

ATTACHMENT 3 - COMMUNITY SURVEY

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Subject: City of Burbank GGRP Update Introductory Community Survey Results Summary

Dear Mr. Ramirez,

In development of the City of Burbank (City) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (GGRP) Update, the City solicited the feedback of the community by hosting a survey on the City's GGRP webpage. The survey was intended to gain a baseline understanding of the public's interest and understanding of Climate Change and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategies. Collected here is a brief summary of the survey results, with highlights of specific comments from the public on ways the City can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and items they would like addressed in the GGRP Update.

The survey was hosted from October 12, 2020 to November 12, 2020, and was promoted through the City's website, social media account, listserv, and the community meeting for the GGRP Update. The survey had 19 questions that were aimed at gaining a comprehensive understanding of the community's perspective of climate change, interest in the planning process, and to identify GHG reduction strategies to include in the GGRP Update that would have public support. In total there were 35 respondents to the survey, which fell short of the target of 50, but still provides valuable insight to the community's views and concerns. A summary of the questions and some highlighted responses are provided below, categorized by the purpose of the survey question.

Who Responded?

It is beneficial to have some background about the survey participants to better understand how much of the community is represented by the survey group, as well as their familiarity with, and attitude towards, the topic. Key highlights are included below:

- 90% of respondents were Burbank Residents, with 69% being homeowners and 26% renters.
- 60% of respondents had not participated in a public planning process before.
- 97% of respondents speak English in their home, while the remaining 3% speak Spanish.
- 63% of respondents considered themselves to have an "intermediate" understanding of GHG emissions and climate change, while 25% considered themselves "expert," and 11% "novice".
- 80% of respondents considered GHG reduction programs and policies "very important", while 14% considered them "not a priority".

- Of the various co-benefits attributable to GHG reductions, 50% to 60% of respondents selected the following as being important:
 - Improve public health
 - Improved air quality
 - Increased resilience from climate change and other natural disasters
 - Reduced reliance on fossil fuels

Energy and Transportation Habits and Preference

The community's preferences and habits towards energy consumption, commute, and participation in programs can highlight what types of GHG reduction policies may be effective in the City, and what types of barriers exist for personal choices that can reduce GHG emissions. Survey results that can help inform policies in the GGRP Update are provided below:

- 74% of respondents track their home monthly energy consumption.
- 26% of respondents indicated they very actively work to conserve energy, while 41% of respondents indicated they actively work to conserve energy about half the time, and the remaining 33% indicated they actively work to conserve energy less than half the time or not at all.
- 69% of respondents indicated they are very interested in installing renewable energy at their home or business, while 9% indicated they are not interested.
- 20-30% of respondents reported the barriers for installing renewable energy include the fact that they are renters, the cost, and insufficient benefits.
- When asked what would encourage people to be more energy efficient or install renewable energy technologies, 71% suggested grant and incentive programs, 51% suggested lower utility bills, and 26% suggested energy audits and educational programs.
- 85% of respondents indicated that they use their own vehicle to run non-work errands all or most of the time; 80% indicated that they never use public transportation; and 8% indicated that they bike, walk or skate/scooter most or all of the time.
- When asked about the reasons for using a personal vehicle as the primary mode of transportation, 89% of respondents cited the convenience and speed, and 61% responded that active or public transportation is not available for their route or feels unsafe.
 - The primary reason of active transportation feeling unsafe is the safety of bike lanes.
- When asked what would encourage more use of active or public transportation, the most popular response was safer sidewalks and bike lanes, followed by more sidewalks and bike lanes, and more convenient bus stop locations.
- 51% of respondents consider composting very important, indicating that 75% of their waste items are composted or recycled.
- When asked about the barriers to composting, 63% of respondents indicated adequate access to infrastructure, 20% indicated the lack of information regarding benefits, and perceived value of composting, while 11% indicated it is too much work.

What is important for you?

For the last part of the survey, participants were asked to provide their input on GHG reduction policies in the GGRP Update, and what they would like to see addressed. Some highlighted comments are summarized as follows.

Ways to reduce GHG emissions:

- Make biking in Burbank safer to encourage ridership.
- Improve walkability of City and ensure ADA compliance.
- Reduce reliance on natural gas by banning new gas infrastructure.
- Plant more trees to protect soil, reduce urban heat island effect, and sequester carbon.
- Make composting more accessible for residents.
- Electrify the City vehicle fleet.
- Retrofit/electrify City buildings.
- Invest in battery storage to better utilize locally generated renewable energy.
- Explore nuclear as a reliable renewable energy source.
- Improve availability and incentives for residential solar installation.
- Reduce Burbank Water and Power's reliance on fossil fuels for energy generation.

Things to consider in development of GGRP Update:

- Include more focus on climate change mitigation and resilience.
- Ensure access to vulnerable communities.
- Communicate goals regularly and accessibly.
- Address racial and social equity.
- Include Climate Action education in school curriculum.
- Streamline the City's website for easier access to sustainability resources.
- Expand public and free electric vehicle charging.

This summary of results will be used to develop the GHG reduction policies to be included in the GGRP Update. By better understanding the community's views and concerns as they relate to climate change and the City's role in addressing it, policies can be more effectively drafted and implemented. Please find the full survey results attached for reference.

Sincerely,
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Appendix A

Community Input Survey Full Results

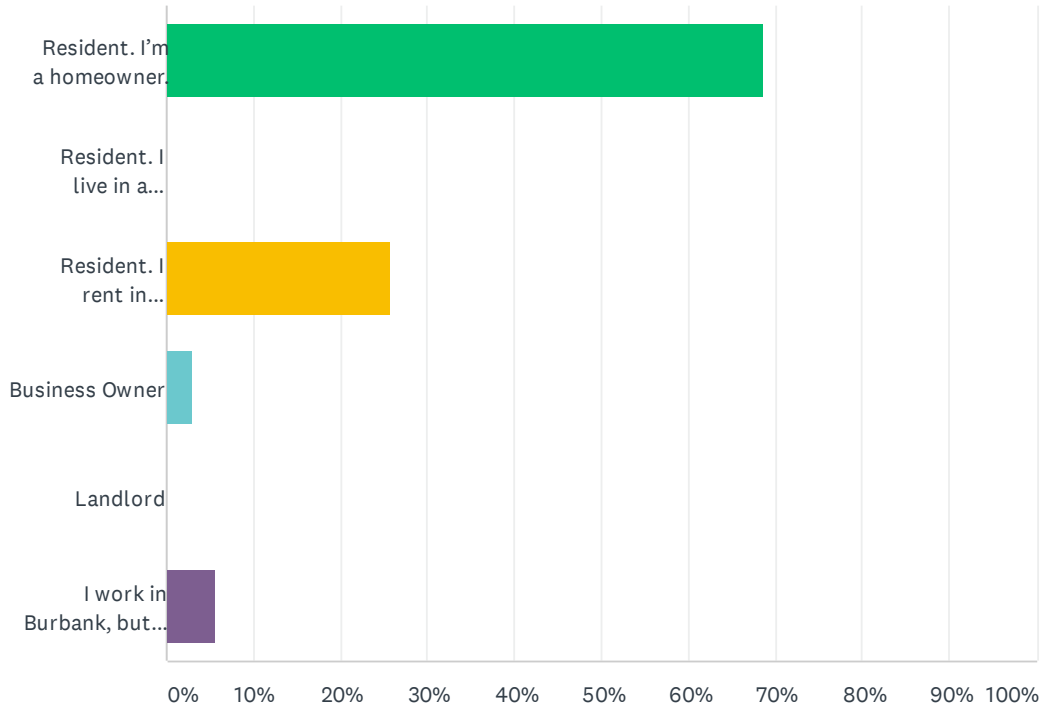
Q1 Email Address:

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Q2 Please check all of the following that apply:

