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Report

Date: 4/29/2021, **Item No.** 1

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 Inger Erickson and the Human Services Department.

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To: Ed Zuercher
City Manager

Date: April 29, 2021

Through: Inger Erickson
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. Program expenditures total $4,718,777. The average financial assistance per household is currently at $7,350 and 10.3% of program funds have been disbursed.

ERA Program Updates

City ERA Program data is detailed below.

City ERA Program Data					
Time Period	**Appointments Scheduled**	**Households Served**	**Residents Served**	**Ineligible Applications**	**Total Expenditures**
March 8 – 12	247	1	-	0	$2,957
March 15 – 19	247	28	85	0	$210,425
March 22 - 26	285	57	148	0	$436,348
March 29 – April 2	244	53	107	1	$329,986
April 5 – April 9	280	80	206	0	$702,760
April 12 – April 16	301	81	202	0	$655,370
April 19 – April 23	308	70	165	0	$533,724
TOTAL	**1,912**	**370**	**913**	**1**	**$2,871,570**

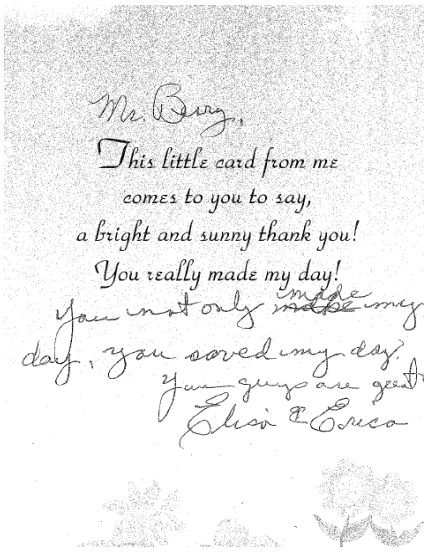
Wildfire's program data is detailed on the next page.

Wildfire ERA Program Data					
Time Period	**Applications Received***	**Households Served**	**Residents Served***	**Ineligible Applications***	**Total Expenditures**
March 22 - 26		20			$131,047
March 29 – April 2		40			$274,221
April 5 – April 9		49			$341,783
April 12 – April16		71			$507,363
April 19 – April 23		92			$592,793
TOTAL	**4,788**	**272**	**633**	**77**	**$1,847,207**

*This metric will be provided as a total number.

Our Community, Our Stories

Human Services staff at the Sunnyslope Family Services Center received a handwritten card from a client that received $5,017 in financial services for rent and utilities. The card read: “This little card from me comes to you to say a bright and sunny thank you! You really made my day! You not only made my day, you saved my day. You guys are great.”



Sunnyslope Family Services Center staff also assisted a family of 5 with their ERA application earlier this month. Family members unfortunately had COVID-19 and the family’s father was laid off work in December as a result. Staff was able to provide over $4,500 in financial services for two months of arrear and three months of future rent payments, which allowed the family to avoid eviction.

John F. Long Family Services Center staff assisted a family of three who needed rent and utility assistance. One family member was diagnosed with COVID-19 Pneumonia and was on oxygen which made them unable to return to work. Staff used ERA funds to pay their electricity bill as well as three months of arrear and three months of future rent payments, totaling over $10,000 in financial services. The family was grateful they were no longer facing homelessness and sent staff a thank you note for the assistance.

John F. Long Family Services center staff assisted a single mother of two with her ERA application earlier this month. Her hours were reduced due to COVID-19 and because she was helping her children through virtual school, she could not actively look for other employment. At five months behind rent, she was facing eviction and utility disconnections. Staff assisted her with over $10,500 in financial services for five months of arrear and three months of future rent payments, and her utility bills. She expressed gratitude to staff, stating the assistance reduced her stress.

In March, Travis L. Williams Family Services Center staff assisted a single father of one. He lost his job due to the pandemic and was facing eviction. Staff assisted him with over $8,800 in financial services for several arrear payments and three future rent payments. He was grateful and stated he wanted to make sure his family had a roof over their heads and that his son could continue attending online school at home.

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Report

Date: 4/29/2021, **Item No.** 2

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 Maricopa County Department of Health Services on April 29, 2021.

Summary

On March 3, 2021 the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) revised the Community Transmission indicators and Community Risk Levels based on CDC guidance, establishing a new Current Overall Risk level to their reporting charts. ADHS and Maricopa County are now only reporting on two benchmarks to reflect community spread, past reports included three benchmarks.

The attached memo **(Attachment A)** provides an indicator dashboard as well as a comparison between the two benchmark statistics tracked by the ADHS, Maricopa County and the City: percent positivity rate of COVID-19 cases each week and new cases per 100,000 individuals. The current overall risk level is at substantial spread. Both Arizona Department of Health Services tracked categories have trended up slightly.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Jeffrey Barton.

To: Ed Zuercher
City Manager

Date: April 29, 2021

From: Jeffrey Barton
Assistant City Manager

Subject: **WEEKLY COMMUNITY SPREAD BENCHMARK REPORT**

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

Indicator	Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0-9	10-49	50-99	≥100
Percentage of NAATs (PCR) that are positive during the past 7 days	<5.0%	5.0%-7.9%	8.0%-9.9%	≥10.0%

City staff has evaluated key metrics comparing the current weekly benchmarks to that of the previous week, as well as the benchmark status as reported on Sept. 6, 2020. The chart below provides metrics as reported by Arizona Department of Health Services and Maricopa County:

Current Overall Risk Level: Substantial Spread

Week of	Positivity Rate	New Cases/ 100,000
6-Sept	4.81%	29.27
4-April	7.51%	71.86
11-April	7.94%	73.17

The City is currently in the Moderate Transmission category for Positivity Rate. While the City remains in the Substantial Transmission for Number of New Cases per 100,000, the current overall risk level is at substantial spread. Both of the Arizona Department of Health Services tracked categories have trended up slightly but are still at the same levels they were last week.

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Report

Date: 4/29/2021, **Item No.** 3

2021 State Legislative Report

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

Summary

April 28, 2021 is the 107th day of the First Regular Session of the 55th legislature. **Attachment A** provides current status of legislation as of April 27, 2021. To date, 1,708 bills have been introduced and staff continues to review these measures to identify potential impacts.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by City Manager Ed Zuercher and the Office of Government Relations.

Attachment A
City Council Information
April 28, 2021



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 28, 2021 is the 107th day of the First Regular Session of the 55th Legislature. The information provided in this report regarding status of legislation is current as of April 27, 2021. To date, 1,708 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 2025: Delinquent Property Tax; Interest; Waiver (Rep. Kavanaugh; Fountain Hills)** This bill authorizes the county treasurer to waive the interest that accrues on delinquent property taxes, and any other penalties, for a delinquency that occurs during the one-year period after a mortgage or deed of trust is satisfied or otherwise released on the property. A taxpayer may receive this waiver only once per property.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill because it would result in a reduction in revenue and waive the City's ability to impose penalties.

  HB 2025 was signed by the Governor on March 26, 2021.

- **HB 2108: Telecommunications; Public Highways; Use Fees (Rep. Weninger; Chandler)** The bill requires that for any underground facility that is used for a "small wireless facility," a political subdivision is prohibited from requiring an annual telecommunications fee based on the number of linear feet of trench in the public highways in which the telecommunications corporation has placed facilities.

Staff is expressing opposition as it would reduce city revenue by eliminating the City's ability to charge these fees.

HB 2108 was retained on House COW calendar on March 3, 2021.

- **HB 2190: Striker: Vaccination Requirements (Rep. Townsend; Apache Junction)** The bill would ban any incentive program to encourage vaccine participation. The bill also bans private business in Arizona from requiring vaccination for use of their services.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it would prohibit Phoenix's vaccination incentive program.

  HB 2190 passed the Senate Rules Committee on April 1, 2021.

- **HB 2211: TPT; Prime Contracting; Exemptions; Certificates (Rep. Cobb; Kingman)** The bill makes various changes to statutes relating to transaction privilege taxes (TPT) for prime contracting. The definitions of "modification" and "alteration" for the purpose of computing the tax base for the prime contracting classification of TPT are modified. A certificate that a contractor provides to a person stating that the contractor is liable for any amount of transaction privilege taxes due is valid for a period of up to one year. After the certificate expires, the contractor is allowed to execute and provide to the person a new certificate. The Department of Revenue (DOR) is required to prescribe a form for a certificate to be used by a prime contractor that is subject to TPT for purchasing tangible personal property, the purchase price of which was excluded from the tax base under the retail classification of TPT. The prime contractor is required to obtain the certificate from DOR, and the certificate is valid for up to one year. Applies to contracts entered into beginning January 1, 2022.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it reduces City revenues.

  HB 2211 was held in the House Ways and Means Committee on February 17, 2021.

- **HB 2310: Municipalities; Counties; Law Enforcement Budgets (Rep. Roberts; Maricopa)** The bill requires that, on the request of any member of the Legislature, the Attorney General (AG) must investigate any reduction of a "law enforcement agency's" budget by at least ten percent below the previous year's budget. If they determine such a cut was made, the AG will provide 30 days to restore the budget reduction. If the county or municipality fails to restore the budget reduction, the AG is required to notify the State Treasurer, who must withhold and redistribute state shared monies in an amount equal to the reduction of the law enforcement agency's budget. This bill does not apply if a county or municipality has reduced their overall budget by at least ten percent below the previous year's budget.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it is a preemption of city power and will adversely affect city revenue.

HB 2310 was signed by the Governor on April 20, 2021.

- **HB 2420: Law Enforcement Budget; Reduction; Certification (Rep. Carroll; Sun City West)** The bill requires counties and cities to certify each year that there has been no disproportionate funding reduction to the county's or municipality's law enforcement agency. The certification must include a statement that any reduction in funding or proposed funding to the law enforcement agency is a result of reduced revenue collection and the reduction in law enforcement agency funding is proportionate to the reduction in revenue. A county or municipality that has disproportionately reduced its law enforcement agency funding is not eligible to receive state shared monies.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it is a preemption of city power.

  HB 2420 failed to pass the House on March 3, 2021.

- **HB 2462: Civilian Review Board Members; Training (Rep. Payne; Peoria)** This bill requires that before a person becomes a member of a "civilian review board" (defined) that reviews the actions of peace officers in Arizona, the person is required to satisfactorily complete a community college police academy and at least 20 hours of virtual law enforcement training.

  Staff is expressing opposition because this bill is overbroad in that it applies to citizen boards that do not pertain to policing and it is not clear that the requirements would improve service on a board.

  HB 2462 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 30, 2021.

- **HB 2570: Licenses; Pandemics; Revocation; Prohibition (Rep. Hoffman; Queen Creek)** The bill requires that state agencies, counties, and municipalities are prohibited from revoking any license that is required to operate a business for not complying with an order issued by the Governor due to a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor for an epidemic or pandemic disease, unless the agency, county or municipality can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that the business was the actual cause of transmission of the disease that is the subject of the order.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it reduces local control.

  HB 2570 was approved by the Senate COW with amendment on April 14, 2021.

- **HB 2668: Striker: Homelessness Grant Funding (Rep. Gowan; Sierra Vista)** The bill would redirect state-funded grants for police to be used for homelessness issues, would deny a city with above state average rates of homelessness from receiving grant funding, and imposes a statutory obligation on social services and mental health professionals to enforce state and local laws.

Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it would reduce Phoenix's homelessness funding.

HB 2668 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendment on April 1, 2021.

- **HB 2691: Striker: ADEQ; Water Quality Programs; WOTUSADEQ; Water Quality Programs; WOTUS (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** The bill proposes a regulatory scheme for surface waters in Arizona, in the wake of the Federal Government rolling back its protections.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it weakens water quality standards, limits regulatory oversight, and excludes important surface waters.

  HB 2691 was approved by the Senate COW on April 5, 2021.

- **HB 2702: Federal Government; Land Acquisition; Consent (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** The bill states that the consent of the state of Arizona to the acquisition, sale, gift or grant or any other transfer of an ownership interest in any privately owned real property within Arizona that is not in possession of any federal agency as of the effective date of this legislation, and that would remove the real property from state, county and municipal property tax rolls is prohibited from being given without the express, affirmative consent of the Legislature and the Governor through the signing of a joint resolution. On the opening of escrow for the sale of private real property to the federal government or a federal agency, the escrow agent or property owner is required to notify the Legislature and request approval of the sale. The state has the right of first refusal to purchase private real property that the federal government is contracting to acquire.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill because it preempts City authority.

  HB 2702 was approved by the House COW on February 24, 2021.

- **HB 2716: Licensing; Building Permits; Temporary Permits (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** The bill states that in determining the order in which the municipality will review an application for a license, the municipality is prohibited from prioritizing applications for a license that is subject to licensing timeframe requirements over applications for a license that is not. If a municipality requires a building permit for the construction of any single-family dwelling, the municipality is required to issue the building permit within seven calendar days after the applicant submits an administratively complete application if the applicant has satisfied specified requirements. If the municipality fails to issue the building permit within seven calendar days, the applicant must be granted a temporary building permit and is authorized to commence with construction.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill because it will create an administrative burden on the city, and "temporary permits" could create dangerous situations if issues without proper plot plan review.

HB 2716 failed the Senate Commerce Committee on March 24, 2021.

- **HB 2804: Public Meetings; Executive Sessions (Rep. Pingerelli; Peoria)** The bill says that public body is authorized to hold an executive session for legal advice solely for advice in the other areas for which an executive session may be held. Discussion of the objectives on which an officer or employee of a public body will be evaluated must be conducted in a public meeting.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it limits the City's ability to control its public meetings and limit the ability of city attorneys to provide advice to Council.

HB 2804 passed the House on March 4, 2021 and was referred to the Senate Government Committee on March 8, 2021.

- **HB 2882 (Strike Everything Amendment): Mobile Food Vendors; Mobile Food Units; Operation (Rep. Parker; Mesa)** The bill eliminates the distance requirement for mobile food vendors for residential areas, prohibits the City from fingerprinting a mobile food vendor, and disallows licenses and fees for City operation of mobile food vendors.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it preempts city authority.

HB 2882 was retained on House COW calendar on February 24, 2021.

SB 1116: State Permitting Dashboard (Sen. Gowan; Sierra Vista) This bill requires the Governor to appoint a State Permitting Director to establish and maintain an online database called the Permitting Dashboard that displays the progress to completion for state authorizations for participating projects. The Director is required to coordinate with a list of specified state agencies and any other agency that requires authorization for a participating project. A project sponsor of an "eligible project" (defined as an activity in Arizona that requires authorization by an agency, that is subject to applicable state environmental laws, that is likely to require a total construction investment of more than $25 million, and that meet other specified requirements) is authorized to submit to the Director a notice that the project sponsor is initiating a proposed project, and information that must be included in the notice is established. No later than 30 days after receipt of the notice, the Director is required to determine whether the proposed project qualifies as an eligible project and whether to include it as a participating project in the Permitting Dashboard.

Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as these additional regulations preempt some municipal authority and will cause delays to projects that meet the bill's requirements.

SB 1116 passed the House Appropriations Committee on March 31, 2021.

- **SB 1333: Law Enforcement; Budget Reduction; Prohibition (Sen. Gowan; Sierra Vista)** This bill prohibits municipalities from reducing the annual operating budget for a law enforcement agency by any amount below the previous year's budget. If a municipality reduces the annual operating budget for a law enforcement

agency, the municipality is required to notify the State Treasurer of the reduction, and the State Treasurer is required to withhold any state shared monies from the municipality in an amount equal to the amount of the reduction of the annual operating budget for the law enforcement agency. The State Treasurer is required to deposit any amounts withheld in the newly established Law Enforcement Support Fund. If a municipality reduces the annual operating budget for a law enforcement agency by more than 25 percent, the State Treasurer is required to withhold state shared monies in an amount equal to the law enforcement agency's entire budget for the previous year. If a municipality reduces a law enforcement agency's budget by more than 25 percent, the municipality is required to notify the county sheriff, that sheriff is authorized to assume law enforcement functions for that municipality, and the State Treasurer is required to provide all state shared monies withheld from the municipality to the county sheriff's department. The State Treasurer is required to continue to withhold state shared monies until notification from the municipality that the reduction in the law enforcement agency's budget has been restored.

Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it preempts municipal authority.

SB 1333 passed the Senate Rules Committee on February 16, 2021.

- **SB 1406: Aircraft Registration Fees; Taxation; Repeal (Sen. Petersen; Gilbert)** This bill repeals aircraft registration fees and license taxes.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it reduces revenue for airport improvements and capital projects.

  SB 1406 passed the Senate COW on March 10, 2021.

- **SB 1487: Private Attorney Retention; Municipalities; Counties (Sen. Leach; Tucson)** This bill states that counties and municipalities are prohibited from entering into a contingency fee contract with a private attorney unless the county or municipal attorney makes a written determination before entering into the contract that contingency fee representation is both cost effective and in the public interest. The written determination is required to include specific findings for a list of specified factors. Counties and municipalities are prohibited from entering into a contingency fee contract that provides for the county's or municipality's private attorney to receive a contingency fee from the county's or municipality's portion of the recovery in excess of an aggregate of a list of specified percentages based on the recovery amount. The contingency fee received by the county's or municipality's private attorney cannot exceed $50 million. Establishes additional requirements for county or municipal contracts for contingency fee attorney services. Does not apply to any contingency fee contract in which a county or municipality hires a private attorney to pursue debt collection cases. By February 1 of each year, the county attorney or municipal attorney is required to submit a report on the use of contingency fee contracts with private attorneys to the Governor and the Legislature. Information that must be included in the report is specified.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it preempts municipal authority.

SB 1487 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 2, 2021.

- **SB 1496: E-Liquids; Tobacco Products; Vapor Products (Sen. Leach; Tucson)** This bill expands the powers and duties of the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) to include enforcing statute regulating tobacco sales, investigating the sales of "alternative nicotine products," "e-liquids," "tobacco products" or "vapor products" to persons under the "legal tobacco and vapor use age" (defined as 21 years of age or older), causing to be removed from the marketplace alternative nicotine products, e-liquids, tobacco products or vapor products that may be contaminated, illegal or adulterated, and taking other regulatory actions related to these products. A person is prohibited from selling alternative nicotine products, e-liquids, tobacco products or vapor products in Arizona or from outside Arizona without a license issued by DLLC. 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. Sales of these products cannot be made using a drive-through or other feature allowing the purchase without leaving a vehicle. A person under the legal drinking age or legal tobacco and vapor use age who misrepresents the person's age, solicits another person to purchase or furnish, or uses a fraudulent identification to obtain these products is guilty of a petty offense. A person who knowingly sells or furnishes these products or any instrument or paraphernalia used to smoke or ingest these products to a person under 21 years of age is guilty of a petty offense. 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 e-liquids, vapor products and alternative nicotine products.

  Staff is expressing opposition to this bill as it preempts significant City authority for regulation.

  SB 1496 was held in the Senate Commerce Committee on February 18, 2021.

- **SB 1687: Governmental Entities; Social Media; Prohibition (Sen. Ugenti-Rita; Scottsdale)** This bill says that a "governmental entity" (defined), at any level, is prohibited from using a social media platform for any official or governmental purpose. A governmental entity is prohibited from giving or controlling a social media account to or for an elected official. Does not apply to a personal social media account operated by an elected official.

  SB 1687 passed the Senate Transportation and Technology Committee on February 16, 2021.

Bills that staff has identified as beneficial to the City:

- **HB 2027: Leaving Accident Scene; Private Property (Rep. Kavanaugh; Fountain Hills)** The bill designates that the requirements for the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident to stop, remain at the scene of the accident, give specified information to others, and give reasonable assistance to an injured person are applicable to accidents on public or private property. The criminal classification for

violating these requirements and for violating the requirement to take reasonable steps to locate and notify the owner of an unattended vehicle or fixtures or other property adjacent to a highway that the driver struck are increased to a class 1 misdemeanor, from a class 3 misdemeanor.

HB 2027 passed the Senate on April 22, 2021 and is ready for the Governor.

- **HB 2034: Noxious Weeds; Government Projects (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** This bill authorizes state, state agencies, political subdivisions, and any other governmental entity to remove "noxious weeds," including Russian olive and salt cedar trees, as part of routine maintenance operations and capital projects. The state, state agencies, political subdivisions, and any other governmental entity are prohibited from using noxious weeds, including Russian olive and salt cedar trees, in landscaping.

HB 2034 was signed by the Governor on February 12, 2021.

- **HB 2035: Appropriation; AZ Water Protection Fund (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** This bill appropriates $1 million from the general fund in FY2021-22 to the Arizona Water Protection Fund.

HB 2035 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 3, 2021.

- **HB 2040: Dam Safety Study Committee (Rep. Griffin; Hereford)** This bill establishes a 7-member Dam Safety Study Committee to collect information on the status of dams in Arizona with respect to their safety, age and need for maintenance.

HB 2040 passed the Senate Rules Committee on April 6, 2021.

- **HB 2066: Arrest Procedures; Magistrates (Rep. Roberts; Maricopa)** The bill requires that if the offense a person is arrested for was committed in another county, the arrested person may be taken before either the nearest or most accessible magistrate in the county in which the arrest occurs or the county where the offense was committed.

HB 2066 was signed by the Governor on March 23, 2021.

- **HB 2074: Water Banking; Storage Credits; Subcontractors (Rep. Pratt; Casa Grande)** This bill asserts that the Arizona Water Banking Authority is authorized to distribute long-term water storage credits to Central Arizona Water Conservation District's (CAWCD) municipal and industrial subcontractors. Long-term water storage credits that are distributed to a CAWCD municipal and industrial subcontractor cannot be sold, and the subcontractor is responsible for all fees assessed by the Authority or the Department of Water Resources for the distribution of the long-term storage credits and all costs of recovery of the long-term storage credits.

HB 2074 was referred to the House Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on January 14, 2021.

- **HB 2075: Sentencing; Judgment of Guilt; Fingerprints (Rep. Pratt; Casa Grande)** This bill articulates that the court must require either that a defendant's fingerprint be permanently affixed to a court document or order, or that the defendant's two fingerprint biometric-based identifier be obtained and recorded, and is no longer required to affix or obtain and record a defendant's fingerprint "at the time of sentencing and in open court."

  HB 2075 was signed by the Governor on March 23, 2021.

- **HB 2078: Groundwater; Waterlogged Area Exempt (Rep. Dunn; Yuma)** This bill extends the exemption from irrigation water duties for persons entitled to use groundwater under an irrigation grandfathered right by ten years, to December 31, 2034. The exemption from any applicable conservation requirements for the distribution of groundwater for the Arlington Canal Company, the Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District and the St. John's Irrigation District is extended ten years, to December 31, 2034.

  HB 2078 was signed by the Governor on February 5, 2021.

- **HB 2127: Appropriation; State Parks; Heritage Fund (Rep. Osborne; Goodyear)** This bill appropriates $10 million from the general fund in FY2021-22 to the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund.

  HB 2127 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 24, 2021.

- **HB 2205: Appropriation; WQARF (Rep. Cano; Tucson)** This bill appropriates $15 million from the general fund in FY2021-22 to the Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund.

  HB 2205 was referred to the House Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee on January 20, 2021.

- **HB 2285: Online Home Sharing; Repeal (Rep. Lieberman; Phoenix)** This 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 2285 was referred to the House Commerce Committee on January 26, 2021.

- **HB 2321: Qualified Facility Income Tax Credits; Qualification; Definitions (Rep. Toma; Sun City West)** The Department of Revenue (DOR) is authorized to issue

draft rulings, procedures and other administrative announcements that apply to tax laws and regulations either generally or for a specific set of facts. DOR is required to establish and maintain a publicly accessible record of all draft and final rulings, procedures and administrative announcements on the DOR website and is required to prominently announce additions, modifications and other changes to this record on the website's home page. Establishes requirements for draft rulings, procedures and other administrative announcements to become final, including a required period for public comment. Does not apply to private taxpayer rulings, tax forms and instructions, routine notices that remind taxpayers of normal filing obligations and other routine DOR communications that do not substantively apply to and interpret tax laws and regulations. The court is required to decide all questions of law without deference to any determination that is made by DOR.

HB 2321 was signed by the Governor on March 23, 2021.

- **HB 2407: Tax Credit; Affordable Housing (Rep. Toma; Surprise)** This bill establishes a credit against individual and corporate income taxes and insurance premium taxes for projects that qualify for the federal low-income housing tax credit and that are placed in service from and after June 30, 2022. The credit is equal to the amount of the federal low-income housing credit for the qualified project.

HB 2407 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 3, 2021.

- **HB 2489: Appropriation; Affordable Housing (Rep. Chavez; Phoenix)** This bill appropriates $25 million from the general fund in FY2021-22 to the Housing Trust Fund.

HB 2489 passed the House Rules Committee on February 23, 2021.

- **HB 2562: Tax Credit; Affordable Housing (Rep. A. Hernandez; Tucson)** This bill appropriates $2.5 million from the general fund in FY2021-22 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 2562 was approved by the House COW on February 18, 2021.

- **HB 2565: Area Agencies on Aging; Appropriation (Rep. Cobb; Kingman)** This bill establishes a credit against individual and corporate income taxes and insurance premium taxes for projects that qualify for the federal low-income housing tax credit and that are placed in service from and after June 30, 2022. The credit is equal to the amount of the federal low-income housing credit for the qualified project.

HB 2565 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendment on April 1, 2021.

- **HB 2623: Fireworks; Use; Overnight Hours Prohibition (Rep. Shah; Phoenix)** The bill states that counties and municipalities are authorized to prohibit the use of

permissible consumer fireworks between the hours of 10PM and 8AM.

HB 2623 passed the Senate Commerce Committee and was further referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 11, 2021.

- **HB 2671: Underground Storage Tanks; Revisions (Rep. John; Yuma)** The city proposed an amendment to this bill, which was adopted. The bill makes numerous changes to the underground storage tank (UST) program, and with the City's amendment included provides possible additional funding to WQARF.

HB 2671 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 10, 2021.

- **HB 2835: Theme Park Districts; Extension (Rep. Cobb; Kingman)** The bill states that the authority of the board of directors of a theme park district to issue bonds expires if the board fails to issue any bonds on or before December 31, 2031, extended 11 years from December 31, 2020. The chapter of statute establishing and regulating theme park districts is repealed on January 1, 2032, instead of January 1, 2021, if the board fails to issue bonds by that date.

HB 2835 House concurred in Senate Amendments and passed on final reading on April 22, 2021. Ready for Governor.

- **SB 1056: Energy; Water; Savings Account (Sen. Gray; Sun City)** This bill extends the maximum length of a contract between a county or municipality and an energy or water services company to pay for the incremental cost of energy or water savings measures in facilities owned by the county or municipality to 25 years, from 15 years. Other costs and revenue are included in the estimated impact to be achieved by a county or municipality through energy or water savings measures or services. Reports on school district contracts for guaranteed energy cost savings must be filed with the Department of Administration, instead of the Governor's Office of Energy Policy.

SB 1056 was signed by the Governor February 26, 2021.

- **SB 1327: Tax Credit; Affordable Housing (Sen. Gowan; Sierra Vista)** This bill establishes a credit against individual and corporate income taxes and insurance premium taxes for projects that qualify for the federal low-income housing tax credit and that are placed in service from and after June 30, 2022. The credit is equal to the amount of the federal low-income housing credit for the qualified project. To claim the credit, a taxpayer is required to apply to the Arizona Department of Housing and receive an eligibility statement. If the amount of the credit exceeds taxes due, the taxpayer may carry the unused amount forward for up to five consecutive taxable years. The Department of Revenue is required to allocate a total of $8 million of affordable housing tax credits in any calendar year. Establishes a 9-member Affordable Housing Tax Credit Review Committee to review the tax credits on the fifth year after the effective date of the credit and every five years thereafter and submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature.

SB 1327 was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee on March 1, 2021.

- **SB 1451: Workers' Compensation; Rates; Firefighters; Cancer (Sen. Boyer; Phoenix)** This bill adds Fire investigators to the presumption that specified types of cancer and related diseases that result in disability or death are an occupational disease and are deemed to arise out of employment if specified conditions are met. All insurance carriers, self-insuring employers and workers' compensation pools that secure workers' compensation for firefighters and fire investigators are required to compile and report to the Industrial Commission claim and claim reserve information for all cancer-related claims filed by or on behalf of firefighters and fire investigators. The Commission is required to compile and make available to insurance carriers, rating organizations, employers, public safety workers and workers' compensation pools the claim-related information collected to assist with the setting of workers' compensation insurance rates. In addition to the six uniform percentage deviations already authorized by statute, insurers covering firefighters and fire investigators are permitted to file one uniform percentage deviation that increases the statewide rates under the rating organization's rate filing for the class codes associated with firefighters and fire investigators to address the anticipated increase in losses and expenses for claims that are compensable due to the workers' compensation presumption. The deviation filing must be accompanied by analysis from an actuary that substantively illustrates the basis for the rate increase. Contains a legislative intent section.

SB 1451 was signed by the Governor on April 14, 2021.

- **SB 1514: Appropriation; Emergency Shelter Beds; Seniors (Sen. Boyer; Phoenix)** This bill appropriates $5 million from the general fund in FY2021-22 to the Department of Economic Security (DES) for emergency shelter beds in western Maricopa County to shelter and serve homeless seniors who are at least 55 years of age. DES is required to distribute the monies to a single Arizona nonprofit provider that meets a list of specified requirements.

SB 1514 passed the House Appropriations Committee on March 18, 2021.

- **SB 1720: Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing (Sen. Fann; Prescott)** This bill establishes a new chapter in Title 28 (Transportation) regulating "peer-to-peer car sharing," defined as the authorized use of a shared vehicle by an individual other than the shared vehicle owner through a "peer-to-peer car sharing program." A peer-to-peer car sharing program is required to assume the liability of a shared vehicle owner for bodily injury or property damage that occurs to a third party during the car sharing period in an amount that is stated in the car sharing program agreement and that is at least the minimum amount of motor vehicle liability coverage required by statute. Some exceptions. A peer-to-peer car sharing program is required to ensure that during each car sharing period the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver are insured under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that recognizes that the vehicle insured under the policy is made available and used through a peer-to-peer car sharing program, and that does not exclude the use of a shared vehicle by a shared vehicle driver. A peer-to-peer car sharing program is required to register

with the Department of Revenue (DOR) for a license for the payment of transaction privilege taxes levied by the state and one or more counties, municipalities, or special taxing districts for the taxes due from a shared vehicle owner for any vehicle sharing transaction facilitated by the peer-to-peer car sharing program.

SB 1720 was signed by the Governor on April 9, 2021.

- **SB 1721: TPT; Prime Contracting Classification (Sen. Fann; Prescott)** This bill states that the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from a construction contract with an owner of real property or the improvements to real property that does not exceed $100,000 per unit for a "residential project" (defined) or $1 million for a nonresidential project is not subject to tax under the prime contracting classification of transaction privilege taxes, and is required to be exempt from municipal transaction privilege and use taxes. Only the contract price is used to determine whether a contract exceeds the threshold amount described in this paragraph with no subtractions for amounts paid to subcontractors or any deductions or exemptions allowed. Project elements cannot be artificially separated from a contract to cause a project to qualify for this exemption. The Department of Revenue has the burden of proving that project elements have been artificially separated from a contract.

SB 1721 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 2, 2021.

- **SB 1752: Community Facilities Districts (Sen. Leach; Tucson)** This bill makes various changes to statutes relating to community facilities districts, including setting a cap for the ad valorem tax. It says that if a district sells general obligation bonds above par, the amount of "net premium" (defined) associated with a general obligation bond issue may be used only to pay costs incurred in issuing the bonds or as a deposit in a debt service fund and used only to pay interest on the issue of general obligation bonds. If used for any other purpose, and if the district has general obligation bond voter authorization and available capacity under its debt limitations, both the available aggregate indebtedness capacity of the district and the principal amount authorized at the general obligation bond election for the district must be reduced by the amount of net premium used for that purpose.

SB 1752 was signed by the Governor on April 14, 2021.

Bills staff are monitoring:

- **HB 2049: Eminent Domain; Existing Contracts (Rep. Weninger; Chandler)** This bill requires that if a municipality exercises the right of eminent domain to acquire a public utility business or enterprise, the municipality is required to assume all existing assets and contractual liabilities associated with providing current and future utility service in the certificate of convenience and necessity that is being condemned unless all parties to the contractual obligations agree otherwise.

HB 2049 was retained on Senate COW calendar on April 14, 2021.

- **HB 2065: Medical Freedom; Parental Rights (Rep. Fillmore; Apache Junction)** This bill articulates that students are no longer prohibited from attending school without submitting documentary proof of required immunizations to the school administrator. Schools are prohibited from requiring a student to receive the recommended immunizations and from refusing to admit or otherwise penalizing a student because that student has not received the recommended immunizations. If a parent chooses to have the student immunized, the parent is required to submit documentary proof to the school administrator to verify that the pupil has received the recommended immunizations if an outbreak occurs. A student who lacks documentary proof of immunization may be excluded from school only if the student lacks an immunization for which there is an active case of a disease that the immunization is intended to prevent in that student's school and if the Department of Health Services or a local health department has declared an outbreak of that disease for an area that includes the student's school.

  HB 2065 was referred to the House Health and Human Services and House Education Committees on January 14, 2021.

- **HB 2118: Furnishing Tobacco; Minors; Enterprise Partners (Rep. Bolick; Phoenix)** This bill makes it unlawful for a person to knowingly sell, give or furnish a tobacco product, vapor product or any instrument or paraphernalia solely designed for smoking or ingesting tobacco or shisha 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 to minors. Establishes penalties the court must impose on an enterprise that violates this prohibition based on the number of violations. Penalties include mandatory attendance at a court-approved tobacco retailer educational course and graduated fines ranging from $500 to $5,000. For a second or subsequent violation, the court is required to prohibit the enterprise from selling, giving or furnishing tobacco products or vapor products for a specified time period. A violation of this restriction is a petty offense, subject to an additional fine and an extension of the prohibition.

  HB 2118 was referred to the Senate Commerce Committee on February 23, 2021.

- **HB 2152: Police; Camera Recordings; Required Redactions (Rep. Kavanaugh; Fountain Hills)** This 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.

  HB 2152 passed the Senate Rules Committee on March 16, 2021.

- **HB 2161: Tourism Marketing Authorities (Rep. Kaiser; Phoenix)** This bill establishes a new chapter in Title 9 (Cities and Towns) and a new chapter in Title 11 (Counties) allowing the governing body of one or more municipalities and/or of a county with a population of less than 2 million persons (all but Maricopa County) to adopt a resolution, on presentation of a petition signed by the owners of at least 67 percent of the transient lodging rooms in the geographic area, forming a tourism marketing authority to promote and enhance tourism in that geographic area. Establishes powers and duties of a tourism marketing authority, including authorization to levy an assessment of up to $5 per room on transient lodging rooms sold per night. A tourism marketing authority is governed by a board of directors, and budgeting, recordkeeping and reporting requirements for the board are specified. Establishes a process for termination of a tourism marketing authority. Emergency clause.

  HB 2161 passed the House on March 3, 2021 and was referred to the Senate Commerce Committee on March 10, 2021.

- **HB 2293: Vehicle Impoundment; Exceptions; Storage Charges (Rep. Payne; Peoria)** This bill dictates that the list of reasons for which a peace officer is required to cause the removal and either immobilization or impoundment of a vehicle is expanded to include if the peace officer determines that the person's driving privilege is suspended for any reason except for failure to pay a civil penalty or failure to appear as directed for a scheduled court appearance. A peace officer who needs to be present at an emergency is not required to remove, immobilize or impound a vehicle. The minimum amount of time a vehicle must be immobilized or impounded is decreased to 20 days, from 30 days.

  HB 2293 Senator Gowan replaced Senator Borrelli on the free conference committee on April 19, 2021. Conferees are: Payne, Grantham, Jermaine, Pace, Gowan, and Quezada.

- **HB 2294: Yielding to Emergency Vehicles; Penalties (Rep. Payne; Peoria)** This bill requires that a person who violates the requirement to move over or slow down when approaching a stationary vehicle displaying flashing lights or warning lights is subject to a civil penalty of $275 for a first violation, $500 for a second violation, and $1,000 for a third or subsequent violation.

  HB 2294 House concurred in Senate amendments and passed on final reading on April 22, 2021. Ready for Governor.

- **HB 2295: Law Enforcement Officers; Database; Rules (Rep. Payne; Peoria)** This bill dictates that "prosecuting agency" is prohibited from placing a law enforcement officer's name in a "rule 15.1 database," or Brady List, unless the officer is given at least 10 days prior written notice by mail or email to the officer's current or last known employment address. Information that must be included in the written notice is listed, including information on the right to request reconsideration of the allegations and placement in the database. If an officer submits a request for reconsideration, and the reconsideration is approved on its merits, the officer's name

must be removed from the database. A prosecuting agency that maintains a rule 15.1 database is required to adopt a policy that includes specified provisions, including the criteria used to place a law enforcement officer's name in the database and the notice requirements of this legislation. A law enforcement agency is prohibited from using the placement of an officer's name in a rule 15.1 database as the sole reason for taking a list of employment actions against the officer.

HB 2295 was retained on Senate COW calendar on April 7, 2021.

- **HB 2372: Agricultural Operations; Nuisance; Liability (Rep. Dunn; Yuma)** This bill repeals and replaces all statutes governing nuisance liability for agricultural operations. It articulates that a nuisance action cannot be filed against an agricultural operation conducted on farmland unless a list of specified conditions apply. Establishes a rebuttable presumption that an agricultural operation conducted on farmland is not a public or private nuisance, which may be overcome by a preponderance of the evidence that the operation is violating applicable federal, state or local laws and regulations. The circumstances under which agricultural operations conducted on farmland may be regulated or considered to be a nuisance are a matter of statewide concern and this legislation supersedes any municipal ordinance.

HB 2372 was retained on House COW calendar on February 23, 2021.

- **HB 2423: Immunizations; Exemption; Requirements (Rep. Carroll; Sun City West)** This bill mandates that a person who is required to receive an immunization for any purpose, including as a condition of employment, school attendance or obtaining any license, certification or degree, is allowed to claim an exemption from the immunization requirement if there is not a vaccine that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration available to fulfill the requirement that also meets all of a list of specified criteria, including that the risk of permanent disability or death from the vaccine has been proven to be less than that caused by the infection it is intended to prevent. A person may claim the exemption on the person's own behalf or on behalf of the person's child or dependent.

HB 2423 was referred to the House Health and Human Services Committee on January 26, 2021.

- **HB 2481: Short-Term Rentals; Enforcement; Penalties (Rep. Kavanaugh; Fountain Hills)** This bill modifies the list of regulations that counties and municipalities are authorized to impose on vacation rentals or short-terms rentals to include requiring the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental to license or register with the county or municipality, and restricting the occupancy of a vacation rental or short-term rental to the lesser of the occupancy limit of the county or municipality or 2 adults per bedroom plus 2 additional adults. Vacation rentals and short-term rentals cannot advertise to exceed the occupancy limit of the dwelling or for any nonresidential use. Counties and municipalities are authorized to impose a civil penalty for each day a property is in violation of this advertisement prohibition. An online lodging operator that falsifies information to an online lodging marketplace is guilty of a petty offense. A county or municipality cannot prohibit the operation of a

vacation rental or short-term rental based solely on its status as a vacation rental or short-term rental if the owner of the vacation rental or short-term rental, as of May 1, 2021, has a valid transaction privilege tax license, and as of June 2, 2021, has provided the owner's or the owner's designee's contact information to the county or municipality in which the vacation rental or short-term rental is located, if required by ordinance.

HB 2481 passed the House Government and Elections Committee on February 11, 2021.

- **HB 2482: Regulation; Short-Term Rentals (Rep. Kavanaugh; Fountain Hills)**
  This bill modifies the list of regulations that counties and municipalities are authorized to impose on vacation rentals or short-term rentals to include: requiring contact information for the owner of the rental to be posted on the front door or in another location on the property that is visible and accessible to the public; restricting the maximum number of adult occupants allowed on the property at one time to the lesser of the occupancy limit established by the county or municipality or no more than 2 adults per bedroom, up to 4 bedrooms, plus 2 additional adults per 1,000 square feet of livable space in excess of 3,000 square feet of livable space; requiring the installation of safety and monitoring equipment that monitors and detects noise and notifies the owner if noise is unreasonable or in violation of a noise ordinance; prohibiting smoking outside within 100 feet of a residential structure; restricting occupants from checking in without the presence of the owner or the owner's designee; and prohibiting occupants from parking on public or private streets if on-property parking is available. Vacation rentals and short-term rentals cannot advertise to exceed the occupancy limit of the dwelling or for any nonresidential use, and are required to display the transaction privilege tax license in any online advertisement for rental of the unit. Establishes penalties for violations.

  HB 2482 was referred to the House Government and Elections Committee on January 27, 2021.

- **HB 2515: Electronic Smoking Devices; Tobacco Sales (Rep. Butler; Phoenix)**
  This 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, 2023, a retail tobacco vendor is prohibited from distributing tobacco

products in Arizona without a valid tobacco retail sales license from DHS. DHS is required to establish fees for licenses.

HB 2515 was referred to the House Health and Human Services Committee on January 28, 2021.

- **HB 2524: Counties; Cities; Towns; COVID Expenditures (Rep. Kavanaugh; Sun City West)** This bill requires that by September 1, 2021, each county and municipality is required to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature of all expenditures made in FY2019-20 and FY2020-21 from each "COVID-related federal or state fund source" (defined). Specific information that must be included in the report is listed.

  HB 2524 was held in the House Government and Elections Committee on February 3, 2021.

- **HB 2602: Tobacco; Retail; Licensing (Rep. Blackman; Snowflake)** This bill prohibits a retail tobacco vendor from distributing "tobacco products" (defined to include "electronic smoking devices") in Arizona without a valid tobacco retail sales license issued by the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC). DLLC is required to establish fees for a tobacco retail sales license and is prohibited from issuing a license until the vendor has obtained the required local license. It is unlawful for a retail tobacco vendor or a retail tobacco vendor's representative, agent or employee to sell, furnish, give or provide 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, and requirements for verifying photo identification are specified. Establishes penalties for violations, including attendance at an education class and graduated fines ranging from $500 to $3,000. For a second or subsequent violation, the court is required to prohibit the vendor from distributing tobacco products for a specified time period. DLLC is required to adopt rules to carry out retail tobacco vendor regulations and is authorized to delegate the enforcement and compliance inspections to any county that accepts the delegation. Establishes the Tobacco Retail Sales Licensing Fund, consisting of licensing fees collected, to be administered by DLLC.

  HB 2602 was referred to the House Health and Human Services Committee on February 3, 2021.

- **HB 2770: Mask Mandates; Business Exception (Rep. Chaplik; Fountain Hills)** The bill states that a business in Arizona is not required to enforce on its premises a mask mandate that is established by the state, a city, town or county or any other jurisdiction of this state.

  HB 2770 was signed by the Governor on April 9, 2021.

- **HB 2772/SB 1797: Fantasy Sports Betting; Event Wagering (Rep. Weninger; Chandler; Sen. Shope; Coolidge)** This bill makes numerous changes to statutes relating to gaming, including establishing a new chapter in Title 5 regulating “fantasy sports contests,” conditionally enacted on each Indian Tribe with a gaming facility in

Pima County and in the Phoenix metropolitan area entering into a 2021 Gaming Compact Amendment and publishing in the federal register notice of the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's approval or approval by operation of law. An individual who is licensed by the Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG) is authorized to offer one or more fantasy sports contests if specified conditions apply, including that the individual collects no more than $10,000 in total entry fees for all fantasy sports contests offered in a calendar year, at least 95 percent of which are awarded to the fantasy sports contest players.

HB 2772 was substituted in Senate for identical bill 1797 on April 12, 2021 and was signed by the Governor on April 15, 2021. SB 1797 was approved by the Senate COW on April 12, 2021.

- **HB 2773: Spiritous Liquor; Delivery; Off-Sale Permits (Rep. Weninger; Chandler)** This bill states that bar liquor licensees are authorized to take orders for beer, wine or mixed cocktails by telephone, mail, catalog, or internet for delivery off the licensed premises. Restaurant liquor licensees that hold specified permits are authorized to take orders for beer or mixed cocktails by telephone, mail, catalog, or internet for delivery off the licensed premises. The liquor licensee is allowed to maintain a delivery service and to contract with one or more third-party licensed facilitators for delivery of spirituous liquor if the spirituous liquor is loaded for delivery at the premises of the restaurant or bar licensee in Arizona and delivered in Arizona. All containers of spirituous liquor that are delivered must be conspicuously labeled with the words "Contains alcohol, signature of person who is twenty-one years of age or older is required for delivery." Delivery must be made by an employee of the licensee or an employee of an authorized third-party facilitator who is at least 21 years of age and delivery must be made to a customer who is at least 21 years of age and who displays identification at the time of delivery. Establishes licensing requirements for third-party facilitators.

  HB 2773 passed the Senate Rules Committee on April 6, 2021.

- **SB 1043: Public Safety; Cancer Insurance; Eligibility (Sen. Livingston; Peoria)** This bill requires that The Board of Trustees of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System is required to annually review the premiums required under the Public Safety Cancer Insurance Policy Program to ensure the financial security of the Program. Persons eligible for coverage under the Program remain eligible upon retirement for the statutorily specified time periods, regardless of whether the person has a cancer diagnosis.

  SB 1043 passed the Senate Rules Committee on January 26, 2021.

- **SB 1062: Engineering Definitions (Sen. Mesnard; Chandler)** This bill dictates that for the purpose of Board of Technical Registration statutes, the definition of "engineering practice" is modified, including specifying that the service or work must be to the extent that the engineering education, training and experience requirements for professional registration are necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare. Also modifies the definition of "engineer" and defines "professional engineer."

SB 1062 was signed by the Governor on March 18, 2021.

- **SB 1076: Low-Income Multifamily Housing; Valuation (Sen. Livingston; Peoria)** This bill requires that the owner of "low-income multifamily residential rental property" (defined) is authorized to elect a statutory income method for valuing the property. The calculation for this valuation method is established. Requirements for a property owner to elect this valuation method are specified, including documentation requirements. Low-income multifamily residential rental properties that are valued using this method are classified as class four property for property tax purposes.

SB 1076 was approved by the House COW with amendment on April 14, 2021.

- **SB 1103: Strike Everything Amendment (Sen. Mesnard; Chandler)** This bill makes significant changes to the regulatory scheme for tobacco and vaping products throughout the state, including implementing licensure for sales through the Department of Liquor Licensing and Control, changing the statutory age for tobacco purchase to 21, setting penalties for violations, and establishing a tobacco retail sales licensing fund.

SB 1103 passed the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees on February 24, 2021.

- **SB 1257: State Liquor Board; Membership (Sen. Mesnard; Chandler)** This bill requires one of the five members of the State Liquor Board with no financial interest in business licensed to deal with spirituous liquors to be a current or former elected municipal official. Session law allows current Board members to continue to serve until the expiration of their normal terms.

SB 1257 was signed by the Governor on April 9, 2021.

- **SB 1334: Fireworks; Aerial Displays (Sen. Gowan; Sierra Vista)** This bill expands the definition of "permissible consumer fireworks" in a county with a population of more than 500,000 persons is expanded to include "multiple-tube aerial devices" (defined as specified mine and shell devices and multiple tube fireworks devices and pyrotechnic articles that are defined in an American Pyrotechnics Association rule, with some exclusions).

SB 1334 passed the Senate Commerce Committee on February 10, 2021.

- **SB 1377: Civil Liability; Public Health Pandemic (Sen. Leach; Tucson)** This bill states that **i**f the Governor declares a state of emergency for a public health pandemic, a person or provider that acts in good faith to protect a person or the public from injury from the pandemic is not liable for damages in any civil action for any injury, death or loss to person or property that is based on a claim that the person or provider failed to protect the person or the public from the effects of the pandemic, unless it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that the person or

provider failed to act or acted with willful misconduct or gross negligence. A person or provider is presumed to have acted in good faith if the person or provider adopted and implemented reasonable policies related to the pandemic. If the Governor declares a state of emergency for a public health pandemic, a health professional or health care institution that acts in good faith is not liable for damages in any civil action for an injury or death that is alleged to be caused by the health professional's or health care institution's action or omission while providing health care services in support of Arizona's response to the state of emergency declared by the Governor, unless it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that the professional or institution failed to act or acted with willful misconduct or gross negligence. Applies to all claims filed before or after the effective date of this legislation for an act or omission that occurred on or after March 11, 2020 relating to a pandemic that is the subject of the state of emergency declared by the Governor. Does not apply to workers' compensation claims.

SB 1377 was signed by the Governor on April 5, 2021.

- **SB 1379: Vacation Rentals; Short-Term Rentals; Enforcement (Sen. Mesnard; Chandler)** This bill modifies the list of regulations that counties and municipalities are authorized to impose on vacation rentals or short-term rentals to include restricting the occupancy of a vacation rental or short-term rental to 2 adults per bedroom, up to 4 bedrooms, plus 2 additional adults per 1,000 square feet of livable space in excess of 3,000 square feet of livable space, and 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 for each day a property is in violation of specified provisions. Modifies civil penalties for online lodging operators that fail to comply with applicable transaction privilege tax requirements.

SB 1379 failed to pass the House on April 1, 2021.

- **SB 1409: Zoning Ordinances; Property Rights; Costs (Sen. Petersen; Gilbert)** This bill allows that before adopting any zoning ordinance or zoning ordinance text amendment of general applicability, the legislative body of a municipality is required to consider and adopt an individual property rights cost of housing impact statement regarding the impact of the zoning ordinance, which must include a list of specified information. Municipalities are prohibited from adopting or enforcing a land use regulation that unreasonably increases the cost to construct housing for sale or rent.

SB 1409 passed the House Rules Committee on March 23, 2021.

- **SB 1514: Appropriation; Emergency Shelter Beds; Seniors (Sen. Livingston; Peoria)** This bill appropriates $5 million from the general fund in FY2021-22 to the Department of Economic Security (DES) for emergency shelter beds in western Maricopa County to shelter and serve homeless seniors who are at least 55 years of age. DES is required to distribute the monies to a single Arizona nonprofit provider that meets a list of specified requirements.

SB 1514 passed the House Appropriations Committee on March 18, 2021.

