

2025-26 Budget Questionnaire

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

05 July 2019 - 29 October 2024

PROJECT NAME:

2025-26 Budget



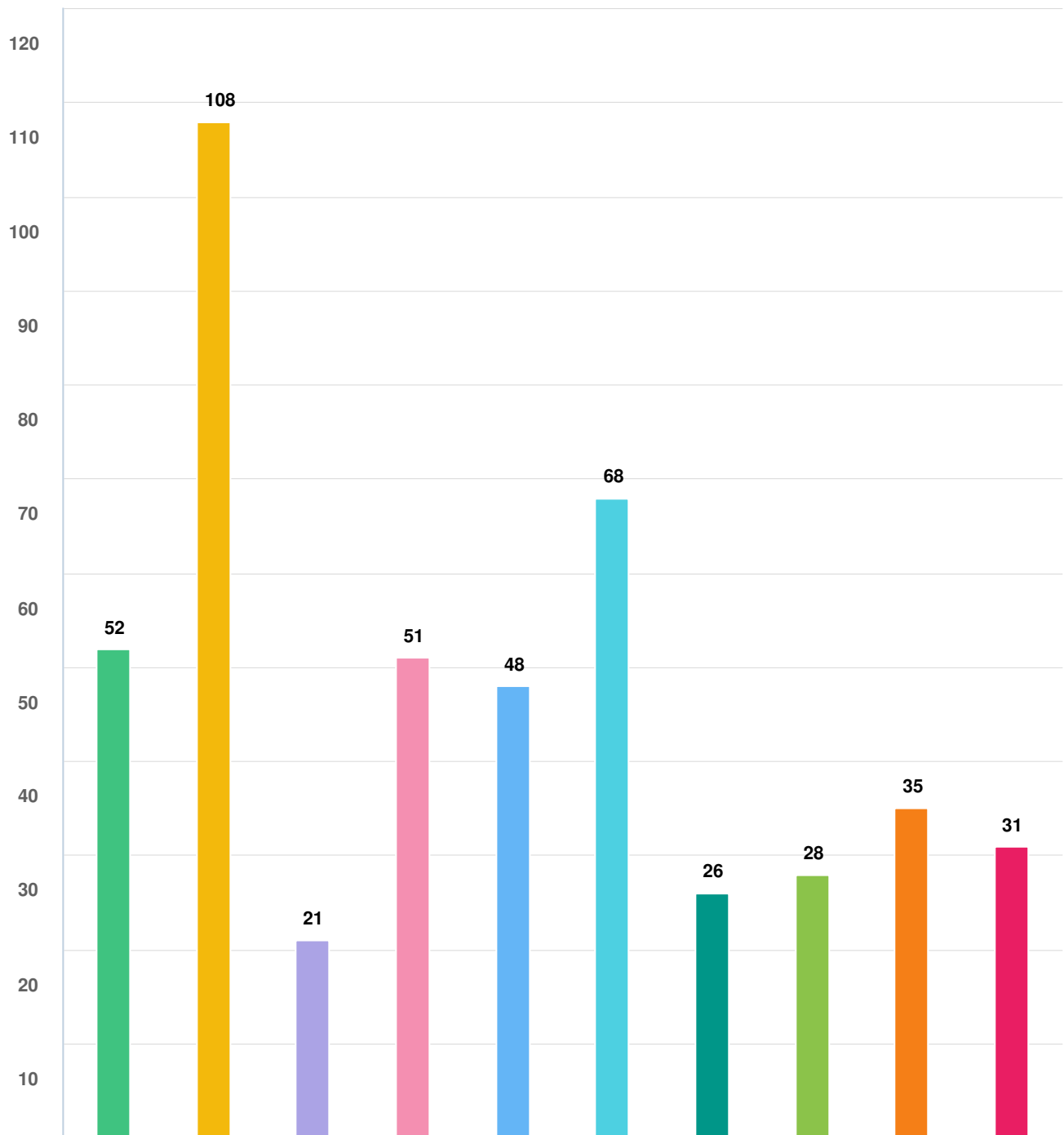
SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Please rank these budget priorities by importance to you:

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Safe and Resilient - We value a thriving community where all people feel safe.	2.29
Strategic and Responsive - We value a city that is welcoming, service oriented, and fiscally responsible.	2.41
Vibrant and Connected - We value a well-planned and supported community that provides a sense of place.	2.63
Healthy and Sustainable - We value a healthy environment that supports an active community.	2.64

*Optional question (154 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question*

Q2 | Healthy and Sustainable - We value a healthy environment that supports an active community.(Choose top 3)

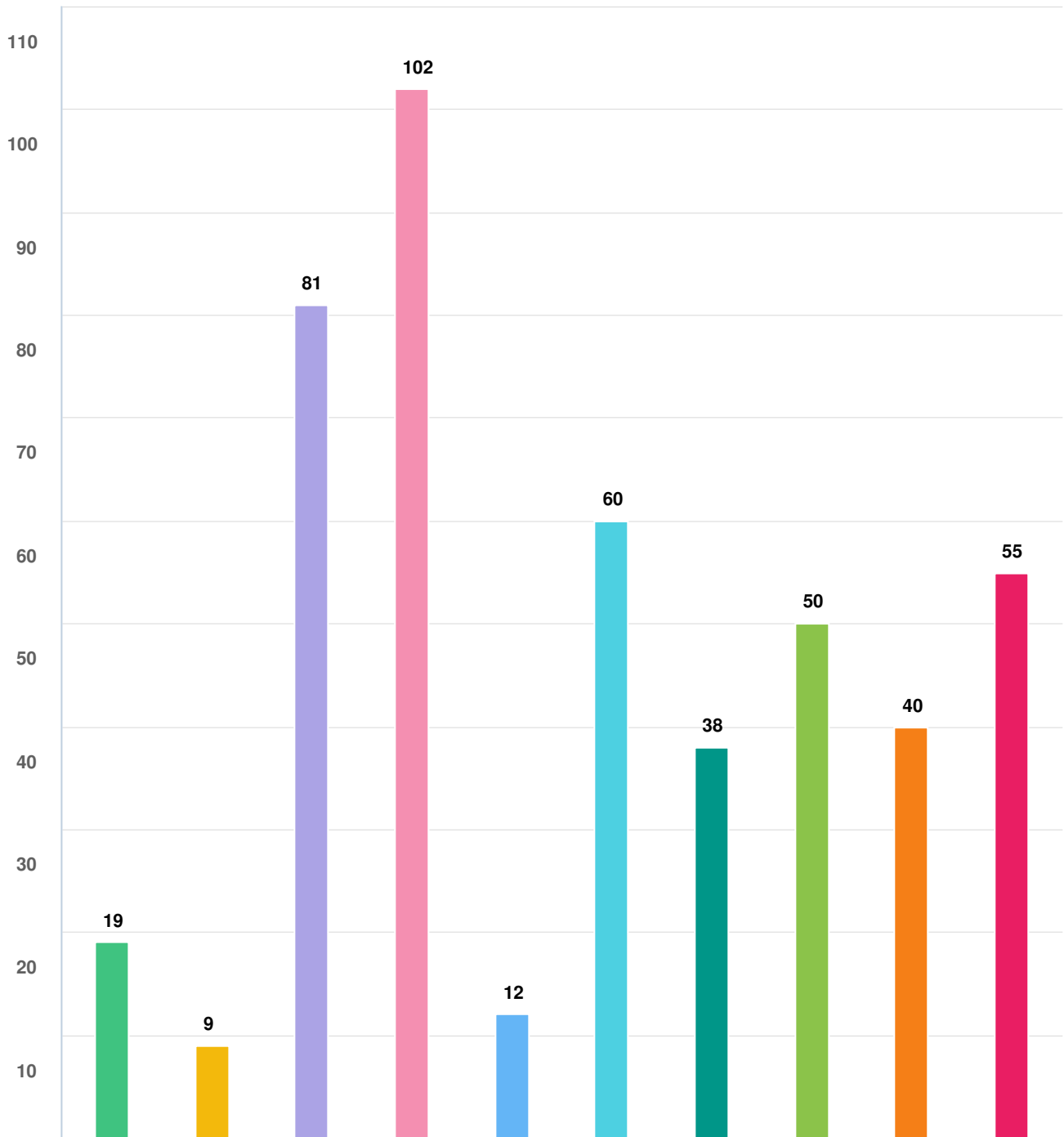


Question options

- Tree Canopy Expansion ● Safe Drinking Water ● Flood Control ● Stream Protection and Rehabilitation
- Park Planning and Development ● Park Maintenance ● Teen Programs ● Senior Programs
- Recreation Programs ● Carbon Emission Reduction

*Optional question (157 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q3 Safe and Resilient - We value a thriving community where all people feel safe. (Choose top 3)