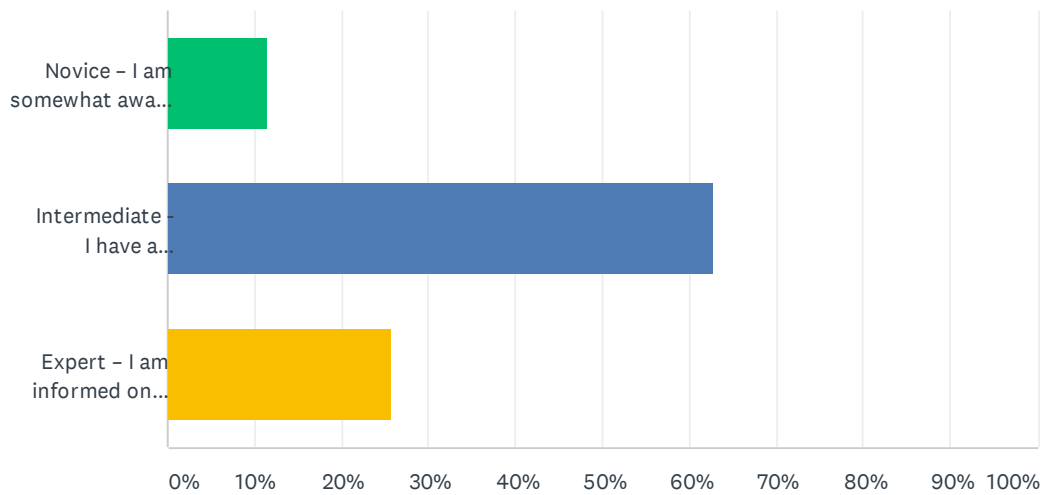
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident. I'm a homeowner.	68.57%	24
Resident. I live in a house/unit with the homeowner.	0.00%	0
Resident. I rent in Burbank.	25.71%	9
Business Owner	2.86%	1
Landlord	0.00%	0
I work in Burbank, but live outside of Burbank	5.71%	2
Total Respondents: 35		

Q3 How would you describe your understanding of GHG emissions and climate change?

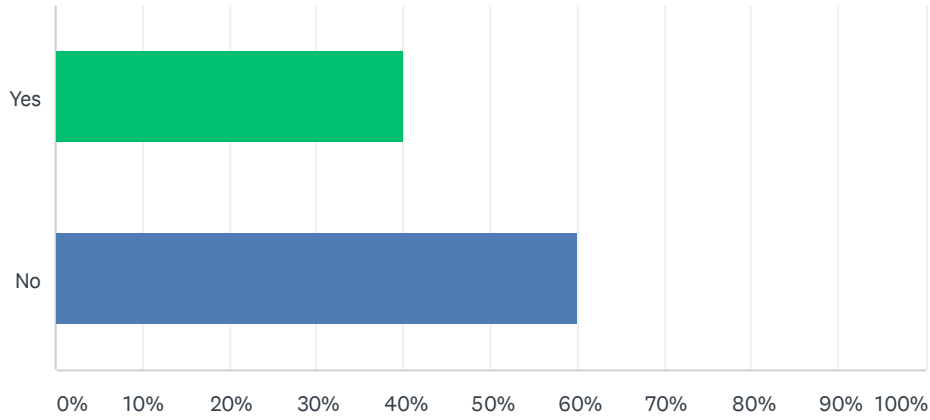
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Novice – I am somewhat aware of climate change, but do not know a lot about it	11.43%	4
Intermediate - I have a working knowledge of climate change and related issues and am interested in learning more	62.86%	22
Expert – I am informed on climate change and current relevant issues	25.71%	9
TOTAL		35

Q4 Have you participated in a public planning process before?

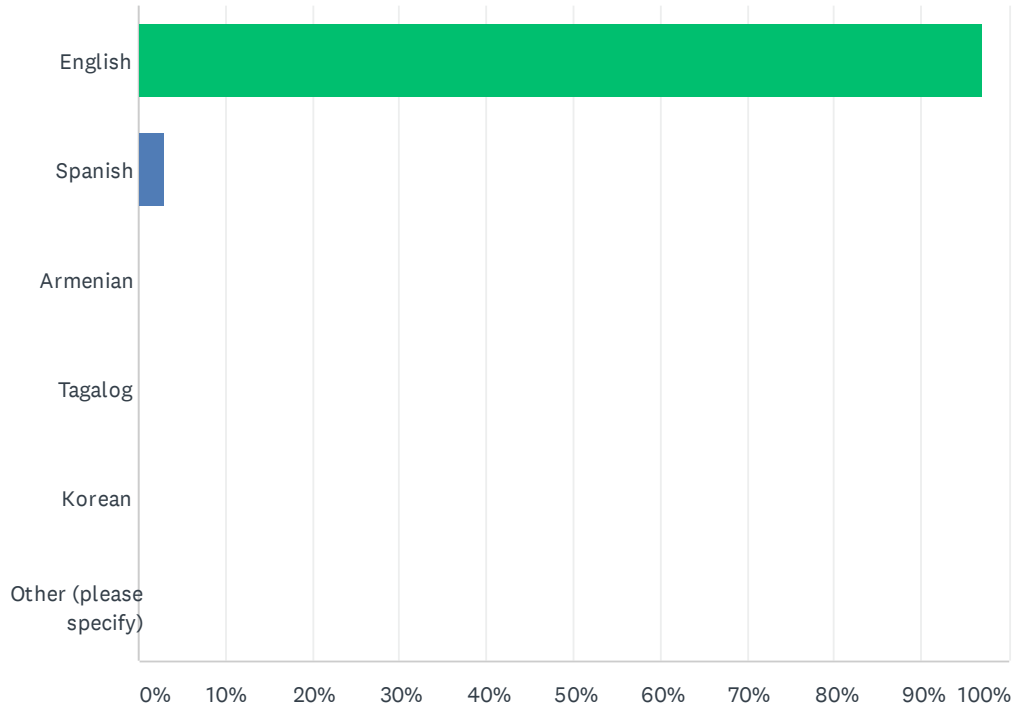
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.00%	14
No	60.00%	21
TOTAL		35

Q5 What language do you speak at home?

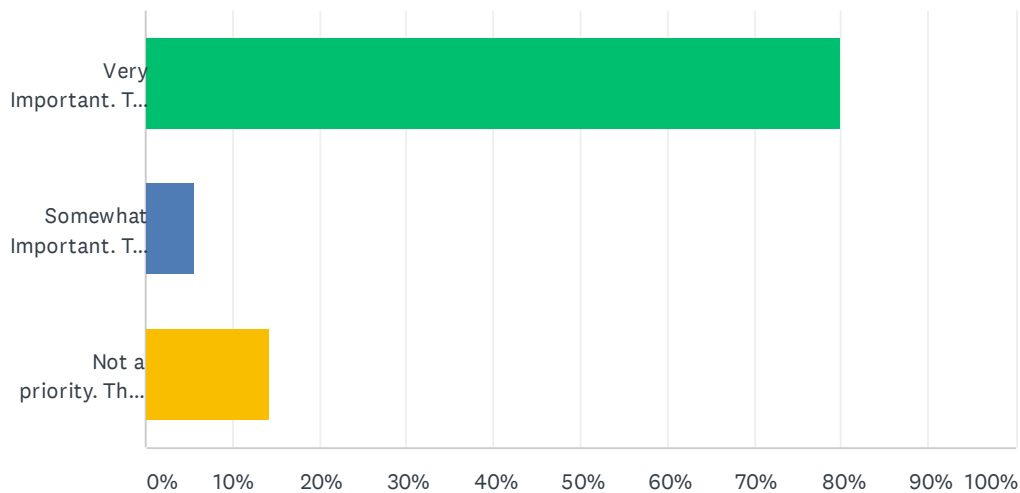
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
English	97.14%	34
Spanish	2.86%	1
Armenian	0.00%	0
Tagalog	0.00%	0
Korean	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		35

Q6 How important is it for the City to implement programs and policies to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions?