- **SB 1533 : Obstruction Highways; Racing; Assessment; Impoundment (Sen. Boyer; Glendale)** This bill levies a penalty assessment of $1,000 on every fine, penalty and forfeiture imposed and collected by the courts for a violation of racing on highways. The assessments are deposited in the newly established Drag Racing Prevention Enforcement Fund, to be used to prevent racing on streets and highways in Arizona. Increases the criminal classification of obstructing a highway to a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor, from a class 3 (lowest) misdemeanor, except that a second or subsequent violation within 24 months is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor. A person who knowingly aids and abets another person in the commission of a violation of reckless driving or racing on highways is guilty of a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor, except that a second or subsequent violation within 24 months is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor. Also, a peace officer is required to cause the removal and either immobilization or impoundment of a vehicle if the peace officer determines that a person is driving a vehicle in violation of reckless driving or racing on highways.

SB 1533 passed the House Rules Committee on March 23, 2021.

City of Phoenix

Report

Date: 4/29/2021, **Item No.** 4

Summary of Virtual Community Budget Hearing Minutes, Electronic and Voicemail Budget Comments, and the Second 2021-22 City Manager's Proposed Trial Budget Additions FundPHX Report

This report transmits the summary minutes of three Virtual Community Budget Hearings held April 10, April 17, and April 20, 2021, electronic budget comments from residents who did not wish to speak during Virtual Community Budget Hearings held April 10, April 17, and April 20, 2021, resident budget comments received by the Budget and Research Department from April 20 through April 27, 2021, as well as the second 2021-22 City Manager's Proposed Trial Budget FundPHX report, reflecting submissions received from April 1 through April 23, 2021.

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 $153 million General Fund surplus, and share community priorities with staff. For the month of April the tool provides information on the 2021-22 City Manager's Proposed Trial Budget. Between April 1 and April 23, 2021, staff received a total of 34 Trial Budget FundPHX submittals. The Trial Budget FundPHX page has received 370 interactive page views. The Trial Budget FundPHX report includes proposed additions identified by seven categories, including:

- Employee Compensation ($118.0M);
- Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness ($21.0M);
- COVID Response and Resiliency ($2.6M);
- Climate Change and Heat Readiness ($2.8M);
- Affordable Housing and Homelessness ($2.7M);
- Building Community and Responding to Growth ($2.9M); and

- Administrative Accountability ($3.0M).

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 at the April 10, April 17 and April 20, 2021 through Virtual Community Budget Hearings, and received directly by the Budget and Research Department between April 20 and April 27. Also included are comments received through the Trial Budget FundPHX tool between April 1 and April 23, 2021.

Comments for additional funding/support of the budget:

- (140) additional funding for a civilian-only response for mental health and crisis response calls for service, (110) of the comments specifically calling for the expanded Community Assistance Program to be an independent function from Public Safety, and for community involvement in the proposed model, from (96) individuals.
- (40) additional funding for green spaces, cool corridors, heat readiness, climate resiliency, the Tree and Shade Master Plan, water conservation, and the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation, from (27) individuals.
- (38) additional funding for affordable housing, rental assistance, and veterans housing, from (22) individuals.
- (38) additional funding for the park on 55th Avenue and Samantha, from (15) individuals.
- (25) additional funding for Arts and Culture and public art maintenance, from (12) individuals.
- (22) additional funding for expanded Public Transit services, dedicated bus lanes, shaded bus stops, and neighborhood circulators, from (16) individuals.
- (16) additional funding for Parks and Recreation parks and community centers, from (12) individuals.
- (14) additional funding for programs assisting individuals experiencing homelessness, from (15) individuals.
- (10) additional funding for historic preservation, from (6) individuals.
- (7) additional funding for Human Services, workforce development, childcare and senior programs, from (6) individuals.
- (6) additional funding for Environmental Programs, from (4) individuals.
- (6) additional funding for HUUB/Phx Biz Connect, from (3) individuals.
- (5) additional funding for Street Transportation maintenance, cleaning, and repair, from (5) individuals.

- (4) additional funding for gated alleys and alley clean-ups, from (4) individuals.
- (4) additional funding for HAWK signals, bicyclist and pedestrian safety, from (4) individuals.
- (4) additional funding for public records, from (4) individuals.
- (4) additional funding for youth programs, housing, and sports, from (2) individuals.
- (3) additional funding for street improvements at 3rd and 5th Avenue in the Willo neighborhood, from (3) individuals.
- (2) additional funding for Budget and Research, from (1) individual.
- (2) additional funding for Carnegie Library, from (2) individuals.
- (2) additional funding for Fast-Track Cities initiative to end HIV/AIDS in Phoenix, from (2) individuals.
- (2) additional funding for Libraries and College Depot, from (2) individuals.
- (2) additional funding for Police officer, 911 operator and civilian hiring and training, from (2) individuals.
- (2) additional funding for Police reparations, from (2) individuals.
- (2) additional funding for public WiFi and technology programs, from (2) individuals.
- (1) additional funding for improvements and maintenance of the bike trails at 6th Avenue and 12th Street, from (1) individual.
- (1) additional funding for Neighborhood Services, from (1) individual.
- (1) additional funding for Planning and Development, from (1) individual.
- (1) additional funding for public health, from (1) individual.
- (1) additional funding for Public Works, from (1) individual.
- (1) additional funding for Pueblo Grande, from (1) individual.
- (1) in support of increasing reserves, from (1) individual.
- (1) in support of increasing taxes, from (1) individual.

Comments for reduced funding/opposition of the budget:

- (196) in opposition of additional funding for Police and/or reducing the Police budget, including (167) for the reallocation of Police funding to addiction and substance abuse programs, rehabilitation services and centers in West Phoenix, and elimination of Public Transit Fares, from (118) individuals.
- (8) in opposition of the budget, from (6) individuals.
- (3) in opposition of increased funding for Street Transportation, from (3) individuals.
- (2) in opposition of increased funding for Information Technology Services, from (2) individuals.
- (2) in opposition of increased funding for Environmental Programs, from (2) individuals.
- (2) in opposition of increased funding for Fire, from (2) individuals.

- (2) in opposition of increased funding for Parks and Recreation, from (2) individuals.
- (2) in opposition of increased funding for public health, from (2) individuals.
- (2) in opposition of increased funding for Public Works, from (2) individuals.
- (1) in opposition of increased funding for historic preservation, from (1) individual.
- (1) in opposition of increased funding for Housing, from (1) individual.
- (1) in opposition of increased funding for Human Resources, from (1) individual.
- (1) in opposition of increased funding for Human Services, from (1) individual.
- (1) in opposition of increased funding for Municipal Court, from (1) individual.
- (1) in opposition of increased funding for Park Rangers, from (1) individual.
- (1) in opposition of increased funding for Sustainability, from (1) individual.

Attachment A transmits the summary minutes from Virtual Community Budget Hearings held April 10, April 17, and April 20, 2021. **Attachment B** lists the electronic comments from residents who did not wish to speak during the six Virtual Community Budget Hearings held April 10, April 17, and April 20, 2021. **Attachment C** transmits a summary of the electronic and voicemail comments regarding the budget for April 20 through April 27, 2021. **Attachment D** is the 2021-22 City Manager's Proposed Trial Budget Additions FundPHX report and includes comments received in the tool from residents for the time period April 1 through April 23, 2021.

Responsible Department
This item is submitted by City Manager Ed Zuercher and the Budget and Research Department.

City of Phoenix

To: Ed Zuercher
City Manager

Date: April 27, 2021

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 10, 2021, 10:00 AM, Community-wide Spanish hearing; April 17, 2021, 10:00 AM, Community-wide hearing; and April 20, 2021, 5:30 PM, newly Inaugurated Council member hearing.

At www.phoenix.gov/Budget, residents can access the 2021-22 City Manager's Trial Budget, Virtual Community Budget Hearing Information, and other budget information. At the Virtual Community Budget Hearing webpage www.phoenix/budget/hearings, residents can view the following:

- The 2021-22 Budget Tabloid in English and Spanish
- A link to the FundPHX Budgeting Tool
- The Budget Hearing presentation video in English and Spanish
- Minutes and YouTube videos from each of the Virtual Community Budget Hearings.

Attachment B lists the online comments (eComments) from residents who did not wish to speak during the April 10th, 17th or 20th hearings.

The Budget and Research Department also maintains an email address and a voice mailbox for residents to provide comments on the budget. **Attachment C** transmits a summary of these comments for April 20-27, 2021, as well as social media statistics for that time period.

ATTACHMENT A
RESUMEN DE LAS MINUTAS
AUDIENCIA VIRTUAL SOBRE EL PRESUPUESTO DE LA COMUNIDAD
ESPAÑOL EN TODA LA CIUDAD
10 DE ABRIL DE 2021, 10:00 am

SUMMARY MINUTES
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING
CITYWIDE - SPANISH
APRIL 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM

A las 10:05 a. m., la directora adjunta de presupuesto e investigación, Mayra Baquera, dio la bienvenida al público a la segunda audiencia virtual en español sobre el presupuesto de la municipalidad. Mencionó la importancia de las observaciones públicas sobre el proceso presupuestario y destacó las formas en que el público puede informarse sobre el presupuesto y hacer comentarios adicionales.
(Deputy Budget and Research Director Mayra Baquera welcomed the audience to the City's second Spanish virtual budget hearing at 10:05 a.m. She noted the importance of public comment on the budget process and highlighted ways for the public to learn about the budget and provide additional input.)

El concejal Carlos Garcia agradeció a los participantes de la reunión, incluido Poder in Action. Recalcó la importancia de los comentarios de los ciudadanos sobre el presupuesto y refirió a los residentes a la herramienta de presupuestación en línea, FundPHX. Comentó que en otras audiencias virtuales sobre el presupuesto se ofrecerían servicios de traducción en caso de ser necesario.
(Councilmember Carlos Garcia thanked meeting participants, including Poder in Action. He emphasized the importance of citizen input on the budget and directed residents to the FundPHX online budgeting tool. He noted other virtual budget hearings would provide translation services if needed.)

Elsie Duarte se presentó como la intérprete de la reunión y dio indicaciones a los oradores.
(Elsie Duarte introduced herself as the interpreter for the meeting and provided instructions for speakers.)

El funcionario de información pública, Alejandro Montiel-Cordova, explicó el código de conducta a los oradores y dio inicio a las observaciones públicas.
(Public Information Officer Alejandro Montiel-Cordova explained the code of conduct for speakers and began public comment.)

1. Oscar de las Salas estaba registrado para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
   (Oscar de las Salas registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

2. Jack Wilenchik, miembro del Comité de Conservación Histórica, expresó su apoyo al financiamiento adicional para la conservación histórica.

(Jack Wilenchik, a member of the Historic Preservation Committee, expressed support for additional funding for historic preservation.)

3. Cynthia Garcia estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Cynthia Garcia registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

4. Ramon Gomez expresó su apoyo para un parque en 55th Avenue y Samantha Way.
(Ramon Gomez expressed support for a park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way.)

5. Benton Abegg expresó su apoyo para un parque en 55th Avenue y Samantha Way.
(Benton Abegg expressed support for a park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way.)

6. Linda Abegg expresó su apoyo para un parque en 55th Avenue y Samantha Way.
(Linda Abegg expressed support for a park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way.)

7. Paola Valencia, de la asociación de vecinos Si Se Puede, solicitó un mejor servicio de transporte y un centro comunitario para la comunidad de Estrella Village.
(Paola Valencia, with the Si Se Puede neighborhood association, requested improved transportation and a community center for the Estrella Village community.)

   El concejal Garcia preguntó si se disponía de transporte público en el área.
(Councilmember Garcia asked if public transportation was available in the area.)

   La Sra. Valencia solicitó en específico un servicio de autobús en el vecindario para la comunidad.
(Ms. Valencia specifically requested a neighborhood circulator for the community.)

8. Ismael Morales, miembro de la Comisión de Arte y Cultura, expresó su apoyo al financiamiento de proyectos de arte y cultura en la municipalidad y mencionó su impacto positivo en la comunidad.
(Ismael Morales, a member of the Arts and Culture Commission, expressed support for funding arts and culture projects in the city, noting their positive impact on the community.)

9. Brenda Montoya, presidenta de la asociación de vecinos Si Se Puede, expresó su apoyo a un servicio de autobús en el vecindario y un centro comunitario en la comunidad de Estrella Village.
(Brenda Montoya, president of the Si Se Puede neighborhood association, expressed support for a neighborhood circulator and community center in the Estrella Village community.)

10. Ana Calderon expresó su oposición al financiamiento de la policía y solicitó que los fondos se destinaran a las necesidades de la comunidad, que incluyen un centro de rehabilitación, salud mental, escuelas, bibliotecas y apoyo para inmigrantes.

(Ana Calderon expressed opposition to police funding and requested funds be spent on community needs, including a rehab center, mental health, schools, libraries, and support for immigrants.)

11. Maria Gutierrez expresó su oposición al financiamiento de la policía y solicitó que los fondos se destinaran a la salud mental, los hospitales, los servicios públicos y ayuda por el COVID.
(Maria Gutierrez expressed opposition to police funding and requested funds be spent on mental health, hospitals, public services, and COVID relief.)

12. Juan Lopez mencionó que se necesitarían menos agentes debido a los recientes cambios a las leyes sobre la marihuana. Expresó su apoyo a los recursos para la salud mental y para los vecindarios marginados.
(Juan Lopez noted less officers would be needed due to recent changes to marijuana laws. He expressed support for mental health resources and for underserved neighborhoods.)

13. Noemi Garcia expresó su oposición a los contratos laborales para la policía, al mencionar que contenían reformas débiles y que no se celebraban de manera pública. También solicitó mayor apoyo para la limpieza de callejones y calles más limpias.
(Noemi Garcia expressed opposition to police labor contracts, noting they contained weak reforms and were not conducted publicly. She also requested more support for alley cleanups and cleaner streets.)

14. Estela Varela expresó su apoyo para un centro de rehabilitación y servicios de salud para los jóvenes, los inmigrantes indocumentados y los residentes no asegurados.
(Estela Varela expressed support for a rehab center and health services for youth, undocumented immigrants, and uninsured residents.)

15. Juana Rita expresó su oposición al financiamiento de la policía y solicitó que los fondos se destinaran a un centro de atención de salud mental para jóvenes, transporte mejorado y gratuito, y ayuda por el COVID para los miembros de la comunidad más necesitados.
(Juana Rita expressed opposition to police funding and requested the funds be spent on a mental health facility for young people, improved and free transportation, and COVID relief for community members in need.)

16. Martha Avendaño expresó su oposición al financiamiento de la policía y solicitó que los fondos se reinvirtieran en la comunidad, lo que incluye un centro de rehabilitación de bajo costo o gratuito.
(Martha Avendaño expressed opposition to police funding and requested funds be reinvested in the community, including a low cost or free rehab center.)

17. Berta Rita expresó su oposición al financiamiento de la policía y solicitó que los fondos se reinvirtieran en la comunidad, lo que incluye transporte gratuito, un centro

de rehabilitación y programas para después de la escuela. Recalcó la necesidad de contar con sugerencias y soluciones por parte de la comunidad.
(Berta Rita expressed opposition to police funding and requested the funds be reinvested in the community, including free transportation, a rehab center, and after school programs. She emphasized the need for community input and solutions.)

El concejal Garcia mencionó que una parte del financiamiento contemplado en la propuesta de presupuesto no se destinaría a la policía, sino a realizar evaluaciones a la policía.
(Councilmember Garcia noted some funding in the proposed budget was not for Police but to conduct reviews of Police.)

La Sra. Rita señaló que la comunidad no confiaba en la policía y no creía que se fueran a realizar las evaluaciones. Solicitó que el financiamiento se asignara a otros departamentos de la municipalidad.
(Ms. Rita stated the community did not trust police and did not believe the reviews would occur. She requested the funding be placed in other city departments.)

18. Lore Valdez expresó que a su hijo lo había matado la policía durante un incidente de salud mental. Solicitó que los $15 millones incluidos en la propuesta de presupuesto para el Programa de Asistencia Comunitaria se tomaran del presupuesto del Departamento de Policía y expresó su apoyo al financiamiento de servicios de rehabilitación y salud mental.
(Lore Valdez shared that her son had been killed by police during a mental health incident. She requested that the $15 million included in the proposed budget for the Community Assistance Program be taken from the Police Department budget and expressed support for funding rehab and mental health services.)

El concejal Garcia habló sobre el Programa de Asistencia Comunitaria y pidió a la Sra. Valdez su opinión al respecto.
(Councilmember Garcia discussed the Community Assistance Program and asked Ms. Valdez’s opinion of it.)

La Sra. Valdez señaló que no se habían comunicado con ella en relación con el programa.
(Ms. Valdez stated she had not been contacted about the program.)

El concejal Garcia indicó que se comunicarían con la Sra. Valdez para hablar sobre el programa y su funcionamiento.
(Councilmember Garcia indicated Ms. Valdez would be contacted to discuss the program and how it will work.)

19. Anabell Gabino expresó su apoyo para los servicios de transporte gratuitos y su extensión, así como para los servicios de rehabilitación. Solicitó que se paguen mediante una reducción al presupuesto del Departamento de Policía.

(Anabell Gabino expressed support for free and expanded transportation services, as well as rehab services. She requested these be paid for by reducing the Police Department budget.)

20. Ana Laura Juarez estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Ana Laura Juarez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

21. Patricia Valdez estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Patricia Valdez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

22. Sonia Velazquez expresó su oposición al financiamiento de la policía y solicitó financiamiento para vivienda y servicios para las personas sin hogar, así como transporte gratuito y un nuevo centro de rehabilitación.
(Sonia Velazquez expressed opposition to police funding and requested funding for housing and services for the homeless, as well as free transportation and a new rehab center.)

23. Hector Garcia expresó su oposición al financiamiento del Departamento de Policía y solicitó mejoras a las calles y al transporte, un plan para reducir la contaminación y un centro de rehabilitación para la comunidad.
(Hector Garcia expressed opposition to funding the Police Department and requested street and transportation improvements, a plan to reduce smog, and a rehab center for the community.)

24. Georgina Martinez estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Georgina Martinez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

25. Basilia Perez estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Basilia Perez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

26. Gerardo Urbina expresó su apoyo a más centros de capacitación laboral, centros para adultos mayores, apoyo para personas sin seguro, mejoras al transporte, un centro de rehabilitación y un centro de salud.
(Gerardo Urbina expressed support for additional job training centers, senior centers, support for the uninsured, improved transportation, and a rehab center and health center.)

27. Concepcion Franco expresó su oposición al financiamiento de la policía.
(Concepcion Franco expressed opposition to police funding.)

28. Jimena Hale estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Jimena Hale registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

29. Eva Avila estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Eva Avila registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

30. Tiffany Avila estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Tiffany Avila registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

31. Clara Ibarra estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Clara Ibarra registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

32. Sixto Martinez expresó su oposición al financiamiento de la policía y expresó inquietudes sobre acciones policiales.
(Sixto Martinez expressed opposition to funding for police and expressed concern about police actions.)

33. Javier Aponte estaba registrado para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Javier Aponte registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

34. Monica Rodriguez estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Monica Rodriguez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

35. Alma Chavez expresó su apoyo para el centro de rehabilitación.
(Alma Chavez expressed support for a rehab center.)

36. Claudia H estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Claudia H registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

37. Jesus A estaba registrado para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Jesus A registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

38. Arturo Escalera expresó su oposición al Departamento de Policía. También solicitó un centro de rehabilitación en el este de Phoenix, apoyo para quienes padecen enfermedades mentales y las personas sin hogar y acelerar el programa de siembra de árboles de la municipalidad.

(Arturo Escalera expressed opposition to the Police Department. He also requested a rehab center in east Phoenix, support for the mentally ill and homeless, and to expedite the City's tree planting program.)

39. Beatriz Garcia expresó su oposición al Departamento de Policía y solicitó una mayor inversión en la comunidad.
(Beatriz Garcia expressed opposition to the Police Department and requested more investment in the community.)

40. Ana Maria Herrera estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Ana Maria Herrera registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

41. Ana Yanci Vizcarra estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Ana Yanci Vizcarra registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

42. Ismael Moreno expresó su oposición a un mayor financiamiento o puestos para la policía. Solicitó inversión en capacitación laboral, centros de rehabilitación y parques adicionales.
(Ismael Moreno expressed opposition to additional funds or positions for police. He requested investment in job training, rehab centers, and additional parks.)

43. Katia Duran expresó su oposición al financiamiento de la policía y solicitó que se usara el financiamiento para recursos comunitarios y para los afectados por el COVID-19.
(Katia Duran expressed opposition to police funding and requested funds be used for community resources and those impacted by COVID-19.)

44. Naty Moreno estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Naty Moreno registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

45. Jose Beltran estaba registrado para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Jose Beltran registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

46. Carmen Alicia estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Carmen Alicia registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

47. Josefina Ramirez estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.

(Josefina Ramirez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

48. Arturo Barraza estaba registrado para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Arturo Barraza registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

49. Diana Manriquez estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Diana Manriquez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

50. Irma Hernandez estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Irma Hernandez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

51. Martha Felix estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Martha Felix registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

52. Alma Olvera expresó su apoyo a servicios comunitarios, incluyendo un centro de rehabilitación y apoyo para las personas sin hogar, en lugar de financiar al Departamento de Policía. Describió un delito que vivió y la falta de respuesta que hubo por parte de la policía.
(Alma Olvera expressed support for community services, including a rehab center and support for the homeless, rather than funding the Police Department. She described a crime she experienced and the lack of police response she received.)

53. Mirian Garcia expresó su oposición al financiamiento de la policía y solicitó una mayor inversión en la comunidad, particularmente en quienes fueron afectados por el COVID-19 y las personas indocumentadas.
(Mirian Garcia expressed opposition to funding for police and requested more investment in the community, particularly those impacted by COVID-19 and undocumented people.)

54. Chema Blanca estaba registrado para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Chema Blanca registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

55. Ines Uriano estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Ines Uriano registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

56. Panfilo Flores expresó su oposición al financiamiento de la policía y las acciones de la policía. Solicitó más servicios de transporte, así como un nuevo centro de rehabilitación.

(Panfilo Flores expressed opposition to funding for police and police actions. He requested more transportation services, as well as a new rehab center.)

57. Adriana Solorio habló sobre el uso de las drogas entre los jóvenes y solicitó un nuevo centro de rehabilitación.
(Adriana Solorio spoke about drug use among youth and requested a new rehab center.)

58. Luz Burgos estaba registrada para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Luz Burgos registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

59. Javier Villegas expresó su apoyo a los parques, incluyendo el aumento en la seguridad, así como transporte y ayuda gratuita para quienes luchan contra el abuso de sustancias.
(Javier Villegas expressed support for parks, including increased security, as well as free transportation and assistance for those struggling with substance abuse.)

60. Pablo Zuniga estaba registrado para hablar, pero no estaba en la línea cuando se le pidió que hablara.
(Pablo Zuniga registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.)

61. Maria Rios expresó su apoyo a las mejoras de carreteras y vías rápidas, limpieza de callejones, un nuevo centro de rehabilitación y centros de capacitación laboral. Destacó que estas inversiones ayudarían a reducir la delincuencia.
(Maria Rios expressed support for road and freeway improvements, alley cleanups, a new rehab center, and job training centers. She noted these investments would help reduce crime.)

El concejal Garcia agradeció a Viri Hernandez y Poder in Action por su participación en la reunión y le pidió a la Sra. Hernandez que resumiera lo que había escuchado de la comunidad, incluyendo dónde se necesitaba un centro de rehabilitación.
(Councilmember Garcia thanked Viri Hernandez and Poder in Action for their participation in the meeting and asked Ms. Hernandez to summarize what she had heard from the community, including where a rehab center was needed.)

La Sra. Hernandez analizó los desafíos en la comunidad, incluyendo la falta de tecnología, la inaccesibilidad de servicios para los residentes y una necesidad de servicios de salud mental y para los jóvenes. Analizó la retroalimentación de la comunidad sobre la policía, incluyendo las inquietudes sobre la falta de capacitación, asuntos penales no resueltos y un deseo de eliminar el financiamiento de la policía. Destacó el impacto positivo del transporte gratuito durante el COVID-19 y solicitó que continuara, así como una necesidad constante de apoyo para las personas afectadas por el COVID-19. Indicó la necesidad de una mayor inversión en el oeste de Phoenix, como un centro de rehabilitación y ayuda para personas indocumentadas.

(Ms. Hernandez discussed challenges in the community, including lack of technology, inaccessibility of services by residents, and a need for mental health and youth services. She discussed community feedback about police, including concerns about lack of training, unresolved criminal issues, and a desire to remove funding from police. She noted the positive impact of free transportation during COVID-19 and requested that it continue, as well as ongoing need for support of people impacted by COVID-19. She indicated a need for more investment in west Phoenix, such as a rehab center and assistance for undocumented people.)

El concejal Garcia agradeció al personal y a los participantes, destacando el apoyo para el parque en Samantha Way, los comentarios en español de Benton Abegg, el trabajo de Poder in Action y la necesidad de mayor apoyo para el oeste de Phoenix. Destacó que el financiamiento federal se podría usar para las necesidades de la comunidad relacionadas con el COVID-19. Invitó a los residentes a que asistieran a las audiencias del presupuesto restantes y que se comunicaran con su oficina en caso de tener alguna pregunta.
(Councilmember Garcia thanked staff and speakers, making note of support for the park on Samantha Way, the Spanish comments from Benton Abegg, the work of Poder in Action, and the need for more support to west Phoenix. He noted federal funds could be used for community needs related to COVID-19. He directed residents to remaining budget hearings and to contact his office with questions.)

La Sra. Baquera dio por terminada la reunión a las 11:32 a. m.
(Ms. Baquera adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.)

SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COMMUNITY-WIDE
APRIL 17, 2021 at 10:00AM

City Manager Ed Zuercher opened the hearing at 10:06 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Zuercher introduced Spanish-language interpreter, Mario Barajas. Mr. Barajas introduced his colleague Elsie Duarte and gave call in instructions for both English and Spanish speaking audiences.

Councilwoman Laura Pastor introduced herself and thanked everyone in attendance and provided opening comments. Mr. Zuercher thanked Councilwoman Pastor for her comments, thanked the city staff in attendance, provided an overview of the budget process and the 2021-22 budget surplus, and presented the budget tabloid. A video describing the City of Phoenix's budget was shown.

After the video was presented, Mr. Zuercher introduced Councilman Carlos Garcia, who had arrived at the hearing. Councilman Garcia thanked those in attendance and encouraged them to use the Fund PHX on-line tool featured on the City of Phoenix Budget and Research Department website to provide additional input to the City budget.

Mr. Zuercher introduced Interim Assistant to City Council Matt Heil. Mr. Heil read the code of conduct for public comment for meeting participants. A summary of each speaker's comments is shown below.

1. Linda Abegg spoke in favor of funding for a City park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

2. Amy Meglio spoke in support of funding the Community Advocacy Program (CAP) as an independent program from the Police Department.

3. Jamar Williams, not registered but invited to speak by a councilmember, spoke in favor of reallocating the budget surplus to other community programs.

4. Lisa Vang spoke in support of funding the development and maintenance of parks and green spaces in Laveen.

5. Lisa Cooper spoke in support of funding for on-going maintenance and repairs to concrete, landscaping, and lighting improvements for the highline bike trail along 6th Avenue and 12th Street in Council District 8. Ms. Cooper stated this part of the trail is neglected.

6. Ema Jauregui spoke in support of funding arts opportunities for youth and providing homelessness services and alley clean-up in District 5. She expressed support for reallocating funding for Police bonuses to funding for social services.

7. Ismael Morales spoke in support of funding for arts and culture.

8. Cynthia Garcia spoke in favor of not supporting the current budget and in favor of funding a community assistance program like the Neighborhood Organization Crisis Assistance Program (NOCAP) to address non-violent calls for assistance.

9. Karla Cruz does spoke in support of reallocating Police funds to community services such as housing, free public transportation and a rehabilitation center on the west side.

10. Paris Moore spoke in support of reallocating Police funds to mental health, housing and addiction services.

11. Maria Valencia spoke in support of reallocating Police funds to support an independent community assistance program (CAP), more rehabilitation centers, low barrier housing and free public transportation.

12. Jeremy Schachter registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

13. Bob Herman registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

14. Celeste Zuniga spoke in support of not increasing Police Department staff and reallocating funds for Police to support public transportation, healthcare, income and housing support, childcare assistance and public education.

15. Zuzanna Stechly registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

16. Raven Padilla registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

17. Aran Kelly registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

18. Sarah Ford registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

19. Sabrina Kernagis spoke in support of an independent community assistance program (CAP).

20. Michelle Jameson spoke in support of funding a full-time position to assist in helping veterans with housing, job attainment and mental and physical health care programs.

21. Adam Hawkins spoke in support of funding a full-time position to assist veterans.

22. Luke Black spoke in support of not funding additional positions in the Police Department and reallocating funds to a community assistance program (CAP).

23. Samuel Merten spoke in support of increased funding for the Fire Department's Community Assistance Program (CAP) and funding community committees for the engagement and oversight of CAP. Mr. Merten stated he was concerned that funding would not be guaranteed.

Ed Zuercher wanted to clear up any misconception and explained that once the City Council approves the 2021-22 budget, the funding for the CAP is guaranteed and would continue. He stated it would take an act of a future City Council to discontinue funding.

Councilman Garcia asked Mr. Zuercher to explain the process of establishing CAP. Mr. Zuercher explained that the City does not currently have a fully formed CAP, and the funding proposed in the budget establishes funding for a CAP. He added the program will need to be developed by Council with the input of the community. Mr. Zuercher stated that the partial program in the Fire Department currently works with victims that have been displaced by fire or medical emergencies. Mr. Zuercher further explained the funding proposed in this budget is for civilian response to residents who have a behavioral or mental health crisis that is responded to by Police today. He stated that when the CAP is developed, civilians will respond unless there is criminal activity.

Mr. Zuercher also stated ICE is not called unless someone is arrested or cited in lieu of detention, even if a Police Officer responds. He added that if we respond with civilians, it is not an ICE situation. Mr. Zuercher stated that State law requires that there is no connection between a CAP and ICE, unless someone is arrested, detained, or cited in lieu of detention.

Councilwoman Laura Pastor stated that she led the Traumatic Incident Intervention Resource Committee and the committee pushed for the crisis assistance response team, with dialogue with the Fire Department. Councilwoman Pastor stated the crisis assistance response team is very important for incidents happening in the community dealing with mental and behavioral health. She wanted to clarify that is what the City is building and creating.

Mr. Zuercher stated that he agreed, and as a result of a recommendation from the Traumatic Incident Intervention Resource Committee, a Victim Services Caseworker position has been put in the Trial Budget to navigate services for family and relatives of people who have been harmed or killed in interactions with the City's Police Department. Mr. Zuercher stated that the committee also recommended funding a broader, more robust crisis assistance response group that is not made up of Police Officers. Mr. Zuercher stated he envisions that when a resident calls for assistance, if enough information can be obtained to determine that a behavioral or mental health crisis is occurring, a trained behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Specialist would respond. Mr. Zuercher again stressed that Police would only be involved if there was violence or some criminal act. He added that most situations are not criminal or in need of the justice system and that they are a crisis in need of recovery or assistance.

Councilman Garcia stated that we receive about 24,000 calls a year for mental health issues and with the established funding for CAP, those calls will be responded to by the newly formed crisis assistance response team, which would eliminate work for Police Officers and generate budget savings. Mr. Zuercher agreed but stated that until the volume of calls is known and decreases in workload can be determined, we would not know what the savings would be.

24. Aimee Esposito registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

25. Ramon Gomez spoke in support of funding for a City park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

26. Robert Cannon spoke in support of continued funding for the Third and Fifth Avenue Improvement Project, located in the Willo Historic Neighborhood.

27. Deeann Cook registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

28. Loreto Torres registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

29. Kush Govani registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

30. Hannah Adams registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

31. Melissa Hartley spoke in support of funding for a community assistance program (CAP) that is separate from law enforcement. Ms. Hartley stated the team should be unarmed and be a separate department.

Councilwoman Pastor stated it is her understanding that a community assistance program (CAP) is what they are working towards and Mr. Zuercher confirmed this.

32. Ainsley Angounou spoke in support of funding for a City park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

33. Jessica Spencer registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

    Ms. Spencer was able to connect after Mr. White spoke. She spoke in favor of reallocating funds from the Police budget to education, rehabilitation, affordable housing, healthcare and an independent community assistance program (CAP).

34. Shannon DiPalmo supports funding for the implementation of a Fast Track Cities or Rapid Start program to provide residents with HIV/AIDS services and resources.

35. Elida Urias spoke in support of funding for more frequent and reliable public transportation in her district 7 neighborhood. Ms. Urias would also like to see a community center built in her neighborhood.

36. Angelica Gastelum spoke in support of funding more reliable public transportation and a community center in her neighborhood.

37. Paola Valencia registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

    Ms. Valencia was connected after Mr. Raiford. She spoke in support of funding more reliable public transportation and a community center in his neighborhood.

    Councilman Garcia requested that the caller speak followed by complete translation of the caller's comments, rather than the simultaneous translation that was occurring. Ms. Duarte complied.

38. Ann Maria Hernandez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

    Ms. Hernandez was connected after Mr. Raiford and Ms. Valencia.

    Ms. Duarte indicated she was having a hard time hearing the caller and spoke to her in Spanish. Ms. Hernandez spoke in support of funding more reliable public transportation and a circulator services in her district.

Ms. Hernandez also spoke in support of funding for a community center and more education and more activities in her neighborhood to foster a sense of community.

39. Jacob Raiford, part of the Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program (NOCAP), was not on the registration list, but was asked to speak by a Council member and called in. Mr. Raiford spoke in favor of reallocating funds for an independent department separate from Police and Fire that would respond to non-violent and non-criminal emergency calls.
Councilman Garcia asked Mr. Raiford if he knew of language in other programs that gives examples of excluding Police. Mr. Raiford restated his position.

40. Brenda Montoya spoke in support of funding more frequent and reliable public transportation and more shade at bus stops and a community center.

41. Brenda Bustamante spoke in support of funding more reliable public transportation, increasing the number of bus stops and providing more shade at bus stops.

42. Elizabeth Payan registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

43. Nanci Ibarra spoke in favor of providing more public transportation and a circulator service in her neighborhood. Ms. Ibarra supports funding for a community center in her neighborhood and access to healthier food choices. Ms. Ibarra also stated that the alley by 75th Avenue and Pierce Street needs to be cleaned.
Councilman Garcia addressed the caller in Spanish. In English, he thanked the community for their participation in the budget hearing and let them know the newly elected councilperson for District 7 would be at the budget hearing on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, and they would relay this information to her.

44. Calia Byrd spoke in support of redirecting funding from Police to create an independent community assistance program with community oversight such as the Neighborhood Organization Crisis Assistance Program (NOCAP).

45. Patrick Phillips spoke in support of redirecting funding from Police to create an independent community assistance program with community oversight such as the Neighborhood Organization Crisis Assistance Program (NOCAP).

46. Dominic Bonelli spoke in support of redirecting funding from Police to create an independent community assistance program with community oversight such as the Neighborhood Organization Crisis Assistance Program (NOCAP).

47. Jonathan Hursh registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

48. Alejandra Cervantes spoke in favor of not adding positions to the Police Department and reallocating funds from Police to fund mental health resources, transportation, shelter for those dealing with domestic violence and substance abuse, and an independent community assistance program (CAP).

49. Betty Garcia spoke in favor of more funding for behavioral and mental health centers for substance abuse and autism, community centers, and street maintenance.

50. Maria Gutierrez spoke in favor of not adding 75 positions to the Police Department and redirecting funds to provide community services, especially the community assistance program (CAP).

51. Yonas Kashai spoke in favor of redirecting Police Department's budget to provide other community services and programs.

52. Tammy Nguyen does not want any further COVID relief funding to be given to the Police Department but instead favors using the funds to invest in community services and programs.

53. Rebecca Denis spoke in favor of not adding positions or funds to the Police Department and redirecting those funds to provide community services, free public transportation and an independent community assistance program (CAP).

54. Ian LoPiccolo spoke in favor of not adding positions or funds to the Police Department and redirecting those funds to provide community programs and services, including an independent community assistance program (CAP). Mr. LoPiccolo also spoke in favor of public labor negotiations.

55. Madison See spoke in favor of public labor negotiations, of not adding positions or funds to the Police Department and of reallocating funds to an independent community assistance program (CAP).

56. Damon White spoke in favor of public labor negotiations and of not adding positions or funds to the Police Department.

57. Maria Sanchez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

58. Quinn Mungia spoke in favor of reallocating Police funds to an independent community assistance program (CAP). Mr. Mungia also spoke in favor of funding for transportation, housing and rehabilitation and spoke in favor of not adding positions to the Police Department.

59. Alicia Damore registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

60. Hava Derby spoke in support of funding an independent community assistance program (CAP) with a citizen oversight committee.

61. Ann Bommersbach spoke in support of continued funding for the Third and Fifth Avenue Improvement Project, located in the Willo Historic Neighborhood. Ms. Bommersbach stated that money for a study has already been spent and would go to waste if funding for this project did not continue. She also favored Council setting aside $20 million toward affordable housing and homelessness. Mr. Zuercher indicated that City Council just allocated $20 million in stimulus funding specifically for homelessness and affordable housing. Councilwoman Pastor stated she wants to figure out a plan to fund the 3rd and 5th Avenue improvements all the way to Missouri Avenue.

62. Robert Booker spoke in support of funding for arts and culture.

63. Kelly Kwok spoke in favor of public labor negotiations, of not adding positions and funds to the Police department and to reallocate funds to the community assistance program, free transportation and bus only lanes, rehabilitation services and a center in west Phoenix, low barrier housing and climate justice.

64. Tom Doescher spoke in support of continued funding until competition of the Third and Fifth Avenue Improvement Project, located in the Willo Historic Neighborhood.

65. Pamela Tracy spoke in favor funding for a City park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

Mr. Heil indicated the last speaker had been heard and public comment was closed.

Mr. Zuercher thanked those who participated.

Councilwoman Pastor and Councilman Garcia thanked the public for their input and attendance at the hearing. Ed Zuercher closed the hearing at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Management Assistant II

SUMMARY MINUTES
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING
NEWLY INAUGURATED COUNCIL MEMBER
APRIL 20, 2021 at 5:30 PM

City Manager Ed Zuercher opened the 14th virtual budget hearing at 5:34 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Mr. Zuercher noted the two newly inaugurated Councilwomen District 1 Councilwoman Ann O'Brien and District 7 Councilwoman Yassamin Ansari were hosting the hearing.

Mr. Zuercher introduced interpreter, Mario Barajas.

Mr. Barajas provided instructions in both English and Spanish on how to participate by telephone.

Mr. Zuercher introduced District 1 Councilwoman O'Brien.

Councilwoman O'Brien thanked city staff and participating citizens, she relayed how important stakeholders' involvement is to make the City better.

Mr. Zuercher introduced Councilwoman Ansari from District 7.

Councilwoman Ansari stated she was grateful for city staff and is looking forward to hearing from constituents.

Mr. Zuercher provided an overview of the Trial Budget. He referred residents to Phoenix.gov/ budget for additional budget information. Mr. Zuercher acknowledged Budget and Research Director Amber Williamson and Budget and Research and other staff. He stated the hearings are viewable on PHXTV and on YouTube.

Mr. Zuercher introduced the budget hearing video.

Mr. Zuercher introduced City Council Chief of Staff Sina Matthes. Ms. Matthes read the hearing conduct statement and introduced the first speaker.

A summary of each speaker's comments is shown below:

1. Abdullah Tirmizi registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

2. Sandra Netkin spoke in favor of funding Community Assistance Program for response to mental health issues and to keep it separate from law enforcement agencies.

3. Dan Penton spoke in support of sustainability and constructing a park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

4. Jessely Enriquez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

5. Ryan Boyd spoke in support of arts, art maintenance, historic preservation, tree/shade infrastructure, heat readiness and response, expanding the human services campus along with support services for the neighborhood surrounding the campus, and pedestrian safety,

6. Denise Y Sotelo spoke in favor of not increasing the Police budget and in support of street improvements, free public transportation, mental health services, and affordable housing.

7. Tara Lowman-Rojas spoke in favor of not increasing the Police budget and in support of the Community Assistance Program.

8. Anthony Sawyer spoke in favor of not increasing the Police budget and in support of education, affordable housing, free transportation, and the Community Assistance Program.

9. Jennifer Hernandez spoke in favor of not increasing the Police budget and in support of free public transportation, bus only lanes, mental health services, and housing programs.

10. Brenda Montoya spoke of the need for a new community center and a circulator bus for Estrella Village.

11. Margarita Ramirez spoke of the need for a new community center and a weekend Mercado for Estrella Village.

12. Elizabeth Payan spoke in favor of a circulator bus and closer bus stop for Casa Pedro Luis community.

13. Laura Lopez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

14. Angelica Gastelum registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

15. Joel Coplin spoke in support of funding the Museum of Arizona Artists by repurposing the Carnegie Library.

16. Corraima Samaniega Ochoa registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

17. Paola Valencia spoke in support of funding street safety improvements for her community and for the Sunridge school and park.

18. Brenda Bustamante spoke in support of funding public transportation, shade structures at bus stops for the Estella Village and the negative effects of climate change.

19. Elida Urias spoke in favor of funding circulator buses and a new community center for Estrella Village.

20. Ana Maria Hernandez spoke in favor of funding a new community center, circulator buses and a supermarket for Estrella Village.

21. Linda Abegg spoke in favor of the need for equitable distribution of funding for mental health, heat mitigation and public transportation throughout the city and funding for the park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

22. Frank Dever registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

23. Lin Ling Lee spoke in support of funding arts and culture.

24. Richard de Uriarte spoke in support of continuing funding for the historic rehabilitation program.

25. Savina Bavousett spoke in support of funding a new park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

26. Amy Meglio spoke in support of funding a Community Assistance Program with a Community Ad Hoc committee and as an independent department.

27. Raymond Wong spoke in support of funding for historic preservation of Heritage Square.

28. Kari Carlisle spoke in support of funding for historic preservation of Heritage Square, improvements to tree/shade of the surrounding area, and arts and culture within Phoenix.

29. Ismael Morales spoke in support of funding for the arts and culture throughout Phoenix.

30. Cynthia Garcia spoke in favor of not funding the Community Assistance Program and funding a Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program (NOCAP) as a separate entity independent from public safety.

31. Andrea Golfen spoke in favor of not increasing the Police budget and to redistribute the Police budget to support mental health, housing, other community services, COVID relief, Crisis Response Program, rehabilitation services, free public transportation, and making the Police MOU process transparent.

32. Alejandra Cervantes registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

33. Miros Domenzain registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

34. Stephanie Gentry registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

35. Claire Goldberg registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

36. Katrina Warriner registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

37. Nicole Rodriguez spoke in support of climate change initiatives to add trees/shade to improve health and quality of life in vulnerable communities.

38. Samuel Merten spoke in support of the Community Assistance Program as an independent department. He requested a more in-depth description of the Community Assistance Program to be included in the City Manager's Proposed Budget and for the description to include a commitment by CAP to listen to the most vulnerable residents and serve as an alternative to Police-related calls.

39. Ramon Gomez spoke in support of funding a new park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

40. Beverly Solis Jones spoke in favor of not approving the proposed budget, increasing transparency of Police MOU negotiations, allocate more resources to address homelessness, reallocate the Police budget to fund the Community Assistance Program, and direct $400 million from the COVID-19 relief fund to community services.

41. Laila Kabonia registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

42. Cleo Warner spoke in favor of not increasing the Police budget, reallocating funds to the Community Assistance Program, low barrier shelters, housing support, free public transportation, and rehabilitation centers.

43. Caitlin Clifford spoke in favor of not approving the budget in its current form. She spoke in support of funding the Community Assistance Program (she referenced it as Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program).

44. Maria Sanchez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

45. Ginger Fargas registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

46. Hava Derby spoke in support of funding the Community Assistance Program (she referenced it as NOCAP) as an independent department separate from Police with a Community Ad Hoc committee.

47. Jacob Raiford spoke in favor of the Community Assistance Program as an independent first responder department separate from Police and for transparency in the creation of the department incorporating community oversight.

48. Amy Miao spoke in support of funding a new park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

49. Rebecca Patton spoke in support of funding the Community Assistance Program as an independent separate department from Police and ICE and reallocating public safety funds to the program and commit to 5 years of funding.

50. Asher Abegg spoke in support of funding a new park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

51. Lisa Cooper registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

52. Eric Brickley spoke in support of funding the Community Assistance Program (he referenced it as Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program) as a completely fully funded independent department from Police, reduced community interaction of Policing and an increase in community services.

53. Silverio Ontiveros spoke for funding for the restoration of the Duppa Adobe historical structure, park equipment, and additional trees and shade in the neighborhood. He is in favor of properly funding Police and the Community Assistance Program.

54. Indigo Ross spoke in support of defunding the Police Department, reallocating Police funding for the Community Assistance Program (CAP), provide COVID relief for the people, free transportation, low barrier housing support, a rehab center and increasing the transparency of Police MOU negotiations.

55. Cassandra Belson spoke in support of not increasing the Police budget, increasing the transparency of Police MOU negotiations, reallocate Police funding for the Community Assistance Program (CAP), free transportation, bus only lanes, affordable housing, low barrier housing support, a Green New Deal, rehabilitation center, COVID relief to the public. She also supports the park in Laveen.

56. Kelly Kwok spoke in support of not increasing the Police budget, increasing the transparency of Police MOU negotiations; reallocate Police funding for the Community Assistance Program (CAP), free transportation, bus only lanes, affordable housing, low barrier housing support, a Green New Deal, rehabilitation center.

57. Lily Villa spoke in support of not increasing the Police budget, increasing the transparency of Police MOU negotiations, reallocate Police funding for the Community Assistance Program (CAP), free transportation, bus only lanes, COVID relief fund for the community, low barrier housing support, rehabilitation center.

58. Nichole Cassidy spoke in support of not increasing the Police budget, increasing the transparency of Police MOU negotiations, reallocate Police funding for the Community Assistance Program (CAP), free transportation, bus only lanes, COVID relief fund for the community, low barrier housing support, rehabilitation center.

59. Mike Cassidy spoke in support of not increasing the Police budget, increasing the transparency of Police MOU negotiations, reallocate Police funding for the Community Assistance Program (CAP), free transportation, bus only lanes, COVID relief fund for the community, low barrier housing support, rehabilitation center. He also supports the Laveen park.

60. Yvonne Harrison registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

61. Celina Tchida spoke in support of reallocating Police funding for free transportation, low barrier housing support, rehabilitation center, healthcare and community care.

62. George Brooks registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

63. Catherine Foley spoke in support of arts and arts preservation.

64. Willliam Jungerman spoke in support of adding funding for the Museum of Arizona Artists by repurposing the Carnegie Library.

65. Luke Black spoke in support of not increasing the Police budget, reallocate Police funding for the Community Assistance Program (CAP), free transportation, COVID relief fund for the community, low barrier housing support, rehabilitation center.

66. Michael Zimmerlich spoke in support of funding the PHXbizConnect by HUUB platform.

67. Sylvia Zamarron registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

68. Claudia Deley registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

69. Sabrina Kernagis spoke in support of funding the Community Assistance Program (she referenced it as Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program) as an independent department from first responders and ICE.

70. Bernie Luria spoke in support of not increasing the Police budget, reallocate Police funding for the Community Assistance Program (CAP), free transportation, COVID relief fund for the community, low barrier housing support, and a rehabilitation center.

71. Mia Vessely spoke in support of not increasing the Police budget, reallocate Police funding for the Community Assistance Program (CAP), free transportation, COVID relief fund for the community, low barrier housing support, and a rehabilitation center.

72. Tessa Farrell spoke in support of reallocating Police funding for the Community Assistance Program (she referenced it as Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program) as an independent department separate from Police.

73. Catalina Begay spoke in favor of climate change, tree and shade infrastructure.

74. John Sapero registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

75. Ginger Sykes Torres spoke in support of heat readiness, tree and shade, and climate change programs.

76. Stephanie Arreguin spoke in support of not increasing the Police budget, reallocating Police budget to fund the Community Assistance Program (she referenced Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program) as an independent department separate from Police, with oversight from a Community Ad Hoc Committee and supports the park in Laveen.

77. Lori Robinson registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

78. Julie Gunnigle registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

79. Veronica Baca spoke in support of funding a new park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

80. Leslie Martinez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

81. Daniel Hyatt spoke in support of increasing the parks budget to include skate parks and mentorship programs.

82. Reshauna Striggles spoke in support of the Community Assistance Program (she referenced it as NOCAP).

83. Jeffrey Larson registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

84. Karen Buchmann spoke in support of funding a new park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

85. John Lutz registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

86. Christopher Martinez spoke in favor of reallocating the proposed increase for Police to funding for community services such as addressing homelessness.

87. Pamela Tracy spoke in support of funding a new park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way in Laveen.

88. Elisa Olea registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

89. Maria Gonzales registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

90. Lauren Watford spoke in favor of reducing the proposed Police budget and fund social services such as housing, mental health, education, shelter, and drug treatment programs.

91. Sarah Ford spoke in favor of not approving the proposed increase for the Police budget. She also expressed support for reallocating $15 million from the Police budget to fund the new Community Assistance Program (CAP), reallocating $10 million from the Police Crime Suppression Squad to community services, and reallocating COVID relief funds from Police to free transportation, bus only lanes, rehab center in West Phoenix, low barrier shelters and affordable housing, reparations, and the Green New Deal.

92. Ricky Escobar registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

93. Anthony S. registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

94. Flor Ochoa registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

95. Jordan Harb registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

96. Sally Osorio spoke in favor of reallocating the proposed increase for Police to funding for community services such as more shelters and free public transportation.

97. Bowie Estrada registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

98. Armando Leon registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

99. Breana Gonzales registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

100. Sonia Flores registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

101. Rosa Flores registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

102. Lore Valdez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

103. Anabell Gabino registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

104. Anna Maria Herrera registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

105. Ana Laura Juarez asked if Lore Valdez could be permitted to speak. Ms. Valdez spoke in favor of not approving a budget increase for Police. She expressed support for rehab services, shelters, housing, eviction assistance, mental health, and COVID relief for the community.

106. Maria Sanchez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak. An unnamed moderator asked Anabell Gabino to speak in her place. Ms. Gabino spoke in favor of funding for free transportation, eviction assistance, assistance with a landlord at 6512 W. Van Buren at Western Acres, and more West Phoenix rehab centers.

107. Miros Domenzain spoke in favor of not funding Police and reallocating funds to assist people who have lost employment.

108. Ana Laura Juarez spoke in favor of funding for free transportation, bus only lanes, rehab centers, West Phoenix shelters, evictions and housing assistance.