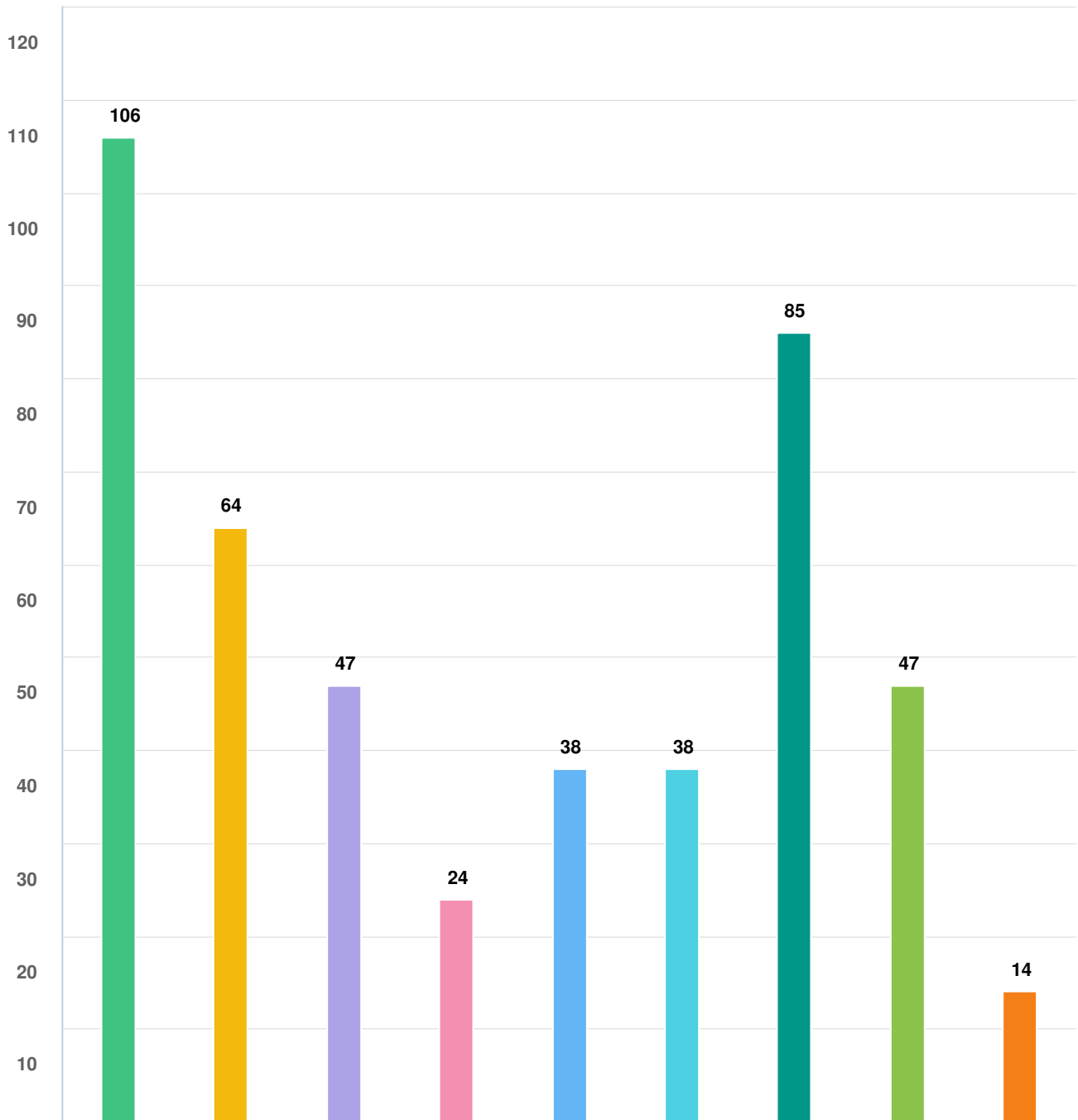


Question options

- Fire Prevention
- Construction and Building Inspections
- Street and Traffic Safety
- Police Patrol and Response
- Fire Suppression
- Emergency Medical Services
- Public Defense and Criminal Prosecution
- Criminal Investigation
- Emergency Planning and Response
- Mental Health Support

*Optional question (157 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q4 Strategic and Responsive - We value a city that is welcoming, service oriented, and fiscally responsible.(Choose top 3)

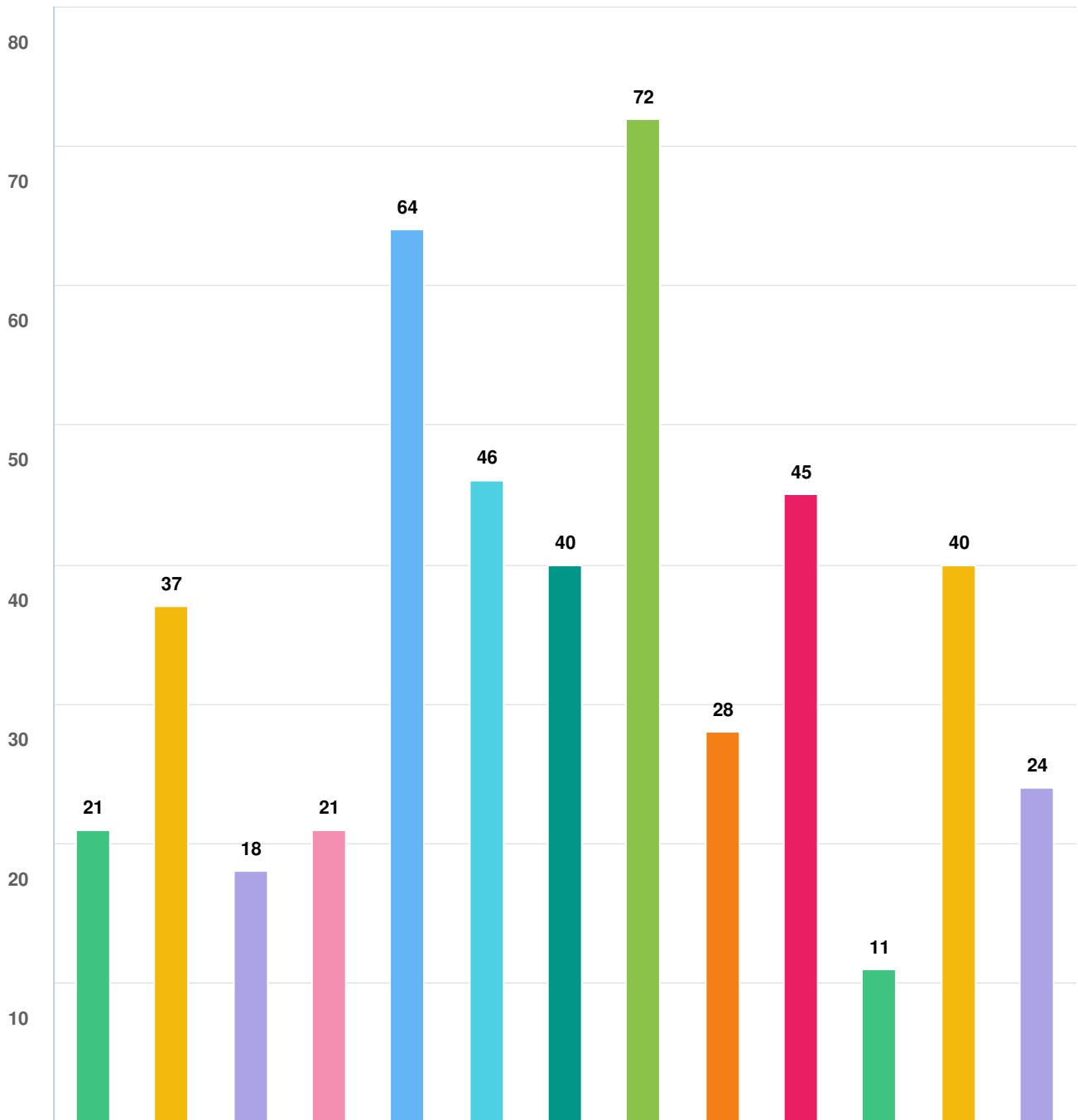


Question options

- Financial Accountability ● Financial Resiliency ● Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion ● Staff Recruitment and Retention
- City Technology Network Security and Availability ● Citywide Communications
- Community Involvement and Engagement ● Regional Coordination and Planning
- Organizational Development and Training

*Optional question (156 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q5 Vibrant and Connected - We value a well-planned and supported community that provides a sense of place. (Choose top 3)