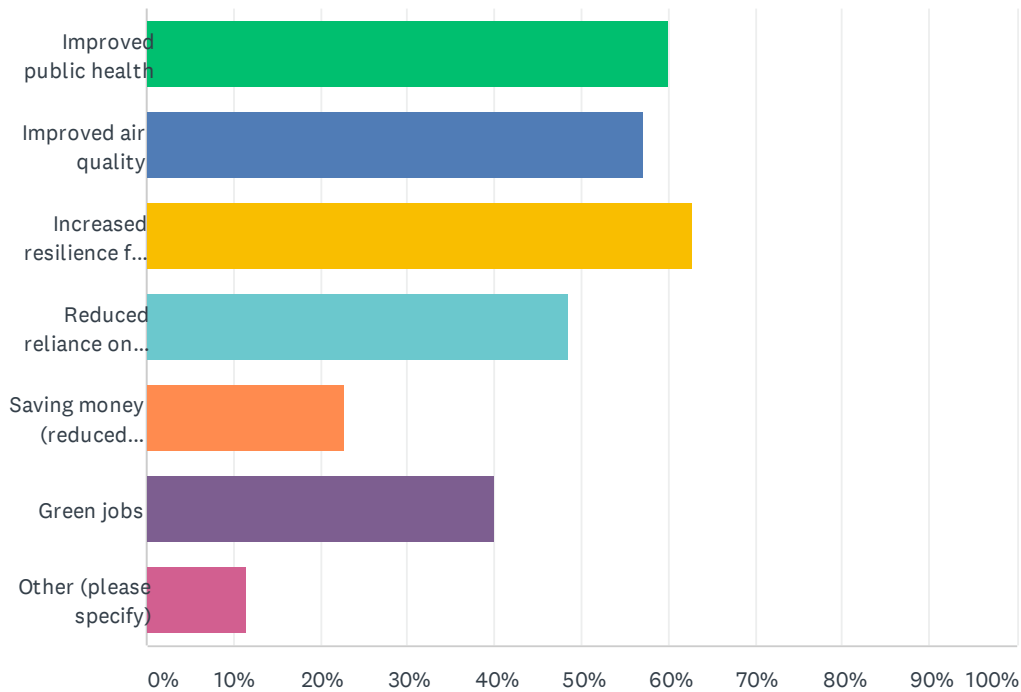
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important. This should be a high priority for the City.	80.00%	28
Somewhat Important. This falls in the middle of priorities for the City.	5.71%	2
Not a priority. There are other priorities that the City should focus on at this moment.	14.29%	5
TOTAL		35

Q7 Of the various co-benefits attributable to reducing GHG emissions, which are most important to you?

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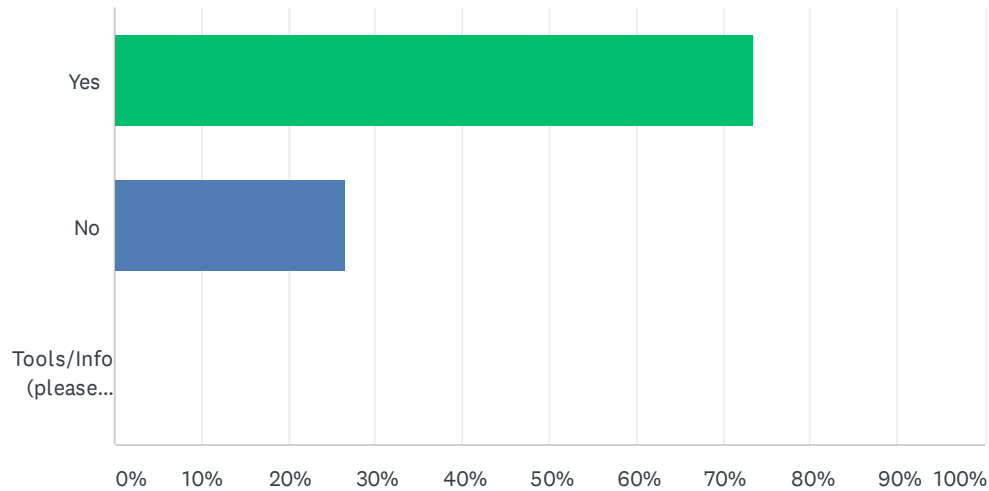


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Improved public health	60.00% 21
Improved air quality	57.14% 20
Increased resilience from climate change and/or natural disasters	62.86% 22
Reduced reliance on fossil fuels	48.57% 17
Saving money (reduced transportation and/or utility costs)	22.86% 8
Green jobs	40.00% 14
Other (please specify)	11.43% 4
Total Respondents: 35	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Switch priority from unreliable , costly solar and wind energy to stable, inexpensive nuclear energy. Do not import dirty energy from other states just to make CA look good.	11/5/2020 1:47 PM
2	None.	11/4/2020 1:30 PM
3	Preserving energy in the most efficient manner; no rolling blackouts; no added stifling regulations; no increase of utilities.	10/20/2020 2:39 PM
4	subsidies for homeowners to convert to sustainable energy	10/18/2020 5:40 PM

Q8 Do you track your home’s monthly energy (e.g. natural gas and electricity) consumption? Why or why not? If not, what tools or information would encourage you to do so?

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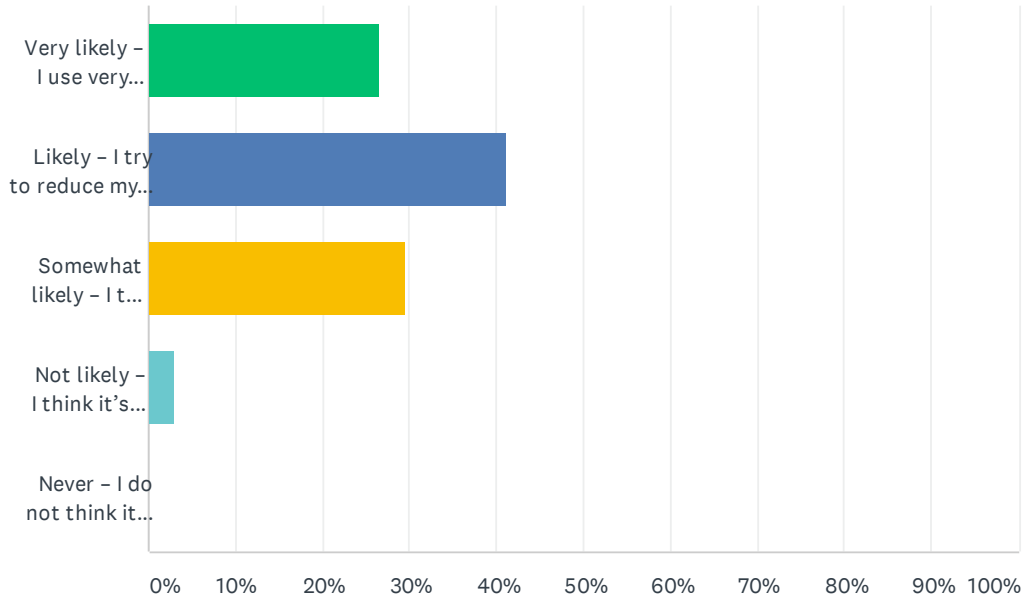


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.53%	25
No	26.47%	9
Tools/Info (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		34

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	There are no responses.	

Q9 How likely are you to actively conserve energy?