109. Juan Lopez registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak. An unnamed moderator spoke for him. She expressed support for not funding Police. She also spoke in support of funding free transportation, bus shelters, garbage pickup more than once a week including in alleys, and rehab centers especially for youth.

110. Noemi Garcia spoke in favor of reallocating the proposed funding for Police to funding for free transportation, West Phoenix rehab centers, and a Community Assistance Program (CAP).

111. Martha Avendano spoke in favor of reallocating the proposed increase for Police to funding for a community center in zip code 85033, COVID-19 relief for employment and mental health services, and vandalism reduction.

112. An unnamed moderator stated Juana Rita had to leave the hearing, so the moderator read a statement for her. She spoke in favor of reallocating the proposed increase for Police to funding for community services such as free transportation, addiction centers in West Phoenix, youth and homeless services.

113. Estela Varela spoke in support of reallocating Police funding to funding for community services such as free public transportation, free rehabilitation services and mental health services.

114. Berta Rita spoke in support of not approving an increase for Police. She also expressed funding for community services such as free transportation, rehabilitation and mental health services.

115. Rebecca Denis commented on the length of time community members waited before being called upon to speak. She asked the Council to listen to residents and that residents are not in favor of funding Police.

    Mr. Zuercher explained that the speakers were called in the order of registration.

116. Dora Mejia spoke in favor of not approving the proposed Police budget increase.

117. Sabrina (no surname provided) registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak. An unnamed moderator stated other speakers are available to speak.

118. Stephen Cummings registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

119. Kenneth Smith spoke in support of funding the Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program (NOCAP) as an independent department separate from Police and Fire with stakeholder involvement and oversight that would respond to non-violent and non-criminal emergency calls and funded at $20 million a year. He also spoke in favor funding the park in Laveen at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way and of not approving the proposed increase for Police.

120. Henry Gallardo spoke in favor of reallocating the proposed increase for Police to funding for community services such as free transportation. He suggested seeking funding from developers.

121. Sarah Schweiger spoke in support of funding the Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program (NOCAP) as an independent department separate from Police and Fire with stakeholder involvement that would respond to non-violent and non-criminal emergency calls.

122. Andrea Odegard-Begay spoke in support of the proposed funding for programs for climate change and heat readiness such as the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation, Cool Corridors program, Tree and Shade Master Plan, and funding additional Parks staff.

123. Karen Olson registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

124. Matthew Leach registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

125. Sushil Rao registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

126. Hannah Loo spoke in support of funding the Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program (NOCAP) at $20 million a year as an independent, separate program from public safety and ICE with stakeholder oversight and involvement that would respond to non-violent and non-criminal emergency calls in place of the proposed City's Community Assistance Program (CAP). She also spoke in support of increasing visibility of MOU negotiations; reallocating Police funding to fund other community services such as low barrier housing support, free transportation, bus only lanes, affordable housing, and a rehab center at $10 million from the Crime Suppression Unit, and COVID funds for community services.

127. Joseph Dora spoke in support of funding a service center for military veterans.

128. Eric Elmore spoke in support of funding the Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program (NOCAP) at $20 million a year as an independent department separate from public safety and ICE with stakeholder involvement that would respond to non-violent and non-criminal emergency calls.

129. Sally Barto registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

130. Claire Redfield registered to speak but was not on the phone when called to speak.

131. Zachariah Denes spoke in support of having a more equal distribution of public transportation funds throughout the city and reallocating funding for Police to funding the Community Assistance Program (CAP).

Mr. Zuercher thanked the audience for their patience expressed appreciation for those in attendance.

Councilwoman O'Brien and Councilwoman Ansari thanked attendees for their time and comments. Councilwoman Ansari stated we will take comments into account. Mr. Zuercher stated hearings concluded and staff will return to Council on May 4. The hearing was closed at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Spanish - April 10, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

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Mike Abegg	I would like to provide my support for funding new parks in newly developing areas. I believe that the undeveloped park on Samantha would be a benefit to the community and request it be added to the city budget this year.
Margaret Shalley	This is a balanced approach by allocating funding for critical needs (homeless, mental health, etc.) while still fully funding our PD. We as the fifth-largest city can accomplish both without sacrificing one or the other, and the majority of residents want a fully funded PD. Crime deterrence includes keeping our youth active, which is why the city needs to build out all planned small neighborhood parks â€“ including in underserved Laveen - starting with the vacant lot at 55th Avenue and Samantha.

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Gladiela Lopez Felix	If this crisis response program is implemented the money must come from the police department, not the surplus. PHXPD, one of the most racist and violent police departments in the nation, is overfunded and under disciplined. Itâ€™s pathetic. PHXPD does not keep Phoenix residents safe. The surplus needs to go to our community needs and safety. The crisis response would reduce the number of calls police respond to, so there is no reason for that money to stay with the police department.
Rebecca Denis	A balanced budget does not look like giving more money to the police who are violent and corrupt and already have a bloated budget. We need to DEFUND the police so we can invest money back into our communities. Public transportation should be free, we need better mental health and rehabilitation services. Public housing should be a priority for this council as we have an affordable housing crisis in our city currently. You must reject any new money, including covid relief money to police.
Aaron Evans	Absolutely no more money needs to be pushed into the violent system we call the Phoenix Police Department. The city needs to put funds into services that benefit the people, not the police. Reallocate funds and use it for NOCAP, a crises assistance program independent from all other current first responders. Stop letting armed cops pretend to know how to handle mental health crises and wellness checks. More $ to police = more unnecessary violence towards the community.
Cynthia McWhorter	People don't want a police response or any cooperation with law enforcement, including ICE when calling for help. The Crisis Assistance Program will respond to calls that currently go to the Phoenix Police Department. It makes sense that the money for the Crisis Assistance Program should come from the cost savings for PPD, now that officers have fewer calls for service. Operations should dictate budgets. If the Police Department has less work to do, they should receive less money.
Julie Gipe	NO pay raises or any additional funding to the police department. Reallocate the funds to much needed services (mental health, education, climate) which will improve our society and our people. If we allocate money where it will actually make a positive impact in our communities, we'll all benefit from it. However, if we continue to carelessly overinflate police budgets, we'll continue to deteriorate as a society. Let's invest in specialized services that work; not more police.
Kelly Kwok	Council needs to reject this budget until the public is guaranteed full access to future labor negotiation meetings. Negotiating the contract behind closed doors resulted in pay raises for police ($60 million) and minimal changes in transparency and accountability. Continuing to let police negotiations happen behind closed doors means PPD is going to stay violent and unaccountable. Council has the power to change this process and end secret negotiations. No more money to cops.
Graham Weisse	It is a bitter farce that funding for a police departmentâ€”unremittingly hostile to communities it purportedly servesâ€”dwarfs allocations for all other city services. At least $20 million in ongoing funding needs to be drawn off from the bloated police budget to maintain a community-directed crisis response program in conformity with all NOCAP principles. Money should also be diverted from the police to expand shelter capacity and affordable housing citywide and boost climate preparedness efforts.

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Allison DeCoste	I am commenting in favor of decreasing the budget allocation for police and investing in solutions that are safer for our community. In many situations, police are underprepared/informed to handle a medical/mental health crisis. They shouldnâ€™t have to. Investing in crisis assistance programs like NOCAP and with health professionals will bring trust and sustainable aid to the most underrepresented members of our communities (unsheltered individuals especially <3). Thank you!
Dusenge Gloria	I am against the 75 new civilian positions for Phoenix police. PPD says itâ€™s necessary to increase transparency, but every attempt by police to increase transparency and training have failed. We need access to public records from police, but continuing to add more people to a rotten system isnâ€™t going to fix anything. Police records need to be handled by the City Clerkâ€™s office.
Denise Romesburg	I support the budget's proposed spending of $2.8 million and an increase of 14 positions to address Climate Change and Heat Readiness. Phoenix desperately needs a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and climate action planning. It's only going to get hotter!
Lauryn Wingate	I encourage you to consider renewal & expansion of the PHXbizConnect HUUB platform so that businesses can continue to get support in this critical time. As a business owner in Phoenix, this tool has been vital to helping me navigate the pandemic & even grow. I believe this platform should be a standard tool for all cities, but especially Phoenix.
Rochelle Price	I support funding for climate change and heat readiness. Let's fight back against record breaking deadly heat in our city. I support funding for additional staff to plant and care for trees. I support funding for Cool Corridors. I support funding for maintenance for the park long delayed at 55th ave and Samantha. Let's plant more trees, make our city walkable, and cool enough to be walkable, with public spaces in all of our communities.
Jessica Spencer	I cannot support this budget that just throws more and more money at a useless police force that exists solely to target those it deems less than human. The community wants funding for CHANGE, not for more violent police forces who use violent nazi imagery coins to pass among their members to target our community members. I support money being moved to support an actual crisis response versus this team of murderers we now employ.
Erin Rugland	I cannot support a budget that increases funding to an inflated and ineffective police department. It's a shame because there are some great budget initiatives, particularly the Climate Change and Heat Resilience items, but how can you claim to try to improve the quality of life of low-income communities through heat reduction if those communities will still be heavily policed?
john meyer	I believe that the best way to maximize limite police funds is to reduce the number of nonviolent calls the police force responds to through the development of a community driven entity that will dispatch professionals from the mental health and social work sectors to address nonviolent situations. It is a proposal that makes sense given the number of people unnecessarily killed through nonviolent interactions with police, and it will allow everyone in the community to feel safer.

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Sierra Ayers	Please make the community safer by NOT giving more money to the country's deadliest police department, and instead moving $15 million to the Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program. How is the nations 5th largest city only allocating less than $200k for public housing? Support the community you work for by investing in community services. We need money for housing, healthcare (mental healthcare), substance abuse resources. Stop using tax dollars for the police.
Tom Bukacek	As a small business owner in Phoenix, I encourage you to consider the renewal and expansion of the PHXbizConnect HUUB platform so that businesses can continue to get the support they need in this critical time. I would love to see the city invest in offering free consultants through HUUBâ€™s 24/7 online tool to help us grow our businesses. Thank you for your consideration.
Karylann Kwasny	Phoenix PD is considered one of the most violent police forces in our country. Instead of rewarding poor performances with increased salaries, make them earn their increased wages by required higher education/training and use that extra money to INVEST IN COMMUNITY SERVICES. That extra money could be used towards services to help people protected by COVID like healthcare and housing assistance/accessibility. Stop giving these murderers more money and lets protect and help our fellow citizens.
Eva Valencia	Please support our community by 1) Moving $15 million from the proposed police budget to fund a new crisis response program. 2) Opposing $10 million for the PD "crime suppression squad." 3) Opposing any new civilian positions for the PD--insure transparency by giving the city clerk's office oversight of police records. Please invest in programs (housing support, rehab support, transportation, arts, and climate change mitigation) that will improve the quality of life for all Phoenicians.Â
Donna Reiner	As the past chair of the Arts & Culture Commission, thank you for your continuing support of the arts sector w/ COVID relief money this past year & the trial budget that increases the Phoenix Office and Arts and Culture budget by $200,000 -- $110,000 for grants, $60,000 for public art maintenance, & $30,000 to support youth, professional development, & community programs. As the past chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, thank you for the additional funds for grants which is needed.
Wil Meister	The community must have a direct say in the COVID relief money coming to Phoenix. We had no democratic say while Phoenix and state government fumbled through the pandemic. It's well documented how much tenants struggled to access rental relief, leaving many in a state of long term precarity while waiting for an extension on the CDC's eviction moratorium, all due to government incompetence. Put the $400 million towards housing, public transport, healthcare, and not our paramilitary police.
MK Zeeb	no more money to phoenix pd. we need to stop sanctioning long-standing power-abuse and violence. instead, channel that money into building new systems for health, safety, mobility. listen to the people. it's not your money. or the pd's money. it's ours. the people's. put it where it belongs.
Jon Burgess	There are elements of this budget that I support, but I would like to ask that more funding be considered for public transit and housing support. One possible solution would be to use some of the funds intended for the Phx PD. The Phx PD's budget is already massive, so I do think the council should consider diverting unnecessary funding towards things that will have a greater and longer lasting impact on the community.

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Nicole Rodriguez	The $2.8M for Climate Change & Heat Readiness initiatives are desperately needed and past due. Council was invited to discuss on these items since June 2018. Opposition belabors issues, is poor representation of your district and Phoenix residents. Design for tomorrow, promote improved quality of life, encourage innovation and challenge expired notions. Research shows local economies flourish where trees are smartly integrated into urban infrastructure. When done smartly, ROI is exponential.
Janice O'Rourke	We live at the corner of 5th Ave. and Cypress St and often witness cars speeding south on 5th Ave. or driving the wrong way on this one-way street. The street is very well-travelled by pedestrians and bicyclists whose safety is threatened by the current configuration of 5th Ave. (2 lanes one way south.) Funding for the proposed lane changes to both 5th and 3rd Ave. is needed immediately.
Frank Grinere	Please fund staffing requests from Pueblo Grande Museum (PGM) PGM staff was cut by nearly 40% in the recession of 2008 and are at same staff level 2day.PGM is where Phx began. The museum conserves and stores all of the archaeological finds from Central Az and Phx. It is a leader in providing programs to Title 1 schools hosting 5000 kids in 2019 alone. It is a sacred place for 7 First Nations. The collections staff will drop to 1 unless retain current temp aide. Pls support all PGMstaff requests
Veronica Baca	I am in support of building the park on 55th ave and Samantha. I have 3 children and need a park we can safely walk to. The nearest park is 3 miles away. This is unacceptable. Please build a park for our children .
amanda Morales	No new money for the Phoenix PD. Utilize funds freed up from not hiring new cops to pay for the proposed crisis response program. Fund public transport and improve the quality of service provided. Increase the amount of bus & bike only lanes. Fund accessible mental health resources that reach the most vulnerable. Fund addiction and substance abuse resources, fund resources for youth in Black and Brown neighborhoods. Don't use COVID relief money to cover PhxPD bonuses.Stop over relying on PhxPD.
Melissa Huapaya	As a Friends of Phoenix Public Art board member, I would like to thank the City Council for demonstrating continued dedication to arts organizations and individual artists through emergency relief funding and prioritization in this budget. This increased budget will allow for more inclusive programming and critical maintenance of public art to enhance health wellness and sustainability of our public art collection. Thank you again for your continued support for the Office of Arts & Culture.
Amy Miao	I am a resident of district 8 in Laveen. Our population in Laveen has exploded but the number of city parks has not kept up with the growth. There are funds set aside to build our neighborhood park at 55th Ave. and Samantha way, but we need the council to allocate $156,000 for annual maintenance budget Right Now!! We have been waiting for this park for over 12+ years. The kids need it, the neighbors need it and we all need it!
Kristi Bursaw	I would like to advocate for the budget to include the building and maintenance of the city park for the 55th Ave and Samantha Way. There are 2 large schools, many families, and a rapidly growing community in this area. We do not have any city parks for 3 miles and we cannot safely ride our bikes there without crossing busy intersections with our young families. Since there is a surplus in the budget this is the perfect opportunity to make this long awaited park a reality. Thank you!

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Catherine Foley	I am a D -6 resident, and I want to thank the Mayor and Council for allocating $2.6 million in COVID relief to the arts organizations, businesses and individuals artists who contribute so much to our city's economy and community life. I also ask you to support the $200,000 increase for the Phx Office of Arts and Culture in the trial budget -- $110,000 for grants, $60,000 for public art maintenance, and $30,000 to support youth, professional development, and community programs. Thank you.
Emily Cowles	I do not support any pay raises or other additional funding at all to the Phoenix Police Department. They are one of the most violent police forces in the nation and do not keep us safe.
charles allen	I fully support the creation of an Office of Heat Response and Mitigation, the addition of funds conduct GHG inventories and provide modeling and analysis regarding air quality to assist with implementing the City's newly created Climate Action Plan, the additional Parks funding to add staff for a citywide tree inventory and database, the Cool Corridors Program, and the creation of the office of equity and inclusion. Equity should be embedded in all action the city undertakes.
Kelley Villa	As a resident of District 4 and food systems advocate, I applaud the inclusion of $300K in funding to Environmental Programs to fund a Program Manager to oversee food programs and carry out the implementation of the Phoenix Food Action Plan. I and my colleagues support this important investment and hope to see the investment in food systems personnel continue as a permanent and important part of the Environmental Programs operations. Thank you.
Joya Scott	I support fire dept., arts, food, and other community assistance programs. However, I do not support pay raises or any other added funding to the Phoenix Police Department. The PPD is an unaccountable, violent organization. Just under a year ago, they occupied my neighborhood in a total overreaction to the Black Lives Matter protests, filling it with pepper spray/gas and assaulting residents. They've killed innocent Black and Brown people. They have lost our support & deserve NO more funding.
Corin Puckett	Unacceptable, PHX PD is one of the most violent and harmful in this country. NO pay raises for phx police! No COVID relief money to pay police bonuses! No bonuses to cops involved in the SAU! No to 75 new civilian positions for Phoenix police! Phoenix police should cut the number of officers employed by the department and reallocate that money to: Mental health resources in Black and Brown neighborhoods Resources for youth in Black and Brown neighborhoods Free public transportation
Adrienne Udarbe	On behalf of Pinnacle Prevention providing food systems services and support statewide and in the City of Phoenix we applaud the inclusion of $300K in funding to Environmental Programs to fund a Program Manager to oversee food programs and carry out the implementation of the Phoenix Food Action Plan. We support this important investment and hope to see the investment in food systems personnel continue as a permanent and important part of the Environmental Programs operations.
Karen Buchmann	Please fund the Park at Samantha Way and 55th Ave in Laveen so it can be completed. For 14 yrs this designated park has been dirt, weeds and barbed wire fencing. Families with infants and all ages including seniors live here and in nearby neighborhoods. The Bridlewood neighborhood is lacking green space and amenities since the park was supposed to fulfill the city requirements. Please add whatever funding required for construction and maintenance of this park. It is way overdue. Thank you!

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Ciara Lv	This trial budget still lacks a focus on the people. If you merely look at the budget tabloid published by the City, you can see the bulk of expenditures is to be spent on police...to the tune of nearly $600 MILLION! The trial budget also proposes an additional $3.7 million as if half a billion dollars is not enough. Focus should be on affordable housing, cultural activities, community-led response teams, first time homeowner programming...something to lift us up. Not the bloated Phoenix PD.
Carol Poore	Phoenix public art is an important investment with payoffs: Placemaking for city identity, economic development, quality of life, civic pride, increased home values, community conversation. Thank you for sustaining the arts during the pandemic and with this budget. Your support of public art maintenance and arts/culture programming through our Office of Arts & Culture is leading Phoenix into a vibrant future. With gratitude, Carol A. Poore, Ph.D.-Board Chairman, Friends of Phoenix Public Art
Mitra Khazai	The Phoenix Boys Choir thanks city leaders for your support of our arts and culture sector. As a 73-year-old Phoenix youth development and performing arts organization, our work, along with our fellow arts and culture sector members, supports economic growth, shared cultural experiences and productive community dialogue. As second responders during and after the pandemic, our art serves to bring joy, heal and uplift our community. Thank you for your support of our critical sector.
Mike Abegg	I would like to provide my support for funding new parks in newly developing areas. I believe that the undeveloped park on Samantha would be a benefit to the community and request it be added to the city budget this year.
Margaret Shalley	This is a balanced approach by allocating funding for critical needs (homeless, mental health, etc.) while still fully funding our PD. We as the fifth-largest city can accomplish both without sacrificing one or the other, and the majority of residents want a fully funded PD. Crime deterrence includes keeping our youth active, which is why the city needs to build out all planned small neighborhood parks, including in underserved Laveen - starting with the vacant lot at 55th Avenue and Samantha.

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Christy Vezolles	Funding for Climate Change & Heat Readiness initiatives, a new Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and for the 2025 Phoenix Food Action Plan are imperative. I support the proposal to implement a program for trained citywide crisis response teams in the Fire Department. Adequately funding these programs and services, as well as for Arts & Culture, is necessary for ensuring that Phoenix has a sustainable environment and quality of life for all residents.
Stacey Champion	I applaud the inclusion of $2.8M for Climate Change and Heat Readiness initiatives to increase the communityâ€™s capacity to prepare for and respond to both extreme heat events and the increasing frequency of high temperature days; increase shade canopy and ensure equitable distribution of City services. I support and hope to see the investment in climate, sustainability, environmental and equity leadership and programs continue as a permanent and critical part of the Cityâ€™s operations.
Amanda Jones	I support building and maintaining the park on Samantha Way. It is long overdue.
Jennifer Redd	Phoenix needs a Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program (NOCAP) that is: -Independent from any other department -Commits to community oversight and control -Guarantees secure and long-term funding There is no other way forward. Phoenix needs to be intentional and urgent in this action.
Sarah Schweiger	Over the past year, while on City Council calls I observed how irritated some of you all got when community members would call in, and interrupt your talking schedule. My impression is that people had become desperate to get your attention. People are trying to get you to HEAR them. And this Budget Proposal indicates that you did NOT hear the pleas from the people. We want to invest in positive, proactive and protective programs. Not more in policing. Switch it up. We can do better.
Tom Coffeen	I am a Phoenix native in District 4. Respectfully, the police are over-budgeted and under-accountable. Most of their budget should go instead to truly help community health and safety: E.g., Provide $15 million for the Crisis Response Program; No to $10 million for a â€œCrime Suppression Squadâ€; No to 75 new Phoenix police civilian positions. Fund the community instead! E.g., free transit and bus-only lanes; more rehabilitation services; low barrier-to-entry shelter and housing support. Thank you.
Ezri Tyler	All additional funds going to the police need to be diverted into community based funding. Our police force is one of the most violent in the nation, having fired at more people than law-enforcement officers in any other city in 2018. And according to Mental Health America, Arizona is ranked 50 out of the 50 states and Washington D.C. for providing access to mental health services. Our schools, public transport, community centers, and mental health services are chronically underfunded.
Devynn Good	I oppose extra funds to the Phoenix Police. During this time, it is necessary for extra funding to be invested in underprivileged communities as they try to recover the pandemic. I hope the council members listen to the concerns of Phoenix residents and decided not to move forward with granting Phoenix PD the extra resources.
Perla Macias	Our communities are in pain and in need of help! crisis teams (NOCAP) is the way to go. Not only will it prevent police encounters, but it will also help our communities in their time of pain and need. Police are not equipped to answer mental health crisis calls, nor should they as we have seen again and again. This should also be its separate agency due to the lack of transparency and accountability. We want peace, resources and empathy not militarization of police nor mass incarceration.

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Ginger Sykes Torres	I support 2.8M in funding for Climate Change & Heat Readiness initiatives in the Trial Budget, which includes an Office of Heat Response and Mitigation, and will invest in the Tree and Shade Master Plan, Cool Corridors Program and Climate Action Plan. I also support $270k for a new Office of Diversity, Equity and inclusion and $300k to help achieve the goals of the 2025 Phoenix Food Action Plan. These investments will enhance our cityâ€™s resilience and benefit our public health and economy.
Rebecca Perrera	I generally support the budget but urgently request the following park improvements in Laveen: 1. Building and maintain a park at Samanta Ave 2. Add a shade structure at the Trailside Point Splash Pad 3. Initiate a plan to address all undeveloped parks in Laveen
Emily O'Neil	A new city budget should not include additional funding for police staff and their "crime suppression squad". It should include funding for free transportation and bus only lanes, regab No to 75 new civilian positions for Phoenix police, rehabilitation services and a center in West Phoenix, low barrier and affordable housing, direct redistribution of resource, and a climate change mitigation strategies. The city can provide all of these service by diverting funds from Phoenix PD.
Felipe Medrano	Please include the construction and annual maintenance costs for the Park at 55th Ave. & Samantha Way (Laveen) in the upcoming budget. The land has been designated as a City park but continues to remain undeveloped with overgrown trees, weeds and the occasional pack of coyotes. It is an eyes sore, especially for those of us who have fronted this property for 14 years. Benefits to the nearby communities include the park's amenities and green space. Thank you for your consideration.
Katie Hensley	I do not support giving additional funds to the police. Our police force has shown that they continue to kill people despite expensive reforms that have been put in place. It's time to hold our police accountable by rerouting funding into areas where it will really make a difference: housing, mental health resources, parks, and libraries.
Izabel Acosta	My name is Izabel Acosta. I would like for the park located off 55th Ave and Samantha Way to be built. This would be in Laveen, AZ. Iâ€™m a resident of the Paseo Point community.
Caitlin OHara	We need to fund a low barrier shelter for our neighbors, not 75 new positions for Phoenix Police.
Josh Bennett	We're thanking the Mayor and Council for its support of the arts sector with COVID relief money this past year and endorsing the City Manager's trial budget that increases the Phoenix Office and Arts and Culture budget by $200,000 -- $110,000 for grants, $60,000 for public art maintenance, and $30,000 to support youth, professional development, and community programs. However - I do not support any increased money to Phoenix PD.

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Joanna Martinez	I canâ€™t support more money going to Phoenix PD. If your goal is to increase transparency, foster trust, and increase the safety of civilians and officers, contact between community members and police needs to be reduced. You do this with a crisis assistance program organized and led by the community, independent from police and fire departments, as well as ICE. You fund this organization using funds from the police budget. More money used for civilian positions is an excuse, not a solution.
Jess Paul	Please fund the Park at 55th Ave and Samantha in Laveen so it can be completed. This land that has been designated for a city park, but has sat undeveloped, covered in weeds, and fenced off for, 14 years. The families of Bridlewood and surrounding Laveen deserve more parks and green spaces! Please approve and provide the funding to build and maintain the park. We do not want this land to be rezoned for more condensed housing options, please build the park. Thank you!
Jena Chalmers	I urge you to reject this budget. It allocates entirely too much money for Phoenix PD, an action that has been tried an failed to make our community safer. Please reject this budget in favor of one with allocates our resources toward making our community stronger and safer through affordable housing, public transportation, and education.
Jeremiah Beltran	I am in support of funding the park on 55th ave and Samantha Way. This has been passed over for more than a decade and growing families in the community would benefit greatly from an area of common community to share time together. Please follow through on this project and build a park our communities families, friends, and children can finally enjoy.
Hana Hehman	I am against the 75 new civilian positions for Phoenix police. PPD says itâ€™s necessary to increase transparency, but every attempt by police to increase transparency and training have failed. We need access to public records from police, but continuing to add more people to a rotten system isnâ€™t going to fix anything. Police records need to be handled by the City Clerkâ€™s office.
Rista Toomer	Support a crisis assistance program that meets the NOCAP demands.
Hali Hartsock	Please support a crisis assistance program that meets the NOCAP demands. No more money to Phoenix Police!
Anita Nath	No 75 new civilian positions for PPD. Covid relief for the people, not police. Move $10 million from the PPD â€œcrime suppression squadâ€. Move $15 million from PD to pay for a new crisis response program that keeps people safe from PPD. We demand funding for: Free transportation and bus only lanes Rehabilitation services & center in West Phoenix Low barrier shelter and affordable housing Reparations Green New Deal Reject this budget until the process for MOU negotiations become fully public.
Anna Mueller	The city of Phoenix should invest in NOCAP â€“ please fund crisis assistance programs that bring the appropriate attention to those struggling with mental health. I believe this would alleviate the police workload while simultaneously decreasing unnecessary aggression and violence â€“ noncriminal/nonviolent cases require behavioral experts.

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Kara Roschi	While I support the inclusions for Arts & Culture, Equity & Inclusion, and Heat Response & Mitigation, I cannot in good faith support a budget that increases funds for an outmoded, bloated, inefficient and abusive policing systemâ€"with a disgraceful monopoly on our tax dollars. Our communities are better served through a thoughtful multiplicity of targeted services, like crisis responses uncoupled from the criminal system (NOCAP), funded through a continuing $20m offset from the police budget.
Trystan Youngjohn	The budget for the PPD is ridiculous, and is better off put directly back into the community in the forms of improved public transportation, rehabilitation services, and public housing. Move $10 million from the PPDâ€™s â€œcrime suppression squadâ€ and put it toward real community needs instead. Move an additional $15 million from police to pay for new crisis response program. One that ACTUALLY serves this community. Lastly, reject this budget until the process for MOU negotiations is fully public.
dianne post	For 40 years we have worked to get a citizens oversight commission to police the police. Still we are told we need more community input, it's not needed, they can police themselves, no one understands - enough already. We are the only large city without a citizens commission. It's obvious they cannot police themselves. No raise for police, make them pay for all lawsuits out of their own pension fund, make every officer carry malpractice insurance. We are done.
kevin pitts	Phoenix needs to be a leading-edge city and move at least $10 million to a crisis response team and scale back the scope of police work in the city. It is the only way forward.
Rebecca Denis	NO MORE MONEY TO PHOENIX POLICE! No to 75 new civilian positions for Phoenix police Move $10 million from the phx police â€œcrime suppression squadâ€ COVID relief for the people, not police $15 million from police to pay for new crisis response program Our communities demand funding for: Free transportation Rehabilitation services and a center in West Phoenix Low barrier shelter/ housing support I reject this budget until the process for MOU negotiations becomes fully public
Jisoo Kim	PPD budget is, as always, unjustifiably large. NO 75 new civilian positions for PPD. Move $10 million from the PD â€œcrime suppression squadâ€. Move $15 million from PD to adequately pay for a new crisis response program that keeps people safe from PD. We demand funding for: Rehabilitation services & center in West Phoenix Low barrier shelter/housing support Reparations Green New Deal REJECT this budget til the process for MOU negotiations become fully public.
Alexa Aguilar	Stop investing tax money into police. We need to invest in free transportation for youth, parents, rehab, and housing/shelter support. We need to relocate money to places that will actually have a positive impact in our communities.

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Marti Winkler	I want the City of Phoenix to fund the Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program to establish an official first responder department separate from the police department for noncriminal and nonviolent dispatches. Please support a crisis assistance program that meets the NOCAP demands. Stop Phoenix Police from killing and assaulting unarmed people over minor situations, police escalation and comply or die like Officer Jason Gillespie almost killing me over calling the police for help.
Maria Hase	I support the Offices of Arts and Culture, Equity and Inclusion, and Heat Response and Mitigation. They will attract business and make Phoenix a more vibrant, welcoming, safe community. I fully support the Shade and Tree Master Plan and the Cool Corridors Program. 2,000 people died from heat exposure in Arizona from 2009-2019. Over 200 people died last year from heat exposure - twice that of previous years. This is an economic issue for Phoenix, and a life and death issue for residents.
Jennifer Mullins	Please support a crisis assistance program that meets the NOCAP demands. Money should not go to more policing but intervention by those who are most affected by the pandemic. We need more mental health intervention, housing and Healthcare assistance and support for education.
Liliana Velazquez	Community must have a direct say in the $400 million in covid relief money coming to phx. This money needs to fund the people and resources that have been hit hardest by the pandemic. Using covid funds for police bonuses or to grow the police budget harms our collective recovery by denying resources to those most impacted. This money needs to be used for things like housing assistance, public transportation, healthcare, vaccine distribution, income support, and childcare assistance.
Rachael DeCindis	I oppose
Dlorah Conover	I support a fully funded independent accountable nonviolent first responder program. Its goal is to support people in times of crisis without the use of the criminal legal system. The program will respond to calls that currently go to the Phoenix Police Department. It makes sense that the money come from the PPD budget. I support the Neighborhood-Organized Crisis Assistance Program (NOCAP) coalition!
Monlau Kwok	The community must have a direct say in the $400 million in covid relief money coming to phx. This money needs to fund the people and resources that have been hit hardest by the pandemic. Using covid funds for police bonuses or to grow the police budget harms our collective recovery by denying resources to those most impacted. This money needs to be used for things like housing assistance, public transportation, healthcare, vaccine distribution, income support, and childcare assistance.
Kelly Kwok	DEFUND PPD! NO 75 new civilian positions for PPD Move $10 million from the PD â€œcrime suppression squadâ€ COVID relief for the people, not PD $15 million from PD to pay for new crisis response program We demand funding for: Free transportation Rehabilitation services and a center in West Phoenix Low barrier shelter/ housing support Reparations / direct redistribution of resources Green New Deal / Climate Justice REJECT this budget til the process for MOU negotiations becomes fully public

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Janelle Wood	I support the New Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the City Manager's Office. I want the City of Phoenix to fund the Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program to establish an official first responder department separate from the police department for noncriminal and nonviolent dispatches.
Emily Cowles	The whole country has heard about how well the mental health teams instead of police responding to crises in Denver worked. We can make that a reality in Phoenix too. Invest in NOCAP. Investing in these programs will allow for space to divest from police because they will be going on less calls. As someone who has worked in the mental health field for over four years, I have many stories of police mishandling my clients and causing them more trauma leading them on an endless cycle. We need NOCAP
Vannetta Gray-Battle	Please support a crisis assistance program that meets the NOCAP demands.
Rozhan Lindsay	I demand that the city establish a crisis assistance program that is fully funded, independent of law enforcement and has direct community oversight. We donâ€™t need to fund further police violence making them think they are above the law.
Sara Myers	Please support a crisis assistance program that meets the NOCAP demands. It is the only humane option in this scenario that could lead to an equitable future for all.
Cynthia Williams	The budget for policing should be focused not on hiring more officers with more guns, but in hiring behavioral and emotional health experts who can de-escalate situations with a partner. The culture of the department should be honestly evaluated by a third party and issues of micro-aggression and the criminalization of black and brown people should be addressed honestly.
Rebekah Young	Please listen to our cries. We cannot support this budget because it adds more money to police. We are begging you to reallocate those funds to shelter our homeless neighbors, or a critical response team that is NOT police for mental health calls. NO MORE MONEY FOR POLICE. NO MORE STREET SWEEPS.
Amanda McVay	Oppose. Phoenix needs to establish a crisis assistance program that is fully-funded, independent of law enforcement, has direct community oversight, and features first responders trained in de-escalation and identifying mental/behavioral health problem. It is essential that the Phoenix City Council support a crisis assistance program that meets the NOCAP demands, in order to meet the needs of the diverse inhabitants of Phoenix and the surrounding communities.
destiny cobb	OPPOSE
Eduardo Morales	As a resident of district 4, I want to demand that we stop investing more than half of our tax money into police. Police who have time and time again showed us how violent and murdering they are. Police are rooted in anti-black, racist culture and do NOT deserve to be the ones to decide whether I live or die. I need you all to divest from police and invest in free transportation for youth, parents, rehab, and housing/shelter support
Xitlalli Sierra H	As a resident of d7 and student of d5, I want to demand that you all divest from police and invest in free public transportation, a bus only lane, rehab/mental services, and housing/shelter support. This is my tax money! & I dont want more than half of my money to go to a police that will take away my black and brown sisters and brothers
Jenn Mondolino	Oppose. Instead we need to establish a crisis assistance program that is fully-funded independent of law enforcement, and has direct community oversight.

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jennifer Hernandez	As a resident of district 7, I want to demand that we stop investing more than half of our tax money into police. Police who have time and time again showed us how violent and murdering they are. Police are rooted in anti-black, racist culture and do NOT deserve to be the ones to decide whether I live or die. I need you all to divest from police and invest in free transportation for youth, parents, rehab, and housing/shelter support
Kate Robinson	Phoenix needs a fully funded crisis assistance program independent of law enforcement, with direct community oversight.
Lindsey Jones	I oppose this as we need to establish a crisis assistance program that is fully funded, independent of law enforcement, and has direct community oversight.
Katherine Houston	Weâ€™re demanding that the city establish a crisis assistance program that is fully funded, independent of law enforcement, and has direct community oversight.
Carolyn Heinzer	I strongly oppose this. We need the city to establish a crisis assistance program that is fully funded, independent of law enforcement, and has direct community oversight. People struggling with mental health are 16x more likely to be killed by police, and a better crisis assistance program can and will save lives.
Kelsey Davis	I oppose this as I believe we need more mental health and crisis assistance specialists. As a professional in conflict resolution and mental health, I am appalled since moving here from Colorado to see the lack of mental health support in both the educational and public systems. We need people who know how to de escalate and provide services that police cannot. I wrote this desiring to have more funds placed towards a crisis assistance program instead.
Lauren Hood	I ask the Phoenix City Council to support a crisis assistance program that meets the NOCAP demands.
Zoe Wong	We need a crisis assistance program that is fully funded, independent of law enforcement, and has direct community oversight. People struggling with mental health are 16x more likely to be killed by police. As we relive the painful death of George Floyd while watching the Chauvin trial, your moral conscience should call on you to act. Let's save lives from police violence.
Mary O'Brien	I ask that the City of Phoenix establish a crisis assistance program that is fully funded, independent of law-enforcement, and has direct community oversight. No more funding to an overinflated public safety budget whose police force has time and time again worked against its own community.
Arlene Mahoney	There are proven ways to reduce crime that doesn't involve pouring even more money into the police. We need to fund things that provide social stability- housing and education. There is no evidence to support providing the police with more money will do anything but lead to more inequality, community distrust, and the murder of black and brown people at the hand of the police.
Ritta Fagain	I encourage you to consider renewal & expansion of the PHXbizConnect HUUB platform so that businesses can continue to get support in this critical time. As a business owner in Phoenix, this tool has been vital to helping me navigate the pandemic & even grow. I believe this platform should be a standard tool for all cities, but especially Phoenix. I would love to see the city invest in offering free consultants through HUUBâ€™s 24/7 online tool to help us grow our businesses.

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Megan Sleeper	Reallocating $10 Million from Phoenix PD's "Crime Suppression Squad"; Saying no to 75 new civilian positions for Phoenix PD; COVID relief for the people, not police; Funding in marginalized communities for: Free transportation, rehabilitation services and a center in West Phoenix, low barrier shelter/housing support; AND rejecting the flimsy proposed CAP program for police accountability in favor of the much more robust and genuine proposed Neighborhood Organized Crisis Assistance Program
Benjamin Lewis	We should AT LEAST be spending $60M on an INDEPENDENT department to run our city wide crisis assistance program. Phonecians need a non violent alternative when calling 911. We need to re-invest the money we are giving to PHX PD for RAISES ($60M) to fund crisis response. Mental Health and Addiction are only deadly problems when the police interject themselves into the process. Policing isn't the answer so we must invest the solution of no barrier housing, non violent responsive care & no PD raise
Karen Jean Martinson	I fully support finding an independent crisis assistance program, one that is separate from police, accountable to the public, and focused on non-violence in approaching Phoenicians in mental health distress and other non-threatening crises. Vote to support the NOCAP plan, which will save lives and provide care. Take the police out of mental health and addiction crises, and send trained, accountable, caring first responders instead.
Veronica Lorenzen	Fund NOCAP, no more money for PPD. The city is demanding crisis assistance that is independent of current first responders and does not report to the police or ICE. Community oversight and control, along with continued funding, will be critical to the success of the program. Please allocate funds for NOCAP.
Rebecca Menjivar	NO MORE MONEY TO PHOENIX POLICE! No to 75 new civilian positions for Phoenix police Move $10 million from the phx police â€œcrime suppression squadâ€ COVID relief for the people, not police $15 million from police to pay for new crisis response program Our communities demand funding for: Free transportation Rehabilitation services and a center in West Phoenix Low barrier shelter/ housing support I reject this budget until the process for MOU negotiations becomes fully public
Stefanie Whitman	I do not support the city giving the PPD more money or finding money in the budget for PPD. You need to be allocating/reallocating these funds to departments like NOCAP. We need to start having more community focused resources because this is the only way to move forward. We need to provide mental and behavioral health assisted programs for us that is INDEPENDENT of law enforcement.
Faith Mullender	I support funding an independent agency that is focused crisis assistance and has direct community oversight. We know the PD is overfunded, leads to the incarceration and death of people experiencing homelessness and mental health issues. A trained team of unarmed crisis intervention responders has been a proven method of supporting the community in cities across the country and people are almost never ticketed, arrested, or murdered. Please fund this initiative!
Amanda Chlan	I support the program that is creating programs to help the community. However it should be done independently from other departments and have community oversight.

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Denise Romesburg	I fully support establishing a fully funded $20 million Alternative First Responders Program to respond to mental health, homelessness, drug addiction and other calls. It should be independent of other departments, have community oversight, and have secure long-term funding.
Frank Dever	Resident of district 8 asking the council to please include 156,000 in the budget to fund maintenance of a new park at 55th Ave & Samantha
Blake Benard	A smart city budget should reflect the needs of its constituents. This proposal allocates to much to the PPD. As a result other needs the community is calling for are being ignored. I support adjusting the budget to include a Crisis Assistance program independent from current first responders. It must have community control, an initial $20 million in funding & not report to PPD or ICE. Future funding will coming from the surplus police budget as the program grows & the need for PPD decreases.
Diana Dunaj-Kullman	I encourage you to consider renewal & expansion of the PHXbizConnect HUUB platform so that businesses can continue to get support in this critical time. As a business owner in Phoenix, this tool has been vital to helping me navigate the pandemic & even grow. I believe this platform should be a standard tool for all cities, but especially Phoenix. I would love to see the city invest in offering free consultants through HUUBâ€™s 24/7 online tool to help us grow our businesses.
Molly Spilger	Absolutely no additional funding to the PHX PD. More money to police DOES NOT equal non-racist, and non-violent cops. Racism and violence are encouraged when the city allocates more funds to an already corrupt PD. Allocate more funds to providing housing, healthy food access and mental health resources for the unsheltered population. More money for community youth programs that do not involve PHX PD volunteers or PHX PD financial support.
Ginnie Ann Sumner	Most of the times our flatland parks are open a park employee isnâ€™t on site. If thereâ€™s a problem/an issue, park visitors donâ€™t have a way to get information or help other than the police. Most problems require immediate attention and not a call back the next day. PHX311 will only work only if itâ€™s answered after 5pm Monday thru Friday and weekends. I support a phone number available during the hours our parks are open and posted on park signs. One phone could rotate between Rangers.
Cynthia McWhorter	No more money for Police. Invest in the community instead. Phoenix has made half-hearted attempts at emergency first-responder programs in the past. All of the previous attempts failed because city officials were not committed to fully funding the program. Using surplus funds this year is not a secure long-term source of funding. Additionally, only $3.4 million for â€œongoingâ€ spending is not enough for a fully functional program that can respond to all the calls for mental health assistance.
Julie Gipe	NO pay raises or any additional funding to the police department. Reallocate the funds to much needed services (mental health, education, climate preparedness) which will improve our society and our people. If we allocate money where it will actually make a positive impact in our communities, we'll all benefit from it. However, if we continue to carelessly overinflate police budgets, we'll continue to deteriorate as a society. Let's invest in specialized services that work; not more police.
Ricardo Lugo	Please add the park at 55th ave and Samantha in district 8 to the budget.

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Pk Ma	Wait wait wait. I thought we were all on board for DEFUNDING and restructuring the LEO..... unless this extra money is going to fund social workers that respond with officers or somehow provides some sort of equipment to better hold them a holez accountable this can
Erin Rugland	I cannot support a budget that increases funding to an inflated and ineffective police department. It's a shame because there are some great budget initiatives, particularly the Climate Change and Heat Resilience items, but how can you claim to try to improve the quality of life of low-income communities through heat reduction if those communities will still be heavily policed?
Vanessa Munroe	I am not in support of the proposed spending budget for the city of Phoenix. I do not support funding the Phoenix Police Department or providing any special protections for those officers. If we want to bring real change and growth, we need to listen to the true needs of our community. The supporters of this bill are not applauding the potential budget spending on police, but rather the arts and climate change and building the park for the people near 55th and Samantha Way. Stop police funding.
Eva Valencia	I don't support the proposed Phx PD's budget or giving police any potential Covid Relief or surplus funds. The police department is overfunded and lacks transparency and accountability. Invest in our communities by funding programs that assist and enrich Phoenicians' lives: parks, free transportation, housing assistance, rehab assistance, the arts, and climate change mitigation!Â
Donna Reiner	As the past chair of the Arts & Culture Commission, I applaud the trial budget that increases the Phoenix Office & Arts and Culture budget by $200,000 -- $110,000 for grants, $60,000 for public art maintenance, & $30,000 to support youth, professional development, & community programs is super! As the past chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, thank you for the additional funds for grants which is greatly needed. W/ no bonds, this is an underfunded program.
MK Zeeb	mayor. members of city council. the people know the truth. so do you. or, at least you used to know it? listen to the people's direct experiences. the people's needs. and act from that place. clean up this budget. no more money for phoenix police. stop feeding the disease. it's the people's money. be brave. collaborate in building a new world, where everyone has access to health, safety, mobility. including your children. do it! take the leap. feel your heartbeat quicken. pulse, pulse.
Patricia Ewanski	I applaud the inclusion of $2.8M for Climate Change and Heat Readiness initiatives to increase the communityâ€™s capacity to prepare for and respond to both extreme heat events and the increasing frequency of high temperature days; increase shade canopy and ensure equitable distribution of City services. I support and hope to see the investment in climate, sustainability, environmental and equity leadership and programs continue as a permanent and critical part of the Cityâ€™s operations.
Bailey Reynolds	I applaud the inclusion of $2.8M for Climate Change and Heat Readiness initiatives to increase the communityâ€™s capacity to prepare for and respond to both extreme heat events and the increasing frequency of high temperature days; increase shade canopy and ensure equitable distribution of City services. I support and hope to see the investment in climate, sustainability, environmental and equity leadership and programs continue as a permanent and critical part of the Cityâ€™s operations.

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Veronica Baca	I am in support of building the park on 55th ave and Samantha. I have 3 children and need a park we can safely walk to. The nearest park is 3 miles away. This is unacceptable. Please build a park for our children .
amanda Morales	No new money for the Phoenix PD. Utilize funds freed up from not hiring new cops to pay for the proposed crisis response program. Fund public transport and improve the quality of service provided. Increase the amount of bus & bike only lanes. Fund accessible mental health resources that reach the most vulnerable. Fund addiction and substance abuse resources, fund resources for youth in Black and Brown neighborhoods. Don't use COVID relief money to cover PhxPD bonuses.Stop over relying on PhxPD.
Melissa Huapaya	Arts and Culture is critical to the learning, creativity and vitality of our community. I would like to thank the City Council for demonstrating continued dedication to arts organizations & artists through emergency relief funding and prioritization in this budget. These additional funds will allow for more inclusive programming and critical maintenance of public art to enhance wellness & sustainability of our city. Thank you again for your continued support for the Office of Arts & Culture.
Tara Lowman-Rojas	Defund the phoenix police and fund community programs that actually keep us safe.
Amy Miao	I am a resident of district 8 in Laveen. Our population in Laveen has exploded but the number of city parks has not kept up with the growth. There are funds set aside to build our neighborhood park at 55th Ave. and Samantha way, but we need the council to allocate $156,000 for annual maintenance budget Right Now!! We have been waiting for this park for over 12+ years. The kids need it, the neighbors need it and we all need it! Thank you so much! Please build it ASAP!
Kristi Bursaw	I would like to advocate for the budget to include the building and maintenance of the city park for the 55th Ave and Samantha Way. There are 2 large schools, many families, and a rapidly growing community in this area. We do not have any city parks for 3 miles and we cannot safely ride our bikes there without crossing busy intersections with our young families. Since there is a surplus in the budget this is the perfect opportunity to make this long awaited park a reality. Thank you!
Karen Buchmann	Please add whatever funding required for construction and maintenance for the Park at Samantha Way and 55th Ave in Laveen. For 14 yrs the Bridlewood neighborhood has been lacking green space and amenities since the park was supposed to fulfill the city requirements. The trial budget lists a huge number of new jobs being funded in a variety of areas. Providing adequate funding for public safety and the Community Advocacy Program is beneficial to keep the city peaceful and secure
charles allen	I fully support the creation of an Office of Heat Response and Mitigation, the food systems program, the addition of funds conduct GHG inventories and provide modeling and analysis regarding air quality to assist with implementing the City's newly created Climate Action Plan, the additional Parks funding to add staff for a citywide tree inventory and database, the Cool Corridors Program, and the creation of the office of equity and inclusion.
Kelley Villa	As a resident of District 4 and food systems advocate, I applaud the inclusion of $300K in funding to Environmental Programs to fund a Program Manager to oversee food programs and carry out the implementation of the Phoenix Food Action Plan. I and my colleagues support this important investment and hope to see the investment in food systems personnel continue as a permanent and important part of the Environmental Programs operations. Thank you.

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Corin Puckett	Unacceptable, PHX PD is one of the most violent and harmful in this country. NO pay raises for phx police! No COVID relief money to pay police bonuses! No bonuses to cops involved in the SAU! No to 75 new civilian positions for Phoenix police! Phoenix police should cut the number of officers employed by the department and reallocate that money to: Mental health resources in Black and Brown neighborhoods Resources for youth in Black and Brown neighborhoods Free public transportation
Adrienne Udarbe	On behalf of Pinnacle Prevention providing food systems services and support statewide and in the City of Phoenix we applaud the inclusion of $300K in funding to Environmental Programs to fund a Program Manager to oversee food programs and carry out the implementation of the Phoenix Food Action Plan. We support this important investment and hope to see the investment in food systems personnel continue as a permanent and important part of the Environmental Programs operations.
Ciara Lv	This trial budget still lacks a focus on the people. If you merely look at the budget tabloid published by the City, you can see the bulk of expenditures is to be spent on police...to the tune of nearly $600 MILLION! The trial budget also proposes an additional $3.7 million as if half a billion dollars is not enough. Focus should be on affordable housing, cultural activities, community-led response teams, first time homeowner programming...something to lift us up. Not the bloated Phoenix PD.
Carol Poore	Phoenix public art is an important investment with payoffs: Placemaking for city identity, economic development, quality of life, civic pride, increased home values, community conversation. Thank you for sustaining the arts during the pandemic and with this budget. Your support of public art maintenance and arts/culture programming through our Office of Arts & Culture is leading Phoenix into a vibrant future. With gratitude, Carol A. Poore, Ph.D.-Board Chairman, Friends of Phoenix Public Art
Mike Abegg	I would like to provide my support for funding new parks in newly developing areas. I believe that the undeveloped park on Samantha would be a benefit to the community and request it be added to the city budget this year.
Margaret Shalley	This is a balanced approach by allocating funding for critical needs (homeless, mental health, etc.) while still fully funding our PD. We can accomplish both without sacrificing one or the other, and we need more services - especially in fast growing Laveen. We have been underserved for years and that needs to change. Please finally replace the vacant blighted lots here with the long-planned parks, starting with 55th Avenue and Samantha. Also, please give SW Phx back our Estrella Precinct.

ATTACHMENT C
VOICEMAIL, ELECTRONIC, AND WRITTEN BUDGET COMMENTS
RESPONDED TO APRIL 20-27, 2021

Emails

1. Casey Rapacki wrote an email in support of the 2021-22 proposed budget items related to Climate Change and Heat Readiness and funding a permanent position for the grant-funded Electric Vehicle Program Manager position.

