



## General Information Packet

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**For Transmittal, Minutes of the Policy Session on April 12, 2022**

**Summary**

This item transmits the Minutes of the Policy Session on April 12, 2022.

The Minutes are attached for review as **Attachment A**.

**Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by the City Manager's Office.



ATTACHMENT A  
**City of Phoenix**  
**Minutes**

Meeting Location:  
City Council Chambers  
200 W. Jefferson St.  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

**City Council Policy Session**

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**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

**2:30 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Phoenix City Council convened in Policy Session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 2:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

- Present:** 8 - Councilwoman Yassamin Ansari, Councilmember Carlos Garcia, Councilwoman Betty Guardado, Councilwoman Ann O'Brien, Councilwoman Debra Stark, Councilman Jim Waring, Vice Mayor Laura Pastor, and Mayor Kate Gallego
- Absent:** 1 - Councilman Sal DiCiccio

Councilwoman O'Brien left the voting body at 5:05 p.m.

Vice Mayor Pastor left the voting body at 5:48 p.m. and rejoined the voting body at 5:52 p.m. She left the voting body at 5:55 p.m. and rejoined the voting body at 6:13 p.m.

Councilmember Garcia left the voting body at 6:17 p.m. and rejoined the voting body at 6:27 p.m.

Councilwoman Ansari left the voting body at 6:20 p.m. and rejoined the voting body at 6:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Guardado left the voting body at 6:27 p.m. and rejoined the voting body at 6:37 p.m.

**COUNCIL INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS**

Vice Mayor Pastor asked staff to clarify what would happen if public commenters violated the public comment conduct guidelines.

City Attorney Cris Meyer described procedures to respond to public conduct

guideline violations.

Vice Mayor Pastor stated her understanding of the parameters of the citizen comment period.

Mr. Meyer confirmed these parameters were correct.

Councilwoman Ansari recognized the life impact and passing of Genaro Ruiz. She noted feedback received at the District 7 Budget Hearing and upcoming opportunities for residents to participate in the budget process. She indicated that next week would be Earth Week and described recent climate action successes and an upcoming tree planting event.

Councilmember Garcia echoed the acknowledgement of the legacy and passing of Genaro Ruiz. He encouraged residents to participate in the budget process. He also requested that staff present to the public the ways in which the City had addressed the actions and misconduct of employees and steps being taken to prevent future misconduct. He expressed his support for a public forum to address the concerns of the community.

Councilwoman Guardado described the success of the recent Maryvale Resource Fair and thanked attendees and partner organizations. She announced an upcoming event to celebrate Earth Day at Homestead Park.

Vice Mayor Pastor voiced her support for the Phoenix Suns and noted the success of a recent resource event in her district. She announced April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month and highlighted an upcoming ChildHelp Fashion Show. She congratulated participants in the Empowering Youth 5K Race and recognized the life impact of Genaro Ruiz. Vice Mayor Pastor expressed her support for the Phoenix Police Department and for improved transparency and accountability. She requested a public forum to address community concerns, clear documentation of allowable topics of discussion with the public, an update on submitted citizen petitions, and an update on reforms recently adopted by the City.

Mayor Gallego echoed the recognition of Genaro Ruiz's life impacts and wished Councilmember Garcia a happy early birthday.

**CONSENT ACTION**

This item is scheduled to allow the City Council to act on the Mayor's recommendations on the Consent Agenda. There was no Consent Agenda for this meeting.

**CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A vote may be held to call an Executive Session for a future date.

**REPORTS AND BUDGET UPDATES BY THE CITY MANAGER**

This item is scheduled to allow the City Manager to provide brief informational reports on topics of interest to the City Council. The City Council may discuss these reports but no action will be taken.

**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION (ITEM 1)****1 Ad Hoc Committee on Electric Vehicles - Draft Recommendations****Discussion**

Mayor Gallego introduced the item and noted the concentration of electric vehicle activity in Phoenix.

Councilwoman Ansari explained recent reports on the impacts of climate change and air pollution. She highlighted the potential to improve conditions through an accelerated transition to Electric Vehicles. She introduced the Electric Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee members present.

Deputy City Manager Karen Peters described the Electric Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee's efforts to draft recommendations to meet the electric vehicle goals in the City's Climate Action Plan.

Electric Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee Member Caryn Potter explained the purpose of the draft Electric Vehicle Roadmap, the guiding principles for City action, and recommended efforts to support accelerated electric vehicle adoption in the community.

Electric Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee Member Clark Miller noted draft plan recommendations to expand access to electric vehicle charging in various locations.

Electric Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee Member Lisa Perez described recommendations in the draft plan to promote equity in electric vehicle adoption and to lead by example.

Chief Sustainability Officer Mark Hartman explained the planned community outreach for the draft plan.

Mayor Gallego opened the floor for Councilmember questions and comments.

Councilwoman Stark commended the Electric Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee members on their efforts and asked if the Trial Budget included allocations to support the draft plan.

Ms. Peters indicated that the Trial Budget included two positions to support plan implementation.

Councilwoman Stark stated her understanding of the plan implementation over the next two years and indicated the importance of involving partners from all sectors throughout the plan development.

Councilman Waring asked about charging infrastructure needs and if there was a shortage of electric vehicle charging stations.

Ms. Potter explained the various factors limiting access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure, including types of chargers available and charging network times of use.

Councilman Waring asked about usage patterns for electric vehicle charging stations.

Mr. Hartman described charging usage at different times of day.

Councilman Waring asked about the different types of electric vehicle chargers.

Mr. Miller explained the differences between Level 1, Level 2, and Direct Current (DC) Fast Chargers.

Councilman Waring noted the charging station usage patterns he had observed. He asked about the driving range of fully charged electric vehicles.

Mr. Hartman indicated driving ranges could be up to 400 miles in a single charge.

Mr. Miller added that a Level 1 charger would be adequate for many people's daily driving needs, as most vehicles were driven only about 25 miles a day.

Councilman Waring thanked the presenters for the information.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked Mr. Miller to clarify his comments on green electricity.

Mr. Miller indicated that electricity generated from sustainable sources had greater availability at certain times of day.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked about the equity considerations in the draft plan.

Ms. Perez noted the unique needs of different communities and the value of adapting efforts to meet these needs. She explained the costs of purchasing electric vehicles were decreasing and indicated public outreach could be utilized to dispel common myths about electric vehicles.

Vice Mayor Pastor described the challenge to balance widely varying needs in underserved communities. She asked about the costs to charge electric vehicles.

Mr. Hartman explained efforts to promote free daytime charging for City employees and rates between 30 cents and one dollar per gasoline-gallon-equivalent.

Vice Mayor Pastor asked if the City would pay for electricity used by public charging stations.



Mr. Hartman described the City's partnership with Blink to provide public charging stations.

Ms. Potter indicated that charging infrastructure installation would be less costly during initial building construction than it would be to retrofit existing buildings.

Vice Mayor Pastor thanked the Electric Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee members and Councilwoman Ansari for their efforts.

Councilmember Garcia echoed the recognition of Committee members and community partners and expressed the importance of equity in plan implementation. He indicated his support for the City leading by example and for partnerships with rideshare organizations.

Councilwoman Guardado thanked Councilwoman Ansari and the Electric Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee members. She noted the importance of fully implementing plans to address climate issues. She voiced her expectations for the potential impacts of the proposed plan.

Councilwoman O'Brien expressed her thanks to Councilwoman Ansari and the Committee members and stated her anticipation for the plan's implementation.

Mayor Gallego thanked those involved in the plan's development and voiced its importance. She expressed her support for equity in plan development and implementation, noting the potential for electric bike charging and electric car share programs. She suggested that federal funding may be used to support these efforts. Mayor Gallego stated the need to increase sustainable energy sources used within the electric grid and for a comprehensive approach to decreasing transportation emissions. She recognized the importance of workforce development partnerships to prepare for related employment opportunities. She opened the floor to public comment.

Julian Zapeda stated his support for the draft Electric Vehicle Roadmap and reliable public transportation.

Blanca Abarca voiced her support for electric vehicles in the City, access to sustainable energy, and electric school buses. She expressed her concerns about poor air quality in the City.

Councilmember Garcia asked if electric micromobility charging would be included in the plan.

Ms. Peters indicated that this would be incorporated into the community engagement process.

Wendy Maldonado expressed her support for electric vehicles, electric bus routes, and equitable access to transportation. She requested free transportation be provided to Phoenix residents by 2035.

Jess Bristow stated her support for the draft plan and an equitable approach for sustainable and reliable public transportation.

Tamara Reed voiced her support of the draft plan, public outreach efforts, expanded charging infrastructure, and improved public transportation. She expressed her concerns about poor air quality and climate change.

Richard Singler expressed his support for electric vehicles and charging infrastructure. He requested that all future City fleet vehicles be electric.

Ben Lewis stated his concerns that infrastructure investments would drive up property values and displace residents in underserved communities. He indicated his agreement with previous comments on improving public transportation and expressed his concerns that the City did not own public charging stations.

Councilwoman Ansari thanked those involved in the draft plan development for their efforts. She described the planned public outreach process and plan approval timeline.

Vice Mayor Pastor stated her support for improved public transportation moving forward.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (ITEM 2)****2 American Rescue Plan Act Second Tranche Strategic Plan****Discussion**

City Manager Jeffrey Barton introduced the item, presenters, and accomplishments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund and Emergency Rental Assistance funding allocations. He explained the principles used to guide the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) strategic plan process.

City Manager's Office Special Projects Administrator Samantha Tavares described the ARPA eligible use categories and existing ARPA-funded programs.

Mr. Barton summarized previously approved ARPA Second Tranche allocations and the proposed allocations for the remaining funding.

Housing Director Titus Mathew described proposed allocations to the Affordable Housing Program, the Community Land Trust Program, and the Landlord Incentive Program in the Affordable Housing and Homelessness strategic area. He noted proposed additions to the Wi-Fi Connectivity for Public Housing Properties and Public Housing Tablet and Data Program in the Workforce and Education strategic area.

Assistant Human Services Director Nichole Ayoola noted proposed expenditures in the Affordable Housing and Homelessness category, including funding for homelessness projects, a temporary shelter, the St. Vincent de Paul Transitional Housing Project, and the Homelessness Youth Reunification Program. She indicated proposed allocations such as the Tuition Assistance Program, the St. Joseph the Worker's Workforce Village Program, and the Starfish Place Wraparound Services Program in the Workforce and Education focus area. She also noted proposed financial assistance for the Phoenix refugee and asylee community in the Neighborhood Sustainability strategic area.

Community and Economic Development Director Chris Mackay explained proposed allocations in the Workforce and Education focus area,

including the Digital Divide Program, the Workforce Training Facility and Training Program, and the Mobile Career Unit. She also described the proposed Vacant Storefront Improvement Assistance in the Neighborhood Sustainability strategic area.

City Librarian Rita Hamilton indicated proposed expenditures in the Workforce and Education category, including the Burton Barr Expanded Support for Educational Success, the Hotspot Lending Program, and a Bookmobile for underserved areas.

Heat Response and Mitigation Director David Hondula described proposed programs such as the Residential Tree Equity Accelerator, support for trees and shade for schools, and additional shade structures in the Neighborhood Sustainability strategic area.

Neighborhood Services Director Spencer Self noted the proposed expansion to the Home Weatherization Assistance Program in the Neighborhood Sustainability focus area.

Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Aguilar explained proposed Phoenix Parks Improvements in the Neighborhood Sustainability category.

Street Transportation Director Kini Knudson described proposed expenditures for Green Infrastructure and Mobility Improvements in the Neighborhood Sustainability strategic area.

Environmental Programs Coordinator Rosanne Albright indicated proposed allocations for the Phoenix Resilient Food System Programs.

Mr. Barton summarized the proposed ARPA Second Tranche allocations. He requested City Council early approval for \$13.4 million for capital improvements and ongoing operational costs for the shelter at 2739 E. Washington St. and \$3.5 million for building rehabilitation for the property at 2526 W. Northern Ave.

Mayor Gallego thanked staff for their efforts.

**Vice Mayor Pastor motioned to approve staff's recommendation and to direct staff to return to City Council with all related contracts as soon as possible. Councilwoman Guardado seconded the motion.**

Mayor Gallego noted the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases in Arizona and the importance of being flexible to community needs. She expressed her support for investments in affordable housing and homelessness services, digital learning and connectivity, heat resiliency, green infrastructure, food system resiliency, and workforce and economic development. She suggested that support for the arts may be included in housing investments. Mayor Gallego opened the floor for councilmember comments.

Councilwoman Stark communicated community concerns about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the arts and asked if additional funding could be allocated to assist the arts community.

Mr. Barton indicated it could. He noted unspent funds in the First Tranche of ARPA may be brought back to City Council for further consideration, and additions to the Second Tranche programs would require the reduction of other proposed allocations.

Councilwoman Stark voiced her support for the Phoenix Resilient Food Systems programs and recognized staff's efforts in developing the proposed programs.

Councilwoman O'Brien acknowledged staff's work. She stated her support for homelessness services, heat resiliency programs, and workforce and economic development projects.

Councilwoman Guardado expressed her support for the proposed housing and workforce development programs. She suggested that other funding sources, such as federal grants, may be used to supplement ARPA funds to meet identified strategic goals. She requested that staff explore any relevant grant opportunities, provide information on grants being pursued by the City, and communicate how councilmembers may be able to assist in pursuing additional funding.

Councilwoman Ansari stated her support for the proposed allocations and pursuing additional funding sources where necessary. She expressed the importance of programs for affordable housing and homelessness and thanked Councilmember Garcia for his involvement in the new shelter in District 8. She also noted her support for tuition assistance for students pursuing community college, refugee and asylee services, and proposed sustainability and heat resiliency programs. Councilwoman Ansari asked if the Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan Task Force recommendations were incorporated in the ARPA proposed allocations and if additional recommendations could be added.

Deputy City Manager Gina Montes indicated that the task force recommendations had been incorporated in the proposed ARPA allocations through the proposed additions to shelter capacity. She noted that other recommendations such as increased permanent supportive housing had been pursued using other funding sources.

Councilwoman Ansari asked if the homelessness projects proposed by the Human Services Department could be adjusted after approval.

Ms. Montes explained there would be some flexibility in the implementation of the proposed homelessness projects and additional analysis would be needed to identify available properties.

Councilwoman Ansari asked about the potential timeline for the reallocation of unspent First Tranche ARPA funding.

Councilwoman O'Brien left the voting body at 5:05 p.m.

Mr. Barton noted that the analysis of unspent First Tranche funding was planned to occur over the summer, suggesting that the Second Tranche be reviewed independently of the First Tranche. He added that staff would work to develop more refined proposals for future City Council discussion.

Councilmember Garcia thanked staff for their efforts and community members for their involvement. He stated his support for the proposed

allocations and echoed suggestions to utilize other funding sources to complement ARPA funding. He requested information on the results of First Tranche funded programs and timelines of existing contracts. Councilmember Garcia expressed his support for increased and equitable mental health and substance abuse resources.

Vice Mayor Pastor voiced her support for interdepartmental collaboration and coordination in achieving strategic goals, including for heat resiliency, education, and digital access programs. She suggested staff pursue federal grants to supplement ARPA funding.

Mayor Gallego recessed the meeting at 5:17 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:37 p.m. She opened the floor for public comment.

Aaron Rippenkroeger stated his support for additional refugee and asylee services. He thanked Mayor Gallego and Councilwoman Ansari for the recent Norwuz celebration and proclamation.

Anna Hernandez requested \$10 million to establish a community directed committee for mental health and substance abuse resources.

Benjamin Lewis requested that ARPA Premium Pay allocations for Police Department staff and the Police General Fund budget be used to meet funding needs for the proposed programs.

Nejra Sumic expressed her support for additional refugee and asylee services, including the Newcomer Community Center.

Vice Mayor Pastor left the voting body at 5:48 p.m.

Christopher Martinez requested \$10 million to establish a community directed public health and safety committee for mental health and substance abuse services. He suggested that some proposed programs could be funded from the General Fund and the existing Police Department Budget.

Vice Mayor Pastor rejoined the voting body at 5:52 p.m.

Mark Angel stated his support for the American Rescue Plan Act.

Gladiela Lopez Felix requested \$10 million to establish a community led committee for mental health and substance abuse resources.

Connie Phillips expressed her support for additional refugee and asylee services, including the Newcomer Community Center.

Vice Mayor Pastor left the voting body at 5:55 p.m.

Sophia Lopez described her concerns about the Phoenix Police Department and requested records related to the officer-involved shooting of Emilio Chamizo.

Sarah Webb expressed her support for additional refugee and asylee services, including the Newcomer Community Center.

Isai Chamizo requested additional funding for mental health and substance abuse resources and records related to the officer-involved shooting of Emilio Chamizo.

Christy Bishop expressed her support for additional refugee and asylee services, including the Newcomer Community Center.

Tammy Morales requested \$10 million for mental health and substance abuse resources and records related to the officer-involved shooting of Emilio Chamizo.

Christina Atwood expressed her support for additional refugee and asylee services, including the Newcomer Community Center.

Mayor Gallego asked staff to provide additional Open Meeting Law guidance.

City Attorney Cris Meyer reminded attendees about the guidelines related to public comments.

Daniel Chamizo requested additional funding for mental health and



substance abuse resources and records related to the officer-involved shooting of Emilio Chamizo.

Daniel Sandoval Martinez requested additional funding for mental health resources.

Vice Mayor Pastor rejoined the voting body at 6:13 p.m.

Luciano Martinez requested additional funding for mental health and substance abuse resources and records related to the officer-involved shooting of Emilio Chamizo.

Juana Ochoa requested \$10 million for a community led committee for mental health and substance abuse resources.

Councilmember Garcia left the voting body at 6:17 p.m.

Berta Rita requested \$10 million for a center for mental health and substance abuse resources and additional transparency from the City. She also expressed concerns about the Phoenix Police Department.

Viri Hernandez requested additional funding for mental health and substance abuse resources and records related to the officer-involved shooting of Emilio Chamizo. She stated her opposition to tree and shade programs being funded through the ARPA Second Tranche allocation.

Councilwoman Ansari left the voting body at 6:20 p.m.

Janine Gelsinger requested additional funding for mental health and substance abuse resources.

Martha Avendaño requested \$10 million for a committee for mental health and substance abuse resources and records related to the officer-involved shooting of Emilio Chamizo.

Councilmember Garcia rejoined the voting body at 6:27 p.m.

Councilwoman Guardado left the voting body at 6:27 p.m.

Martha Flores requested \$10 million for a committee for mental health and substance abuse resources and records related to the officer-involved shooting of Emilio Chamizo. She also voiced her support for increased access to low-barrier housing.

Councilwoman Ansari rejoined the voting body at 6:30 p.m.

Denise Sotelo Mejía requested \$10 million for mental health services and expressed concerns about the Phoenix Police Department. She also stated her support for additional funding for youth programs, living wages, and free childcare.

Maria Gutierrez requested \$10 million for a committee for mental health and substance abuse resources and voiced her concerns about the Phoenix Police Department.

Councilwoman Guardado rejoined the voting body at 6:37 p.m.

Ben Laughlin requested \$10 million for mental health and substance abuse resources rather than the proposed tree and shade programs.

America Sandoval expressed concerns about the Phoenix Police Department.

Brookes Murillo stated his support for additional mental health and substance abuse resources and his concerns about the Phoenix Police Department. He requested records related to the officer-involved shooting of Emilio Chamizo.

Vice Mayor Pastor left the voting body at 6:45 p.m.

Miguel Chamizo requested \$10 million be allocated for mental health resources and requested records related to the officer-involved shooting of Emilio Chamizo.

Vice Mayor Pastor rejoined the voting body at 6:49 p.m.

Maribel Chamizo voiced her concerns about the Phoenix Police Department.

David Portugal spoke in support of the proposed heat resiliency programs.

John Lindeman expressed his support for the proposed refugee services, housing programs, and workforce training facility.

Yvette Servin requested \$10 million for a community led committee for mental health resources and stated her concerns about the Phoenix Police Department.

Lorenza Valdez requested \$10 million for mental health and substance abuse services and records related to the officer-involved shooting of Francisco Valdez.

Jennifer Hernandez requested \$10 million for a community led committee for mental health and substance abuse resources and stated her concerns about the Phoenix Police Department.

Wais Ramzi stated his support for refugee and asylee services.

Councilwoman Ansari recognized the community support for additional refugee services.

Mayor Gallego noted that the county and state also had ARPA funds available for pandemic relief programs and services and encouraged residents to engage with those officials as well.

**A motion was made that the staff recommendation be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Councilwoman Ansari, Councilmember Garcia, Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Stark, Vice Mayor Pastor, and Mayor Gallego

**No:** 1 - Councilman Waring

**Absent:** 2 - Councilman DiCiccio and Councilwoman O'Brien

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gallego declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

For further information, please call the Management Intern, City Manager's Office, at 602-262-4449.



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## Summary of Virtual Community Budget Hearing Minutes, Electronic, Voicemail, and FundPHX Report

This report transmits the summary minutes of Virtual Community Budget Hearings held April 9 through April 15, 2022, electronic budget comments from residents who did not wish to speak during the Virtual Community Budget Hearings, resident budget comments received by the Budget and Research Department between April 8 and April 14, 2022, social media statistics, and the latest FundPHX Report.

### Summary

For the month of April staff provides a bi-weekly report to City Council summarizing the data collected through the FundPHX tool, and weekly budget comments received by the Budget and Research Department via phone and email. Staff also provides summary minutes of Virtual Community Budget Hearings.

FundPHX is an online budget tool designed to educate and engage the public on the City's annual budget process. The tool is available in both English and Spanish, and gives residents an opportunity to provide feedback on the City's \$76 million General Fund surplus and share community priorities with staff. For the month of April the tool provides information on the 2022-23 City Manager's Proposed Trial Budget. Between March 30 and April 14, 2022, staff received a total of 23 Trial Budget FundPHX submittals. The Trial Budget FundPHX page has received 1,157 interactive page views. The Trial Budget FundPHX report includes proposed additions identified by 10 categories, including:

- Affordable Housing (\$1.5M);
- Climate and Sustainability (\$1.3M);
- Economic Development, Planning and Innovation (\$1.6M);
- Historic Preservation and Arts (\$0.3M);
- Homelessness, Immigrant/Refugee Support and Fast Track Cities (\$3.0M);
- Parks and Recreation and Library (\$2.7M);
- Public Safety and Criminal Justice (\$6.3M);
- Roadway Safety (\$0.6M);
- General Government (\$3.7M); and

- Non-Departmental Set-Asides (\$55.4M).

Comments received are responded to by Budget and Research staff and/or the appropriate city department.

### Summary of Community Feedback

Below is a summary of the comments received through Virtual Community Budget Hearings, the FundPHX tool, and received directly by the Budget and Research Department.

### **Comments for additional funding/support of the budget:**

- (91) additional funding for Street Transportation, including (30) comments specifically for the 3rd and 5th Avenue roadway project and (17) in support of roadway safety improvements.
- (75) in support of installing pickleball courts at city parks, including (70) comments specifically for Desert Foothills Park in Ahwatukee.
- (69) in support of funding for Human Services, including (27) requesting the establishment of a Public Health Committee and (22) for non-police mental health interventions.
- (77) in support of Police and public safety funding, including (20) in support of hiring more officers and (13) for the 19th Avenue Corridor Safety Plan.
- (28) in support of funding for Parks and Recreation, including (11) specifically requesting funding for Park Rangers.
- (23) in support of the Gated Alley Program.
- (20) in support of funding for immigrant/refugee support.
- (20) additional funding for affordable housing.
- (15) in support of funding for Planning and Development, including (11) in support of funding for historic preservation and (4) specifically requesting \$500,000 for the Historic Preservation Threatened Buildings Grant program.
- (14) additional funding to address homelessness.
- (14) in support of Public Transit.
- (13) in support of funding for Arts and Culture.
- (10) in support of funding for Climate and Sustainability.
- (9) in support of tree and shade enhancements throughout the city.
- (7) additional funding for Neighborhood Services.
- (3) in support of expanding the Green Organics program.
- (3) in support of funding for the Library.
- (2) in support of funding for the Public Defender's Office.

- (2) in support of the vacant storefront program.
- (1) in support of 24/7 customer service support.
- (1) in support of funding for water conservation.
- (1) additional funding for Information Technology Services.
- (1) additional funding for floodplain management.
- (1) additional funding for Aviation.

**Comments for reduced funding/opposition of the budget:**

- (11) in opposition of increased funding for Police or in favor of reducing the Police budget.
- (3) reduced funding for Golf.
- (2) reduced funding for Light Rail.
- (2) reduced funding for the Law Department.
- (1) reduced funding for Human Resources.

**General comments received:**

- (2) proposed procuring services from outside vendors in areas of Human Services, Arts, Economic Development and Climate and Sustainability.
- (2) promoted using electronic communication for the City Services bill to reduce costs associated with hard copy mail.
- (1) promoted rescinding tax-exempt status for churches.

**Attachment A** transmits the summary minutes from the last five Virtual Community Budget Hearings held from April 9 through 15, 2022. **Attachment B** lists the electronic comments from residents who did not wish to speak during the last five Virtual Community Budget Hearings. **Attachment C** transmits a summary of email, voicemail, and FundPHX comments regarding the budget for April 8 through 14, 2022, and social media statistics. **Attachment D** is the 2022-23 City Manager's Proposed Trial Budget Additions FundPHX report and includes comments received in the tool from residents for the time period of March 31 through April 13, 2022.

Summary minutes from the Virtual Community Budget Hearings and the monthly FundPHX report will also be posted online on the Budget and Research webpage at [phoenix.gov/budget](http://phoenix.gov/budget).

**Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by City Manager Jeffrey Barton and the Budget and Research Department.



## City of Phoenix

**To:** Jeffrey Barton  
City Manager

**Date:** April 15, 2022

**From:** Amber Williamson  
Budget and Research Director

**Subject:** VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARINGS AND RESIDENT BUDGET COMMENTS

This report transmits summary minutes (**Attachment A**) from the Virtual Community Budget Hearings held on April 9, 2022, 10:00 a.m., through April 15, 2022, 8:30 a.m. The summary minutes are for the following hearings:

- April 9, 2022, 10 a.m., Community-wide/Bilingual
- April 11, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Council District 7
- April 13, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Community-wide/Bilingual
- April 14, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Council District 8
- April 15, 2022, 8:30 a.m., Council District 1

At [www.phoenix.gov/Budget](http://www.phoenix.gov/Budget), residents can access the 2022-23 City Manager's Trial Budget, Virtual Community Budget Hearing Information, and other detailed information. Under Virtual Community Budget Hearing, residents can view the following:

- Information on how to participate in Virtual Community Budget Hearings
- A schedule of the Virtual Community Budget Hearings
- The 2022-23 Budget Tabloid in English and Spanish
- FundPHX Budgeting Tool
- The Budget Hearing presentation video
- Videos of completed Virtual Community Budget Hearings.

**Attachment B** lists the electronic comments (eComments) from residents who did not wish to speak during the April 9, 11, 13, 14 and 15 hearings.

The Budget and Research Department also maintains an e-mail address and a voice mailbox for residents to provide comments on the budget. **Attachment C** transmits a summary of these comments for April 8 to April 14, 2022, as well as social media statistics.



## ATTACHMENT A

### SUMMARY MINUTES BILINGUAL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING COMMUNITY-WIDE APRIL 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Deputy City Manager Gina Montes opened the community budget hearing at 10:02 a.m., noting the importance of City budget hearings and additional ways to provide budget feedback.

Ms. Montes introduced interpreter Elsie Duarte, who then introduced the second interpreter, Carmen Cota. Ms. Duarte then provided instructions for residents requiring Spanish interpretation during the meeting.

Ms. Montes then introduced the budget video in Spanish and English.

Vice Mayor Laura Pastor and Councilmember Carlos Garcia arrived at 10:07 a.m.

After the video, Ms. Montes introduced Vice Mayor Pastor and Councilmember Garcia. Councilmember Garcia thanked staff and residents for participating in the hearing, and stated that the pandemic brought additional funding that provided a way to really help residents, which was reflected in this budget. Councilmember Garcia stated the additional funding would eventually conclude, which needed to be considered for the future.

Vice Mayor Pastor thanked members of the public for their participation and stated they were there to listen to what the public wanted for the future.

City staff member Sara Del Valle read the code of conduct for the meeting and opened the floor for public comment.

1. Juana Rita spoke in support of additional funding for mental health services, affordable housing, free childcare, and resources for youth ages 14 to 24. Ms. Rita also supported non-police interventions to assist residents.
2. Stacia Hurst spoke in support of funding for Park Rangers, the Neighborhood Services Department, community centers, and hiking trail maintenance. Ms. Hurst also supported funding for the Police Department and bringing back special units like the bicycle patrol and drug and sex crime education programs.
3. Ben Laughlin discussed the need for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
4. Annie Ferguson spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
5. Claire Goldberg spoke in support of additional funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.

6. Eric Brickley spoke in support of funding for a homeless shelter with 3,000 beds and \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members. Mr. Brickley also requested Park Rangers be trained on how to revive a person that has overdosed, and opposed additional funding for Police.
7. Stephanie Gonzales Espinosa spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
8. Elizabeth Venable spoke in support of investing in affordable housing and opposed additional funding for Police.
9. Yvette Servin spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
10. Gladiela Lopez Felix spoke in support of funding for mental and physical health resources, free childcare, expanded programs and resources for youth, access to medical care and \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
11. Martha Avendano spoke in support of funding for mental and physical health resources, affordable housing and \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
12. Maria Gutierrez spoke in support of additional funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, free childcare and expanded youth programs.
13. Christopher Martinez Sanchez spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
14. Xyra Flores spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
15. Josue Andonegui spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
16. Gregorio Romero spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members. Mr. Romero also supported resources for people being released from prison to assist them with getting back on their feet.

17. Georgina Martinez spoke in support of \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members, free childcare, and affordable housing.
18. Anabel Gabino spoke in support of \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members and resources for people being released from prison.
19. Natividad Moreno spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
20. Estela Varela spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
21. Martha Flores spoke in support of additional funding for youth programs and funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
22. Sonia Velazquez spoke in support of \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members, addiction programs and affordable housing.
23. Berta Rita spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
24. Viri Hernandez spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
25. Hector Garcia spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
26. Miros Domenzain spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
27. Denise Sotelo spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in

funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members. Ms. Sotelo also stated her support for free childcare.

28. Jennie Hernandez spoke in support of funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
29. Melina Arellano support \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members. Ms. Arellano also supported funding for homelessness resources.
30. Maria Sanchez spoke in support of additional funding for youth programs and funding for community and mental and physical health resources, as well as non-police interventions, and requested \$10 million in funding for a public health and safety committee that is managed by community members.
31. Cyndy Gaughan spoke in support of funding for affordable housing, refugee services, the Cool Pavement Program and Climate Action Plan, historic preservation, the vacant storefront program, arts, recreation, and Vision Zero.

Vice Mayor Laura Pastor left the budget hearing at 12:04 p.m.

32. Leticia Gonzalez spoke in support of additional funding for the Gated Alley Program.
33. Maria Friez spoke in support of installing a traffic light at 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Missouri.
34. Nadine Alauria spoke in support of additional funding for Police staffing, specifically for CAO and NET officers, Neighborhood Specialists and Park Rangers. Ms. Alauria also spoke in support of the Sunnyslope Works Program and improved park lighting for safety.

Councilmember Garcia thanked residents and staff for participating in the hearing. Ms. Montes closed the hearing at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Robustelli  
Management Assistant II

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 7  
APRIL 11, 2022, at 5:30 PM**

Deputy City Manager Alan Stephenson opened the Virtual Community Budget Hearing at 5:31 p.m., noting the importance of City budget hearings, additional ways to provide budget feedback, and the next steps in the budget process. Mr. Stephenson then introduced Councilwoman Yassamin Ansari for opening remarks.

Councilwoman Ansari thanked staff and residents for participating in the hearing and welcomed feedback on the budget process. Councilwoman Ansari also highlighted accomplishments from last year, including two new parks serving Laveen families and one new park in Tolleson, securing funding for the Community Assistance Program, and advocacy for the Climate Action Plan.

Mr. Stephenson introduced Spanish-language Interpreter Elsie Duarte. Ms. Duarte provided instructions for residents requiring Spanish interpretation during the meeting.

Mr. Stephenson then introduced the budget video.

City staff member Cooper Payne read the code of conduct for the meeting and opened the floor for public comment.

1. Bill Scheel spoke in support of the \$200,000 proposed per year for the Threatened Buildings Grant Program. He requested it be considered to increase the amount to \$600,000 which is what the Historic Preservation Commission recommended.
2. Max Clark requested \$9 million in funding for the Roadway Safety Action Plan.
3. Denise Sotelo requested an additional \$10 million in funding for a public health committee managed by community members, specializing in mental health.
4. Sarah Nelson requested funding for Public Works Department to create a program that would provide sharp container drop-off collection sites.
5. Annie Eldon requested \$9 million in funding for roadway safety and spoke in support of funding for homelessness.
6. Carrie McNeish requested funding for the construction of pickleball courts at Desert Foothills Park.
7. Stacia Hurst requested additional funding for Park Rangers, trail maintenance, and the Police Department. She also spoke in support of mental health services, drug prevention and sex crime education programs.
8. Cyndy Gaughan spoke in support of the trial budget, especially funding for

affordable housing; climate and sustainability; economic development, planning, and innovation; historic preservation and arts and culture; homelessness; immigrant refugee support; Hance Park; public safety and criminal justice; Vision Zero; as well as 31 positions for Aviation; 10 positions for Planning and Development; 6 positions for Public Transit; and 12 positions for Street Transportation.

9. Stephani Gonzalez Espinosa requested \$10 million in funding for a community-led public health and safety committee. She also requested the City install and maintain safe syringe disposal containers in parks and public places.
10. Nadine Alauria spoke in support of additional funding for Police staffing, specifically for CAO and NET officers, as well as the Gated Alley Program, drug education programs, and more urban park rangers to do more frequent park patrols.

Councilwoman Ansari thanked residents for participating in the hearing.

Mr. Stephenson adjourned the hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yung Pham  
Central Revenue Coordinator

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING  
COMMUNITY-WIDE BILINGUAL HEARING  
APRIL 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM**

Deputy City Manager Ginger Spencer opened the meeting at 5:34 p.m., noting the importance of City budget hearings, additional ways to provide budget feedback, and next steps in the budget process. Ms. Spencer then introduced Councilwomen Betty Guardado and Yassamin Ansari, and Councilmember Carlos Garcia.

Councilwoman Guardado thanked residents for participating and stressed the importance of ensuring all comments would be heard and considered on the proposed budget.

Councilwoman Ansari emphasized the importance of advocacy to inform the decisions of the City Council on the budget and highlighted topics discussed at the District 7 hearing, including roadway safety, support for refugees and immigrants, and parks and recreation.

Councilmember Garcia stated the budget was a value document and stated federal COVID-19 relief funding helped residents during the pandemic, which should also be reflected in the general fund.

Ms. Spencer introduced interpreters Oscar Monroy and Carmen Cota. Ms. Monroy provided instructions for residents requiring Spanish interpretation during the hearing.

Ms. Spencer then introduced the budget video in Spanish and English.

Vice Mayor Laura Pastor arrived at 5:42 p.m.

City staff member Grant Harrison read the code of conduct for the meeting and opened the floor for public comment.

1. Annie Eldon requested \$9 million in funding for the Roadway Safety Action Plan and spoke in support of Vision Zero. Ms. Eldon also spoke in support of more funds for shelters and resources for people experiencing homelessness.
2. Maria Friez spoke in support of installing a traffic light at 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Missouri.
3. Ashley Harder spoke in support of funding for historic preservation, especially the Threatened Building Grant Program, and proposed an increase in the historic preservation allocation to \$500,000.
4. Jill Ostendorp requested funding for the construction of pickleball courts at Desert Foothills Park. Requested funding to address safety issues at the park.
5. Elizabeth Klapheke spoke in support of funding for a navigator position proposed in the Human Services Department and requested funding to support the International Rescue Committee to provide critical services to arriving refugees and asylees.

6. Gabby Settembre requested funding to support the International Rescue Committee to provide services to arriving refugees and asylees.
7. Robert Moore spoke in support of funding for refugee and asylum seekers and requested funding to support the International Rescue Committee to provide services to arriving refugees and asylees.
8. Mirza Ahmadi spoke in support of funding for immigrant and refugee services. Mr. Ahmadi also requested funding to support the International Rescue Committee to provide services to arriving refugees and asylees.
9. Sabira Madady spoke in support of funding for immigrant and refugee services. Ms. Madady also requested funding to support the International Rescue Committee to provide services to arriving refugees and asylees.
10. Marli Gordon spoke in support of funding for immigrant and refugee services. Ms. Gordon also requested funding to support the International Rescue Committee to provide services to arriving refugees and asylees.
11. Samantha Cruz spoke in support of funding for immigrant and refugee services. Ms. Cruz also requested funding to support the International Rescue Committee to provide services to arriving refugees and asylees.
12. Bhavana Bellamkonda spoke in support of proposed funding for immigrant and refugee services, specifically a navigator position proposed in the Human Services Department. Ms. Bellamkonda also requested funding to support the International Rescue Committee to provide services to arriving refugees and asylees.
13. Alexandra Miller spoke in support of funding for immigrant and refugee services. Ms. Miller also requested funding to support the International Rescue Committee to provide services to arriving refugees and asylees.
14. Lorsynsha Tilus spoke in support of proposed funding for immigrant and refugee services, specifically a navigator position proposed in the Human Services Department. Ms. Tilus also requested funding to support the International Rescue Committee to provide services to arriving refugees and asylees.
15. Beth Strano spoke in support of proposed funding for immigrant and refugee services, specifically a navigator position proposed in the Human Services Department. Ms. Strano also requested funding to support the International Rescue Committee to provide services to arriving refugees and asylees.
16. Nadine Alauria spoke in support of additional funding for Police staffing, specifically for CAO and NET officers, Neighborhood Specialists and Park Rangers. Ms. Alauria also spoke in support of the Gated Alley Pilot Program and more funding for drug education.



17. Ruth Chavez spoke in support of proposed funding for immigrant and refugee services, specifically a navigator position proposed in the Human Services Department. Ms. Chavez also requested funding to support the International Rescue Committee to provide services to arriving refugees and asylees.

Ms. Spencer opened the floor to closing comments from members of the City Council in attendance.

Councilwoman Guardado thanked residents for participating in the hearing and expressed support for the proposed navigator position for refugees, immigrants and asylees, as well as small businesses in the Sunnyslope area.

Councilwoman Ansari thanked residents for their participation, especially newly arrived refugees who provided comments. She highlighted the navigator position proposed to coordinate the city's efforts and provide services to refugees, roadway safety, and parks and recreation.

Councilmember Garcia expressed appreciation for those who commented in support of services for asylees and refugees, and stated he looked forward to meeting in-person in the future.

Vice Mayor Pastor thanked residents for commenting on community needs, including transportation, pickleball, immigrant and refugee support, infrastructure and economic development.

Ms. Spencer adjourned the hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adeoffer-Marie Rabusa  
Management Assistant II

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING  
DISTRICT 8  
APRIL 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM**

Deputy City Manager Ginger Spencer opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m., noting the importance of City budget hearings, additional ways to provide budget feedback, and next steps in the budget process.

Ms. Spencer then introduced Councilmember Carlos Garcia.

Councilmember Garcia thanked staff and residents for attending and expressed his interest in hearing from residents.

Ms. Spencer introduced interpreter Oscar Monroy who then introduced interpreter Carmen Cota. Mr. Monroy provided instructions for residents requiring Spanish interpretation during the meeting.

Ms. Spencer requested the budget video presentation be played.

City staff member Grant Harrison read the code of conduct for the meeting and opened the floor for public comment.

1. Morgan Sailor spoke in favor of funding for more streetlights, public safety, and police officer retention.
2. Gilbert Arvizu expressed support for the City's land reuse strategy to promote preservation of farmland.
3. Linda Saldibar requested more funding for services for unhoused individuals and Police to improve response times and address property vandalization and burglaries.
4. Ashley Harder expressed support for increasing the historic preservation allocation to \$500,000 for the Warehouse and Threatened Buildings Grant program.
5. Alex Allione spoke in favor of additional funding for Police to address crime and safety concerns at 44th Street and Washington, as well as moving eastbound Light Rail service away from the area.
6. JC Johnson commented in support of more funding for traffic enforcement, streetlights, and street maintenance at 31<sup>st</sup> Ave and Southern, as well as increased funding for Police and enhancements at Manzanita Park.
7. Laurel Langmade expressed support for more Police funding and for state Senate Bill 1581 which allows grants to a municipality or county to establish sanctioned camping sites for unhoused individuals.
8. Chelsea Friday spoke in favor of funding to support neighborhood associations and elementary schools in District 8 as well as more street lighting.

9. Lilia Rubio expressed support for more funding for Police services and to address unhoused individuals at parks and schools.
10. Carrie McNeish spoke in favor of funding for pickleball courts and parking at Desert Foothills Park.
11. Jim McPherson spoke in support of increasing the historic preservation allocation to \$500,000 for the Warehouse and Threatened Buildings Grant program.
12. Cyndy Gaughan spoke in support of the trial budget, especially funding for affordable housing; climate and sustainability; economic development, planning, and innovation; historic preservation and arts and culture; homelessness; immigrant refugee support; parks and libraries; public safety and criminal justice; roadway safety; street transportation; public transit; and aviation.

Ms. Spencer thanked everyone for attending.

Councilmember Garcia thanked residents for participating in the hearing. He stated the Council heard the needs of the community and would get to work on the budget.

Ms. Spencer adjourned the hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Genevieve Siri  
Management Assistant II

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 1  
APRIL 15, 2022 at 8:30 AM**

Assistant City Manager Lori Bays opened the hearing at 8:30 a.m. and explained the importance of public input for the trial budget process and how the public could participate.

Ms. Bays introduced Councilwoman Ann O'Brien, who thanked staff and community members for their participation and encouraged the continuation of public engagement.

Ms. Bays introduced interpreter Elsie Duarte, who provided instructions for residents requiring Spanish interpretation during the meeting. Ms. Bays then introduced the budget video.

City staff member Grant Harrison read the code of conduct for the meeting and opened the floor for public comment.

1. Frank Steinmetz spoke in favor of additional funding to renovate or rebuild Cactus Park Precinct, and supported funding for Neighborhood Services and Streets.
2. Stanley Bates spoke in favor of additional funding to renovate or rebuild Cactus Park Precinct and suggested the use of the vacant Fry's Electronics or Best Buy at Metrocenter for possible temporary precincts.
3. Caroline Lobo supported a 5-year plan for improvements to neighborhoods and liaisons for small businesses in the Sunnyslope area. Ms. Lobo also spoke in favor of increased funding for Police.
4. Jill Ostendorp spoke in favor of adding pickleball courts at Desert Foothills Park.
5. Cyndy Gaughan spoke in favor of addressing vacant storefronts, and funding for community housing, historic preservation, arts, immigration and refugee services, parks, roadway safety, and for additional positions in Aviation, Planning and Development, Police, and Streets.

Councilwoman O'Brien thanked residents for advocating for the Cactus Park Precinct and expressed support for the Gated Alley Program, and funding for existing and additional Fire and Police stations near the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) development.

Councilwoman O'Brien requested continuous support and prayers for the Phoenix Police officer who was shot in the line of duty, and shared additional ways to provide budget feedback.