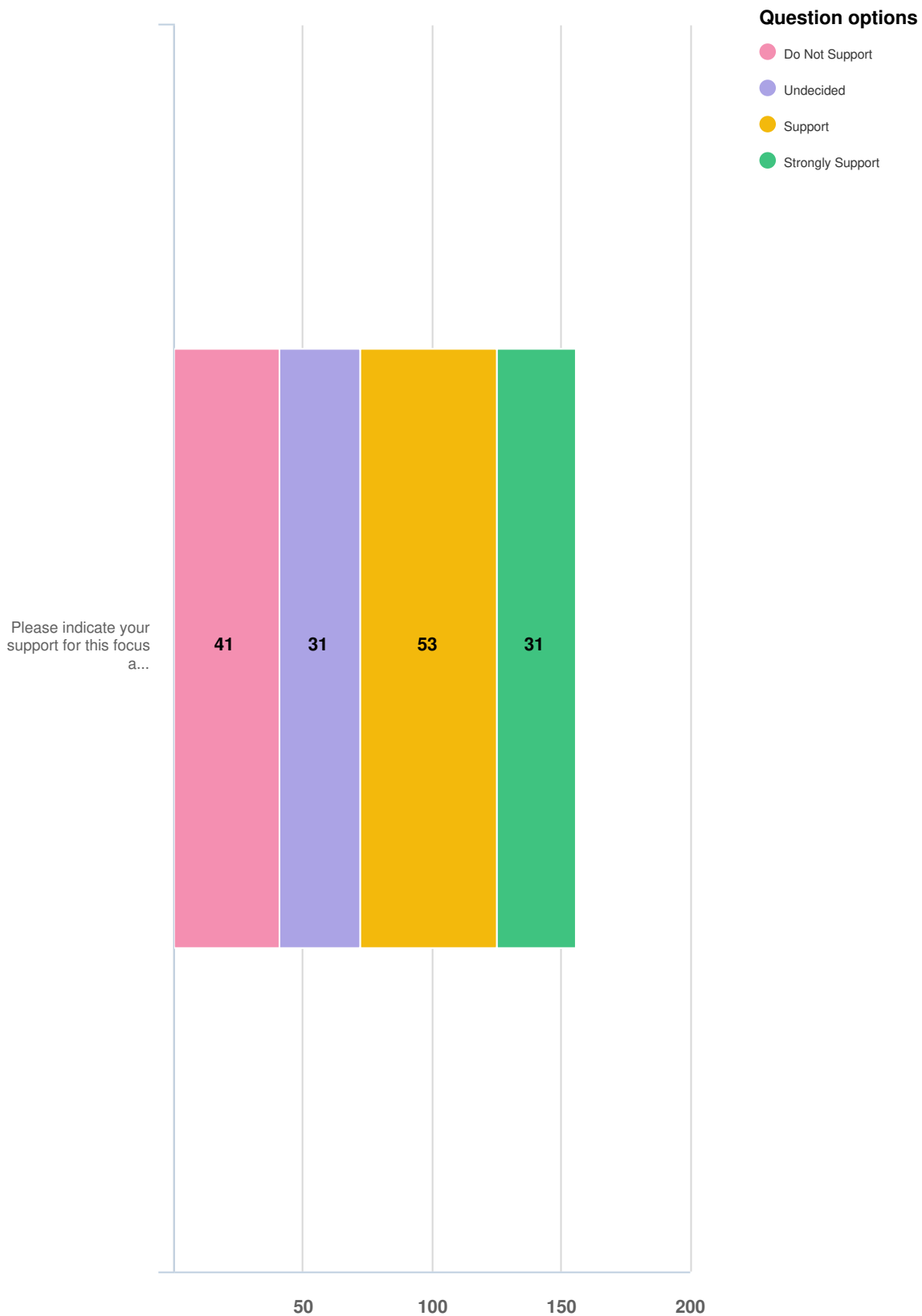


Question options

- Arts and Cultural Programs
 ● Community Events
 ● Development Permitting and Inspection
- Alternative Modes of Transportation
 ● Housing Affordability
 ● Homelessness
 ● Human Services
- Infrastructure Development, Maintenance, and Replacement
 ● Community and Economic Development
- Transit Planning
 ● Parking Enforcement
 ● Local Business Support
 ● Code Enforcement

*Optional question (157 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

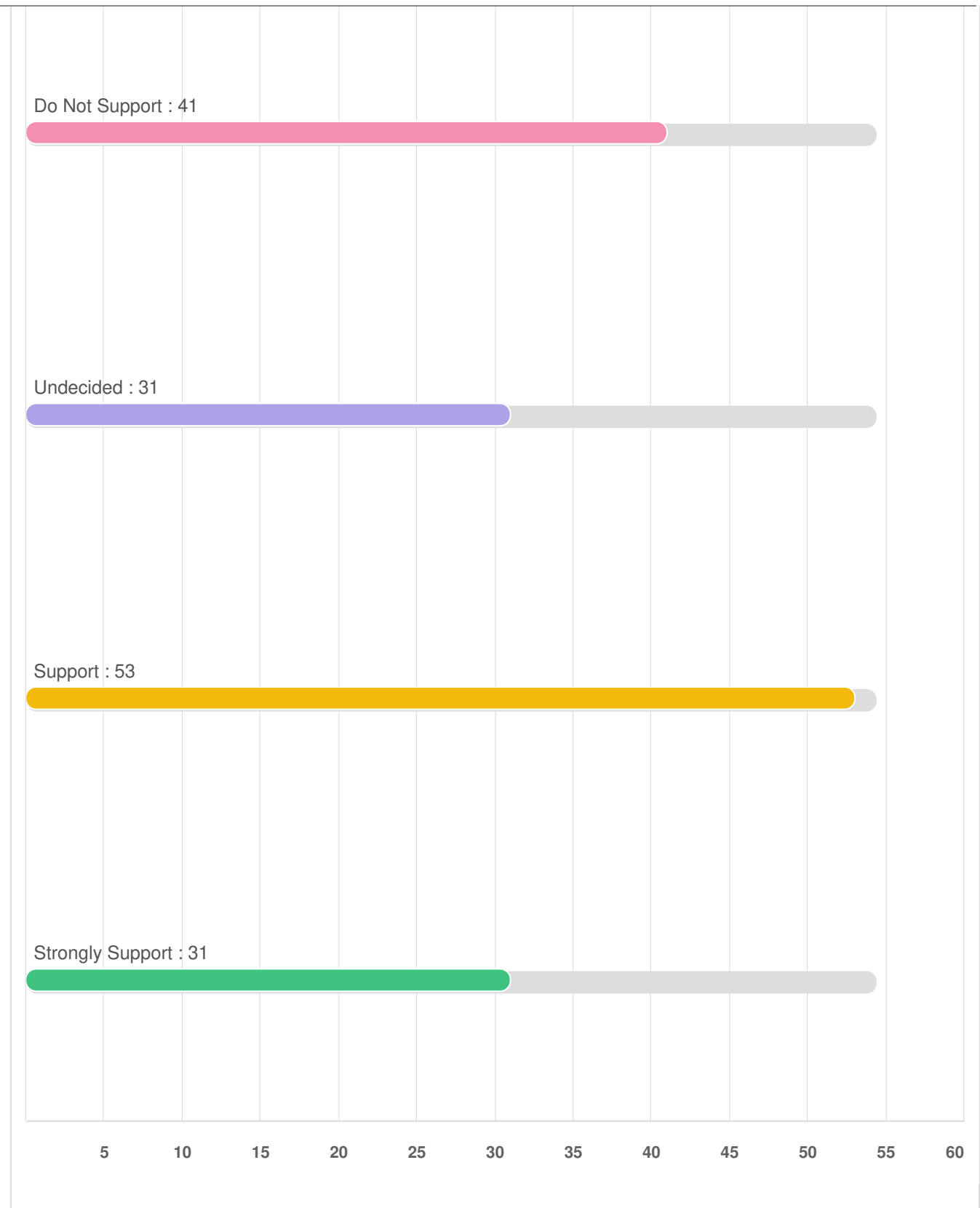
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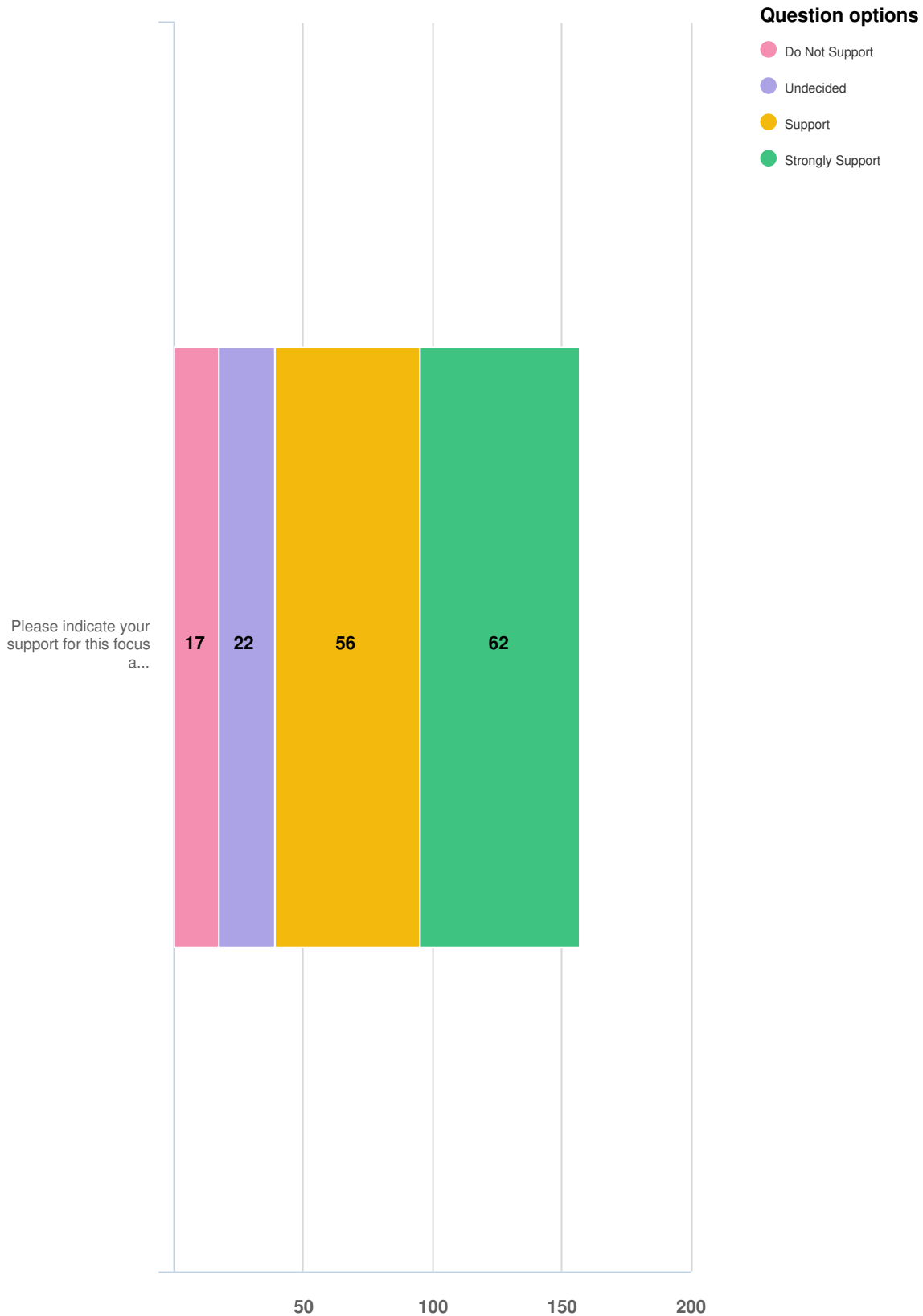
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Please indicate your support for this focus area