2. Jackie Rich wrote an email in support of the 2021-22 proposed budget items related to Climate Action and Heat Readiness as well as funding for planting and maintaining trees, development of an electric car rapid charge network, and development of regulations and programs to reduce water and energy consumption through design standard.

3. Jill Marce wrote an email in support of the 2021-22 proposed budget items related to Climate Action and Heat Readiness as well as funding for planting and maintaining trees, development of an electric car rapid charge network, development of regulations and programs to reduce water and energy consumption through design standard.

4. Walt Gray emailed and spoke to staff to express support for more of the budget surplus to be allocated for community services, shelter beds for unhoused individuals, drug treatment centers, and drug use prevention especially with legalized marijuana. He also recommended moving the Block Watch Program from Police to the Neighborhood Services Department and funding the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP) from the existing Police budget instead of the Fire Department budget.

5. Jeanne Delaney wrote an email in support of expand funding for training, recruiting, and providing protective gear and supplies for Police.
6. Rudolf Dankwort wrote in support of funding the Greater Phoenix Library system comparable on a per-capita basis to cities of similar size in the northeast and California.
7. Susan and Rodo Sofranac wrote in support of funding more pickleball courts in North Phoenix.

8. Javier Torres wrote in support of developing one to two specialty bike parks with bike trails, pump track, child-friendly downhill trails, youth skills track, and other features.

9. Linda Abegg wrote in support of funding a park at 55th Ave and Samantha Way in Laveen.

10. Amy Otto, Sean Johnson, Megan Schmitz, and the Evans Churchill Community Association and Roosevelt Row Community Development Corporation (CDC) emailed a letter in support of the proposed budget for the following: arts grants, arts engagements, public art maintenance, community planning positions, adaptive re-use, historic preservation, commercial plan review and inspections, Hance Park staff and equipment, Park Ranger support, Forestry Crew staffing and equipment, the City's Crisis Advocacy Program (CAP), Affordable Housing Manager position, Workforce Development Specialist position to link with rapid rehousing programs to incorporate employment support, Human Services Campus cleanups, Roadway Safety Action Plan (pedestrian safety), Cool Corridors Program, and Library's hotspot and laptop loan program.

11. Jeff Sherman and the Downtown Voices Coalition Steering Committee emailed a letter in support of the following: arts grants, arts engagements, public art maintenance, community planning positions, increase adaptive re-use funding to $50,000, increase historic preservation funding to $300,000, commercial plan review and inspections, residential plan review and inspections, Forestry Crew staffing and equipment, Hance Park tree and shade plan, Park Ranger support, Roadway Safety Action Plan (pedestrian safety), Cool Corridors Program, the City's Crisis Advocacy Program (CAP), the Affordable Housing Manager position, the Workforce Development Specialist position to link with rapid rehousing programs to incorporate employment support, Neighborhood Specialist position for homeless strategies, Human Services Campus cleanups, and increase funding for the Homeless Housing Services Program to $557,875.

12. Anna Bettis and the Nature Conservancy emailed a letter in support of the proposed $2.8 million in funding for climate change and heat readiness initiatives including proposed funding for the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation, the greenhouse gas emissions inventories and air quality modeling and analysis, the 2010 Tree and Shade Master Plan goal, and the Cool Corridors program.

13. Jessica Bueno and the Urban Phoenix Project emailed a letter in support of reallocating funds from the Roadway Safety Action Plan to specific deployment of mid-block crossing signals, bike lanes, and a street system that works for all, as well as funding for the Forestry Crew, the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation, and the Cool Corridors program.

14. Mary Hannon sent an email to support funding for the climate change and heat readiness initiatives.

15. Silverio Ontiveros sent an email requesting funding for the Parks and Recreation Department to preserve and restore the historic Duppa Adobe.

16. Erin Goodman sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to other community resources such as treatment and housing programs, not allocating COVID relief funds to Police, and making labor negotiations more transparent.

17. Jeffrey R. Larson sent an email to support water conservation efforts and augmentation of water supplies.

18. Laura S. sent an email to support more funding for trees and climate change action.

19. Christopher Palmer sent an email to thank the City of Phoenix for its budgetary management and continued commitment to citizen input. He stated his support for funding for preparation and avoidance.

20. Patricia Krueger sent an email to request funds to move two historic streetcars to the Phoenix Trolley Museum.

21. Ritta Yee Fagain sent an email to support the renewal and expansion of the PHXbizConnect HUUB contracted business resource.

22. Regina Nixon sent an email thanking the Mayor and City Council for support of the arts during the COVID pandemic and to support the budget for the Phoenix Office of Arts & Culture

23. Matthew Jewett sent an email to support the budget for pedestrian safety, the Cool Corridors, Adaptive Reuse Programs, arts grants, and adding funds to move two historic trolleys to The Phoenix Trolley Museum.

24. Anna Martinez Villicana sent an email thanking the City for keeping arts alive during the COVID pandemic.

25. Jim McPherson sent an email to support the Cool Corridors and Tree and Shade Programs, as well as the additional staff for the maintenance at Margaret T. Hance Park and community planning projects.

26. Joseph Bowen sent an email to support the budget for the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP), heat mitigation, affordable housing, small business support, and community grants, and no increase for the Police budget.

27. Jeremiah Miller sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to an independent Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

28. Marco A. Hernández sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions, and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

29. Juana Rita sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

30. Estela Varela sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

31. Martha Avendaño sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

32. Martha Flores sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

33. Josefina Torres sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

34. Inocencio Antúnez sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

35. Alma Chavez sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

36. Anabell Gabino sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

37. Laura Juárez sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

38. Ismael Moreno sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

39. Anita Calderon sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

40. Gerardo Urbina sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

41. Concepcion Urbina sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

42. Beatriz García sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

43. Juan López sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

44. María Gutierrez sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

45. Jose Duarte sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

46. Guadalupe Pérez sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

47. Irma Hernadez sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

48. Sixto Martínez sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

49. Georgina Martínez sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

50. Monica Rodriguez sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

51. Arturo Escalera sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

52. Beatriz Najera sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

53. Onofre Ayala sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

54. Martha Félix sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

55. Máyela Diaz sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

56. Ana María Herrera sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

57. Sonia Velázquez sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

58. Héctor García sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

59. Daysi Ocampo sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

60. Benigno Ochoa sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

61. Karen Ochoa sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

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64. Humberto Martínez sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

65. Basílica Pérez sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

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68. Antonio Hernández sent an email to support reallocating funds from Police to free transportation, a rehabilitation center in west Phoenix for people with addictions and the Crisis Assistance Program (CAP).

69. Esmeralda Ávila sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

70. Crystal Hernandez sent an email to support not adding funds or positions to the Police Department.

71. Jasper Larson sent an email to support funding the Office of Environmental Programs, the Climate Change & Heat Readiness initiatives, the Cool Corridors Program and related additional positions.

72. Morgan Moore sent an email in support of funding for climate change and heat readiness initiatives.

73. Reid Butler sent an email in in support of funding flood control, local streets and parks in Laveen.

74. Rebecca Perrera, an 8 year old resident of Laveen, wrote a letter in support of a new park at 55th Ave and Samantha Way, shade structures at the Trailside Point Splash Pad, a new park at 99th Ave and Lower Buckeye Rd., preservation and maintenance of the Laveen Area Conveyance Channel (LACC), and to start to develop a plan to address all vacant park parcels in Laveen and Estrella Village.

Voicemails

There have been no new voicemails since April 20, 2021.

Social media statistics from April 20-26, 2021 are as follows:

3 Total City of Phoenix Tweets (across three City accounts, including the City's bilingual account). The City's advertising and social media posting concluded after the last virtual budget hearing on April 20th.

-1 Total "Likes"
-1 Total Retweets
-17 Total Replies

14 Total YouTube Videos, 2 more than last week
-Total views: 2,351 Views , 506 more than last week

Respectfully Submitted,

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Management Assistant II

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Management Assistant II

City of Phoenix

FundPHX Monthly Report
2021-22 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, updated April 1, 2021, with the proposed 2021-22 General Fund Trial Budget of $153 million gives residents an opportunity to provide feedback on current funding levels and share community priorities with city staff. Between April 1 and April 23, 2021, staff received 34 City Manager's Trial Budget FundPHX submissions, including four responses from District 1, three responses from District 2, two responses from District 3, eight responses from District 4, four responses from District 5, four responses for District 6, three responses from District 7, and six responses from District 8. The report provides submissions by category and for each proposed item included in the Trial Budget. Comments received via FundPHX are also responded to by Budget and Research staff as appropriate.

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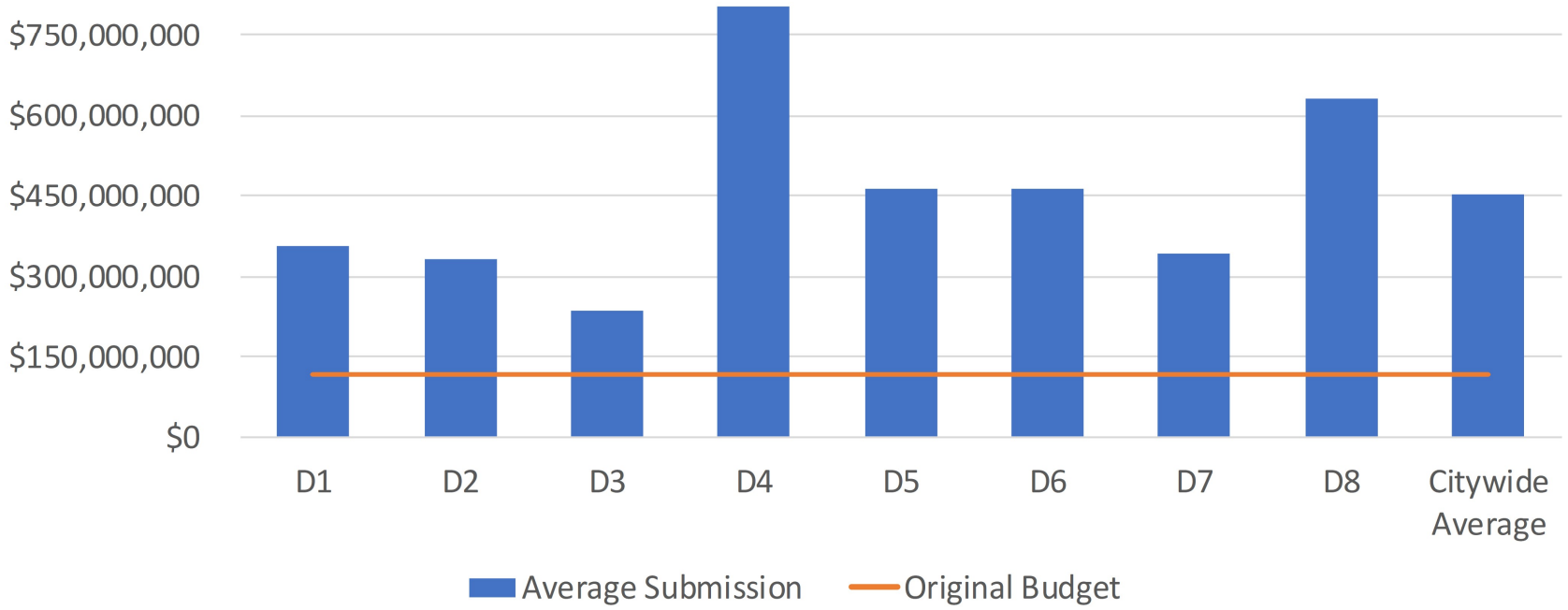
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Employee Compensation

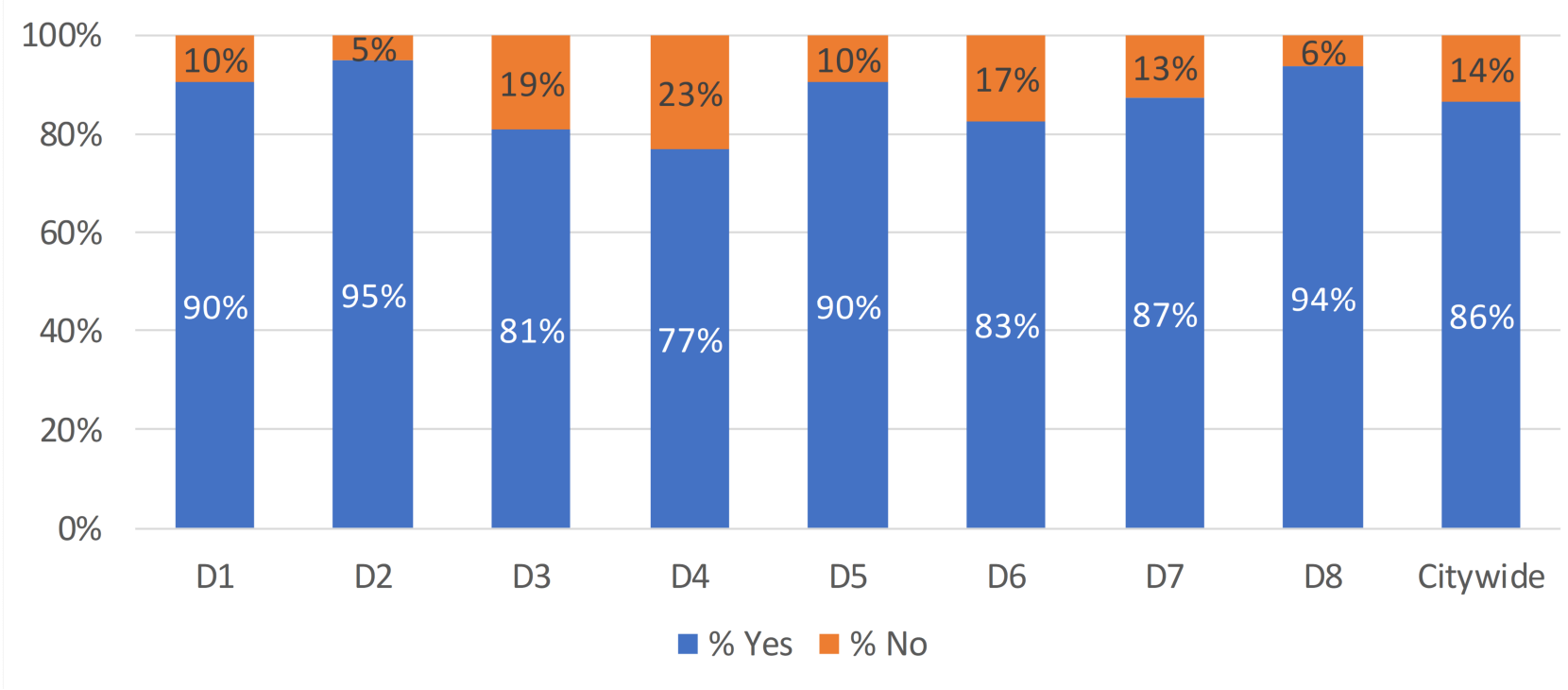


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Average Submission	$354,900,000	$332,423,000	$236,600,000	$804,440,000	$463,736,000	$463,736,000	$340,704,000	$632,905,000	$453,680,500
Original Budget	$118,300,000	$118,300,000	$118,300,000	$118,300,000	$118,300,000	$118,300,000	$118,300,000	$118,300,000	$118,300,000
Average Net Change	$236,600,000	$214,123,000	$118,300,000	$686,140,000	$345,436,000	$345,436,000	$222,404,000	$514,605,000	$335,380,500

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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness: $20,510,000

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

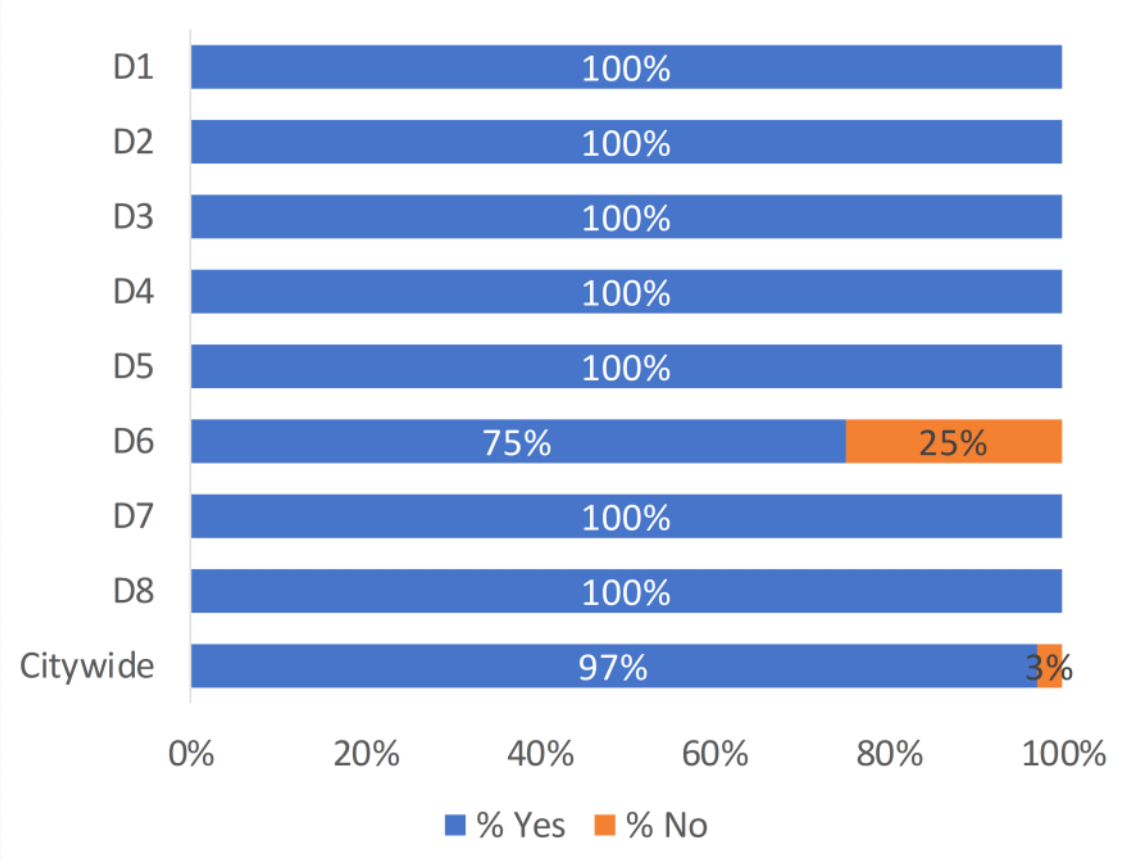


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Fire - Paramedic Training: $382,000

Add funding for two Paramedic Training Coordinators and one Admin Aide positions. These positions will support current and future programs of Emergency Medical Services, including the addition and implementation of a new electronic patient care reporting (EPCR) system. These positions will restore previously eliminated positions from prior budget reductions.

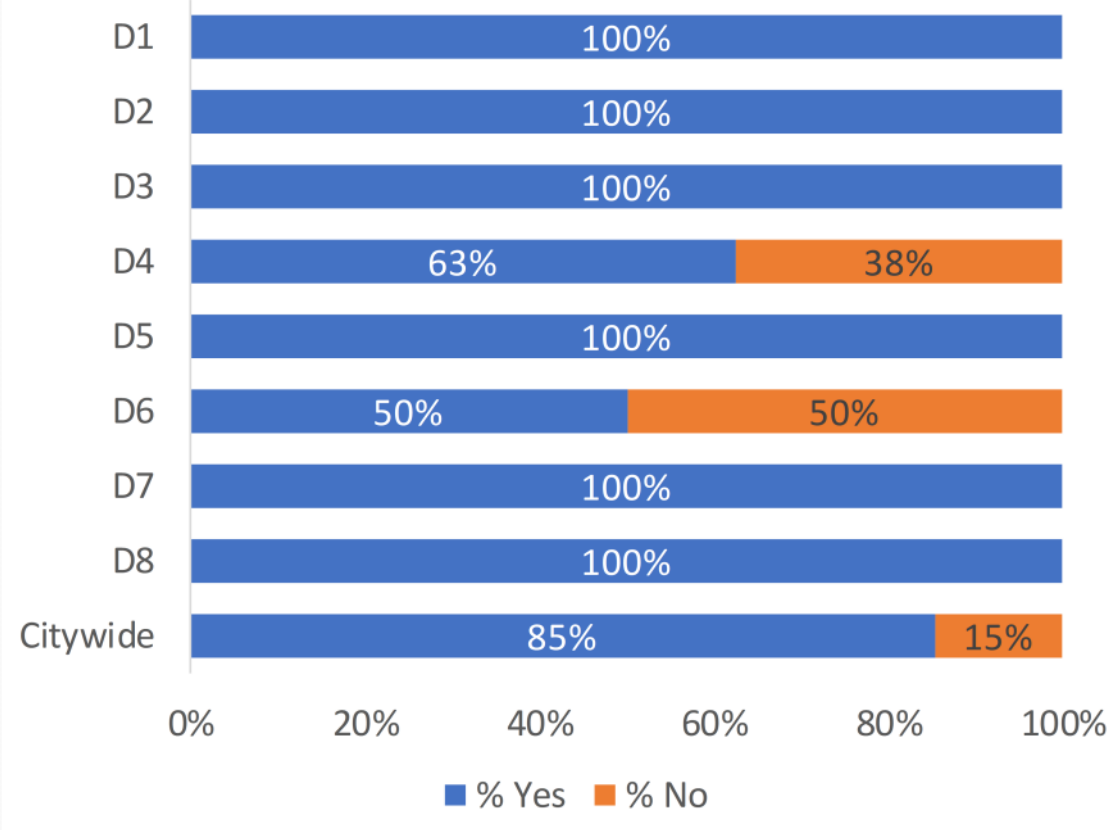


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Fire - Radio Repair: $260,000

Add funding for one User Technology Specialist to support the maintenance and repair of radios used by Firefighters. Add funding for one Admin Aide to provide administrative support to the Phoenix Fire Regional Dispatch Center. The one-time costs include one vehicle, technology equipment, and office space reconfiguration.

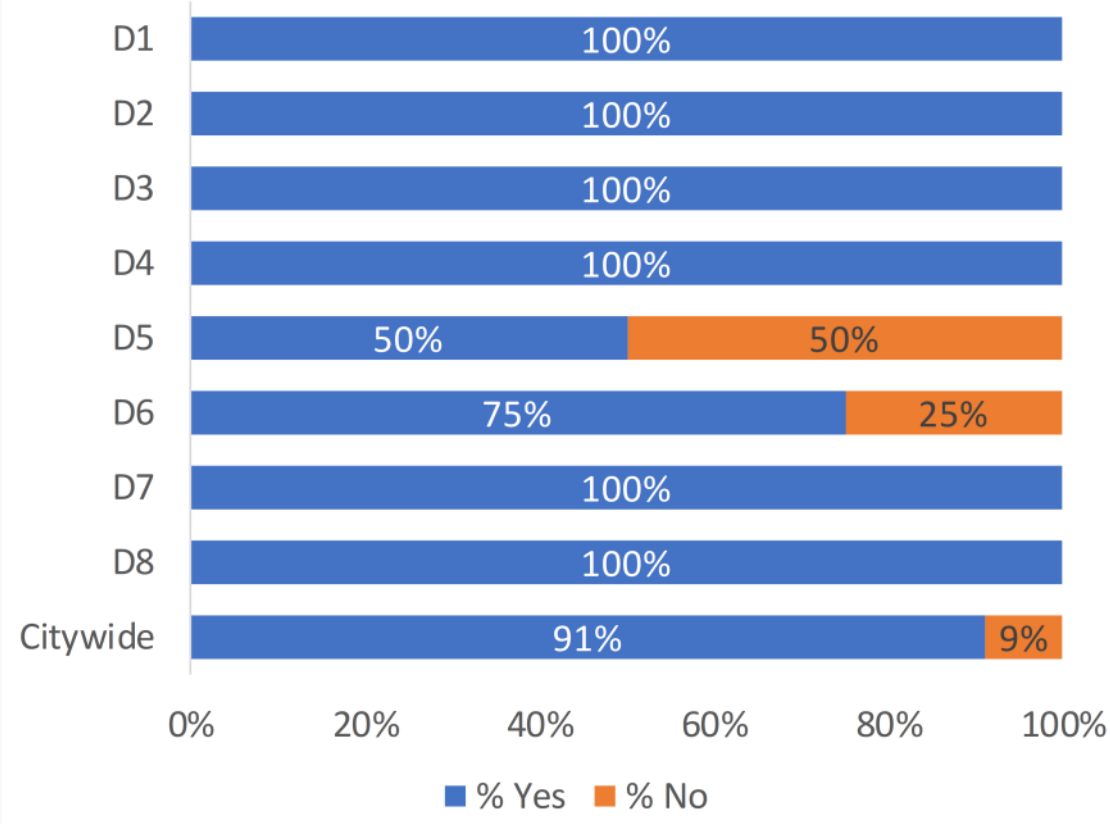


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Fire - Crisis Response: $15,000,000

Expand the City of Phoenix Community Assistance Program in order to provide additional resources for responding to behavioral, mental health, and crisis response calls-for-service received by the Fire and Police departments. The one-time cost represents a set-aside for the phased-in approach of the program expansion, across two to three years. The ongoing cost represents the estimated staff and equipment that will be implemented the first year of the expansion.

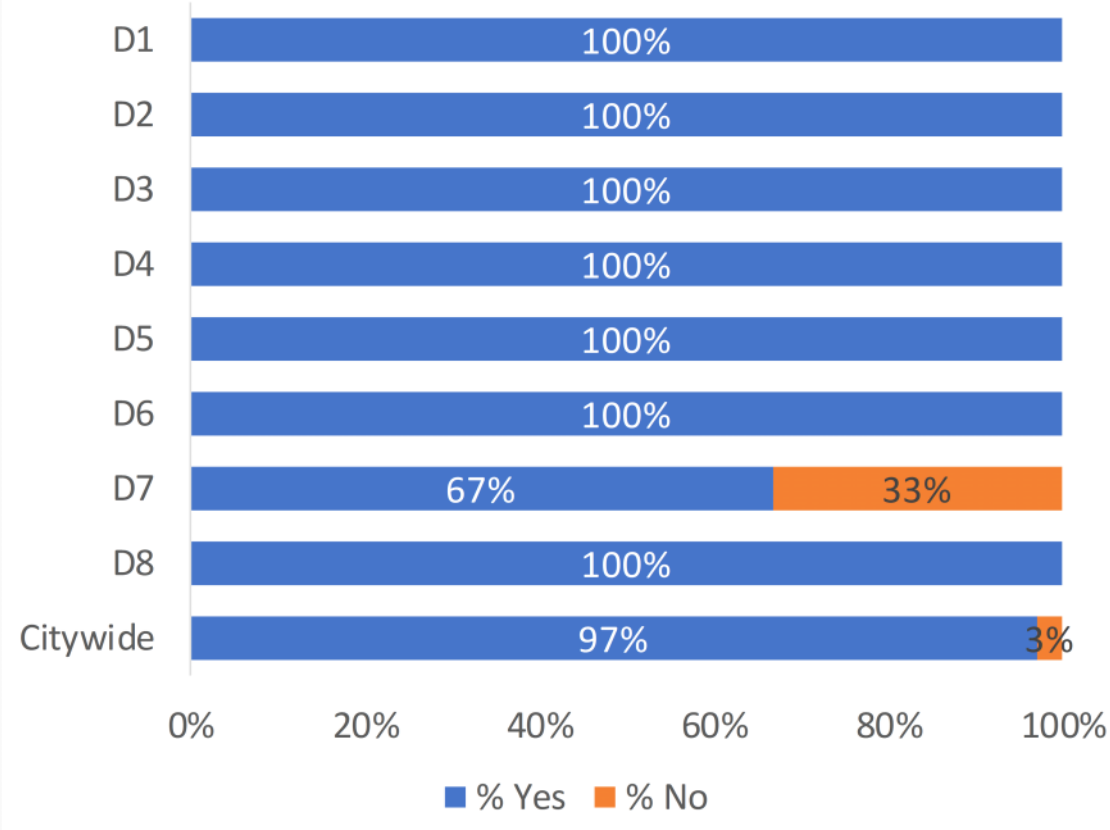


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Fire - Fire Dispatch: $87,000

Add funding for 10 new positions consisting of two Fire Communications Supervisors, two Fire Emergency Dispatcher Leads, and six Fire Emergency Dispatchers for the Phoenix Fire Regional Dispatch Center (PFDRDC), which provides 9-1-1, fire, and medical emergency call-taking and dispatching services for the City of Phoenix and 26 other jurisdictions. Funding is shared between the City of Phoenix (50%) and the 26 partner jurisdictions (50%). In FY 2020-21, the City Council approved eight positions fully-funded by the City of Phoenix, with the shared cost beginning in FY 2021-22. The FY 2021-22 cost shown represents additional funding needed for one position, since eight are already funded in the General Fund. The cost of the remaining nine positions will be paid for by the partner cities.

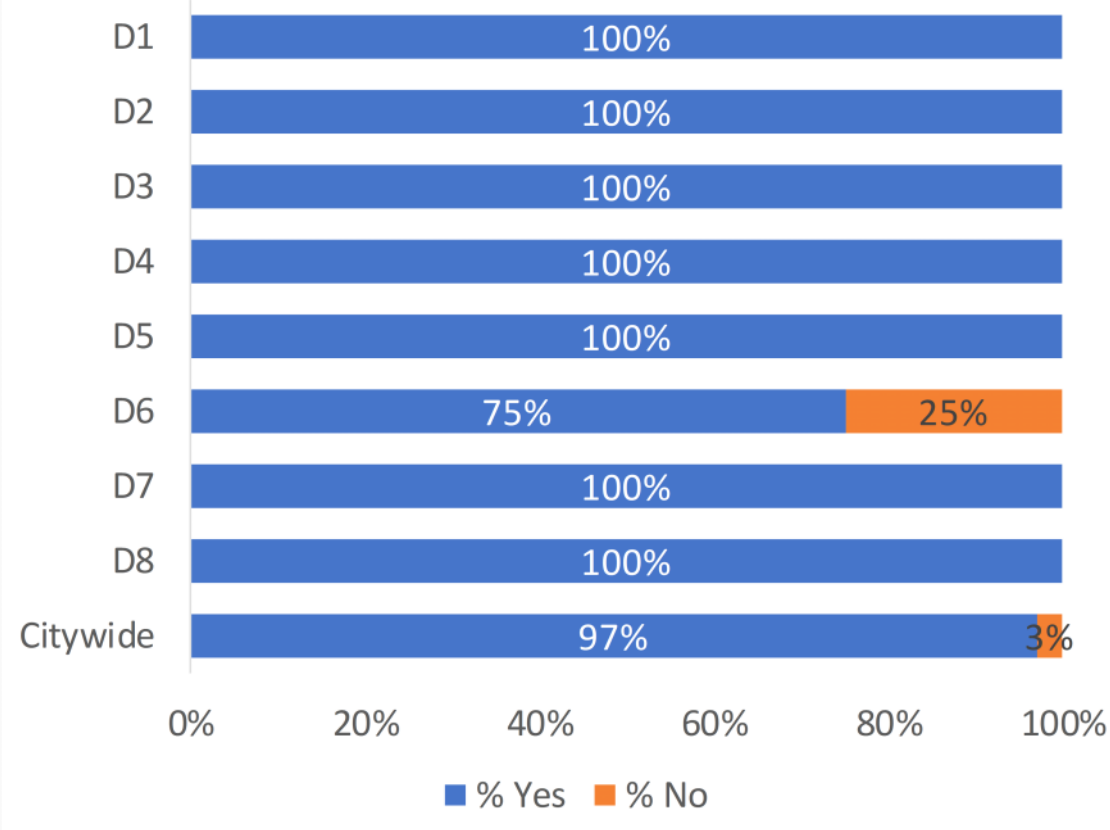


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Human Services - Traumatic Incident Liaison: $93,000

Add a Caseworker III position to assist with relatives of decedents, incapacitated individuals and juveniles as a result of a police interaction. Relatives of decedents may not be entitled to victims' rights advocacy until the determination of a criminal offense. This position will provide case management services to relatives to address needs outside of the criminal justice system.

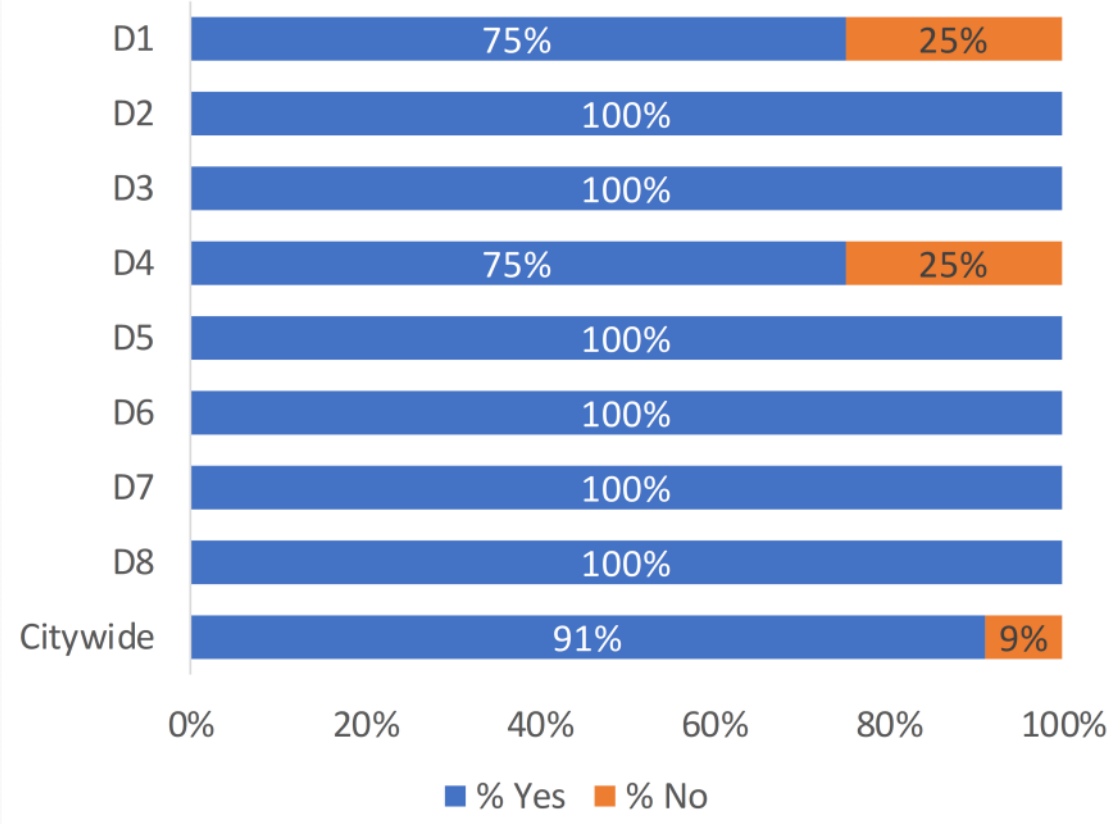


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Municipal Court - Intake, Transfer, and Release (ITR) Staff: $133,000

Add two Bailiff positions to provide judicial and operational support in a criminal courtroom located at the new Maricopa County Intake, Transfer, and Release Facility that opened in November 2020. This criminal courtroom is designed to handle initial appearances for individuals who have been arrested and held by the City of Phoenix. Funding would provide for the continued processing of cases in a timely and efficient manner.

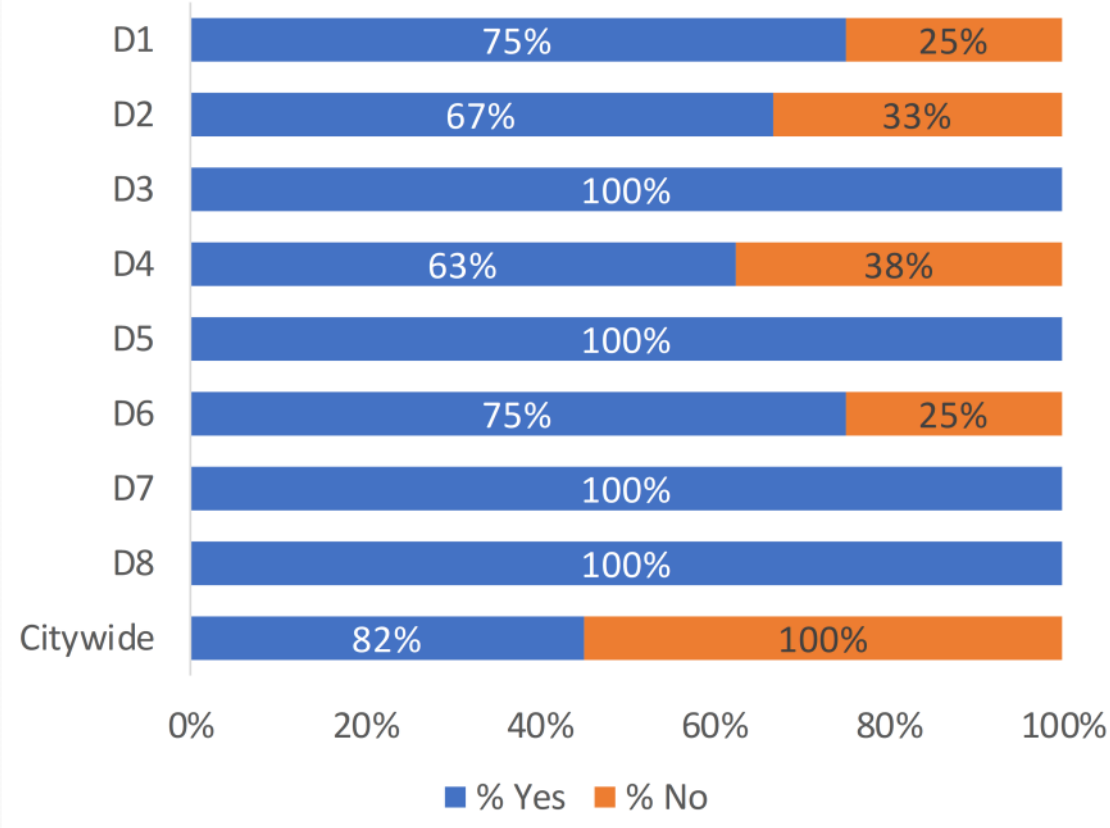


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Municipal Court - Orders of Protection: $224,000

Add one Court Interpreter and two Court/Legal Clerk II positions to support the operations of the Order of Protection Office. In September 2019, the Phoenix Municipal Court implemented the mandated firearm transfer process for defendants that are deemed a credible threat in an Order of Protection (OOP) case. Additionally, in January 2020, the Arizona Administration Office of the Courts (AOC) required the utilization of an on-line public portal system. Both process changes have caused increased staff workload and wait times. Staff and resources are needed in a customer service capacity, for administrative documentation and translation services.

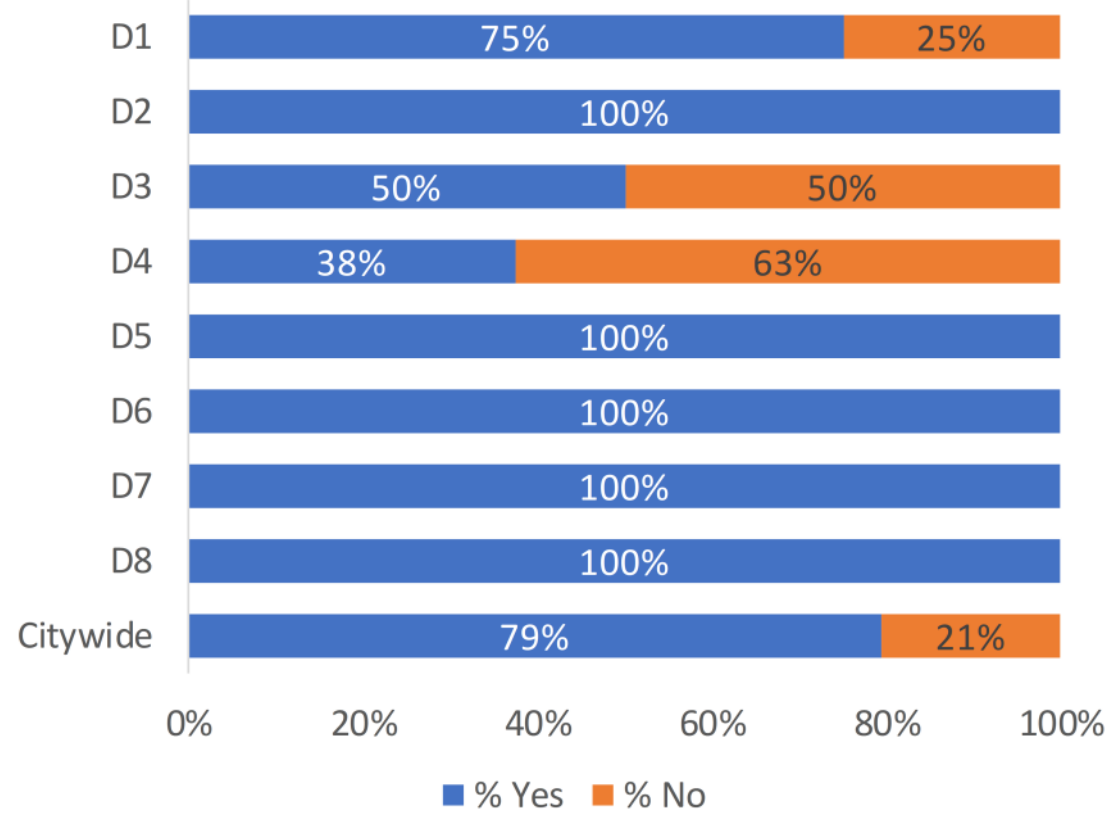


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Police - Public Records Support: $1,000,000

Add funding for nine Administrative Aides, three Forensic Photo Specialists, two Administrative Assistant I, and one Forensic Photo Specialist Lead positions, to provide additional staff support for the Public Records and Services Unit. These positions will help eliminate public records request backlogs, ensure timely request processing, and improve overall customer service and transparency.

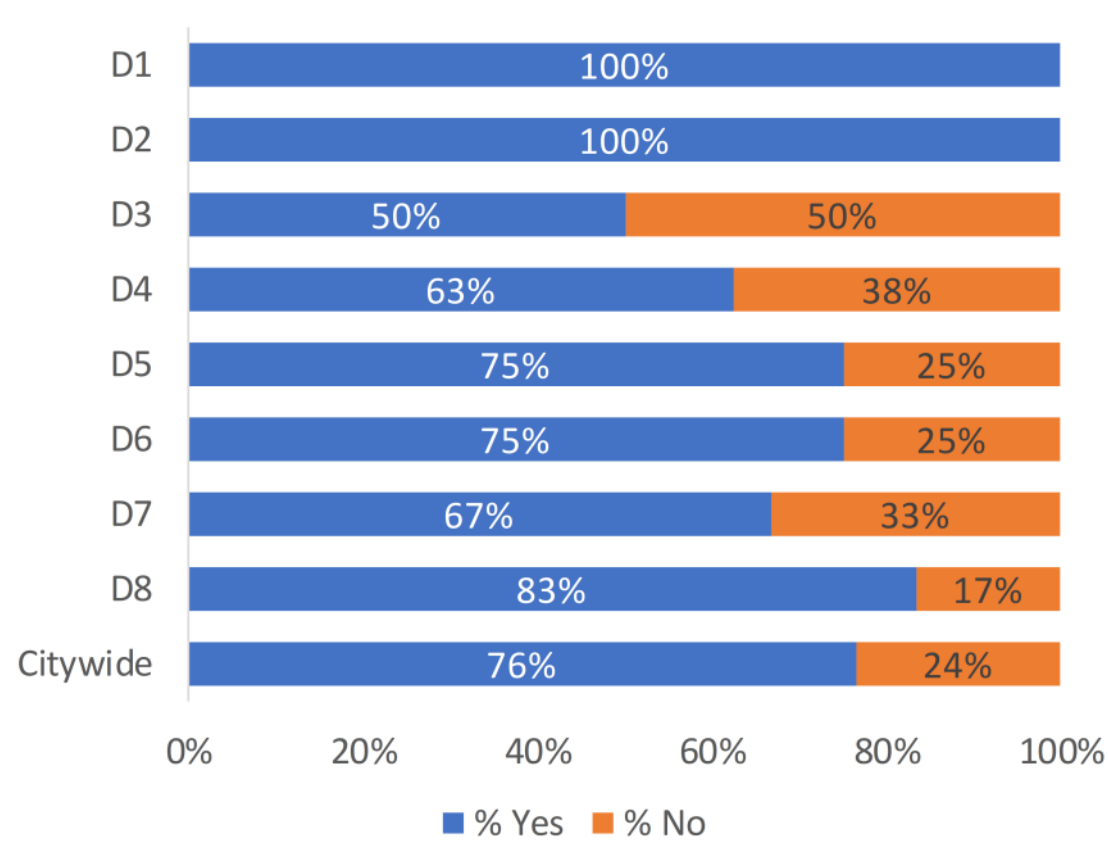


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Police - Early Intervention: $298,000

Add funding for two Administrative Aides, one Management Assistant I, and one Police Research Analyst position, to support the Early Intervention System (EIS). These positions will ensure timely and accurate data and implement intervention recommendations, with the goal of identifying employee risk and preventing adverse events.

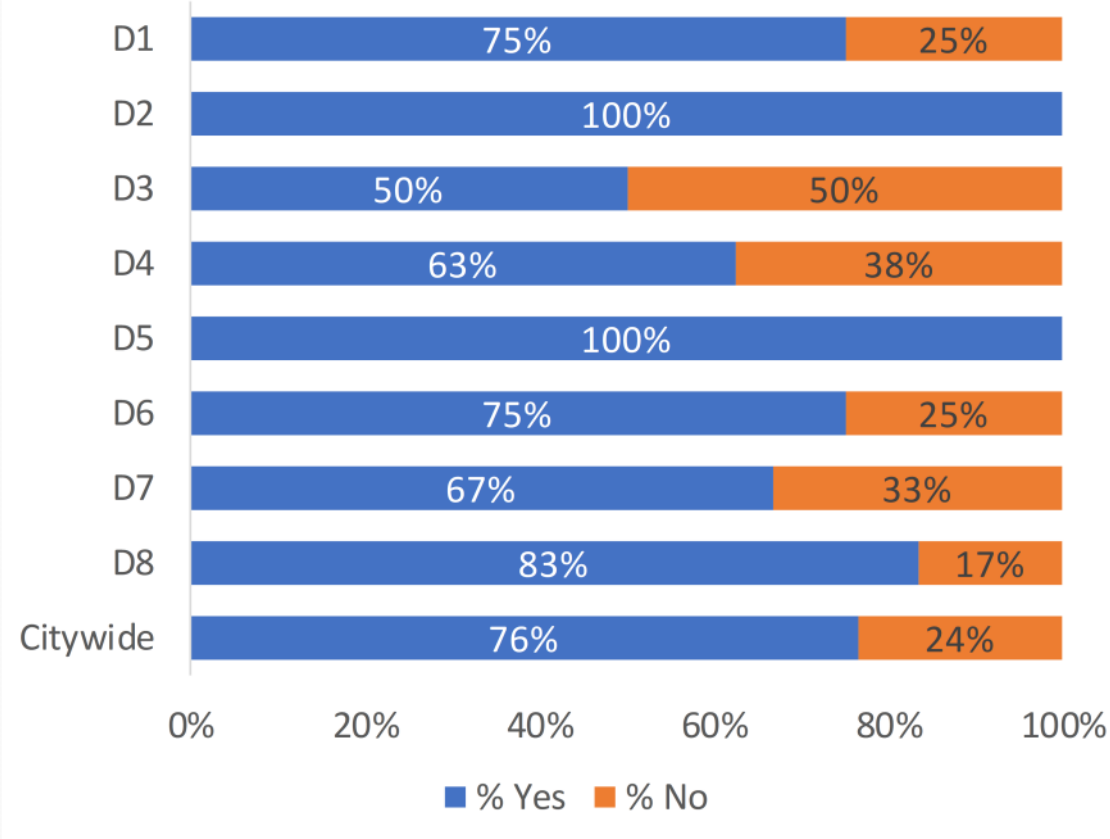


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Police - Data Transparency: $1,009,000

Add funding for staffing required to meet federal National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) standards, additional demands for increased transparency in policing and timely publication of data, and increased workload due to Proposition 207's requirement to purge prior criminal records related to marijuana offenses. This funding will allow for 22 ongoing positions, including 12 Police Coding Clerks, six Admin Aides, two Police Records Clerks, one Criminal Intelligence Analyst, and one Police R&I Bureau Shift Supervisor. It also includes funding for 12 temporary part-time Police Coding Clerk positions.

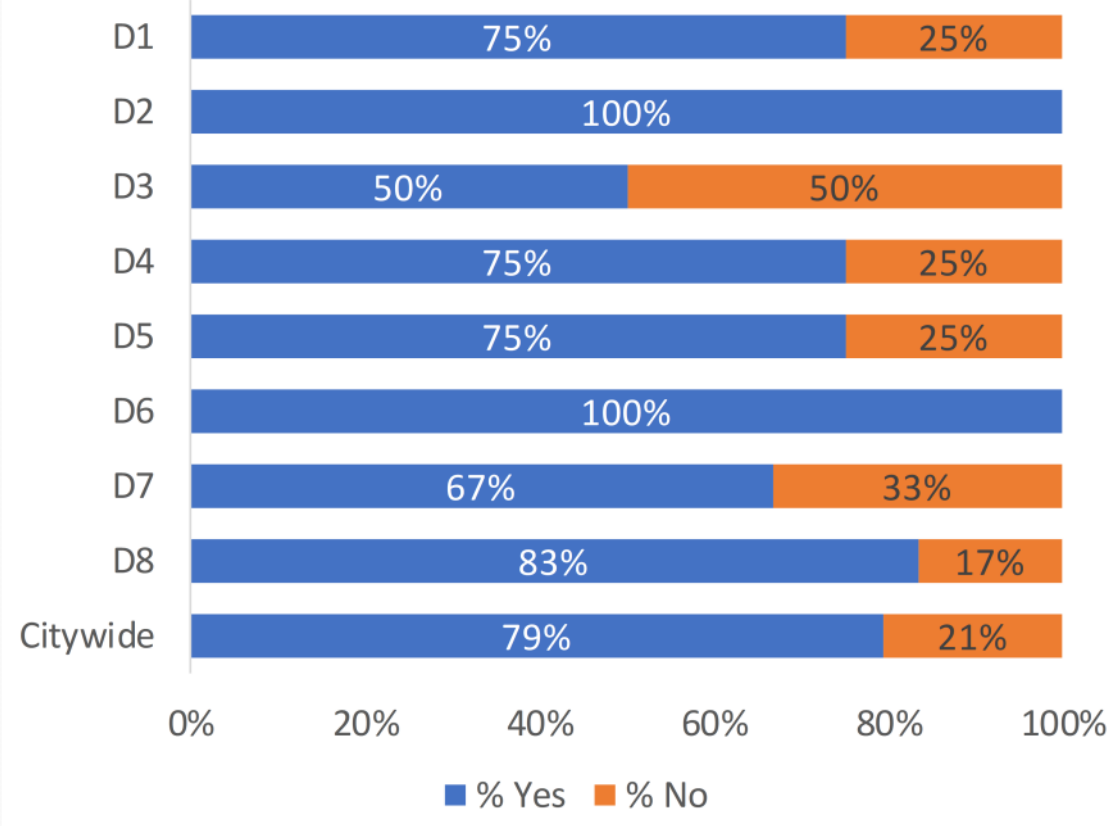


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Police - Civilianize Central Booking: $0

Add funding for 18 temporary Detention Officer positions and four temporary Detention Supervisor positions in the Centralized Booking Detail. These civilian positions will take the place of sworn positions, allowing officers to be redeployed to higher priority duties. Vacancies in the department will offset the cost of the new positions.