Ms. Bays adjourned the hearing at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susannah Pietrzykowsky  
Budget Analyst III

## ATTACHMENT B

### ONLINE BUDGET COMMENTS

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April 9, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Name	Comment
Frank Grinere	I am a proud volunteer with Pueblo Grande Museum and Archeological Park. It is the site of the very first cultural settlement in Phoenix. The Ancestral O'Odham people built the Hohokam Culture and the magnificent platform mound owned by the City of Phoenix and curated by Pueblo Grande Museum. The Museum lost 10 staff positions during the 2008 budget crisis and has not recovered one of them since. They are only asking to restore 4 of the 10. Please fund and approve the full PGM staffing request.
Beth Gadzik	Please finish Desert Foothills Park, including 8 Pickleball courts and a paved parking lot would greatly enhance the community! Over 1,000 new homes are planned just a couple of miles east of the Park and our community needs more recreational outlets. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America, now even being taught in our elementary/ Jr. High/ High Schools....these children will need a convenient, easy access place to play Pickleball rather than sitting at home on their electronics.
donald hatchard	I am writing on behalf of the Ahwatukee resident pickleball players. Please choose to fund 8 new pickleball courts at Desert foothills Park where over 800 supporters have petitioned for this upgrade to the park. In the short term, please line out the current tennis courts with lines for the Pickleball courts so that we can reduce our carbon footprint by walking or biking to the park to play instead of driving to Pecos Park or Gilbert and Tempe parks.
Judy Oelkers	I am writing on behalf of the project to support pickleball courts at Desert Foothills Park. We ask the city to consider allocating funds to add 8 or more pickleball courts and a parking lot. In the interim we ask that our current 2 tennis courts be refinished and lined for dual purpose. They are presently underutilized and in need of maintenance. In the almost 20 years I have lived nearby, the park has seen little if any improvement or upkeep. Thanks.
Andrew McNeish	I am fully in support of adding PICKLEBALL COURTS AT DESERT FOOTHILLS PARK. I am asking the city to consider funding to add at least 8 Pickleball courts and add an additional parking lot. This park has never been finished. I am asking that our current tennis courts be refinished and lined for picklball (dual purpose). Lighting is very bad and needs to be updated. With this I (and MANY others here) would not have to drive to further courts thereby saving the environment and fuel.
Carrie McNeish	I am writing in on behalf of over 800 supporters for the PICKLEBALL AT DESERT FOOTHILLS PARK project. We are asking the city to consider allocating funds to add at least 8 dedicated Pickleball courts and a parking lot. In the interim we are asking that our current two tennis courts are refinished and lined for dual purpose as these courts are underutilized and in bad shape. We would love to be able to walk/ride to our local park to play pickleball rather than driving to Pecos- go green.

**ONLINE BUDGET COMMENTS**  
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**April 11, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Caroline Lobo	There are fundamental issues in several pockets of our communities. Some are overburdened, lack the basic infrastructure of sidewalks, trees, shade, lighting etc. Right now it seems like we are throwing money at the problem as a band-aid approach. I am requesting dedicating planning staff to create a plan for these overburdened communities from the perspective of creating equitable healthy and safe communities. i am requesting a dedicated business liaison for our business communities. Support PD
Max Clark	Every year about 3000-4500 crashes happen in D7. These collisions result in 1600-2300 injuries and 14-29 fatalities. Streets in D7 have been designed for speed not safety. Traffic signal timing encourages speeding. Long stretches of road without traffic signals encourages speeding and makes it difficult for people to turn onto streets because there is no break in traffic. Please invest \$9 million dollars in road safety projects throughout the city or more than \$1 million dollars in District 7.
Nadine Alauria	I am disappointed that the Budget does not have more Police funding. We absolutely CANNOT cut CAO's and NET Squads to add just 24 Patrol Officers. Community members and neighborhood leaders need our CAO's. More funding needs to go to recruitment! I support the Gated Alley Program. It has made a huge difference in Sunnyslope and should be completed & expanded. Absolutely NO funds can be re-allocated away from Phx PD. We have a severe Police shortage, especially the 5th largest US City!
Beth Gadzik	Please finish Desert Foothills Park, including 8 Pickleball courts and a paved parking lot would greatly enhance the community! Over 1,000 new homes are planned just a couple of miles east of the Park and our community needs more recreational outlets. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America, now even being taught in our elementary/ Jr. High/ High Schools....these children will need a convenient, easy access place to play Pickleball rather than sitting at home on their electronics.
Mark Mettes	Recognizing there are many important needs throughout the City, I appreciate the great care you take in balancing everything. I thank you for your support of arts and culture, including slight increase in arts grants (\$75,000) and public art maintenance. The arts are an economic driver, but even more importantly, the arts bring us together to share our heritage and our viewpoints, while cultivating empathy, acceptance and collaboration. Our community needs this now more than ever. Thank you!
cynthia graber	Very well thought out budget. One thing that I noticed not in this budget is a 24/7 hotline number to address City Parks, Neighborhoods services, Housing and public works after hours. Last weekend along 19th Ave we had pop up tents selling laptops/phones and not one of them had a permit. They were causing chaos and creating safety issues at the intersections. This issue should have been addressed by NHS but unfortunately crime stop had to be called. We need dept after hours help

**ONLINE BUDGET COMMENTS**  
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**April 11, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.**

Name	Comment
G A Sumner	<p>If we are always negative about our Police, why would any recruit be interested? We need to invest some of the additional money into our Police. Without more investment, we are jeopardizing our public safety.</p> <p>Our parks are an asset to our neighborhoods and surrounding businesses, but only if we don't accept disruptive behavior that interferes with the positive and safe atmosphere in our parks. I support the budget item for Park Rangers and support additional funding, as well.</p>
Gita Balakumar	<p>An increase monies to be allocated to fund the area of 56th St at Deer Valley that now extend north to Pinnacle Peak. The level of traffic and speeding will further increase. The area is mixed residential with nearby commercial space. It is been noted the level of speeders, especially persons that may think it's a cut through, the number of turn arounds has increased. Speed bumps and thoughtfully placed stops signs that do not interfere with enter/exits of residents are greatly needed</p>
Debbie Weigert	<p>As a longtime resident of Phoenix, I am advocating the addition of PICKLEBALL AT DESERT FOOTHILLS PARK project. We would like the city to allocate funds to add at least 8 dedicated Pickleball courts &amp; parking lot. This park was built 25 years ago &amp; never finished. This would be a great addition to the park. In the interim we are asking that our current two tennis courts be refinished &amp; lined for dual purpose as these courts are underutilized &amp; in bad shape. This is a great use of funds.</p>
Rebecca Perrera	<p>I support the proposal and its efforts to protect the most vulnerable. I like the mobile library at the underserved 67th Ave area. The LACC needs one-time funding to address irrigation, dust, erosion, and lighting. It also needs more ranger patrols to curb dangerous ATV use. Finally, I would like to see transparent benchmarks in place to restore the CAOs to their assignments. CAOs are an important part of community development and long-term institutional change.</p>
Carol A. Poore, Ph.D.	<p>Thank you for recognizing that arts/culture represents a vital community investment supporting economic development and a creative, vibrant city. Thanks for supporting grants (\$75,000) and public art maintenance fund (\$40,000) for our Office of Arts + Culture. Public art is a vital community asset that must be maintained. For the future, I would advocate the arts budget reflect a \$1 per capita investment to be comparable to other U.S. cities similar in size. Thanks for your steadfast support.</p>
Leticia Gonzalez	<p>I'm advocating for funds to gate the alleys in Sunnyslope. I understand not all the residents who have an alley behind their home have problems; however, in Sunnyslope we absolutely have many problems in our alleys and desperately need your help! I know gating our alleys work and I speak from personal experience. Since my alley was gated, the issue no longer exist. Please allocate funds to gate alleys in Sunnyslope and anywhere else there is an interest and need within the City of Phoenix.</p>

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Name	Comment
Donna Leeds	As a long standing Realtor in the Ahwatukee community, clients are always searching for the best schools, parks and recreational activities. Desert Foothills Park was never completed and dedicated Pickleball courts and additional parking would be a wonderful addition for Ahwatukee residents and future residents.
Michael Shupp	I support adding pickleball courts at the Desert Foothill Park. The courts at Pecos park are already fully occupied at prime times and Desert Foothills park would be the perfect spot to expand Pickleball in Phoenix. With 1050 new homes being built on the recently sold 373 acre State Trust land just to the west of Desert Foothills Park there will be a much greater need for Pickleball courts and the tax revenue to support these projects. Thank you.
Judy Oelkers	I am writing in support of the project to add pickleball courts at Desert Foothills Park. We ask the city to consider allocating funds to add 8 or more pickleball courts and a parking lot. In the interim we ask that our current 2 tennis courts be refinished and lined for dual purpose. The existing courts are in need of maintenance and therefore underutilized. In the almost 20 years I have lived nearby, the park has seen little improvement or upkeep. Thanks.
Christoph Ostendorp	I am a 25 year Ahwatukee resident and Desert Foothills Park has never been finished. The area planned as a Community Center is used for illegal dumping. There is a great movement to build pickleball courts which I fully support as I work during the day to pay my taxes, and can only play at Pecos after 5:30 PM & weekends. I often have to wait over 30 min betw. games. Why is the funding collected from taxes & impact fees in this area for the past 25 years not being used to finish this park?
Jill Ostendorp	As a life-long advocate for youth sports & fitness, we are asking you to please allocate budget to add dedicated Pickleball courts to Desert Foothills Park & refurbish the current courts. Currently, Steve Manolis is leading an effort to donate refurbished paddles to the Boys and Girls Clubs in Phoenix and we have proposed to councilmembers to offer Free clinics to help increase access to pickleball as a safe and healthy recreational low cost activity for anyone to enjoy. Thank you.
Andrew McNeish	I am fully in support of adding PICKLEBALL COURTS AT DESERT FOOTHILLS PARK. I am asking the city to consider funding to add at least 8 Pickleball courts and add an additional parking lot. This park has never been finished. I am asking that our current tennis courts be refinished and lined for picklball (dual purpose). Lighting is very bad and needs to be updated. With this I (and MANY others here) would not have to drive to further courts thereby saving the environment and fuel.
Carrie McNeish	I am writing in on behalf of over 800 supporters for the PICKLEBALL AT DESERT FOOTHILLS PARK project. We are asking the city to consider allocating funds to add at least 8 dedicated Pickleball courts and a parking lot. In the interim we are asking that our current two tennis courts are refinished and lined for dual purpose as these courts are underutilized and in bad shape. We would love to be able to walk/ride to our local park to play pickleball rather than driving to Pecos- go green.



ONLINE BUDGET COMMENTS  
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 April 13, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

Name	Comment
Caroline Lobo	There are fundamental issues in several pockets of our communities. Some of these are overburdened, lack the basic infrastructure of sidewalks, trees, shade, lighting etc. I am requesting dedicating planning staff to create a plan for these overburdened communities from the perspective of creating equitable healthy and safe communities. Also requesting a dedicated business liaison for our communities that have a large number of small and micro-businesses. Continue to Support PD.
Jessalynne Howard	I strongly support funding the International Rescue Committee to help to refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants access services such as case management, community engagement, and employment and health services to refugees and asylum seekers at the Welcome Center. I'm also very supportive of the City's plans to fund a City Navigator to support our communities. These investments would help ensure that refugees, asylees are set up to succeed and contribute to the great city of Phoenix.
Rachel Ballowe	I strongly support funding the International Rescue Committee to help to refugees access the support to meet their greatest needs. I'm also very supportive of the City's plans to fund a City Navigator to support our communities. By providing supporting these needs, we are helping to build stronger individuals and a greater community.
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Patrick McWhortor	I am expressing my support for the increase in funding for the Office of Arts + Culture and public arts programs. In fact, I urge you to consider even a larger increase. As CEO of Arizona Citizens for the Arts, I witness the impact of investments in the creative economy in communities across Arizona. Arts and culture is an economic driver in Phoenix and preserves an essential quality of life. Greater investment means greater return. I urge the Council to consider this boost to our economy.
Mitra Khazai	As a longtime Phoenix resident, I am thrilled to see the city investing more in our critical arts and culture sector. I support the proposed increase in grants (\$75,000) and public art maintenance fund (\$40,000) for our Office of Arts + Culture. This sector plays a key role in ensuring cultural vibrancy, directly impacting economic growth and vitality. For the future, I would advocate the arts budget reflect a \$1 per capita investment, to be comparable to other U.S. cities similar in size.
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Frank Grinere	I am a proud volunteer with Pueblo Grande Museum and Archeological Park. It is the site of the very first cultural settlement in Phoenix. The Ancestral O'Odham people built the Hohokam Culture and the magnificent platform mound owned by the City of Phoenix and curated by Pueblo Grande Museum. The Museum lost 10 staff positions during the 2008 budget crisis and has not recovered one of them since. They are only asking to restore 4 of the 10. Please fund and approve the full PGM staffing request.
donald hatchard	I am writing on behalf of the Ahwatukee resident pickleball players. Please choose to fund 8 new pickleball courts at Desert foothills Park where over 800 supporters have petitioned for this upgrade to the park. In the short term, please line out the current tennis courts with lines for the Pickleball courts so that we can reduce our carbon footprint by walking or biking to the park to play instead of driving to Pecos Park or Gilbert and Tempe parks.
Judy Oelkers	I am writing to support the project to add pickleball courts at Desert Foothills Park. We ask the city to consider allocating funds to add 8 or more pickleball courts and a parking lot. In the interim, we ask that the current 2 tennis courts be refinished and lined for dual purpose. They are underutilized and in need of maintenance. In the almost 20 years I have lived nearby, the park has seen little if any improvement of upkeep. Thanks.

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G A Sumner	<p>COP's Blight Busters program continues to remove more than 50,000 graffiti vandalism each year. Graffiti takes money away from neighborhood services and recreational programs. Graffiti often leads to other criminal activity, such as shoplifting supplies and trespassing.</p> <p>Vandals need to be identified before we can help them find the attention and recognition they seek and for that we need graffiti investigated by detectives. More money in the Police budget is needed.</p>
Laurel Langmade	<p>Support SB-1581 for no camping on easements, parks, public &amp; private property. The bill provides sanctioned encampments. CM Garcia, you stood silent when asked to protect property rights of owners. You're silent when asked what you are doing about drugs sold in neighborhoods of your district. It is sad in District 7 members are asking to have a place to put syringes at City Parks. You are more worried about weeds than removing criminal elements off our streets. Need police funds.</p>
Cici rose	<p>Every time I see that \$600 million price tag for the police, it's nauseating. Over half a billion, just incredible. And you want to allocate even more funds. Affordable housing and behavioral health care issues get crumbs in comparison. This budget is tone deaf, year after year.</p>
cynthia graber	<p>All available resources including technology needs to be available to keep Phoenix Citizens, Phoenix Staff and most importantly Phoenix Police Department safe. City of Phoenix is in a safety crisis mode and every council person and our Mayor needs to set priority for the safety of our citizens and most importantly our children and our seniors.</p>
Nadine Alauria	<p>I am concerned &amp; disappointed that more funds aren't allocated to hire more Phx PD Officers. We are the 5th largest City in the US and have the same # of Officers since 2008! I am completely against any funds being allocated away from Phx PD, and defunding the Police is absolutely unacceptable. We also need funding for effective Drug Education of our youth. The Gated Alley program has shown crime reduction &amp; should be expanded. Parks need to please patrol and address issues in our parks.</p>
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## ATTACHMENT C

### VOICEMAIL, ELECTRONIC, AND WRITTEN BUDGET COMMENTS RESPONDED TO April 8, 2022 – April 14, 2022, AND SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS

#### Emails

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12. Renee Dominguez sent an email in support of additional funds to make improvements at Smith Park, including the recreation center.

13. Mark and Barbara Lucas sent an email in support of additional funds to the Police Department to hire and retain officers.
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29. Malory Hanenburg sent an email in support of funding for the International Rescue Committee and the City Navigator position.
30. Carol Sanger sent an email in support of funding for the International Rescue Committee.

#### Voicemails

There have been no new voicemails since March 3, 2022.

#### Social media statistics from February 18, 2022 – April 14, 2022

##### 17 City of Phoenix Facebook Posts

- 585 Views
- 28 Likes
- 2 Shares
- 2 Comments

##### 80 City of Phoenix Tweets (across three City accounts, including the City's bilingual account)

- 5,679 Views
- 94 Likes
- 55 Retweets
- 9 Comments

##### 6 Budget Hearing Videos on the City of Phoenix YouTube Account

- Total Views: 613 Views

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Lambert  
Administrative Assistant I

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City of Phoenix

# FundPHX Monthly Report 2022-23 City Manager's Trial Budget

## Executive Summary

FundPHX is an online budget tool designed to educate and engage the public in the city's annual budget process. The tool gives residents an opportunity to balance the city's \$76 million General Fund surplus, provide feedback on current funding levels and share community priorities with city staff.

For the month of April, Budget and Research staff provides biweekly City Manager's Trial Budget reports to the Phoenix City Council. Reports are broken-out by Council district. Each report includes the total number of submissions received, either the average submission per district or the percentage of "yes" or "no" submissions as applicable for each proposed item included in this year's trial budget, and all comments received. Comments received via FundPHX are also responded to by Budget and Research staff as appropriate.

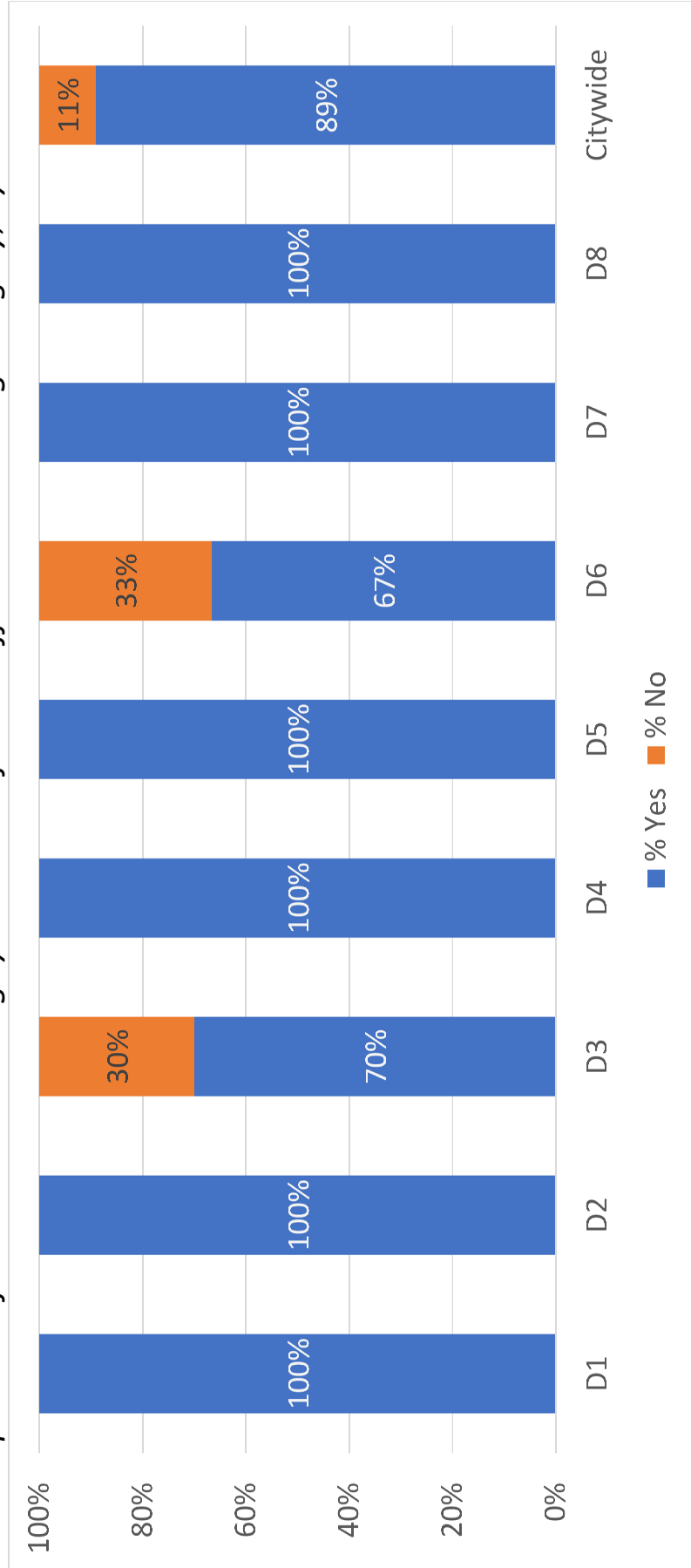
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**Affordable Housing: \$1,478,000**

*The percent of residents indicating "yes" or "no" for the Affordable Housing category, by district*

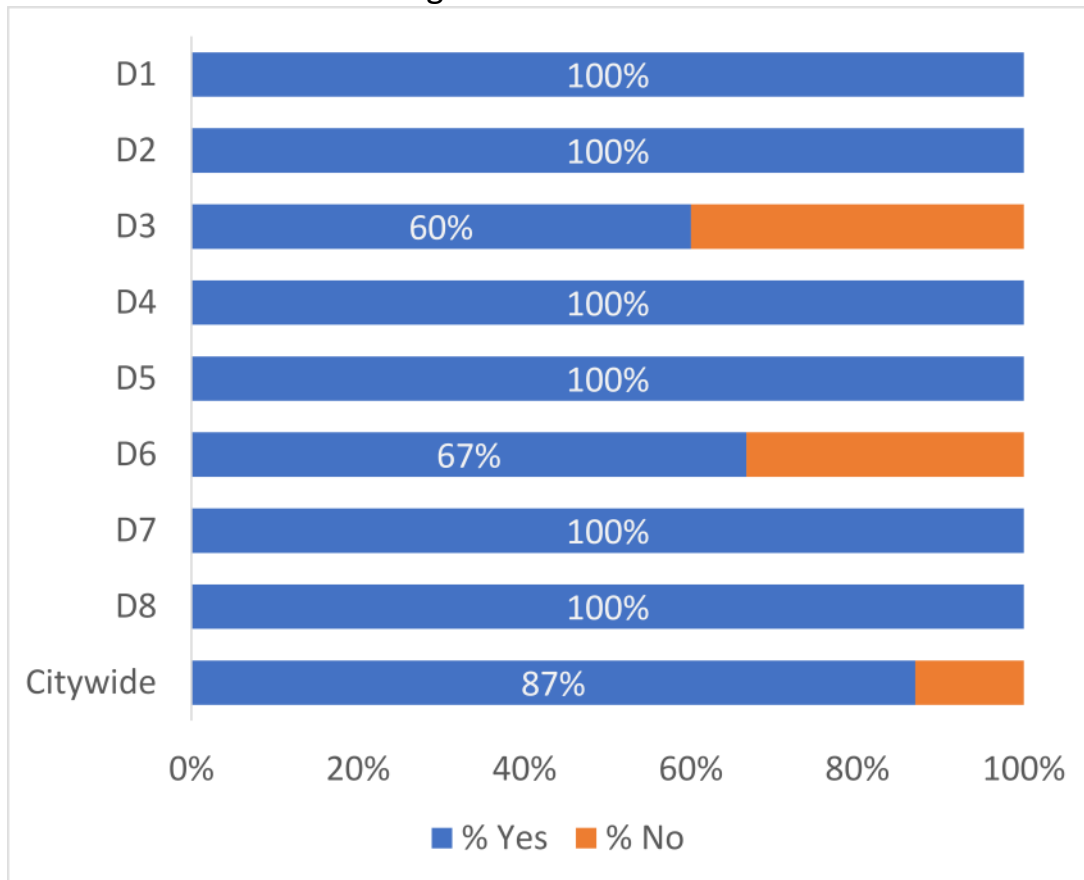


number of submissions (N) = 23

## Affordable Housing

Housing - Housing Supportive Services: \$1.1 million

Add funding to provide permanent, expanded housing supportive services. These services address the needs of low-income residents, increasing self-sufficiency and enhancing quality of life. This funding will increase the number of individuals and families served and expand the types of services provided, including additional self-sufficiency services, homelessness prevention and counseling, senior tenant outreach, employment services, bridging education gaps, homeownership coaching, and youth services. General Funds will be used to pay for staff in the Affordable Housing Fund.

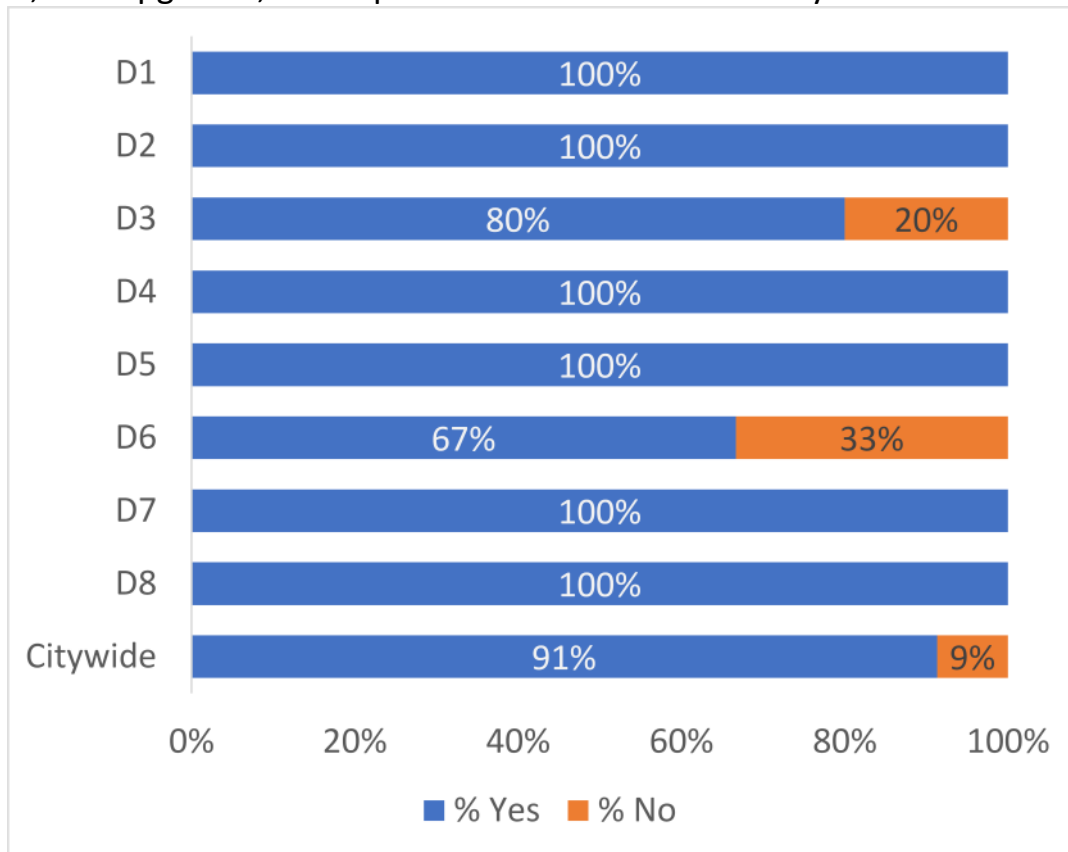


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Housing - Family Housing: \$378,000

Add funding to support Phoenix Starfish Place, which provides affordable housing, case management, and supportive services to victims of human trafficking. While Section 8 rental assistance vouchers have previously been used to fund this program, they are unable to fully provide necessary staffing, maintenance, utilities, unit upgrades, and replacements at the community.



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## **Affordable Housing**

### **Comments:**

1. Ray McDaniel (District 1) proposed that funding for Housing Supportive Services only be allocated to serve seniors and victims of domestic violence and crime.
2. Patti Trites (District 8) expressed support for both proposed Housing programs.





### Climate & Sustainability: \$1,215,090

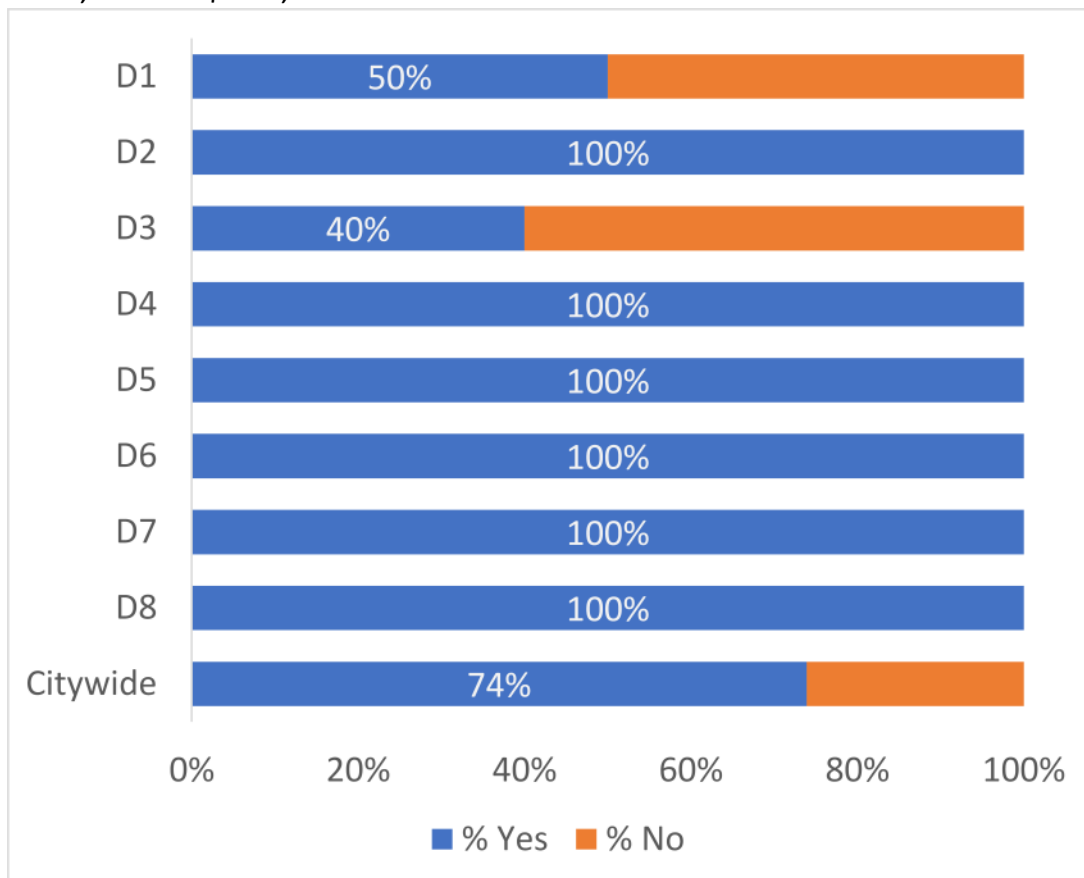
The percent of residents indicating "yes" or "no" for the Climate & Sustainability category, by district



## Climate & Sustainability

Environmental Programs - Air Quality: \$187,000

Add funding for one Program Manager and resources to implement and advance the Climate Action Plan, adopted by the City Council in October 2021. The new position will conduct policy research, monitor citywide implementation of climate change policy, coordinate with outside agencies and stakeholders, and develop and implement climate and resilience protocols and plans. Funds will be used to conduct biennial greenhouse gas inventories, continue community engagement with bilingual support, and provide technical support for modeling and verification analysis. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding initial office equipment purchases, will be \$184,000.

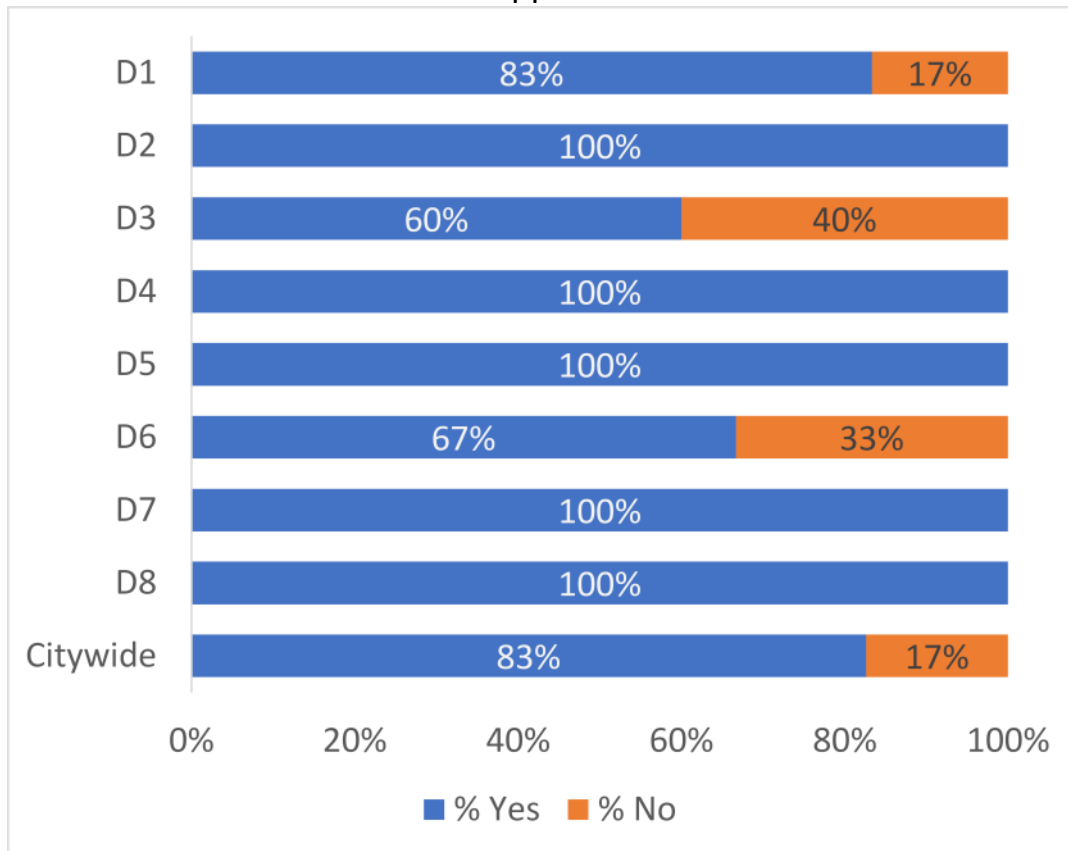


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## Climate & Sustainability

Public Works - Energy Management Consultation Services and Energy Analysis:  
\$90,000

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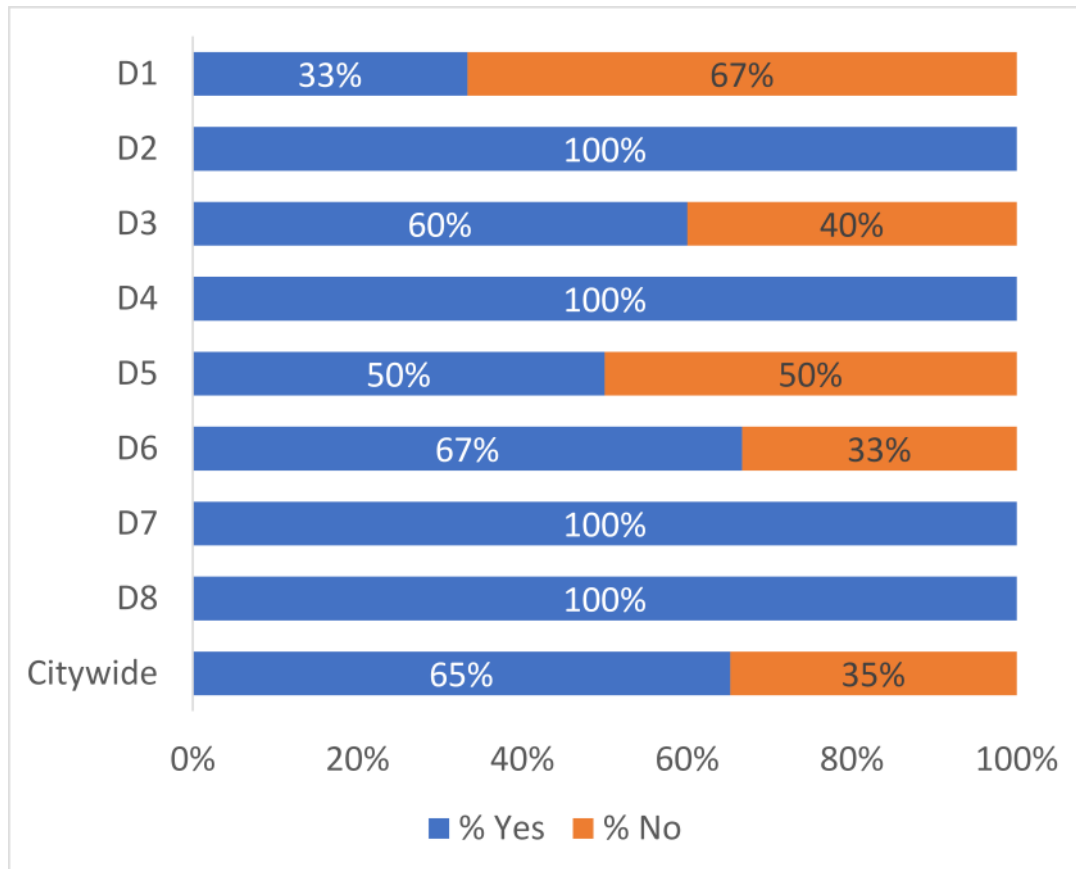


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## Climate & Sustainability

Office of Sustainability - Citywide Sustainability Program: \$178,000

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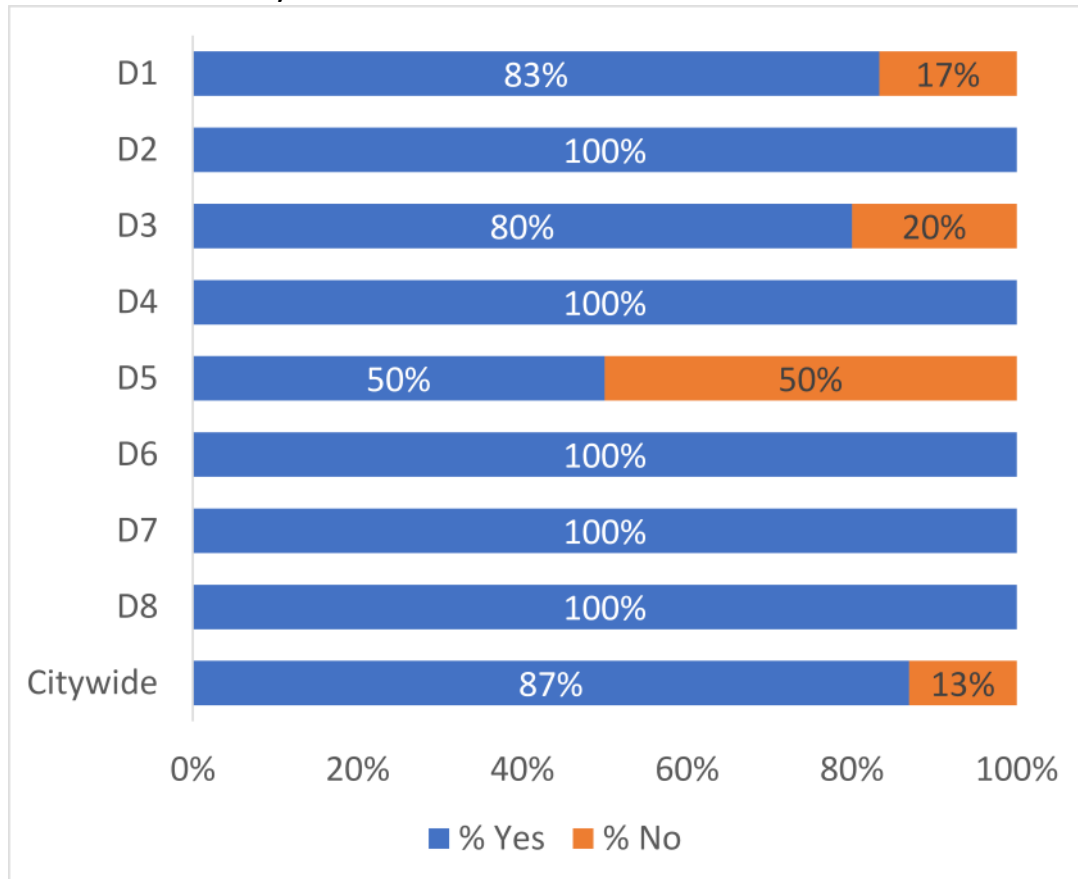


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Street Transportation - Street Maintenance: \$850,000

Add funding to the award winning Cool Pavement Program. The program applies surface treatments to nine neighborhoods annually specifically engineered to combat the urban heat island effect to existing roadway surfaces. The program uses objective criteria ensuring the program targets the right streets with the most needs across the City. Supplemental funding will increase capacity by two neighborhoods annually.



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## **Climate & Sustainability**

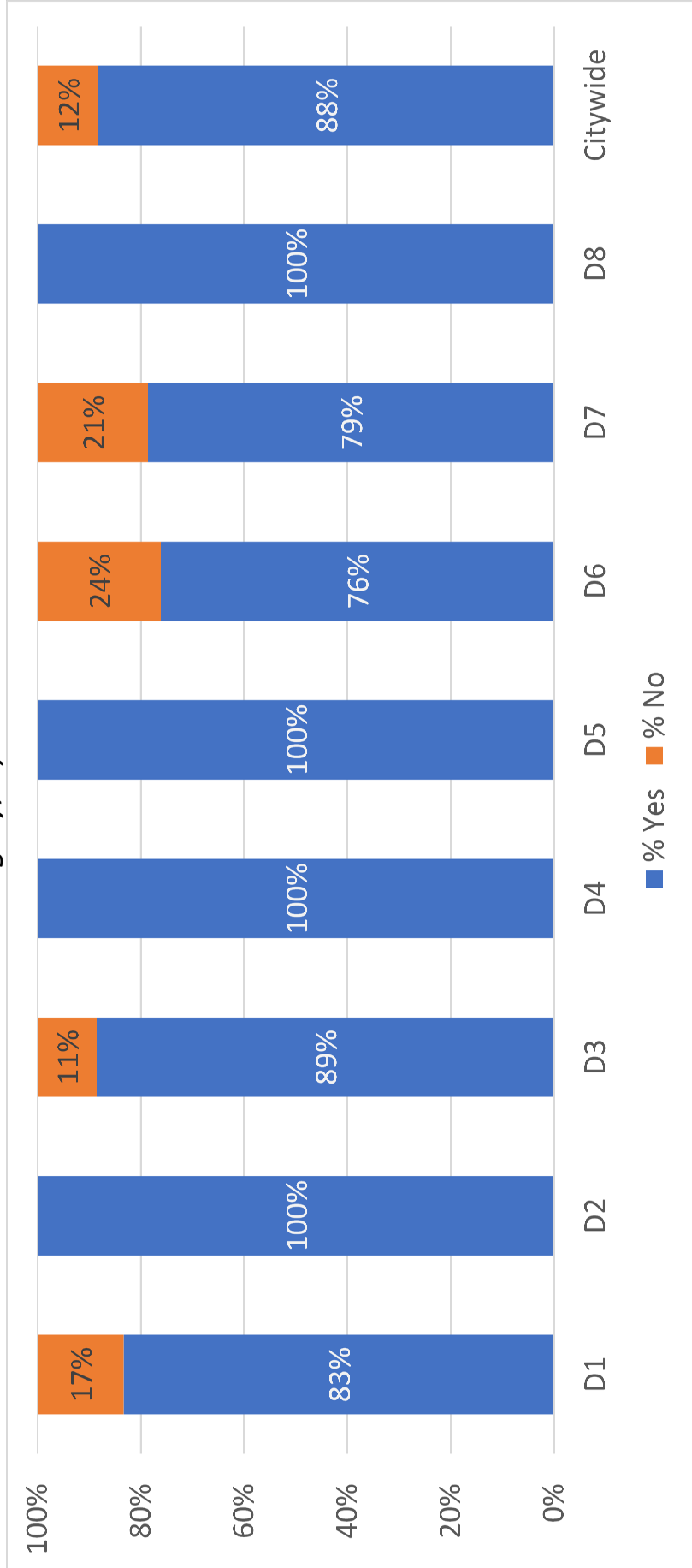
### **Comments:**

1. Richard Moore (District 1) opposed all Climate & Sustainability funding, requesting the funds be reallocated to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice proposed programs.
2. Taylor Johnson (District 3) opposed funding for Environmental Programs and the Electric Vehicle Charging program, and requested the funds be reallocated to Police.
3. Ray McDaniel (District 3) opposed funding for Environmental Programs and the Office of Sustainability, and requested the funds be reallocated to Police.
4. Patti Trites (District 8) expressed support for the proposed funding for Environmental Programs and the Cool Pavement Program, and requested the Cool Pavement Program specifically focus on new streets in areas of recent development.