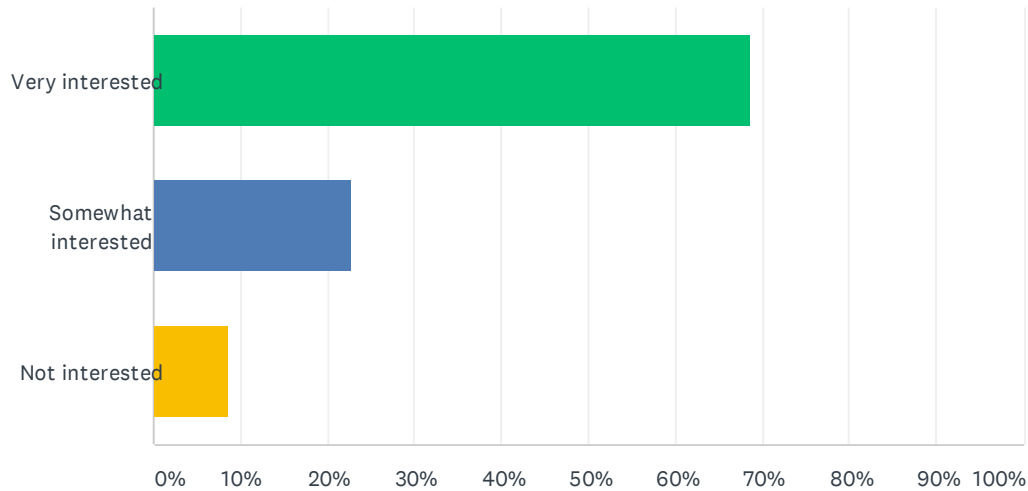
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely – I use very little energy, and I encourage others to do the same	26.47%	9
Likely – I try to reduce my energy usage 50% or more of the time	41.18%	14
Somewhat likely – I try to reduce my energy usage 25% - 50% of the time	29.41%	10
Not likely – I think it's important, but I do not actively try to reduce my energy usage	2.94%	1
Never – I do not think it's important	0.00%	0
TOTAL		34

Q10 How interested are you in installing renewable energy technology (e.g., smart thermostat, electrical vehicle charger, solar panels, cool roofs, etc.)? in your home or business?

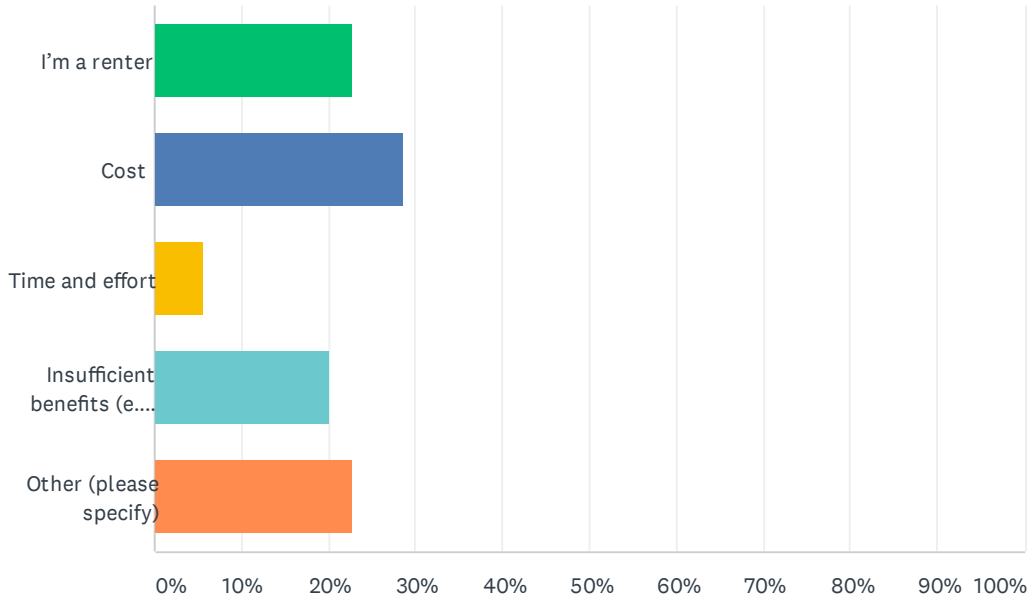
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very interested	68.57%	24
Somewhat interested	22.86%	8
Not interested	8.57%	3
TOTAL		35

Q11 What are some of the barriers that currently keep you from making upgrades or installing renewable energy technologies at your home or business?

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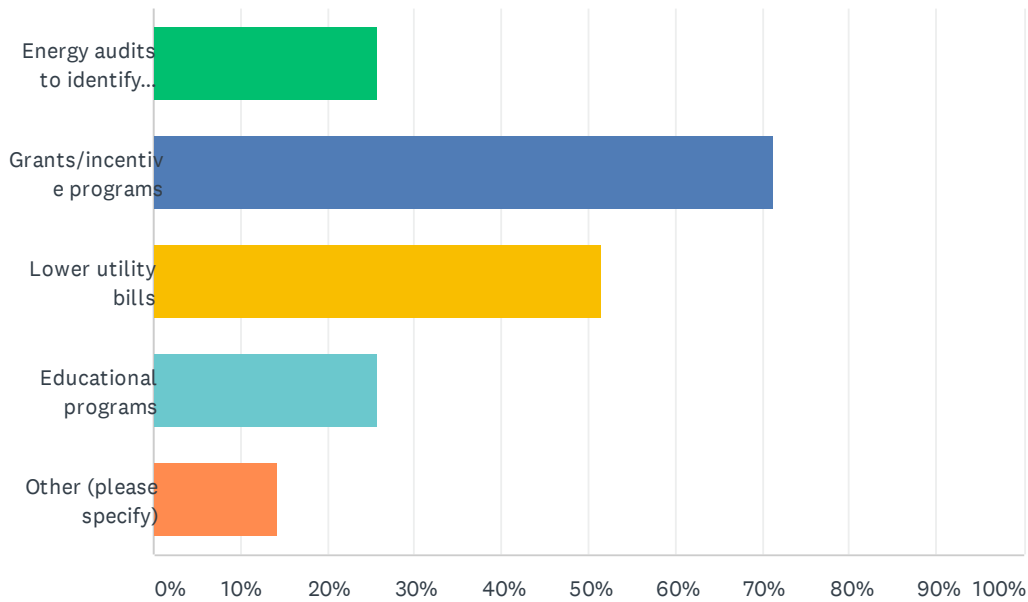
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I'm a renter	22.86%	8
Cost	28.57%	10
Time and effort	5.71%	2
Insufficient benefits (e.g. cost savings do not seem high enough)	20.00%	7
Other (please specify)	22.86%	8
TOTAL		35

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Solar panels are a drain on our natural resources. Smart thermostat makes sense. Vehicle charger pulls from grid, right? Cool roof sounds good but is quite costly.	11/5/2020 1:47 PM
2	make this a check mark option; cost/time & effort and insufficient benefits apply	11/4/2020 10:47 PM
3	It is a ripoff. NEVER can recoup costs.	11/4/2020 1:30 PM
4	We have solar panels and an electric vehicle, and want to do more to reduce our carbon footprint, but it must be at a large scale. Individual changes can only do so much to mitigate the most catastrophic effects of climate change.	11/2/2020 8:35 AM
5	Unsure the city's Plan and how this fits. Whatever we do to upgrade want it to be consistent with the energy plan of the city	10/26/2020 1:18 PM
6	Your survey does not allow for adequate ability to answers pacific questions. Your survey only allows one option per question.	10/20/2020 2:39 PM
7	Renewables, particularly solar and wind, are intermittent - they're dependent on "natural gas" (methane) and only extend our reliance on it.	10/14/2020 2:10 PM
8	Old house with inadequate wiring and roof to support major solar/electric car installations	10/14/2020 2:09 PM

Q12 What would encourage you to be more energy efficient and/or install renewable energy technologies at your home or business?