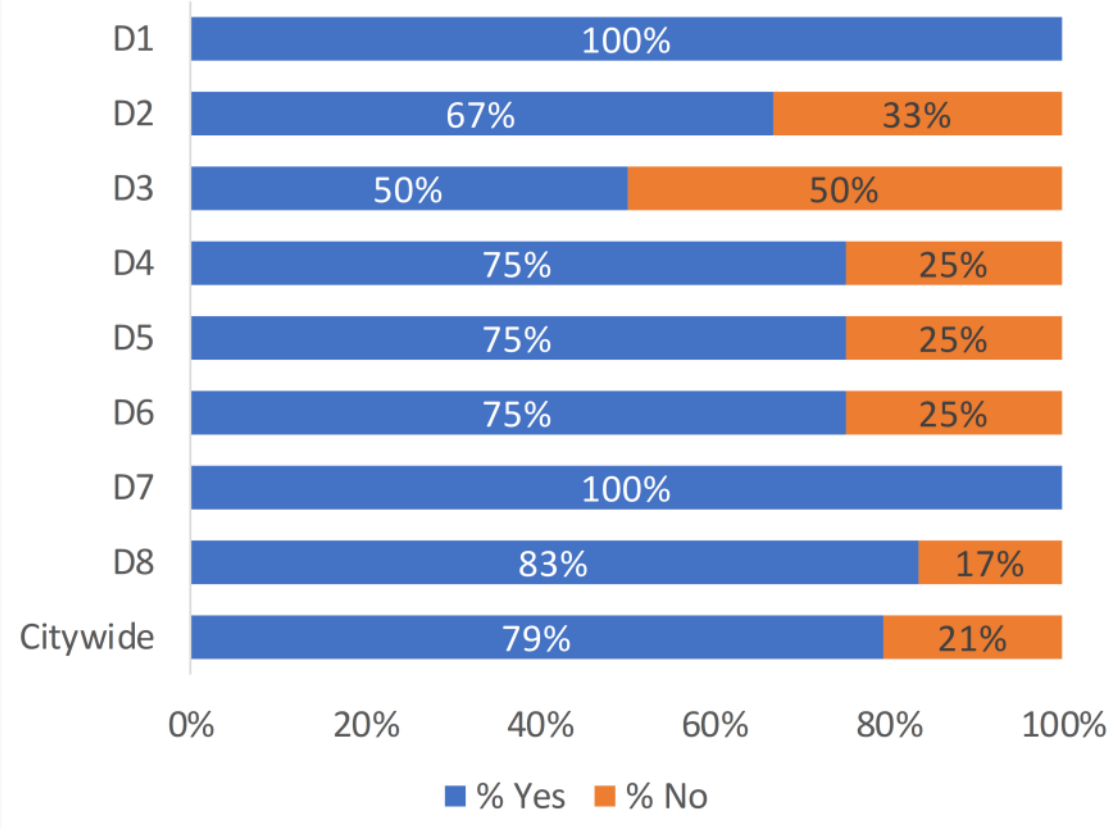


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Police - Police Reform Reviews: $500,000

To support police reform, community trust, and enhanced transparency we are recommending a comprehensive review of the Phoenix Police Department. Funds will be used to hire independent third-parties that have a demonstrated track record with assisting police departments across the country achieve these goals. Reviews will include practices and policies, stakeholder and community feedback and provide recommendations for improvement.

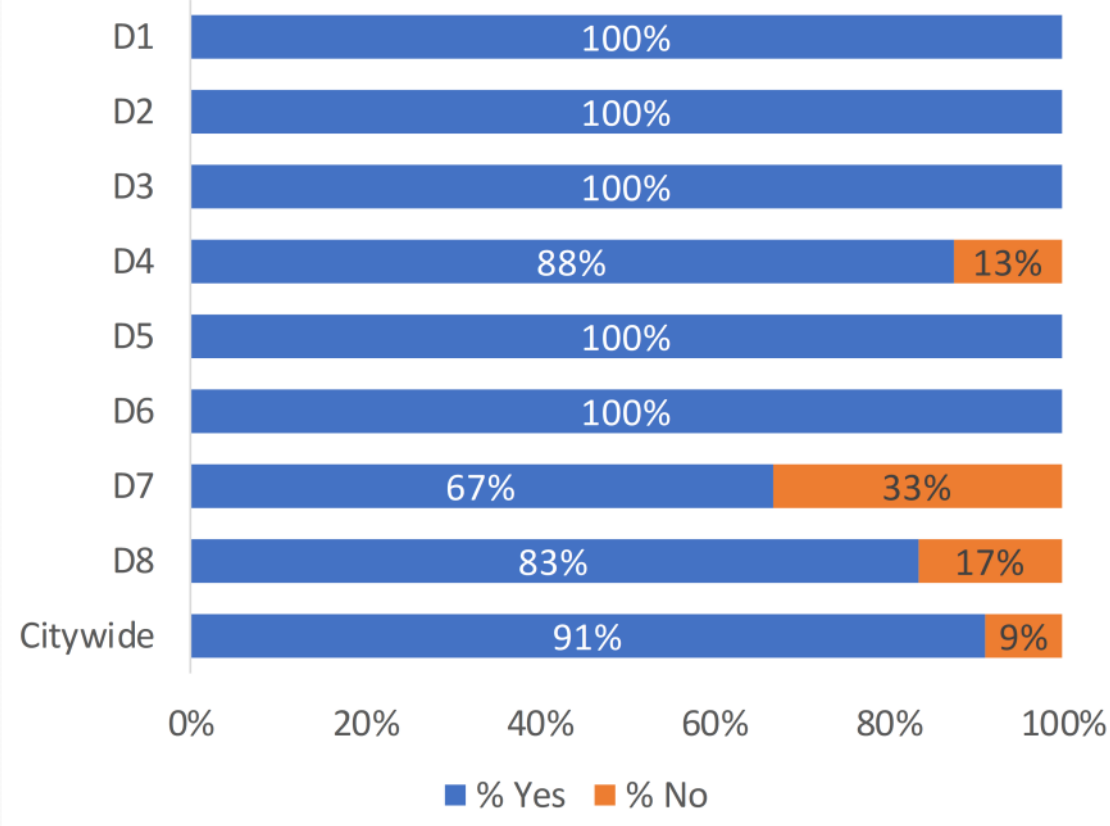


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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Street Transportation - Pedestrian Safety: $600,000

Add funding as part of 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 will be funded using the General Fund, the Transportation 2050 fund (T2050), and the Arizona Highway User Revenue fund (AHUR). The General Fund portion being requested is six-hundred thousand per year over five years.



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Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness

Comments:

1. Elizabeth Kiernan (District 1) requested additional funding for crisis response and conversion of City spaces to pedestrian-only areas.

2. Jena Ingram (District 2) requested additional funding for crisis response, 911 operators, and Police public records. She was opposed to additional funding for Police reform reviews.

3. Nicole Rodriguez (District 4) was opposed to additional funding for Fire, Municipal Court, Police, and Street Transportation.

4. Julie Degraffenreid (District 5) suggested reduced funding for crisis response and further planning.

5. Smith Jones (District 5) requested additional funding for crisis response.

6. Owen Swenson (District 6) stated that the City should draw from existing, off-duty personnel or contract with nurses and doctors for Fire's Paramedic Training positions, since these positions have historically been eliminated. He suggested outsourcing the Fire's Radio Repair position. Mr. Swenson requested additional funding for Municipal Court's Orders of Protection positions. He suggested researching new technologies, best practices and system improvements, and contracting with a data processing company to handle clerical issues related to Police Public Records Support and Data Transparency funding. Mr. Swenson suggested retraining and reassignment of Police management to prevent position-based bias. He requested that mental health and domestic dispute response be handled outside of Police resources. Mr. Swenson asked whether there were any consequences for Police officers who targeted peaceful protestors as gang members. He requested additional funding for Police Reform Reviews.

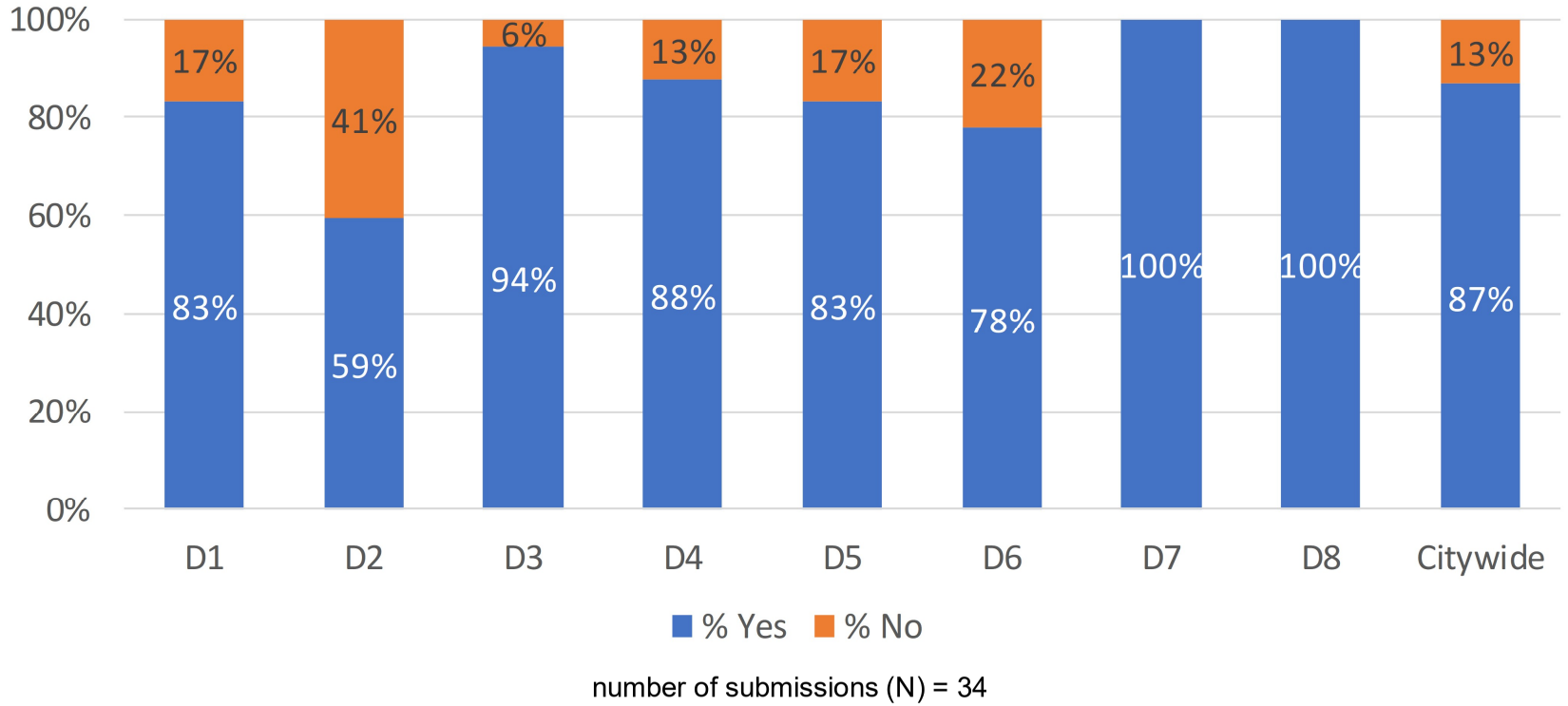
7. Aimee Esposito (District 7) was opposed to additional funding for Police. She stressed the importance of processing Police data in a timely manner. Ms. Esposito requested pedestrian safety money be allocated to walkability, bike lines and Public Transit.

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COVID Response and Resiliency: $2,603,000

The percent of residents indicating "yes" or "no" for the COVID Response and Resiliency category, by district

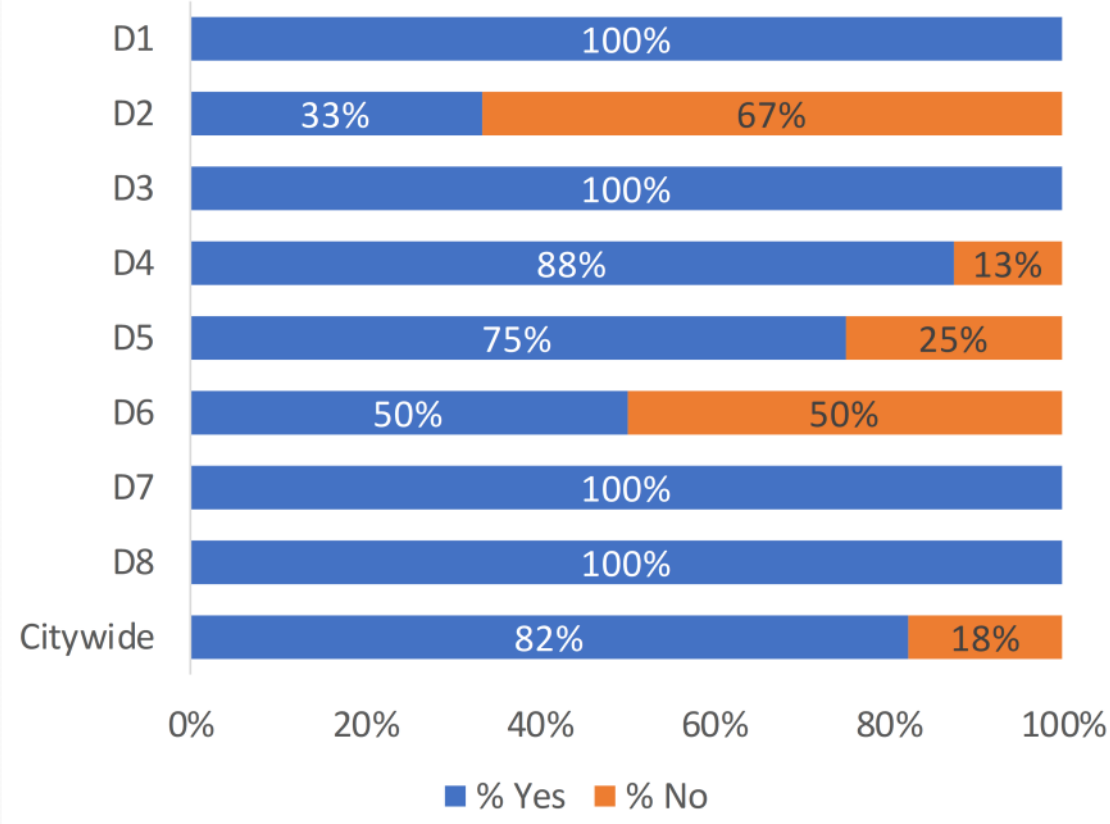


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COVID Response and Resiliency

City Manager's Office - Public Health Advisors: $150,000

Continue funding for COVID-19 consultants, including medical experts, to advise the City on reopening facilities and providing up-to-date guidance from the CDC.

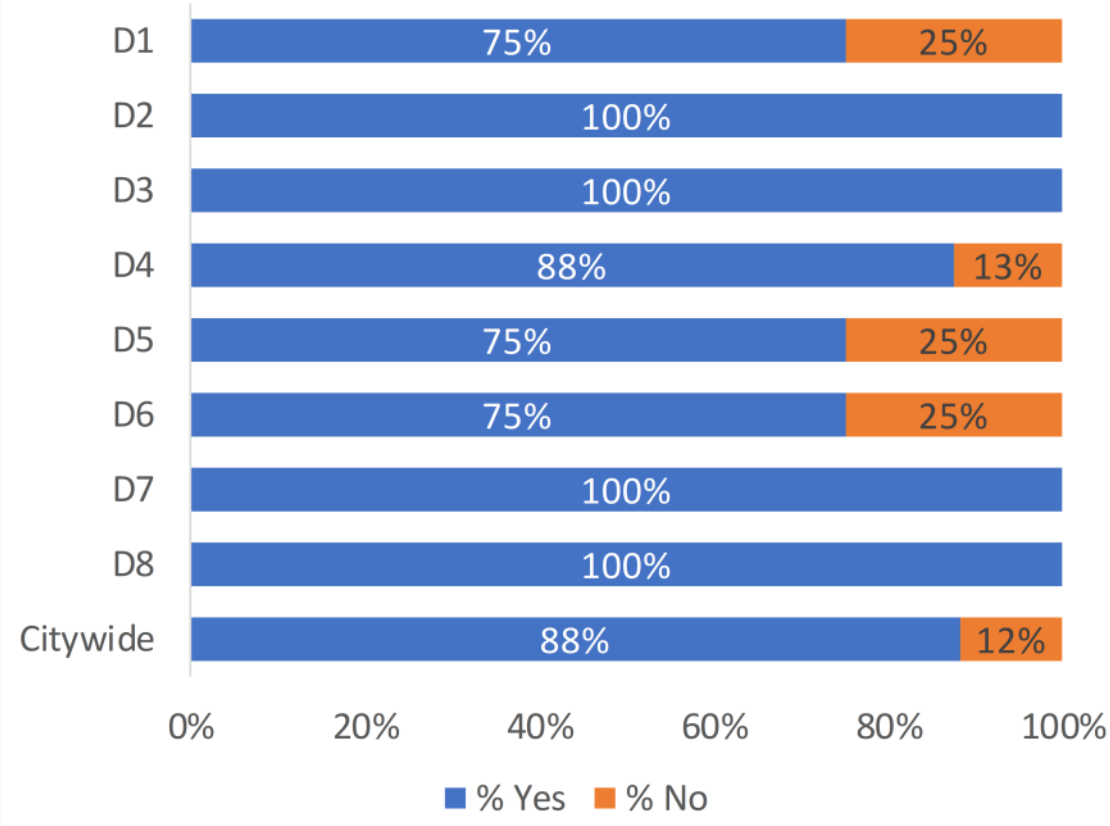


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COVID Response and Resiliency

Environmental Programs - Food Program: $300,000

Add funding for a Program Manager to continue the COVID-19 emergency food assistance program, the 2025 Phoenix Food Day Action Plan approved by Council in March 2020, and community engagement by hosting educational events and workshops including Phoenix Food Day.

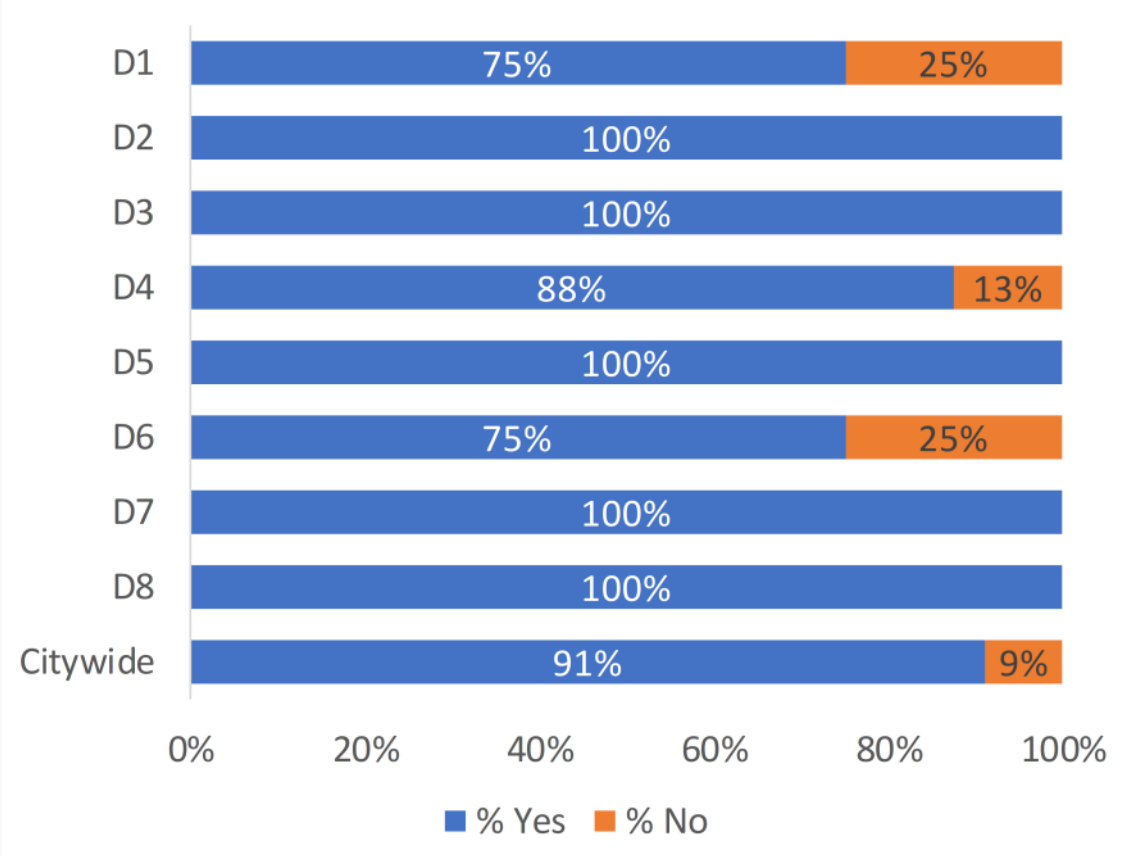


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COVID Response and Resiliency

Information Technology Services - City Services IT Support: $585,000

Add contractual services funding to provide development support for the 311 and Learning Management System projects. Funding three additional Senior Developers will continue Citywide integration and mobile app development for these critical initiatives, which enhance citizen access to City services and provide a needed virtual learning environment for City employees.

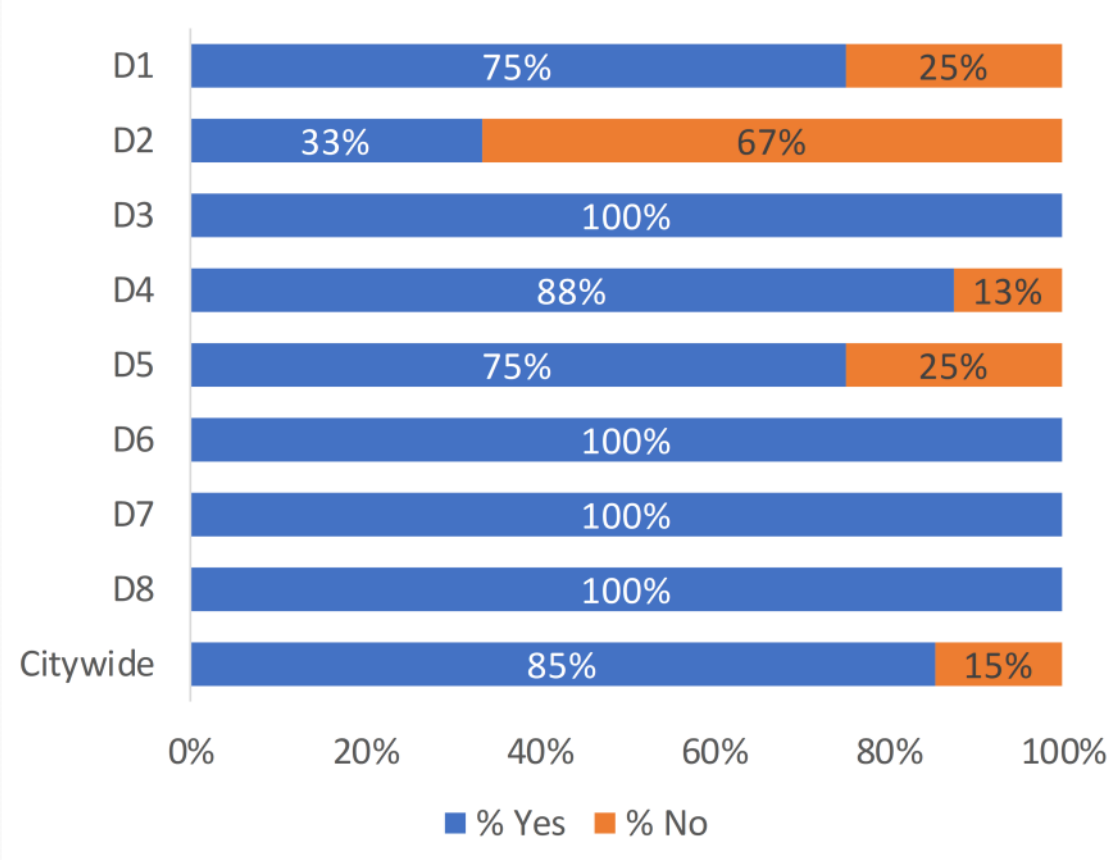


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COVID Response and Resiliency

Information Technology Services - 311: $350,000

Add contractual services funding for project management services of several large-scale projects that emerged due to COVID-19, including 311, the Learning Management System, enhanced security needs, and conference room technology upgrades. The City's 311 system significantly expanded due to COVID-19, providing enhanced connectivity to City services for residents. This expansion requires additional ongoing support to ensure continued seamless integration with City applications.

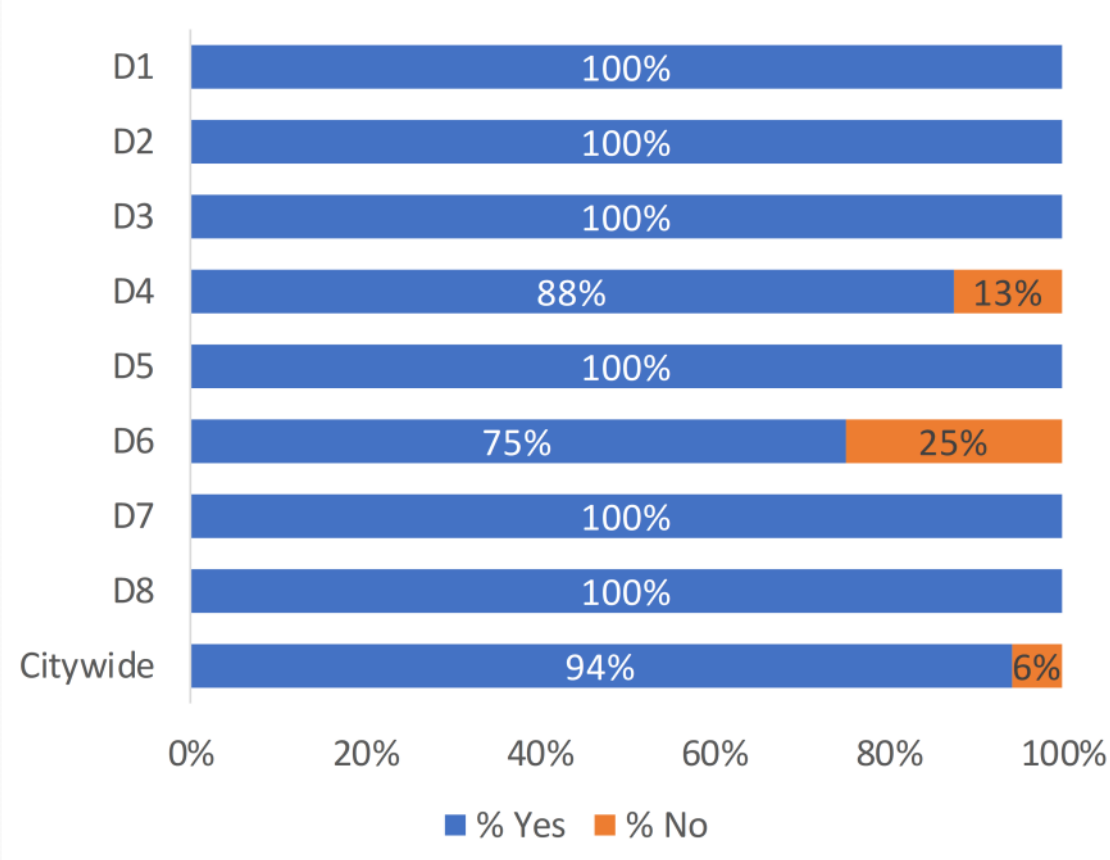


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COVID Response and Resiliency

Information Technology Services - WiFi Support: $169,000

Add funding for one Senior Information Technology Systems Specialist to serve as a Senior WiFi Engineer. This position will provide ongoing support and management for the 50+ new public WiFi locations the City added during COVID-19 to address public need for WiFi. These locations are currently managed by a temporary position.

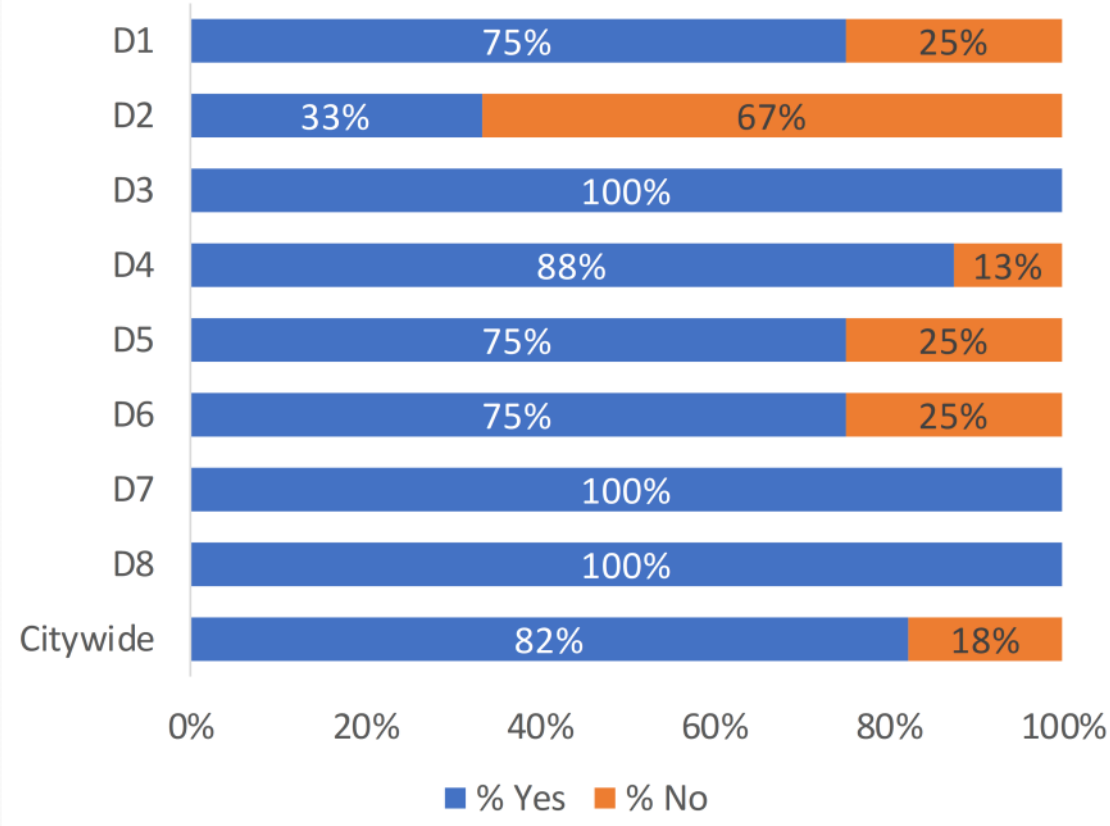


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COVID Response and Resiliency

Information Technology Services - IT Support: $354,000

Add one Lead Information Technology Systems Specialist and one Senior Information Technology Systems Specialist. These positions are needed to support security applications and additional infrastructure support required as a result of COVID-19 related enhancements.

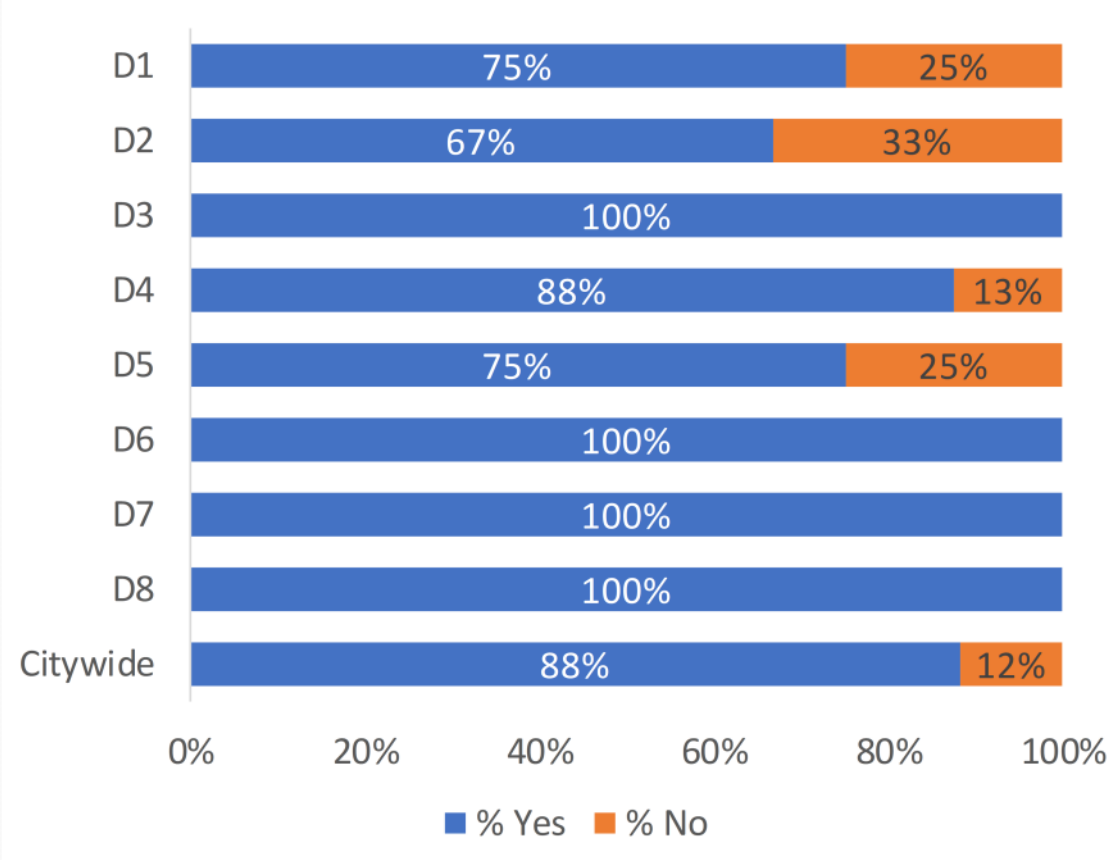


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COVID Response and Resiliency

Information Technology Services - Remote Work Support: $323,000

Convert one temporary Information Technology Systems Specialist and one temporary Senior Information Technology Systems Specialist to ongoing to provide coordination and administration of City video conferencing needs. The City continues to require vastly expanded video conferencing capabilities, which facilitates virtual work and helps ensure public access to City Council and other meetings. The temporary positions are currently being funded by vacancies in the department.

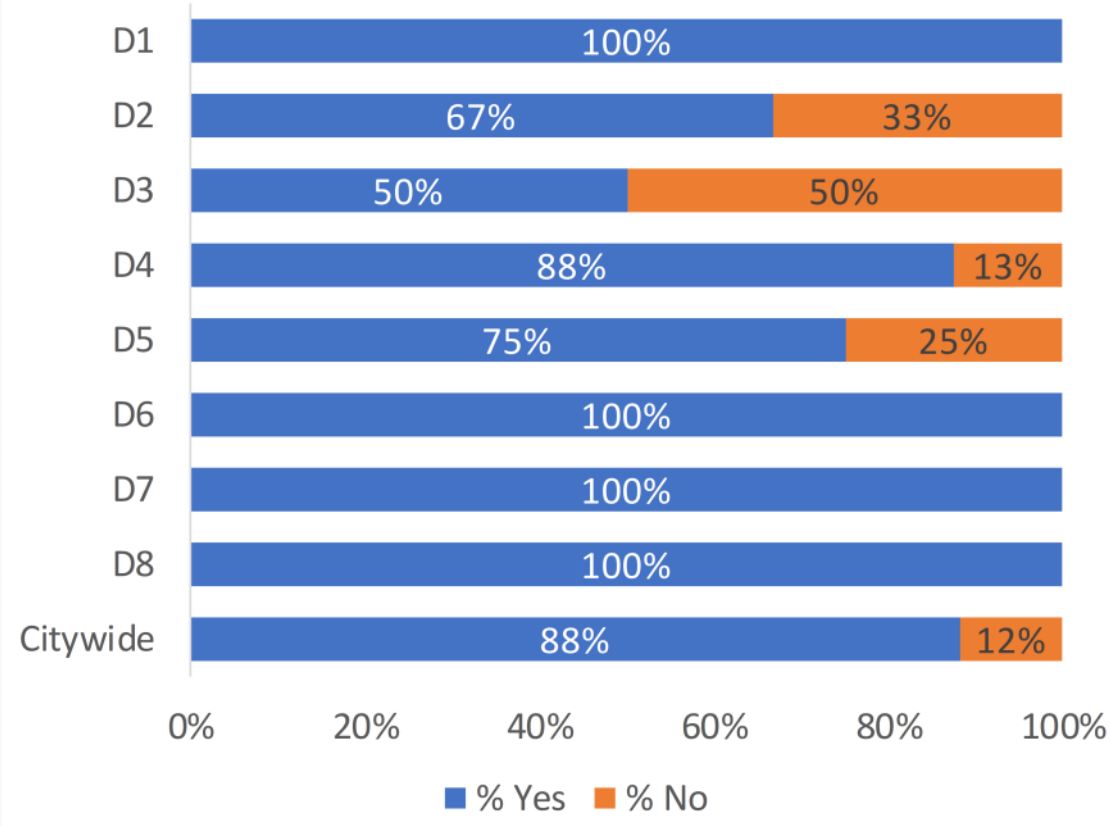


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COVID Response and Resiliency

Library - Hotspot and Laptop Loan: $181,000

Add funding to continue mobile and self-serve computing services initiated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These include cellular service for the MiFi hotspot loan program, annual maintenance for additional self-checkout payment kiosks, and security software for the laptop loan program.

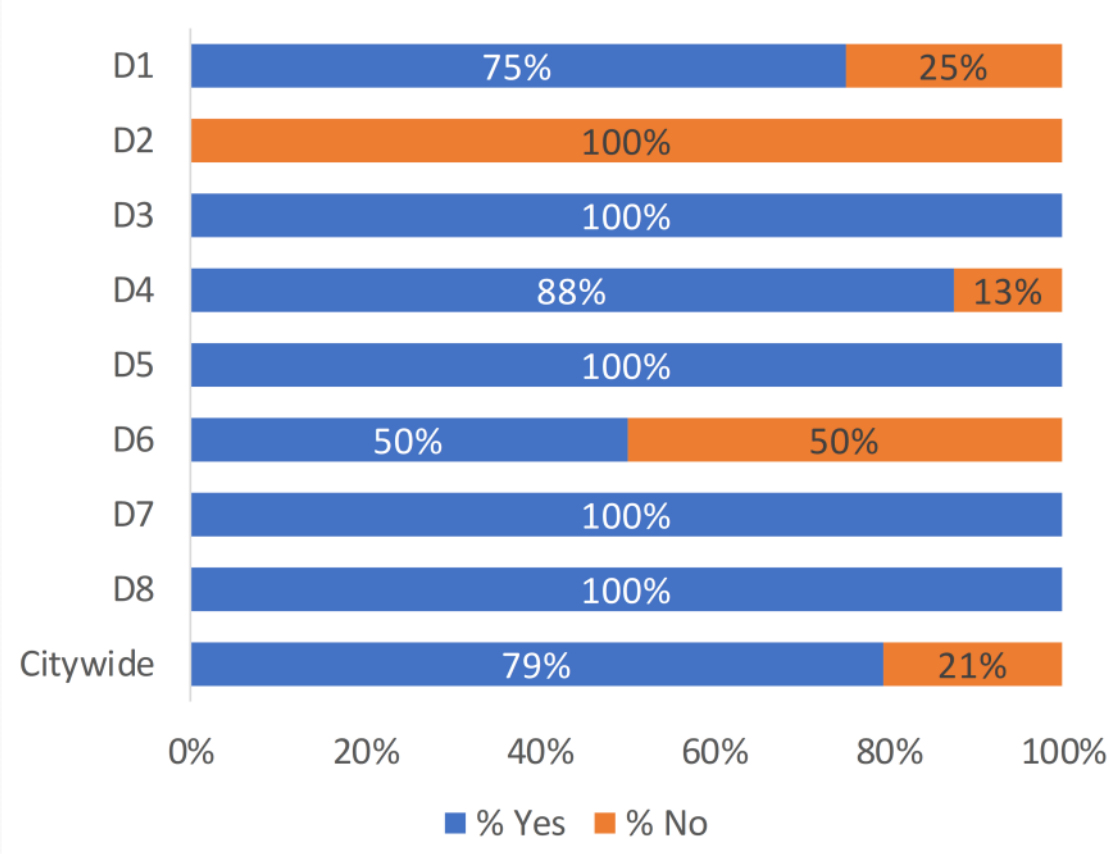


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COVID Response and Resiliency

Public Works - City Hall by Appointment: $191,000

Add staff and resources to support the operation of the appointment only counter at Phoenix City Hall and the Calvin Goode building. In response to COVID health concerns, three full-time Support Service Aide positions will support, coordinate and schedule appointments for residents and manage authorized access to these facilities. The appointment only desk is currently being staffed on a temporary basis with part-time Parks and Recreation staff that were displaced due to COVID closures.



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COVID Response and Resiliency

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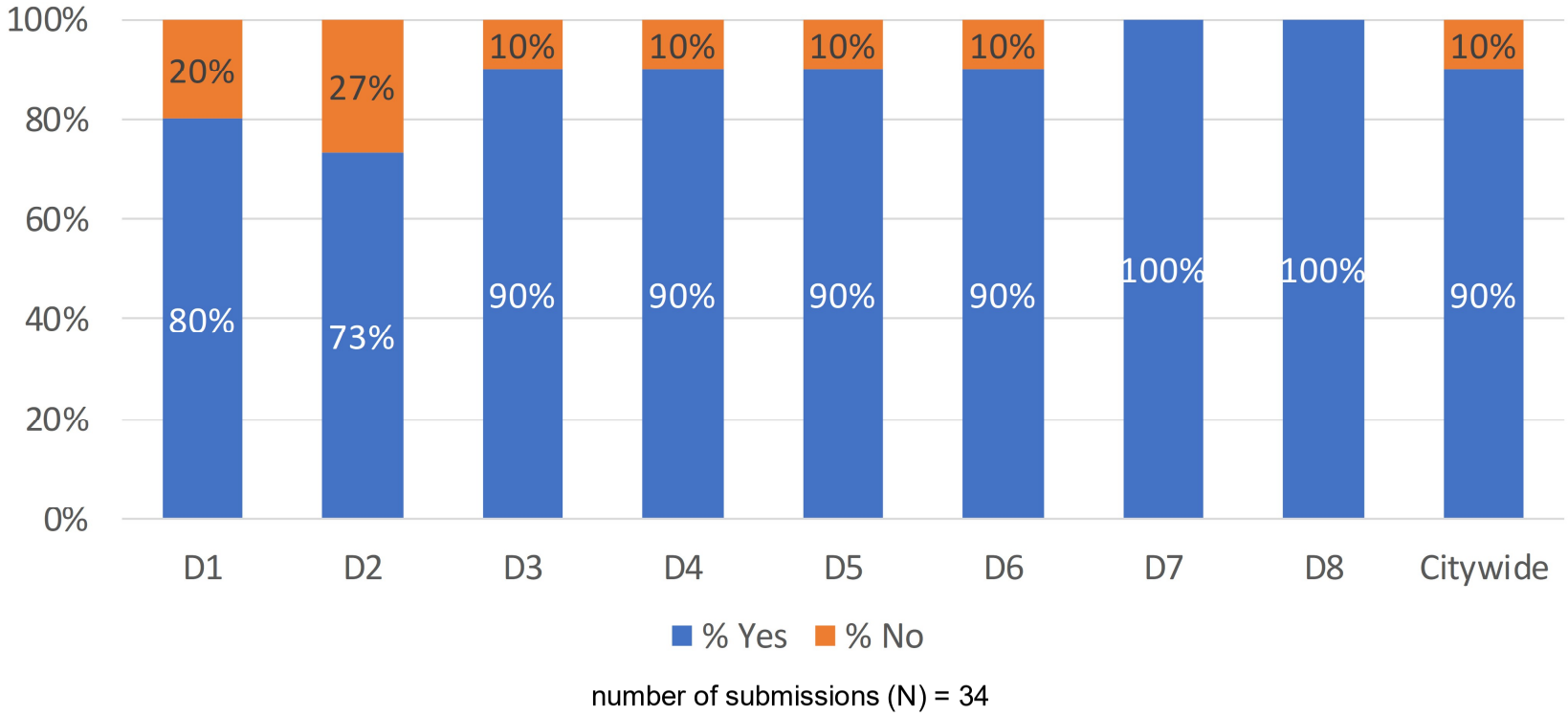
1. Jena Ingram (District 2) stated that public health should be handled by the State of Arizona Department of Health. She was opposed to additional funding for 311 and COVID. Ms. Ingram requested additional funding for public WiFi.

2. Julie Degraffenreid (District 5) was opposed to funding for Public Health Advisors, Environmental Programs and Information Technology Services. She requested contracting out the proposed positions.

3. Owen Swenson (District 6) suggested contracting-out City Hall by Appointment staff positions.

Climate Change and Heat Readiness: $2,832,000

The percent of residents indicating "yes" or "no" for the Climate Change and Heat Readiness category, by district

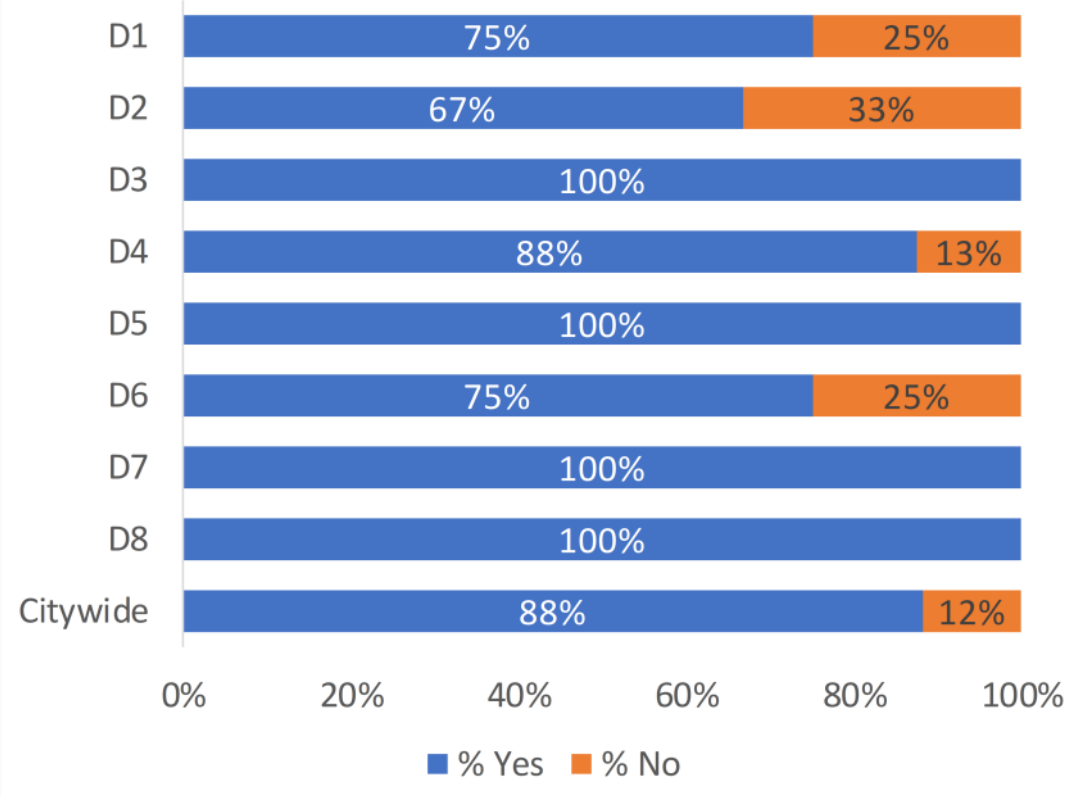


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Climate Change and Heat Readiness

City Manager's Office - Office of Heat Response and Mitigation: $475,000

This office will establish a cohesive strategy and action plan to address the growing hazard of urban heat, which threatens the City's economic viability and health and the well-being of vulnerable residents. This office will increase the community's capacity to prepare for and respond to both extreme heat events and the increasing frequency of high temperature days that adversely affect residents' and visitors' comfort. This office will build a research and practice-informed process to ensure that heat is addressed in an effective manner by using technology and innovative, locally-relevant solutions, providing preventative information and education, and encouraging coordination and cooperation among diverse stakeholders. This office will include a Chief Heat Response Officer, Tree Shade Administrator, Shade Infrastructure Manager, and an Administrative Aide.