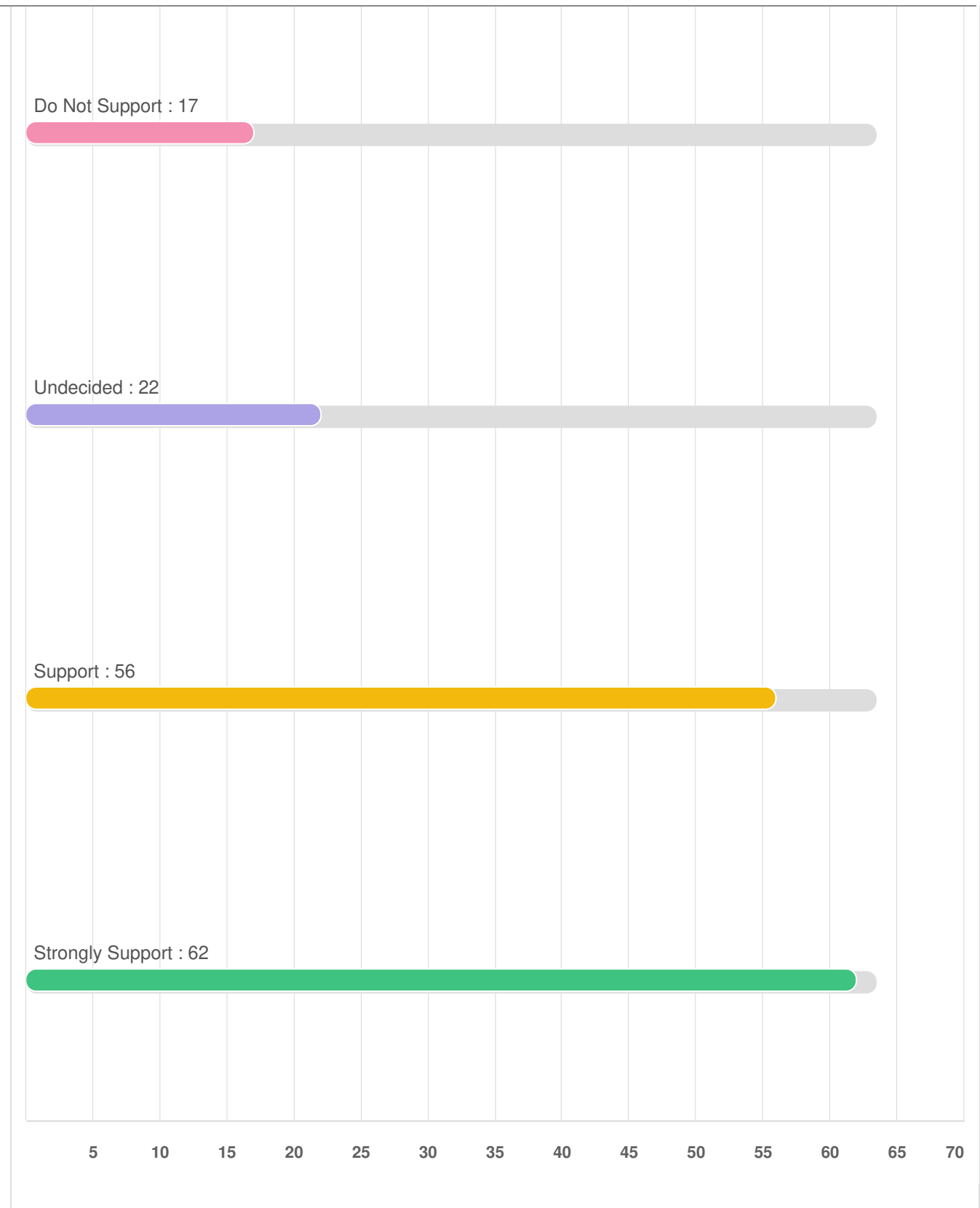
Q7 Mass communications during a major incident. To improve equity in this focus area, we would commit additional financial resources to emergency public outreach and education. Such steps could include:working to increase enrollment in Alert King Coun...