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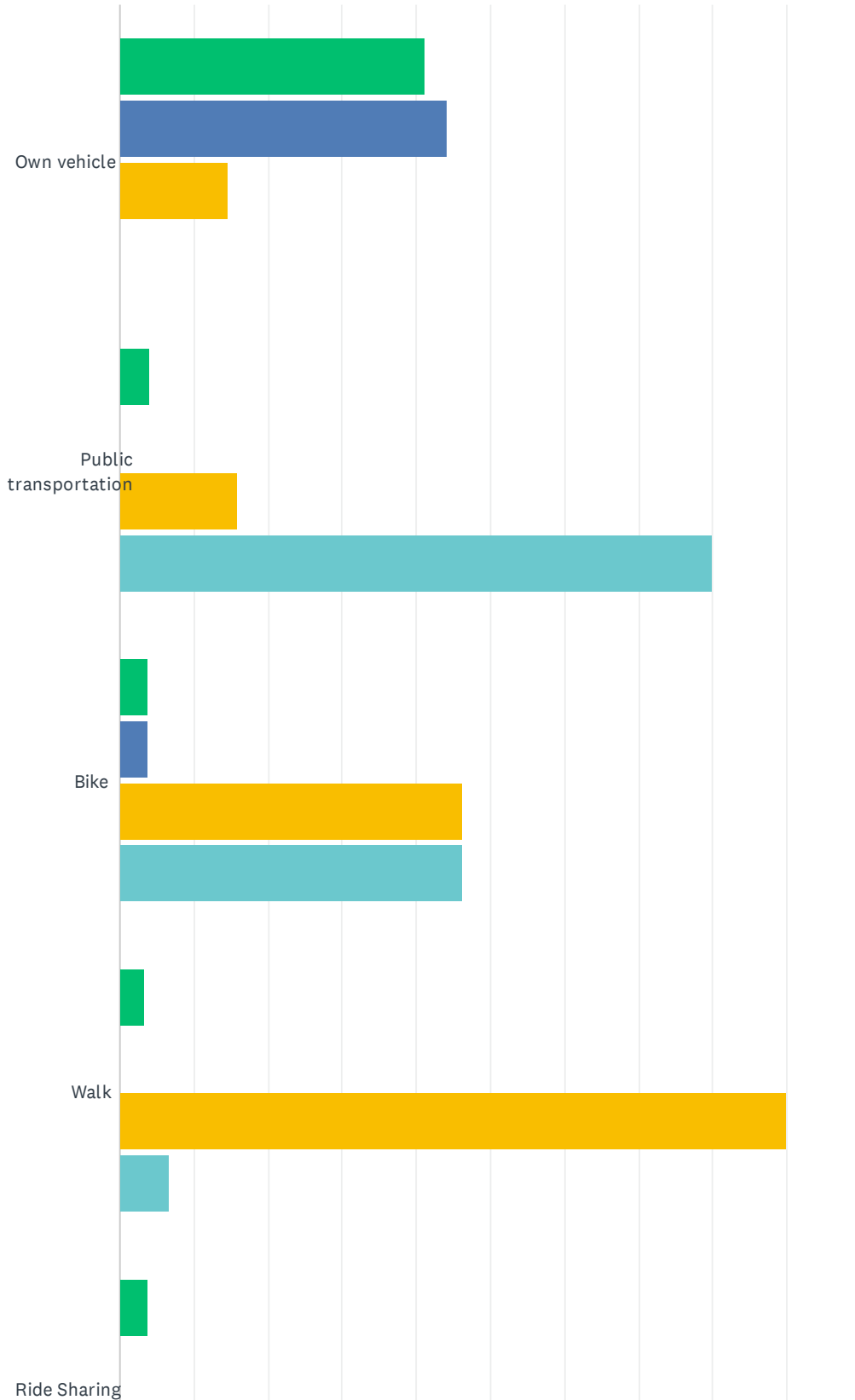


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Energy audits to identify current use and areas for potential reduction	25.71% 9
Grants/incentive programs	71.43% 25
Lower utility bills	51.43% 18
Educational programs	25.71% 9
Other (please specify)	14.29% 5
Total Respondents: 35	

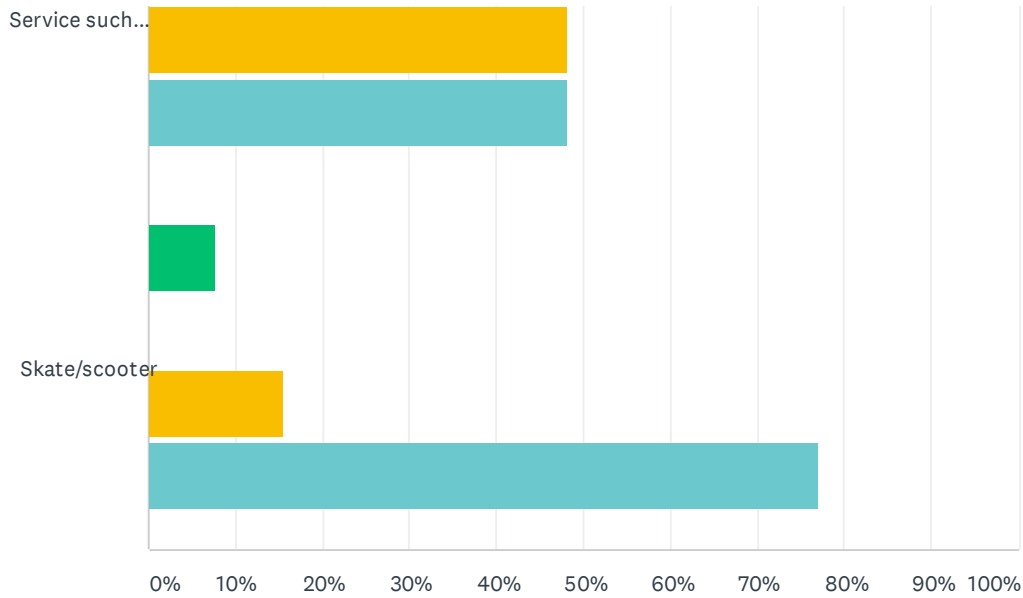
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1	Would never install renewable energy technologies. Attack climate change should help with dramatic weather and need for more AC or heat.	11/5/2020 1:47 PM
2	Fewer obstacles by city staff	11/5/2020 6:37 AM
3	Again, your survey answer options do not address multiple part answers.	10/20/2020 2:39 PM
4	subsidies for homeowners	10/18/2020 5:40 PM
5	Nothing would encourage me to install renewables, for many reasons. Primarily because they're ineffective at preventing climate change.	10/14/2020 2:10 PM

Q13 How often do you typically use the following methods to get to your non-work destinations such as grocery store, bank, or park?

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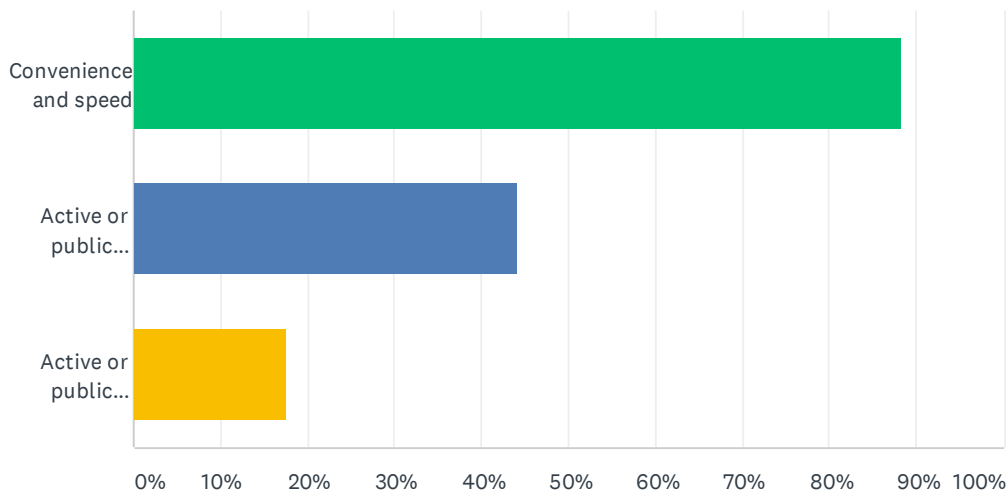


■ All the time
 ■ Most of the time
 ■ Some of the time
 ■ Never

	ALL THE TIME	MOST OF THE TIME	SOME OF THE TIME	NEVER	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Own vehicle	41.18% 14	44.12% 15	14.71% 5	0.00% 0	34	1.74
Public transportation	4.00% 1	0.00% 0	16.00% 4	80.00% 20	25	3.72
Bike	3.85% 1	3.85% 1	46.15% 12	46.15% 12	26	3.35
Walk	3.33% 1	0.00% 0	90.00% 27	6.67% 2	30	3.00
Ride Sharing Service such as Uber, Lyft, or Taxi	3.70% 1	0.00% 0	48.15% 13	48.15% 13	27	3.41
Skate/scooter	7.69% 2	0.00% 0	15.38% 4	76.92% 20	26	3.62