**Economic Development, Planning & Innovation: \$1,636,000**

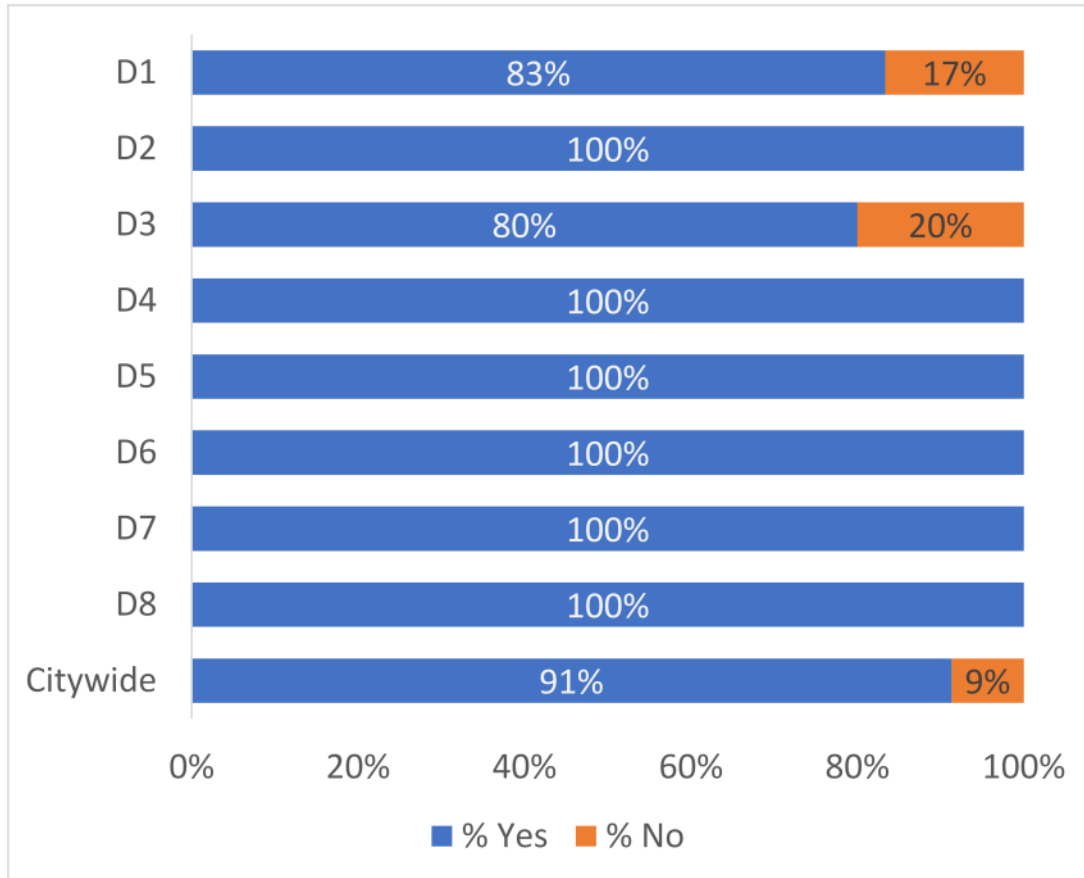
*The percent of residents indicating "yes" or "no" for the Economic Development, Planning & Innovation category, by district*



## Economic Development, Planning & Innovation

City Manager's Office - Administration of Policies and Objectives Set by Mayor and Council; Oversight of Departments: \$114,000

Add funding to the Office of Innovation. The funds will support annual citywide testing and prototyping of innovation projects and metrics tracking and reporting, aligning with the priorities of the City Manager, Mayor, and Council. The funds will also provide for an AmeriCorps VISTA member to support capacity building, community engagement, and innovation in low-to-moderate income areas of the City. Total funding being added is \$175,000, which is partially provided by non-General Funds.



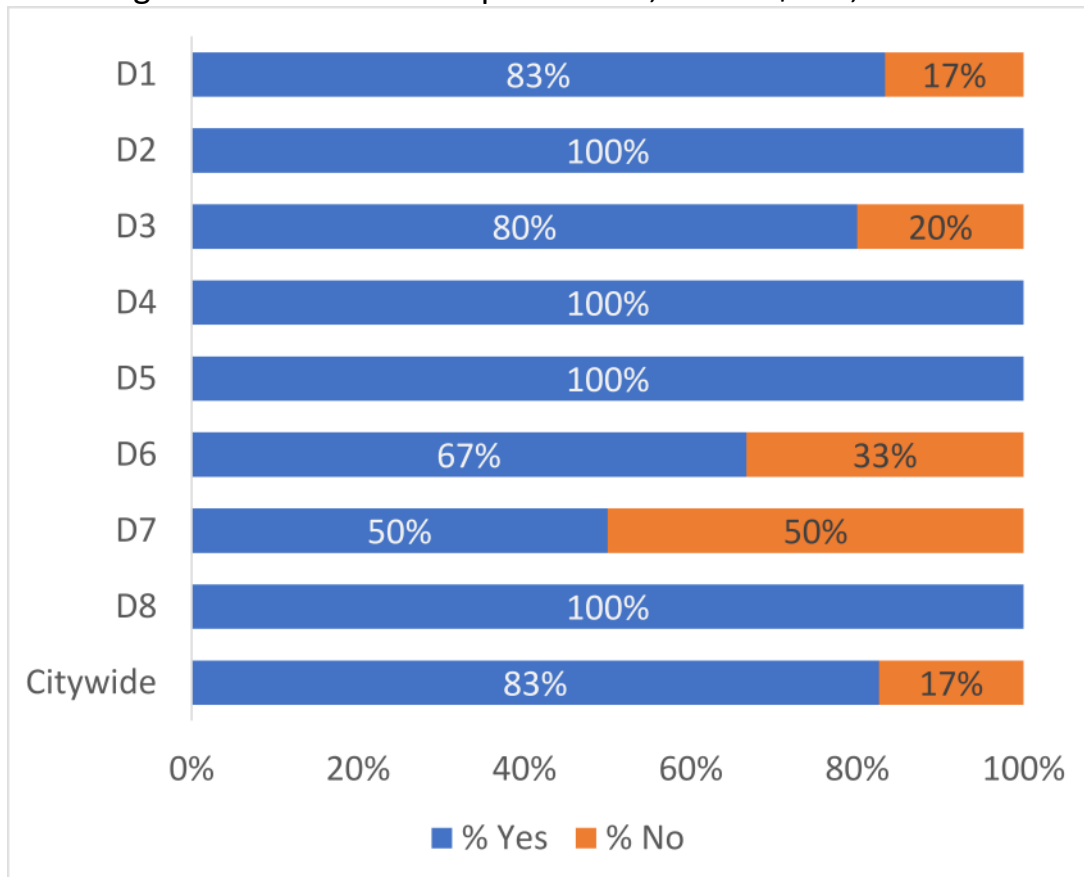
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## Economic Development, Planning & Innovation

Community and Economic Development - Business Development: \$452,000

Add a new Economic Development Program Manager and contractual funding to formalize an international trade program, which was originally approved by City Council and put on hold in March 2020 due to the pandemic. The request includes funding for two Mexico trade contracts and travel expenses. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding workstation and computer costs, will be \$440,000.

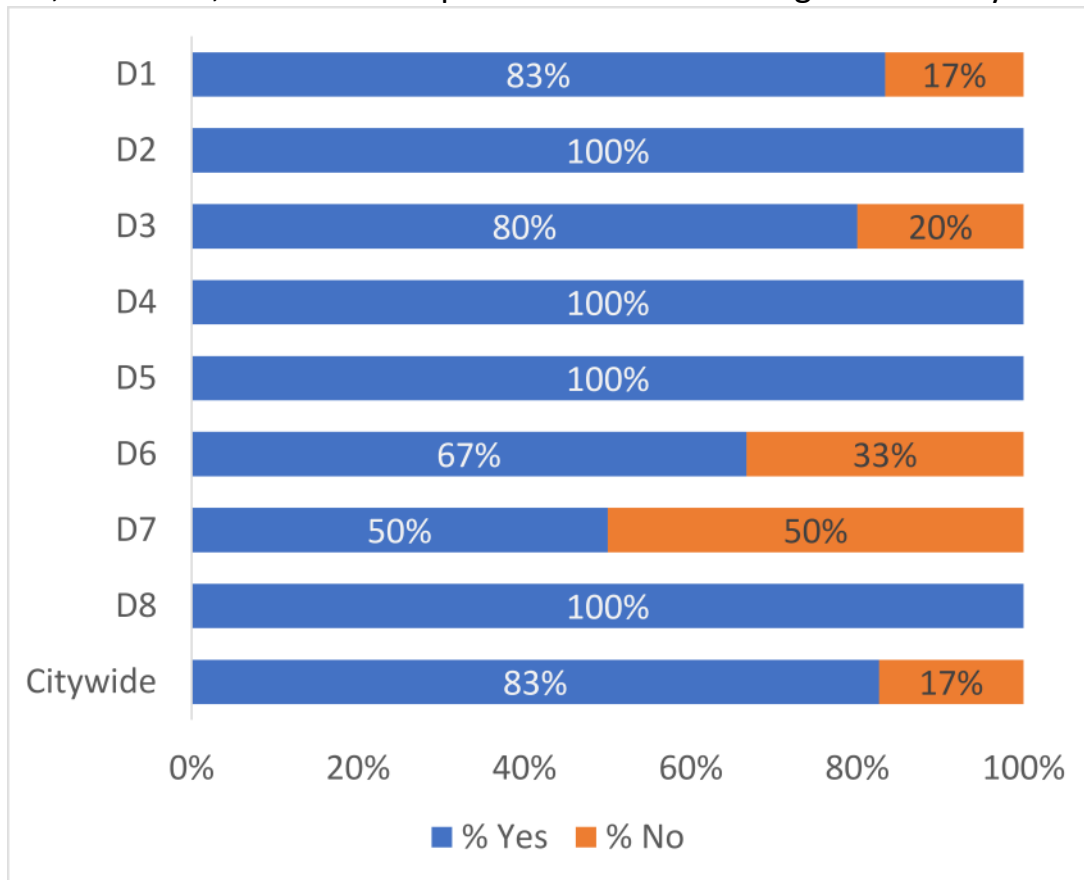


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## Economic Development, Planning & Innovation

Community and Economic Development - Business Retention and Expansion:  
\$284,000

Add funding for a Marketing Supervisor position focused on developing, implementing, and administering marketing plans and strategies that support job creation, retention, and attract capital investments throughout the city.

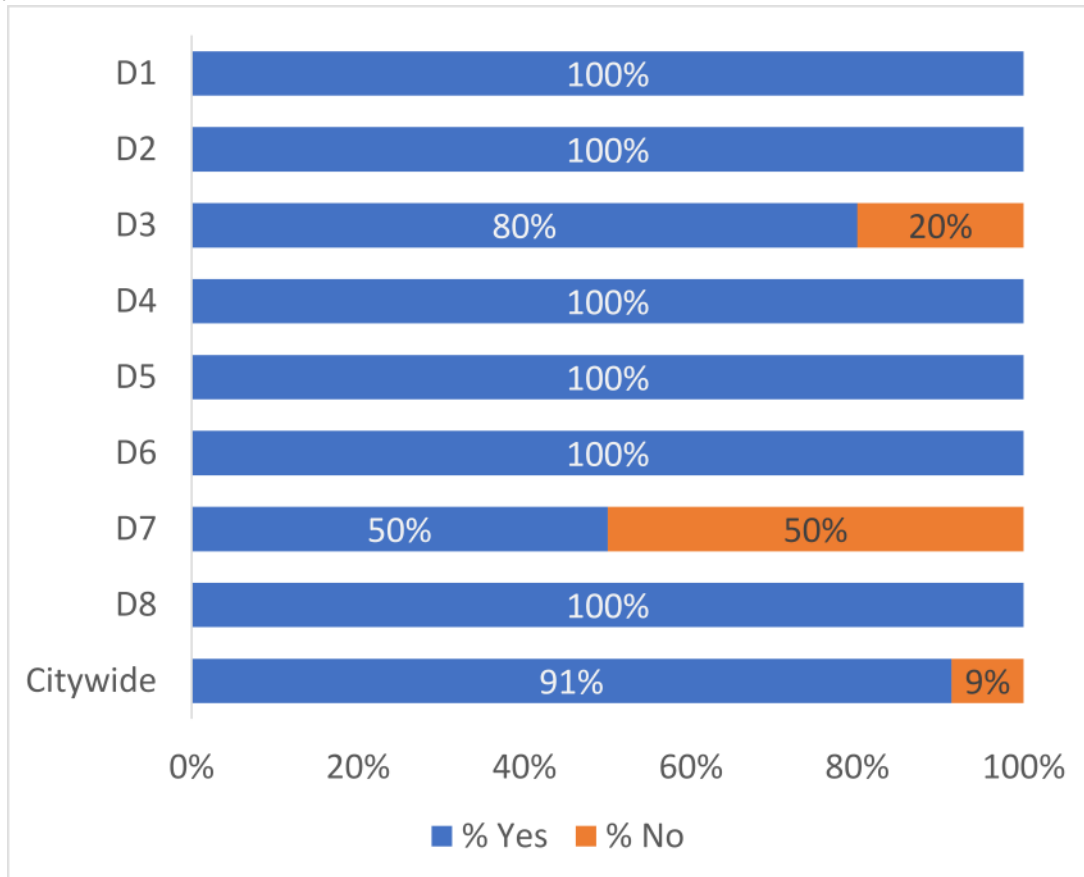


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## Economic Development, Planning & Innovation

Community and Economic Development - Business Retention and Expansion:  
\$196,000

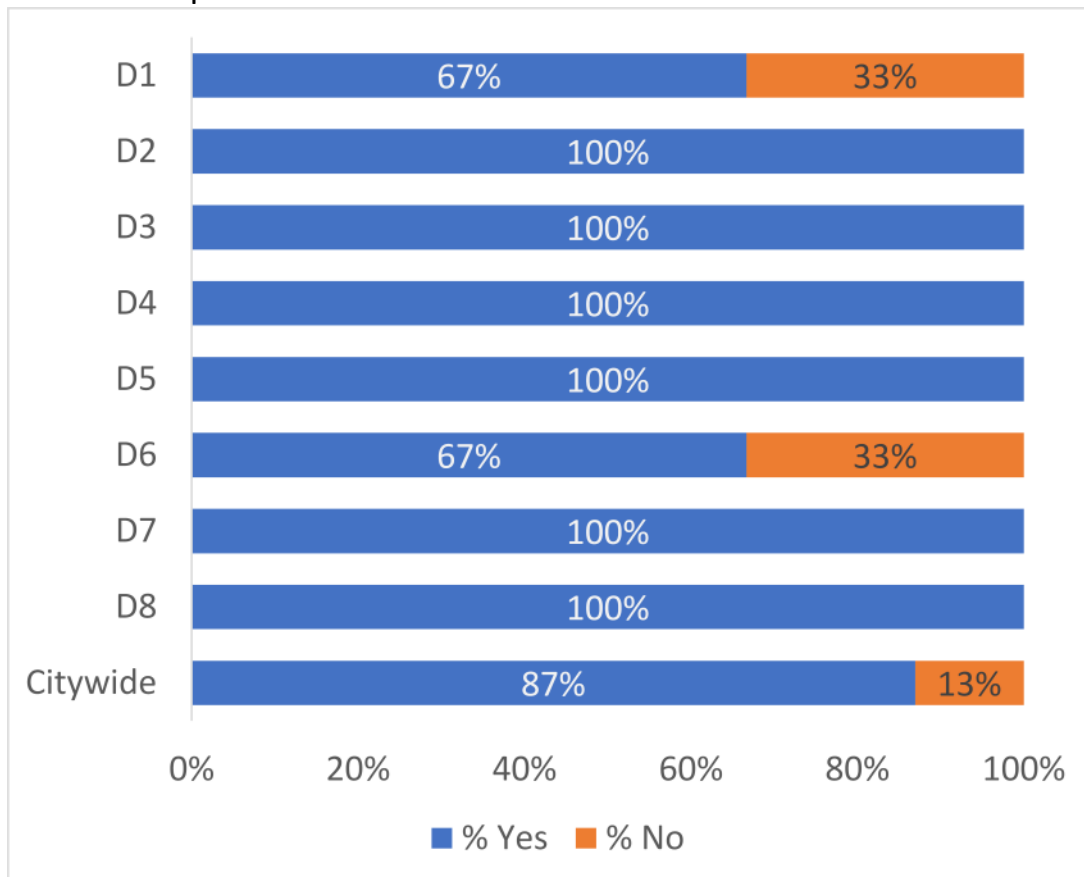
Add one Economic Development Program Manager position and consulting services dedicated to addressing vacant commercial storefronts and increasing "funertainment" sites. Targeting vacant commercial buildings will create new retail centers and attract the burgeoning industry sector of "funertainment". The full-year ongoing cost, excluding workstation and computer expenses, will be \$187,000.



## Economic Development, Planning & Innovation

Planning and Development - Long Range Planning: \$213,000

Add funding for two Village Planner II positions and a Principal Planner position to provide support for the implementation of community driven and City Council supported community planning projects, with a focus on developing Transit Oriented Development (TOD) community planning programs. These positions will provide coordination, development, implementation and oversight of community planning efforts. The Public Transit Department will fund 50% of the cost for two of the three new positions.

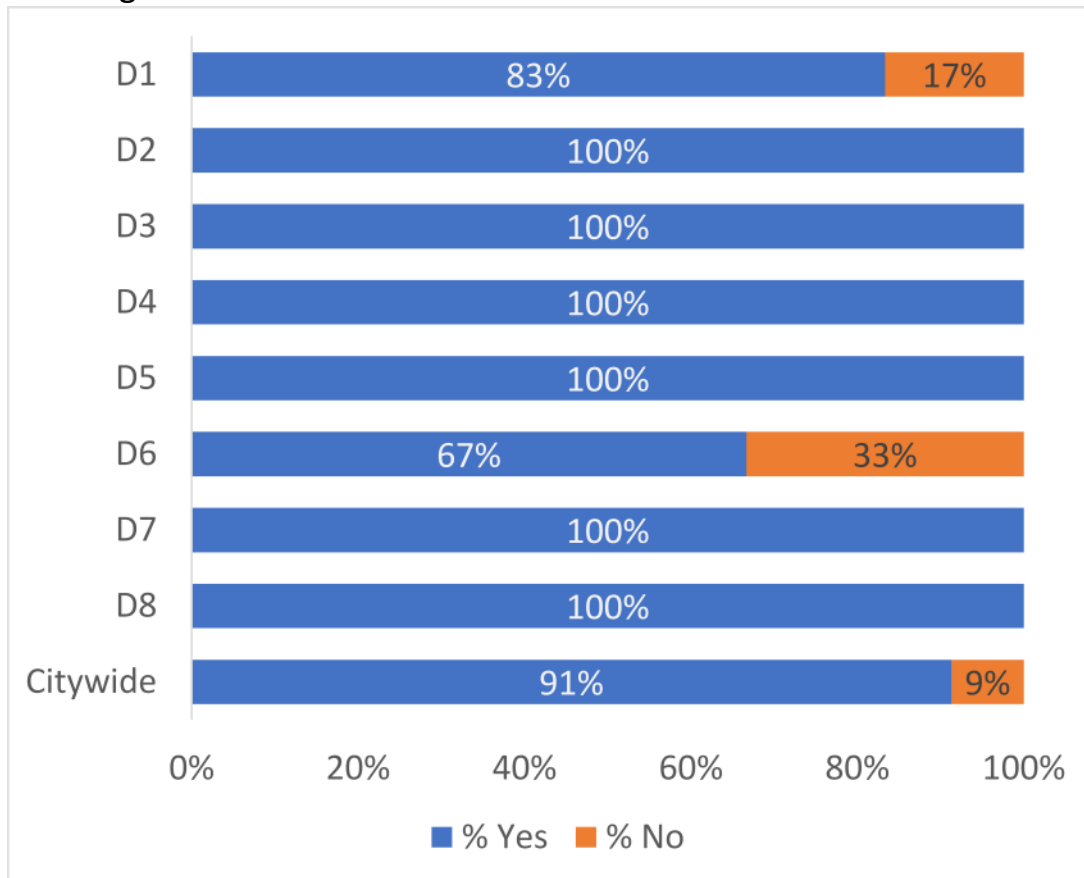


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## Economic Development, Planning & Innovation

Planning and Development - Current Planning: \$270,000

Add funding for a Secretary III position, a Planner II position and a Planner III position to support the Current Planning Section team's efforts to respond to significant increases in the number of zoning verification, interpretation, and adjustment requests. Zoning adjustment applications have increased from 596 in 2016 to 743 in 2020. This year the number of zoning adjustment cases is on pace to meet or exceed the record number of cases from 2020. The increase in the zoning adjustment caseload has resulted in hearing dates being scheduled well beyond the normal hearing timeframe. These positions will also support the team's zoning ordinance text amendment efforts.

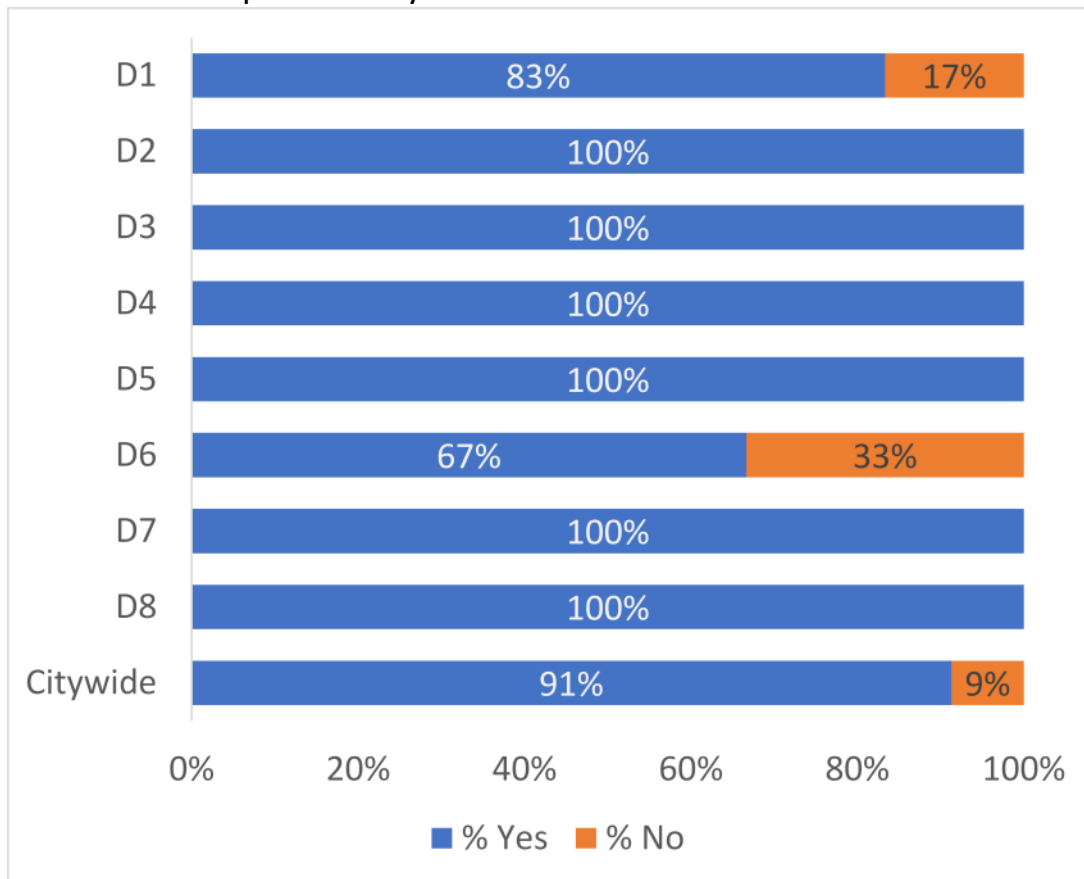


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## Economic Development, Planning & Innovation

Planning and Development - Office of Customer Advocacy: \$107,000

Add a Planner III position to the Office of Customer Advocacy (OCA) to support creating and implementing the Vacant Storefront Program and expand the Adaptive Reuse Program to include the conversion of older shopping centers and individual retail spaces into economically viable uses, to assist customers with opportunities to share existing parking spaces, and to expand the level of customer assistance provided by the OCA.



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## **Economic Development, Planning & Innovation**

### **Comments:**

No comments were submitted.

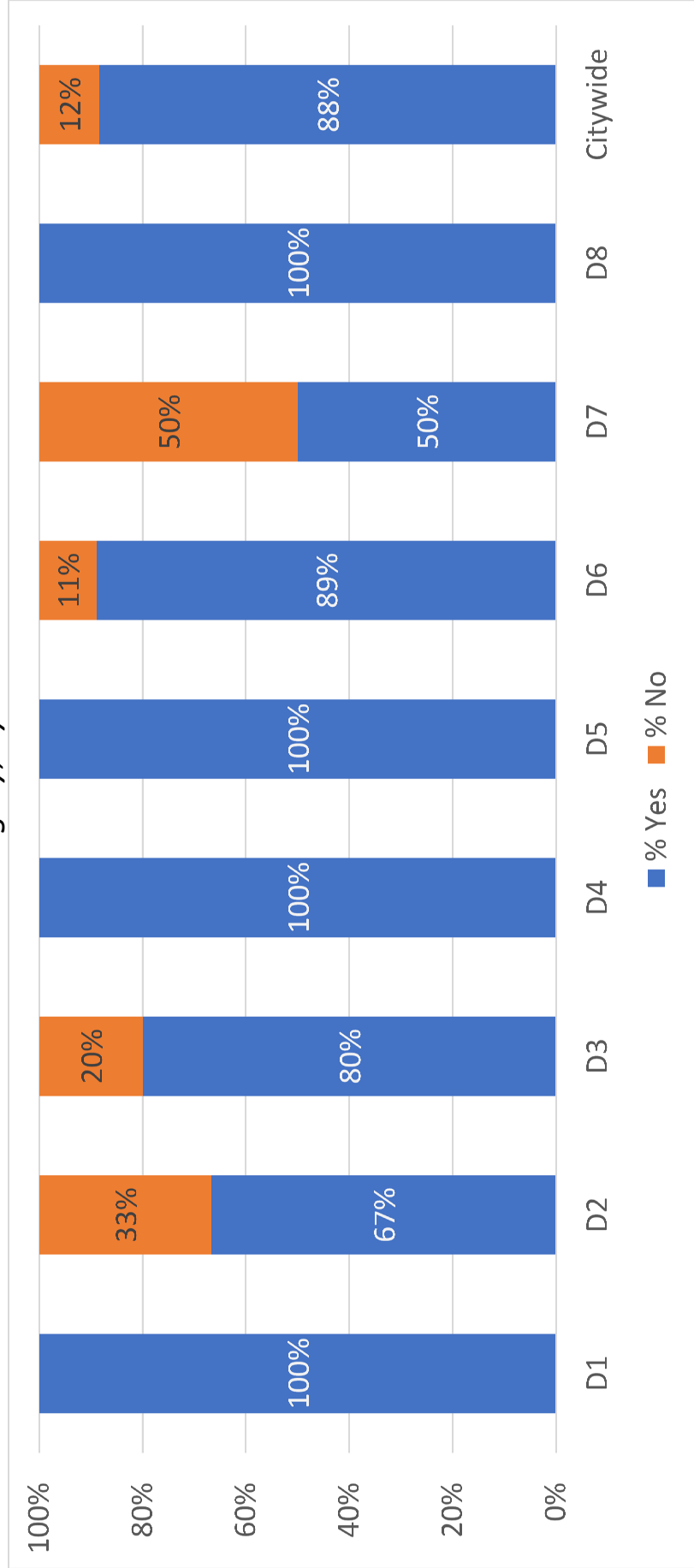


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### Historic Preservation & Arts: \$317,000

The percent of residents indicating "yes" or "no" for the Historic Preservation & Arts category, by district

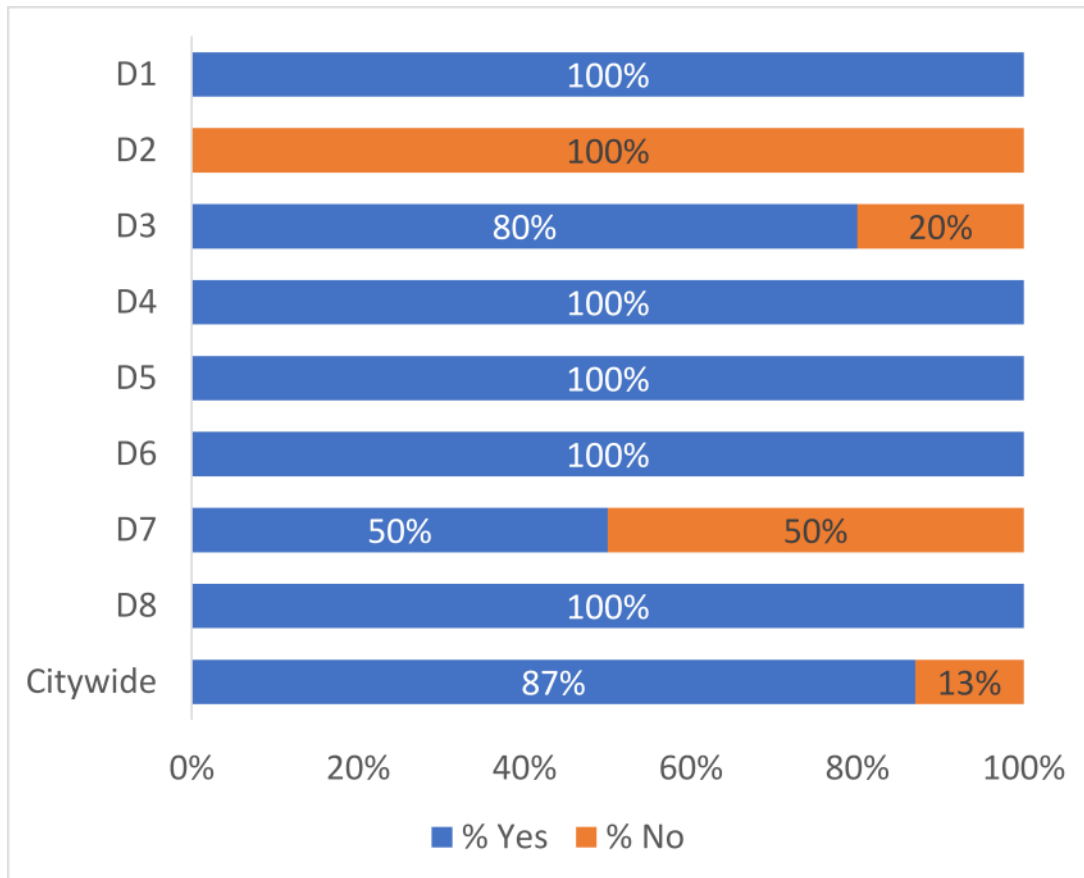




## Historic Preservation & Arts

Planning and Development - Administration and Enforcement of Local and Federal Historic Preservation Laws: \$202,000

Add funding to the Historic Preservation Office for the Threatened Buildings Grant Program. The grant funds will be used to preserve, rehabilitate or move historic buildings in order to prevent their loss. A threatened building is one that is in deteriorated condition and/or has a high likelihood of demolition. Grant funds require the owner to convey a conservation easement to the City, with the length of the easement varying based on the amount of the funds provided. This conservation easement protects the public's investment in the building during the life of the easement.

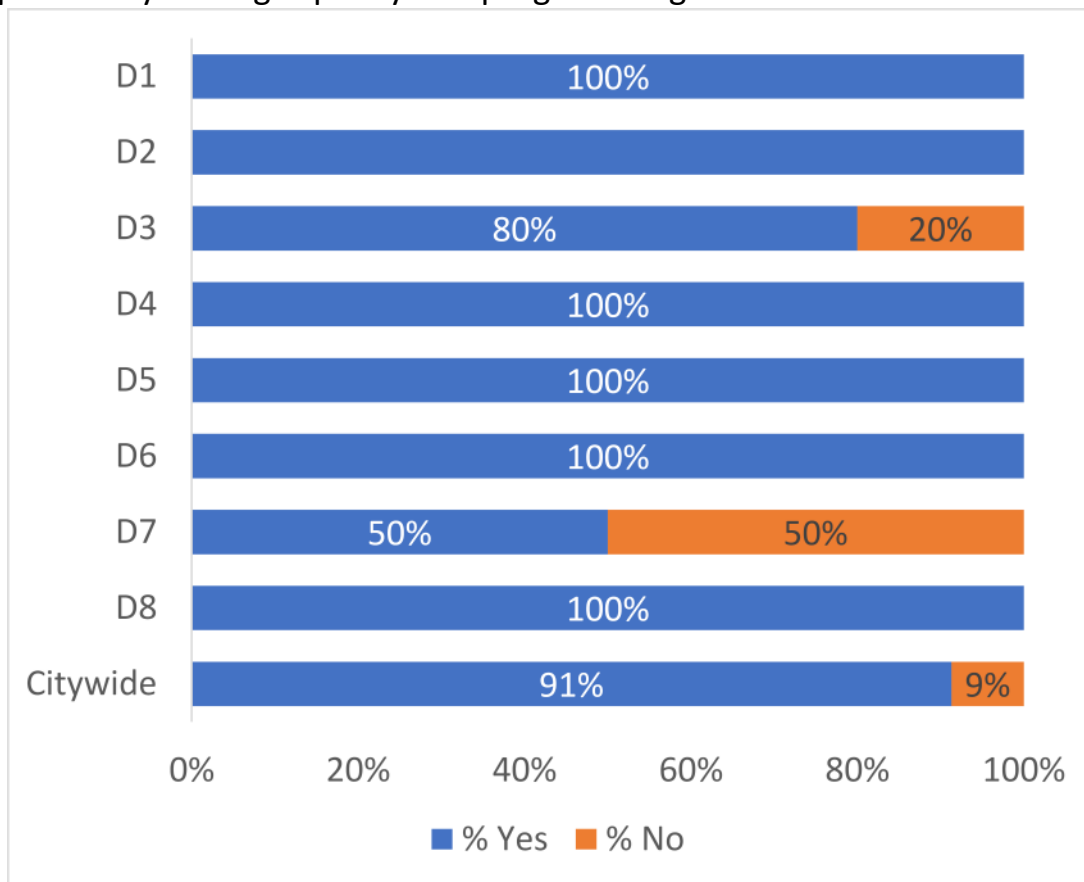


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## Historic Preservation & Arts

Office of Arts and Culture - Community Investment and Engagement Program:  
\$75,000

Increase funding for arts grants for nonprofit arts and cultural organizations. Arts grants enable artists, arts and culture organizations, youth, and neighborhood groups to carry out high-quality arts programming for all residents.

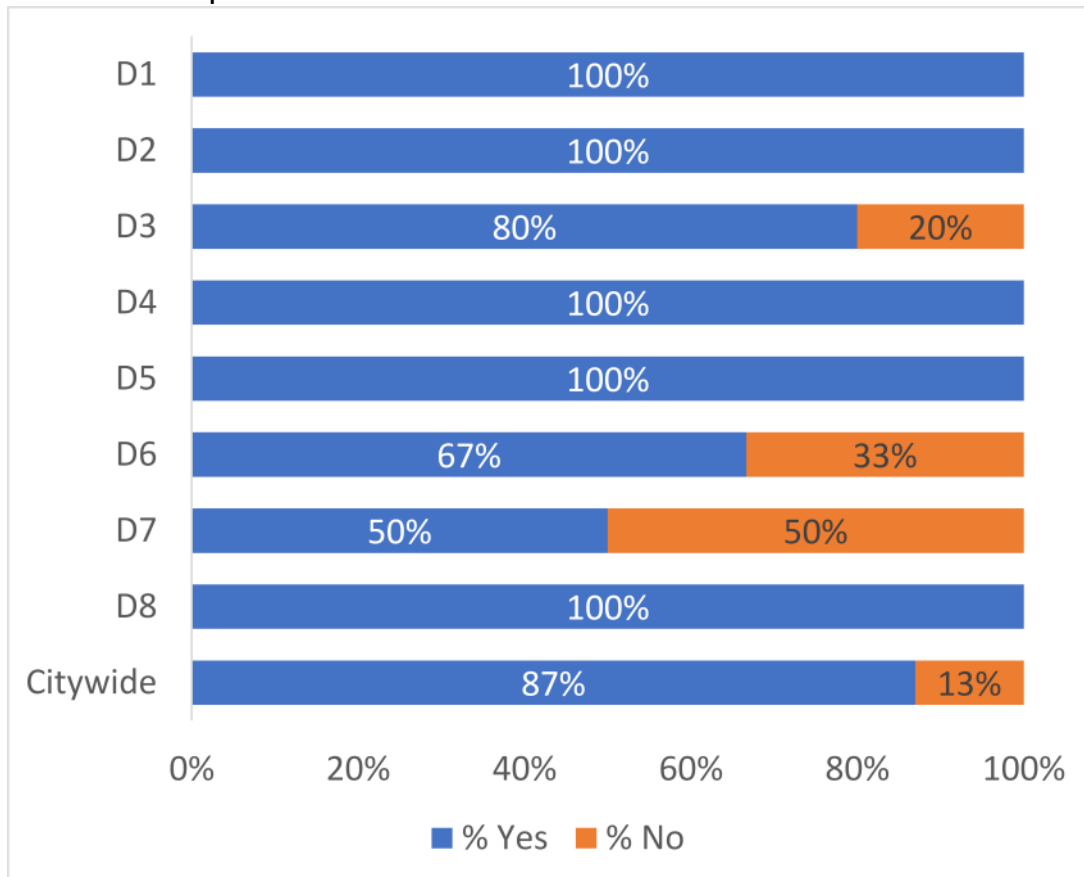


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## Historic Preservation & Arts

Office of Arts and Culture - Public Art Program: \$40,000

Increase funding for public art maintenance which would allow residents to enjoy the collection, showcase the city's initial investment, and help avoid safety issues with artwork in the community. Maintenance includes lighting upgrades and renovations to address wear and damage, including recession-deferred maintenance. The public art collection includes over 200 art installations.



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## **Historic Preservation & Arts**

### **Comments:**

No comments were submitted.

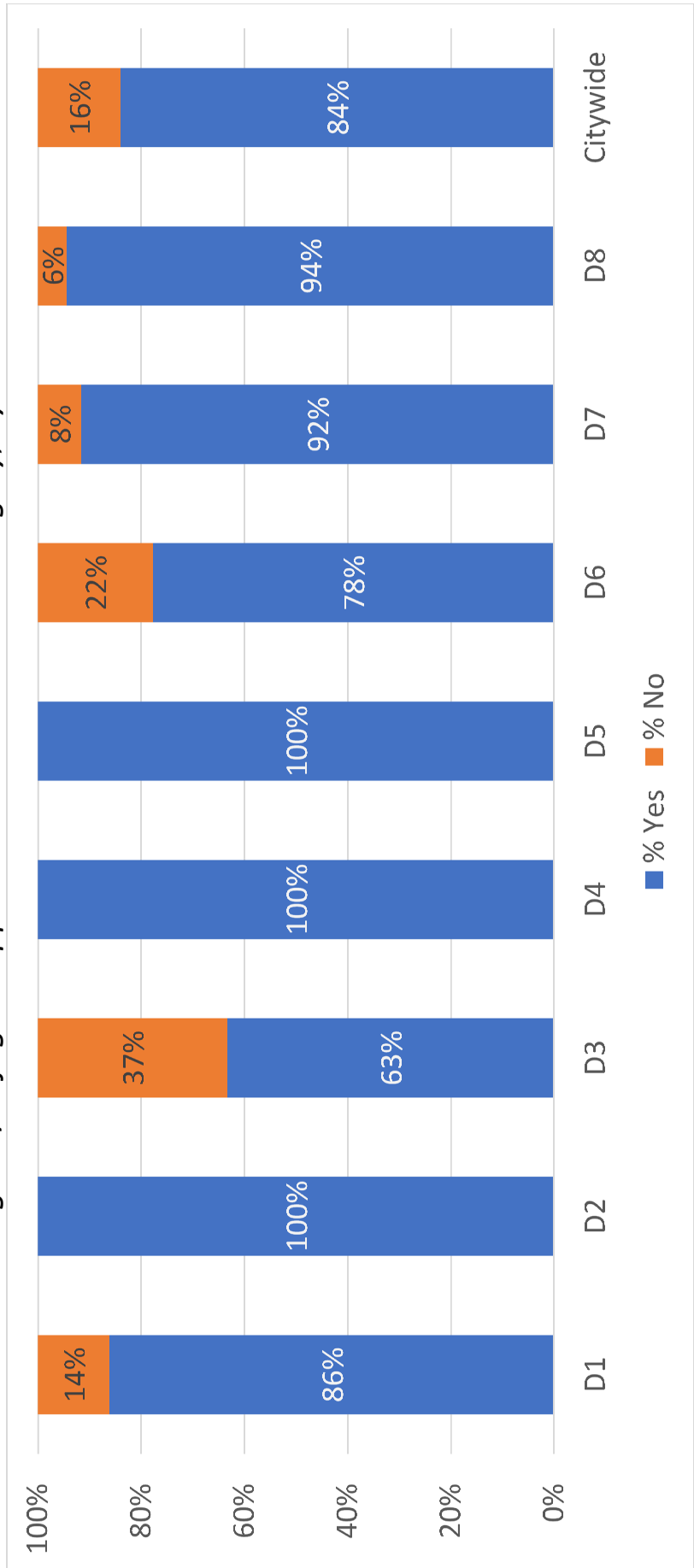


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## Homelessness, Immigrant/Refugee Support & Fast Track Cities: \$2,945,000

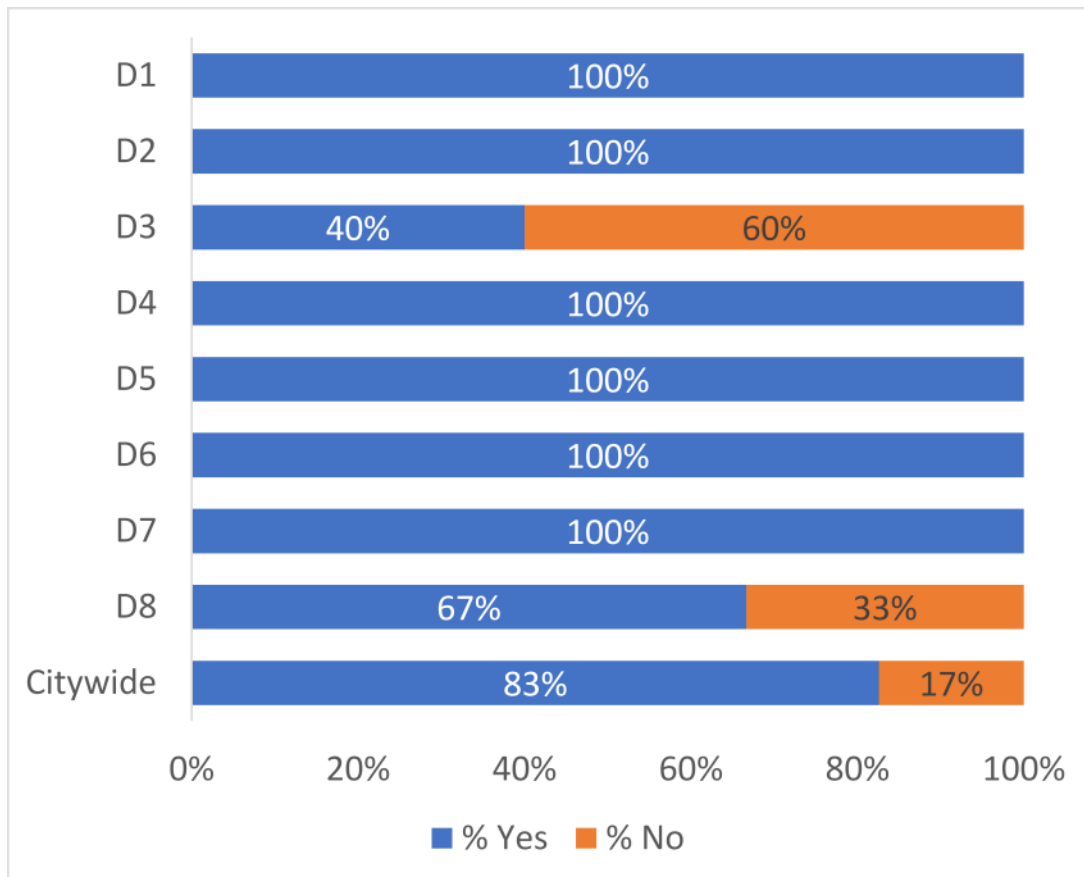
The percent of residents indicating "yes" or "no" for the Homelessness, Immigrant/Refugee Support & Fast Track Cities category, by district



## Homelessness, Immigrant/Refugee Support & Fast Track Cities

City Manager's Office - Administration of Policies and Objectives Set by Mayor and Council; Oversight of Departments: \$213,000

Add an Assistant to the City Manager position to oversee the City's homeless services and programs. The position will directly supervise the Homeless Services Division housed in the Human Services Department and provide executive level leadership and guidance on the development and implementation of policies and procedures to achieve the goals of the City Council adopted Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan.