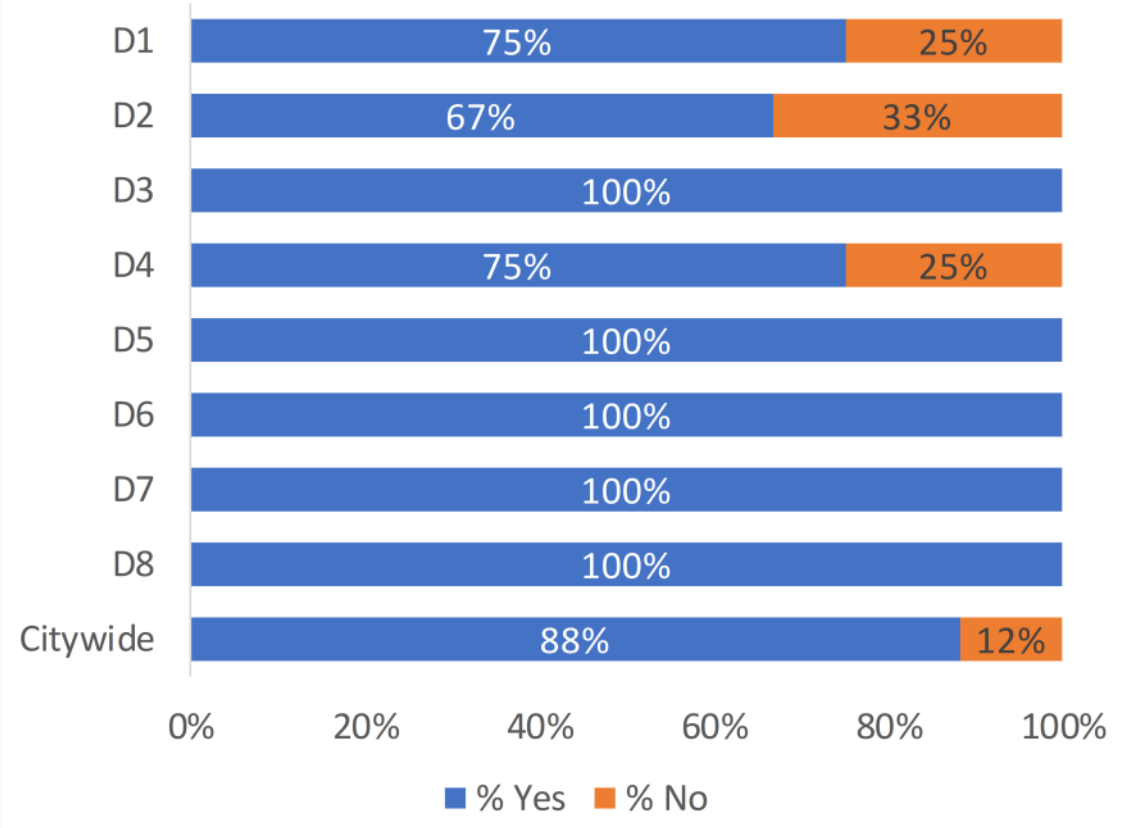


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Climate Change and Heat Readiness

Environmental Programs - Climate Change and Support: $200,000

Add funding to support existing and future needs relating to air quality, climate and resilience planning. Funds will be used to conduct greenhouse gas emissions inventories, facilitate bilingual community engagement, implementation of the Climate Action Plan and efforts to reduce emissions.

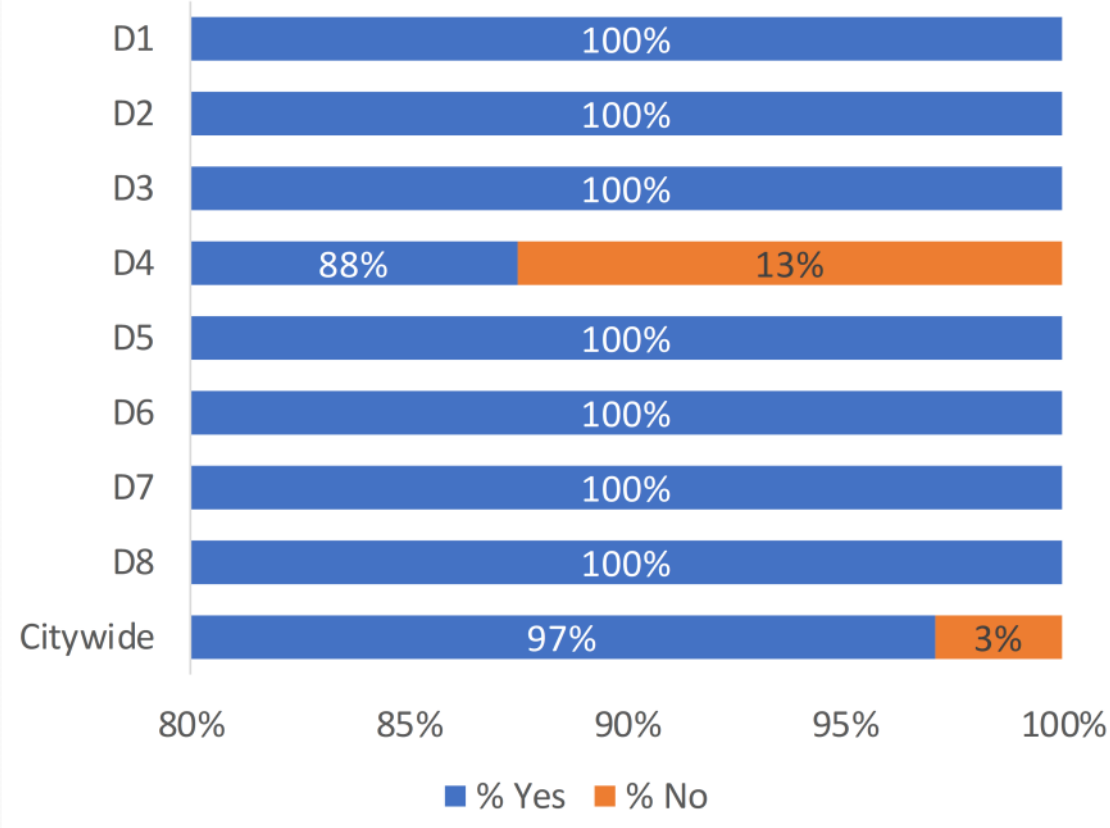


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Climate Change and Heat Readiness

Fire - Solar Energy Inspection: $0

Add funding for vehicles, supplies, and five new positions for a new energy system inspection program. The new positions include one Planning and Development Team Lead and four Fire Prevention Specialist II. This program will provide Fire Prevention the staff to conduct plan reviews and inspections of photovoltaic and energy storage systems. This addition is offset with $698,000 in revenue generated from permit fees.

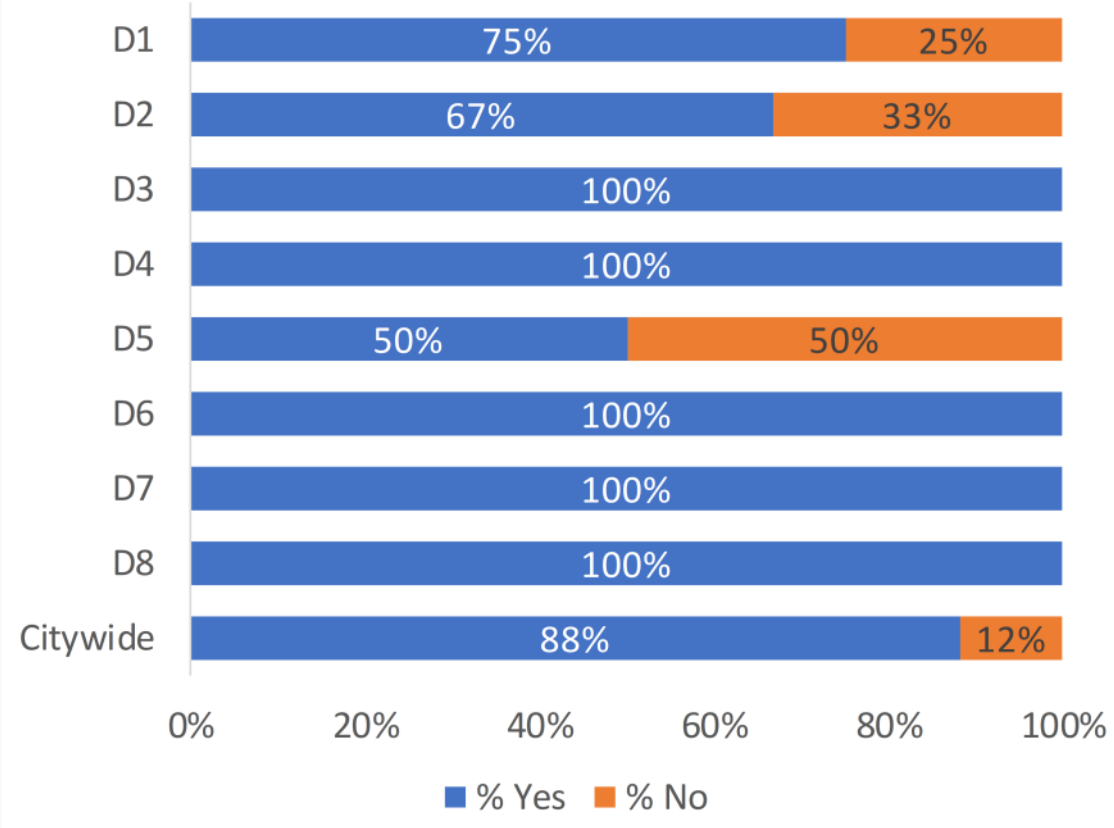


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Climate Change and Heat Readiness

Parks and Recreation - Parks Trees: $674,000

Add staff and equipment to create an additional Forestry Crew to maintain the increasing Citywide tree inventory. The City adopted the Tree and Shade Master Plan in 2010 with a goal to double the tree and shade canopy by 2030. This has led to a significant increase in tree planting on City property and rights-of-way to mitigate the effects of the urban heat island in vulnerable neighborhoods that have a limited tree canopy and where residents have a greater exposure to heat while walking to transit, schools and work. The Parks and Recreation Department Forestry section provides Citywide tree planting, tree maintenance activity, technical support, and 24/7 emergency response for several City departments.

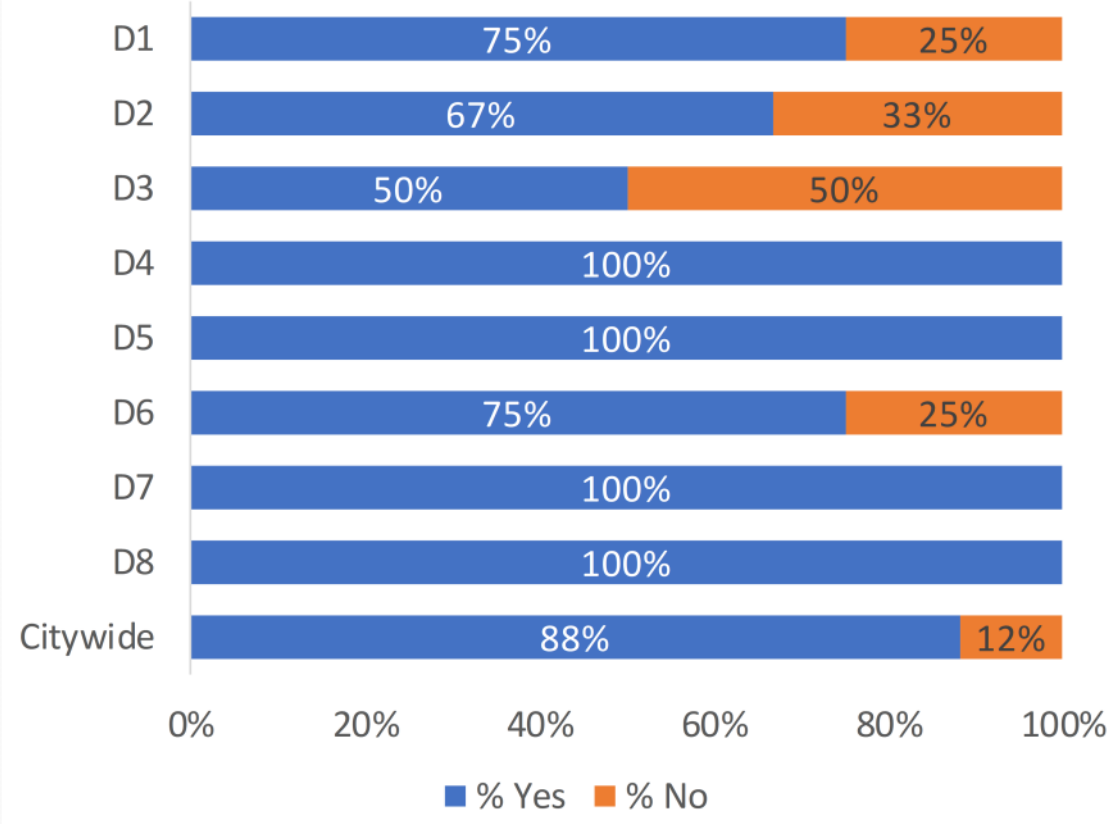


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Climate Change and Heat Readiness

Street Transportation - Cool Corridors: $1,483,000

Add funding for the Cool Corridors Program to plant 1,800 trees annually. Each year tree plantings will occur in one-mile roadway segments located in each Council district, plus a one-mile roadway segment for the Mayor's Office. This program will contribute to achieving the City's goals for the Tree and Shade Master Plan, reducing the City's overall carbon footprint and reducing climate impacts through the cooling effects of shade trees.



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Climate Change and Heat Readiness

Comments:

1. Elizabeth Kieran (District 1) requested that the City replace palm trees with native trees.

2. Jane Koval (District 3) requested that cool corridors funding be allocated in short planting segments, existing trees be cared for and replaced if necessary.

3. Nicole Rodriguez (District 4) requested that the Chief Sustainability Officer perform the roles of Chief Heat Response Officer and Shade Infrastructure Manager. She stated that the Tree Shade Administrator should be titled Chief Urban Forester. Ms. Rodriguez stated that the chair of EQSC should be replaced and the City Manager's Office should work more closely with the Urban Heat Island, Tree and Shade Committee. She was in opposition to additional funding for Environmental Programs.

4. Owen Swenson (District 6) requested additional funding for Citywide green spaces and inner-city cool corridors.

5. JV Rich (District 6) requested additional funding for climate action measures, climate data analysis, solar energy, trees and cool corridors. She suggested investing in Cool White Paint for Streets projects.

6. Aimee Esposito (District 7) requested additional funding for shade, climate change and heat readiness, sustainability and equity initiatives.

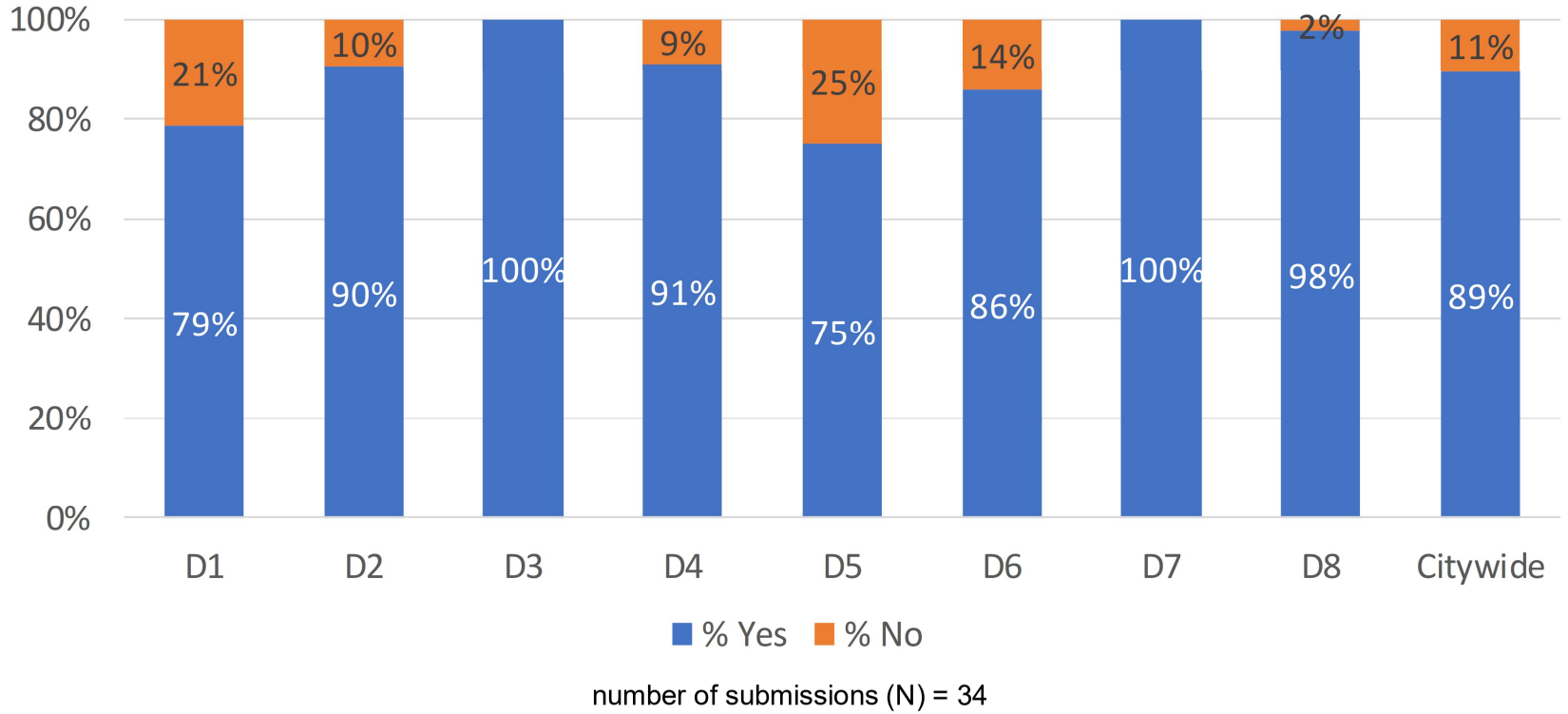
7. Linda Abegg (District 8) requested additional funding for a park on 55th Avenue and Samantha.

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Affordable Housing and Homelessness: $2,743,000

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

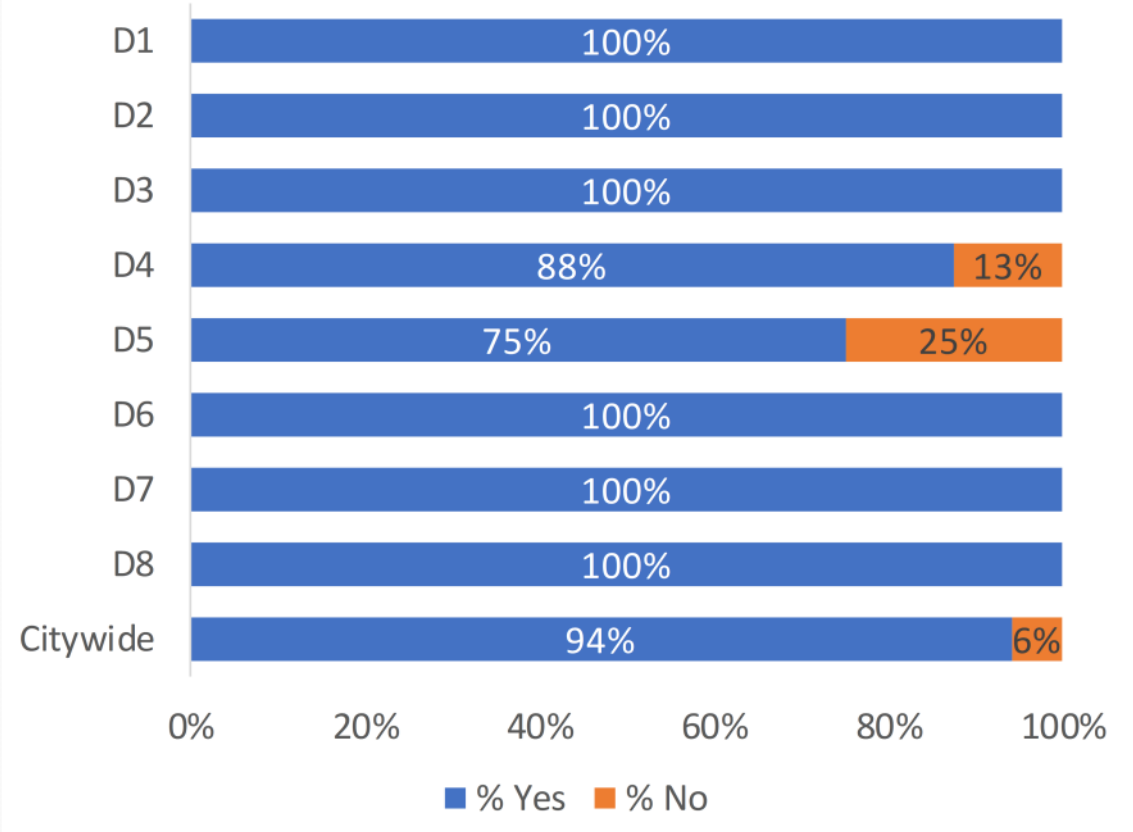


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Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Housing - Affordable Housing Manager: $118,000

Add one Project Manager position to continue implementation of the Housing Phoenix Plan, focusing on redevelopment of City-owned land for mixed-income housing. This position will help to achieve the goal of creating or preserving 50,000 housing units by 2030.

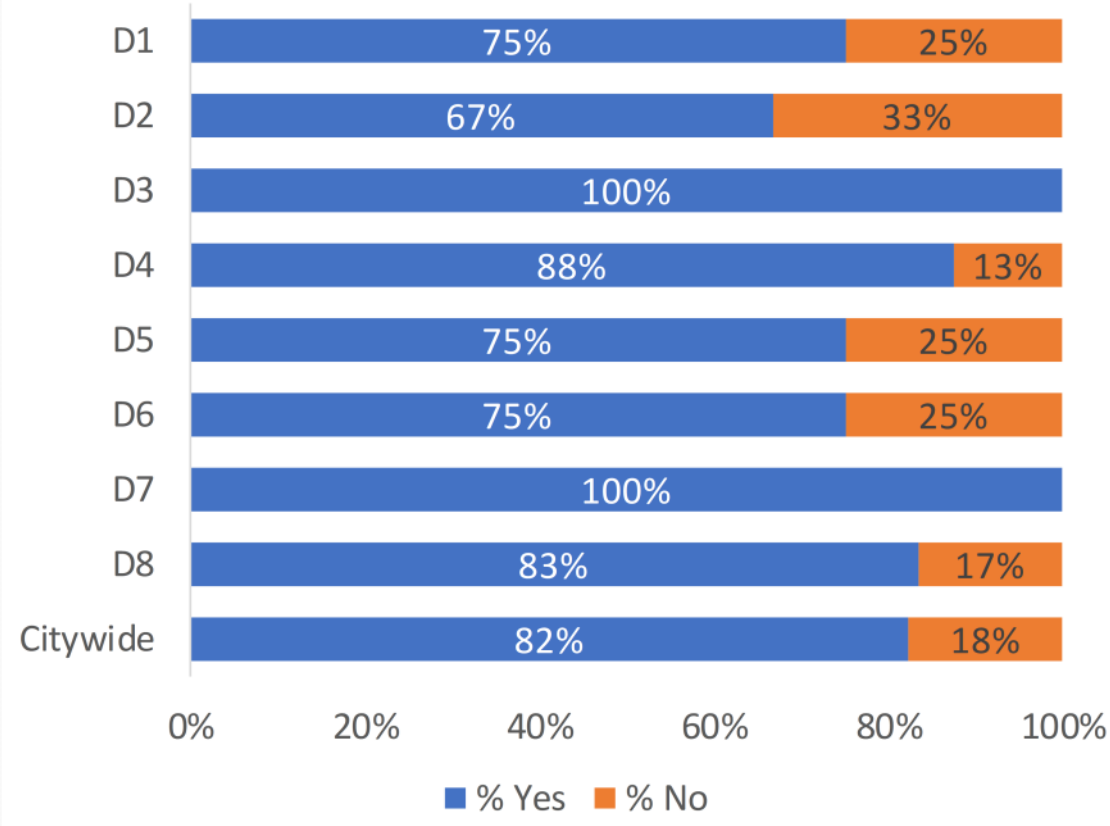


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Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Housing - Santa Fe Springs Rehabilitation: $1,400,000

Add funding to complete critical safety and infrastructure repairs at Santa Fe Springs Apartments. These repairs will address community safety and quality of life concerns, including improved lighting, cameras, and fencing, as well as the rehabilitation of deteriorated structures and amenities.

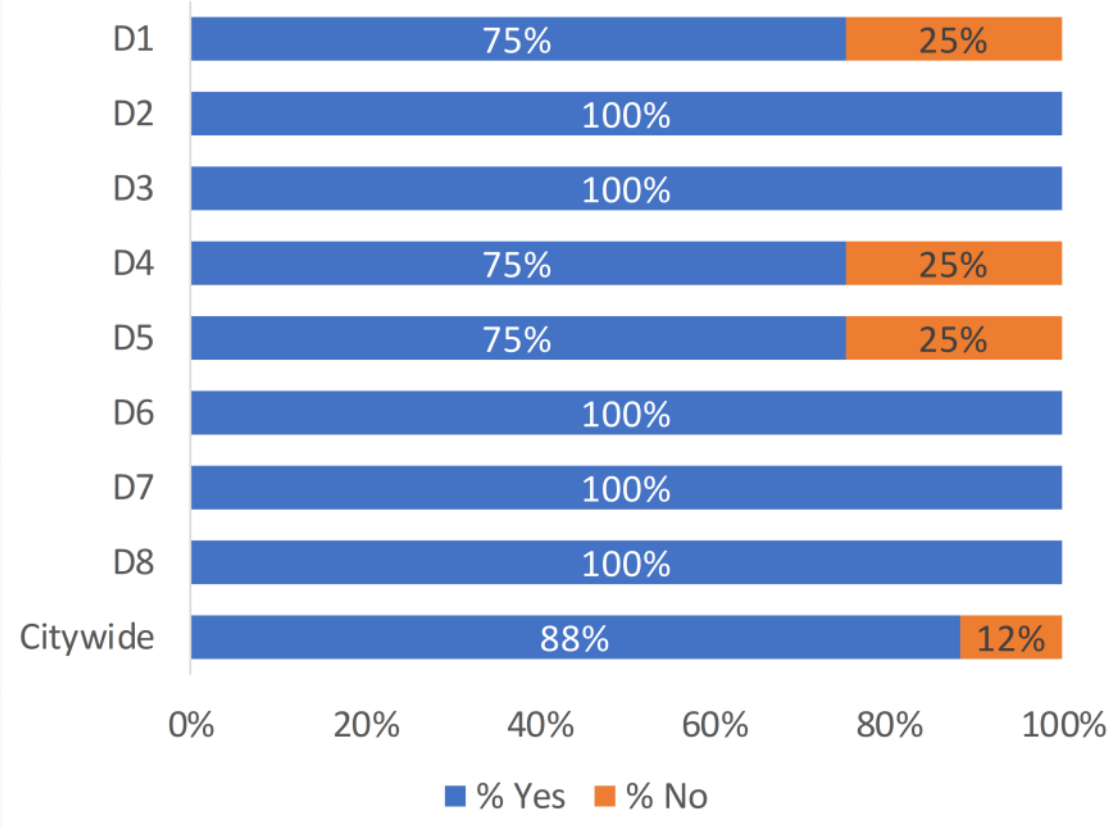


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Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Human Services - Employment Connection: $89,000

Add a Workforce Development Specialist position to link with rapid rehousing programs to incorporate employment support by providing direct client services for individuals experiencing homelessness to better access employment benefits and training. This will support a key goal of the Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan by helping to achieve seamless, comprehensive, and integrated access to services.

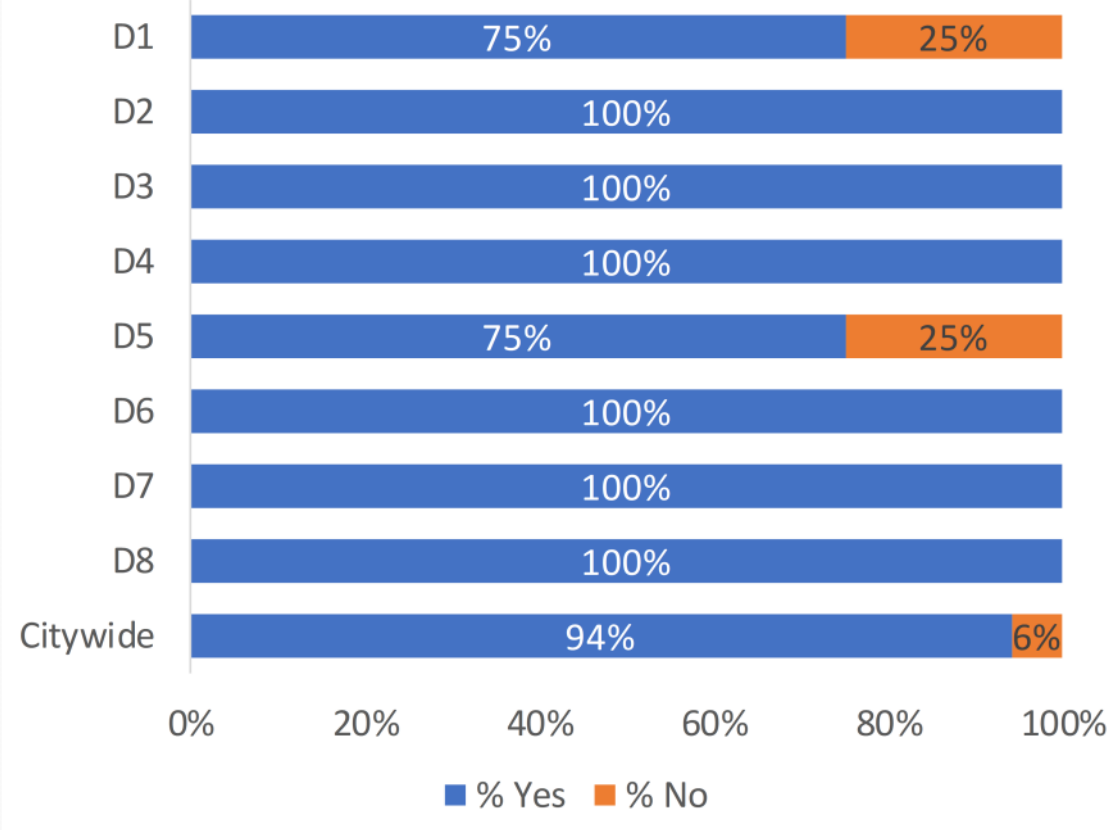


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Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Human Services - Homelessness Strategy Support: $88,000

Add an Administrative Assistant I position to support the Homeless Services Division by assisting with monitoring federal regulatory requirements for grant funds, contract and fiscal compliance as well as various administrative tasks needed to support the programs around the Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan.

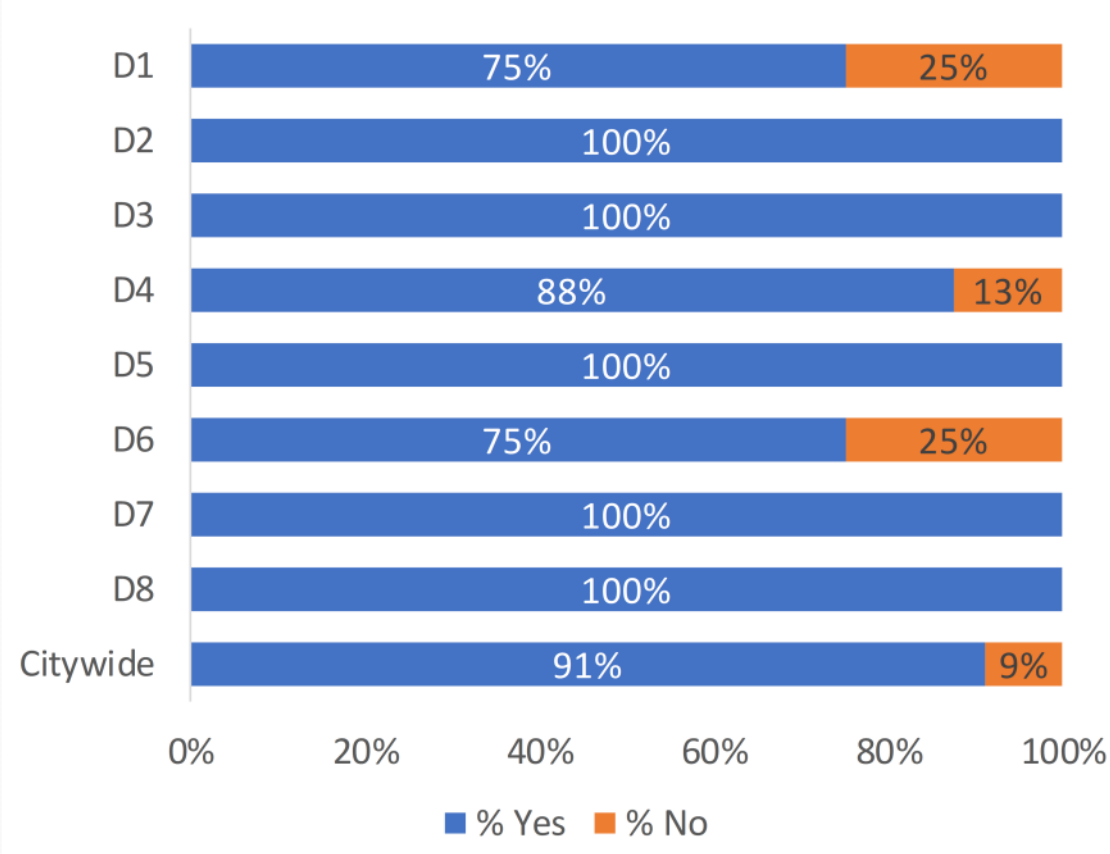


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Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Neighborhood Services - Neighborhood Specialist Homeless Strategies: $99,000

Add a Neighborhood Specialist position to serve within a three-mile radius of the Human Services Campus. This position will work with businesses and neighborhoods to provide better communication, as well as a more coordinated team effort within the surrounding area by assisting neighborhoods in organizing community meetings, coordinating cleanups, and working with other City departments, partner agencies and the business community to bring needed resources to the community.

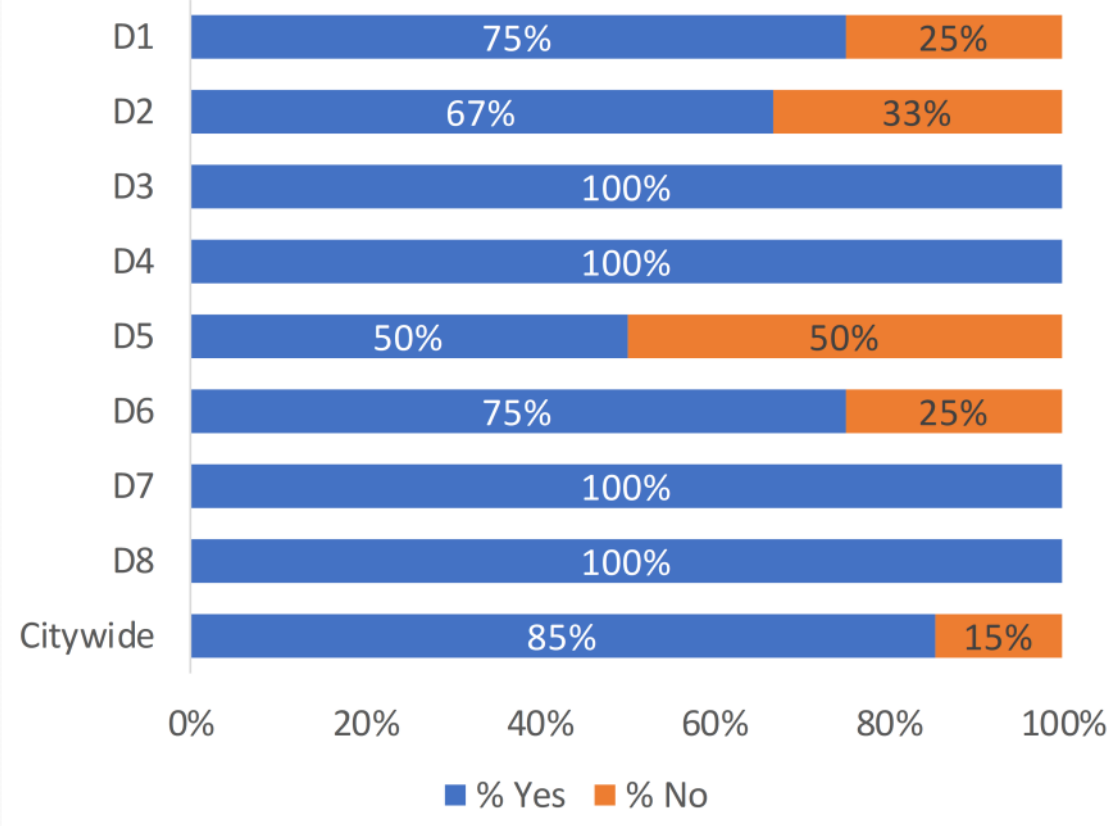


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Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Public Works - Human Services Campus Clean-Ups: $815,000

Add funding to support the coordination and expansion of the Human Services Campus Clean-Up service. The request includes adding one Supervisor and two Solid Waste Equipment Operator positions, one Rear Loader, one Articulator Loader, and one Trailer. Positions will be in the Solid Waste Division of Public Works.

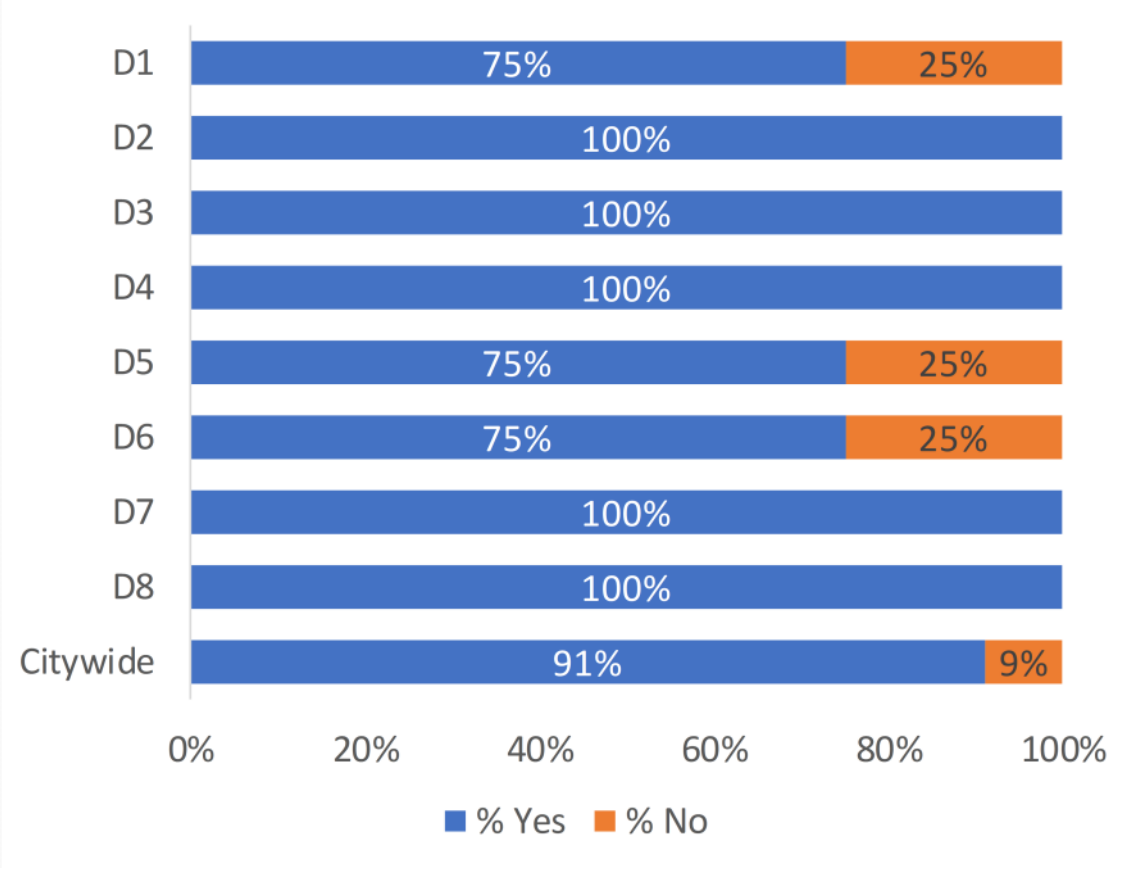


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Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Street Transportation - Street Cleaning: $134,000

Convert federally-funded deep-cleaning process around the Human Services Campus and in the Sunnyslope area to General Fund. The process uses antibacterial chemicals and high-pressure sprayers to clean and sanitize the sidewalks and right-of-way surrounding the HSC facility and the right-of-way in the area of 10th Street and Hatcher. Service is completed once or twice a month.



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Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Comments:

1. Elizabeth Kieran (District 1) stressed the importance of mixed-income housing on City property, including duplexes, casitas, and other forms of housing.

2. Jane Koval (District 3) requested additional funding for affordable housing and safe zones for individuals experiencing homelessness.

3. Tracy Adams (District 4) stated that the faith-based community would be better positioned than an Affordable Housing Project Manager to partner with the City to integrate the homeless population into the community. She stated that affordable housing programs do not solve the social issues causing homelessness, but creates and continues generational homelessness. Ms. Adams stated that the City should partner with the Phoenix Rescue Mission to achieve rehabilitation and break the cycle of homelessness.

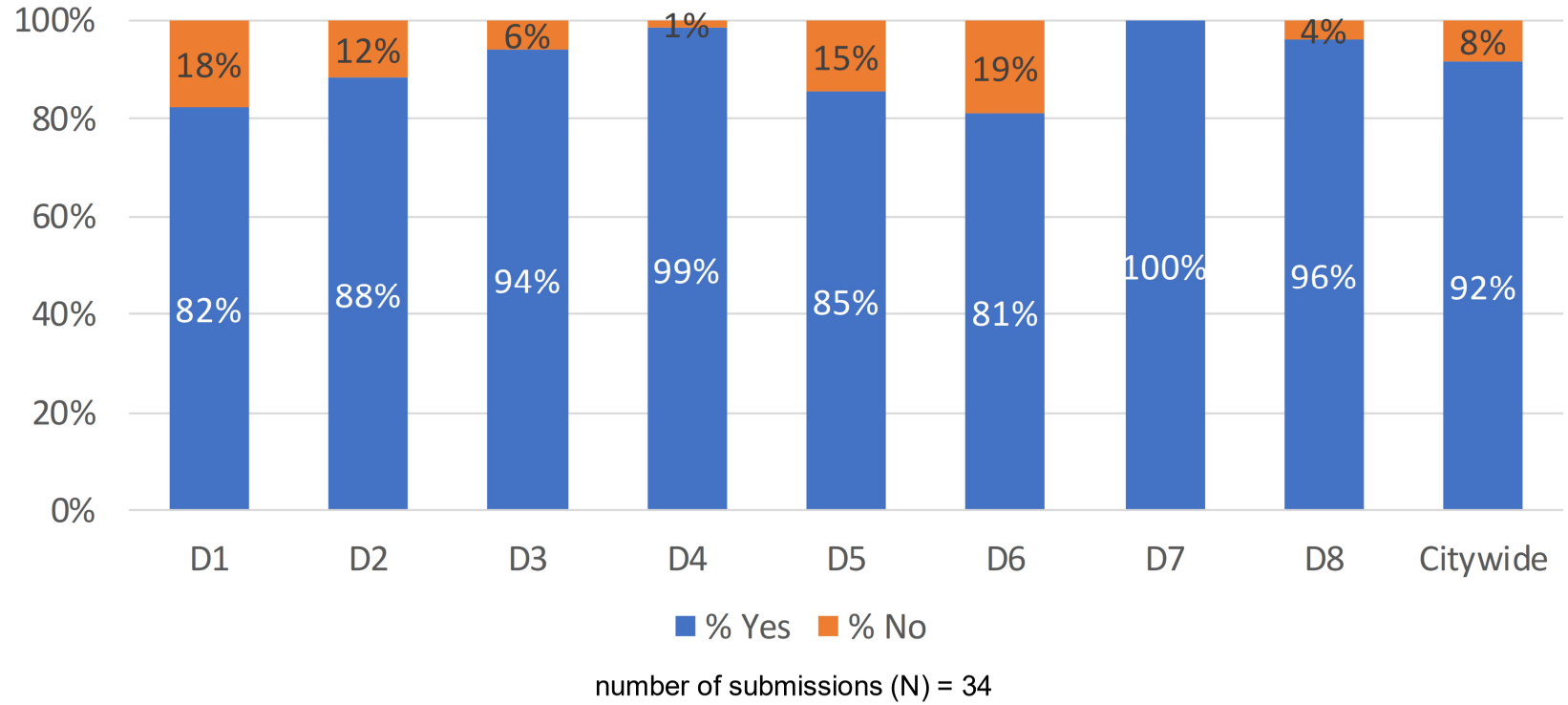
4. Nicole Rodriguez (District 4) stated that Human Services Employment Connection should be contracted out to non-profits. She stressed the importance of Neighborhood Services Neighborhood Specialist Homeless Strategies.

5. Julie Degraffenreid (District 5) stated that more money should be allocated to shelters and housing rather than permanent clean-up staff.

6. Smith Jones (District 5) stated that the Affordable Housing Manager should have a lower salary and that section 8 housing apartments on Glendale Road between 19th and 15th Avenue, as well as the section 8 apartments on 17th Avenue should be torn down.

Building Community and Responding to Growth: $2,973,000

The percent of residents indicating "yes" or "no" for the Building Community and Responding to Growth category, by district

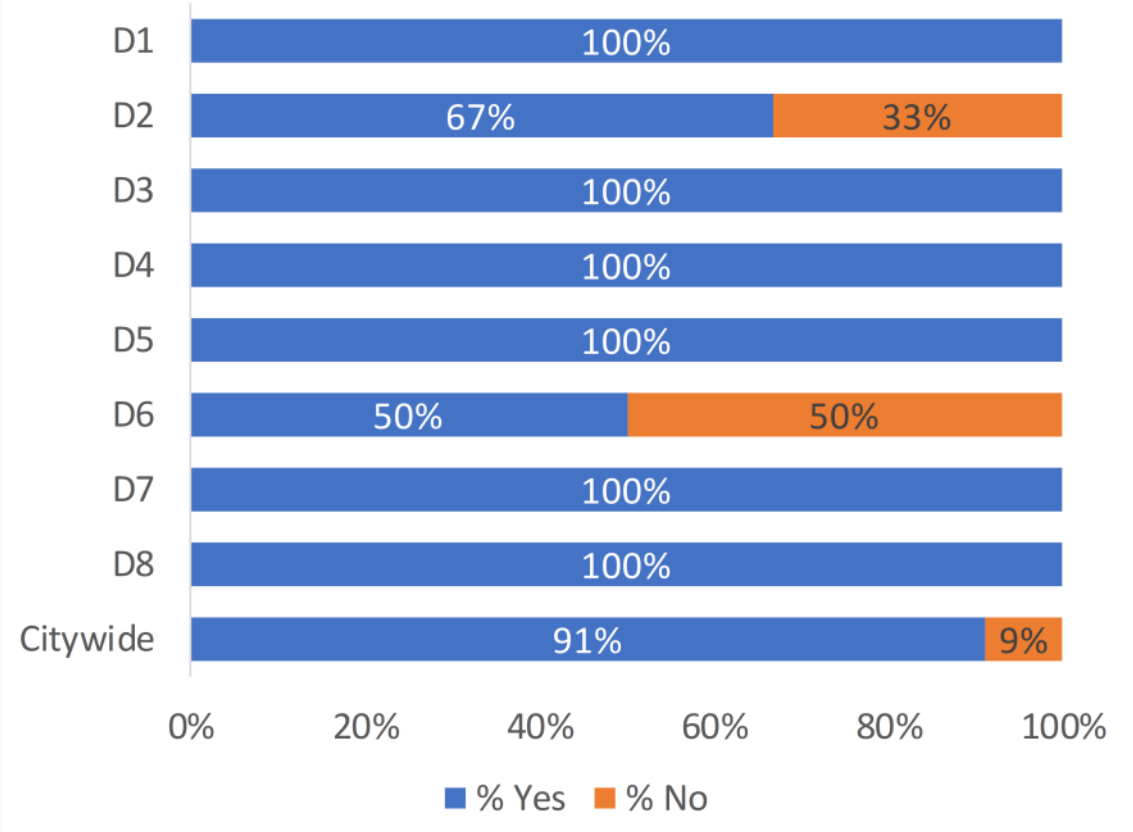


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Community and Economic Development - Retail Revitalization: $301,000

Add funding for one Special Project Administrator and one Economic Development Program Manager to support Citywide retail revitalization projects. The positions will facilitate small business growth, redevelopment, and potential new development, including infill of commercial properties.