Q14 If a personal vehicle is your primary mode of transportation, please mark all reasons below that describe why:

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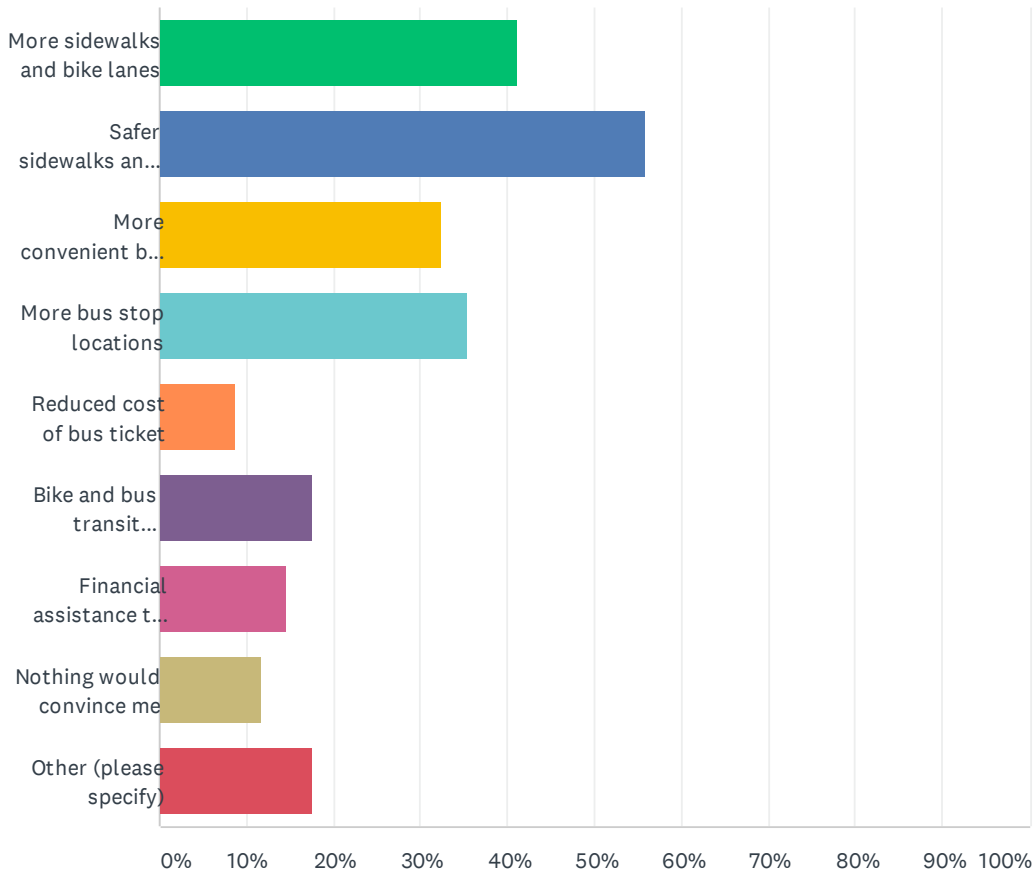


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Convenience and speed	88.24% 30
Active or public transportation are not available options on the routes I take	44.12% 15
Active or public transportation does not feel safe	17.65% 6
Total Respondents: 34	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) OR IF YOU SELECTED ACTIVE OR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DOES NOT FEEL SAFE, WHY?	DATE
1	habit	11/5/2020 4:57 PM
2	3 kids under 10. Also love my car.	11/5/2020 2:05 PM
3	For work, I need tools and it's easier to drive with my tools	11/5/2020 1:48 PM
4	I do not feel safe biking with my young children. More bike lanes would help. As for public transportation, it takes much longer and I have multiple destinations to get to in a short period of time. I would bike if it felt safe for the kids.	11/2/2020 8:35 AM
5	I prefer to use my electric vehicle.	10/27/2020 4:14 PM
6	Covid senior.....	10/26/2020 1:18 PM
7	Bike lanes are not sufficient	10/14/2020 6:37 PM
8	I own an electric car - it's cleaner than most public transportation	10/14/2020 2:10 PM

Q15 Would you consider transitioning your primary mode of transportation to active transportation (such as biking or walking) or bus transit if the City had:

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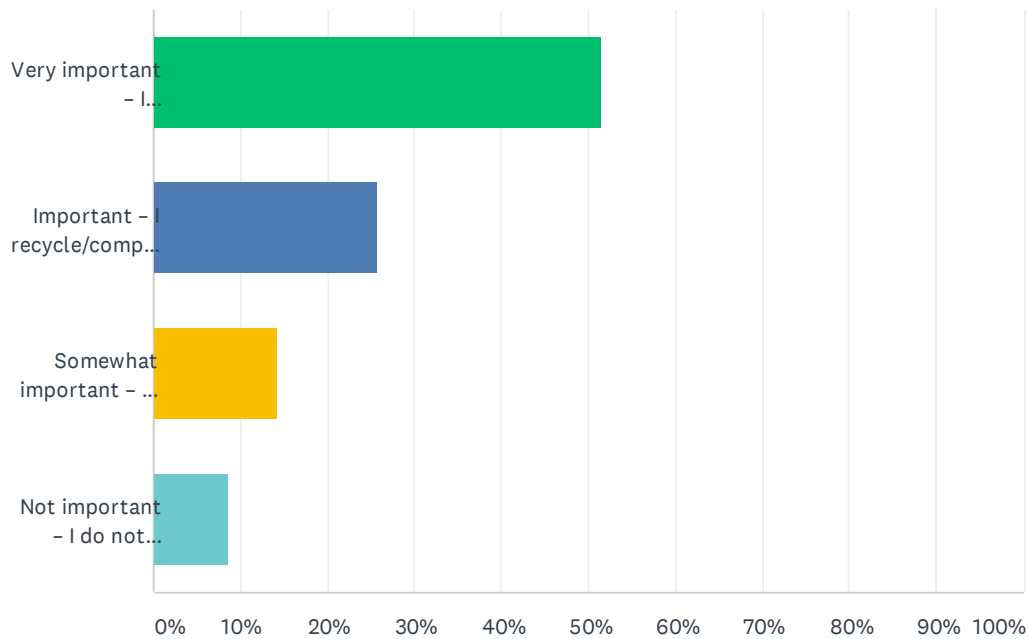
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More sidewalks and bike lanes	41.18%	14
Safer sidewalks and bike lanes	55.88%	19
More convenient bus schedules	32.35%	11
More bus stop locations	35.29%	12
Reduced cost of bus ticket	8.82%	3
Bike and bus transit education	17.65%	6
Financial assistance to purchase a bike	14.71%	5
Nothing would convince me	11.76%	4
Other (please specify)	17.65%	6
Total Respondents: 34		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Stores are too close to wait for a bus. Items are too many or heavy to carry on bike or walking.	11/5/2020 1:47 PM
2	It's not a productive use of time. And I don't believe most people will answer the question in the way they really live their lives	11/5/2020 6:37 AM
3	I live on Country Club Dr, so I'm always going to have to deal with going up hill. Bike/walk not really feasible other than for exercise.	11/4/2020 3:51 PM
4	Protected bike lanes	11/2/2020 10:41 AM
5	Need more bike racks outside retail to lock my bike	10/26/2020 4:22 PM
6	I would to continue to use my vehicle and walk when appropriate.	10/20/2020 2:39 PM

Q16 What is your perspective on composting household waste?