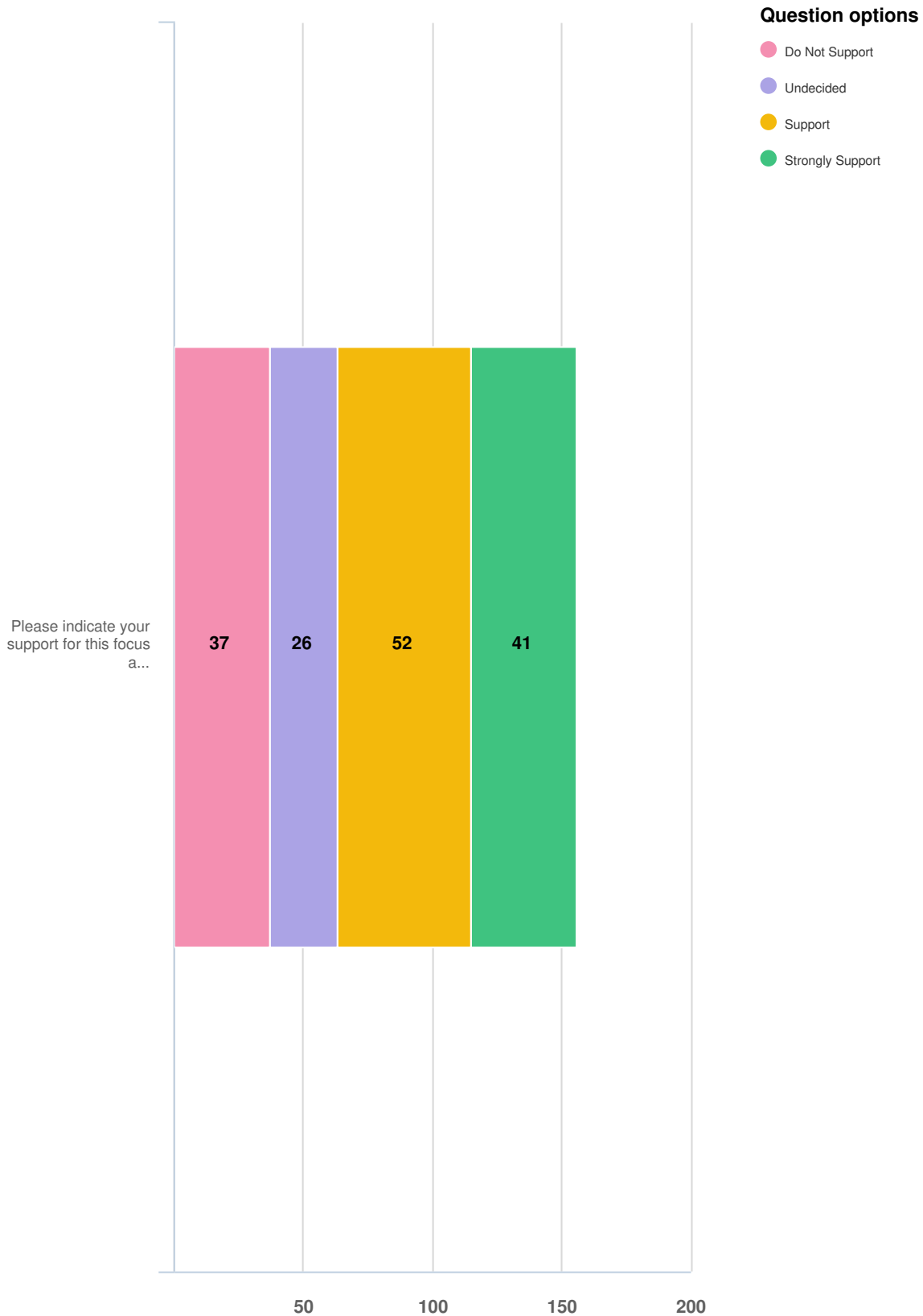
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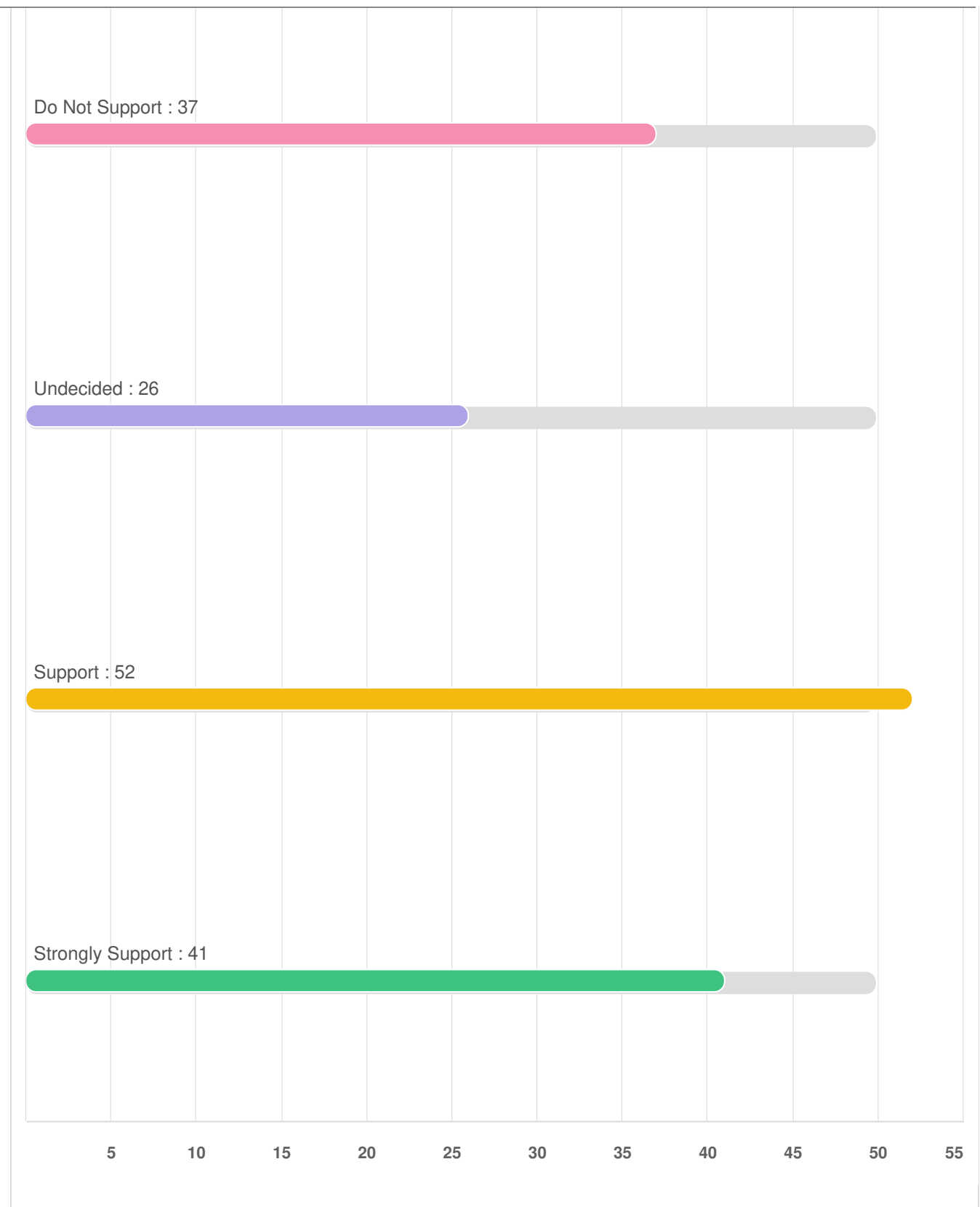
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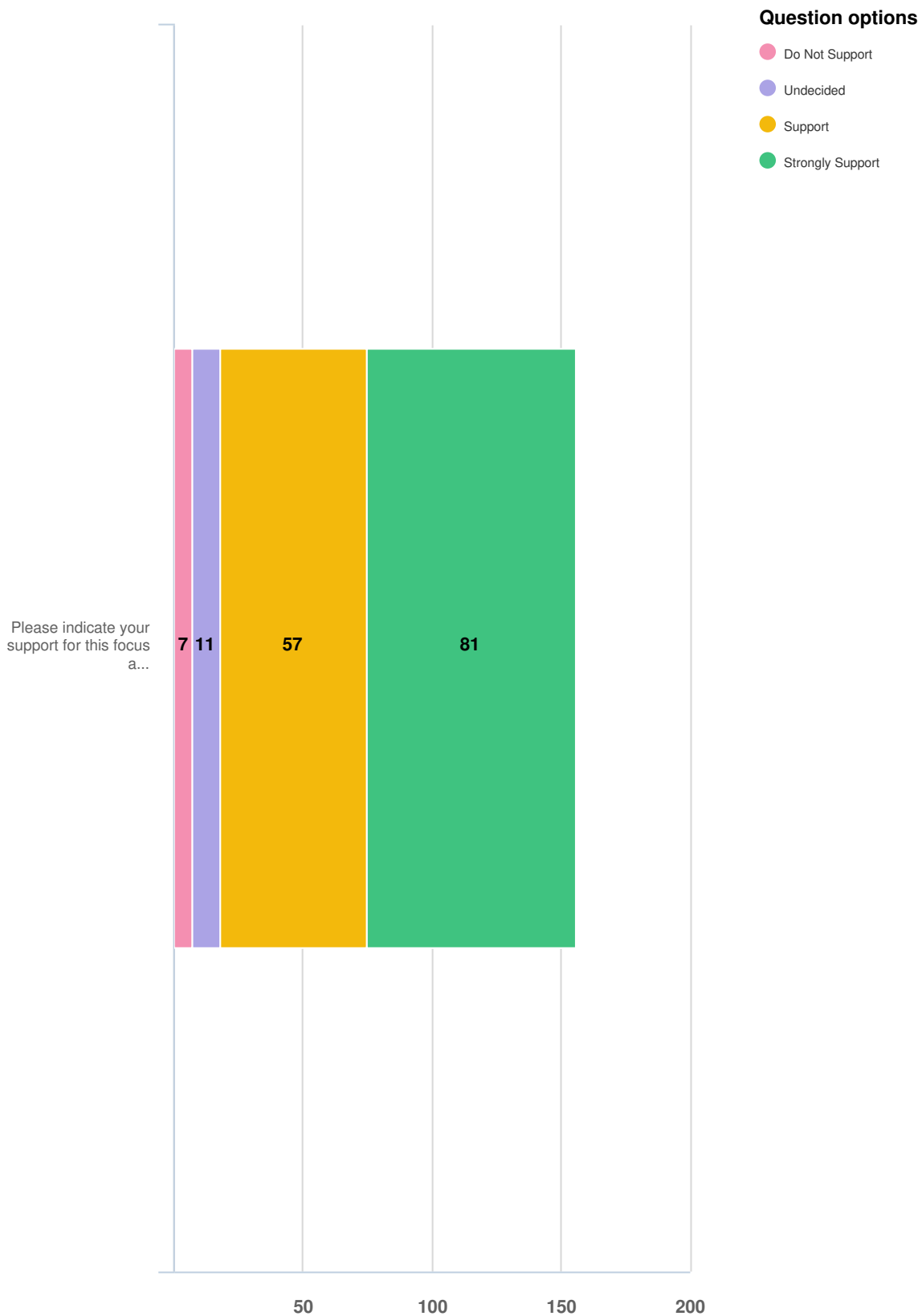
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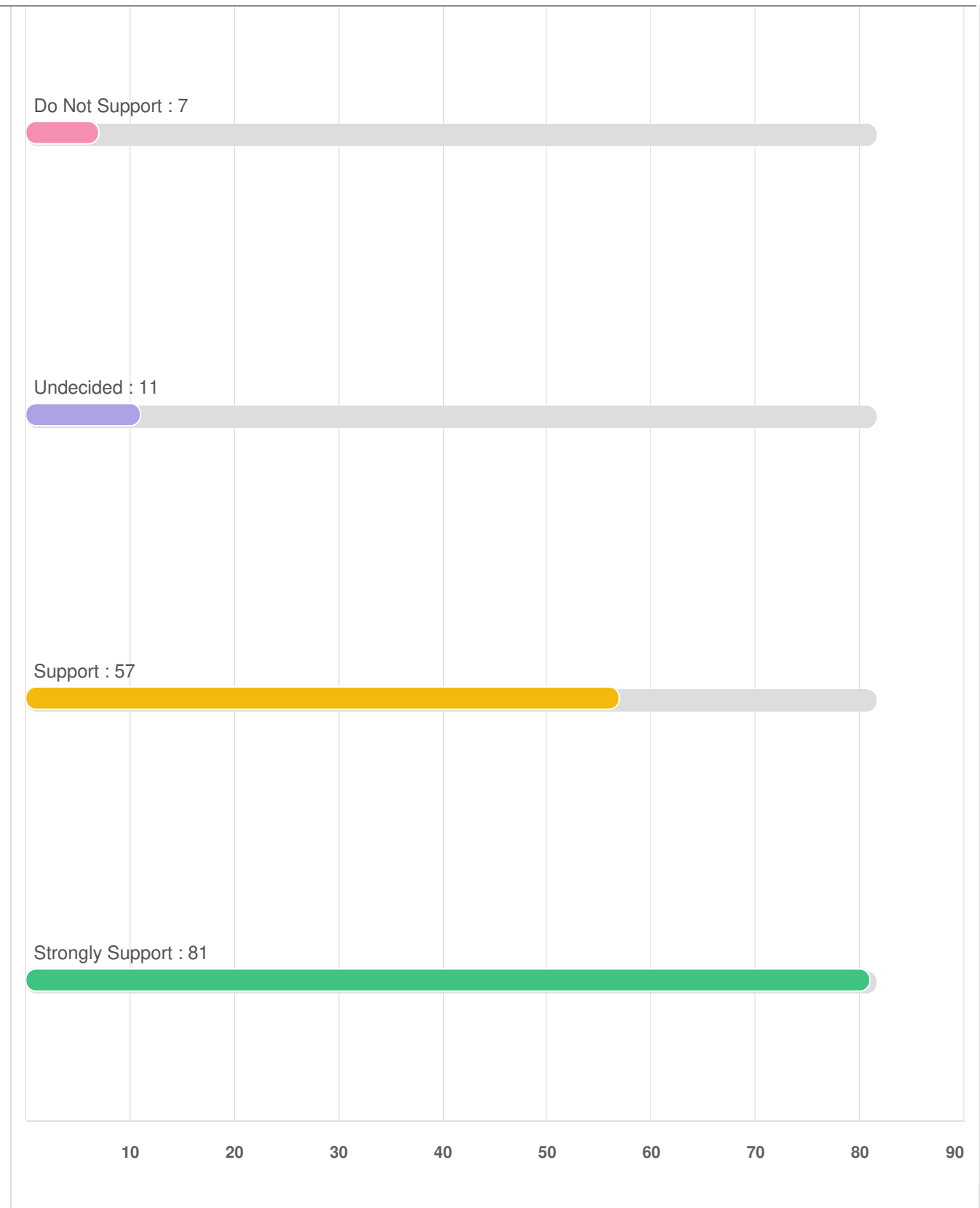
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Please indicate your support for this focus area



Q10 | Do you have any other comments about the City budget or the Budgeting for Equity approach?