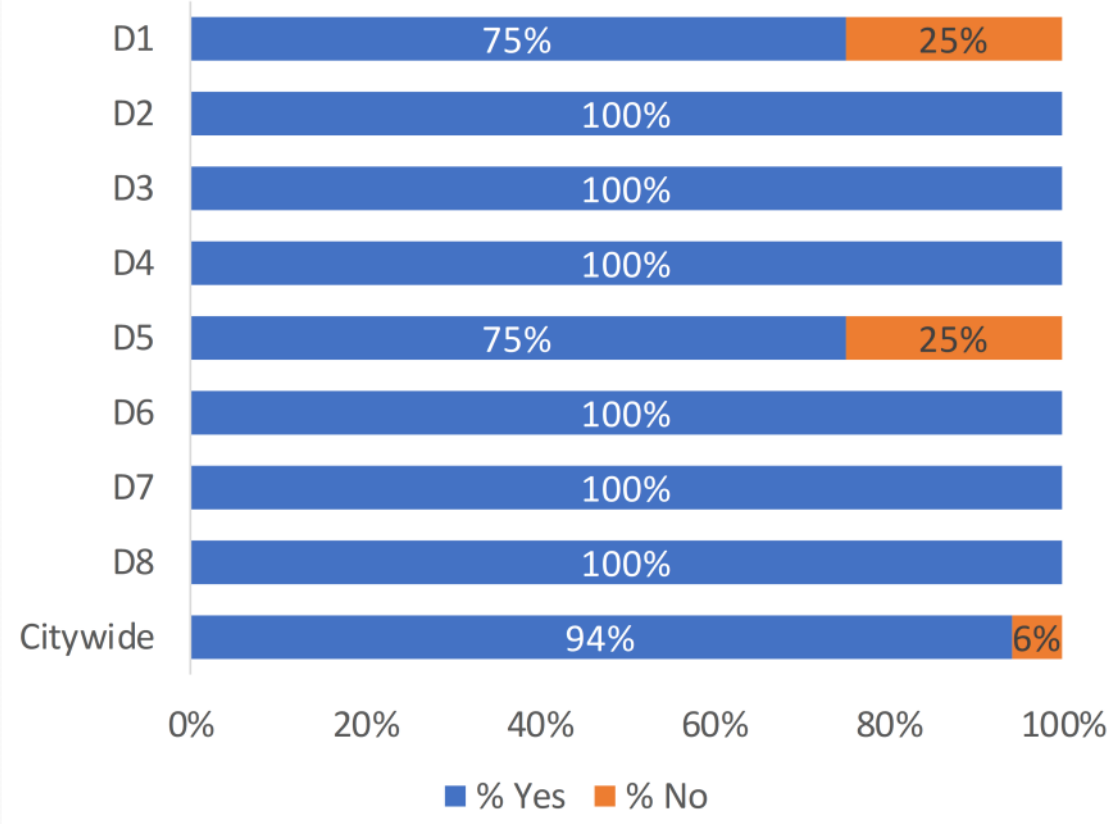


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Library - College Depot Expansion: $210,000

Add an Administrative Assistant II position and a Caseworker II position for the expansion of the College Depot program to accommodate growing demand for additional GED classes, ACT/SAT prep classes, and one-on-one counseling appointments. The program expansion is projected to serve 291 additional students, offer 103 additional classes, and increase the one-on-one GRIT appointments by 546 hours.

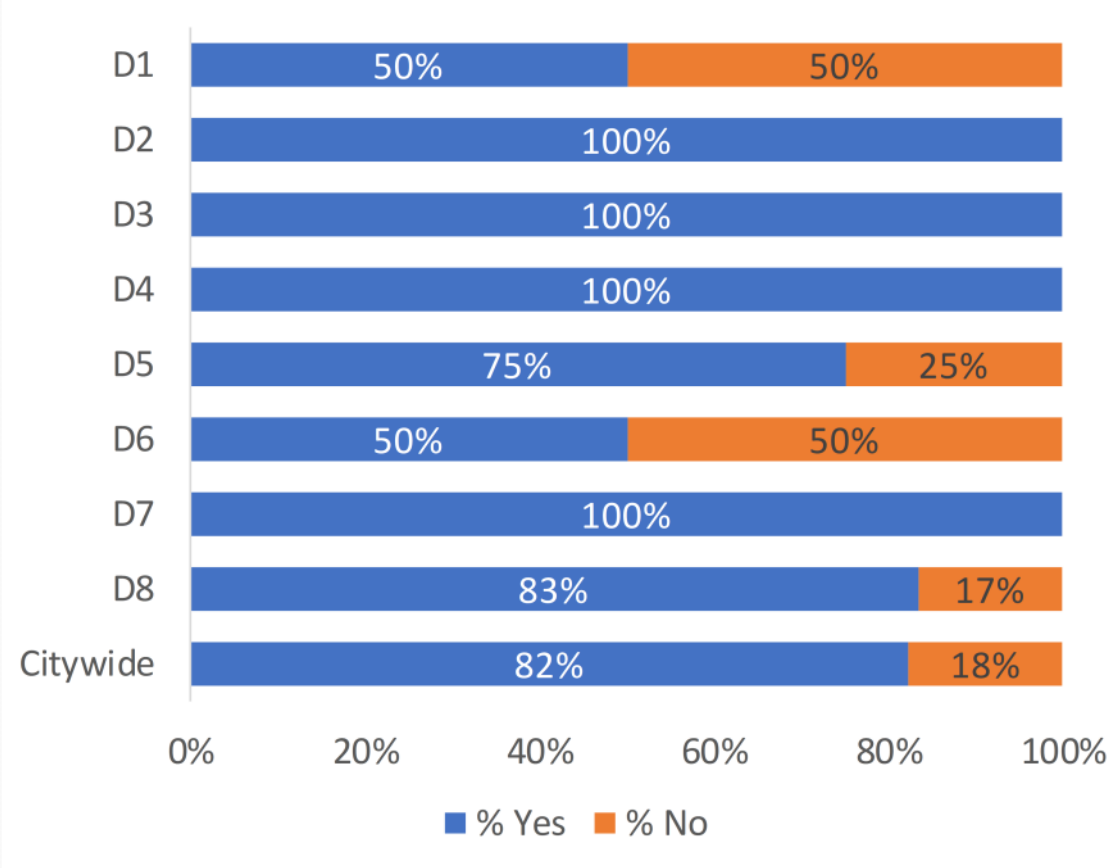


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Arts and Culture - Arts Grants: $110,000

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.

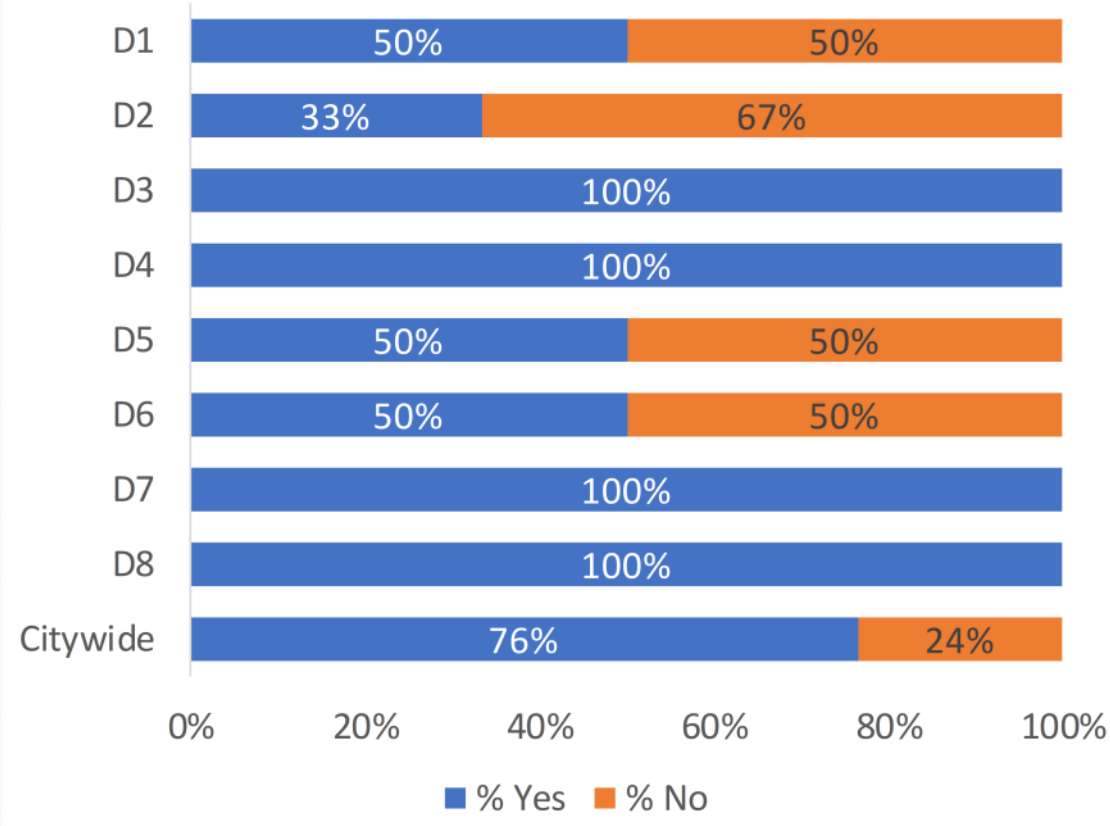


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Arts and Culture - Arts Engagement: $30,000

Add funding for youth arts and culture development programs, professional development and technical assistance for artists and arts administrators, and pop-up programming around the City to promote the Latino Cultural Center. This funding will supplement increasingly unreliable funding from the State of Arizona.

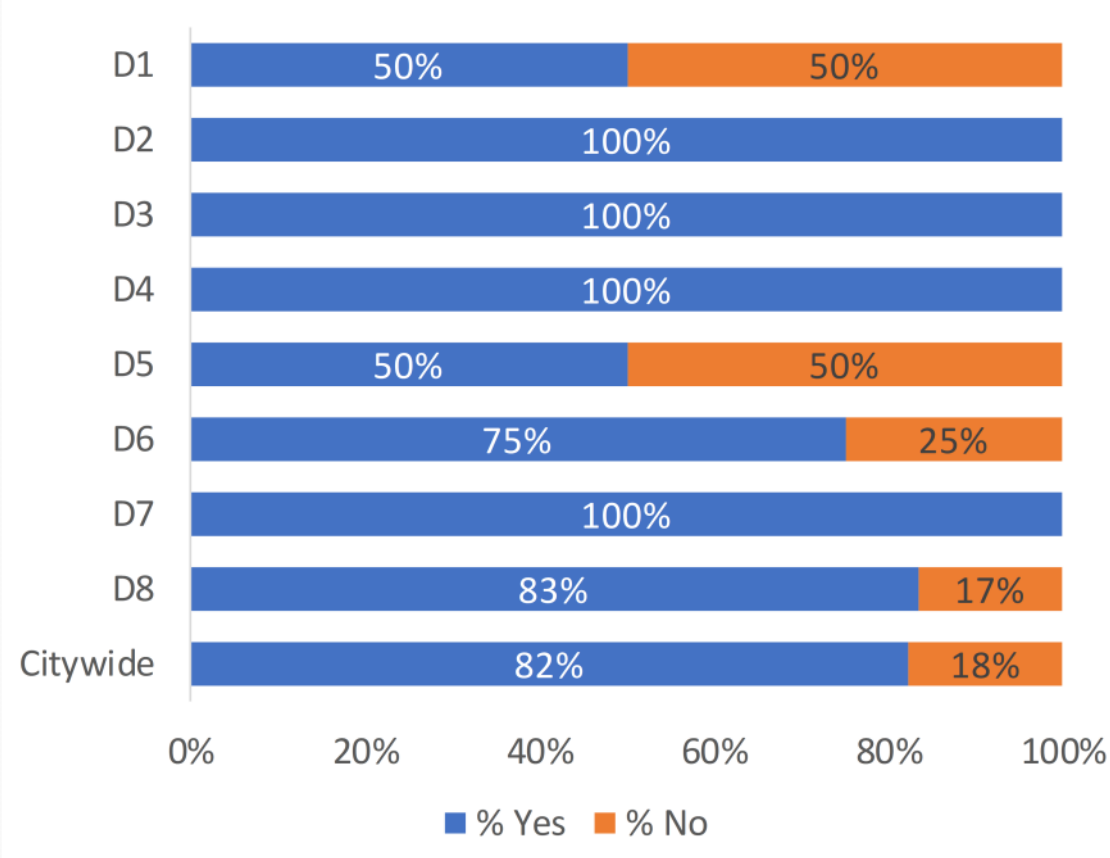


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Arts and Culture - Public Art Maintenance: $60,000

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, annual maintenance, and renovations to address wear and damage. The public art collection includes over 200 art installations.

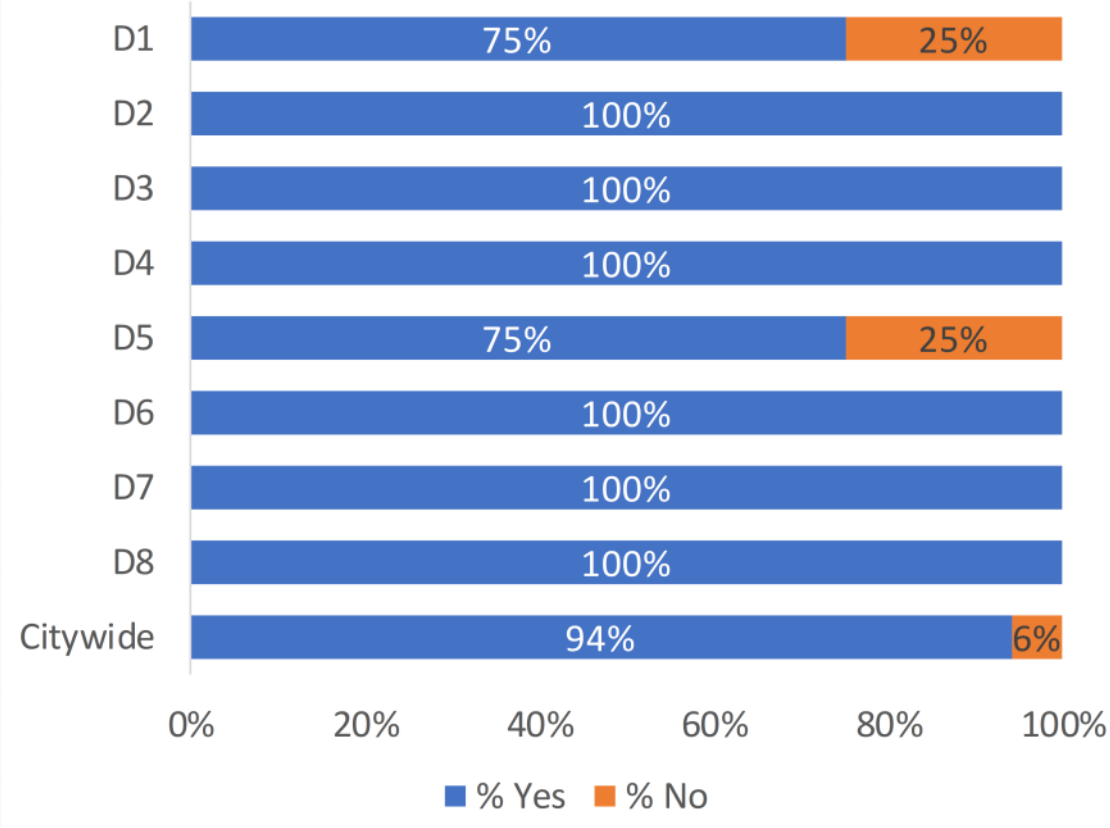


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Parks and Recreation - Cesar Chavez Community Center: $911,000

Add staff and supplies for the new Cesar Chavez Community Center, scheduled to open in the fall of 2021. The Cesar Chavez Community Center will offer a variety of activities to the general public. These activities will include special events, sports programs, specialty classes, adaptive/inclusive programs, out-of-school time sessions, field trips, and provide meeting space for events and community groups.

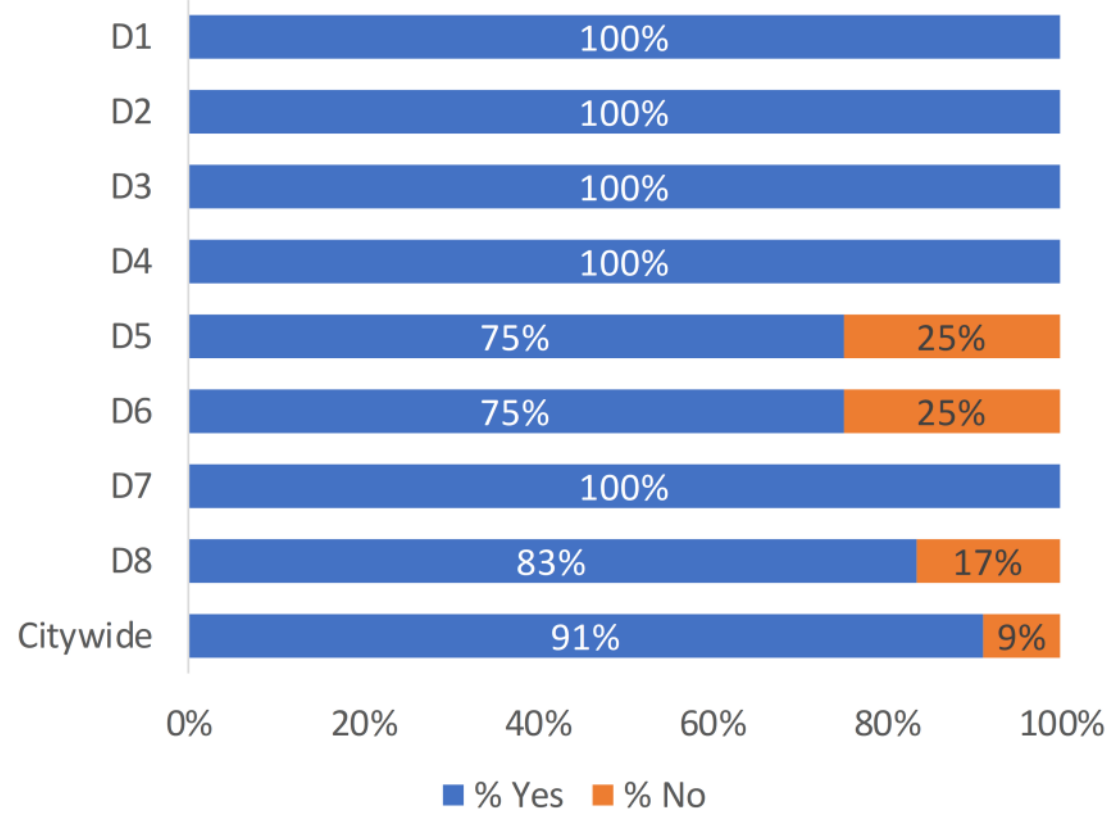


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Parks and Recreation - Hance Park: $260,000

Add staff and equipment for grounds maintenance at Margaret T. Hance Park. The Fiesta Bowl PLAY at Hance Park opened to the community in December 2020. As part of this phase, a new landscape design incorporating over 7,000 new plants and trees was added. Maintenance of this plant material will require staff with both horticultural and irrigation skills to maintain the new park amenities.

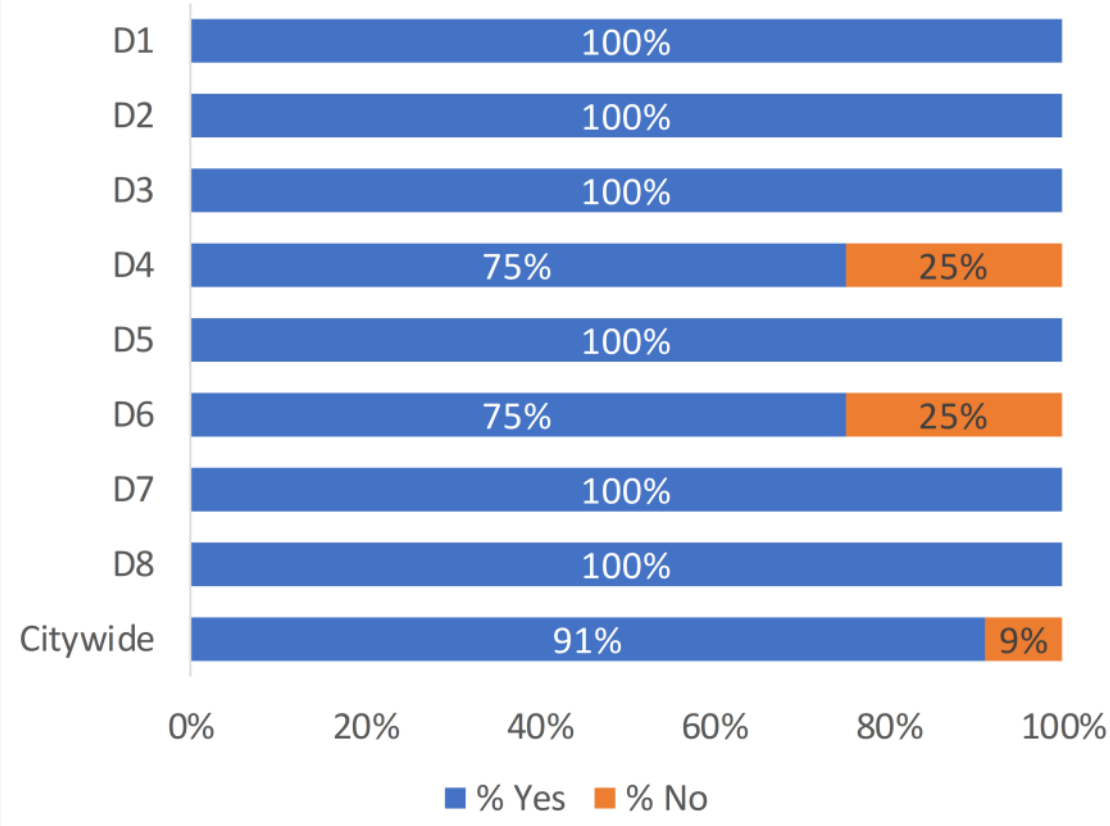


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Parks and Recreation - Ranger Support: $106,000

Add a Park Supervisor position to oversee the Urban Park Ranger Patrol Program. This position will manage daily operations, establish additional Field Operation Procedures, manage personnel issues and work directly with PhxCARES to increase contacts to individuals requiring services.

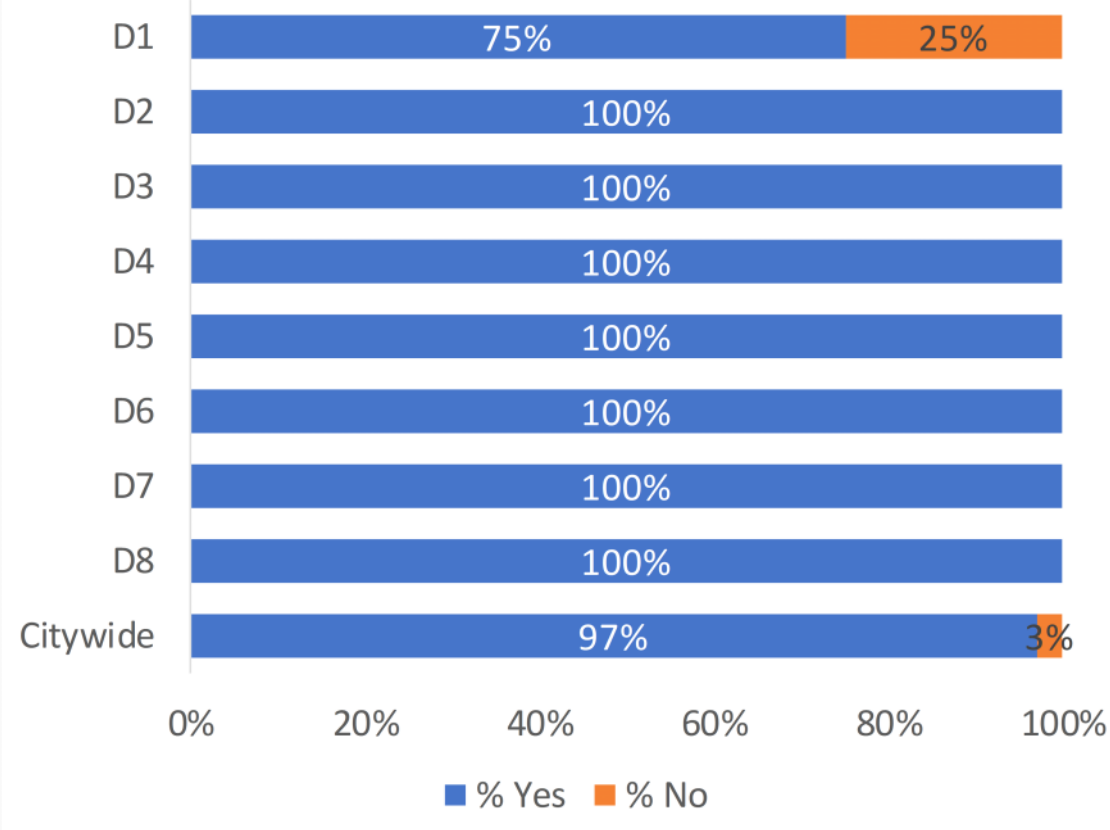


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Parks and Recreation - Property Management: $108,000

Add a Property Manager position to manage the maintenance of Parks facilities. The Parks and Recreation Department directly manages an estimated two million square-feet of indoor space, various specialty facilities (examples include: 29 public pools, South Mountain Tower site, historic buildings, museums, and Tovrea Castle), and outdoor park and trail amenities.

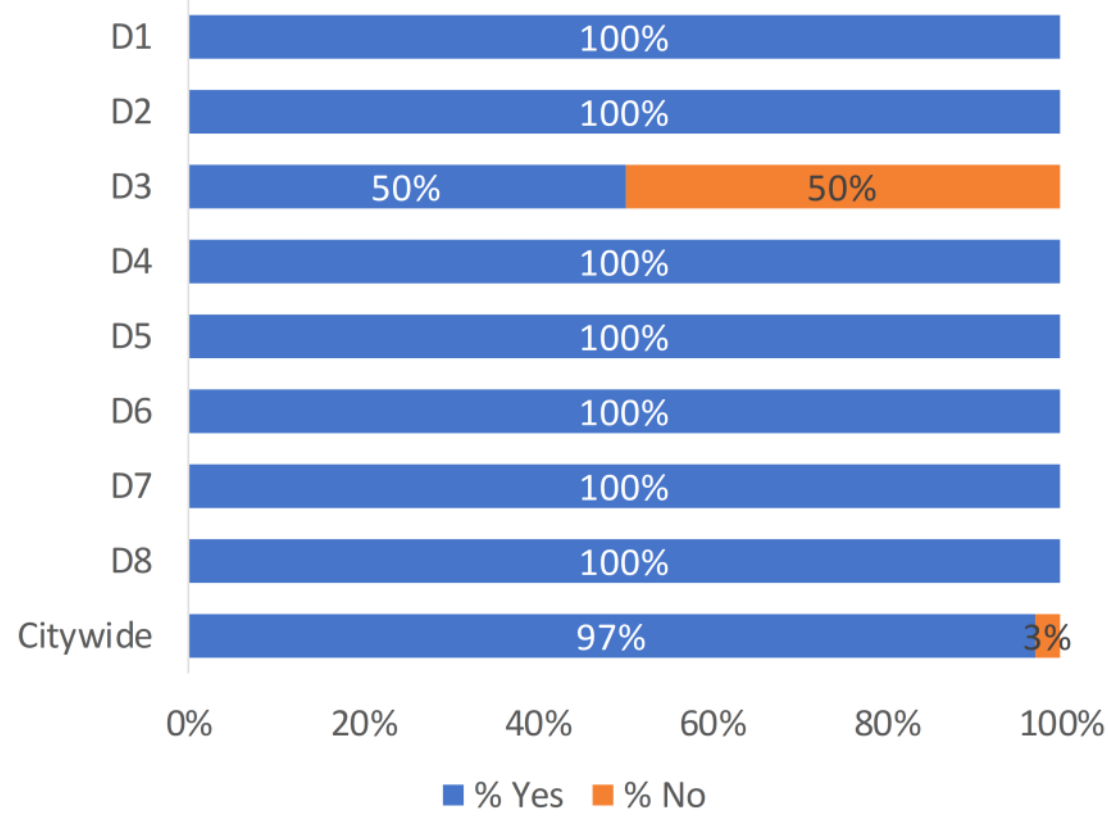


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Parks and Recreation - Deem Hills: $34,000

Add a part-time Groundskeeper position and supplies to maintain the Phase 3 project at Deem Hills Park, which includes: a sand volleyball court, a tennis court, pickleball courts, a large ramada, three small ramadas, a .7 mile nature trail interpretive loop, 25 additional parking stalls and other site furnishings like new trees, irrigation system and landscaping.

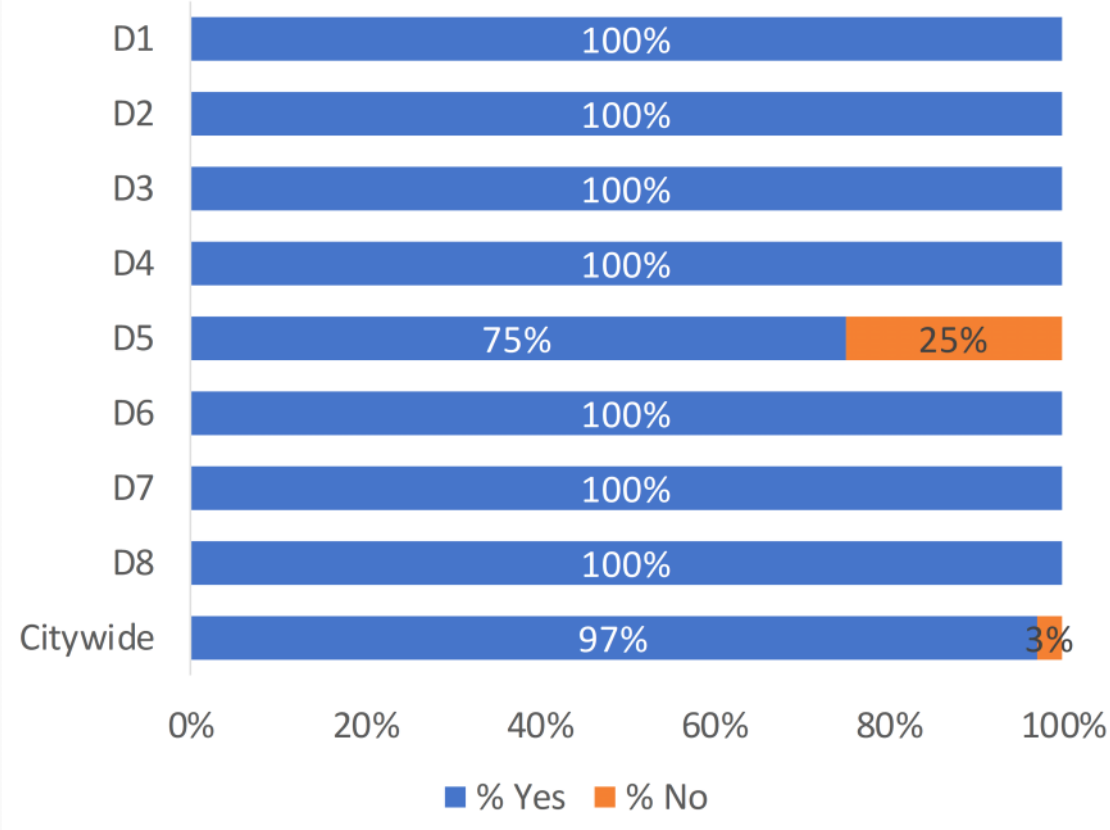


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Parks and Recreation - Adaptive Recreation: $68,000

Add staff and supplies to maintain the current Adaptive/Inclusive Recreation Program with General Funds upon the expiration of the existing donations and to expand the program citywide. This program started in March 2020 and is currently funded until March 2022 based on a two-year funding commitment from the Phoenix Suns. It offers adaptive recreation services to individuals with developmental disabilities and adaptive recreation programming and inclusion services for youth and adults, their families and caregivers to enhance quality of life and to promote inclusion. Failure to continue funding this program when the donations expire will result in the program not being able to continue leaving the City without any adaptive recreation programs.

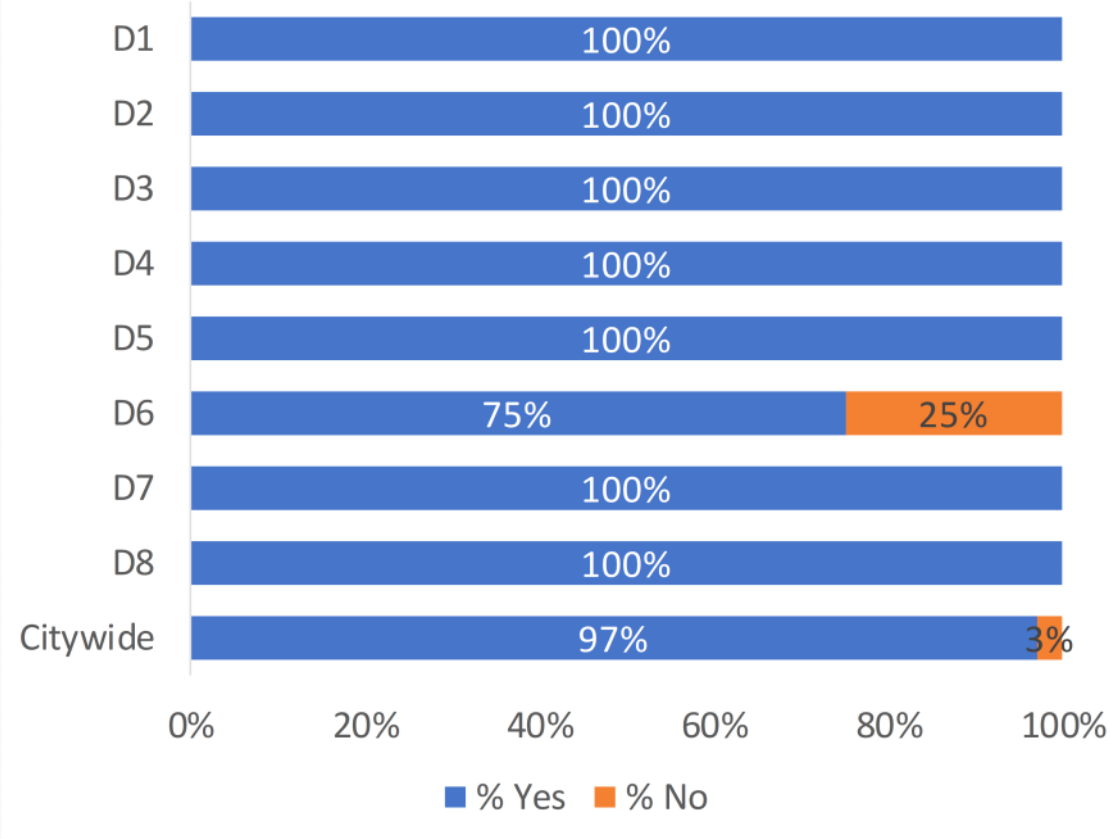


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Planning and Development - Community Planning: $296,000

Add two Planner II positions and a Planner III position to assist with implementing City Council-adopted and community-initiated planning projects, including; Food Action Plan, Housing Phoenix Plan, Rio Salado Oeste / Rio Reimagined, Homelessness Strategies Plan, update of Downtown RDA and other Redevelopment Area Plans, CAP I-10 TOD planning, Key Corridors Master Plan, General Plan Update Report, implementation of NW Extension II Grant from the FTA for planning at Metrocenter Mall and other code and regulatory framework updating.

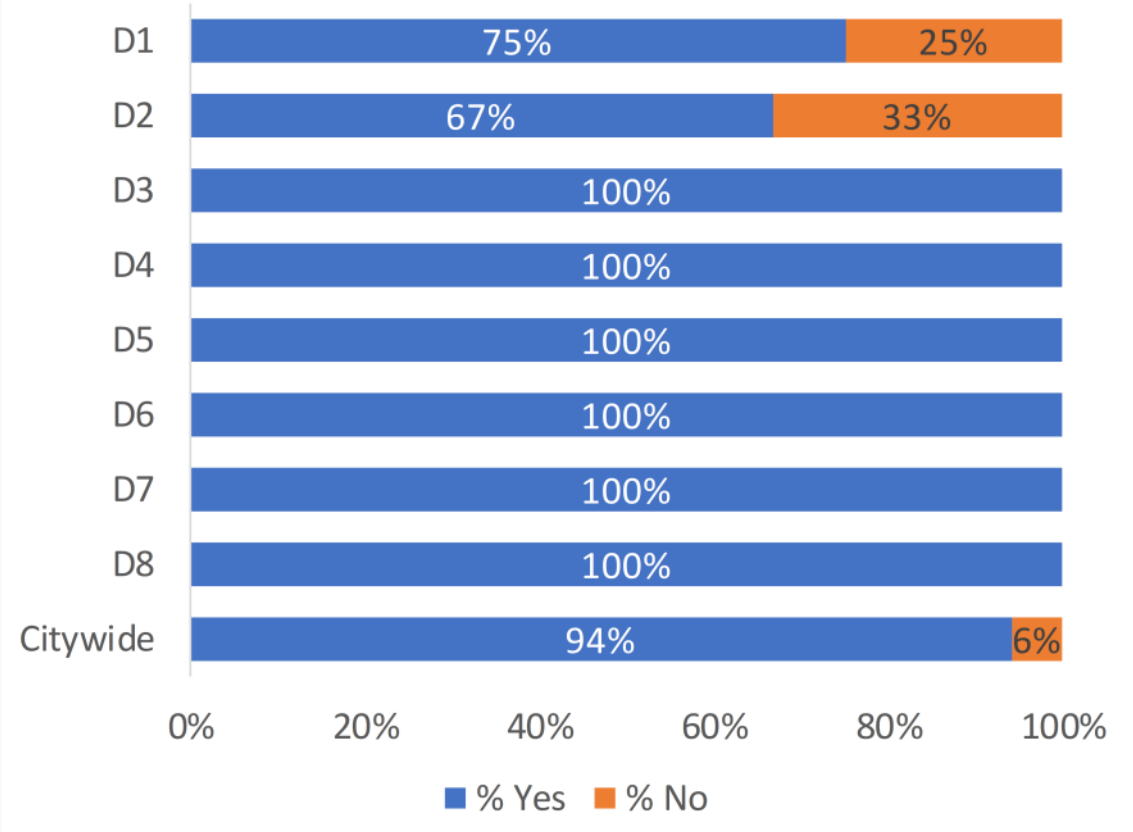


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Planning and Development - Adaptive Reuse: $25,000

Increase funding for the Adaptive Reuse Program. The program provides resources to assist small business owners who are locating their businesses in Phoenix, and supports the City's re-energized clean construction efforts, resulting in the expanded use of underutilized/vacant existing buildings.

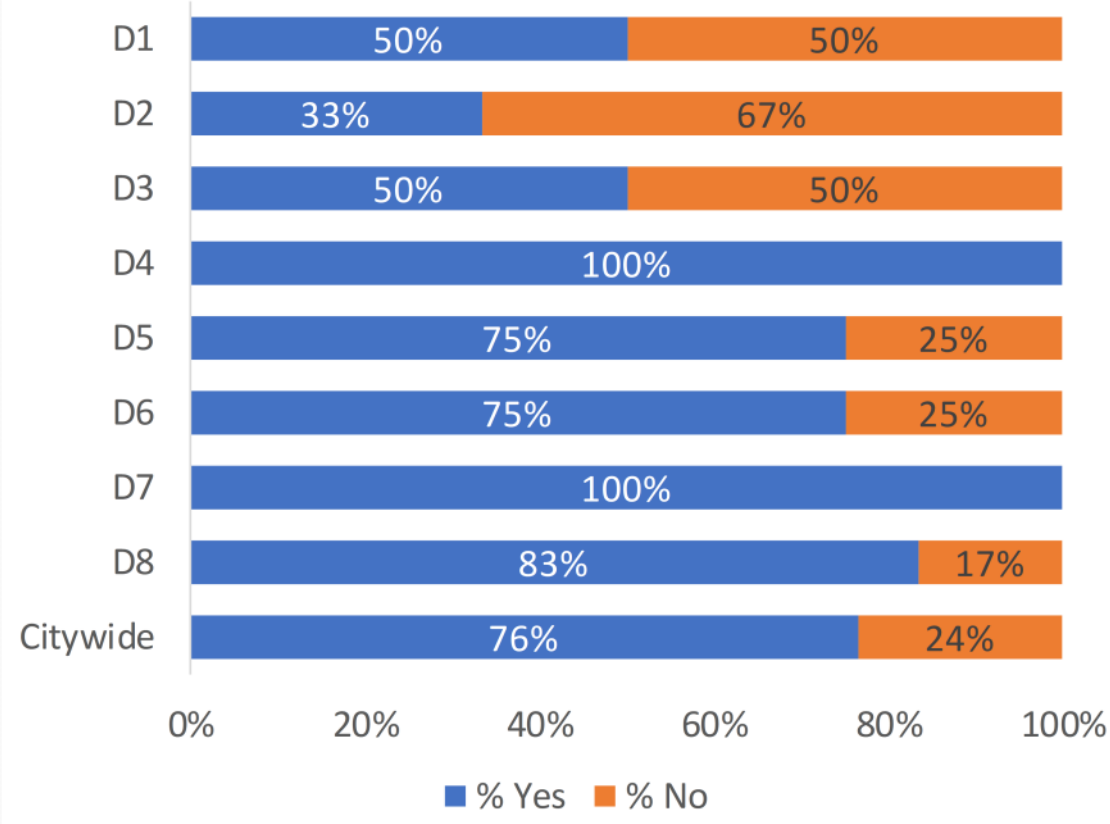


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Planning and Development - Historic Preservation: $200,000

Add funding for historic preservation grants to assist residential property owners in maintaining their historic properties.

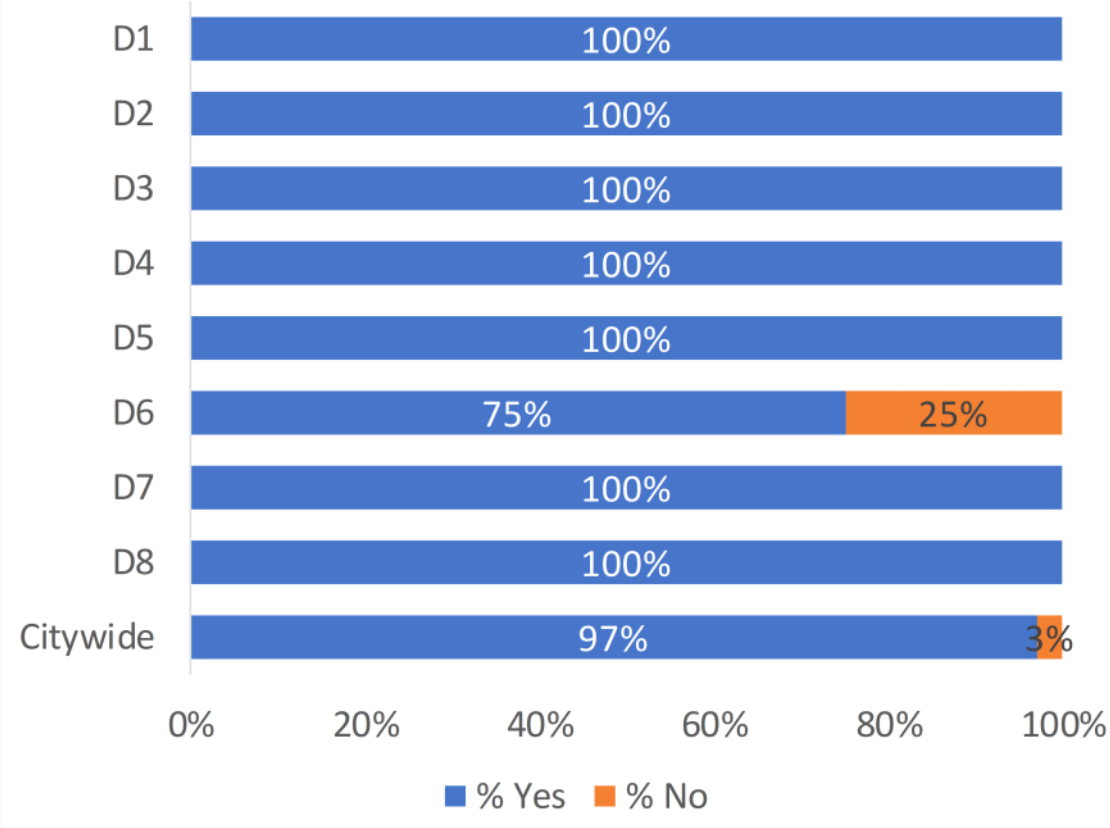


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Public Works - Flood Plain Management: $107,000

Add one Civil Engineer II to support the Flood Plain Management program and assist in maintaining Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) compliance to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Community Rating System (CRS) which provides insurance premium discounts for residents. This position is needed to assist in completing the increasingly complex compliance requirements.

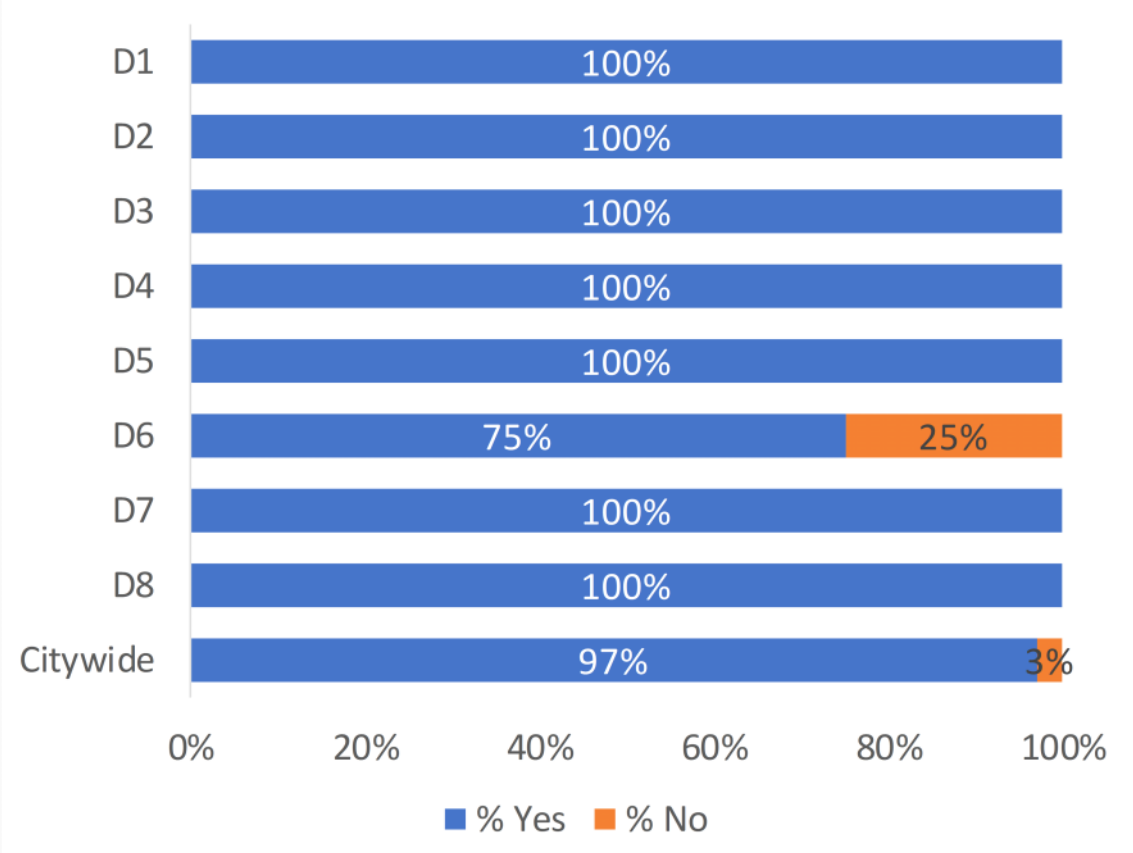


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Street Transportation - New Street Landscaping: $147,000

Add funding to maintain street landscaping along newly developed and renovated streetscapes. This includes maintenance for new landscaping along the Grand Canal Phase II, Avenida Rio Salado from 35th Avenue to 51st Avenue, and the east side of 107th Avenue from Indian School Road to Camelback Road.

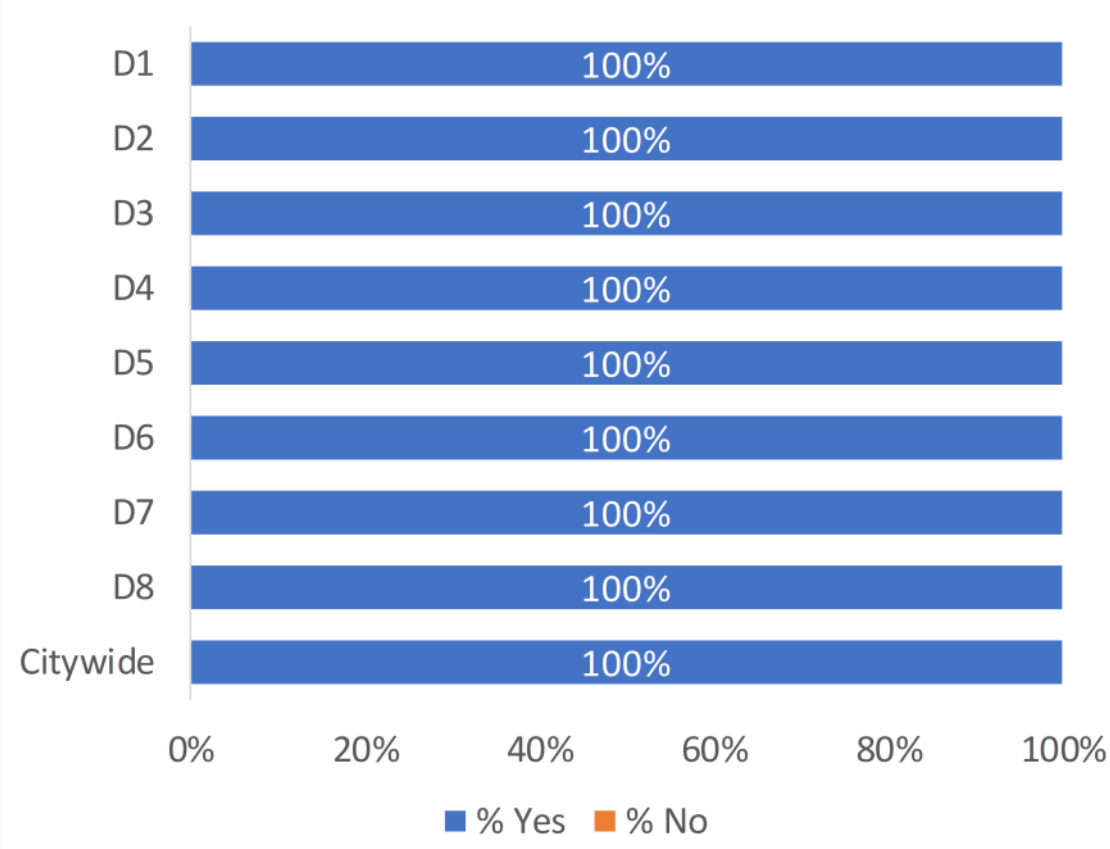


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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Street Transportation - Public Records Support: $0

Add an Engineering Technician position in the Central Records Section to support increased public records requests for right-of-way, City infrastructure, facilities and private development plans and maps including paving, storm drain, traffic services, and procurement and street maintenance records for the public, media and legal request. This position will be charged out to departments for whom records are being requested regarding their projects.