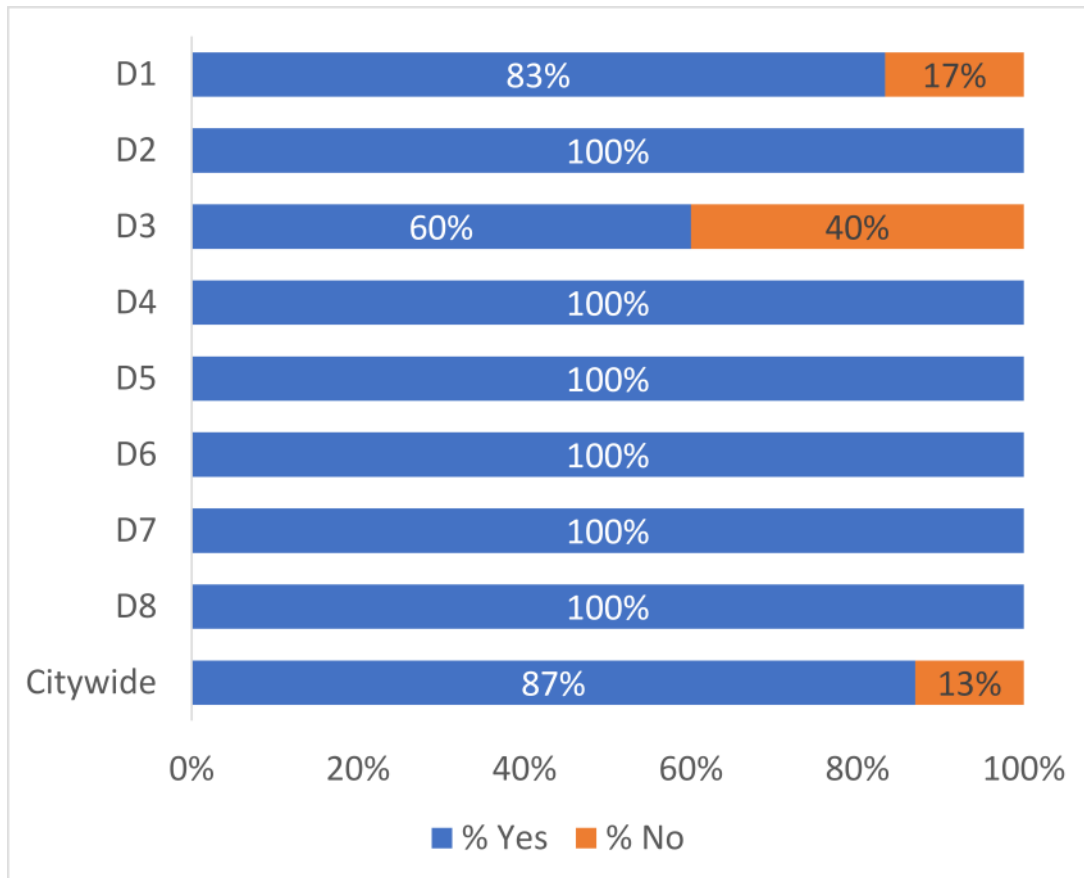


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## Homelessness, Immigrant/Refugee Support & Fast Track Cities

Human Services - Various: \$1,100,000

Add staff and vehicles to improve the City's ability to proactively address homelessness issues and implement recommendations from the Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan. The new positions will allow the Human Services Department to better oversee and manage homeless outreach programs with a focus on connecting with individuals and collaborating with social service agencies to identify the social service needs of homeless individuals in the community. Also, the additional staff will provide a greater focus on data analytics and performance measurement that will improve communication with City Council and the community on the implementation of the Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan.

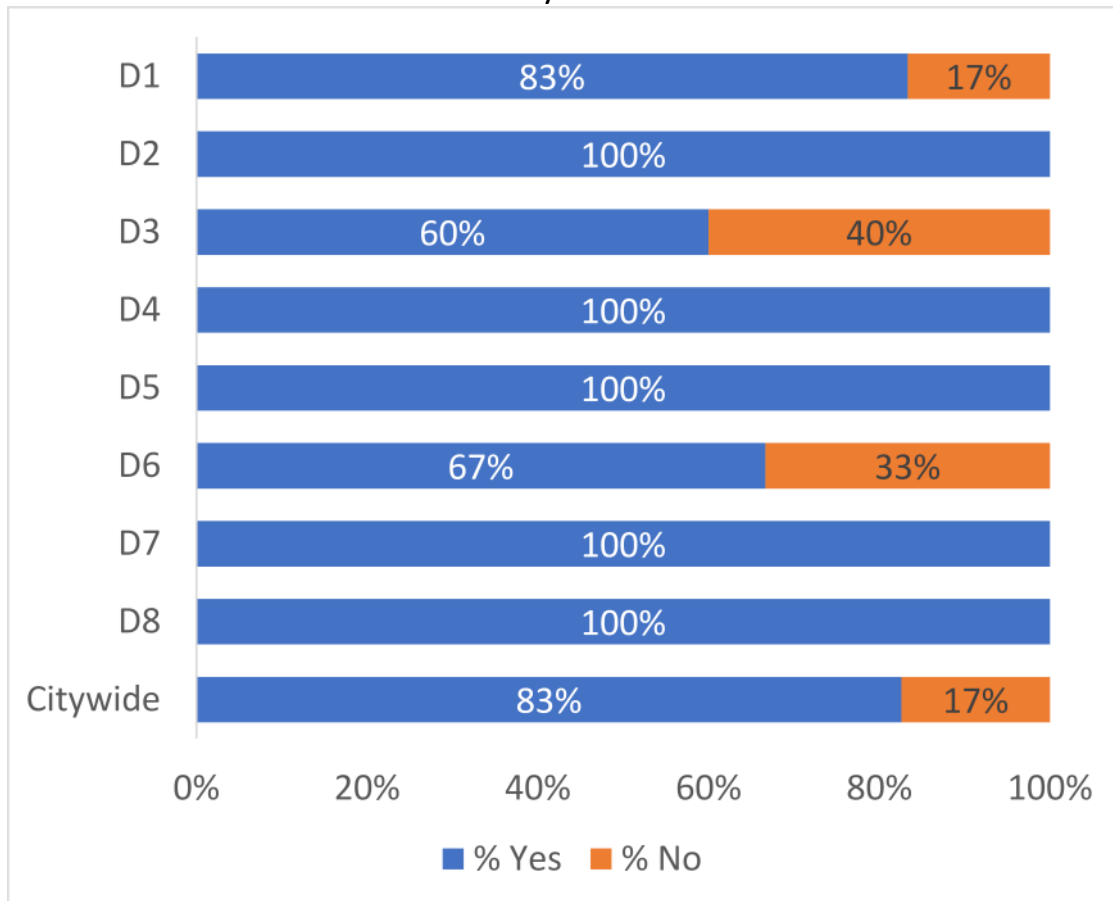


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## Homelessness, Immigrant/Refugee Support & Fast Track Cities

Human Services - Administration: \$170,000

Add a Special Projects Administrator position to provide culturally relevant navigation services to the refugee, asylee and immigrant communities. The position will coordinate with internal city departments and local, county, state and non-profit partners and represent the City on issues related to refugee resettlement. This position will also work closely with staff of various refugee resettlement agencies to coordinate referrals for services, employment, healthcare, and housing among other services needed for an individual or family's successful transition into the community.



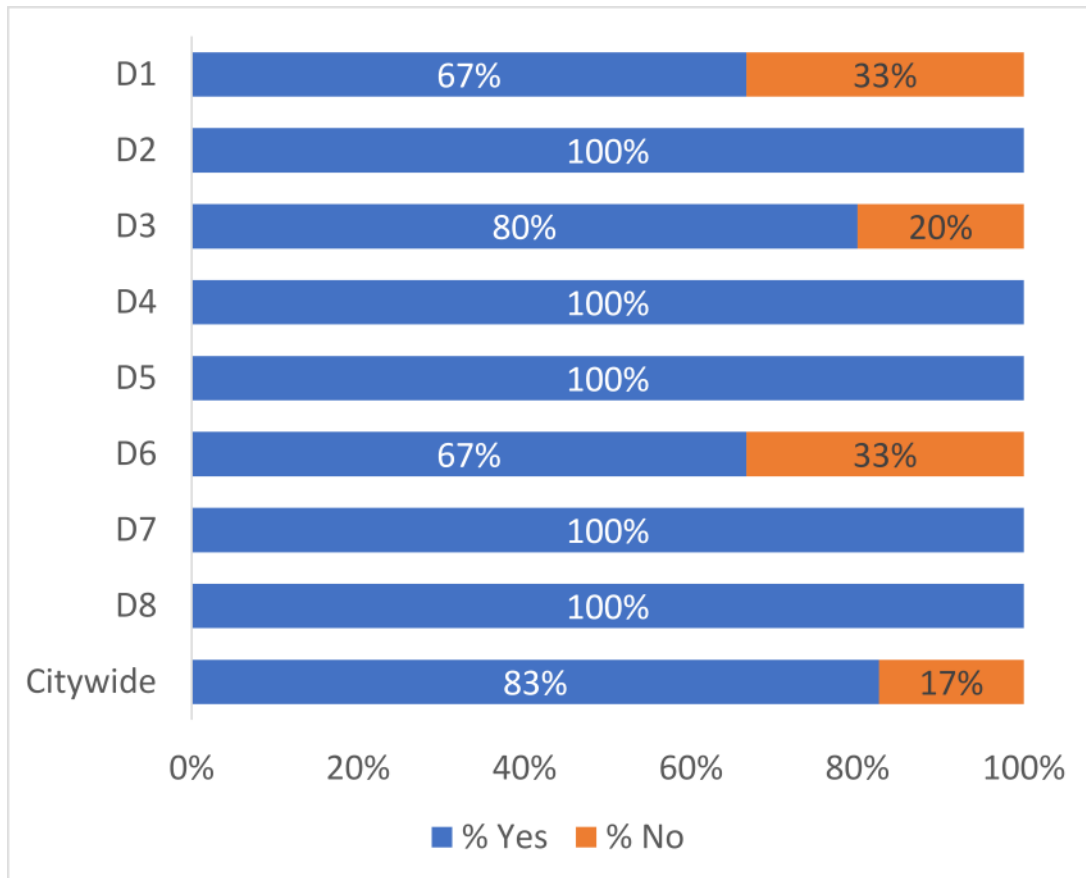
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## Homelessness, Immigrant/Refugee Support & Fast Track Cities

Human Services - Client Services: \$250,000

Add ongoing funding for contractual services to support the Fast Track Cities Initiative. Fast Track Cities is an international effort working to end the HIV/Aids pandemic and the City of Phoenix is one of 25 cities in the U.S. working to reach this goal. One-time funding was added in fiscal year 2021-22, this request would add ongoing funding that will continue the city’s efforts towards the goal of having 90 percent of Phoenicians know their HIV status, 90 percent who know their HIV-positive status to be in antiviral treatment, and 90 percent who are on antiviral treatment to achieve viral suppression and to have no stigma or discrimination.

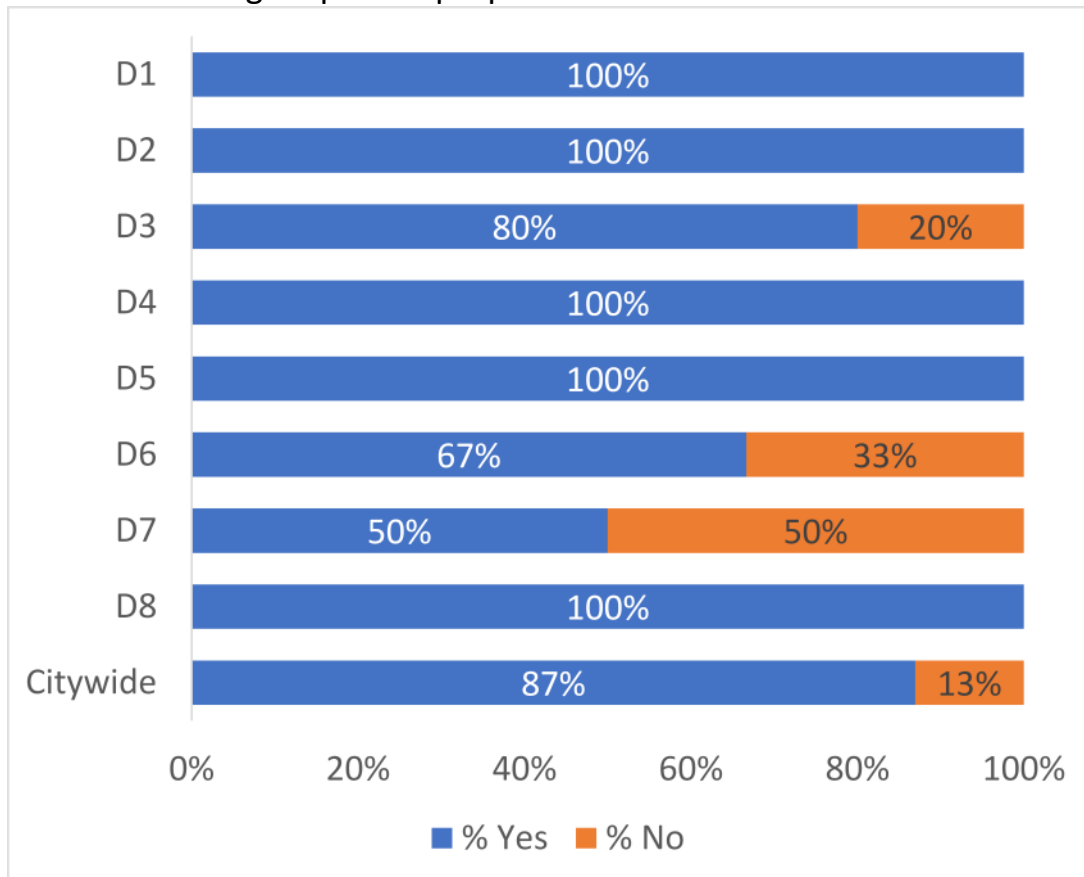


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## Homelessness, Immigrant/Refugee Support & Fast Track Cities

Neighborhood Services - Blight Reduction Program: \$558,000

Add funding for contractual services and a temporary Project Management Assistant position to implement a pilot private property clean-up program that supports a service included in the Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan, approved by City Council in 2020. The program will address repeated or chronic blight issues occurring on private properties.

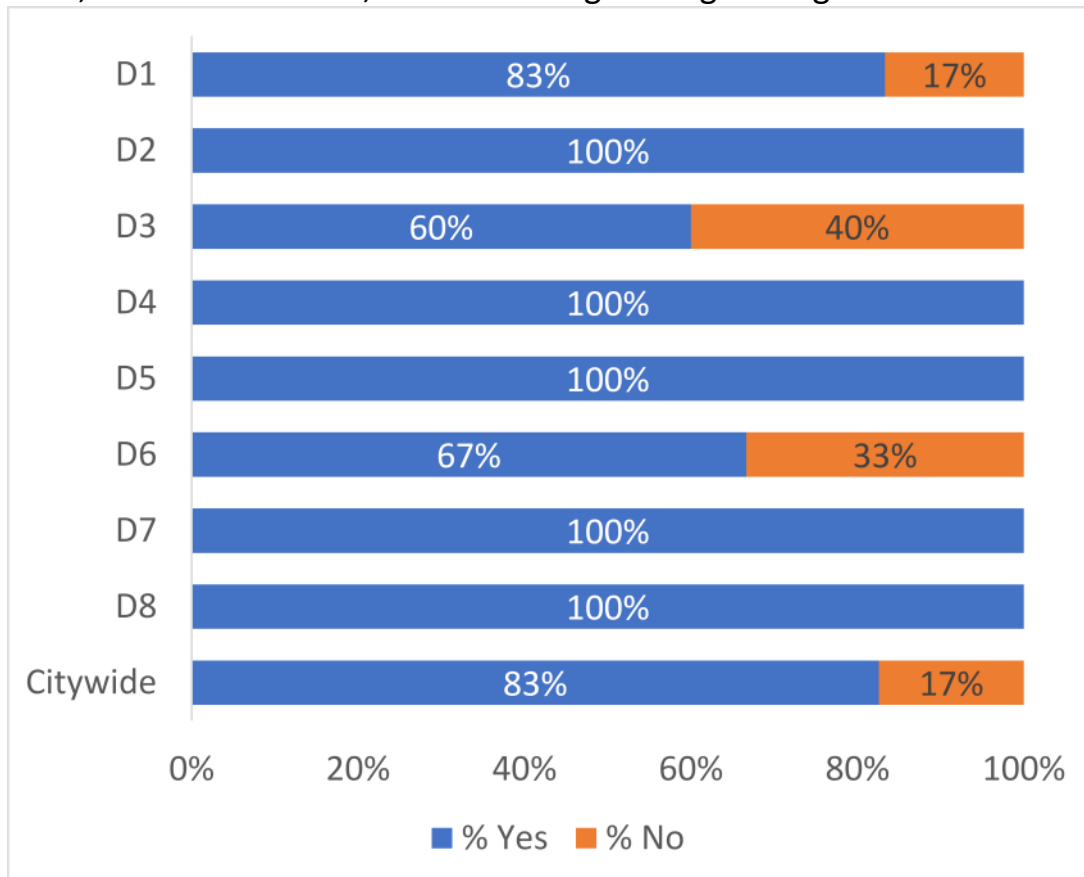


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## Homelessness, Immigrant/Refugee Support & Fast Track Cities

Neighborhood Services - Blight Reduction Program: \$654,000

Add staff and a vehicle to improve the City’s ability to address the significant growth in PHX C.A.R.E.S. cases and connect residents and businesses impacted by homelessness with resources. The new positions will ensure staff respond to and resolve PHX C.A.R.E.S. cases timely, and support residents and businesses through education, access to services, and the strengthening of neighborhood alliances.



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## **Homelessness, Immigrant/Refugee Support & Fast Track Cities**

### **Comments:**

1. Taylor Johnson (District 3) opposed programs to address homelessness and proposed reallocating funding to public safety.
2. Ray McDaniel (District 3) opposed funding for the navigator position proposed in the Human Services Department, and requested the funding be reallocated to Police.
3. Judith Perez (District 8) requested funding for the 19th Avenue Corridor Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan be reallocated to homelessness programs.
4. Mike Josic (District 8) opposed funding for the Assistant to the City Manager position proposed to oversee the City's homeless services and programs.



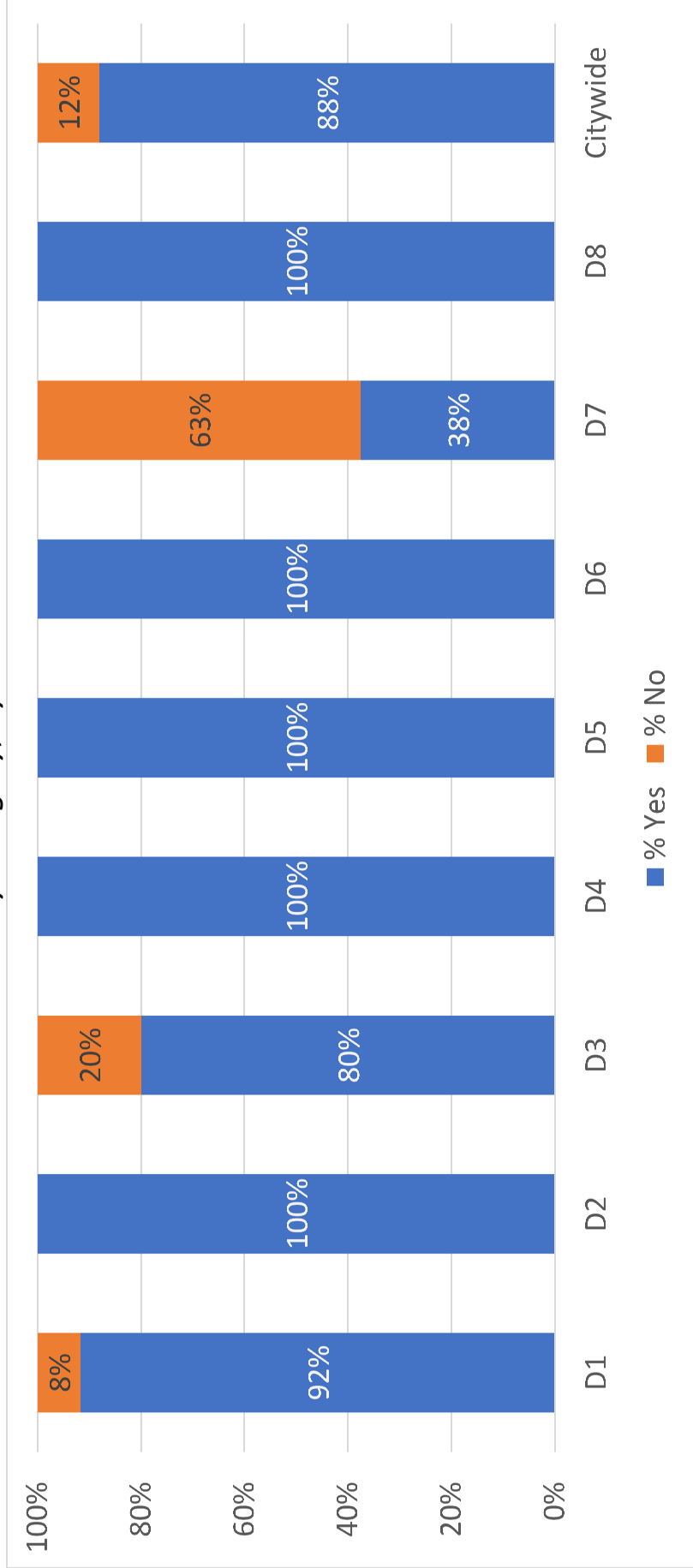
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### Parks & Recreation and Library: \$2,711,000

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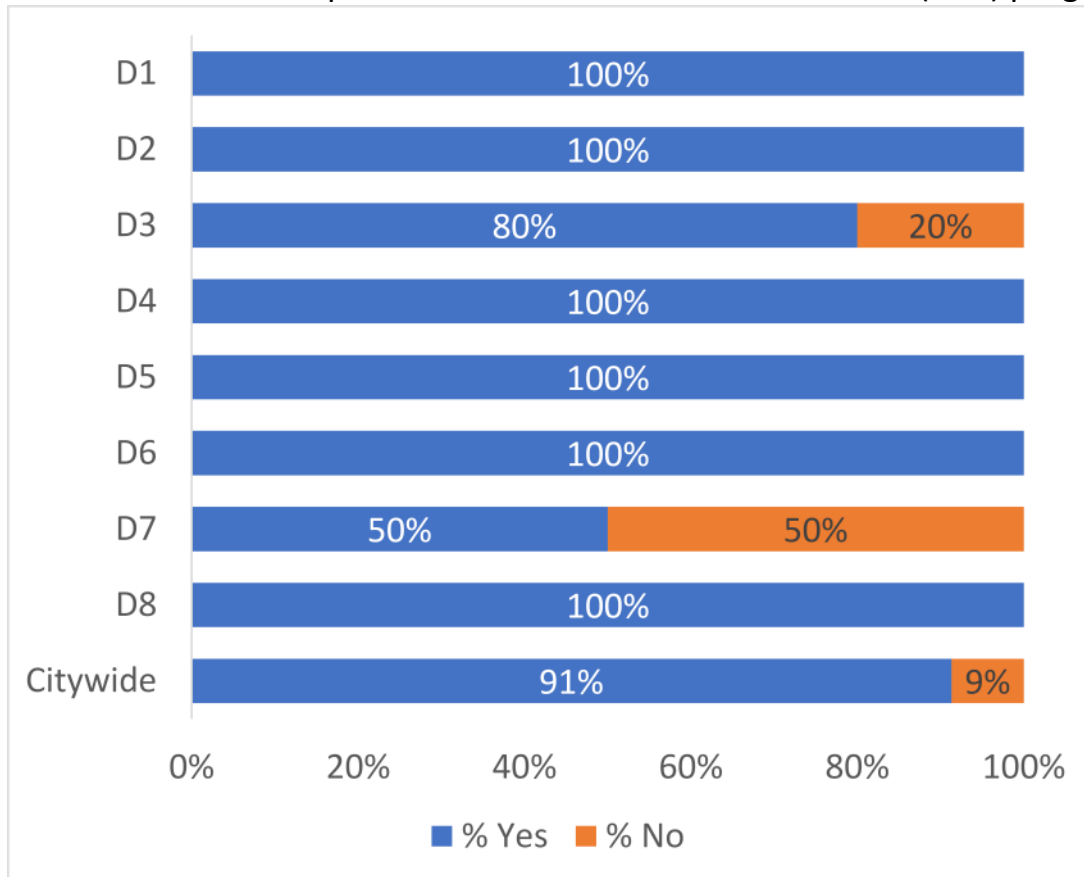
Library category, by district



## Parks & Recreation and Library

Parks and Recreation - Phoenix Afterschool Center (PAC): \$283,000

Add funding for contracted staff and supplies to support enhanced recreation programs and activities for youth during the critical after-school hours. Funding will be used to provide tutoring and educational support, as well as specialized enrichment classes and events such as dance, arts and culture, fitness, youth sports and special events during after-school hours at Parks and Recreation facilities and within the departments Phoenix Afterschool Center (PAC) program.

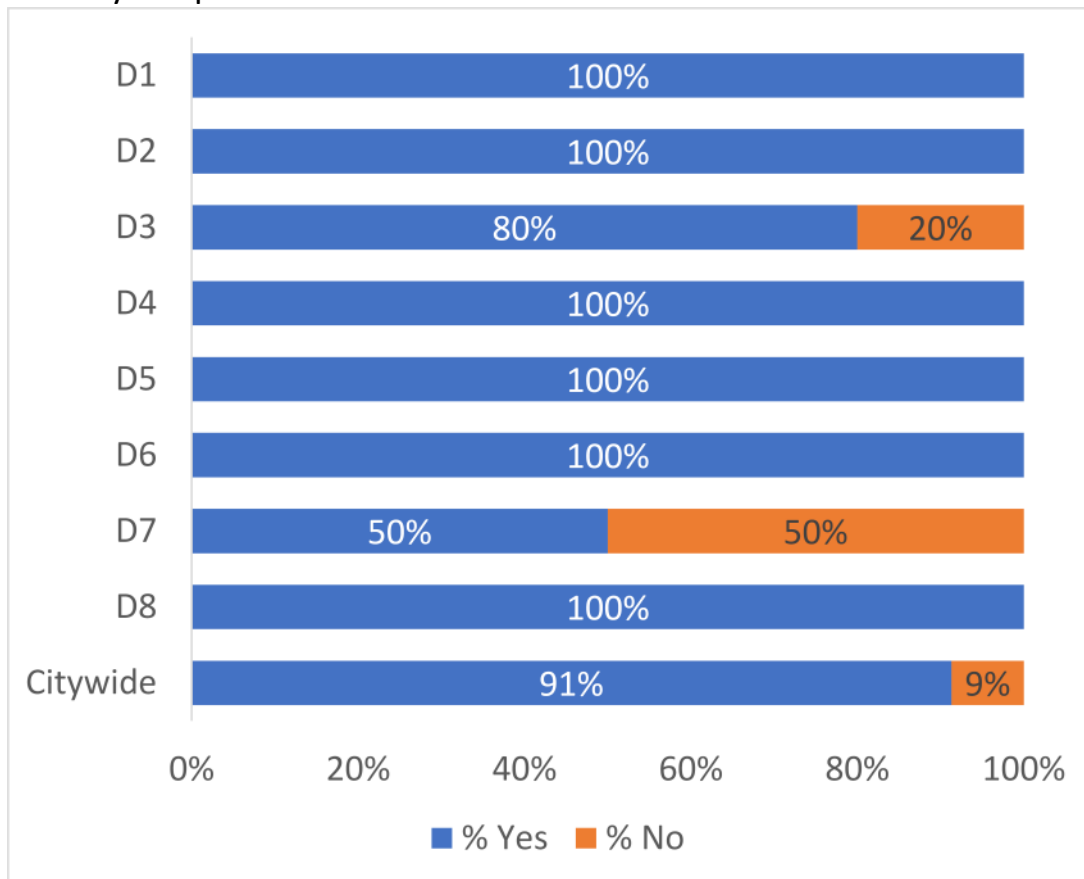


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## Parks & Recreation and Library

Parks and Recreation - Park Rangers - Community and Neighborhood Parks:  
\$671,000

Add funding for eight Park Ranger II positions and vehicles to provide education and enforcement of park rules at 185 urban flatland parks throughout the city. This represents a 50% increase in Park Ranger II positions for urban flatland parks. The additional staff will enable decreased response times when calls are made for assistance by the public.

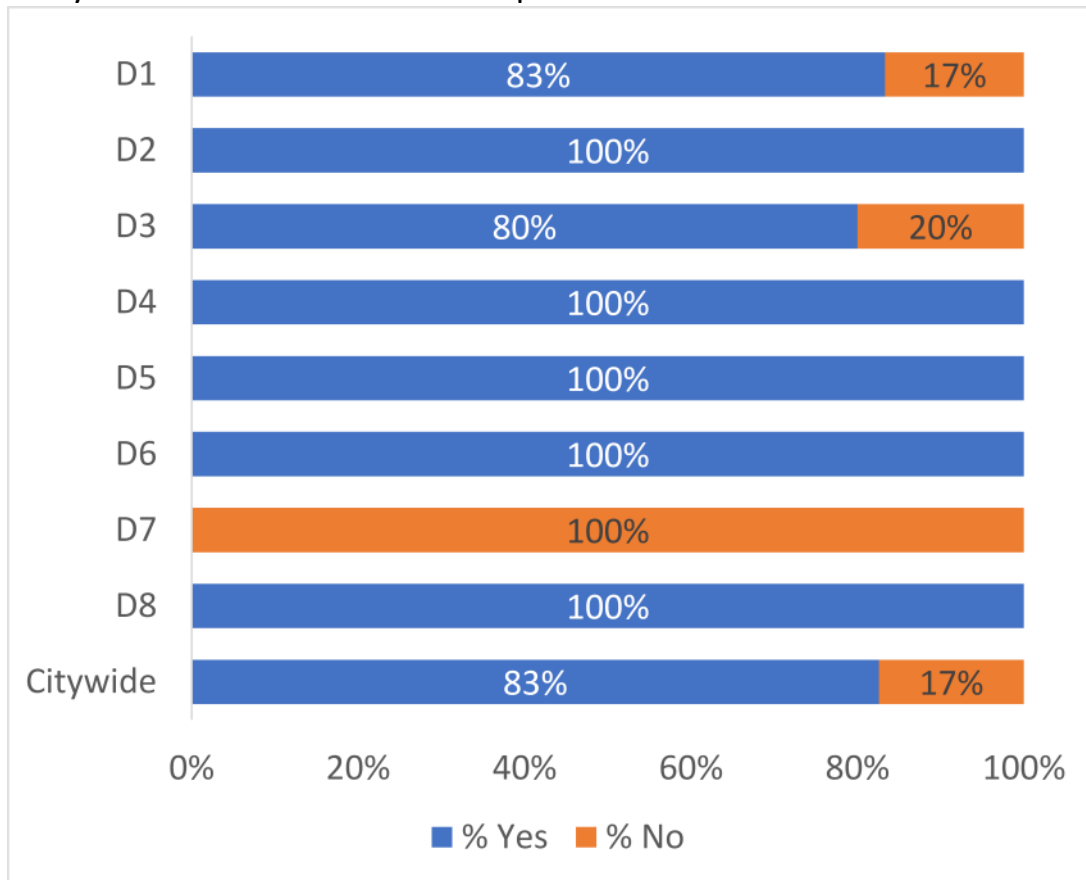


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## Parks & Recreation and Library

Parks and Recreation - Park Maintenance: \$1,500,000

Add funding for ongoing facility maintenance needs. In fiscal year 2022-23, funding will be used for major repairs, renovations, and other improvements to the Eastlake Pool facility. This facility is unable to open due to safety hazards created by the structural failure of the pool.



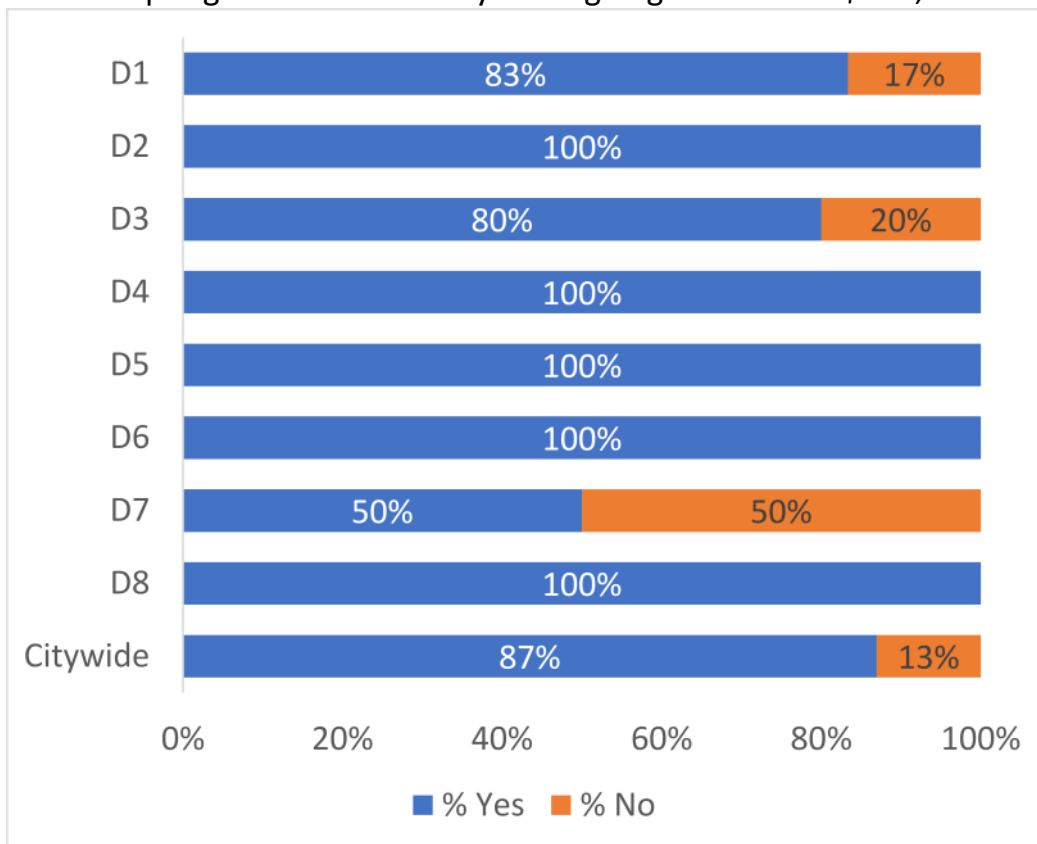
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## Parks & Recreation and Library

Library - Children and Teen Services: \$257,000

Add staff and supplies to operate a temporary library located on city-owned land at 67th Avenue and Lower Buckeye Road. The temporary library will be a 38-foot-long coach style bus (bookmobile) that is being purchased with federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. The bookmobile will also be available to make outreach visits to other sites around the city on occasion. If City Council approves a General Obligation Bond Program and approval within the program to build a new library on this site, then the bookmobile will be used solely in a mobile capacity citywide. The bookmobile will have a collection of over 3,000 books and audio-visual items and provide access to public computers. The staff will also provide regular weekly programming such as Storytimes, Babytimes, and more based on community need and interest. The new bookmobile will begin service in the spring of 2023. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$494,000.



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## **Parks & Recreation and Library**

### **Comments:**

1. Mike Pepera (District 3) requested additional funding to create a trail coordinator position in the Parks and Recreation Department.

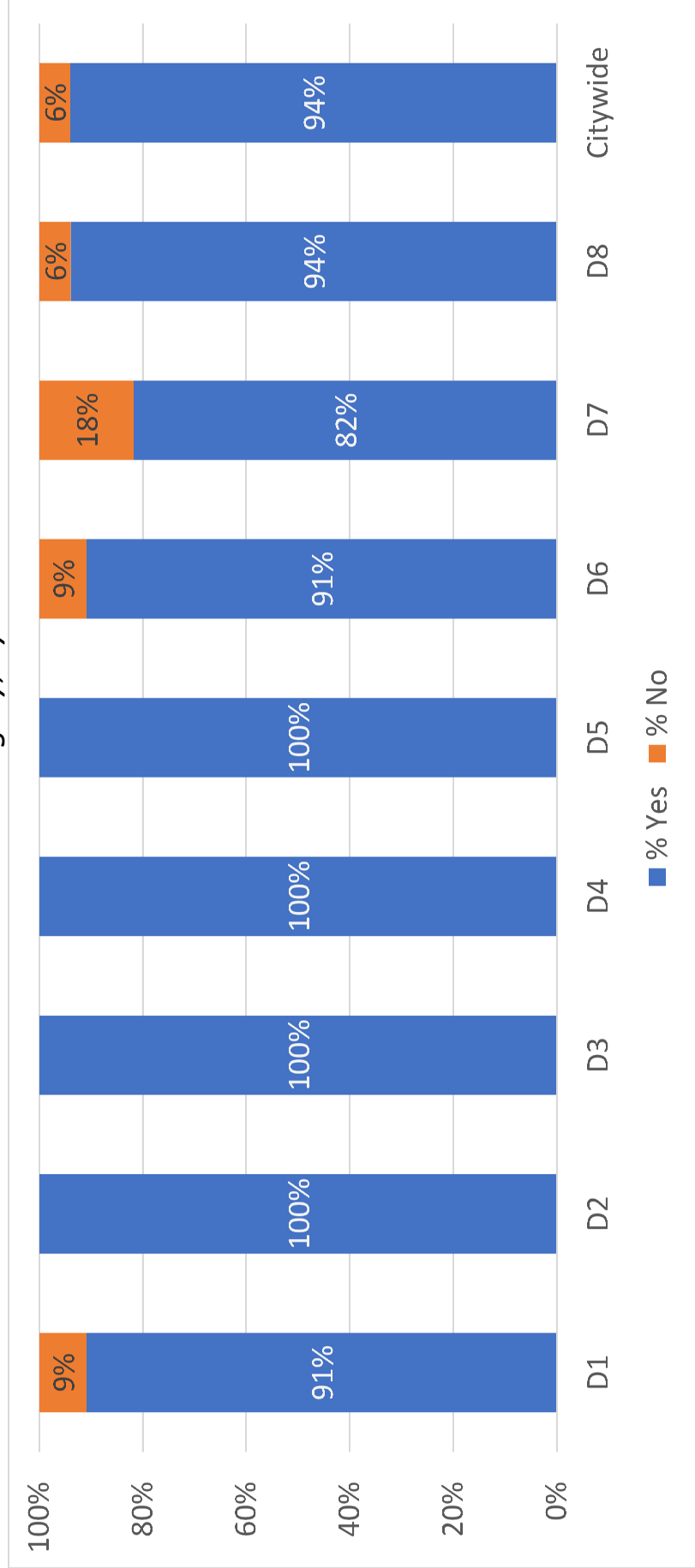


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### Public Safety and Criminal Justice: \$6,176,000

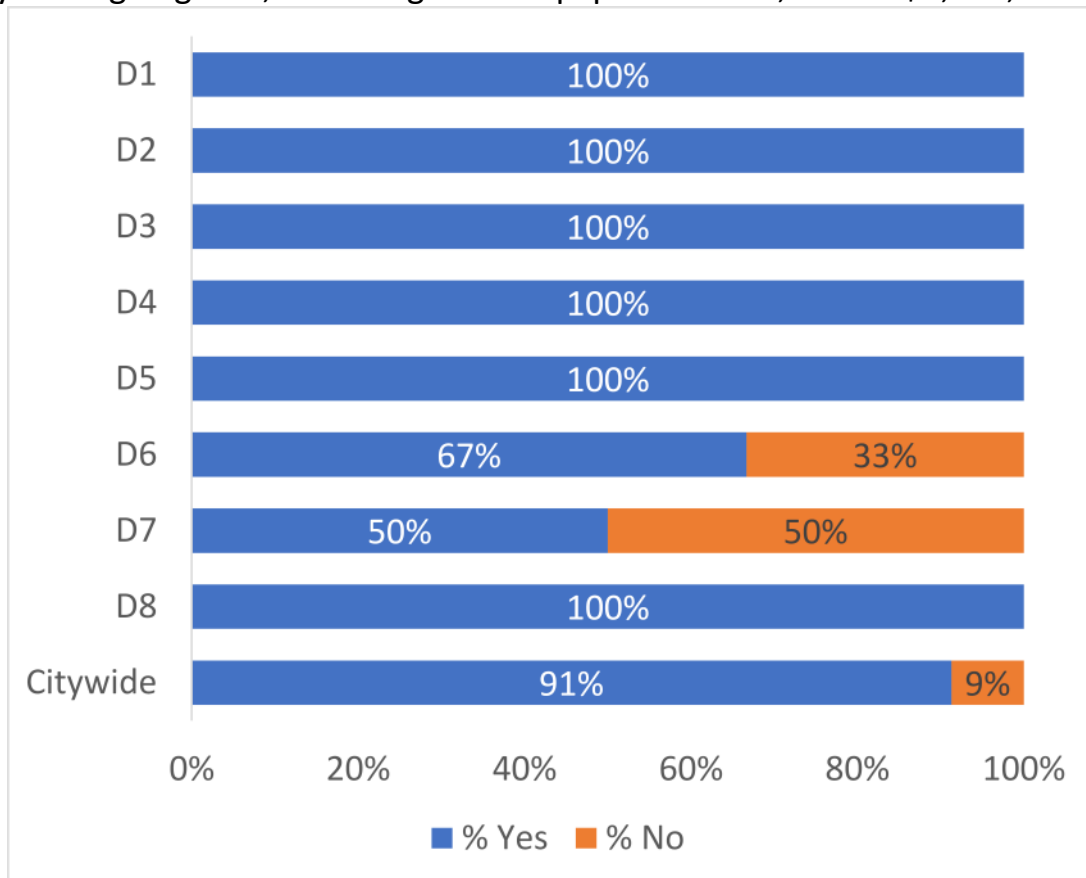
The percent of residents indicating "yes" or "no" for the Public Safety and Criminal Justice category, by district



**Public Safety and Criminal Justice**

Fire - Fire Emergency Medical Services and Hazardous Incident Response:  
\$2,400,000

Add funding for fifteen new sworn positions (four Fire Captains, four Fire Engineers, and seven Firefighters) and one new vehicle (pumper engine) to provide dedicated staffing and apparatus to permanently staff Fire Station 72 located at 33027 N. Cave Creek Rd. These positions will allow the Fire Department to relocate Ladder 41 to Fire Station 25 to address ladder coverage deficiencies and relocate Engine 925 to Fire Station 3 to address high activity levels. The permanent staffing of Station 72 will provide the necessary resources to address coverage deficiencies at other stations and improve overall service delivery. The full- year ongoing cost, excluding initial equipment costs, will be \$1,739,000.

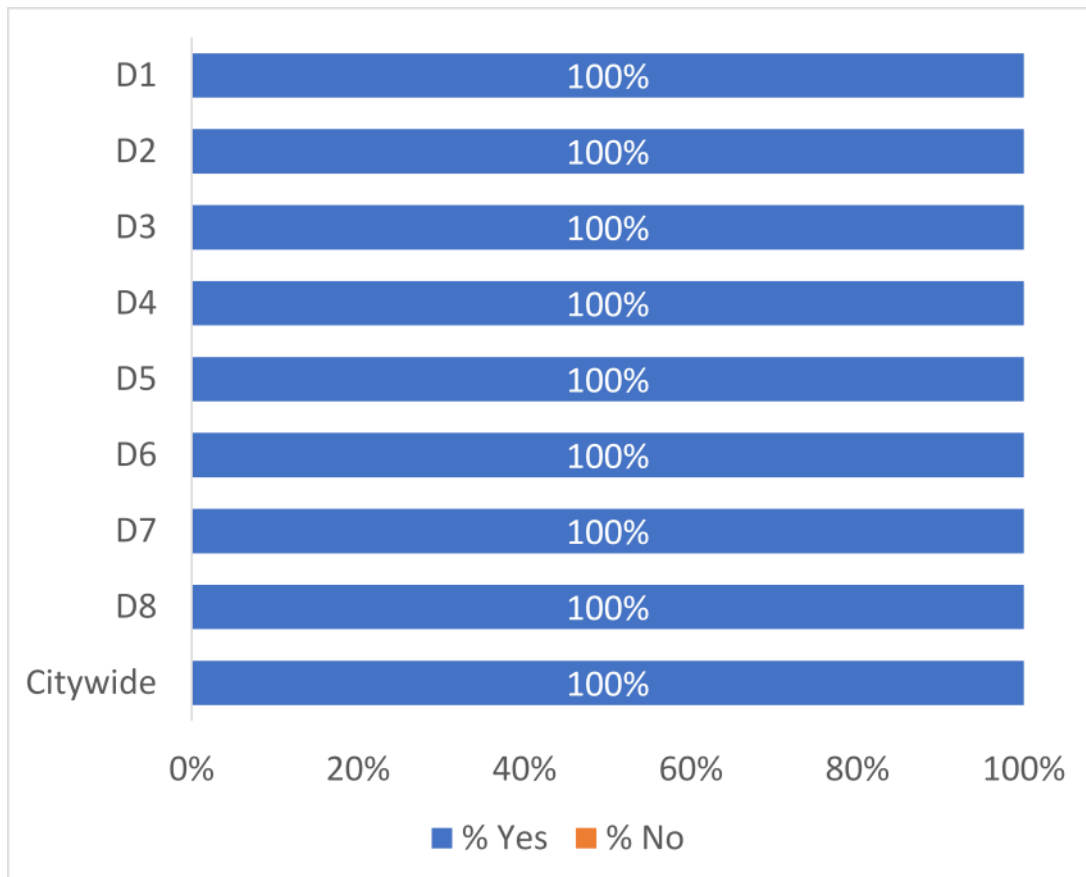


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## Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Fire - Fire Emergency Medical Services and Hazardous Incident Response:  
\$368,000

Add funding for four Firefighter positions to cover absences at various fire stations citywide. These positions ensure the safe and effective delivery of emergency services by filling the minimum staffing requirements to keep all emergency response units in service. The need for additional "rover" positions was exacerbated during the pandemic. This will help alleviate staffing shortages and reduce the need to utilize overtime.