Sayna

8/03/2024 10:44 AM

Expanding bus routes to reduce reliance on having cars. Currently the bus routes are so limited that they force people to use cars.

Anonymous

8/05/2024 09:33 AM

I believe the current approach to the City budget, specifically the Budgeting for Equity approach, is misguided. Budgeting should be based on objective needs and priorities rather than focusing on equity as a primary factor. Equity, in this context, seems to imply providing financial advantages based on ethnicity or demographic factors, which I think detracts from the principle of meritocracy and individual effort that is fundamental to the American ethos. The American way emphasizes working hard and earning one's success rather than relying on handouts or special considerations due to one's ethnicity or background. Budgeting should focus on ensuring efficient allocation of resources, promoting economic growth, and supporting those genuinely in need without discriminating based on demographic factors.

Anonymous

8/05/2024 09:52 AM

Please consider adding QR codes for resident opt in / optional funding for activity specific and park specific Pickle Ball Courts. Specifically, please add this to Meadow Park. I think it would be great to add local resident opt in / optional funding for pickle ball court maintenance and upgrades. Expand the courts to include 4 total courts, move the basketball hoops to a separate fenced area. Add lighting for night play, add fencing between courts to prevent cross game interference, and later add court canopies to allow for inclement weather play, covered courts will also help them last longer. Continue to restripe courts yearly and remove cracks and frost heaves to limit potential for injuries related to park use.

Anonymous

8/05/2024 10:07 AM

Other countries, such as Japan, encourage use of real-time language translation services provided by an ecosystem of non-commercial and commercial applications on smartphones. The Windows operating system also has this built-in. etc. I'd like to see the city try to stick to industry standard solutions and not reinvent the wheel or engage a third party for custom development services.

Anonymous

8/05/2024 10:22 AM

We need more condo not more appartements. We need to have home - small or condo for a good start or downsizing. We have way too many apartments without enough green space for hose living in

apartments.

Anonymous

8/05/2024 10:22 AM

City employee pay and benefits have gotten completely out of control. It's time to end automatic cost of living raises for city employees (let's use merit only). Also, city employees need to start paying premiums for their health insurance.

Anonymous

8/05/2024 10:30 AM

As a person with disabilities my main concern in getting around Redmond on foot is wheeled vehicles moving at speed on sidewalks and trails, mixing with pedestrians (many of whom already move faster than I do.) The bike lanes on streets are generally not safe for kids and teens on wheels and people on scooters should not use them, and usually don't. But the presence on sidewalks and trails of all these wheeled users endangers pedestrians. I don't think there are easy solutions to this, but keeping awareness high about how to share the sidewalks and roads always helps; there are always new people coming here, kids with newly-acquired bikes, etc. I really like pedestrian signals and those vertical signs that go in the middle of the road at crossings, too. Cyclists who use trails can be particularly scary for pedestrians and I avoid most trails for that reason. It's easier to see them coming on sidewalks. I'm hearing impaired so "On your left" is almost useless for me.

Anonymous

8/05/2024 10:36 AM

I would like to be a part of a board that is multicultural and has proven effectiveness in equity in action

Anonymous

8/05/2024 01:48 PM

Bring back waste management days to drop off anything from home.

Anonymous

8/05/2024 03:46 PM

Keep roads better maintained for traffic safety and efficient movement.

Anonymous

8/05/2024 04:51 PM

Thank you :)

Anonymous

8/05/2024 08:23 PM

Allocate more funds to the police department. They are doing a great job. The City is both safe and pursuing progressive policing policies and tools.

Anonymous

8/06/2024 10:15 AM

There are lots of small retail establishments being forced out by large housing blocks. Even though there is supposed to be retail moving

back into these at ground level it's sporadic and often unappealing retail. The downtown core is losing it's vibrancy. Please bring back the small town feel with better planning.

Anonymous

8/07/2024 09:42 AM

More funding for non-profit organizations providing transportation. Such as Sound Generations, Hyde Shuttle.

Anonymous

8/07/2024 10:28 AM

ADA upgrades is a federal law and civil rights mandate. It is imperative the city take an active role to not only comply with federal law on ADA but also better meet the increasing needs of an aging population.

Anonymous

8/08/2024 07:10 PM

Inclusivity for all

Anonymous

8/08/2024 10:41 PM

We should not be assisting in language barrier problems, I moved here as an immigrant and leaned the language like anyone else. I also think our roads need urgent attention, I pay thousands in taxes and my road is worse than Swiss cheese and Avondale is one of the busiest roads.

Anonymous

8/11/2024 05:43 PM

Equitable access to clean, efficient energy, heating, cooling, and transportation options.

Anonymous

8/14/2024 09:52 AM

Please continue to allocate and give funding to children, youth, and families mental health services to providers

Anonymous

8/15/2024 12:32 PM

It is imperative that the City be completely transparent BEFORE spending taxpayer money or allocating public lands to private entities. Plymouth Housing is a perfect example of totally disregarding the citizen's of Redmond wants and needs.

Anonymous

8/15/2024 02:20 PM

fix the roads and bike trails.

Anonymous

8/16/2024 03:58 AM

Nothing mentioned here addresses the need for faith discrimination and acts of hate against religious populations.

Anonymous

Good infrastructure, design, and planning works best when it does

8/16/2024 08:42 AM

not focus on one particular group/groups to be effective. It is designed for humans, which is for all. Focusing on how it can best suit one group does not suit everyone at all. We must take wholistic approaches when laying the roadmap for our future.

Anonymous

8/16/2024 09:48 AM

I would like to see decisions made about the city of Redmond to be more responsive to the needs of people living downtown. Are decisions made that impact downtown actually being made by those living downtown? Although, people living downtown are more likely renters, it does not mean they are short-timers. Outdoor spaces, pedestrian safety, affordability, walkability, recreation... I've lived in downtown Redmond for about 15 years and feels as if the development is to simply pack the people in with nothing to do, nowhere to go and no sense of community.

Anonymous

8/18/2024 10:40 AM

This is a discriminatory racial approach. The US Supreme Court already decided on this.

Anonymous

8/18/2024 02:00 PM

Safe drinking water is not "prioritizable". It is a fundamental need for living... unclear how tablets would make language more accessible and seems limiting availability, have more accessible options been considered (how is this better than Google translate?) ... without actual dollar amounts attached, determining to support is difficult, since there is a limited budget.

Anonymous

8/18/2024 05:58 PM

Reduce begging in traffic lights and signals.

Anonymous

8/18/2024 09:15 PM

Better planning for growth with schools is needed - can't keep growing the city and not have sufficient schools.

Anonymous

8/19/2024 01:19 PM

Need more pickleball courts (tennis surface with pickleball nets and lights) please.

Anonymous

8/19/2024 02:29 PM

Please stop with all the inclusiveness and homelessness focused initiatives, we care about public safety, clean parks and strong small businesses (not that other crap)!

Anonymous

8/19/2024 06:23 PM

I do not support emergency management outreach budget increase. Current EM staff destroyed the volunteer program that provided this service at minimal cost to the City for many years.

Anonymous

8/19/2024 10:26 PM

Make it illegal for corporations to buy residential properties,

Anonymous

8/30/2024 01:23 PM

I don't like the word equity. We should be offering all services equally.

Anonymous

8/30/2024 05:39 PM

Please do more for senior housing and food

Anonymous

8/31/2024 04:56 PM

Support environmental upgrades for people limited by language, finances, or lack of knowledge.

Anonymous

9/09/2024 02:09 PM

Help the landmark areas of Redmond to look nice and presentable. Some historical landmarks in Redmond does not look well maintained.

Anonymous

9/18/2024 07:52 PM

Less DEI (and related) more security and offenders behind bars,

Anonymous

9/19/2024 07:27 AM

Please be mindful that transit is not an option for everyone, especially in neighborhood and steep hills. We need to understand that transportation options need to be friendly to people who need cars, part or all of the way. This means safe roads lighting parking.

Anonymous

9/19/2024 09:17 AM

Public safety should be the #1 priority. Police staffing should be at 110% to allow for turnover/temporary disabilities. Traffic enforcement needs to resume; racing vehicles, modified exhaust systems all denigrate the community. Shoplifting needs to be curtailed through a partnership of business/police. Law/order needs to be re-established as it was circa 2019, pre Covid, pre George Floyd. And PLEASE, do not tolerate camping on streets in or outside of vehicles; don't let Redmond turn into Seattle.

Anonymous

9/19/2024 03:24 PM

ADA accommodations, DEI, and community assistance (especially for homeless and/or special needs individuals) should be a priority.

Anonymous

9/19/2024 04:08 PM

Love the recreation programs, especially the farm and teen center! Make sure we keep those open for years to come. And build a new pool!!!

Anonymous

9/20/2024 10:26 AM

While this all sounds great on some level - Do we have the money to do them?

Anonymous

9/20/2024 10:39 AM

Be more bike friendly, separate bike lanes from traffic.

Anonymous

9/20/2024 03:07 PM

Fiscal responsibility shall be the top priority.