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Building Community and Responding to Growth

Comments:

1. Jane Koval (District 3) requested additional funding for Parks and Recreation Property Management. She stated that other parks in lower socio-economic areas should receive funding before Deem Hills. Ms. Koval stated she was in opposition to additional funding for historic preservation.

2. Nicole Rodriguez (District 4) stated that Police should provide community outreach on Parks-related issues and Park Rangers should be eliminated. She requested additional funding for street landscaping and the Phoenix Climate Action Plan. Ms. Rodriguez stated that Street Transportation staff should adopt mill and overlay recommendations from the City Auditor, provide greater transparency, and correct ADA issues on 16th Street and Osborn, 12th Street and Indian School, and 2nd Avenue and Grant.

3. Julie Degraffenreid (District 5) stated that College Depot should be expanded beyond Burton Barr and expressed her disappointment that the Fiesta Bowl was not paying to maintain Hance Park.

4. Owen Swenson (District 6) requested additional funding for Arts and Culture Public Art Maintenance. He stated that the arts are vital to a progressive city and do not receive enough support, particularly for performing and visual arts. Mr. Swenson suggested reallocating funding from Police, Fire, or Parks and Recreation to better fund the arts. He suggested that instead of funding Historic Preservation grants the City should either purchase historic properties able to become self-sustaining properties or designate properties historic landmarks to be maintained by private owners. Mr. Swenson suggested contracting-out the Flood Plain Management and Street Transportation Public Records Support positions.

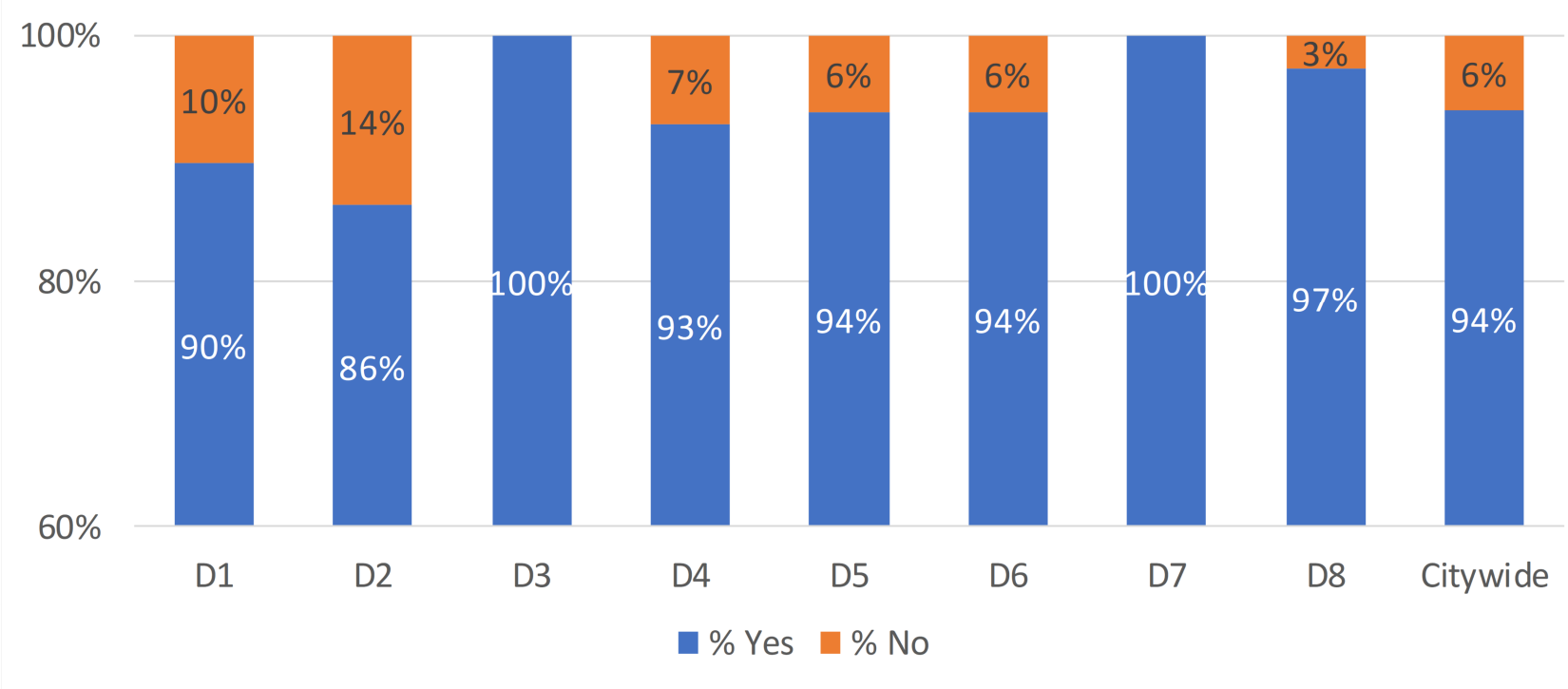
5. Linda Abegg (District 8) stated that any money for Historic Preservation would be better utilized on infrastructure that would benefit thousands of people, rather than expenses for a few individuals.

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Administrative Accountability: $3,074,000

The percent of residents indicating "yes" or "no" for the Administrative Accountability category, by district

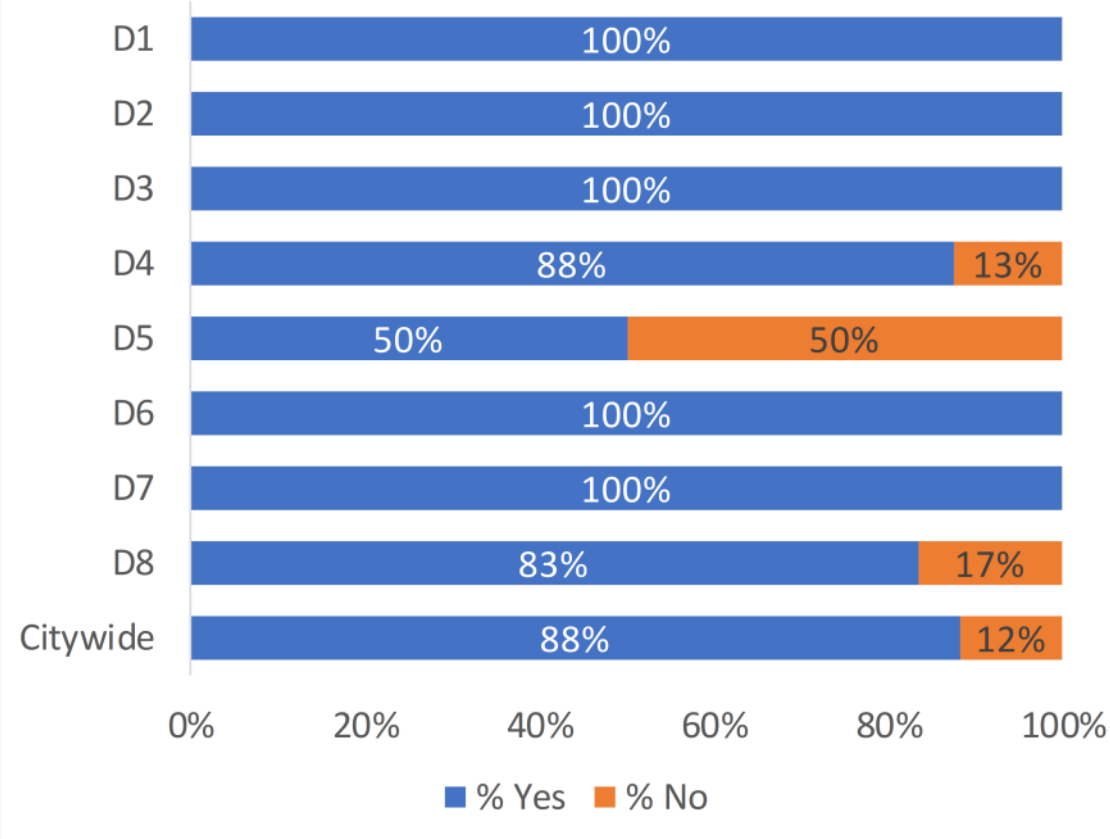


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Administrative Accountability

City Clerk - Election Transparency: $300,000

Add funding for consulting services to perform a strategic assessment of the City's election services information technology needs. This would include the evaluation of the existing application portfolio and the development of a strategic, multi-year plan. Additional requests for funding will follow in future years, once an overall information technology strategy is approved. Improving the information systems supporting election services will enable the City to meet the need for increased transparency in elections, and for voters, candidates and elected officials to more easily engage in the elections process.

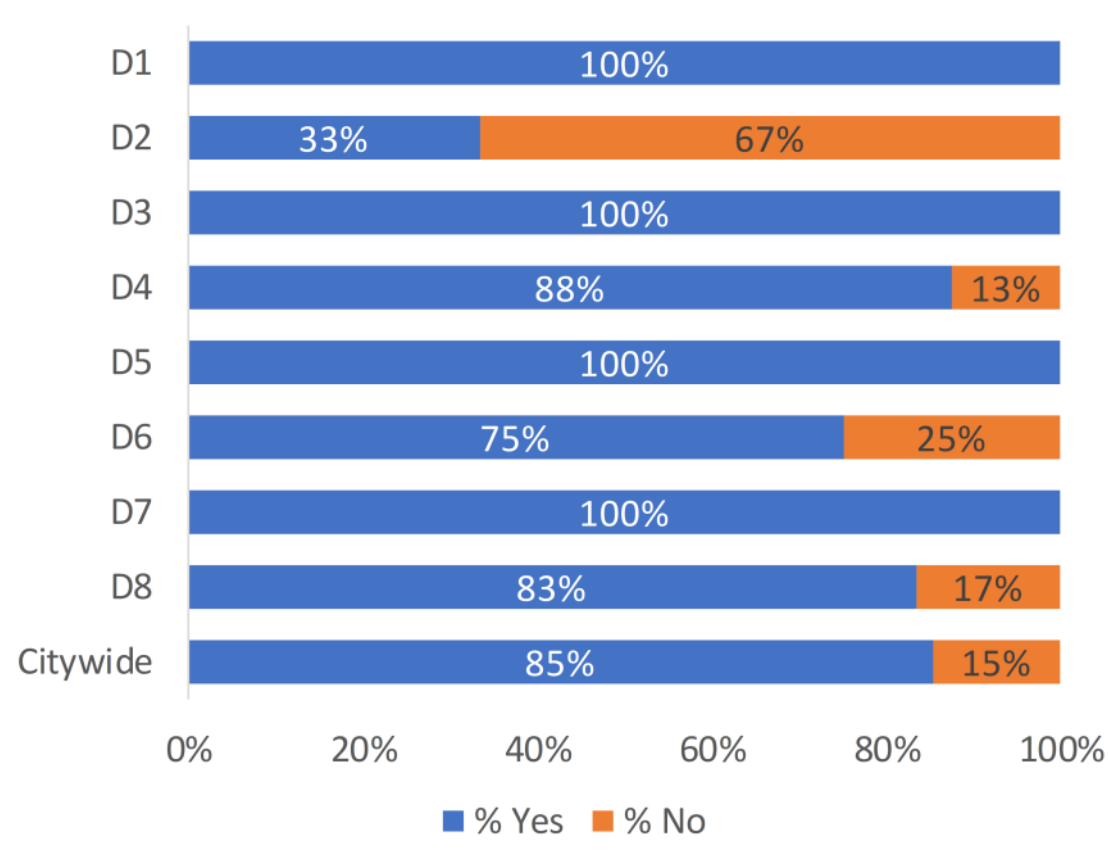


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Administrative Accountability

City Manager's Office - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: $272,000

Add an Assistant to the City Manager position to act as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer and an Administrative Assistant I position to provide administrative support. This new office will be charged with ensuring equitable distribution of City services throughout the entire City and serve as the champion for delivering racial equity programs for the community.

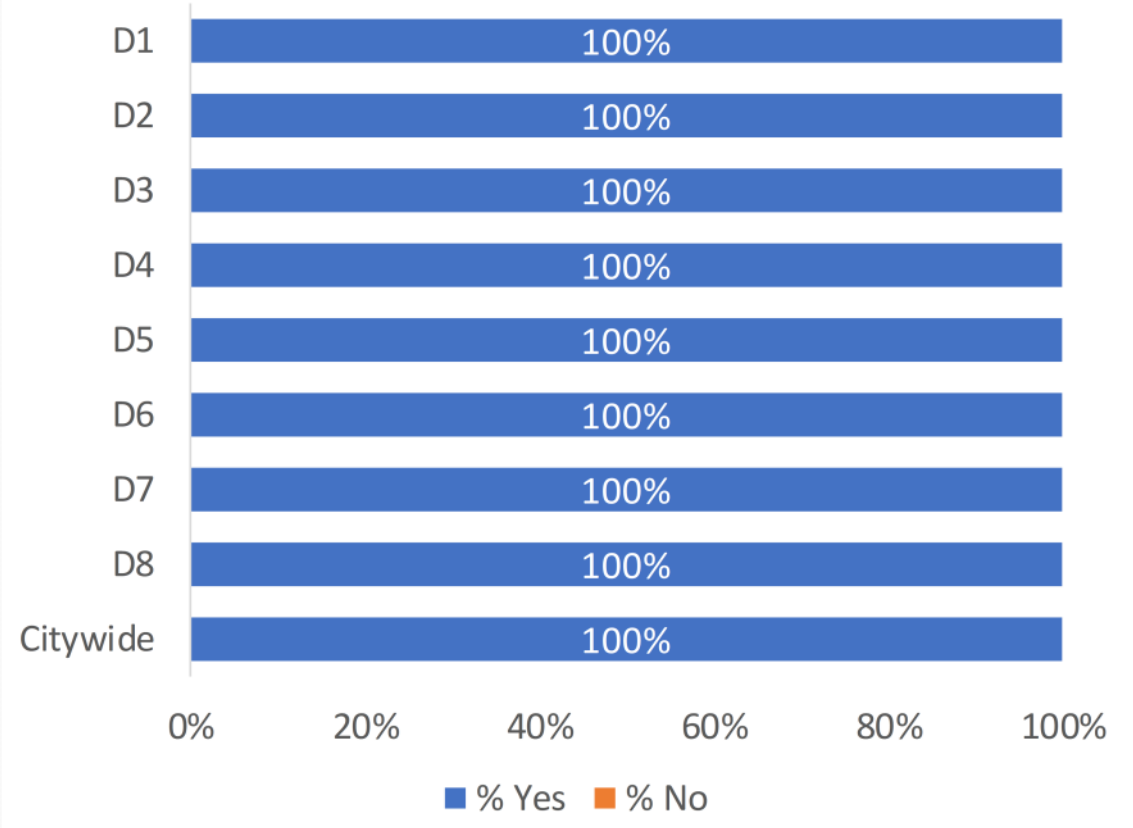


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Administrative Accountability

Communications - Citywide Public Records Support: $94,000

Add a Management Assistant I position to assist with tracking and responding to public records requests. In the last several years the volume of records requests has increased by more than 60% to over 9,500 per year. Adding this position will allow for the maintenance of service levels.

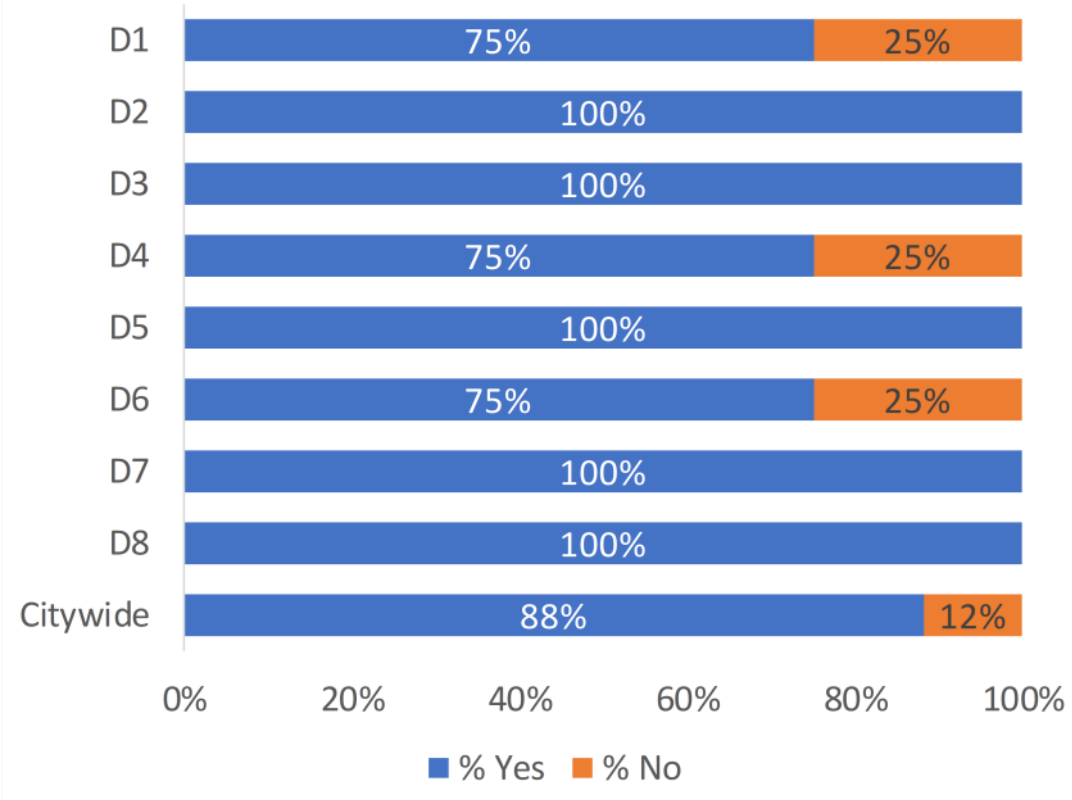


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Administrative Accountability

Human Resources - HR Support: $391,000

Add three positions for procurement, data management, and investigations. A Contracts Specialist II Lead position to conduct formal procurement processes and manage contracts. Contract monitoring and administration is critical to ensure contractors perform in accordance with the City's terms and conditions and with satisfactory performance. A Human Resources Officer position to conduct investigations as a result of the increase in Citywide complaints in recent years. These complaints have been received through a variety of sources including departments, employees, citizens, and through the internal integrity line. A Lead Business Systems Analyst position to create and collect data, convert raw data into meaningful information, make recommendations to various levels of City staff, and facilitate or participate in work groups tasked with making business improvements.

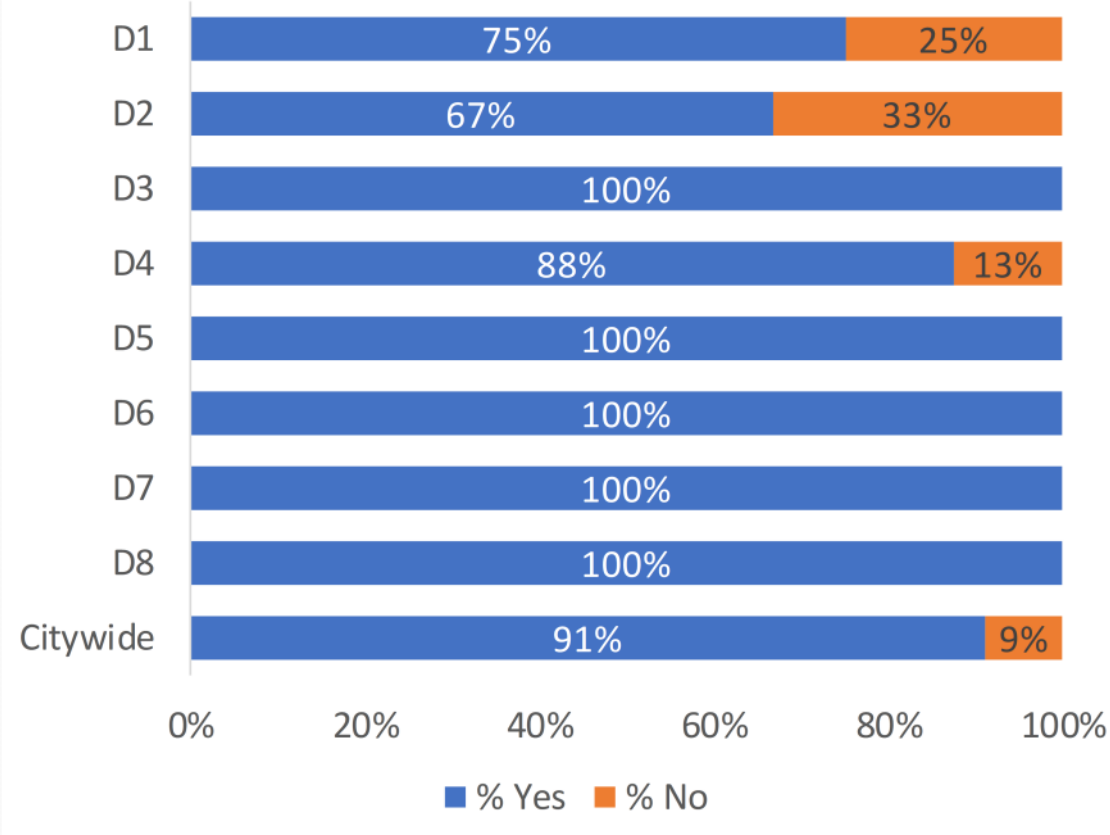


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Administrative Accountability

Information Technology Services -
Enterprise Resource Planning System Support: $750,000

Add contractual funding for a managed services agreement with a technology provider specializing in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems. This support is needed to bridge the technical expertise gap in existing City personnel who support the City's SAP and Peoplesoft ERP systems. The agreement will be to provide an ERP program manager, business analyst, technical leader and other needed services in an effort to improve processes and implement system advancements.

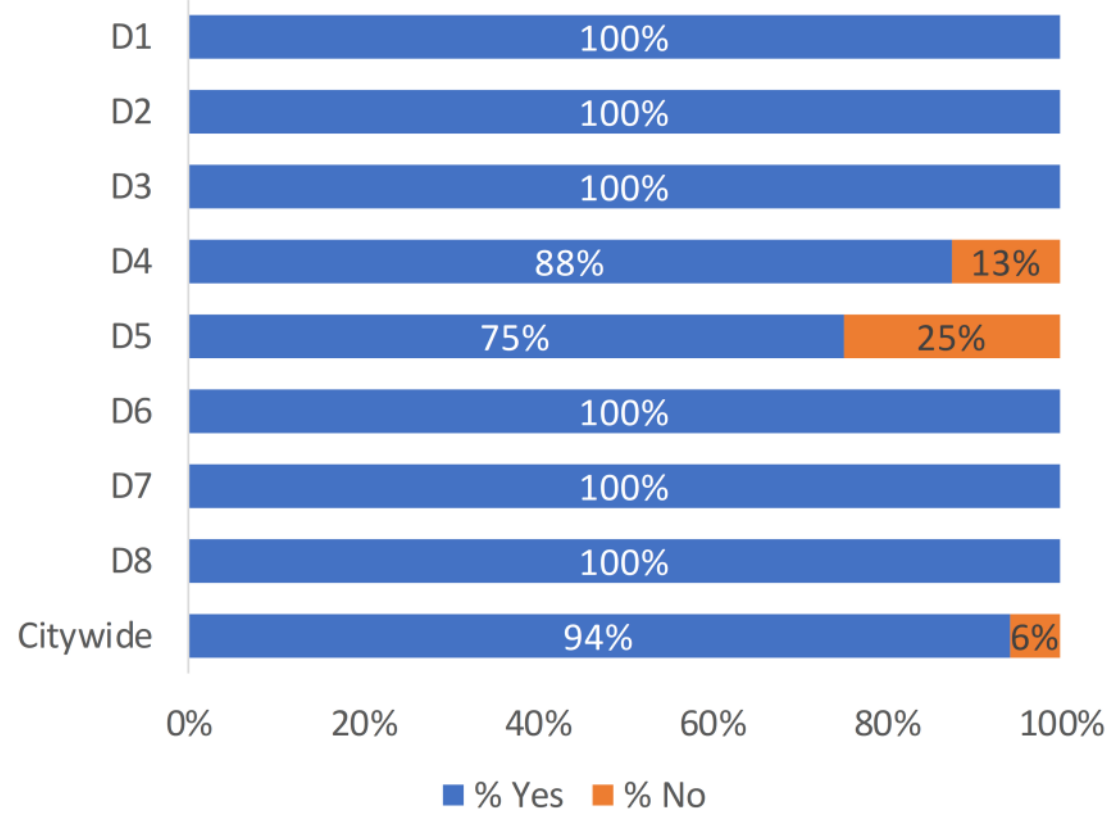


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Administrative Accountability

Information Technology Services - IT Information Security: $523,000

Add one Lead Information Technology Systems Specialist and two Senior Information Technology Systems Specialist positions to support the City's growing technology infrastructure. These critical positions are needed to lead infrastructure and application vulnerability remediation efforts that mitigate known security and operational deficiencies.

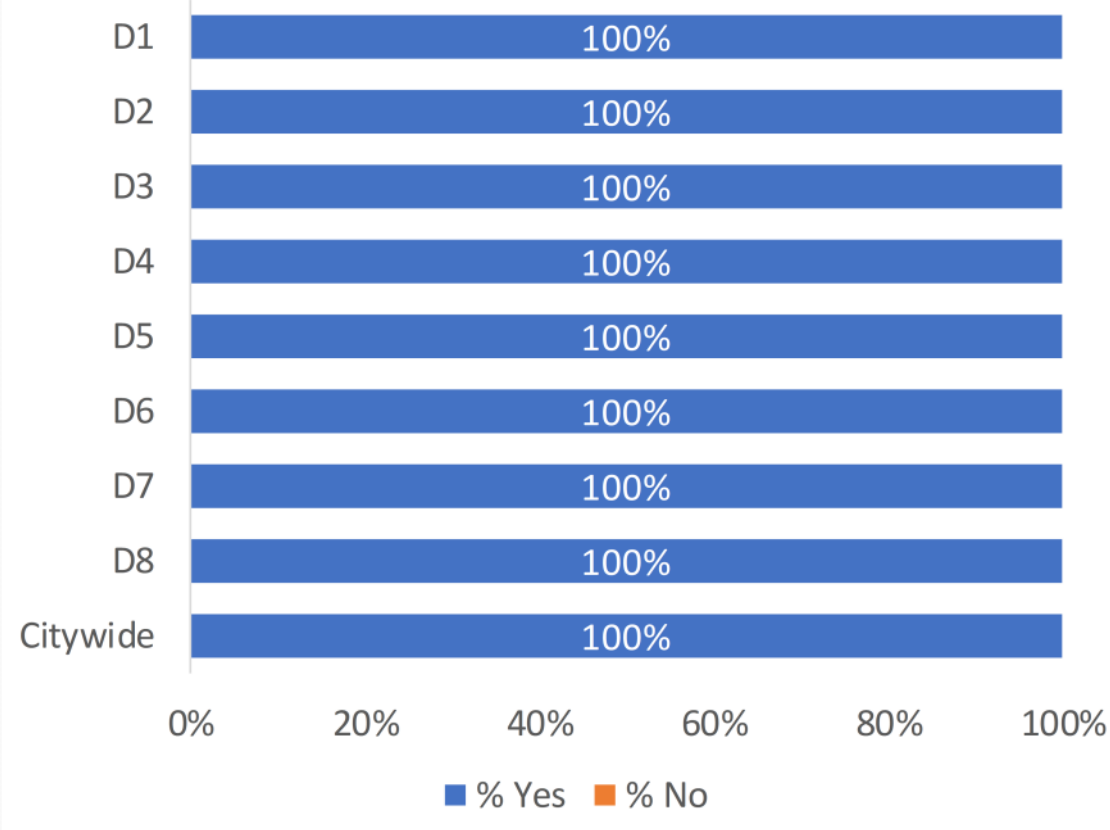


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Administrative Accountability

Law - In-source Legal Support: $0

Convert contractual services for paralegal support to create two Legal Assistant positions. The Law Department utilizes a paralegal contract for support of civil litigation cases. It was determined that hiring two full-time employees and reducing the contracted services results in a cost-savings and greater efficiency of services.

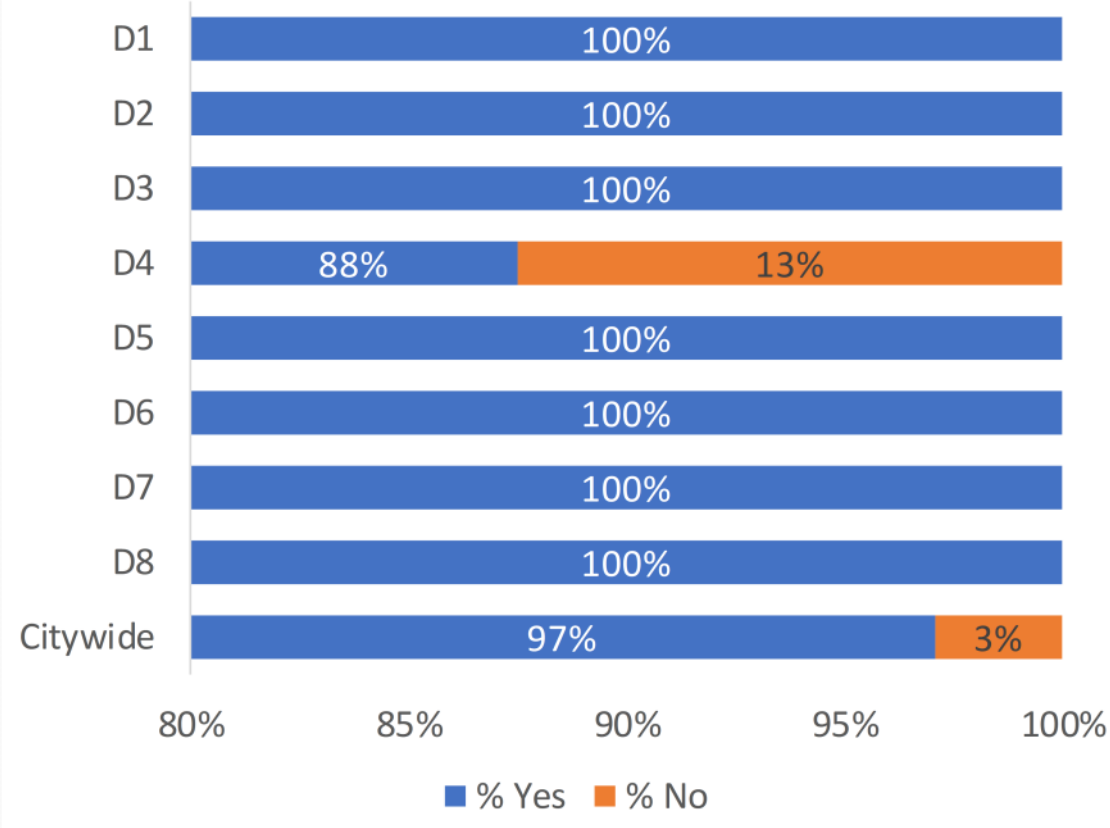


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Administrative Accountability

Library - Library IT Support: $306,000

Add two information technology positions to support expanded technology services. Positions include a Lead Information Technology Systems Specialist to manage teams that support 60 applications, 1,000 public access computers, and multiple platforms for 17 libraries; and a User Technology Specialist position to support new programs to reach customers remotely such as the public laptop lending program.

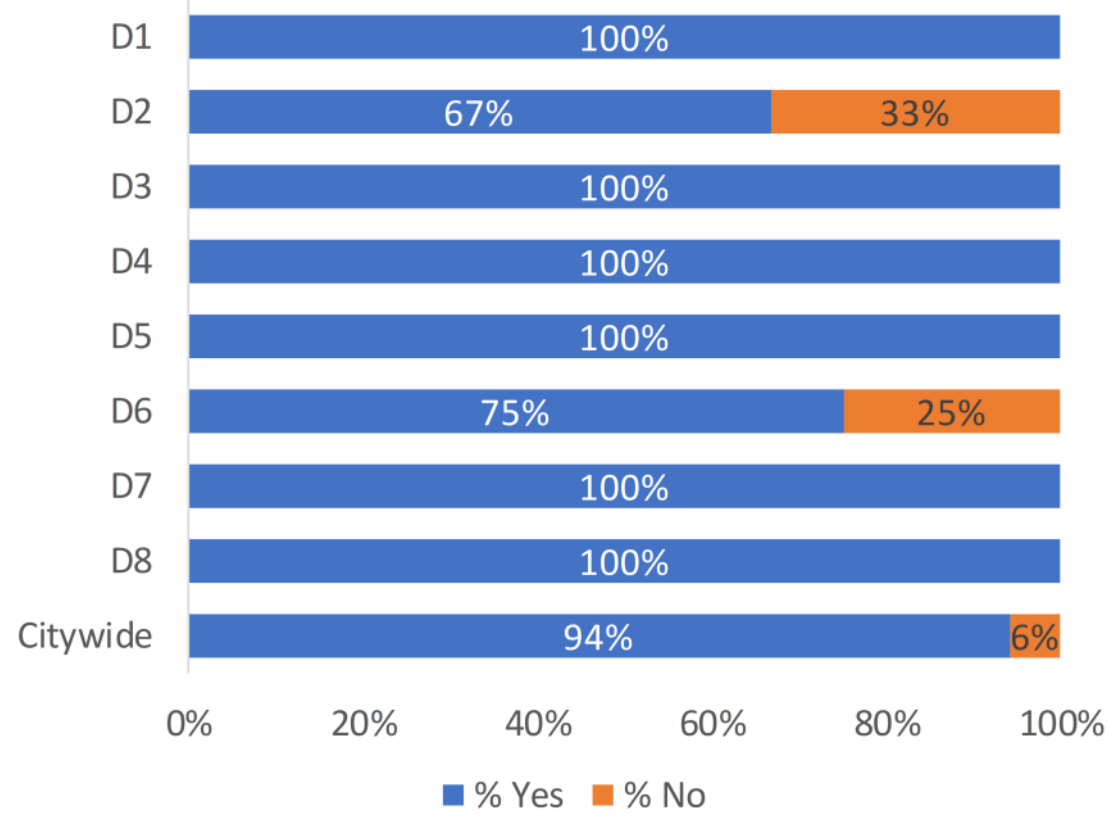


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Administrative Accountability

Library - Library Accountability: $93,000

Add an Accountant II position to oversee the daily operation of the Library's accounting section. This position will provide support for accounts payables and receivables, fixed-asset accounting, bank account reconciliations, inter-agency invoices, grant administration support, expenditures review, response to auditors, and payroll accounting.

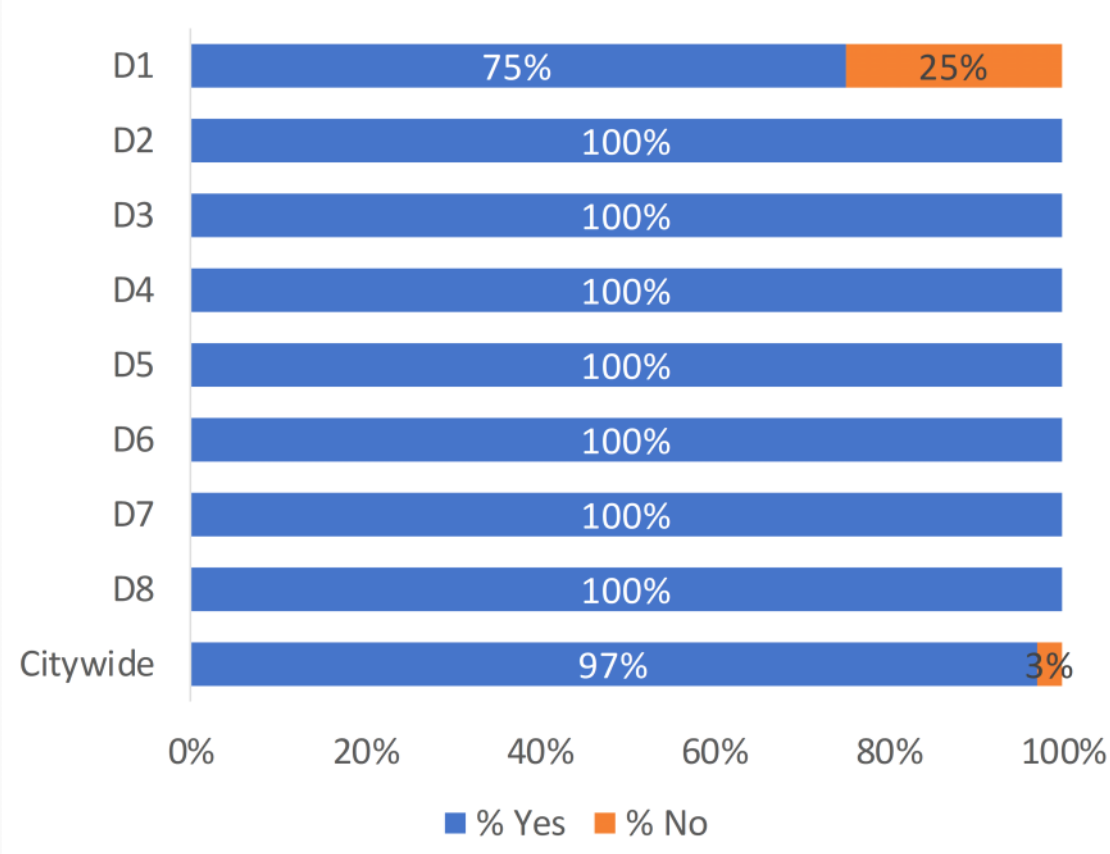


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Administrative Accountability

Parks and Recreation - Parks IT Support: $208,000

Add a Senior User Technology Specialist position and a User Technology Specialist to provide IT support for the department. The Parks and Recreation Department Information Technology staff provides support to 32 community/recreation centers, numerous offsite office locations, over 800 devices and over 1,500 full and part-time employees. These additional positions are necessary to support the significant increase in new hardware and IT projects that have been implemented in the department.

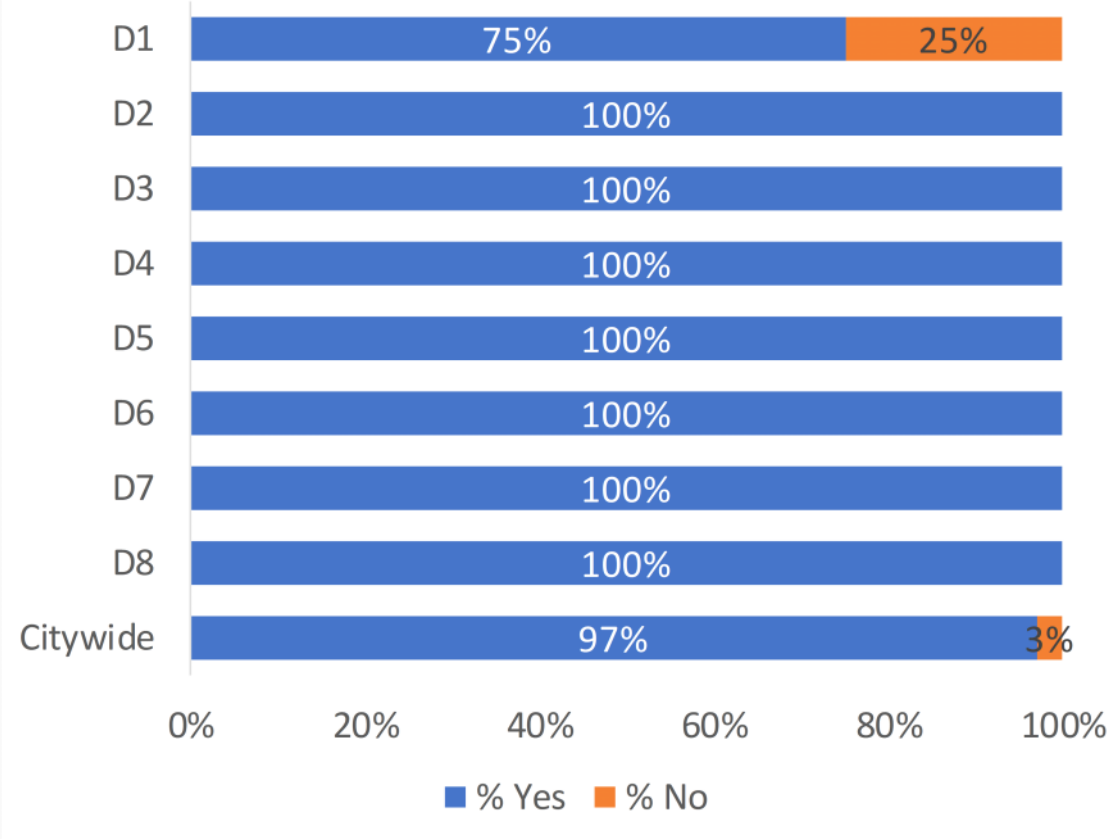


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Administrative Accountability

Public Works - Fleet Maintenance: $137,000

Restore 10 fleet maintenance positions that support the Fire, Parks and Recreation, Public Works Solid Waste, Street Transportation, and Water Services Departments. Funding for these positions is primarily from Non-General Fund departments. Adding these positions will decrease downtime and service delays. The cost of these positions will be partially offset by a reduction in contract vendor funding. The ten positions include two Equipment Service Worker II, a five Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Auto Technician, Auto Parts Clerk II and Support Services Aide.

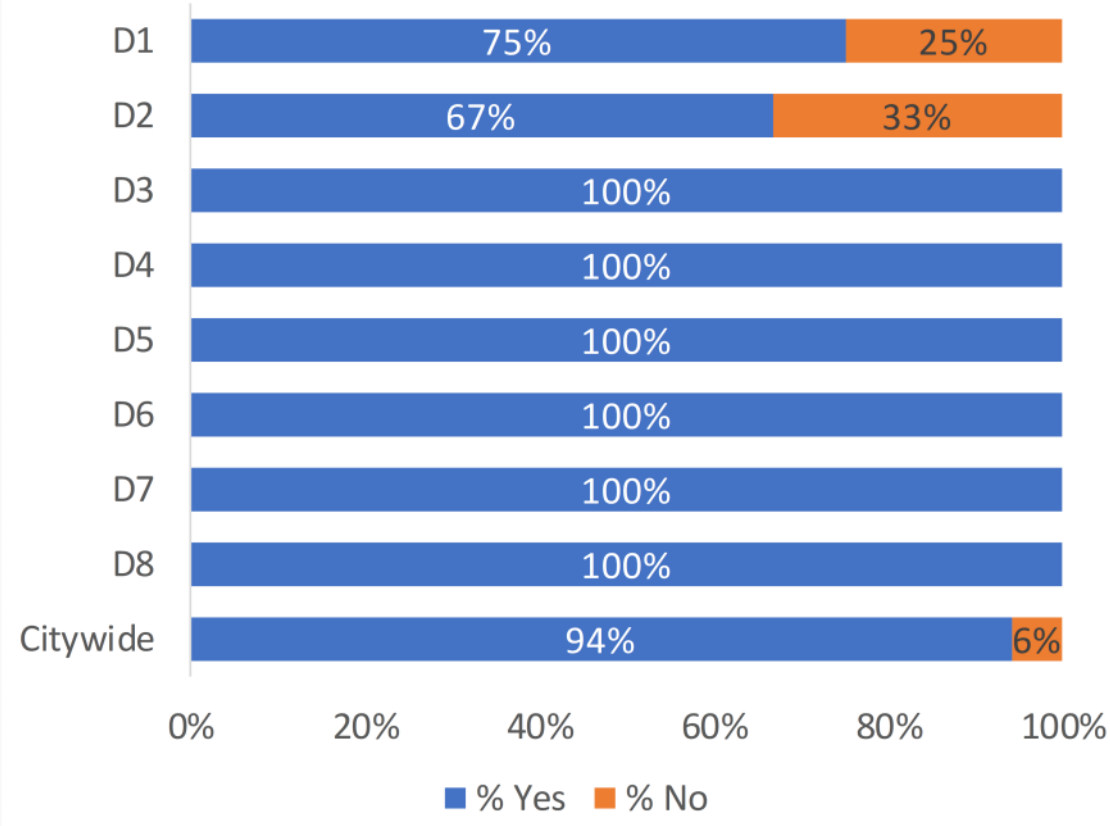


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Public Works - HR Support: $0

Add one Senior Human Resources Analyst position to provide support to the Solid Waste division. This position is located in the General Fund but will be funded by the Solid Waste fund and is needed to increase response time, provide supervisor support, process corrective actions and recruitments.



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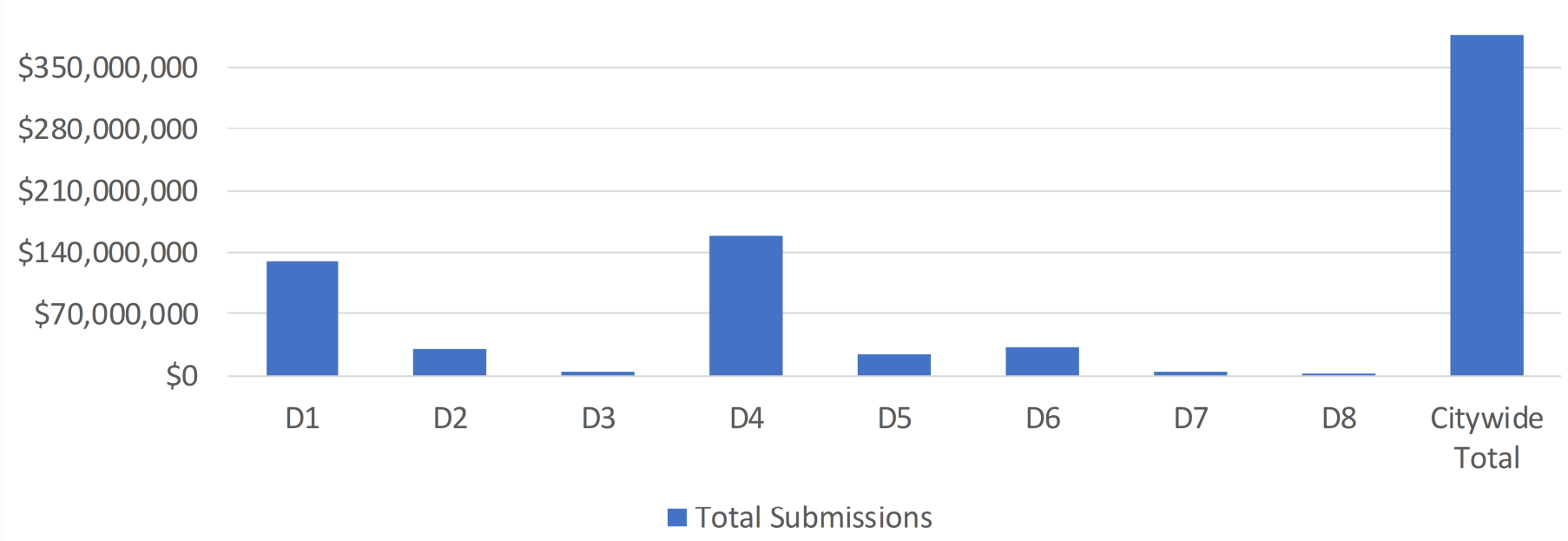
Comments:

1. Jena Ingram (District 2) stressed the importance of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, as well as IT support for Parks and Recreation, Police and Fire, and Libraries. She stated that the City should not allocate any additional funding to the maintenance of a gasoline-powered fleet.

2. Nicole Rodriguez (District 4) suggested contracting out HR Support or streamlining processes so that existing staff can perform this role. She suggested lean staffing initiatives.

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	$129,000,000	$30,000,000	$5,000,000	$158,000,000	$24,000,000	$33,000,000	$5,000,000	$2,000,000	$386,000,000
Number of Submissions	5	4	4	11	7	2	2	2	37
Number of Submitters	3	3	2	6	3	1	1	2	21

number of submissions (N) = 34

Share Your Own Budget Priorities

Comments:

1. Stanley Bates (District 1) requested additional funding to give Police new-hires a bonus upon completion of the Academy. He suggested additional funding for current Police officer bonuses. Mr. Bates requested additional funding for further Community Action Officers, hiring additional Police officers and hiring external law enforcement experts to conduct a study on the needs of Police officers.
   (Police - $9M)

2. Zak Ghali (District 1) requested additional funding for Budget and Research staff raises.
   (Budget and Research - $100M)

3. Jena Ingram (District 2) requested additional funding for the Community Assistance Program.
   (Fire - $1M)

4. M. Mcgough (District 2) requested additional funding for Police.
   (Police - $25M)

5. Seth Beute (District 2) requested additional funding for PHX CARES.
   (Human Services - $2M)

6. Jane Koval (District 3) requested additional funding for COVID-impacted services.
   (COVID-Impacted Services - $2M)

7. Ted Myers (District 3) requested additional funding for mental health and substance abuse, de-escalation training for Police, and programs to assist individuals experiencing homelessness.
   (Fire/Human Services - $2M; Police - $1M)

8. Adam Lenske (District 4) requested additional funding for City employee education, health and wellness. He requested additional funding for alternative Police response.
   (Employee Education, Health/Wellness - $1M; Alternatives to Police Response - $5M)

9. Sarah Montgomery (District 4) requested additional funding for affordable housing and a universal basic income pilot program.
   (Housing - $5M; Universal Basic Income Pilot Program - $12M)

10. Tracey Adams (District 4) requested additional funding to ensure that only legal citizens are registered and allowed to vote. She suggested restructuring elections to return to hand-counted paper votes.
    (Elections - $80M; Other/Unassigned - $43M)

Share Your Own Budget Priorities

Comments:

11. J Langland (District 4) requested additional funding for affordable housing, mental health, homelessness prevention and alternatives to incarceration, and walkability.
(Housing - $1M; Fire/Human Services - $2M; Walkability - $1M)

12. Nicole Rodriguez (District 4) requested additional funding for Planning and Development landscape site plan review and adherence, and zoning administration.
(Planning and Development - $1M)

13. Nora Hensley (District 4) requested additional funding for Libraries.
(Library - $7M)

14. Alicia Brall (District 5) requested money be reallocated from Police to programs designed to assist individuals experiencing homelessness, mental health and crisis intervention, and community resources.
(Human Services/Fire - $10M)

15. Allan Earl (District 6) requested increasing reserves and taxes.
(Finance - $34M)

16. Frida Moreno (District 7) requested additional funding.
(Other/Unassigned - $5M)

17. Daniel Smith (District 8) requested additional funding.
(Other/Unassigned - $1M)

18. Curtis Merritt (District 8) requested additional funding for trees and community gardens along canals.
(Parks and Recreation/Planning and Development - $1M)