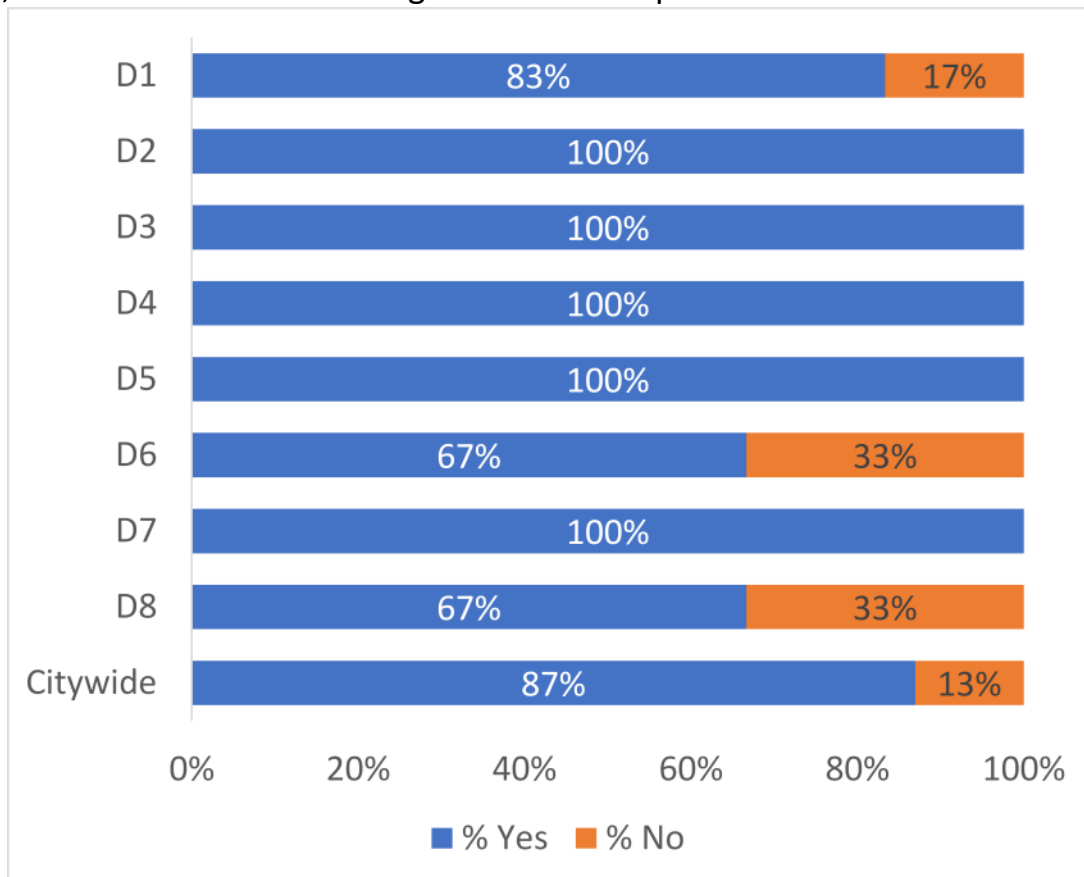


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## Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Fire - Fire Prevention General Inspections: \$174,000

Add funding for four new Fire Prevention Specialist II positions to provide dedicated staffing for inspections of outdoor combustible storage (OCS) facilities. These positions will ensure Fire Code compliance at OCS facilities by enabling the transition to a one-year operating permit cycle to reduce the frequency and scale of OCS fires. First year one-time costs include office space configuration, vehicles, and technology equipment. The full-year ongoing cost of \$366,000 is offset with \$360,000 in estimated revenue generated from permit fees.

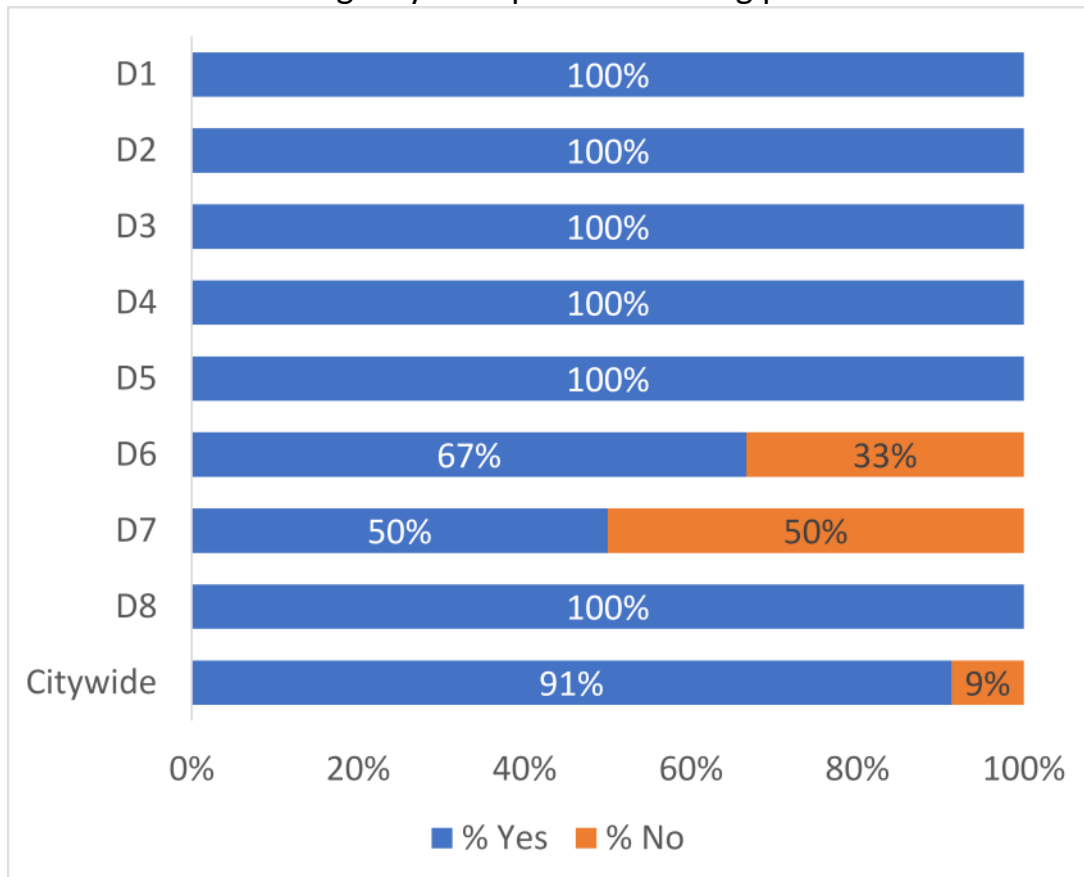


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## Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Fire - Administration: \$87,000

Convert a temporary Information Technology Systems Specialist position to ongoing status. This position will administer the electronic patient care reporting system by maintaining the software and hardware needed to analyze medical incident and transportation data. This system provides accuracy and efficiency improvements to the emergency transportation billing process.

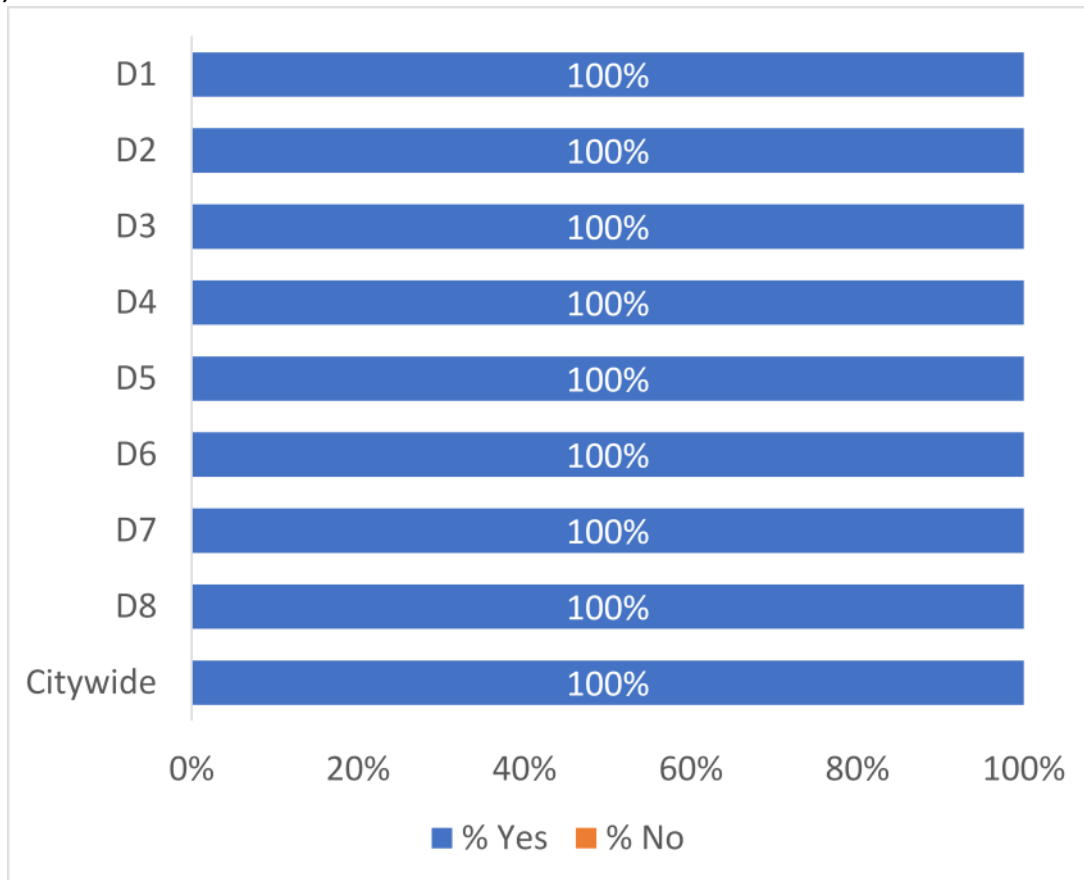


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## Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Municipal Court - Civil Courtroom Operations - Civil Division: \$192,000

Add funding for one Caseworker II and one Caseworker III positions to provide support for the Intimate Partner Violence Court pilot program to enhance domestic violence victim safety and provide a concentration of social services. These positions will support a specialized case management team to conduct enhanced contact with the victim and perpetrator and provide follow-up on violations of any terms of probation to reduce the risk of re-offense. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding initial office reconfiguration and computer costs, will be \$189,000.



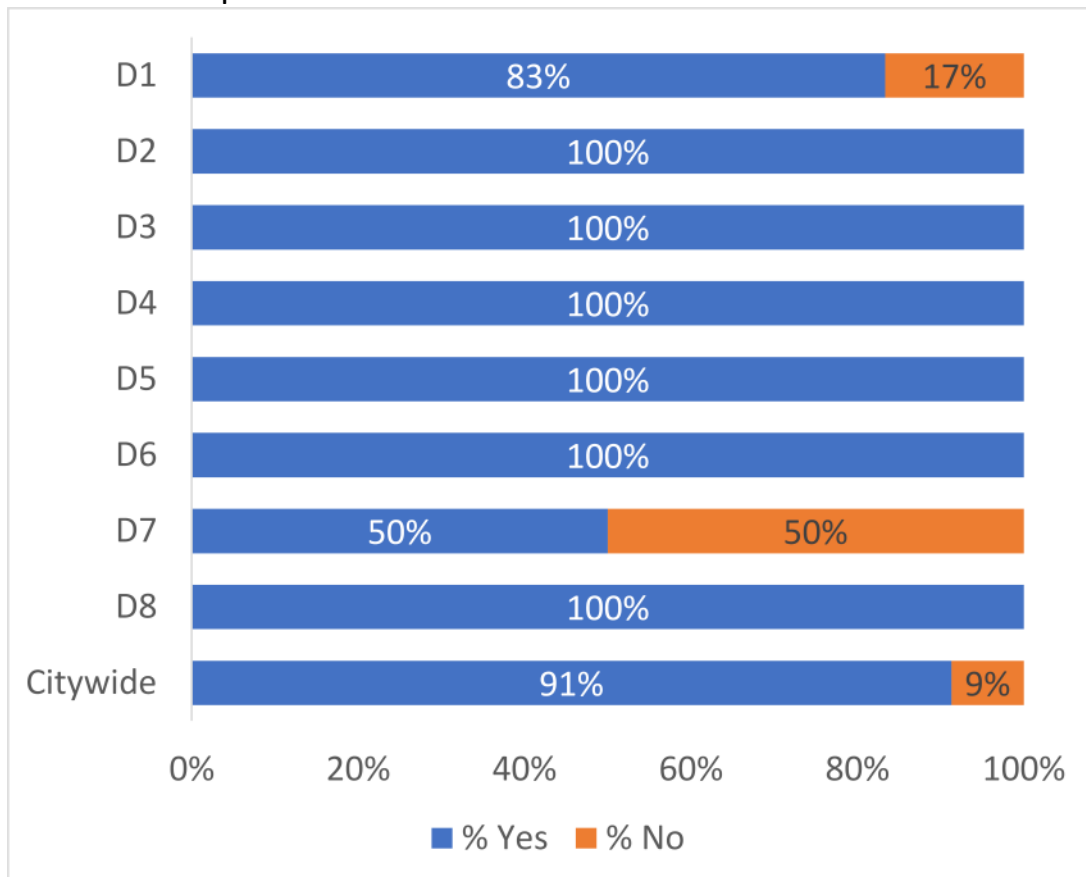
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## Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Police - Violent Crimes Unit - Homicide Unit: \$0

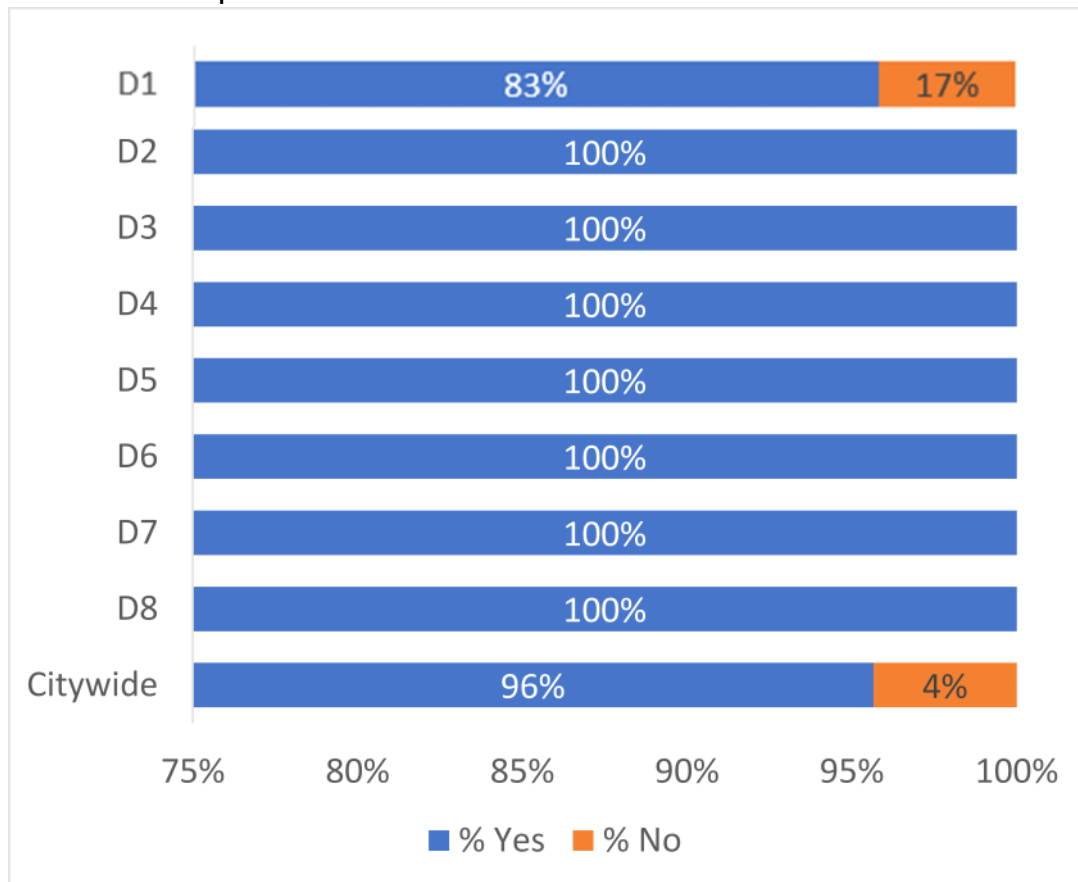
Add funding for 25 Police Civilian Investigator positions to continue Police Department civilianization efforts. These positions will undertake select investigative functions, provide staffing flexibility, and enable sworn personnel to be deployed where they are most needed. This funding expands on previous civilianization hires approved by the City Council in March 2022. The annual cost is \$2,492,650; however, the cost for FY 2022-23 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.



## Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Police - Strategic Information Bureau - Body Camera Unit: \$0

Add one Administrative Assistant I, one Administrative Assistant II, and eight Administrative Aide positions to support the Body Worn Camera Unit. These positions will assist in providing body worn camera footage to the City Prosecutor and Maricopa County Attorney's Office by required court case deadlines and will help fulfill current and backlogged public records requests. The annual cost is \$790,983; however, the cost for FY 2022-23 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.

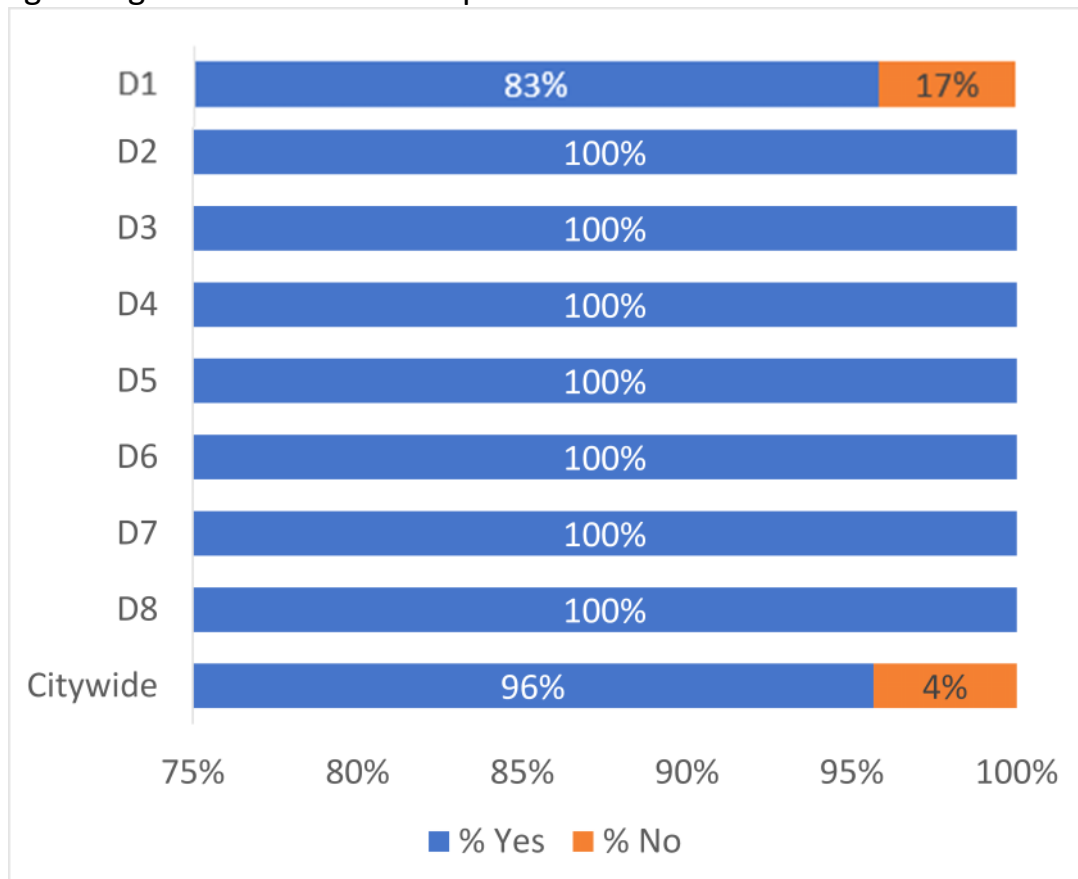


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## Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Police - Administration: \$0

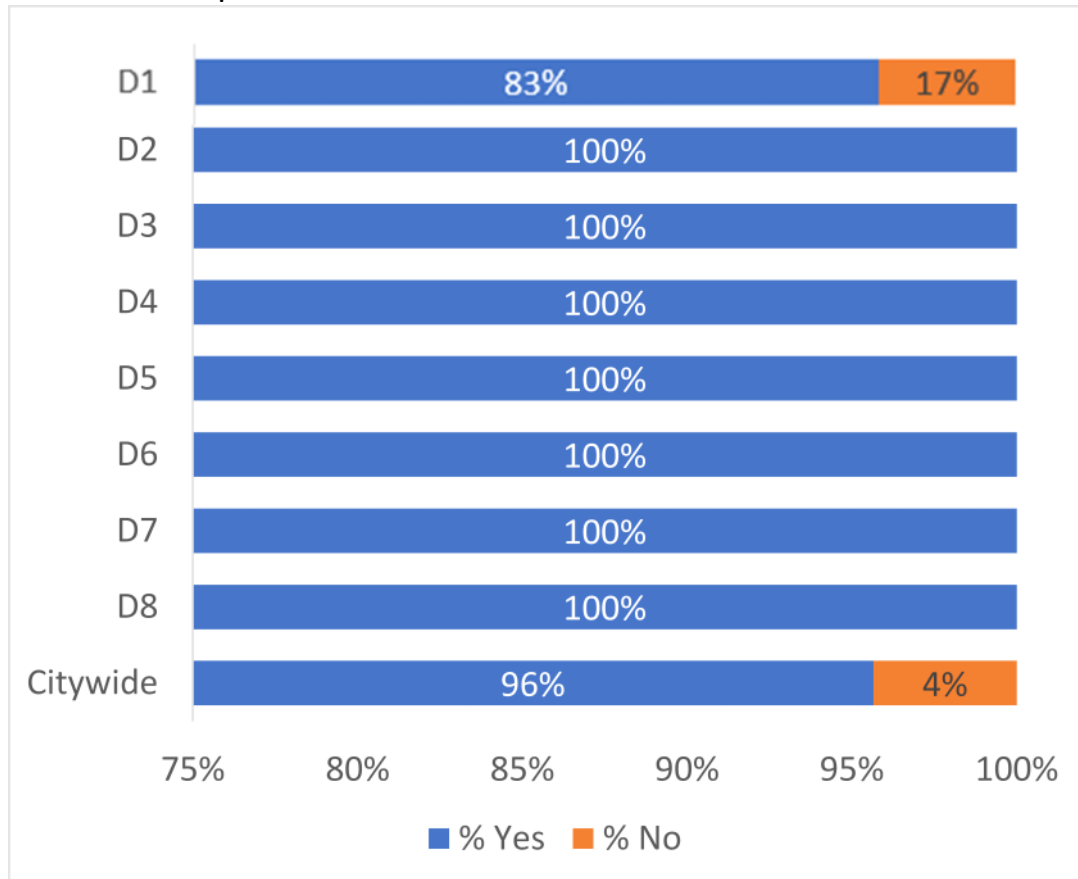
Add two User Technology Specialist, two Information Technology Analyst/Programmer II, three Senior User Technology Specialist, three Senior Information Technology Systems Specialist, and three Information Technology Analyst/Programmer III positions to the Information Technology Bureau. These positions will provide the necessary technical support to maintain current service levels, complete migration of legacy custom-built applications to web-based platforms, manage department software and security needs, and support critical infrastructure systems, including servers, data storage, and remote systems. The annual cost \$1,799,803; however, the cost for FY 2022-23 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.



## Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Police - Laboratory Bureau - Lab Services: \$0

Add two Crime Scene Specialist II, two Crime Scene Specialist III, and six Forensic Scientist III positions to the Laboratory Services Bureau to increase evidence processing capabilities for violent crimes, respond to complex crime scenes, and provide oversight of crime scene response operations. The annual cost is \$1,086,952; however, the cost for FY 2022-23 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.

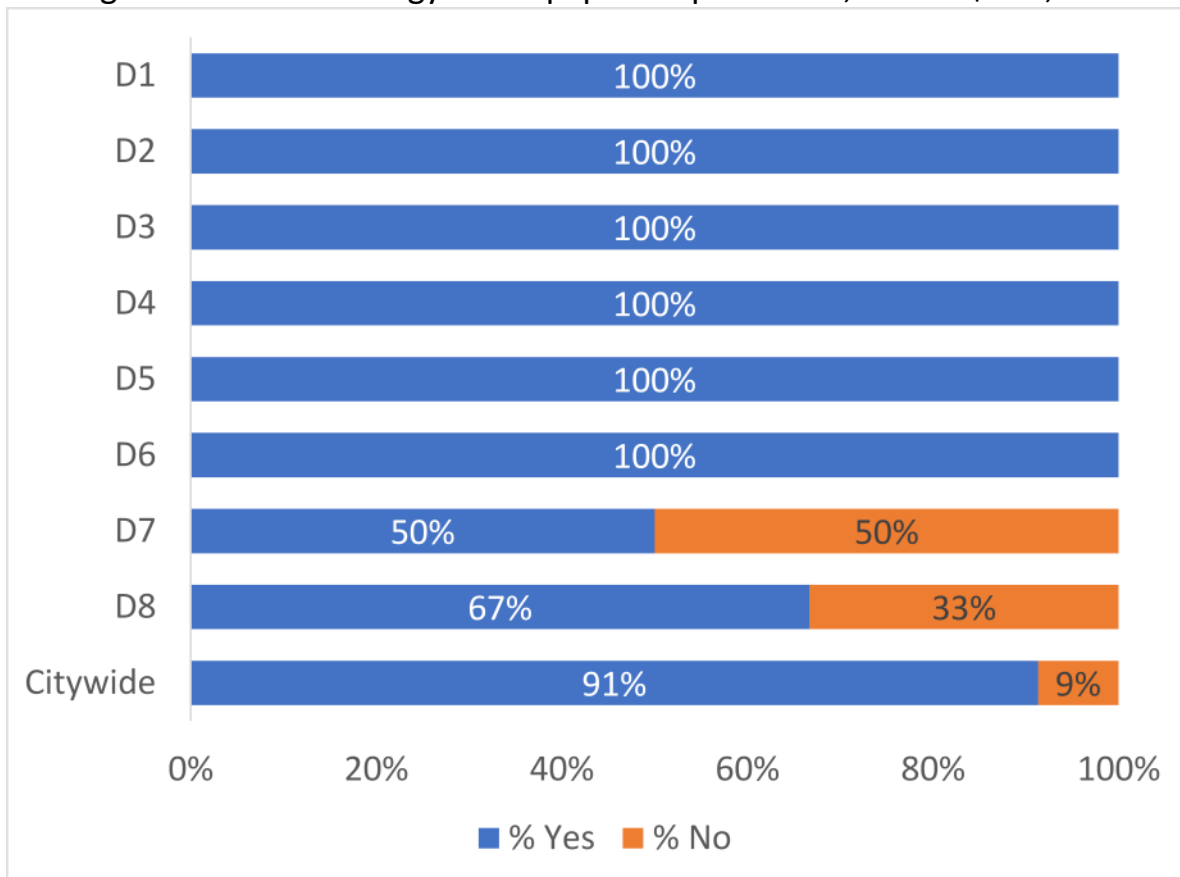


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## Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Police - Patrol - Respond to Calls for Service: \$2,800,000

Add funding for one Lead Information Technology Systems Specialist and five Police Assistant\*Special Detail positions, as well as additional resources, for the 19th Avenue Corridor Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan. This multi-departmental effort will work to improve safety and security along the 19th Avenue corridor using three key strategies: outreach, education and partnerships; prevention and intervention; and enforcement. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding one-time technology and equipment purchases, will be \$658,000.

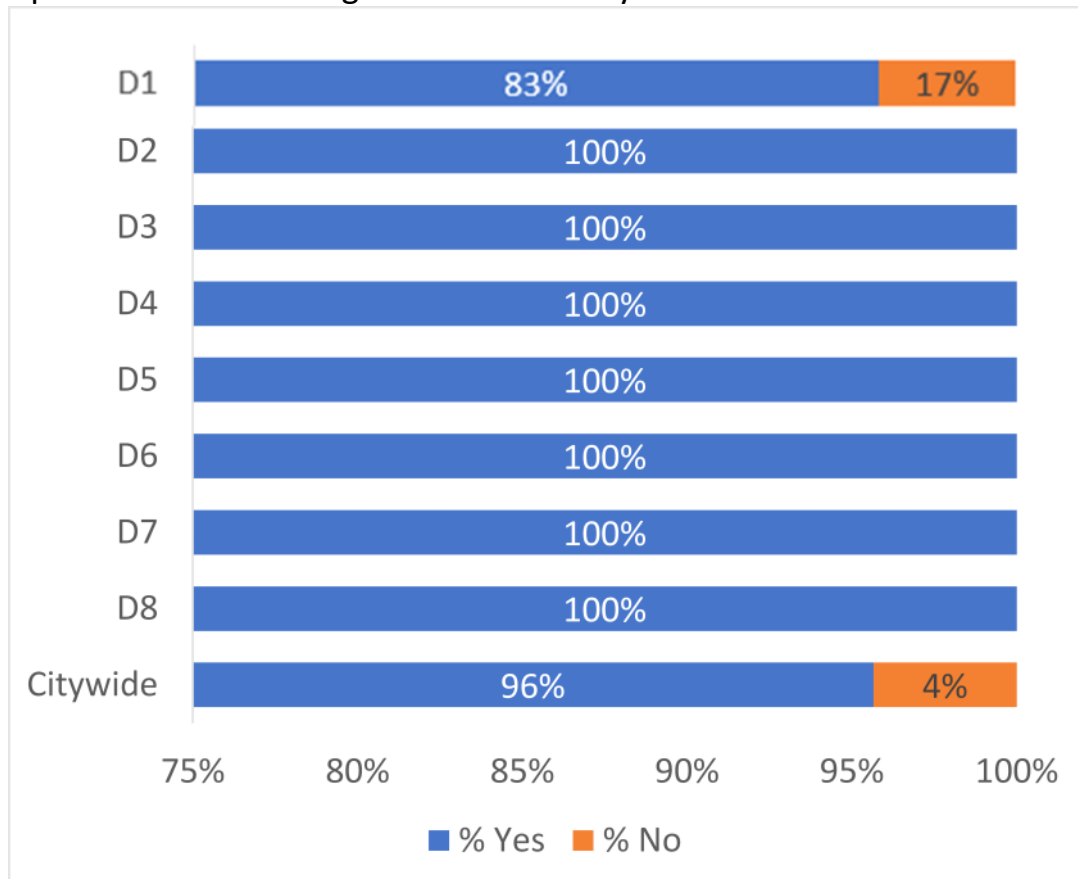


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## Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Public Defender - Legal Representation Services: \$155,000

Add funding to provide better services for clients in the Veteran's Court and the Behavioral Health Court. This includes adding two Assistant City Attorney III positions, one Legal Assistant position, and funding for a toxicology consultant. The ongoing costs will be partially offset by eliminating a Forensic Toxicology Expert position and reducing contract attorney services.



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## **Public Safety and Criminal Justice**

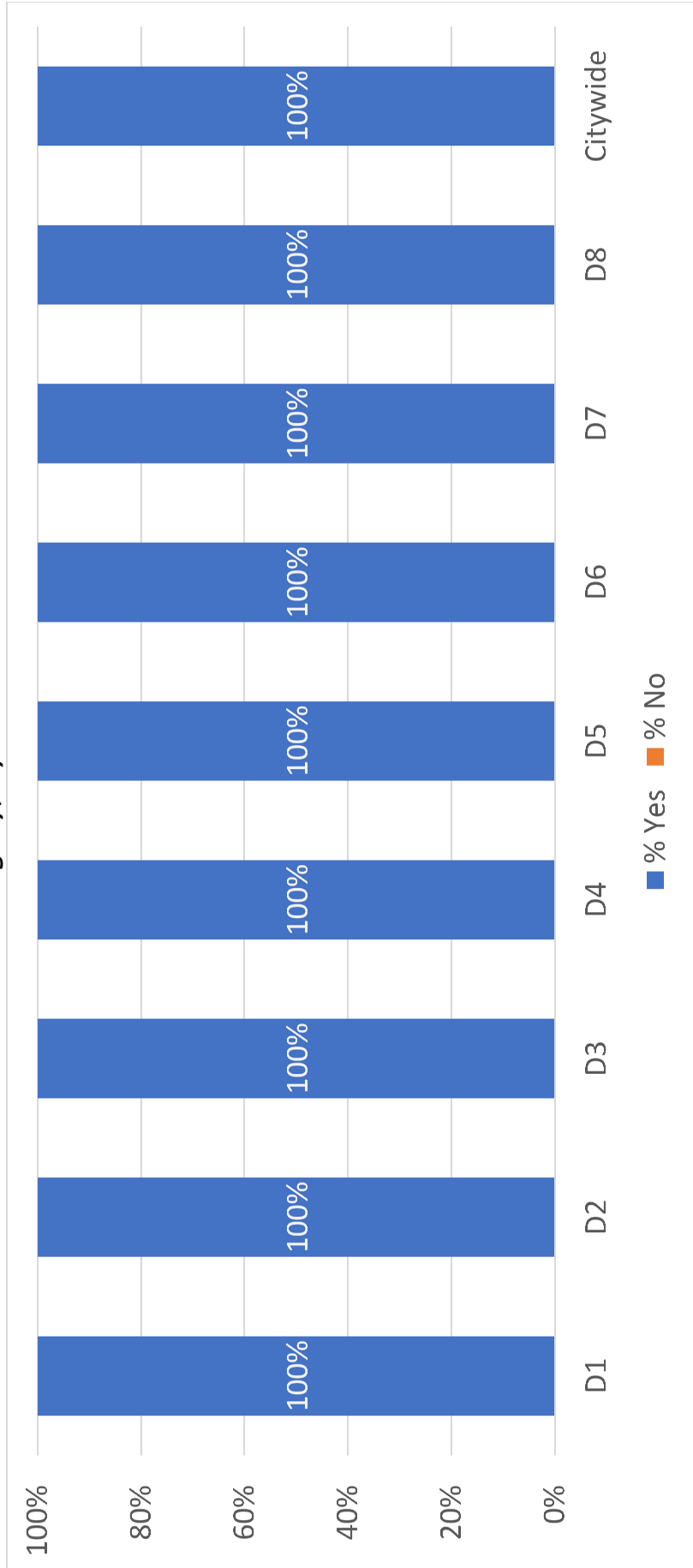
### **Comments:**

1. Ray McDaniel (District 3) expressed support for adding new sworn Fire positions.
2. Judith Perez (District 8) requested additional funding for public defenders and proposed reallocating Police funding to services that help unhoused individuals.



### Roadway Safety: \$600,000

The percent of residents indicating "yes" or "no" for the Roadway Safety category, by district



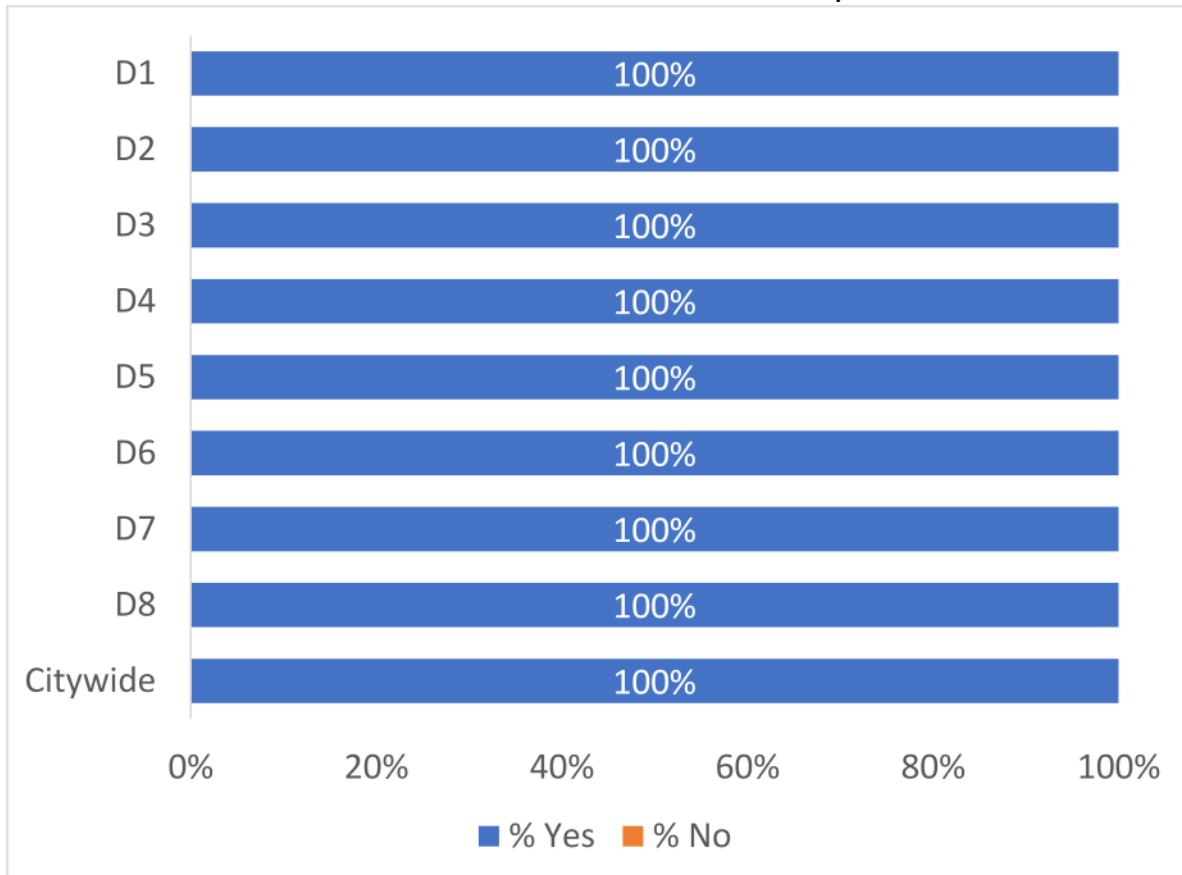
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## Roadway Safety

Street Transportation - Traffic Safety and Neighborhood Traffic: \$600,000

Add funding for the Roadway Safety Action Plan adopted by City Council on March 2, 2021. The plan addresses comprehensive roadway safety issues on City streets. The effort is funded using the General Fund, the Transportation 2050 fund (T2050), and the Arizona Highway User Revenue fund (AHUR). The General Fund portion being proposed is an additional six-hundred thousand per year over the next four years and combined with funds added in fiscal year 2021-22 would provide \$1.2 million in General Funds over the next four years.



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## **Roadway Safety**

### **Comments:**

1. Patti Trites (District 8) requested additional funding for double laned paved streets, specifically in the South Mountain and Laveen areas to improve roadway safety.

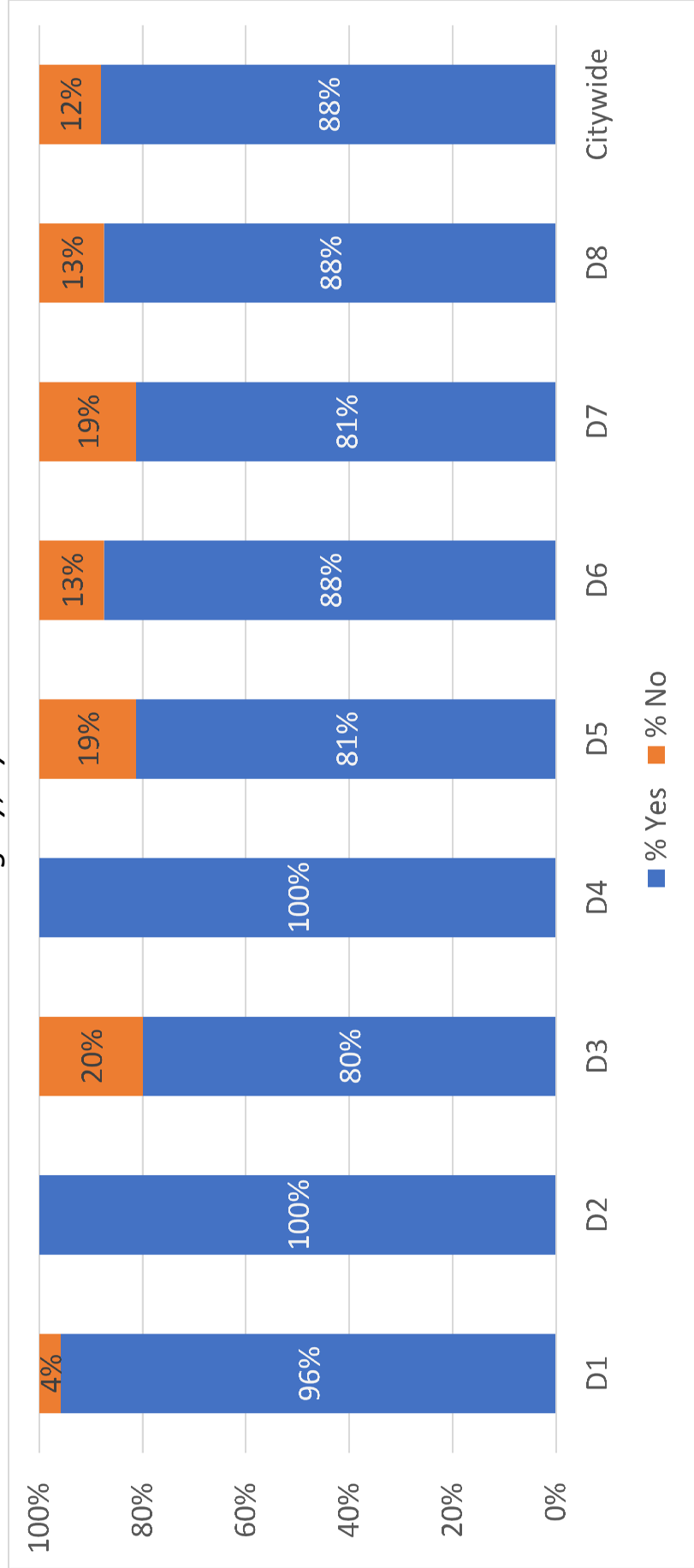


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### General Government: \$3,620,000

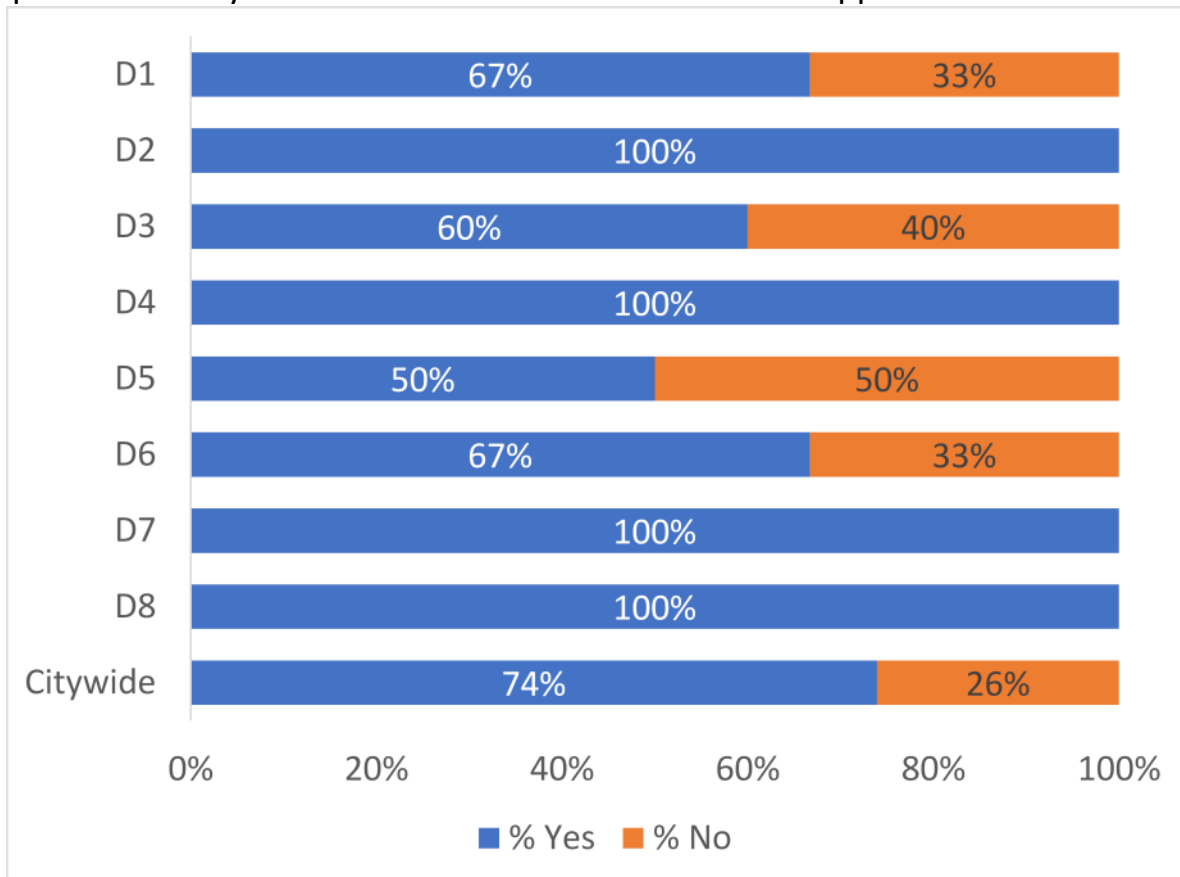
The percent of residents indicating "yes" or "no" for the General Government category, by district



## General Government

Human Services - Administration: \$353,000

Add funding for a Human Resources Team to provide support for the various human resource related roles and responsibilities within the department including a Human Resources Supervisor, a Senior Human Resources Analyst, and a Human Resources Aide position. These positions will begin to transition the department away from a shared services model to full support.