Anonymous

9/20/2024 05:09 PM

Equity should be one of the biggest drivers of how decisions are made

Anonymous

9/20/2024 06:22 PM

I do not support the concept of Budgeting for Equity and don't understand why ADA standards are included in this category. Am I correct in assuming that the City already has some sort of mandate to make these improvements over time? It makes me wonder if this was included so that you could get more positive responses to the overall concept of Budgeting for Equity. It seems to me that the City is veering away from the available resources part of Budgeting by Priorities. Isn't a large part of Budgeting by Priorities the relationship between the available resources and priorities (using the available resources to first fund the highest priorities)? Someone may say that they are interested in some or all of the Budgeting by Equity focus areas, but their response may change if it meant less police/fire services for example I hope that the City will focus on financial accountability and resilience and avoid what some local governments seem to do, which is to fund lower priority items and then ask the citizens to pay more for essential services (like police/fire) later on when the essential services have been underfunded.

Anonymous

9/20/2024 10:27 PM

The trail along Sammamish river is not very safe for walking do to so many defriend type of users, speeding bicycles, roller blading, etc.

Anonymous

9/21/2024 07:50 AM

Please don't allow for more new construction apartment high rise buildings. We have enough, our suburban town is almost unrecognizable downtown!

Anonymous

9/21/2024 09:02 AM

Keep track of and question overspending on projects- I don't want another park or other city project that costs more than a similar one in another Washington jurisdiction. Use the resources and tools already available for Pollution Prevention Assistance and Source Control

translation and interpretation services, get outside funding from grants, and do not allocate more money than has been budgeted in the past for these services. Comply with ADA but don't allocate more money to do so. In addition to first responders, pilot real time translation tablets with PPA and Source control programs. Keep Sammamish trail users safe by enforcement- people should use the trail like a road- walkers on the right, bikers passing safely on the left, if stopping or not moving, get off to the side. Improve lane width to accommodate traffic on the trail. Pressure and require King County to fund trail enforcement and improvements.

Anonymous

9/21/2024 11:30 AM

Stop catering to every flavor. English is our official language. If you want community connection, then force people that live here to join the community by learning the regional language. this is not racism to expect this.

Anonymous

9/21/2024 11:40 AM

ADA upgrades and improved accessibility are mandated by the Civil Rights Act and federal law. The ADA upgrades citywide should as a matter of law supersede some of the other discretionary areas you are proposing budget allocation such as language translation not required by law.

Anonymous

9/21/2024 05:37 PM

> City Council and Mayor to be more transparent and accountable for spending! > *Communicate* (transparency!) to the residents when a "proposed" development - before *any* approval - has been submitted for resident's input! > Resolve parking issue! I repeat, Resolve parking issue!!! Remove "restrictive" parking signs, limit them to areas where "necessary," ie. medical facilities, 1st responders. City "permit" parking is *not* available within a one block radius of residence. BTW are there any permits currently available? > Lastly, no one in city gov't, with the exception of 'manual laborers' should even *consider* an increase in salary! You get a raise - distribute city funds to its residents also. I'm on SSA and expect a 2.5 to 2.7 increase - surely that will cover the cost of groceries, fuel, electricity, *rent* exponentially! Reminder: This is the era of The Boomers!

Anonymous

9/21/2024 06:22 PM

We need to spend less on police and more on social services.

Anonymous

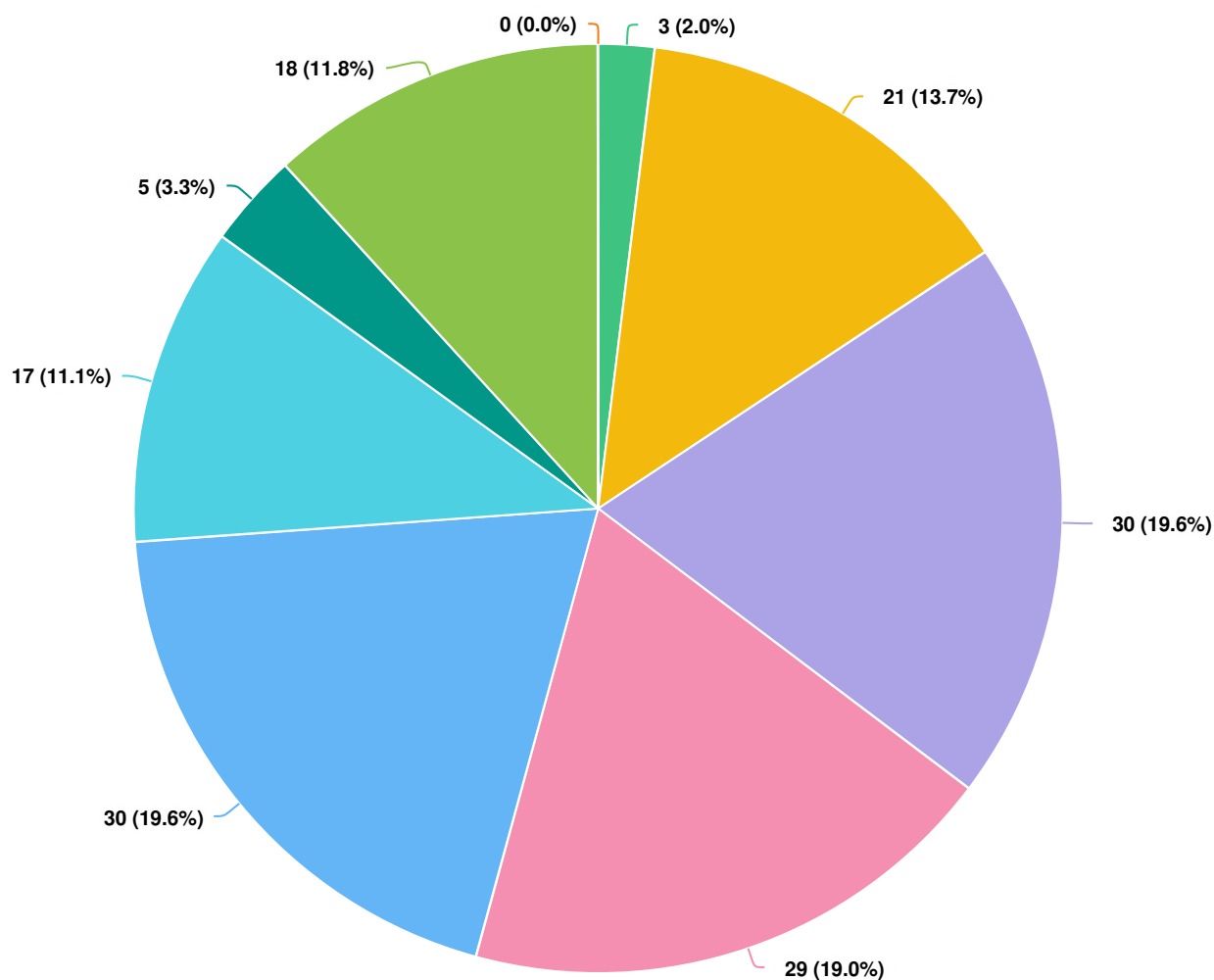
9/22/2024 10:08 AM

Why do I only get to choose from these options? What about the rest of the budget? Why do you not take my feedback on the rest of the budget?

Optional question (54 response(s), 103 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q11 | In which decade were you born?

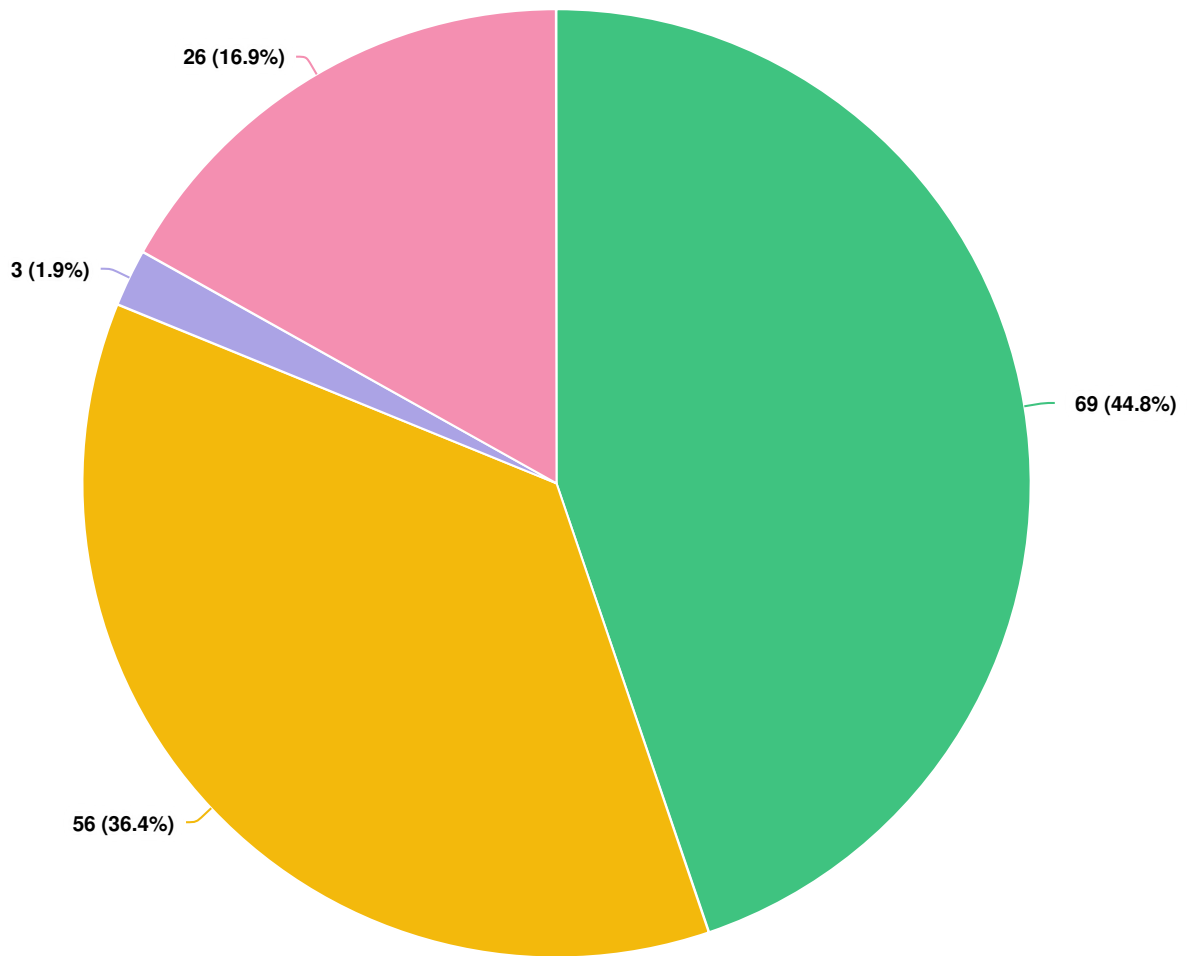


Question options

- Before 1940
- I prefer not to answer
- 1940-1949
- 1950-1959
- 1960-1969
- 1970-1979
- 1980-1989
- 1990-1999
- 2000 or after

Optional question (153 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q12 What gender do you identify with?