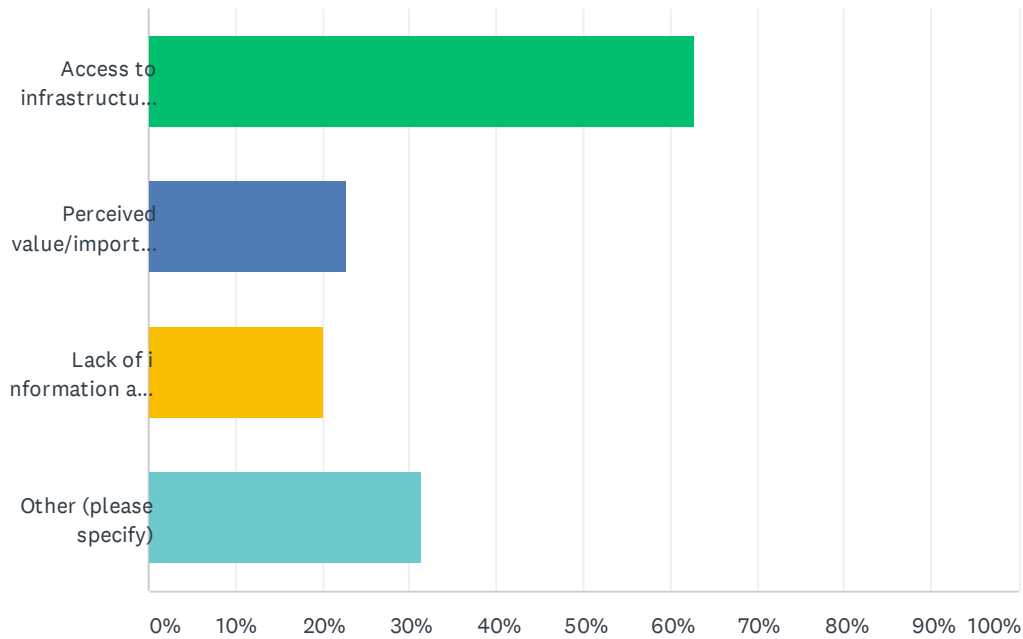
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important – I recycle/compost at least 75% of my waste items, and I encourage others to do the same	51.43%	18
Important – I recycle/compost at least 50% of my waste items	25.71%	9
Somewhat important – I recycle/compost 25% - 50% of my waste items	14.29%	5
Not important – I do not think it's important, and I do not ever recycle/compost	8.57%	3
TOTAL		35

Q17 What do you think are some of your obstacles to composting? (check all that apply)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Access to infrastructure such as recycling/compost bins and drop-off locations	62.86%	22
Perceived value/importance of recycling/composting	22.86%	8
Lack of information and education regarding the benefits of recycling/composting	20.00%	7
Other (please specify)	31.43%	11
Total Respondents: 35		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Already compost	11/5/2020 5:18 PM
2	We compost all the time	11/5/2020 4:57 PM
3	This can't solely fall on the recycle center, the ENTIRE city needs to work on supporting this. Starting with code enforcement.	11/5/2020 1:48 PM
4	It's a lot of work. I did food and yard waste. Placement of compostors is critical. Everyone thinks your a nut for doing it	11/5/2020 6:37 AM
5	would love to see food waste diversion programs for home/business	11/4/2020 10:47 PM
6	I compost.	11/4/2020 3:51 PM
7	Too much work for too little benefit.	11/4/2020 1:30 PM
8	Afraid of attracting vermin to my yard	11/2/2020 10:02 AM
9	No barrier.....currently do composting Bin and vermiculture	10/26/2020 1:18 PM
10	I didn't follow through after Recycling Center presentation	10/14/2020 3:50 PM
11	Laziness - dont feel like sorting organic waste and putting it in a local composting bin. Maybe if the city would provide a means for people to sort compostable materials into a separate can or bin, to be collected and composted, that would make it easier?	10/14/2020 2:09 PM

Q18 What are some important strategies the City could do to reduce its long-term Greenhouse Gas emissions? Identify some examples.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Embracing Burbank's organic resources of food waste and yard clippings and increasing edible food recovery programs by: Create community garden sites and green waste drop off sites; Building City-BUSD collaborations for mutually-beneficial policies and practices to build capacity to recycle, reduce landfilled organic waste, improve school campus landscaping for soil enhancement, water conservation, and youth efforts to build healthy, equitable and sustainable communities; a city-wide residential organics use education campaign to reduce the 110,000 tons of organics currently going to landfill by increasing residential composting, proper use of disposals, and use of city resources to improve residential landscaping for water conservation and increase carbon sequestration; connect large food generators with local food rescue programs; encourage grocers to showcase "need to move" food in visible areas.	11/6/2020 11:54 AM
2	Public transportation; education in all schools (recycle, compost classes workshops, etc.)	11/5/2020 5:18 PM
3	Reduce lawn areas; Pick up recycle and green barrels every other week instead of weekly; Plant trees;	11/5/2020 4:57 PM
4	Monetary incentives to recycle and compost? Also, highlight the people and businesses doing a good job.	11/5/2020 2:05 PM
5	STOP WITH THE GRASS, THE MAINTENANCE, THE LEAF BLOWERS, the useless nimby crap.	11/5/2020 1:48 PM
6	Buying more energy from Palo Verde, keep Diablo Canyon open and re-open San Onofre to enter into long-term purchase commitments. Stop the solar waste	11/5/2020 1:47 PM
7	Green airport initiatives	11/5/2020 8:16 AM
8	Reduce the size of your staff	11/5/2020 6:37 AM
9	gray water incentive programs, reduce urban heat island effect with tree plantings, ev fleets for the City, building more walkable communities so no need to rely on vehicle or fewer shorter single occupancy vehicle trips, more open space and park land, look at supply chains and reduce reliance on coal, waste diversion/landfill management, solar/retrofits in city property, encourage green business incentive , green jobs	11/4/2020 10:47 PM
10	Reduce food waste in the landfill.	11/4/2020 3:51 PM
11	-Residential and business food compost collection or local drop off location -improve/increase electric vehicle charging stations -More designated bike lanes on main roadways (Hollywood Way, Magnolia, Olive, Victory, Buena Vista) -Utilizing renewable energy	11/4/2020 2:37 PM
12	None. New cars are clean. Even gas cars.	11/4/2020 1:30 PM
13	Run city properties on renewable energy. Help property owners to make their properties energy efficient and switch to clean energy. Less parking for newly built multiunit housing in job and service dense areas.	11/2/2020 10:46 AM
14	Get BWP energy from renewable sources, provide more support for installing solar panels on single-family homes.	11/2/2020 10:41 AM
15	Incentive programs for businesses and homeowners, an organized shift to solar and wind power; more bike lanes throughout the city, so streets would be less dominated by cars.	11/2/2020 8:35 AM
16	Incentivize heat pump water heaters through BWP (benefits to BWP include increased revenue through electrification), provide incentives for other home electrification efforts. Midstream incentive programs, such as the one implemented in the Bay Area by BayREN, targeted to contracts have proven to be effective in increasing adoption of electrification technology by homeowners/renters. Please consider this approach. Also, enact a natural gas ban on new construction. Please phase out BWP's natural gas power plant! Clean electricity sourced from renewable sources is key to reducing greenhouse emissions. Implement a community solar project.	10/30/2020 5:04 PM
17	Community compost containers or convenient drop off locations (grocery stores) for those who live in buildings.	10/27/2020 4:14 PM
18	Planting trees and improving our soil. Having healthy soil can reverse the effects of climate change. Soil captures the green house emissions and regenerates healthy air and maintains the global temperature.	10/27/2020 9:03 AM