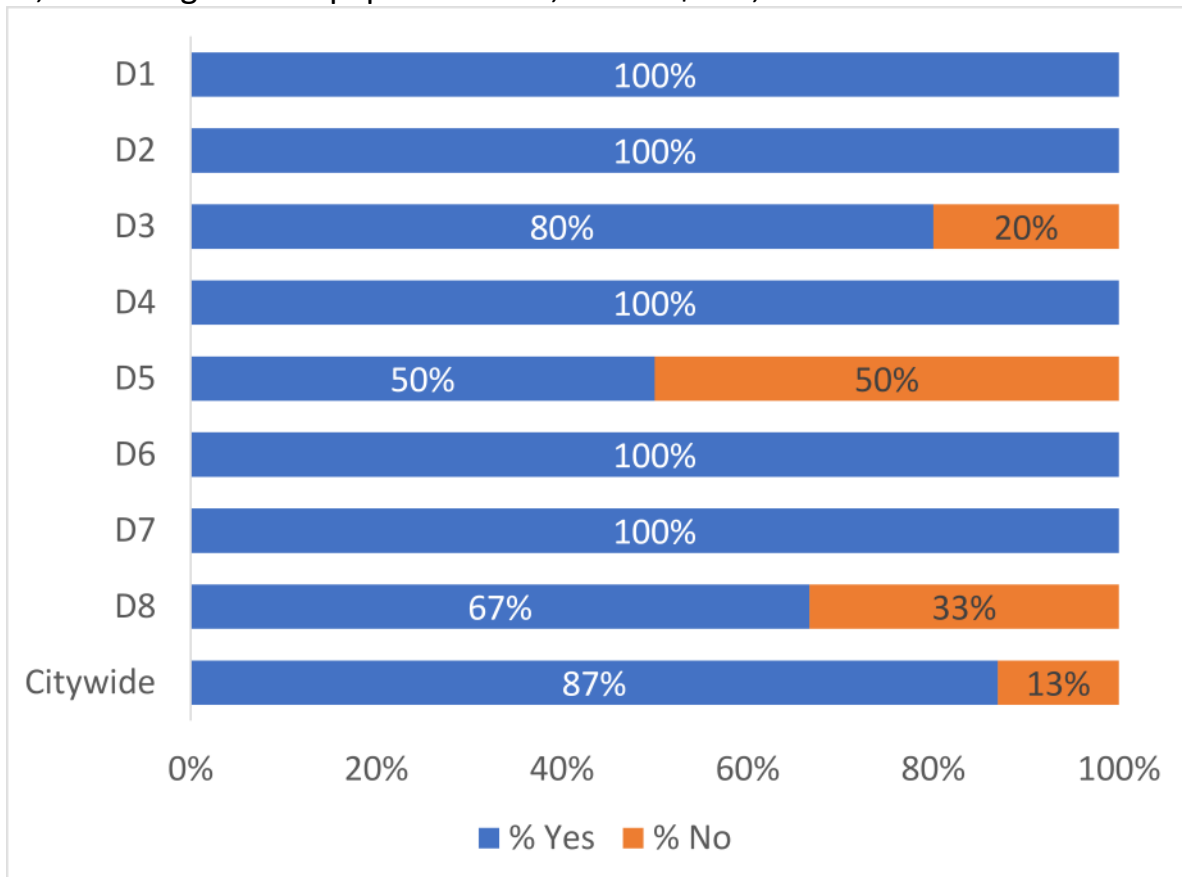


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## General Government

Public Works - Facilities Management and Maintenance: \$382,000

Add funding to expand the Building Trade Apprenticeship Program which will aide in workforce development in the Facilities Operations Division. Request includes adding two Electrician Apprentice positions, two Building Equipment Operator Apprentice positions, and one Administrative Aide position. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding initial equipment costs, will be \$364,000.

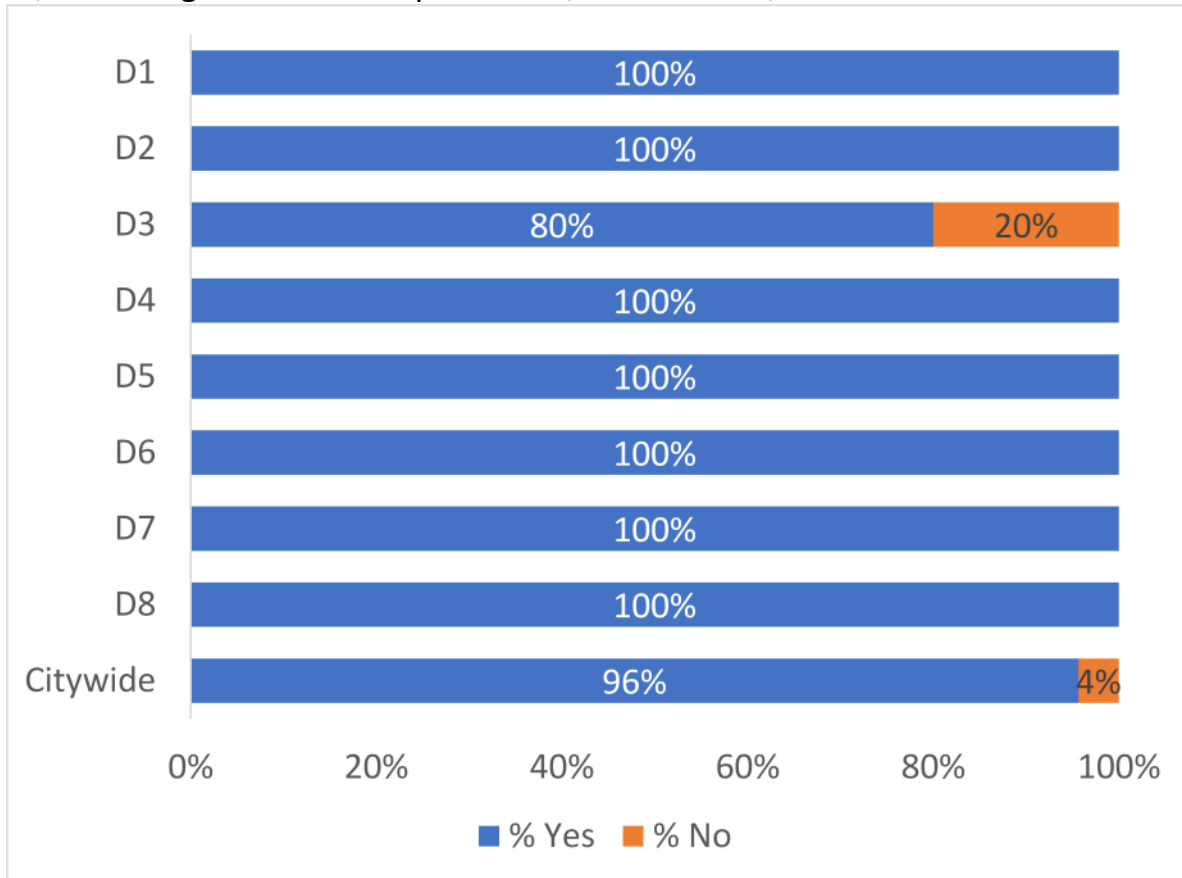


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## General Government

Public Works - Facilities Management and Maintenance: \$277,000

Add funding to restore two facilities maintenance positions that support city building and infrastructure repairs. The request includes adding one Building Maintenance Foreman, one Building Maintenance Worker\*U2, and one vehicle. These positions are needed to adequately support and maintain the increase in city facility repairs due to aging buildings and infrastructure. Staffing levels were greatly diminished since 2008 due to budget reductions. Adding these positions will partially restore the department to prior staffing levels. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding initial vehicle purchases, will be \$190,000.

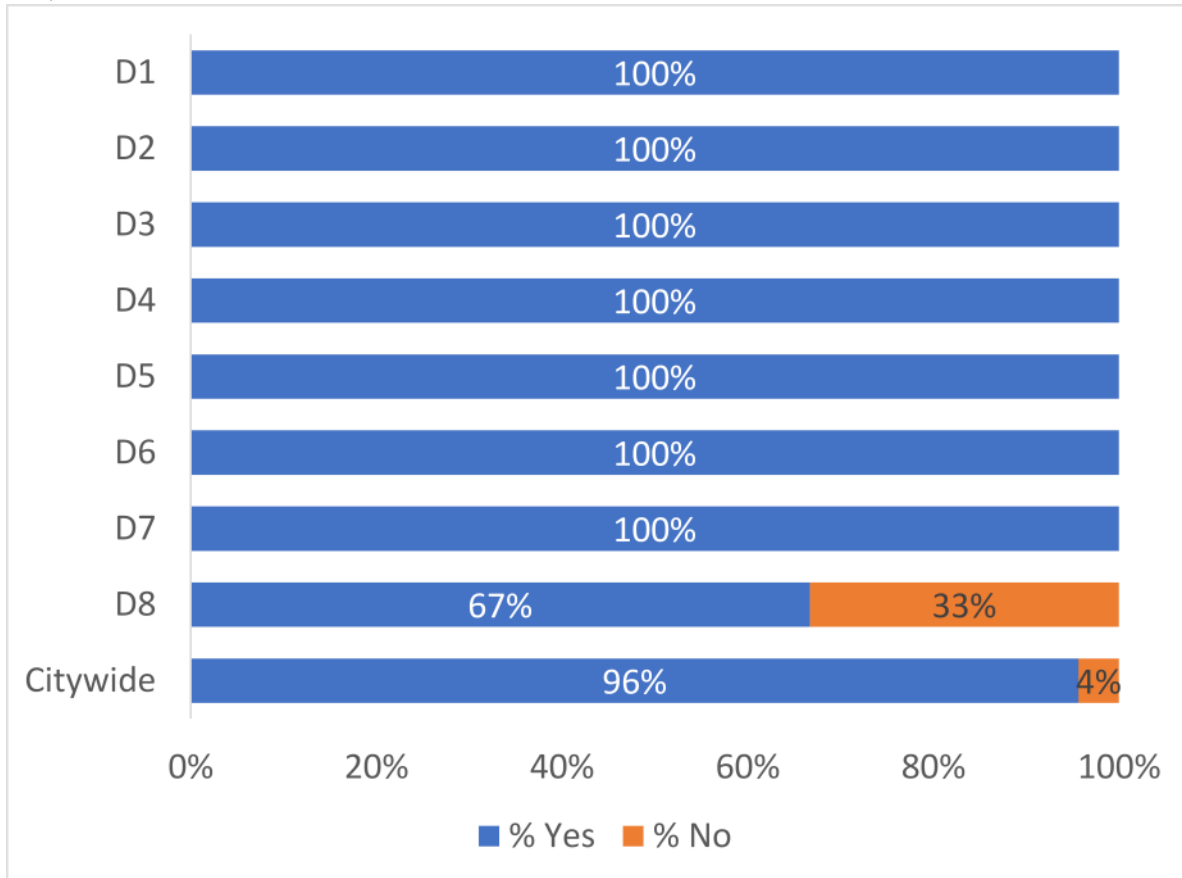


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## General Government

Law - Criminal Division - Community Prosecution Bureau: \$190,000

Add funding to provide legal support for the 19th Avenue Corridor Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan which seeks to: improve the safety of area residents, businesses, patrons, and students; build upon the City’s relationships with area community groups and business partners; and reduce violent and quality of life crimes at key intersections along the corridor. Funding adds one Assistant City Attorney III position to the Criminal Prosecution Division. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding initial desk and computer purchases, will be \$183,000.

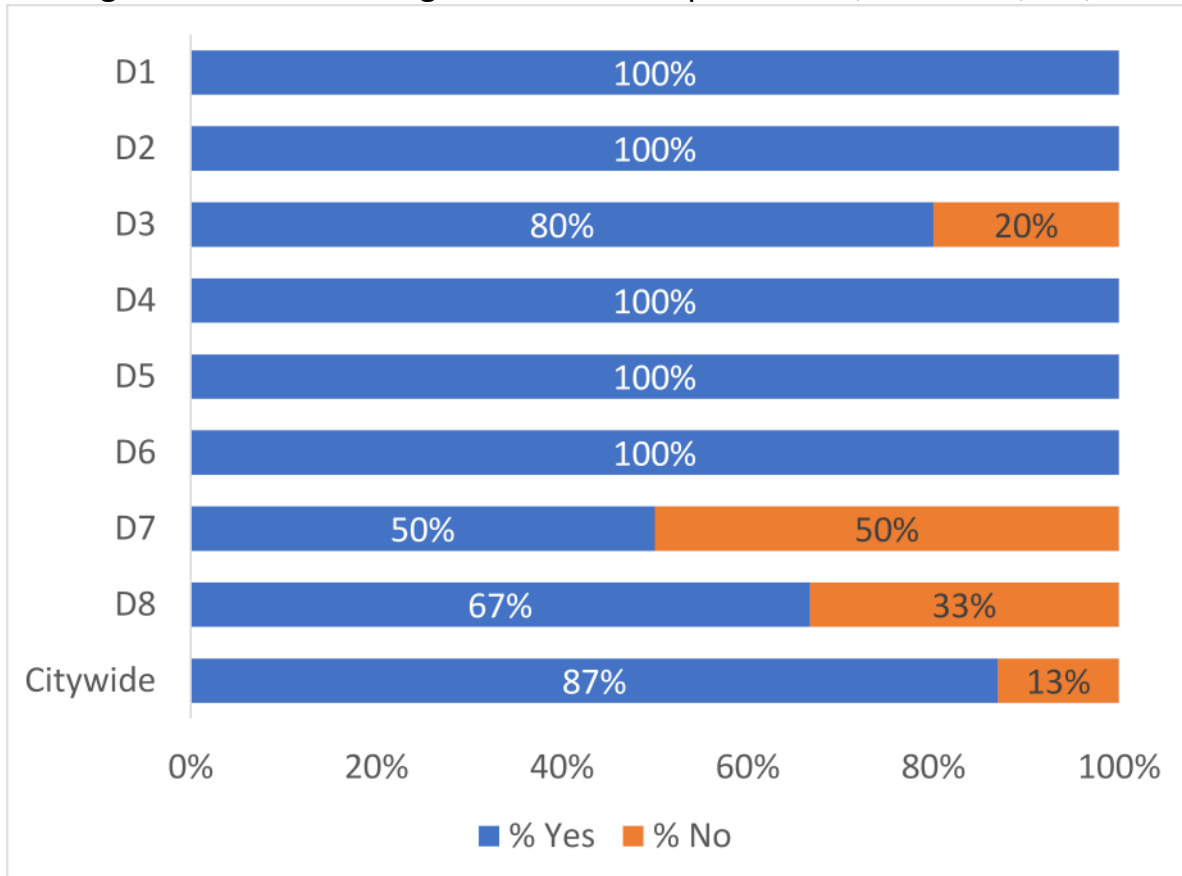


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## General Government

Law - Various: \$1,200,000

Add funding for staff in the City Prosecutor's Office and the Legal Assistant Unit of the Criminal Division. New staff will support the City's efforts to timely review body worn camera (BWC) footage and conduct attorney case assessments related to charging decisions. Funding is needed due to the increased workload for both staff and attorneys caused by the legal requirements to review and release BWC footage within specific time frames. Funding adds six Admin Aide, one Admin Assistant I, and six Assistant City Attorney II positions. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding initial office reconfiguration and computer costs, will be \$1,123,000.



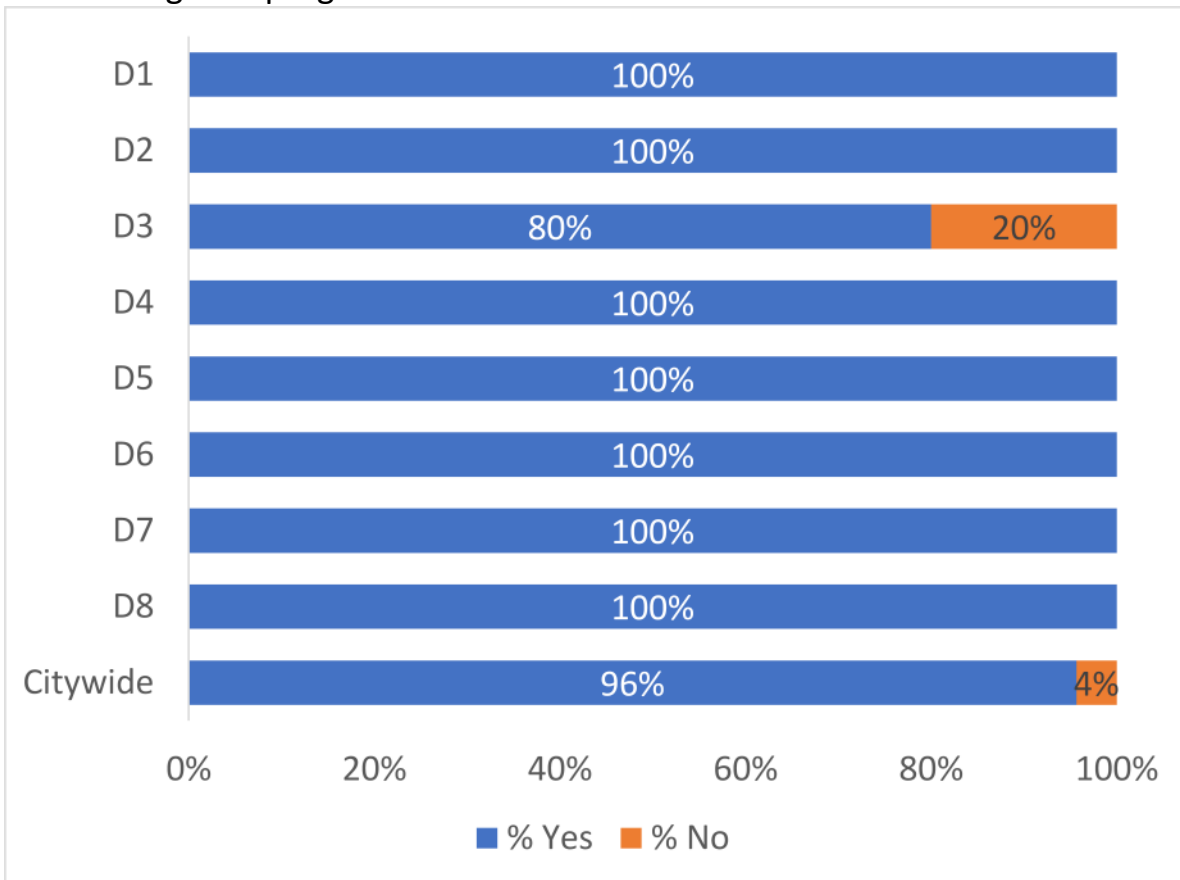
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## General Government

Information Technology - Information Security and Privacy Services: \$555,000

Add funding for three Lead Information Technology Systems Specialist positions. These positions will support the Information Security and Privacy Office’s Cyber Threat Intelligence program.

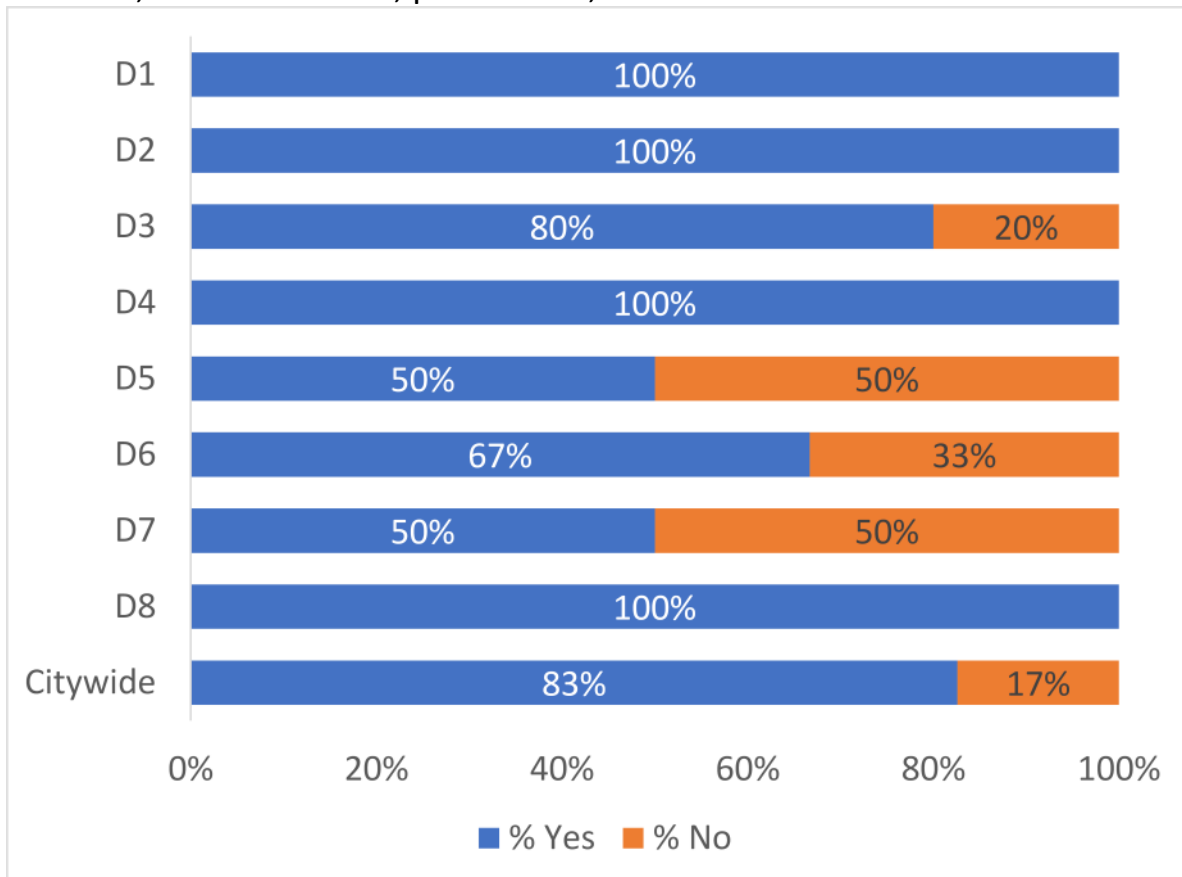


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## General Government

Human Resources - Various: \$84,000

Add a Senior Human Resources Clerk position for the Classification and Compensation Division. This position will perform specialized clerical and technical duties, information gathering, and data entry in the Transactions Team needed due to the recent 44% increase in transactions such as hires, rehires, demotions, reclassifications, promotions, terminations and retirements.

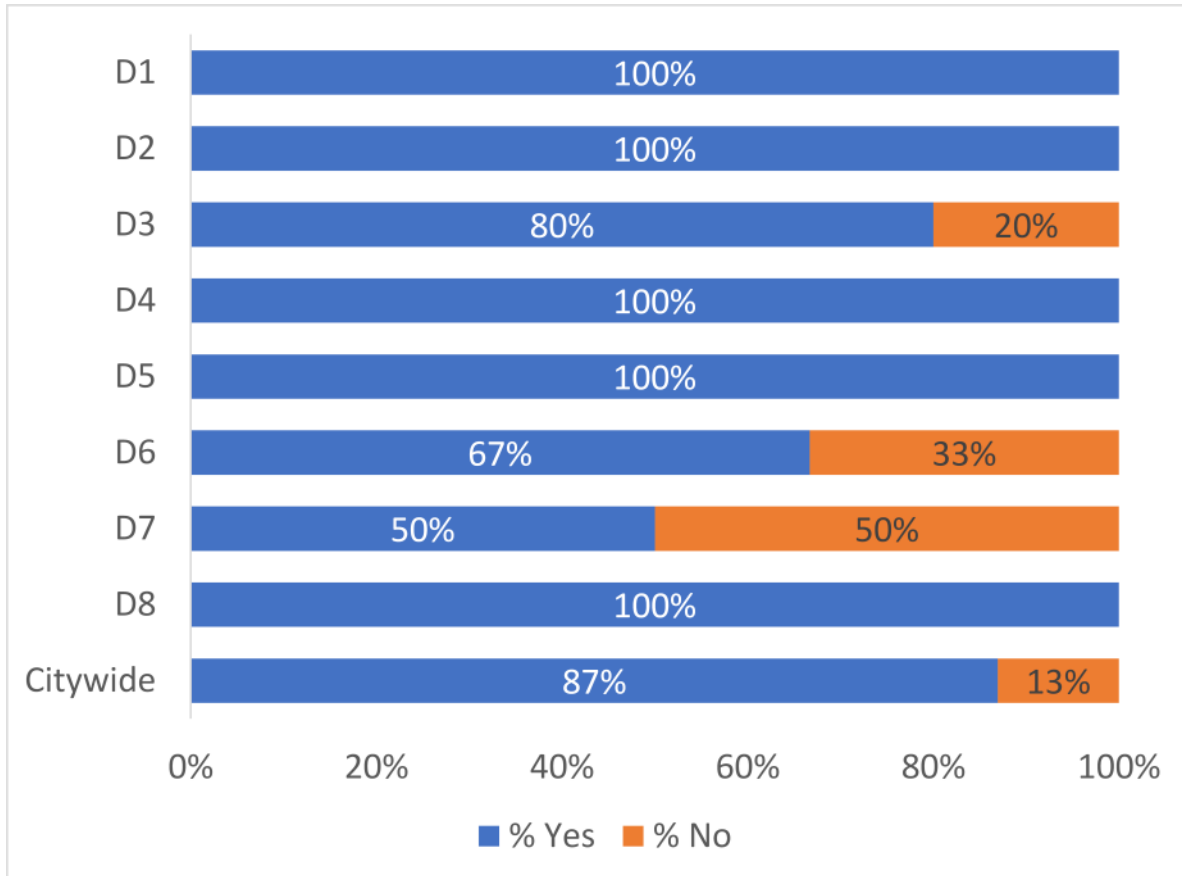


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## General Government

Human Resources - Various: \$579,000

Convert 11 temporary positions to ongoing status including two Assistant Human Resources Directors, a Contract Specialist II, a Human Resources Officer, a Lead Business Systems Analyst, a Multimedia Specialist, a Safety Analyst II, a Senior Business Systems Analyst, and three Senior Human Resources Analysts. These positions support day-to-day business operations and provide employee customer service in the Administration, Safety, Labor Relations, Talent Acquisition and Management, Classification and Compensation, and Organizational Development divisions.



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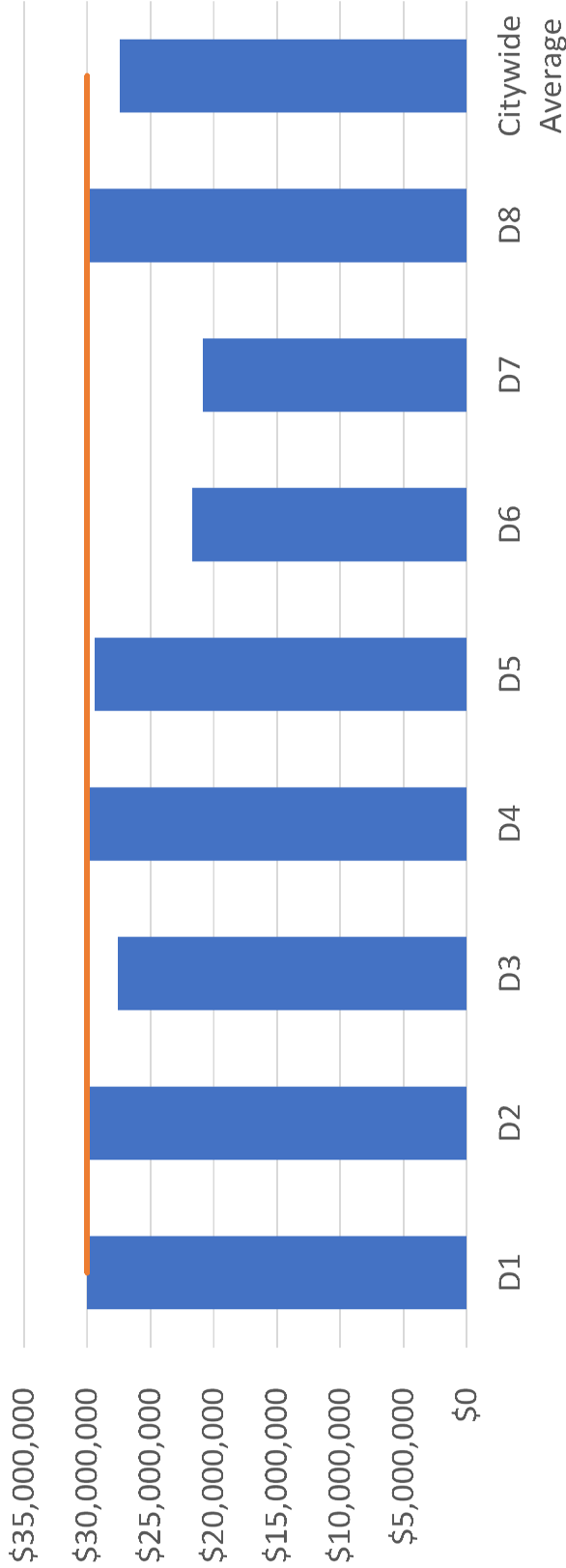
## **General Government**

### **Comments:**

1. Antonio Velasquez (District 5) opposed funding to add a Senior Human Resources Clerk for the Classification and Compensation Division.
2. Judith Perez (District 8) proposed reallocating funds proposed for the Criminal Division in the Law Department to Human Services.
3. Mike Josic (District 8) opposed funding for the Prosecutor's Office and the Legal Assistant Unit to support the review of body worn camera footage.



### Non-Departmental Set-Asides - Employee Compensation



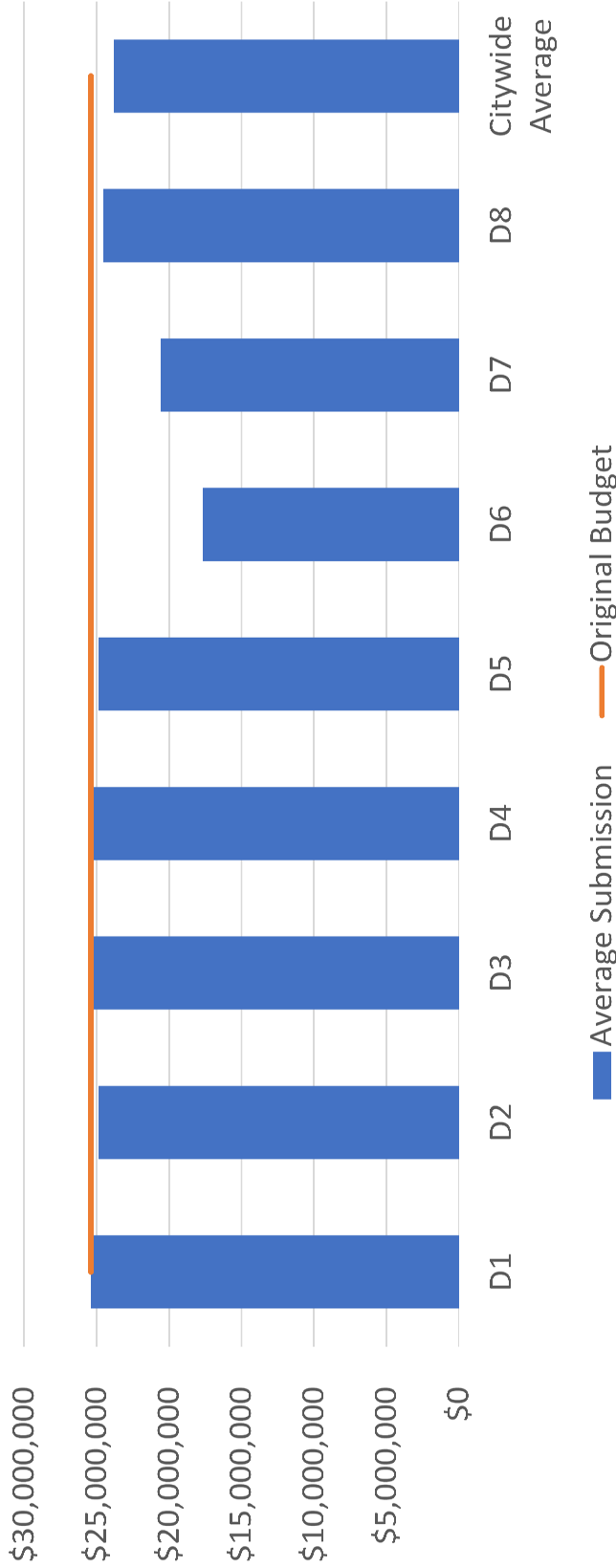
■ Average Submission    — Original Budget

	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Citywide Average
Average Submission	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$27,540,000	\$30,000,000	\$29,400,000	\$21,700,000	\$20,850,000	\$30,000,000	\$27,436,250
Original Budget	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000
Average Net Change	\$0	\$0	(\$2,460,000)	\$0	(\$600,000)	(\$8,300,000)	(\$9,150,000)	\$0	(\$2,465,217)

number of submissions (N) = 23



### Non-Departmental Set-Asides - Future City Council and Community Initiatives



	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Citywide Average
Average Submission	\$25,400,000	\$24,892,000	\$25,400,000	\$25,400,000	\$24,892,000	\$17,695,333	\$20,574,000	\$24,553,333	\$23,798,696
Original Budget	\$25,400,000	\$25,400,000	\$25,400,000	\$25,400,000	\$25,400,000	\$25,400,000	\$25,400,000	\$25,400,000	\$25,400,000
Average Net Change	\$0	(\$508,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$508,000)	(\$7,704,667)	(\$4,826,000)	(\$846,667)	(\$846,667)

number of submissions (N) = 23

## **Non-Departmental Set-Asides**

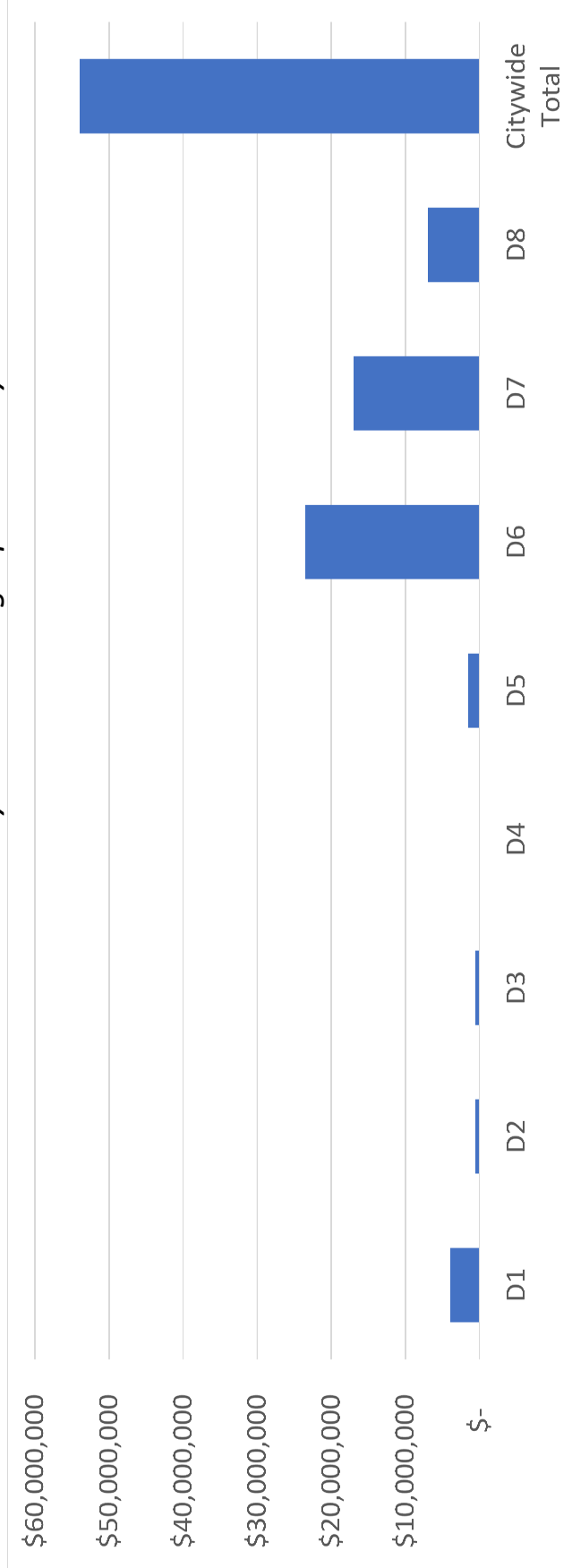
### **Comments:**

1. Ray McDaniel (District 1) proposed only using Employee Compensation set-aside funding for law enforcement staff.



### Share Your Own Budget Priorities

*The amount reallocated to build-your-own budget priorities by district*



	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Citywide Total
Amount of Submissions	\$4,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	N/A	\$1,500,000	\$23,500,000	\$17,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$54,000,000
Number of Submissions	6	1	5	0	2	3	2	3	22
Number of Submitters	6	1	5	0	2	3	2	3	22

number of submissions (N) = 23



## Share Your Own Budget Priorities

### Comments:

1. Julie Young (District 1) requested additional funding for Police.  
(Police - \$1M)
2. Deb Gilpin (District 1) requested additional funding for Police to patrol neighborhoods in North Phoenix and street repairs.  
(Police - \$1M; Street Transportation - \$1M)
3. Richard Moore (District 1) proposed eliminating the Climate and Sustainability budget to reallocate funds to Police.  
(Police - \$1M)
4. Amy Guerrero (District 2) requested additional funding for legal representation.  
(Law - \$500,000)
5. Katelyn Rafferty (District 3) requested additional funding for street enhancements to improve traffic and prevent accidents.  
(Street Transportation - \$500,000)
6. Antonio Velasquez (District 5) requested additional funding to address the housing crisis.  
(Housing - \$1M)
7. Meghan Mcmanus (District 6) requested additional funding for animal control services beyond what is provided by Maricopa County, as well as pet owner educational programs and a dedicated task force.  
(Neighborhood Services - \$500,000)
8. Shannon Vaughan (District 6) proposed additional funding for street and sidewalk maintenance and clean-up.  
(Street Transportation - \$20M)
9. Jackie Rich (District 6) requested additional funding for food waste pick-up and composting programs, a rainwater harvesting grant program, and a comprehensive tree planting program.  
(Solid Waste - \$1M; Water - \$1M; Heat Mitigation - \$1M)
10. Drew Wright (District 7) requested additional funding for unspecified budget priorities.  
(Unassigned - \$17M)

## Share Your Own Budget Priorities

### Comments:

11. Judith Perez (District 8) requested additional funding for housing and human services.  
(Housing/Human Services - \$2.5M)
12. Patti Trites (District 8) requested additional funding for unspecified budget priorities.  
(Unassigned - \$1.5M)
13. Mike Josic (District 8) requested additional funding for climate mitigation efforts, to address rising housing prices, and to provide housing for unhoused individuals.  
(Heat Mitigation - \$1.5M; Housing - \$1.5M)



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## Fire Hydrant Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Program - Quarterly Report

This report provides information on the Fire Hydrant Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement Program activities completed by City crews and contractors for the first quarter of calendar year 2022.

### Summary

In 2015, the Water Services Department (Water Services) evaluated water distribution operations and it was apparent that the department was not testing and maintaining its fire hydrants in compliance with fire code or exercising its valves according to industry best practices. In addition, Water Services was experiencing service line leaks that lingered for months, which angered customers and wasted water resources. To address these concerns, Water Services reorganized the distribution of City crews into separate sections: Leaks and Breaks; and Hydrants and Valves, and established the Fire Hydrant Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Program (FHP). Since then, Water Services continues to work diligently to test and maintain fire hydrants in compliance with the City's fire code and exercises its valves in line with industry best practices, based upon current staffing levels. To further enhance maintenance efforts, Water Services temporarily increased its use of supplemental contract crews to address lingering service line leaks.

These organizational changes allowed City crews to focus on core functions, such as repair of mainline leaks and breaks. As a result, there have been fewer leaks and breaks. In the past, customers had complained that service line leaks were not repaired for several months, but now customers compliment the speed of repair - the average repair time has decreased by more than 85 percent, saving roughly one billion gallons of water per year. This reorganization has been extremely successful in terms of increased asset maintenance, public safety, operational resiliency, water conservation and customer service.

In 2021, Water Services reviewed the FHP to ensure regular and consistent execution of preventative maintenance, inspection, testing, repair and replacement of fire hydrants throughout the City's water distribution system. The primary goal of the FHP is to ensure that the entire inventory of approximately 54,500 fire hydrants work properly and are available for firefighting purposes. As of December 2021, there was a

backlog of 1,747 repairs and 1,033 replacements needed throughout the city.

Water Services' goal is to eliminate the backlog of work orders within one year, then maintain the repair and replacement work orders on a month-to-month basis. This includes completing new work orders within 30 days of being generated to prevent future backlogs. In addition, Water Services has a goal to perform preventative maintenance work on each fire hydrant annually. However, these goals are based on all Fire Hydrant Program positions being filled. As with other City Departments, Water Services is currently experiencing higher than normal vacancies and increased difficulty in hiring new staff due to market conditions. Furthermore, Water Services is experiencing supply chain issues with fire hydrants and fire hydrant repair parts including higher than normal delivery times for materials.