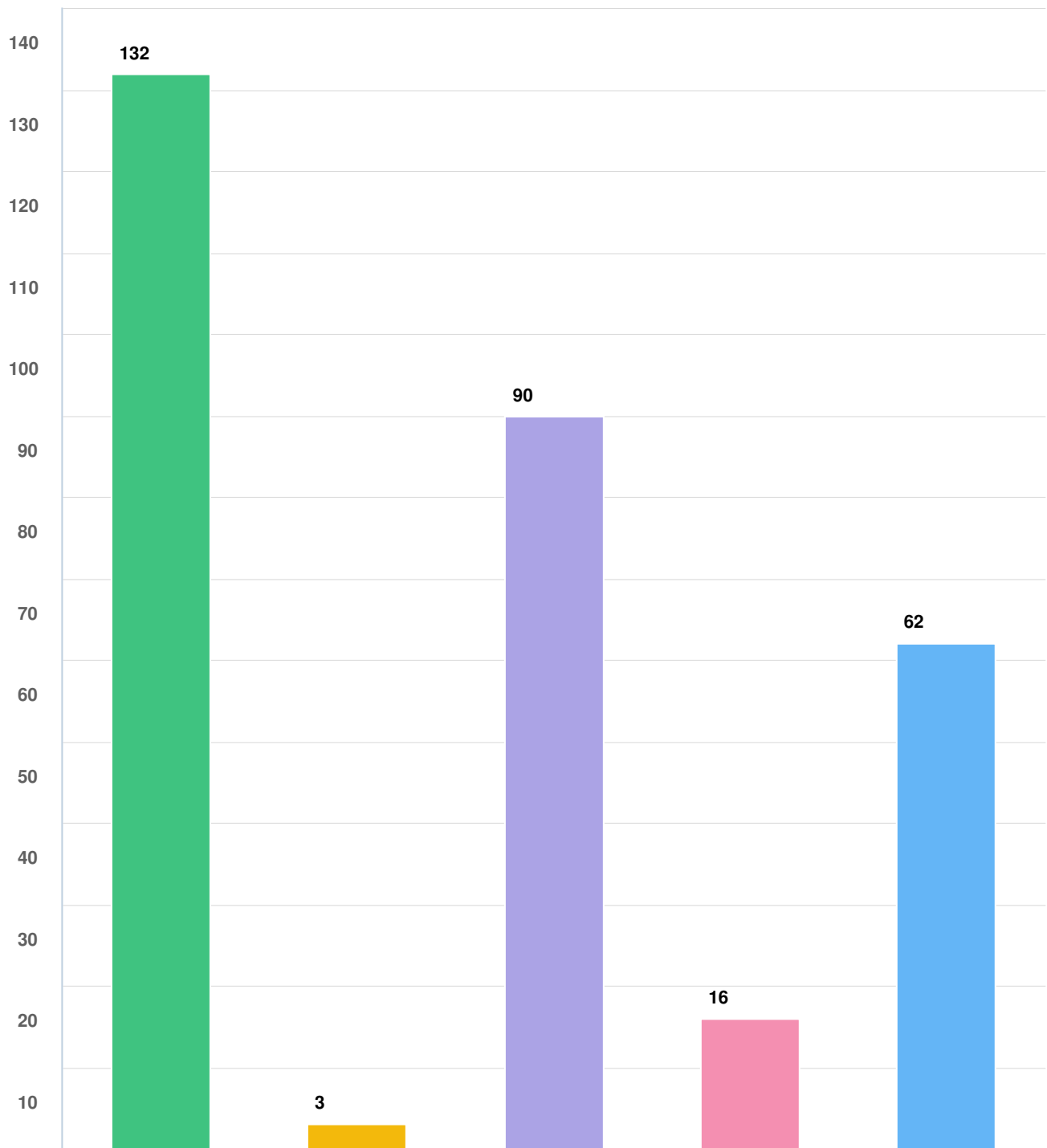


Question options

- I prefer not to answer
- Transgender or Gender-variant
- Male
- Female

Optional question (154 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q13 Which of the following best describes you? Please select all that apply.

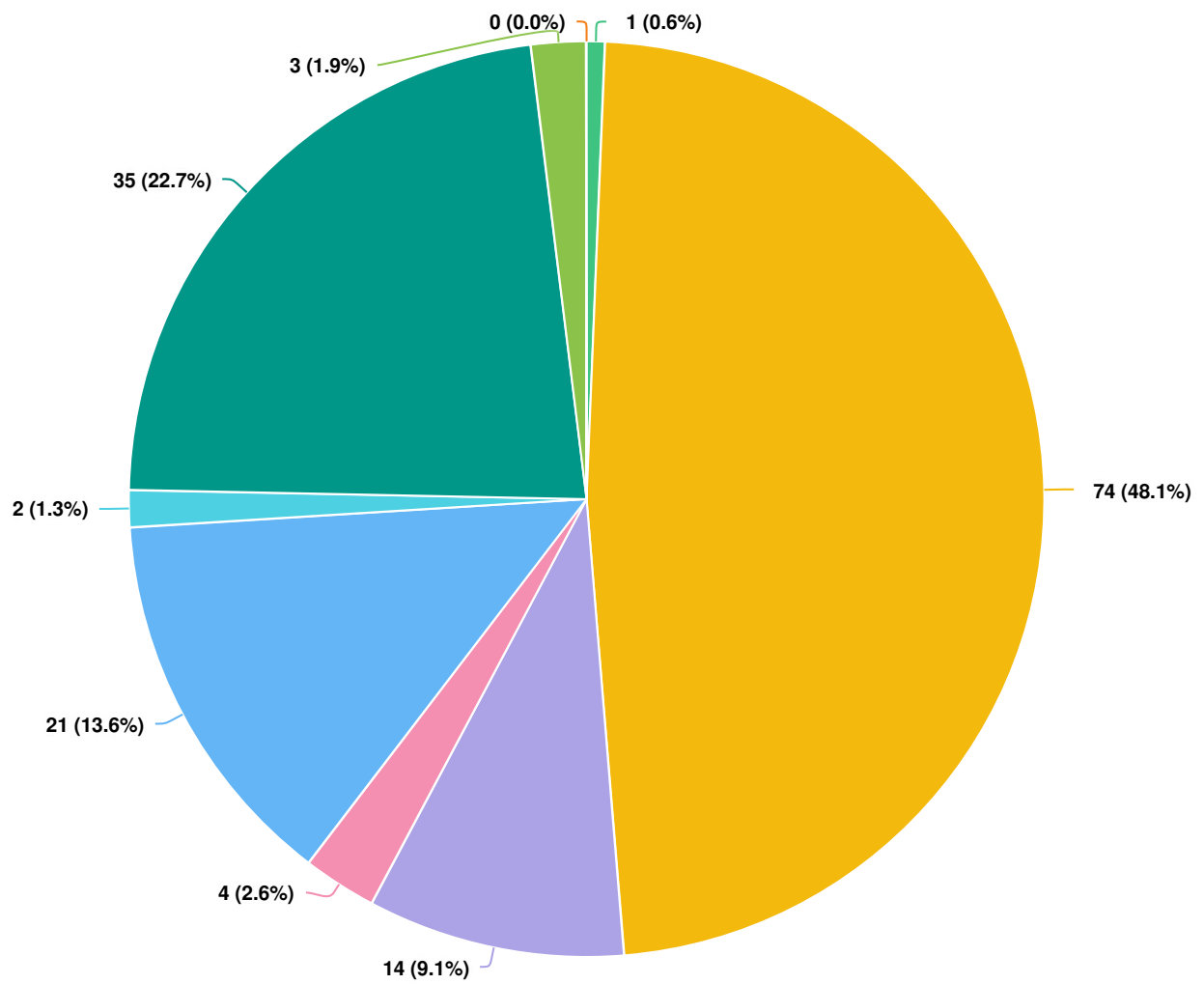


Question options

- I work in Redmond
- I own or operate a business in Redmond
- I shop, dine, socialize, or recreate in Redmond
- I attend school in Redmond
- I live in Redmond

Optional question (155 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q14 Which of the following best describes your racial and ethnic heritage?



Question options

- Native American
- Other (please specify)
- I prefer not to answer
- African American
- Asian American/Pacific Islander
- Latinx
- Multi-racial
- White/Caucasian
- Arab American

Optional question (154 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question