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19	Plant trees in every parkway around the city. Create diversions for hillside water flow into parkways during rainy season so we have less water flowing into the storm drains. Or create hugekultur on the parkways to save water or create riverbed plantings on every parkway. We need to do more to capture rain water using our city owned parkways. In addition, write for grants to take advantage of California state funds for environmental programs. Lastly, facilitate food scrap waste sharing by using ShareWaste website networking.	10/26/2020 1:18 PM
20	Offer incentives for homeowners to install renewable energy such as solar. City should invest in transitioning to electric vehicles when current vehicles reach end of life.	10/20/2020 2:45 PM
21	Continue to upgrade BWP technology as it becomes available. I would not reduce BWP by percentages simply to insist on solar and wind energy as this type of energy is unreliable and leads to rolling blackouts as experienced by other cities through California-along with passing on higher energy costs to the public.	10/20/2020 2:39 PM
22	partner with renewable energy companies to offer options to residents. Offer composting bins for weekly pickup to residents who rent. Offer more hazardous waste drop off dates & bulky item drop off or pick ups.	10/18/2020 5:40 PM
23	Mandatory recycling in multi family buildings. My landlord won't get the recycling dumpster despite repeatedly asking and I have to drive to drop off myself.	10/14/2020 10:25 PM
24	Invest in cutting edge battery storage so we could utilize more of our locally-generated renewable solar and install more on the roof of RITC	10/14/2020 6:37 PM
25	Make employees bike home. No city vehicles at home. More city employees bike during day. Walking trails in Burbank. ADA compliant For those who don't want to "look out!" No runners allowed. Skipping, Strollers, wheeled chairs, walkers, canes, hiking sticks, slow scooters. Okay.	10/14/2020 3:50 PM
26	Make solar energy affordable to all constituents.	10/14/2020 3:30 PM
27	Burbank purchases over 1 million megawatthours (MWh) of electricity from outside sources each year, with over one-third generated by fossil fuel sources. By securing a Power Purchase Agreement with the SCPPA for power from Palo Verde (Nuclear) Power Plant in Arizona, Burbank could become the cleanest municipal source of electricity in California, while preventing 800,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions each year.	10/14/2020 2:10 PM
28	All-electric vehicle fleet; Electric Burbank Bus system; fast, non-stop transit between key locations (downtown-to-Empire Center, Train stations to downtown); city-sponsored free bikes in racks like LA Metro does; city-sponsored residential solar to reduce power generation needed from the power plant; rebates for replacing old central heat/AC systems with energy efficient ones	10/14/2020 2:09 PM

Q19 What else would you like the City to consider while developing their Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan Update? Identify some examples.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 12

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More focus on regenerative soil practices to improve climate mitigation and greater resilience to droughts and fire by reducing soil erosion, improved water conservation, and increased carbon sequestration. . More policies /innovations that target upstream production, manufacturers, housing development vs consumer. Examples include single use plastics and Food service ware policy (program for reusables and coordinated take out packaging; establish a "disposable by request" policy for take-out (like straws and water sit down policy); Eduction campaign to reduce contamination of recycling and green waste streams. Examples include apt multi-tenant outreach on recycling, contamination, illegal dumping, organics; could be a move in/ move guide for realtors and property managers for handout. The update on the GGRP on Nov 5 did not include information about Urban Design (green building, urban planning, green jobs); urban nature (parks, tree canopy); or environmental health (toxics reduction, healthy food systems, clean air). I would be interested in knowing more about how to incorporate these issues.	11/6/2020 11:54 AM
2	Establish community gardens for rent/use by residents - this would be an intensive education opportunity as residents learn how to compost, reduce, reuse, recycle	11/5/2020 4:57 PM
3	Apartment dwellers need easier access to composting sites.	11/5/2020 2:05 PM
4	1. improve walkability 2. incentivize and encourage grey water systems with classes and installations. 3. encourage shade trees, tall ones. 4 use natives in landscaping to cut water use. 5. encourage people to remove grasses and add trees adn native landscapes. 6 tax excessive water usage or electricity usage. 7. lead by example, stop using so much water in public parks, stop the leaf blowers.	11/5/2020 1:48 PM
5	Extend the Metro Red Line to Burbank	11/5/2020 1:47 PM
6	Green airport initiates, planting more trees	11/5/2020 8:16 AM
7	Analyze whether any of this is doing any good. Looks like more use of energy than it saves. Many people are convinced that many things in the environment are happening that don't appear to really be happening. Challenge the assumptions	11/5/2020 6:37 AM
8	ensuring access to vulnerable communities ; communicate goals and strategy regularly and in a relatable/actionable manner	11/4/2020 10:47 PM
9	Composting residential and commercial food waste, keep it out of the landfill. Teach people to look at waste differently. It might catch on with other sustainable practice like recycling, reduced consumption, etc.	11/4/2020 3:51 PM
10	Any city incentive for buying green? Discounts on water/power in return for buying energy star certified appliances, switching to solar, free electric vehicle charging, etc. If already available, broader public awareness to educate people on these incentives. Increased bike lanes on main roadways! Burbank has a great cycling community and Chandler bike path is a great resource, but does not provide access to shopping areas. Would be great to build on safe bike lanes and encourage people to use for short errands around the city. Also connecting existing bike lanes together so there are safe, connecting routes vs. the fractured lanes that only extend so far. A path back to reusables and refillables. During the covid-19 outbreak, there was obvious concern over using reusable cups/bags and bulk at stores. However, this has only put a dent in any progress being made on cutting back on waste and creating a major impact on our environment. There have been studies done that "reusable systems can be used safely by employing basic hygiene." Would like to see the city take into consideration a way we can return to using reusables/byob containers in a safe manner during this pandemic as restaurants rely more on takeout from customers. source: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jun/22/reusable-containers-safe-during-covid-19-pandemic-say-experts	11/4/2020 2:37 PM
11	None. Stop wasting time and money.	11/4/2020 1:30 PM
12	Racial and social equity. Environmental justice is racial justice. Low-income and BIPOC are likelier to bear the burdens of climate change and have less resources to combat it, in many cases.	11/2/2020 10:46 AM
13	Electric Vehicle rebates. Make solar panels inexpensive/affordable/free.	10/27/2020 4:14 PM
14	I think Burbank should focus on our soil health. Being cautious of not building too much infrastructure but incorporating and building new parks with lots of trees. Community gardens	10/27/2020 9:03 AM

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should be built as well with seasonal plants as well as annual trees which don't require constant soil disruption. It's important to have biodiversity even in small gardens. The community gardens can provide local food to our homeless population or any Burbank resident can walk in and pick an apple (for example) for free. Having incentives for residents to plant trees or giving away trees that provide shade to residents can help them spend less on cooling their homes. Promoting our local farmers market to promote seasonal vegetables and reduce the GHE that come about through providing off season produce in the large retail stores.

15	Reformat the city owned website to have easy access to Sustainable Resources in the City. Currently navigating the City webpage is difficult. Make it easy for residents to find out what is happening in the city around GGRP. Get the Community Gardens open. Residents have been waiting long enough to get our community gardens operational. Support the Burbank Schools Eco-Council. Teachers, parents and kids want to do their part in learning about our environment and what they can do to make changes in the homes and schools. Fill all open city space with pollination gardens/California Natives. We should NOT have any unused open space open. Open space equals Heat Island Effect creating more Greenhouse Gas. Conserve rain water using cisterns strategically located around the city where there are low spots.	10/26/2020 1:18 PM
16	Make recycling from the blue bin easier by allowing more items (styrofoam, plastic bags) to be recycled in the blue bin like the City of Los Angeles. Force all businesses in Burbank to charge for plastic bags and/or offer paper bags. Incentivize restaurants to use compost able or recyclable to go containers.	10/20/2020 2:45 PM
17	Consider the increased cost to customers and the decrease of efficiency if the model followed is similar to the rest of the state.	10/20/2020 2:39 PM
18	More free EV charging stations	10/20/2020 11:56 AM
19	make more dedicated bike lanes along main through-streets like Buena Vista, Burbank Blvd, Olive Ave, Victory Blvd. Offer tax incentives for residents who reduce their energy consumption rates. Offer reduced rates for residents who do not use weekly trash pickup.	10/18/2020 5:40 PM
20	Use covid as an opportunity to work with studios and other large businesses to put some long term traffic reduction measures in place - encourage remote working, reducing the in-person work week, etc. Fewer cars on the road!	10/14/2020 6:37 PM
21	See above.	10/14/2020 3:50 PM
22	See above	10/14/2020 3:30 PM
23	Expanding the public charging program would multiply the effect of buying more clean energy from Palo Verde - making cars fueled by Burbank electricity virtually carbon-free. cgnp.org	10/14/2020 2:10 PM