#### 2021 Replacement Backlog

To eliminate the replacement backlog (1,033 as of Dec. 31, 2021), Water Services is using three JOC Contractors as approved by Council on Dec. 15, 2021. The contracts for the JOC Contractors were issued March 1, 2022. The JOC Contractors replaced 78 fire hydrants in March; therefore, the remaining replacement backlog from 2021 is 955. Moving forward staff expects the contractors to aggressively reduce the backlog until it is eliminated within the 12-month timeline.

#### 2022 Replacement Status

This year Water Services plans to use City crews for all newly identified fire hydrant replacement work. During the first quarter, City crews identified 115 fire hydrants in need of replacement. These crews have replaced 68 of these fire hydrants, leaving a current backlog of 49 fire hydrants to be replaced. During this quarter, Water Services was down an entire crew (three vacant positions) in the Fire Hydrant Replacement Section. If fully staffed (no vacancies) the department believes this section is adequately staffed.

#### Repair Status

Water Services plans to use City crews to complete all fire hydrant repairs. As of Dec. 31, 2021 there were 1,747 outstanding repairs to be completed. During the first quarter, City crews identified an additional 772 fire hydrants in need of repairs. The City crews have repaired 553 fire hydrants this quarter, which leaves a current backlog of 1,966 fire hydrants in need of repair. During this quarter, Water Services was down half of a full crew (one vacant position) in the Fire Hydrant Repair Section. Water Services will closely monitor staffing levels within this section in an effort to keep up with the repair workload.

### Preventative Maintenance Status

Water Services has a goal to perform preventative maintenance (PM) work on each fire hydrant annually. During this quarter, 10,954 fire hydrant PMs have been performed by City crews. Water Services had three vacant positions and one employee on long term leave in the Fire Hydrant PM Section during this quarter. Water Services will closely monitor staffing levels in this section in an effort to achieve the annual goal of performing preventative maintenance on each fire hydrant.

### **Concurrence/Previous Council Action**

- The Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee received a presentation on the Fire Hydrant Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Program on Nov. 17, 2021.
- The City Council approved Fire Hydrant Repair and Replacement Program - Job Order Contracting Services (Ordinance S-48134) on Dec. 15, 2021.

### **Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Karen Peters and the Water Services Department.



## **Emergency Rental Assistance Program Weekly Update**

This report provides information on the current status of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

### **Summary**

The attached memo (**Attachment A**) provides current updates of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

### **Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Gina Montes and the Human Services Department.

# Attachment A



## City of Phoenix

**To:** Jeff Barton  
City Manager

**Date:** April 21, 2022

**Through:** Gina Montes  
Deputy City Manager

**From:** Marchelle Franklin  
Human Services Director

**Subject: WEEKLY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT**

This memo outlines current updates of the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program. Cumulative program expenditures total \$82,452,003 which includes ERA 1.0 and ERA 2.0 expenditures.

### ERA Program Data

The table below shows ERA 2.0 Program data.

Time Period	Households Served	Residents Served	Ineligible Applications	Total Expenditures
Oct. 4 – March 26	4,736	12,932	62	\$32,770,515
March 28 – April 2	152	392	3	\$996,620
April 4 – April 9	207	548	3	\$1,432,318
April 11 – April 16	189	492	6	\$1,366,667
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,284</b>	<b>14,364</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>\$36,566,120</b>



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## Weekly Community Spread Benchmark Report

This report provides City Council with an update regarding the status of the current community spread benchmark indicators tracked by the City of Phoenix related to COVID-19 as requested at the Dec. 2, 2020 Formal Meeting. This information represents the latest data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on April 14, 2022.

### Summary

The Maricopa County Department of Public Health has transitioned from Community Transmission Risk indicators to the new CDC Community Level reporting, which reports at the County level and are rated as Low, Medium or High. The weekly report now follows the CDC Community Level reporting.

The CDC Community Level is determined by the higher of the inpatient beds and new admissions indicators, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 in the past 7 days. Please note that, in the event New Cases per 100,000 exceeds 200, the community level can be no lower than Medium, regardless of the inpatient bed use or hospital admissions per 100,000.

The attached memo (**Attachment A**) provides an indicator dashboard of the CDC Community Level for Maricopa County as well as additional data specific to the City of Phoenix. The current CDC Community Level for Maricopa County is **Low**.

### Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Lori Bays.





## City of Phoenix

**To:** Jeffrey Barton  
City Manager

**Date:** April 21, 2022

**From:** Lori Bays  
Assistant City Manager

**Subject: WEEKLY COMMUNITY SPREAD BENCHMARK REPORT**

This memo communicates the community spread benchmarks within the City of Phoenix.

The Maricopa County Department of Public Health has transitioned from Community Transmission Risk indicators to the new CDC Community Level reporting, which reports at the County level.

The CDC Community Level is determined by the higher of the inpatient beds and new admissions indicators, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 in the past 7 days. Please note that, in the event New Cases per 100,000 exceeds 200, the community level can be no lower than Medium, regardless of the inpatient bed use or hospital admissions per 100,000. For more information about the COVID-19 Community Levels go to the [CDC COVID-19 Community Levels](#) site.

**Current CDC COVID-19 Community Level:  
Maricopa County**

**Low**

Reporting Week		Percentage of In-Patient Bed Usage	New Hospital Admissions per 100,000	New COVID Cases per 100,000
<b>Most Current Week Reporting</b>	<b>April 14, 2022</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>4.70</b>	<b>14.54</b>
<b>Previous Week Reporting</b>	<b>April 7, 2022</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>4.80</b>	<b>104.92</b>

COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community				
New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%



## 2022 State Legislative Report

This report provides information regarding the status of current state legislative issues.

### Summary

April 20, 2022 is the 101st day of the Second Regular Session of the 55th Legislature.

**Attachment A** provides current status of legislation as of April 19, 2022. To date, 1,768 bills have been introduced and staff continues to review these measures to identify potential impacts.

### Responsible Department

This item is submitted by City Manager Jeffrey Barton and the Office of Government Relations.

**Attachment A**  
**City Council Information**  
**April 19, 2022**



The Office of Government Relations is guided by the principles endorsed by the Mayor and Council. Our highest priorities are maintaining and preserving **shared revenues**, opposing **unfunded mandates**, protecting **local authority**, and involvement in **water resource** matters.

This Legislative Report provides information about bills that could impact the City. April 20, 2022 is the 101st day of the Second Regular Session of the 55th Legislature. The information provided in this report regarding status of legislation is current as of April 19, 2022. To date, 1,768 bills have been introduced and staff continues to review these measures to identify potential impacts.

Please note the highlighted sections represent bills newly added to this report.

**Bills that staff has identified as negatively impacting the City's core principles:**

- **HB 2001: Strike Everything Amendment (Rep. Cobb; Kingman)** The bill preempts a municipality's ability to regulate an employee's labor productivity during working hours. A municipality may not waive or exclude any requirement of a local regulation based on a collective bargaining agreement. Cities are preempted in regulating businesses that enter into collective bargaining agreements.

**HB 2001 failed to pass the House on February 23, 2022.**

- **HB 2081: Law Enforcement; Video Recordings; Redactions (Rep. Kavanagh; Fountain Hills)** The bill requires that before a law enforcement agency releases a copy of a video recording from a law enforcement officer's body-worn camera to the public, the law enforcement agency must redact any portion of the video recording that shows the face or an identifiable body part of any person who appears in the video recording if the person is not the subject of a police investigation or enforcement action and the person was located in a private location or in a public location with an expectation of privacy, the person is a victim of or witness to a crime, or the person was in a state of undress and specified areas of the person's body were not covered. Does not apply to a person who provides the law enforcement agency with a written waiver to release the video recording without any

redactions or to any law enforcement officers who are on duty.

Staff is expressing opposition as it constitutes an unfunded mandate that would overburden the City's limited resources for this type of review.

**HB 2081 was retained on the Senate Committee of the Whole Calendar on April 13, 2022.**

- **HB 2099: Municipalities; Membership Dues; Limit (Rep. Cobb; Kingman)** The bill prohibits municipalities from paying dues to a membership organization in an amount that is greater than the municipality's total population multiplied by the "per capita membership" amount paid by the most populous municipality that is also a member of the membership organization.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would jeopardize the City's membership in numerous organizations of which it is a member.

**HB 2099 was approved by the House Committee of the Whole on February 3, 2022.**

- **HB 2107: Emergency Powers; Business Closure; Repeal (Rep. Biasiucci; Lake Havasu City)** The list of emergency powers of mayors of incorporated municipalities and chairmen of county boards of supervisors is modified to remove the authority to order the closing of any business.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2107 was signed by the Governor on March 30, 2022.**

- **HB 2166: TPT; Use Tax; Exemption; Firearms (Rep. Kaiser; Phoenix)** The list of exemptions from transaction privilege and use taxes is expanded to include sales of firearms and firearm safety equipment.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority and negatively impact shared revenue.

**HB 2166 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 31, 2022.**

- **HB 2237: Same Day Voter Registration; Prohibition (Rep. Hoffman; Queen Creek)** An agency, department or division of Arizona or any person acting on its behalf, and any political subdivision or any person acting on its behalf are prohibited from registering a person to vote on an election day and deeming that person eligible to vote in that election. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class 6 (lowest) felony. Does not apply to a person who properly registers to vote while temporarily absent from Arizona as provided for in statute.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2237 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 15, 2022.**

- **HB 2241: Early Ballot Drop Off; Identification (Rep. Hoffman; Queen Creek)** For any voter or voter's agent who delivers one or more voted early ballots in affidavit envelopes at any polling place or voting center, the election board must require the person to present identification for his/her own early ballot, and to attest in writing that he/she is the voter's family member, household member or caregiver for another person's early ballot. Knowing violations are a class 6 felony.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2241 passed the House Rules Committee on February 8, 2022.**

- **HB 2282: Prohibition; Photo Radar (Rep. Fillmore; Apache Junction)** The bill prohibits state agencies and local authorities from using a photo enforcement system to identify violators of traffic control devices and speed regulations and repeals statutes authorizing and regulating photo enforcement.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2282 was referred to the House Transportation and Technology Committee on January 18, 2022.**

- **HB 2316: Misconduct Involving Weapons; Public Places (Rep. Kavanagh; Fountain Hills)** The bill dictates that a person who possesses a valid concealed weapons permit is exempt from the prohibition on carrying a concealed weapon in a public establishment or at a public event. Some exceptions, including for public establishments or events that are a "secured facility" (defined), that are the licensed premises of a liquor licensee, that are a judicial department or law enforcement agency, that are an educational institution, and that are a vehicle or craft.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would complicate police response to certain scenarios.

**HB 2316 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 8, 2022.**

- **HB 2331: Area of Impact; Stored Water (Rep. Cook; Yuma)** For the purpose of statute governing underground water storage, the definition of "area of impact" means the area within one mile of an existing or proposed underground storage facility where the water is or will be stored, the area within one mile of the groundwater replenishment district boundaries that has a permit for a groundwater savings facility where the water is or will be stored, or any other area shown to have been positively impacted by the storage of the water to be recovered.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would lessen the assured water supply.

**HB 2331 was referred to the House Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on January 24, 2022.**

- **HB 2337: Deferred Retirement Optional Plan; Reinstatement (Rep. Payne; Peoria)** The bill dictates that members of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System are no longer required to become members of PSPRS before January 1, 2012 in order to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP). For a member who became a PSPRS member before January 1, 2012, the maximum period of participation in DROP is increased to 84 consecutive months, from 60 consecutive months. For a member who became a PSPRS member on or after January 1, 2012, the maximum period of participation in DROP is 60 consecutive months.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority and would amount to an unfunded mandate.

**HB 2337 failed to pass the Senate on March 23, 2022.**

- **HB 2348: Disciplinary Appeal; Law Enforcement Officers (Rep. Payne; Peoria)** The bill dictates that any appeal of a disciplinary action by a law enforcement officer, after a hearing where the law enforcement officer and the employer have been equally allowed to fully participate in the hearing, the decision made by a hearing officer, administrative law judge or appeals board is the final administrative determination, subject to judicial review on whether such determination was clearly erroneous.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2348 was referred to the House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee on January 20, 2022.**

- **HB 2375: Urban Revenue Sharing; Public Safety (Rep. Cobb; Kingman)** Beginning in FY2023-24, monies distributed to cities and towns from the Urban Revenue Sharing Fund must be used only for "public safety services" (defined as police, fire and emergency medical services). If a municipality uses any monies from the Urban Revenue Sharing Fund for a purpose other than public safety services in any fiscal year, the State Treasurer is required to withhold an amount equal to those expenditures for the following fiscal year.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2375 was withdrawn from the House Ways and Means Committee and further referred to the House Education Committee on February 7, 2022.**

- **HB 2453: Governmental Entities; Mask Requirement; Prohibition (Rep. Carter; San Tan Valley)** A "governmental entity" (defined) is prohibited from imposing any requirement to wear a mask or face covering anywhere on the governmental entity's premises, except where long-standing workplace safety and infection control measures that are unrelated to COVID-19 may be required.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2453 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 8, 2022.**

- **HB 2455: Incorporation; Urban Areas (Rep. Carter; San Tan Valley)** All territory within one mile of an incorporated city or town is declared to be an urbanized area (which triggers requirements for approval from the incorporated city or town), instead of within six miles of an incorporated city or town with a population of 5,000 or more persons or within three miles of any incorporated city or town. Also, uninhabited, rural or farm lands may be included in an area to be incorporated if the lands have been platted and approved by the county board of supervisors for housing or commercial development before filing an incorporation petition, or if the current owner of the lands agrees to include the property and provides a written, notarized statement supporting the inclusion.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would negatively impact shared revenue.

**HB 2455 was signed by the Governor on April 6, 2022.**

- **HB 2469: Early Ballots; Polling Place; Tabulation (Rep. Carroll; Sun City West)** A voter who has the envelope containing the completed early ballot and completed affidavit, who appears at that voter's designated polling location on election day and whose identification is verified and confirmed is allowed to remove the completed ballot from the envelope and deposit the ballot in the ballot tabulation equipment in that polling place and to discard the envelope and completed affidavit.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2469 was referred to the House Rules Committee on February 8, 2022.**

- **HB 2473: Firearms; Contracts; Prohibited Practices (Rep. Carroll; Sun City West)** A public entity is prohibited from entering into a contract with a value of \$100,000 or more with a company to acquire or dispose of services, supplies, information technology, or construction unless the contract includes a written certification that the company does not currently, and agrees for the duration of the contract that it will not, discriminate against a firearm entity.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2473 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 31, 2022.**

- **HB 2478: Illegally Paid Public Monies; Recovery (Rep. Carroll; Sun City West)** The Attorney General is authorized to bring an action to recover illegally paid public monies against a public official, employee or agent of the state, a political subdivision, or a budget unit who knowingly uses public monies or other public resources to organize, plan or execute any activity that impedes or prevents a public school from operating for any period of time, unless the public official, employee or agent is acting in good faith and in furtherance of the official's, employee's or agent's official duties.



Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2478 was referred to the House Judiciary Committee on January 24, 2022.**

- **HB 2498: COVID-19; Vaccination Requirements; Prohibition (Rep. Hoffman; Queen Creek)** The bill dictates that any government entity is prohibited from requiring a resident of Arizona to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2498 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 22, 2022.**

- **HB 2549: Stored Water; Certificates; Impact; Accounting (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** Various changes to statutes relating to groundwater and assured water supply. For an application for a certificate of assured water supply that proposes to use a water supply other than groundwater withdrawn from within the active management area in which the proposed development is located, the proposed source must be deemed consistent with the goal of the active management area. If the proposed source is stored water recovered within the area of impact, the proposed source must be deemed physically available and the Department of Water Resources is prohibited from reviewing the physical availability of other sources of water. If a municipal provider proposes to use a source of water in the same water system with Central Arizona Project water, surface water, effluent or groundwater, the proposed source does not affect the continuous, legal and physical availability of the proposed source, without regard to the continuous, legal and physical availability of other supplies within the same municipal provider's water system.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2549 was retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar on February 24, 2022.**

- **HB 2579: Stored Water; Certificates; Impact; Accounting (Rep. Cook; Globe)** Counties and municipalities are prohibited from adopting any regulation that prohibits or restricts the use of a "park model trailer" (defined) on a residential lot as a primary single-family residence if all other statutory requirements have been met.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2579 passed the Senate and was returned to the House for concurrence in Senate Amendments on April 13, 2022.**

- **HB 2674: Municipal Zoning; By Right Housing (Rep. Kaiser; Phoenix)** The bill dictates that by January 1, 2023, municipalities are required to allow a list of single-family dwelling unit construction in specified existing zoning districts. Municipalities cannot require a general plan amendment, use permit, or review by a board or commission for an applicant to construct these types of housing. If an applicant

proposes any amendment to a zoning ordinance that changes a land use designation to residential or changes allowed density for the purpose of constructing single-family or multi-family housing units, the municipality is required to determine whether the application is "administratively complete" (defined) within 30 days, and approve a complete application within 90 days, with some exceptions. Municipalities are prohibited from adopting or enforcing any ordinance or legal requirement related to residential housing "design elements" (defined). Some exceptions. Repeals the building code moratorium on residential and commercial buildings and allows municipalities to adopt residential building codes for the sole purpose of providing a reasonable level of safety and health. Declares that housing supply and affordability are matters of statewide concerns and prohibits municipalities from adopting residential construction and development standards that are more restrictive than state law. Appropriates \$89 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Housing Trust Fund for low-income housing needs in Arizona. Severability clause.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HB 2674 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 29, 2022.**

- **HB 2701: TPT; Prime Contracting; Tax Base (Rep. Biasiucci; Lake Havasu City)**  
Reduces the tax base for the prime contracting classification of transaction privilege taxes to 60 percent of the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from the business for contracts entered into July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and to 55 percent of the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from the business for contracts entered into July 1, 2024 and after, from 65 percent.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would reduce shared revenue.

**HB 2701 was referred to the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees on February 28, 2022.**

- **HB 2721: Law Enforcement Officers: AZPOST (Rep. Kavanagh; Fountain Hills)**  
Any government entity must require a majority vote to investigate law enforcement officer misconduct, influence the conduct of or certify law enforcement officer misconduct investigations, recommend disciplinary actions for law enforcement misconduct, or impose discipline for law enforcement misconduct. The requirement for 2/3 of the voting members of a government entity that takes any of those actions relating to law enforcement officer misconduct to be Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board certified law enforcement officers is expanded to apply to 2/3 of the "members, staff, employees, or seats" (defined) or any government committee, board, agency, department, office, or entity that takes those actions. [Capitol Reports Note: Some of the provisions in this legislation were originally signed into law as Laws 2021, chapter 403 (part of the FY2021-22 budget), but were deemed unconstitutional by the Arizona Supreme Court in Arizona School Boards Association et al v. State of Arizona.]

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority and chill participation in boards fostering accountability in policing.

**HB 2721 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 22, 2022.**

- **HB 2724: Assisted Living; Distance Requirement; Prohibition (Rep. Toma; Peoria)** Counties and municipalities are prohibited from adopting a land use regulation, or general or specific plan provision, or impose as a condition for approving a building or use permit any requirement that restricts the distance between an existing assisted living home and a new assisted living home if all other standards and requirements established in statute have been met.

**HB 2724 was signed by the Governor on April 13, 2022.**

- **HB 2748: Distribution; Safe and Smart Fund (Rep. Payne; Peoria)** Modifies the distributions from the Smart and Safe Fund by adding the Department of Public Safety to the list of entities that receive 31.4 percent of Fund monies in proportion to the number of enrolled members in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Due to voter protection, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would reduce City revenue.

**HB 2748 failed to pass the House on reconsideration on March 2, 2022.**

- **HB 2749: TPT; Prime Contracting; Exemption; Alterations (Rep. Cobb; Kingman)** The definitions of "modification" and "alteration" for the purpose of computing the tax base for the prime contracting classification of transaction privilege taxes are modified. Effective January 1, 2023.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would reduce shared revenue.

**HB 2749 passed the Senate Rules Committee on April 4, 2022.**

- **HCR 2031: Employee Benefits; Compensation; State Preemption (Rep. Cobb; Kingman)** The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to declare that the regulation of employee benefits is of statewide concern and not subject to further regulation by a political subdivision.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**HCR 2031 passed the Senate Commerce Committee on March 24, 2022.**

- **SB 1008: Elections; Recount Margin (Sen. Ugenti-Rita; Scottsdale)** The bill modifies the criteria that triggers an automatic election recount to require a recount when the margin between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for a particular office, or between the number of votes cast for and against a measure or proposition, is less than or equal to 0.5 percent of the number of votes cast for both candidates or on the measure or proposition. Previously, the difference in votes that triggered an automatic recount was the lesser of 0.1 percent or either a specified number of votes based on the office to be filled or 200 votes for a measure or proposition.

Staff is expressing opposition to the bill as it places an undue burden on cities conducting an election by significantly increasing the number of automatic recounts required and constitutes an unfunded mandate by substantially increasing election costs.

**SB 1008 passed the House Rules Committee on April 12, 2022.**

- **SB 1035: Political Subdivisions; Lobbying; Prohibition (Sen. Rogers; Flagstaff)** "Political subdivisions" (defined as counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts) and any person acting on behalf of a political subdivision are prohibited from entering into a contract with a person or entity for lobbying services and from spending monies for any person or entity to lobby on behalf of that political subdivision unless that person is directly employed by the political subdivision.

Staff is expressing opposition as it usurps local authority.

- **SB 1048: Emergency Powers; Business Closure; Repeal (Rep. Petersen; Gilbert)** The list of emergency powers of mayors of incorporated municipalities and chairmen of county boards of supervisors is modified to remove the authority to order the closing of any business.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1048 was held in the House Military and Public Safety Committee on February 28, 2022.**

- **SB 1054: Election Equipment; Security; Legislative Review (Sen. Borrelli; Lake Havasu City)** The bill requires that beginning in 2022 and every two years thereafter, the committee appointed by the Secretary of State to investigate and test the various types of vote recording or tabulating machines or devices is required to provide for a detailed review of election equipment security for counties with a population of more than 500,000 persons that focuses on the actual equipment, software and other systems used in the most recent general election. An additional person who is an expert in election equipment security must conduct or assist with the review. On completion, the review must be presented to the standing committees of the Legislature with jurisdiction over election issues at a public meeting that is held by August 1 following the general election.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would cause uncertainty in City-administered elections.

**SB 1054 passed the Senate Rules Committee on February 8, 2022.**

- **SB 1056: Misplaced Ballots; Invalidity; Misdemeanor; Damages (Sen. Townsend; Apache Junction)** Any ballots that are misplaced and not included in the initial tally at a polling place or counting center are invalid ballots and are prohibited from being counted. A person who misplaces a ballot is guilty of a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor. If a provisional or early ballot that identifies the voter on

the face of the affidavit or envelope is misplaced and cannot be counted, the voter of that misplaced ballot is authorized to file an action for damages against the governmental body administering the election for the loss of the right to vote.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would place an undue burden on local jurisdictions who administer elections.

**SB 1056 failed to pass the Senate on March 14, 2022.**

- **SB 1116: Residential Rental Tax (Sen. Livingston; Peoria)** The bill dictates that a city, town or other taxing jurisdiction may not levy a transaction privilege tax or similar tax or fee on the business of renting or leasing real property for residential purposes.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would adversely impact City revenue and usurp local authority.

**SB 1116 passed the House Ways and Means Committee on March 23, 2022.**

- **SB 1119: Electronic Ballot Images; Public Record (Sen. Borrelli; Lake Havasu City)** The bill requires that after the polls are closed, the officer in charge of elections is required to make available to the public an online copy of any digital images of ballots in a manner that allows the images to be searchable by precinct but that precludes any alteration of the images. States that the digital images of the ballots are public records.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority and constitutes an unfunded mandate.

**SB 1119 failed to pass the Senate on March 9, 2022.**

- **SB 1120: Ballot Fraud Countermeasures; Paper; Ink (Sen. Borrelli; Lake Havasu City)** The bill requires that any vendor that provides fraud countermeasures that are contained in and on the paper used for ballots is required to be ISO 27001 certified, ISO 17025 certified, or ISO 9001:2015 certified. Ballot fraud countermeasures are required to include all of a list of 19 specified features, including watermarking, secure holographic foil, security inks, invisible ultraviolet microtext, a serialized black QR code, and a paper receipt for the voter. The Legislature is required to appropriate sufficient monies to the State Treasurer to provide counties with the ballot paper prescribed by this legislation. Applies to the regular general election in 2022 and all elections held in 2024 and later. Appropriates an unspecified amount (blank in original) from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the State Treasurer for the purchase of antifraud ballot paper meeting these requirements.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would place an undue burden and excessive additional, unfunded costs on local jurisdictions that conduct elections.

**SB 1120 was retained on the Senate Committee of the Whole Calendar on March 9, 2022.**

- **SB 1132: Municipal Bonds; Environmental Sustainability (Sen. Rogers; Flagstaff)** Municipalities are prohibited from issuing a "green bond" (defined) to finance or refinance a "green project" (defined as a project that contributes to environmental objectives, excluding pollution prevention and control).

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1132 was referred to the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on January 11, 2022.**

- **SB 1133: Schools; Cities; All Mail Prohibited (Sen. Rogers; Flagstaff)** The bill prohibits municipalities and school districts from conducting a mail ballot election.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1133 passed the Senate Government Committee on January 25, 2022.**

- **SB 1134: Prohibition; Photo Radar (Sen. Rogers; Flagstaff)** The bill prohibits state agencies and local authorities from using a photo enforcement system to identify violators of traffic control devices and speed regulations and repeals statutes authorizing and regulating photo enforcement.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1134 failed to pass the Senate Transportation and Technology Committee on February 14, 2022.**

- **SB 1135: Procurement; Information Content Provider; Prohibition (Sen. Roger; Flagstaff)** Beginning on the effective date of this legislation, the Director of the Department of Administration is required to terminate, and direct any state government unit or political subdivision to terminate, any existing contract with a contractor that is an information content provider or a qualified marketplace platform that has engaged in "targeted censorship" (defined as deleting or placing a disclaimer on any form of free speech that is unequally applied based on a particular belief that is expressed in any form). State government units and political subdivisions are prohibited from contracting with an information content provider or a qualified marketplace platform that has engaged in targeted censorship.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1135 was referred to the Senate Transportation and Technology Committee on January 11, 2022.**

- **SB 1150: Electric Vehicles; Pilot Program; Appropriation (Sen. Steele; Tucson)** The bill prohibits counties and municipalities from issuing a residential structure building permit for a single-family structure if the residential structure does not have

a 208/240-volt, 50-ampere, NEMA 14-50 branch circuit with a dedicated outlet to charge an electric vehicle in the residential structure's garage or within ten feet of a parking space on the outside of the residential structure. Some exceptions. The Department of Administration (DOA) is required to conduct a two-year electric vehicle-ready homes pilot program to reimburse the owner of a single-family or multifamily residential structure the cost of installing a high voltage electrical outlet for the purpose of charging an electric vehicle, up to \$1,000, until the appropriation is exhausted. DOA is required to submit a report with specified information relating to the pilot program to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2024. Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund in FY2022-23 to DOA for the pilot program.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1150 passed the Senate Transportation and Technology Committee on January 25, 2022.**

- **SB 1171: Strike Everything Amendment; Treated Process Water (Sen. Gowan; Sierra Vista)** The bill proposes to create a new legal classification of water called “Treated Process Water” that will allow food and beverage manufacturing companies to pump groundwater for manufacturing, and then use their industrial waste streams to generate long-term storage credits. This would allow food and beverage manufacturers to “opt out” of utility wastewater systems and pump out more groundwater from beneath established communities.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would negatively impact our water resources.

**SB 1171 passed the House Rules Committee on March 29, 2022.**

- **SB 1191: Strike Everything Amendment (Sen. Petersen; Gilbert)** The bill prohibits municipalities from requiring the use of or the preference for union labor as a condition for approving any land use requirement. It prohibits municipalities from providing a wage that is different than the amount required for other contracts of industries.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1191 passed the House Rules Committee on March 29, 2022.**

- **SB 1198: Local Governments; Lobbying; Prohibition (Sen. Petersen; Gilbert)** The bill prohibits counties, municipalities, school districts, and other political subdivisions and any person acting on behalf of a political subdivision from entering into a contract with a person or entity for lobbying services and from spending monies for any person or entity to lobby on behalf of that political subdivision unless that person is directly employed by the political subdivision. If a county, municipality, school district or other political subdivision is a member of an organization of which the majority of the members are composed of political subdivisions or other public

bodies, no portion of membership dues may be authorized for lobbying activities.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1198 failed to pass the Senate on March 7, 2022.**

- **SB 1208: Income Tax; Credit; Labor Costs (Sen. Rogers; Flagstaff)** The bill dictates that in tax years beginning with 2023, establishes an individual and corporate income tax credit for a portion of a taxpayer's increased hourly labor costs that results from paying a local minimum wage that is more than the state minimum wage. The amount of the credit is ten percent of the difference between the amount of hourly labor costs the employer actually paid to employees and the amount of hourly labor costs that the employer would have paid to employees if the local minimum wage was the same as the state minimum wage. Requirements to qualify for the credit are specified. If the allowable credit exceeds taxes due, the unused amount may be carried forward for up to five consecutive tax years. Each month the State Treasurer is required to withhold from a municipality an amount equal to 1/12 of the total amount of credits claimed for the prior taxable year by taxpayer's located in that municipality from the municipality's distribution of state shared revenues.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1208 was referred to the Senate Finance Committee on January 18, 2022.**

- **SB 1268: PSPRS; Deferred Retirement Optional Plan (Sen. Livingston; Peoria)** The bill dictates that for members of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP), the maximum period of participation in DROP is increased to 84 consecutive months, from 60 consecutive months.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority and would amount to an unfunded mandate.

**SB 1268 passed the House Government and Elections Committee on March 24, 2022.**

- **SB 1274: Property Tax Levy; Calculation; Federal Monies (Sen. Leach; Tucson)** The bill dictates that for tax years 2022 and 2023, if a county's or municipality's proposed primary property tax levy is greater than the amount levied in the previous tax year and the county or municipality received monies from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the county or municipality is required to use the monies to reduce the proposed primary property tax levy so that the does not exceed the previous year's amount, except for amounts attributable to new construction.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would reduce City General Fund revenue.

**SB 1274 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee on January 24, 2022.**



- **SB 1278: Labor Organization; Fiduciary Guidelines; Definition (Sen. Mesnard; Chandler)** The bill changes the definition of labor organization to include any Taft-Hartley Act trust benefit plan that is jointly operated by a labor organization.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1278 passed the House Rules Committee on March 29, 2022.**

- **SB 1298: Government Mask Mandate; Prohibition (Sen. Rogers; Flagstaff)** The bill dictates that a governmental entity is prohibited from imposing any requirement to wear a mask or face covering, except where long-standing workplace safety and infection control measures that are unrelated to COVID-19 may be required.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1298 passed the Senate on February 23, 2022. Ready for House.**

- **SB 1333: Neighborhood Occupantless Electric Vehicles (Sen. Pace; Mesa)** The bill dictates that a "neighborhood occupantless electric vehicle" is authorized to be operated on a highway that has a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less. Establishes restrictions for a neighborhood occupantless electric vehicle operating on a highway with a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour but not exceeding 45 miles per hour, including travelling in the right-hand lane, allowing faster moving vehicles to pass, and displaying a slow-moving vehicle sign with a reflective surface.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would create roadway safety challenges.

**SB 1333 passed the House Rules Committee on March 29, 2022.**

- **SB 1349: Budget Reduction; Law Enforcement; Hearing (Sen. Rogers; Flagstaff)** The bill dictates that if the proposed budget of a county or municipality reduces funding to the operating budget of a law enforcement agency, the Attorney General or a member of the governing body who objects to the funding reduction is authorized to file a petition with the Governor's Regulator Review Council (GRRC). GRRC is required to schedule a hearing to consider the petition and may approved, amend, or modify the proposed law enforcement agency budget. The budget approved by GRRC is final. If the budget approved by GRRC decreases the law enforcement agency's budget by 10 percent or more over the previous year's budget, the county or municipality is required to notify the State Treasurer of the reduction, and the State Treasurer is required to withhold state shared revenues from the county or municipality in an amount equal to the reduction until notification that the reduction in the law enforcement agency's budget has been restored.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1349 was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 25, 2022.**

- **SB 1354: Law Enforcement Budget; Reduction; Prohibition (Sen. Rogers; Flagstaff)** Counties and municipalities are prohibited from reducing the annual operating budget for a law enforcement agency by any amount below the previous year's budget.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1354 was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 25, 2022.**

- **SB 1446: Municipalities; Housing Developments; Repeal (Sen. Rogers; Flagstaff)** The bill repeals statute declaring that it is a valid public purpose of municipalities to assist in providing for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of housing and related facilities in areas that are declared by the municipality to be housing development areas, and authorizing public monies to be spent for that purpose.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would usurp local authority.

**SB 1446 was held in the Senate Government Committee on February 17, 2022.**

**Bills that staff has identified as beneficial to the City:**

- **HB 2035: Appropriations; PSPRS; Corp; Unfunded Liability (Rep. Cook; Globe)**  
The bill makes a supplemental appropriation from the general fund in FY2021-22 of a total of \$680.33 million to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) to be deposited in specified PSPRS and Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) group employer accounts for specified state employees to reduce the unfunded accrued liability. Makes a supplemental appropriation from the general fund in FY2021-22 of \$421.86 million to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) to be deposited in the employer account of the Department of Public Safety PSPRS group to reduce the unfunded accrued liability. Makes a supplemental appropriation from the general fund in FY2021-22 of \$474.58 million to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) to be deposited in the employer account of the Arizona Department of Corrections Corrections Officer Retirement Plan group to reduce the unfunded accrued liability. The PSPRS Board is required to account for these appropriations in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation of the PSPRS groups and CORP groups listed, and account for these appropriations when calculating the employee contribution rates and employer contribution rates during FY2023-24.

**HB 2035 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 9, 2022.**

- **HB 2051: Commission on the Arts; Continuation (Rep. Wilmeth; Scottsdale)**  
The states that the statutory life of the Arizona Commission on the Arts is extended eight years to July 1, 2030.

**HB 2051 was signed by the Governor on March 29, 2022.**

- **HB 2129: Tech Correction; Health Services; Monitoring (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** Minor change in Title 36 (Public Health and Safety) related to alcohol and drug abuse. Apparent striker bus.

**HB 2129 passed the Senate Rules Committee on April 12, 2022.**

- **HB 2193: State Law; Local Violations; Repeal (Rep. Powers Hannley; Tuscon)** Repeals statute requiring the Attorney General to investigate any official action taken by the governing body of a county or municipality that a member of the Legislature alleges violates state law or the state Constitution, and withholding state shared monies from the county or municipality if the Attorney General concludes that there is a violation and if the county or municipality fails to resolve the violation within 30 days.
- **HB 2226: Fireworks; Use; Overnight Hours; Prohibition (Rep. Shah; Phoenix)** The bill authorizes counties and municipalities to prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks between the hours of 11PM and 8AM, except for between 11PM of December 31 and 1AM on January 1 each year, and between 11PM of July 4 and 1AM on July 5 each year.

**HB 2226 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 8, 2022.**

- **HB 2248: Failure to Return Vehicle; Repeal (Rep. Finchem; Oro Valley)** The bill repeals the crime of unlawful failure to return a motor vehicle subject to a security interest, a class 6 felony.

**HB 2248 was referred to the Senate Transportation and Technology Committee on February 17, 2022.**

- **HB 2251: Lasers; Peace Officers; Aircraft; Penalty Lasers; Assault; Peace Officers; Penalty (Rep. Finchem; Oro Valley)** The list of circumstances that cause an assault to be classified as aggravated assault is expanded to include if the person commits the assault against a peace officer using a laser pointer or laser emitting device. Aggravated assault under this provision is a class 5 felony.

**HB 2251 was approved by the Senate Committee of the Whole with a short title change on April 6, 2022.**

- **HB 2318: Adopted Local Budgets; Amendments (Rep. Kavanagh; Fountain Hills)** The bill dictates that County or municipal budget amendments do not have to be adopted by the third Monday in July each year.

**HB 2318 was referred to the House Government and Elections Committee on January 19, 2022.**

- **HB 2358: Sexual Assault Survivor Rights (Rep. Biasiucci; Lake Havasu City)**  
Establishes a list of rights that a survivor of a sexual assault has, including the right to consult with a sexual assault victim advocate, the right to not be charged for a medical evidentiary examination, the right to a prompt analysis of sexual assault kit evidence, the right to be reasonably protected from the defendant, and the right to not be required to submit to a polygraph examination.

**HB 2358 was held in the House Judiciary Committee on February 2, 2022.**

- **HB 2482: Municipality; General Plan; Adoption; Amendment (Rep. Martinez; Fountain Hills)** The bill dictates that all major amendments to a municipality's general plan proposed for adoption by the governing body of a municipality must be presented at a public hearing within 12 months of when the proposal is made, instead of during the calendar year the proposal is made.

**HB 2482 passed the Senate on April 13, 2022. Ready for Governor.**

- **HB 2539: Nonnative Species Eradication; Projects; Appropriation (Rep. John; Buckeye)** The bill establishes a 7-member Gila River Nonnative Species Eradication Project Advisory Committee to review the progress of "nonnative vegetation invasive species eradication projects" (defined). The Committee is required to submit a report of its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by September 1 of each year, and self-repeals October 1, 2025. The Nonnative Vegetation Species Eradication Fund is renamed the Jackie Meck Nonnative Vegetation Species Eradication Fund. Appropriates \$15 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Fund for nonnative vegetation invasive species eradication projects.

**HB 2539 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 30, 2022.**

- **HB 2598: Transportation Tax; Election; Maricopa County (Rep. Carroll; Sun City West)** The bill dictates that, if approved by the voters at a countywide election and beginning January 1, 2026, a county with a population of 3 million or more persons (Maricopa) is required to levy a tax of up to ten percent of the transaction privilege tax rate. The tax levied will be in effect for 25 years. The regional planning agency in the county is required to develop and adopt a multimodal transportation plan. The plan must specify the distribution of net revenues from the tax levy, with at least 52.5 percent of revenues distributed to the Regional Area Road Fund and at least 32.5 percent of revenues to the Public Transportation Fund. No more than 14 percent of the revenues may be spent on light rail systems. Before November 8, 2022, the Maricopa County board of supervisors is required to call a countywide election for the extension and levy of a county transportation excise tax as authorized by this legislation. Establishes requirements for the ballot and publicity pamphlet for the election. Emergency clause.

**HB 2598 passed the House Transportation Committee on February 10, 2022.**

- **HB 2652: Used Catalytic Converters; Sales; Acquisitions (Rep. Espinoza; Tolleson)** It is unlawful for a person to solicit or advertise a used catalytic converter,

and for a person to purchase, solicit, advertise, or sell any nonferrous parts of a catalytic converter except in connection with selling or installing a new catalytic converter. A person that purchases a used catalytic converter is required to electronically submit to the Department of Transportation a record of each used catalytic converter transaction.

**HB 2652 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 29, 2022.**

- **HB 2688: Appropriation; Aviation Fund; Matching Monies (Rep. Carroll; Sun City West)** Appropriates \$20 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the State Aviation Fund for the Department of Transportation to use as matching monies to draw down federal infrastructure monies.

**HB 2688 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 16, 2022.**

- **SB 1192: Appropriation; Interstate 10; Vehicle Lanes (Sen. Livingston; Peoria)** The bill makes a supplemental appropriation in FY2021-22 of \$59.6 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Department of Transportation to design and construct one additional eastbound and one additional westbound vehicle lane, separated by a lighted median, on Interstate 10 between State Route 85 and Citrus Road.

**SB 1192 passed the House Appropriations Committee on March 17, 2022.**

- **SB 1193: Appropriation; Loop 101; Screen Wall (Sen. Boyer; Phoenix)** The bill appropriates \$7.25 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Department of Transportation to design and construct a screen wall on the eastbound portion of Loop 101 in the vicinity of Sixteenth Street.

**SB 1193 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 24, 2022.**

- **SB 1210: Mentally Ill; Transportation; Evaluation; Treatment (Sen. Barto; Phoenix)** The bill states that If the court, an admitting officer of an evaluation agency, or an evaluation agency is allowed to authorize or issue an order for the apprehension and transportation of a proposed patient by a peace officer, then the court, officer, or agency is allowed to authorize the apprehension and transportation by an "authorized transporter" (defined as an ambulance company or transportation provider authorized to provide safe behavioral health transportation). Establishes limits on civil liability for the apprehension or transportation, which do not apply to a person who acts with gross negligence. Establishes a 13-member Study Committee on Alternative Behavioral Health Transportation to research and make recommendations for the implementation of and the use of alternative behavioral health transportation providers for individuals involved in mental health treatment or evaluation processes, as an alternative to transportation by peace officers. The Committee is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2023, and self-repeals July 1, 2024.

**SB 1210 passed the House Rules Committee on March 29, 2022.**

- **SB 1238: State Lands; Appraisals; Leases; Rights-of-Way (Sen. Kerr; Buckeye)**  
The bill dictates that the State Land Department is required to reappraise property if the Board of Appeals' approval of the lease or sale occurred more than 240 days, increased from 180 days, before an auction. Approval of a lease for commercial purposes from the Board of Appeals is required only if the lease is for a term longer than ten years.

**SB 1238 was signed by the Governor on March 18, 2022.**

- **SB 1270: State Parks; Lottery; Heritage Fund (Sen. Shope; Coolidge)** The bill states that beginning in FY2023-24, of the monies remaining in the State Lottery Fund each fiscal year after a list of statutory appropriations and deposits, \$3 million must be deposited in the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund. As session law, of the monies remaining in the State Lottery Fund after the statutory appropriations and deposits, \$1 million in FY2022-23 and \$2 million in FY2023-24 are appropriated from the State Lottery Fund to the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund.

**SB 1270 passed the House Appropriations Committee on March 17, 2022.**

- **SB 1356: Transportation Tax; Election; Maricopa County (Rep. Carroll; Sun City West)** The bill dictates that, if approved by the voters at a countywide election and beginning January 1, 2026, a county with a population of 3 million or more persons (Maricopa) is required to levy a tax of up to ten percent of the transaction privilege tax rate. The tax levied will be in effect for 25 years. The regional planning agency in the county is required to develop and adopt a multimodal transportation plan. The plan must specify the distribution of net revenues from the tax levy, with at least 52.5 percent of revenues distributed to the Regional Area Road Fund and at least 32.5 percent of revenues to the Public Transportation Fund. No more than 14 percent of the revenues may be spent on light rail systems. Before November 8, 2022, the Maricopa County board of supervisors is required to call a countywide election for the extension and levy of a county transportation excise tax as authorized by this legislation. Establishes requirements for the ballot and publicity pamphlet for the election. Emergency clause.

**SB 1356 passed the House Transportation Committee on March 24, 2022.**

- **SB 1592: Governor's Declaration; Fiscal Impact Analysis (Sen. Gray; Sun City)**  
In any year in which the Governor has declared a state of war emergency or state of emergency for a public health emergency, the State Treasurer is prohibited from withholding any amount from the Arizona Convention Center Development Fund from an eligible city for that year. In conducting the analysis or estimate of the economic impact of any project eligible for monies from the Fund in subsequent years following the emergency declaration, the Auditor General is required to assume that the eligible city satisfied the minimum required attendance in the year of the emergency declaration and the year following that declaration, and that the incremental revenues to the general fund in any year of an emergency declaration and the year following that declaration at least equaled the amount of distributions by the state. Retroactive to January 1, 2020.

**SB 1592 passed the House Rules Committee on March 29, 2022.**

- **SB 1708: Motion Picture Production; Tax Credits (Sen Gowan; Sierra Vista)** For tax years beginning with 2023, establishes an individual and corporate income tax credit against production costs paid by a motion picture production company in Arizona that are subject to Arizona taxes and that are directly attributable to a motion picture production. The amount of the credit is a percentage of the qualified production costs as approved by the Arizona Commerce Authority, based on the total amount spent by the production company. Establishes requirements for a motion picture production company to qualify for the credit. The maximum aggregate amount of tax credits in any calendar year is \$150 million. The Authority is required to implement an Arizona Motion Picture Production Program and certify motion picture production companies that produce one or more motion pictures in Arizona for the purpose of the tax credits. Establishes requirements for a production company to qualify for the Program.

