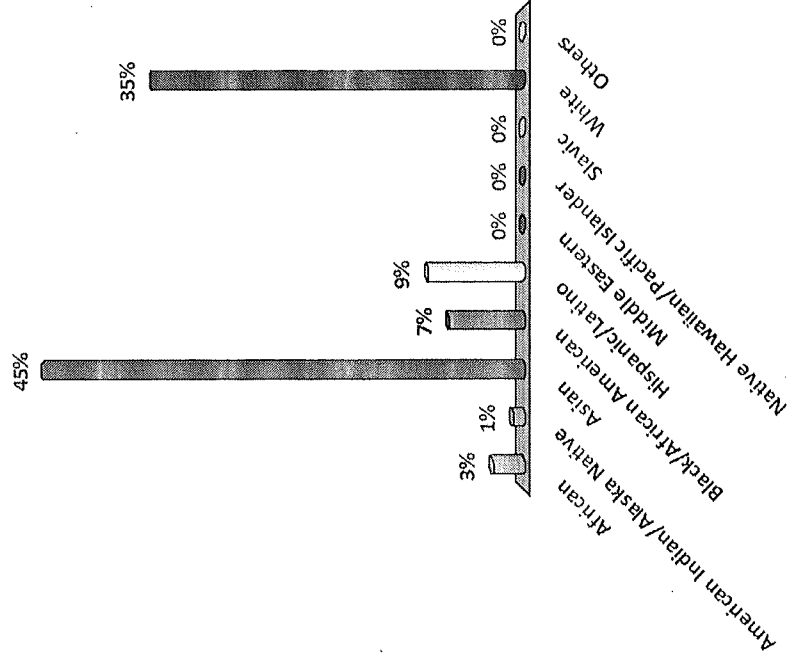
# Where did you live five years back?

1. Same neighborhood
2. Different neighborhood in Multnomah County
3. Outside Multnomah County
4. Outside Oregon
5. Outside United States



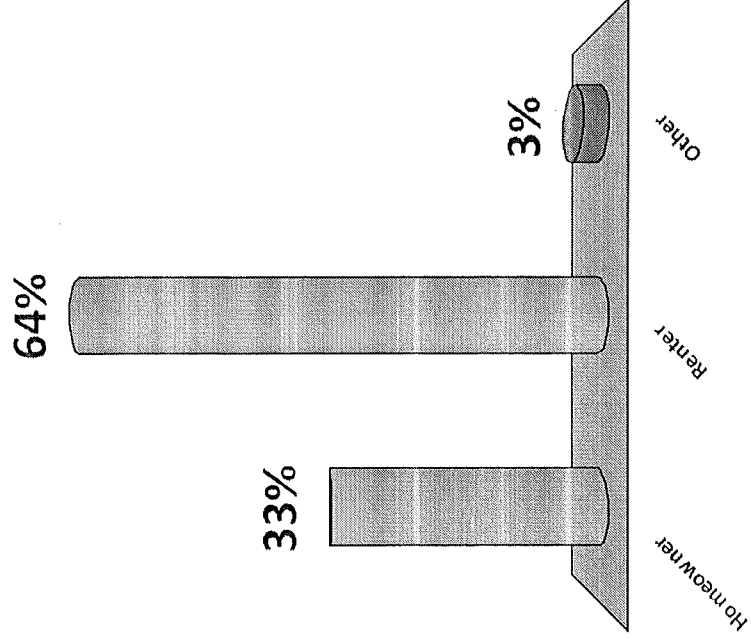
# How would you describe yourself?

1. African
2. American Indian/Alaska Native
3. Asian
4. Black/African American
5. Hispanic/Latino
6. Middle Eastern
7. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
8. Slavic
9. White
10. Others



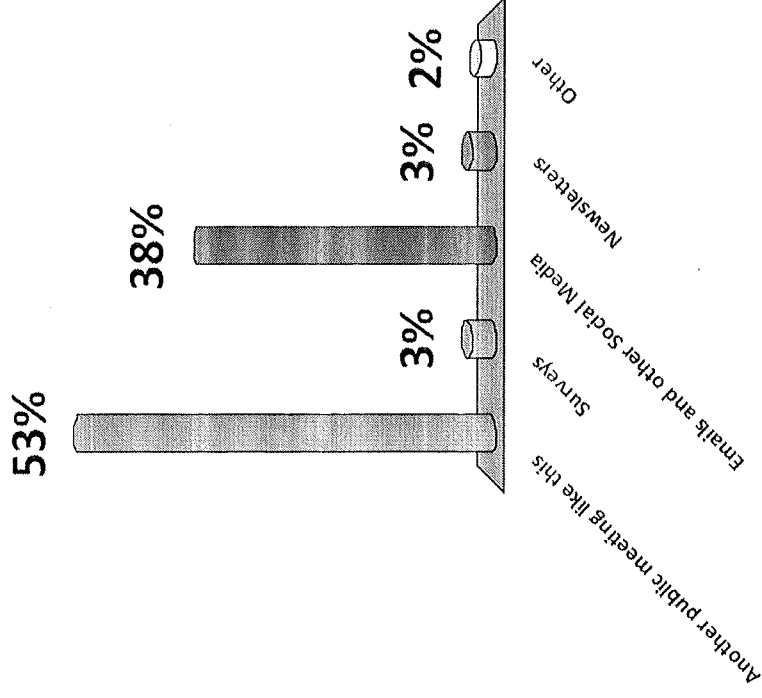
Are you?

1. Homeowner
2. Renter
3. Other



# How would you like to hear from us?

1. Another public meeting like this
2. Surveys
3. Emails and other Social Media
4. Newsletters
5. Other



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Thank You!