**SB 1708 passed the House Appropriations Committee on March 24, 2022.**

**Bills staff are monitoring:**

- **HB 2020: Vaccination Mandates; Exemptions (Rep. Kaiser; Phoenix)** The bill dictates that a person is eligible for an exemption from any vaccination requirement for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 that is being enforced in the state of Arizona if the person can produce documented test results that demonstrate the person has antibodies to COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19, or a positive T-cell immune response to COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19. Also repeals statute prohibiting vaccine passports or vaccine requirements, which was deemed unconstitutional by the Arizona Supreme Court in Arizona School Boards Association et al v. State of Arizona.
- **HB 2021: Drug Offenses; Homicide; Sentencing (Rep. Nguyen; Prescott Valley)** The bill establishes the crime of drug trafficking homicide, a class 1 (highest) felony, for transferring a dangerous drug or narcotic drug and the injection, inhalation, absorption or ingestion of the drug causes another person's death or was a contributing cause of the other person's death. A person convicted of drug trafficking homicide must be sentenced to a minimum sentence of 10 calendar years, with a presumptive sentence of 16 calendar years and a maximum sentence of 25 calendar years. A person with a previous conviction of drug trafficking homicide or a class 2 (second highest) or class 3 (upper mid-level) felony involving a dangerous offense must be sentenced to a minimum sentence of 15 calendar years, with a presumptive sentence of 20 calendar years and a maximum sentence of 29 calendar years. Drug trafficking homicide is added to the definition of "serious offense" and "violent or aggravated felony" for sentencing purposes, and to the definition of "dangerous crime against children" if committed against a minor who is under 15 years of age.

**HB 2021 was retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar on February 17, 2022.**

- **HB 2029: Vaccinations; Evidence of Immunity; Prohibitions (Rep. Blackman; Snowflake)** The bill dictates that the state, its "governmental entities," and its "business affiliations" (both defined) are prohibited from requiring any person to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 or to possess a COVID-19 immunity passport or other evidence certifying vaccination or immunity status, and are prohibited from discriminating against any person based on not receiving a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 or to possess a COVID-19 immunity passport or other evidence certifying vaccination or immunity status. The state and its governmental entities are prohibited from entering into a contract or giving a loan or grant of taxpayer monies to a business affiliation that requires a person to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 or to possess a COVID-19 immunity passport or other evidence certifying vaccination or immunity status. A business affiliation that violates these requirements materially breaches its contract with the state or a governmental entity, rendering the contract voidable. Does not apply to health care institutions that are treating patients with COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 and that determine that a "direct threat" (defined) exists that cannot be eliminated or reduced by reasonable accommodation. Factors that must be considered to determine a direct threat are listed.
- **HB 2037: Expenditures; Authority; Water; Wastewater (Rep. Cook; Globe)** The bill dictates that County boards of supervisors are authorized to appropriate and spend public monies for and in connection with participating in water reuse and recycling programs or regional water recharge projects, and purchasing water rights to demonstrate an assured water supply. County flood control district boards of directors are authorized to cooperate and join with private water and wastewater utilities that engage in underground water storage and recovery projects.

**HB 2037 passed the Senate and was returned to the House for concurrence in Senate Amendments on April 7, 2022.**

- **HB 2043: Employer Liability; COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement (Rep. Nguyen; Prescott Valley)** The bill dictates that if an employer denies a religious exemption and requires a person to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as a prerequisite to or requirement for maintaining employment, the employer is liable to the person for damages that result from a significant injury that is caused by receiving the COVID-19 vaccination. A claimant who prevails under this provision must be awarded actual damages, court costs, and reasonable attorney fees or statutory damages of \$500,000, whichever is greater, and may also recover exemplary damages. These rights supplement any other rights and remedies provided by law.

**HB 2043 was retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar on February 24, 2022.**

- **HB 2045: TPT; Additional Rate; Online Lodging (Rep. Salman; Tempe)** The bill Levies an additional transaction privilege tax on every person engaging or continuing in the online lodging marketplace classification of 16.5 percent of the tax base. The Department of Revenue is required to separately account for the revenues collected



from the additional tax rate and the monies must be deposited in the Housing Trust Fund. Due to a potential increase in state revenue, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage, and becomes effective on signature of the Governor.

- **HB 2055: Harquahala Non-Expansion Area; Groundwater Transportation (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** A public service corporation that is regulated by the Corporation Commission, that holds a certificate of convenience and necessity for water service in an initial active management area, and that owns land eligible to be irrigated in the Harquahala irrigation non-expansion area is added to the list of entities that are authorized to withdraw groundwater from the land for transportation to an initial active management area for its own use or use by the Arizona Water Banking Authority if a list of specified conditions are met.

**HB 2055 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 22, 2022.**

- **HB 2056: Fifth Management Period; Extension (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** The bill dictates that the end of the fifth management period for active management areas is extended ten years to 2035. The deadline for all persons notified pursuant to statute to comply with the applicable irrigation water duty or conservation requirements for the fifth management period is also extended ten years to January 1, 2035.

**HB 2056 was referred to the House Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on January 12, 2022.**

- **HB 2057: Water Supply Development Fund; Revisions (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** The bill dictates monies in the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund may be used for providing technical assistance to water providers for water supply development projects. Increases the maximum amount of a single Water Infrastructure Finance Authority grant to water providers for water supply development projects to \$250,000, from \$100,000.

**HB 2057 was signed by the Governor on March 25, 2022.**

- **HB 2069: Vacation Rentals; Short-Term Rentals; Repeal (Rep. Blackman; Snowflake)** The bill repeals statute that prohibits municipalities and counties from prohibiting vacation rentals or short-term rentals and that restricts the types of regulations that municipalities and counties may impose on vacation rentals or short-term rentals.
- **HB 2070: Open Meetings; Capacity; Posting; Violation (Rep. Kavanagh; Fountain Hills)** All public bodies are required to provide for an amount of seating sufficient to accommodate the reasonably anticipated attendance of all persons desiring to attend the deliberations and proceedings, when feasible. The agenda for a public meeting is required to include notice of the time that the public will have physical access to the meeting place. A head of a public body that violates this requirement is liable for a civil penalty as provided in statute for open meeting law violations.

**HB 2070 failed to pass the Senate on March 23, 2022.**

- **HB 2125: Electronic Smoking Devices; Retail Licensing (Rep. Udall; Mesa)** The bill makes it unlawful for a person to sell, give or furnish a tobacco product to a person who is under the minimum age of sale for tobacco products as set by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, instead of for a person to sell or furnish tobacco products to minors. For the purposes this prohibition and statutes regulating tobacco sales, the definition of "tobacco products" is expanded to include any product containing, made of or derived from tobacco or nicotine and that is intended for human consumption, and to include an "electronic smoking device" (defined) and any substance that may be aerosolized or vaporized by the device, whether or not it contains nicotine, and any component, part, or accessory that is used in the consumption of these products. Before distributing any tobacco product, a retail tobacco vendor or the vendor's representative or employee is required to verify that the purchaser is at least the minimum age of sale for tobacco products as set by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Establishes civil penalties for violations. The Department of Health Services (DHS) is required to conduct at least two unannounced compliance checks on a retail tobacco vendor annually. Beginning January 1, 2024, a retail tobacco vendor is prohibited from distributing tobacco products in Arizona without a valid tobacco retail sales license from DHS.

**HB 2125 failed to pass the House on March 3, 2022.**

- **HB 2126: Hazardous Waste Program Fees (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** The bill dictates that Department of Environmental Quality rules establishing various fees for the hazardous waste program are no longer required to be reviewed by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. Deletes the prohibition on those fees increasing without specific statutory authority for the increase.

**HB 2126 was signed by the Governor on March 30, 2022.**

- **HB 2160: Wrongful Arrest; Record Clearance (Rep. Chavez; Phoenix)** If a law enforcement agency determines that a person has been wrongfully arrested or charged with a crime, the agency is required to notify the person of the right to file a petition in the superior court for entry on all records of a notation that the person has been cleared. The clerk of the court is prohibited from imposing a fee for filing the petition. A person whose record is cleared is authorized to deny that the arrest or charge ever occurred.

**HB 2160 was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 28, 2022.**

- **HB 2162: Open Meeting Law; Violations; Penalty (Rep. Kaiser; Phoenix)** The bill increases the civil penalties the court is authorized to impose for violations of open meeting law to up to \$500 for a first offense and up to \$10,000 for a second or subsequent offense, instead of up to \$500 for a second offense and up to \$2,500 for a third or subsequent offense. In addition to or in lieu of the civil penalties, the court is authorized to require a member of the public body to attend training on public meetings as directed by the Attorney General or the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide. Open meeting law violations may be committed recklessly in addition to knowingly.

**HB 2162 was referred to the House Government and Elections Committee on January 18, 2022.**

- **HB 2198: Employee Termination; COVID-19 Vaccine; Compensation (Rep. Kaiser; Phoenix)** The bill dictates that an employee who is terminated for not receiving a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of employment must receive either severance compensation paid by an employer in the amount of the employee's annual salary in one lump sum or installment payments over 12 months, or reemployment with the employer at the same or similar position held on the date the employee was terminated and a reasonable accommodation provided by the employer to the employee. Retroactive to December 1, 2021.

**HB 2198 was approved by the House Committee of the Whole on February 28, 2022.**

- **HB 2207: Online Home Sharing; Repeal (Rep. Butler; Phoenix)** The bill repeals statutes prohibiting municipalities and counties from prohibiting vacation rentals or short-term rentals and limiting the restrictions that municipalities and counties may place on those rentals to a list of specified purposes. Repeals the online lodging marketplace transaction privilege tax classification, and the requirement for online lodging marketplaces to register with the Department of Revenue for payment of transaction privilege taxes on online lodging transactions. Repeals the requirement for online lodging operators to have a current transaction privilege tax license and related civil penalties for noncompliance. Repeals the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Transient Lodging.
- **HB 2231: Universities; Water Rights Adjudication (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** A university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents is authorized to offer pro bono assistance to claimants who are small landowners in the general stream adjudication of water rights who are not represented by counsel. Any university that offers such assistance is required to cooperate and coordinate with the faculty of a cooperative extension in Arizona that has a program to support the economic vitality of rural communities and the use of natural resources in those communities. By November 15 of each year, a university that offers such assistance is required to submit a written report of assistance activities to the Governor and the Legislature.

**HB 2231 passed the Senate on April 12, 2022. Ready for Governor.**

- **HB 2234: Vacation Rentals; Short-Term Rentals; Enforcement (Rep. Kaiser; Phoenix)** The bill modifies the list of regulations that counties and municipalities are authorized to impose on vacation rentals or short-term rentals to include requiring the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental to maintain liability insurance appropriate to cover the rental in the aggregate of at least \$500,000 or to advertise and offer each vacation rental or short-term rental through a hosting platform that provides equal or greater coverage. Counties and municipalities are authorized to impose civil penalties against an owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental for "verified violations" (defined) of specified provisions. Modifies civil penalties for

online lodging operators that fail to comply with applicable transaction privilege tax requirements. After notice and a hearing, the Department of Revenue is authorized to suspend for a period of 12 months the transaction privilege tax license of the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental that has three verified violations within the same 12-month period.

**HB 2234 passed the House Commerce Committee on February 16, 2022.**

- **HB 2253: Asbestos Claims; Required Information; Liability (Rep. Grantham; Gilbert)** In any action involving a personal injury claim arising from exposure to asbestos, a plaintiff is required to file a sworn statement within 30 days after any asbestos action is filed. The sworn statement is required to specify the evidence that provides the basis for each claim against each defendant and must include a list of specific information. On motion by a defendant, the court is required to dismiss a plaintiff's claim without prejudice if the plaintiff fails to comply with these requirements or dismiss the claim as to any defendant whose product or premises is not identified in the required disclosures. A defendant in any product liability action arising from exposure to asbestos is not liable for exposures from a later-added asbestos-containing product that was manufactured, distributed or sold by a third party. Applies to personal injury claims arising from exposure to asbestos that are filed on or after the effective date of this legislation.

**HB 2253 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 15, 2022.**

- **HB 2254: Officers Bill of Rights; Preemption (Rep. Grantham; Gilbert)** The peace officers bill of rights does not preempt agreements that supplement or enhance its provisions. Previously, it did not preempt agreements that supplant, revise, or otherwise deviate from its provisions.

**HB 2254 was signed by the Governor on March 30, 2022.**

- **HB 2255: Fireworks; Permissible Use; Diwali (Rep. Biasiucci; Lake Havasu City)** The bill dictates that the dates that counties with a population of more than 500,000 persons and municipalities within those counties cannot prohibit the sale of permissible consumer fireworks is expanded to include two days before the first day of Diwali through the third day of Diwali, and the dates that those counties and municipalities cannot prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks is expanded to include the second and third days of Diwali.

**HB 2255 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 29, 2022.**

- **HB 2256: Assured Water Supply; Service Area (Rep. Cook; Globe)** The bill dictates that for the purposes of determining the physical availability of groundwater to be withdrawn through future wells for all assured water supply determinations, the Director of the Department of Water Resources is required to assume that the service area of a water provider that is a municipality is coterminous with the municipality boundaries, the service area of a water provider that is an improvement district is coterminous with its district boundaries, and that the service area of a water provider that is a private water company regulated by the Corporation

Commission is coterminous with its certificate of convenience and necessity boundaries.

**HB 2256 was withdrawn from the House Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee and further referred to the House Military and Public Safety Committee on February 3, 2022.**

- **HB 2258: Assured Water Supply; Nonlocal Water (Rep. Cook; Globe)** The bill dictates that for an application for a certificate of assured water supply that proposes to use a water supply other than groundwater withdrawn from within the active management area in which the proposed development is located, the proposed source must be deemed consistent with the goal of the active management area. If the proposed source is stored water recovered within the area of impact, the proposed source must be deemed physically available and the Department of Water Resources is prohibited from reviewing the physical availability of other sources of water. If a municipal provider proposes to use a source of water in the same water system with Central Arizona Project water, surface water, effluent or groundwater, the proposed source does not affect the continuous, legal and physical availability of the proposed source, without regard to the continuous, legal and physical availability of other supplies within the same municipal provider's water system.

**HB 2258 was referred to the House Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on January 24, 2022.**

- **HB 2276: State Law; Violation; Schools; Universities (Rep. Fillmore; Apache Junction)** At the request of a member of the Legislature, the Attorney General is required to investigate any official action taken by the Arizona Board of Regents, a community college district governing board, school district or charter school governing board, university, community college, charter school, or school district school that the member alleges violates state law or the state Constitution. If the Attorney General concludes that there is a violation by ABOR, a university, a community college district, or a community college, the Attorney General is required to impose a civil penalty of an unspecified amount (blank in original) for each month the violation occurs. If the Attorney General concludes that there is a violation by a charter school, school district, or school district school, the Attorney General is required to notify the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), and ADE is required to withhold an unspecified percent (blank in original) of the monthly Classroom Site Fund monies the district or charter school is eligible to receive. [Capitol Reports Note: Some of these provisions were originally signed into law as Laws 2021, chapter 403 (part of the FY2021-22 budget), but were deemed unconstitutional by the Arizona Supreme Court in Arizona School Boards Association et al v. State of Arizona.]

**HB 2276 passed the House Rules Committee on February 22, 2022.**

- **HB 2321: Short-Term Property Classification (Rep. Kavanagh; Fountain Hills)** The bill dictates that real and personal property and improvements that are rented to lodgers for periods of less than thirty days for a total of more than 120 days in a calendar year and that are valued at full cash value are classified as class one

property, instead of class four property, for property tax purposes. Some exceptions. Applies to tax years beginning with 2023.

**HB 2321 was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee on January 20, 2022.**

- **HB 2327: Drought Mitigation Revolving Fund; Appropriation (Rep. Bowers; Superior)** The bill appropriates an unspecified number (blank in original) of billion dollars from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Drought Mitigation Revolving Fund.

**HB 2327 was referred to the House Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on January 20, 2022.**

- **HB 2390: Water Resources Annual Report (Rep. Dunn; Yuma)** The bill dictates that the deadline for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to provide the Governor and the Legislature with an annual operations report is moved to August 15 of each year, from July 1. The report must be made available to the public on the DWR website.
- **HB 2409: Multi-County Water Districts; Storage Tax (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** The bill dictates that the maximum tax levy for water storage of \$0.04 per \$100 of assessed valuation in a multi-county water conservation district is extended through December 31, 2029, after which the maximum tax levy is reduced to \$0.03 per \$100 of assess valuation. The delayed repeal of statute authorizing the tax levy is extended five years to January 2, 2035.

**HB 2409 passed the Senate on April 12, 2022. Ready for Governor.**

- **HB 2411: Coal Combustion Residuals Program (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** Adds a new article to Title 49 (The Environment) allowing the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality to adopt rules to establish and operate a Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Program equivalent to or at least as protective as the federal CCR Program for the purpose of obtaining approval to operate the federal CCR Program. Federal CCR regulations may be adopted by reference. The rules are required to provide requirements for issuing, denying, suspending, or modifying individual CCR permits, and must include a list of specified provisions.

**HB 2411 was approved by the Senate Committee of the Whole on March 30, 2022.**

- **HB 2412: Open Meetings; Digital Recordings (Rep. Parker; Mesa)** All public bodies subject to open meeting law are required to provide for written minutes and an audio or audiovisual recording of all of their meetings, instead of either written minutes or a digital recording. AS PASSED HOUSE

**HB 2412 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 22, 2022.**

- **HB 2431: Emergency Medical Services; Patient Transport (Rep. Shah; Phoenix)** The bill dictates that an emergency medical care technician is required to contact the physician who is providing administrative medical direction or a physician in the base hospital's emergency department if emergency medical services transportation is not provided to a patient. An emergency medical care technician is prohibited from counseling a patient to decline emergency medical services transportation.

**HB 2431 was retained on the Senate Committee of the Whole Calendar on March 30, 2022.**

- **HB 2455: Incorporation; Urban Areas (Rep. Carter; San Tan Valley)** Various changes to statutes relating to incorporation. At least six months before publishing a copy of a petition for incorporation of a community, the petitioners are required to provide to the county board of supervisors written notice of their intention to publish a copy of the petition for incorporation, and to publish the written notice for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area to be affected. If a planned community association notifies the county board of supervisors of its request to be excluded from a petition to incorporate, the board is required to exclude the area covered by the planned community association from the petition. Uninhabited, rural or farm lands may be included in an area to be incorporated if the lands have been platted and approved by the county board of supervisors for housing or commercial development before filing an incorporation petition, or if the current owner of the lands agrees to include the property and provides a written, notarized statement supporting the inclusion. AS PASSED HOUSE

**HB 2455 was signed by the Governor on April 6, 2022.**

- **HB 2510: Rural Management Areas (Rep. Biasiucci; Lake Havasu City)** The bill dictates that a county board of supervisors in a county outside of an active management area and that contains or is bordered by the Colorado River may designate by resolution one or more groundwater basins or subbasins in the county as a rural management area if the board finds that one or more of a list of specified conditions exist. A process for the board to adopt the resolution is established, including public notice, public meetings and a majority vote. The resolution is required to provide for the formation of a 5-member rural management area advisory council to establish management goals for the rural management area and identify best management practices to achieve the goals. The advisory council is required to submit a proposed management plan to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), and DWR is required to take action on the plan within 30 days after receipt. On approval by DWR, the plan applies in the rural management area. Of the monies remaining in the State Lottery Fund each fiscal year after appropriations and other statutory deposits, \$50 million is deposited in the newly established DWR Heritage Fund and spent to implement and support rural management areas.
- **HB 2528: Area Agencies on Aging; Appropriation (Rep. A. Hernandez; Tucson)** The bill appropriates \$1.5 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Department of Economic Security to distribute to area agencies on aging for home

and community-based services. The Legislature intends that this appropriation be considered ongoing funding in future years.

**HB 2528 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 31, 2022.**

- **HB 2556: Water Infrastructure Finance; Sunset Repeal (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)**

The bill repeals the statutory termination date of July 1, 2022 for the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority. Retroactive to July 1, 2022.

**HB 2556 was signed by the Governor on March 25, 2022.**

- **HB 2560: Appropriation; DWR; Water Efficiency Projects (Rep. Dunn; Yuma)**

The bill appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to identify water efficiency projects that have significant potential for water savings but that also have legal impediments hindering implementation. DWR is required to identify possible solutions to overcome the legal impediments that hinder implementation of the water efficiency projects, and is required to submit a report of its findings to the Governor and the Legislature by March 1, 2023.

**HB 2560 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 23, 2022.**

- **HB 2583: DUI; Data Collection; Study Committee DUI Information; Annual Report; ACJC (Rep. Kavanagh; Fountain Hills)**

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission is required to submit an annual report relating to driving under the influence information to the Governor and the Legislature. Information that must be contained in the report is listed. Effective January 1, 2023.

**HB 2583 failed to pass the Senate on April 12, 2022.**

- **HB 2587: Public Records; Point of Contact (Rep. Grantham; Gilbert)** Any entity that is subject to a public records request is required to provide the name and contact information of the employee who is authorized and able to provide the information requested. An employee who is authorized and able to provide public records information is required to reply within five business days acknowledging receipt of the request.

**HB 2587 passed the Senate on April 7, 2022. Ready for Governor.**

- **HB 2606: School Districts; Housing Facilities; Teachers (Rep. John; Buckeye)**

School district governing boards are authorized to construct or provide housing facilities for teachers and other school employees that the board determines are necessary to operate the school. Previously, only districts in rural areas were authorized to do so.

**HB 2606 was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee on January 27, 2022.**



- **HB 2624: Local Government; Law Enforcement Expenditure Amount (Tech Correction; State Facilities)(Rep. Blackman; Snowflake)** Minor change in Title 41 (State Government) related to management of state properties. Apparent striker bus.

**HB 2624 was retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar on February 28, 2022.**

- **HB 2625: Vacation Rentals; Short-Term Rentals; Regulations (Rep. Biasiucci; Lake Havasu City)** The list of purposes for which counties and municipalities are permitted to regulate vacation rentals and short-term rentals is expanded to include requiring the owner to provide contact information for the owner or the owner's designee to all property owners within 300 feet of the vacation rental or short-term rental property, requiring the owner to display a sign attached to the property near the front door that contains a local 24-hour emergency contact number, and requiring the owner to obtain and maintain a local regulatory permit or license before offering the property for rent.

**HB 2625 passed the House Appropriations Committee on February 17, 2022.**

- **HB 2660: Liquor; Licensing; Processes; Procedures (Rep. Weninger; Chandler)** Various changes to statutes relating to liquor licenses. The owner or management of a regional shopping center that encompasses at least 400,000 square feet of retail space is authorized, on behalf of retail licensees located at the shopping center, to apply for an extension of premises to allow on-sale retail liquor licensees to sell spirituous liquor and to allow patrons to consume spirituous liquor throughout a designated pedestrian area of the regional shopping center. The application process is specified, including review by the local governing body and submission of plans or diagrams designating the specific extension of premises requested. Establishes conditions for an extension of premises. Bar or liquor store licensees are allowed to decline to lease the licensee's privilege of selling mixed cocktails for consumption off the licensed premises, and a process for a licensee to decline is specified. A bar or liquor store licensee declining a lease is final and cannot be reversed. On a bar or liquor store licensee declining a lease and surrendering its privilege to lease, the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) is required to convey the privilege of selling mixed cocktails for off-premises consumption to the restaurant licensee that is approved for the lease. If a restaurant licensee's application for a lease is approved but the bar or liquor store licensee declines the lease, the lease payment received by DLLC accumulates during the calendar year and must be paid on a fractional basis to all bar and liquor store licensees that have leases. An on-sale spirituous liquor licensee is authorized to apply to DLLC to extend the licensed premises on an individual day or hour basis or on a regular recurring basis. Application requirements are specified, including requirements for a security plan for the extended premises. The Governor is authorized to issue an executive order that extends the closing time of liquor licensees until 3AM for spirituous liquor sales in connection with a professional or collegiate national sporting championship event held in Arizona. AS PASSED HOUSE

**HB 2660 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 15, 2022.**

- **HB 2663: Short-Term Rentals; Vacation Rentals; Licensing (Rep. Kavanagh; Fountain Hills)** Counties and municipalities are authorized to require the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental to obtain and maintain a local regulatory permit or license issued by the county or municipality before offering a vacation rental or short-term rental for rent. Counties and municipalities are authorized to require the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental to provide proof of a valid transaction privilege tax license. Counties and municipalities are authorized to require the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental to offer the rental for a minimum two-night rental period. Counties and municipalities are authorized to limit the percentage of vacation rentals or short-term rentals based on the total housing stock in that county or municipality. Vacation rentals and short-term rentals are not residential rental dwelling units and are subject to the health and safety regulations prescribed for the transient lodging classification.

**HB 2663 passed the House Government and Elections Committee on February 17, 2022.**

- **HB 2671: Appropriation; WQARF; Treated Recycled Wastewater (Rep. Osborne; Goodyear)** The bill dictates that by June 30, 2024, the Department of Environmental Quality is required to adopt all necessary rules, including permitting standards and the application process, for the direct potable use of treated recycled wastewater. Appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund in each of FY2022-23 and FY2023-24 to the Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund.

**HB 2671 was referred to the House Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on February 3, 2022.**

- **HB 2725: Arizona Water Authority (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** Establishes an Arizona Water Authority, to be governed by a nine-member Board of Directors. Appropriates an unspecified amount (blank in original) from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund.

**HB 2725 was referred to the House Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on February 9, 2022.**

- **HB 2746: Tobacco Use; Minimum Age; Sale (Rep. Blackman; Snowflake)** Increases the minimum legal age to purchase or possess a tobacco product, vapor product, and related paraphernalia to 21 years of age, from 18 years of age.

**HB 2746 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 31, 2022.**

- **HB 2787: Maricopa County; Division; New Counties (Rep. Hoffman; Queen Creek)** The bill divides Maricopa County into four counties by modifying the Maricopa County boundaries and adding three new counties: Hohokam County, Mogollon County, and O'odham County. Maricopa County continues full jurisdictional operation for all four counties until a special election held within 120 days after the effective date of this legislation to elect new county boards of supervisors. Currently elected Maricopa County Supervisors continue in their capacity for the remainder of

their term in whichever county their supervisory district is located. The elected boards of supervisors in the three new counties will determine an application process for municipalities to apply to be the county seat, which will be determined at a special election to be held within 120 days from the election of the boards of supervisors. The four counties are authorized to enter into a ten-year shared use agreement for the use of existing shared capital assets. Effective January 1, 2023.

**HB 2787 passed the House Rules Committee on February 21, 2022.**

- **HCR 2006: Short-Term Rentals; Vacation Rentals (Rep. Butler; Phoenix)** The bill dictates that the 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to repeal statutes prohibiting municipalities and counties from prohibiting vacation rentals or short-term rentals and limiting the restrictions that municipalities and counties may place on those rentals to a list of specified purposes. Land use laws that regulate a vacation rental or short-term rental are excluded from statute entitling a property owner to just compensation if existing rights to use private real property are reduced by the enactment of any land use law enacted after the date the property is transferred to the owner and the action reduces the fair market value of the property.
- **HCR 2028: Minimum Law Enforcement Expenditure Amount (Rep. Blackman; Flagstaff)** The bill dictates that the 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require the Economic Estimates Commission to determine a minimum law enforcement expenditure amount by adjusting the amount of local law enforcement services spending for each county and municipality for FY2019-20 to reflect the changes in the population and the cost of providing local law enforcement services. County and municipal governing bodies are prohibited from authorizing total law enforcement expenditures that are less than the minimum law enforcement expenditure amount for the county or municipality.

**HCR 2028 passed the House Rules Committee on February 21, 2022.**

- **SB 1026: Vacation Rentals; Short-Term Rentals; Repeal (Sen. Rogers; Flagstaff)** The bill repeals statute that prohibits municipalities and counties from prohibiting vacation rentals or short-term rentals and that restricts the types of regulations that municipalities and counties may impose on vacation rentals or short-term rentals.

**SB 1026 was referred to the Senate Commerce Committee on January 10, 2022.**

- **SB 1033: Riot; Unlawful Assembly; Classification; Liability (Sen. Rogers; Flagstaff)** The bill establishes the crime of mob intimidation, a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor, if a person, assembled with two or more other persons and acting with common intent, uses force or threatens to use imminent force to compel or attempt to compel another person to do or refrain from doing any act or to assume, abandon or maintain a particular viewpoint against the person's will. The list of circumstances under which assault is classified as aggravated assault, a class 6

(lowest) felony, is expanded to include if the person commits the assault on a peace officer in the furtherance of a riot or unlawful assembly. A person convicted of aggravated assault on a peace officer in these circumstances must be sentenced to serve no less than the minimum sentence and is not eligible for probation or suspension of execution of sentence until the entire sentence is served. Burglary committed during a riot where the perpetration of the burglary is facilitated by "conditions arising from the riot" (defined) is classified as burglary in the first degree. The criminal classification of abuse of venerated objects by desecrating any public monument, memorial, or property of a public park is increased to a class 6 (lowest) felony, from a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor. A person who is convicted of any offense that is committed in furtherance of a riot or an unlawful assembly must be sentenced to the next higher class of offense than that for which the person is convicted. A municipality has a duty to allow a municipality law enforcement agency to respond appropriately to protect persons and property during a riot or unlawful assembly based on the availability of adequate equipment to its city and town law enforcement officers and relevant state and federal laws. If a municipal governing body or a person who is authorized by the municipal governing body breaches that duty, the municipality is liable in a civil action for any damages, including damages arising from personal injury, wrongful death or property damages proximately caused by the breach of duty.

**SB 1033 was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 10, 2022.**

- **SB 1052: Medical Procedures; Prohibitions (Sen. Townsend; Apache Junction)**  
The bill dictates that the state, any political subdivision of the state that receives and uses tax revenues, and any person doing business in Arizona are prohibited from requiring any Arizona resident to submit to a medical procedure, including a vaccination, if a potential complication from or adverse reaction to the medical procedure may cause the person's death. Also repeals statute prohibiting state and local governments from establishing a COVID-19 vaccine passport, from requiring any person to be vaccinated for COVID-19, and from requiring a business to obtain proof of the COVID-19 vaccination status of any patron entering the business establishment, which was originally signed into law as Laws 2021, chapter 409 (part of the FY2021-22 budget), but was deemed unconstitutional by the Arizona Supreme Court in Arizona School Boards Association et al v. State of Arizona.

**SB 1052 was referred to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on January 10, 2022.**

- **SB 1053: Religious Exemption; Vaccine; Violation; Classification (Sen. Townsend; Apache Junction)**  
The bill dictates that the state, any political subdivision of the state that receives and uses tax revenues, and any person doing business in Arizona are prohibited from requiring any Arizona resident to submit to a medical procedure, including a vaccination, if a potential complication from or adverse reaction to the medical procedure may cause the person's death. Also repeals statute prohibiting state and local governments from establishing a COVID-19 vaccine passport, from requiring any person to be vaccinated for COVID-19, and from requiring a business to obtain proof of the COVID-19 vaccination status of any patron entering the business establishment, which was originally signed into law as

Laws 2021, chapter 409 (part of the FY2021-22 budget), but was deemed unconstitutional by the Arizona Supreme Court in Arizona School Boards Association et al v. State of Arizona.

**SB 1053 passed the Senate on February 23, 2022. Ready for House.**

- **SB 1067: Water Infrastructure Finance Authority; Cities (Sen. Shope; Coolidge)**  
The bill dictates that municipalities with a population of more than 150,000 persons are no longer required to get voter approval before entering into a financial assistance loan repayment agreement with the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority. Emergency clause.

**SB 1067 was signed by the Governor on April 13, 2022.**

- **SB 1108: Online Lodging; Regulation; Property Classification (Sen. Mendez; Tempe)** The bill repeals statutes prohibiting municipalities and counties from prohibiting vacation rentals or short-term rentals and limiting the restrictions that municipalities and counties may place on those rentals to a list of specified purposes. Real and personal property and improvements that are used for residential purposes, that are solely leased or rented to lodgers for periods of less than thirty days and that are valued at full cash value are classified as class one property, instead of class four property, for property tax purposes. Some exceptions.

**SB 1108 was referred to the Senate Finance Committee on January 10, 2022.**

- **SB 1117: Insurance Fees; Disclosure (Sen. Livingston; Peoria)** An insured is no longer required to agree in writing to a fee or service charge for an insurance transaction for an insurance producer to be allowed to charge the fee or service charge.

**SB 1117 was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee on March 8, 2022.**

- **SB 1129: Housing Trust Fund Transitional Housing (Sen. Rogers; Flagstaff)**  
The bill dictates that the Department of Housing is required to annually distribute up to \$1 million from the Housing Trust Fund to organizations that operate or seek to operate transitional housing that meets a list of specified requirements. Fund monies may be spent on purchasing housing facilities, in addition to constructing or renovating facilities.

**SB 1129 passed the Senate on February 23, 2022. Ready for House.**

- **SB 1147: Pest Management; Certified Applicator; Fingerprinting Harquahala Non-Expansion Area; Groundwater Transportation (Sen. Kerr; Buckeye)** An applicant for certification as a new pesticide applicator or a new qualified pesticide applicator is allowed to meet the fingerprint requirement by submitting a current, unexpired fingerprint clearance card. Session law requires the Pest Management Division to approve or deny an application for certification as a new applicator within

120 days after the application is received. This requirement self-repeals July 1, 2023. Emergency clause. AS PASSED SENATE

**SB 1147 was signed by the Governor on March 23, 2022.**

- **SB 1152: Zero Emission Vehicles (Sen. Steele; Tucson)** In coordination with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Administration, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is required to develop a "zero emission vehicle" (defined) plan designed to increase the number of registered zero emission vehicles in this state to at least 100,000 by 2028, and coordinate and increase the installation of zero emission vehicle infrastructure. Within six months after the effective date of this legislation, ADOT is required to submit a draft of the zero emission vehicle plan to the Governor and the Legislature.

**SB 1152 was referred to the House Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on March 9, 2022.**

- **SB 1154: Transportation Electrification Study Committee (Sen. Steele; Tucson)** Establishes an 11-member Transportation Electrification Study Committee to collaborate with local governments, electric utilities, environmental groups, the transportation industry and interested communities to identify the best ways to encourage an economy-wide transition from carbon-fueled vehicles to electric vehicles. The Committee is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by July 1, 2023, and self-repeals October 1, 2024.

**SB 1154 passed the Senate on February 23, 2022. Ready for House.**

- **SB 1158: Attorney Fees; Costs; Recovery (Sen. Leach; Tucson)** A court is required to award fees and other expenses to a party that prevails in a civil action brought by that party seeking declaratory or injunctive relief against the state, a county, or municipality for an action that violates the U.S. Constitution, the state Constitution, or a state law.

**SB 1158 failed to pass the Senate on February 9, 2022.**

- **SB 1166: Public Employers; Union Contracts (Sen. Leach; Tucson)** The bill dictates that public employers are prohibited from spending public monies for "union activities" (defined). A public employer is prohibited from entering into an employment contract with a public employee to engage in union activities or provide paid leave or any form of compensation to engage in union activities. An employment contract that violates this prohibition is void and unenforceable. Any Arizona resident and the Attorney General have standing in any court of record to bring suit against any public employer of Arizona to remedy any violation. If a court finds that a public employer has violated this prohibition, the court is required to award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the party who brought the action. Does not apply to any existing employment contract that is in effect before the effective date of this legislation, but any existing employment contract that conflicts with this

legislation cannot be renewed or extended. Severability clause. Contains a legislative intent section.

**SB 1166 was signed by the Governor on April 6, 2022.**

- **SB 1168: Vacation Rentals; Short-Term Rentals; Enforcement (Sen. Mesnard; Chandler)** The bill modifies the list of regulations that counties and municipalities are authorized to impose on vacation rentals or short-term rentals to include requiring the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental to maintain liability insurance appropriate to cover the rental in the aggregate of at least \$500,000 or to advertise and offer each vacation rental or short-term rental through a hosting platform that provides equal or greater coverage. Counties and municipalities are authorized to impose civil penalties against an owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental for "verified violations" (defined) of specified provisions. Modifies civil penalties for online lodging operators that fail to comply with applicable transaction privilege tax requirements. After notice and a hearing, the Department of Revenue is authorized to suspend for a period of 12 months the transaction privilege tax license of the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental that has three verified violations within the same 12-month period.

**SB 1168 passed the House Rules Committee on March 29, 2022.**

- **SB 1209: Tobacco Use; Sale; Minimum Age (Sen Pace; Mesa)** Increases the minimum legal age to purchase or possess a tobacco product, vapor product, and related paraphernalia to 21 years of age, from 18 years of age.

**SB 1209 was referred to the Senate Commerce Committee on January 18, 2022.**

- **SB 1241: Gift Clause; Violation; Statute; Limitation (Sen. Pace; Mesa)** The bill dictates that an action against a public entity or public employee that alleges a violation of the state Constitutional ban on public gifts or loans of credit is required to be brought within 30 days after the cause of action accrues.

**SB 1241 was referred to the Senate Commerce Committee on January 20, 2022.**

- **SB 1245: Tobacco; Vapor; Alternative Nicotine; Regulation (Sen. Leach; Tucson)** The bill would make it unlawful for a retail tobacco vendor or their representative to sell or provide an "alternative nicotine products," "tobacco products," or "vapor products" (all defined) to persons under 21 years of age. The powers and duties of the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) are expanded to include enforcing statute regulating alternative nicotine products, tobacco products, or vapor products. Beginning January 1, 2024, a retail tobacco vendor is prohibited from distributing alternative nicotine products, tobacco products or vapor products in Arizona without a valid tobacco retail sales license issued by DLLC. DLLC is authorized to determine the fee for an application for an initial license or renewal license. A license is valid for one year and is not transferable. Establishes requirements for licensees to obtain identification from a person ordering or

purchasing these products in order to determine that the person is not under the legal use age. Establishes civil penalties for violations and conditions under which a license may be suspended or revoked. Establishes appeal rights and procedures. Various regulations of tobacco products are expanded to include alternative nicotine products and vapor products. Declares that the regulation of the sale and marketing of alternative nicotine products, tobacco products, and vapor products is a matter of statewide concern and is not subject to the authority of counties and municipalities.

**SB 1245 was retained on the Senate Committee of the Whole Calendar on February 24, 2022.**

- **SB 1258: Government Membership Organizations; Transparency (Sen. Mesnard; Chandler)** The bill dictates that a paid membership organization composed of the state, counties, municipalities, school districts, or other political subdivisions is added to the definition of "public body" for the purpose of public records laws.

**SB 1258 failed to pass the Senate on March 7, 2022.**

- **SB 1263: Housing Trust Fund; Shelter Services (Sen. Livingston; Peoria)** At least 50 percent of the monies transferred to the Housing Trust Fund from the Arizona Industrial Development Authority must be used to support emergency and transitional homeless shelter services.

**SB 1263 passed the House Appropriations Committee on March 24, 2022.**

- **SB 1267: Property; Classification; Primary Residence (Sen. Livingston; Peoria)** For the purpose of property tax classification, class 3 property must be used for residential purposes. When determining if a property has had a change of use, a change in the occupant or classification of a single-family residence is not a change in use, in and of itself.

**SB 1267 was retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar on March 17, 2022.**

- **SB 1372: TPT; Exemptions; Motor Vehicles; Nonresidents (Sen. Pace; Mesa)** The Department of Transportation is authorized to establish a special five day nonresident registration permit, and to establish by rule a fee for the permit. The list of exemptions from the retail classification of transaction privilege taxes is expanded to include sales of commercial motor vehicles to nonresidents of Arizona if the commercial vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds and is used to maintained to transport passengers or property in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise, and to include sales of automobiles of trucks to nonresidents when the nonresident purchaser has obtained a special five day nonresident registration permit.

**SB 1372 was signed by the Governor on March 23, 2022.**



- **SB 1382: Municipal Employee Assistance; Notice (Sen. Mesnard; Chandler)** On all applications for a permit, license, or other authorization issued by a municipality, the municipality is required to print a notice of the requirement for the municipality to provide the name and contact information of the employee who is authorized to provide specified information in any written communication.

**SB 1382 was signed by the Governor on April 6, 2022.**

- **SB 1443: Solid Waste; Long-Term Care Facilities (Sen. Pace; Mesa)** Municipalities cannot prohibit or unreasonably restrain a private enterprise from delivering recycling or solid waste management services to "long-term care facility properties" (defined) in the municipality.

**SB 1443 was referred to the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on January 26, 2022.**

- **SB 1496: Remote Sellers; TPT; Administration (Sen. Leach; Tucson)** The bill dictates that if another state tax agency extends comity to Arizona in the tax administration for remote sellers, the Department of Revenue (DOR) is required to allow a remote seller to communicate exclusively through the state tax agency of the state in which the remote seller is located, including allowing the remote seller to report and remit the tax owed to Arizona to the state tax agency of that state and for that state tax agency to remit it to Arizona on behalf of the remote seller. DOR is required to cooperate with other state tax agencies to develop a "central clearinghouse" (defined). If a central clearinghouse is established, DOR is required to use the central clearinghouse to accept all tax returns and remittances for remote sellers. Beginning in calendar year 2023, a remote seller may elect to pay a single municipal tax rate instead of the municipal tax rates for retail sales in effect for each municipality or special district. The single municipal tax rate is equal to the average rate of municipal taxes imposed in Arizona during the previous fiscal year. For calendar year 2023 and after, any person that conducts business in an activity classified under transaction privilege tax (TPT) classifications with purchasers in Arizona is required to pay TPT if the person is a remote seller and the taxable sales, instead of the gross proceeds of sales or gross income, derived from the remote seller's business with customers in Arizona that is not facilitated by a marketplace facilitator is more than \$100,000. Contains legislative findings.

**SB 1496 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee on January 27, 2022.**

- **SB 1531: Housing Trust Fund; Unclaimed Property (Sen. Alston; Phoenix)** The amount of proceeds from the sale of abandoned property that are deposited in the Housing Trust Fund each fiscal year is changed to 55 percent of the proceeds, instead of \$2.5 million.

**SB 1531 was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee on March 8, 2022.**

- **SB 1581: Strike Everything Amendment (Sen. Livingston; Peoria)** The bill provides grants to establish sanctioned camping sites for homeless individuals if a municipality prohibits sleeping and camping in public places that are not designated as sanctioned camping sites.

**SB 1581 passed the House Appropriations Committee on March 24, 2022.**

- **SB 1595: Irrigation Districts; Uses; Drainage Permit (Sen. Kerr; Buckeye)** An industrial user or a municipal water provider are allowed to obtain groundwater delivery service from an irrigation district that qualifies for an exemption from irrigation water duties if the irrigation district holds a drainage water withdrawal permit and meets all of a list of specified conditions. If the industrial use for which service from the irrigation district is sought is located within a municipality, the industrial user must first request service from that municipality or a private water company servicing the location of the proposed use.

**SB 1595 was referred to the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on February 1, 2022.**

- **SB 1600: Water Recharge; Direct Use (Sen. Shope; Coolidge)** For the purpose of statute governing underground water storage, the definition of "water that cannot reasonably be used directly" is expanded to include the amount of Central Arizona Project water stored underground during the calendar year by a municipal provider in an active management area that does not have a management goal of achieving or maintaining a safe yield condition, in the active management area in which the municipal provider's service area is located.

**SB 1600 was referred to the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on February 1, 2022.**

- **SB 1611: Arizona Water Authority (Sen Kerr; Buckeye)** Establishes an Arizona Water Authority, to be governed by a nine-member Board of Directors. Appropriates an unspecified amount (blank in original) from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund.

**SB 1611 was referred to the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on February 1, 2022.**

- **SB 1625: Public Officers; Announcements; Restrictions (Sen. Mesnard; Chandler)** For any publication, resource or public service announcement that is issued by a public officer and that is distributed free of charge or through the use of taxpayer resources, the public officer is prohibited from including in the announcement the public officer's name or likeness but may use the name of the public officer's office.

**SB 1625 passed the Senate Rules Committee on February 23, 2022.**

- **SB 1634: Municipal Real Property; Sale; Valuation (Sen. Shope; Coolidge)** The circumstances under which real property of a municipality cannot be sold without

authorization from the voters is changed to apply to real property of a municipality that has a total assessed value for the current year net assessed value subject to taxation in prior year, the value of which exceeds 2.5 percent of the locally assessed real property value of a municipality.

**SB 1634 was withdrawn from the Senate Finance Committee and further referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on February 17, 2022.**

- **SB 1702: Impounds; Release; Owners; Spouse; Notice (Sen. Gonzales; Tucson)** The written notice of immobilization or storage that an immobilizing or impounding agency is required to mail or personally deliver to a vehicle owner after immobilization or impoundment is required to include a statement as to how the owner, the owner's spouse, the owner's agent, or a person identified in Department of Transportation record as having an interest in the vehicle may retrieve the vehicle.  
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**SB 1702 passed the House Transportation Committee on March 24, 2022.**