



# Initial input: Parks, Arts & Recreation

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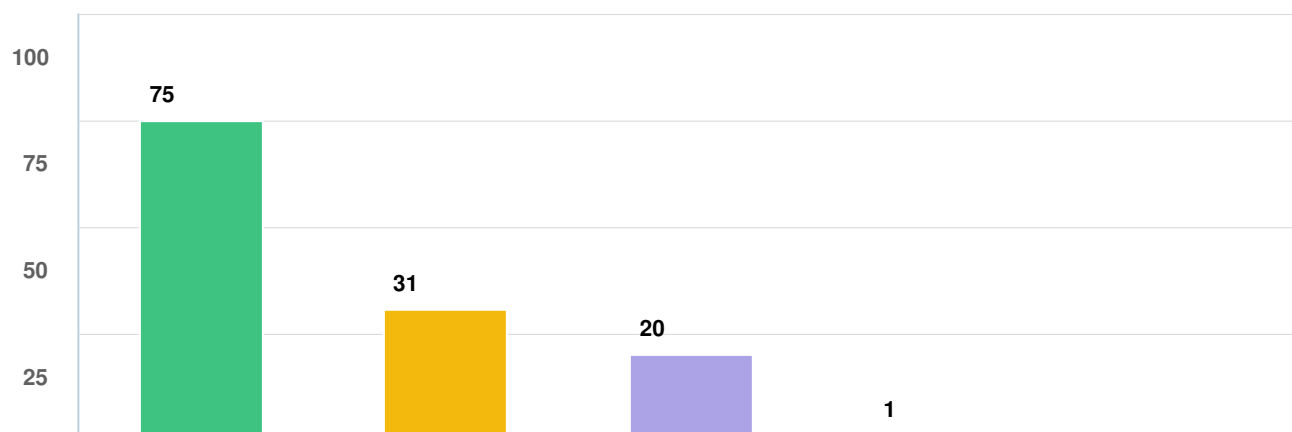
## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

19 March 2019 - 07 November 2023

### **PROJECT NAME:**

Olympia 2045: Parks, Arts & Recreation

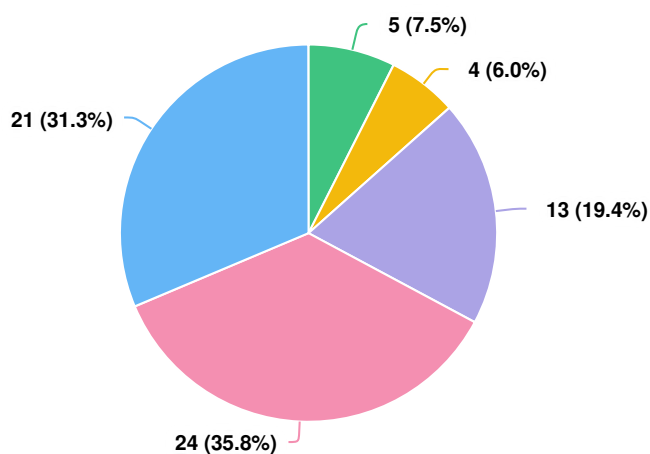
# REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

**Q1 How are you connected to Olympia? (Check all that apply)****Question options**

- I live in Olympia   
 ● I work or own a business in Olympia   
 ● I visit Olympia   
 ● I go to school in Olympia  
● None of the above

Mandatory Question (93 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

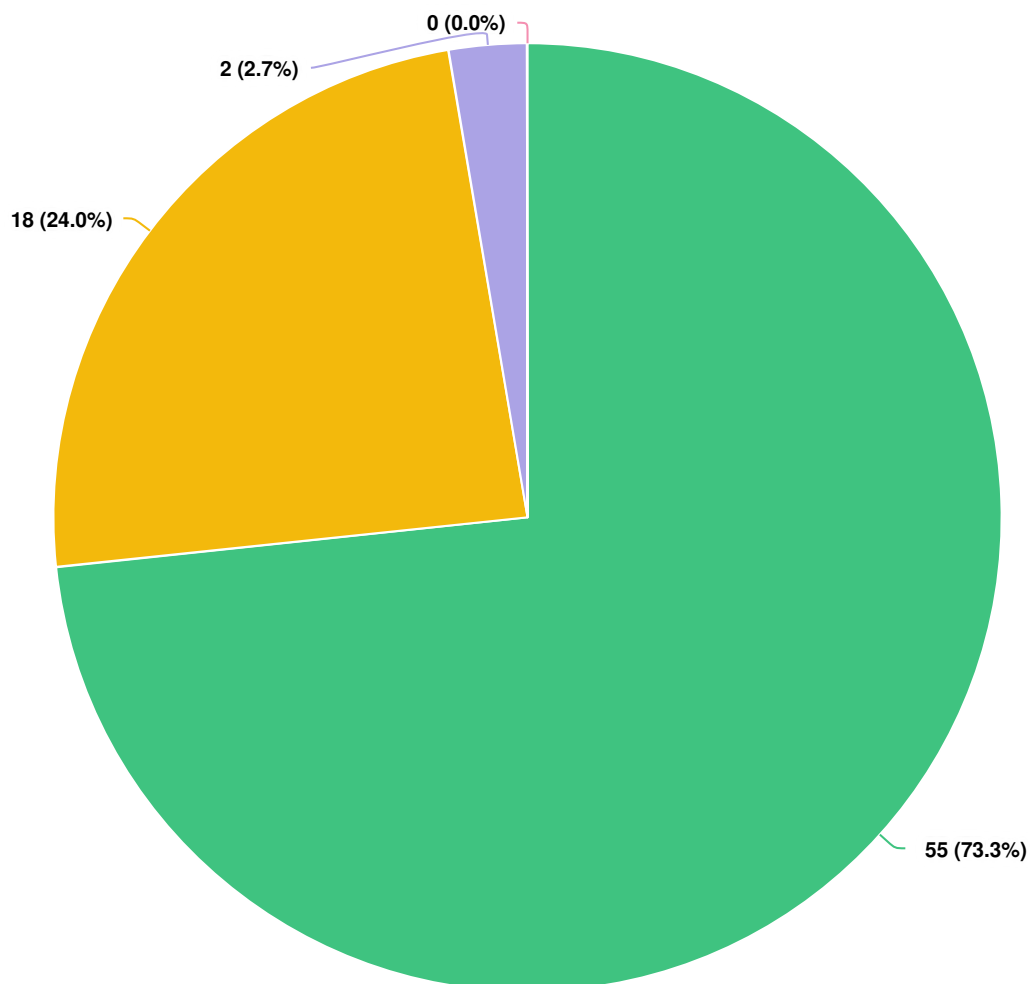
**Q2 In which area of Olympia do you live? (Not sure - See Regions Map)****Question options**

- Capitol/South Capitol   
 ● Downtown   
 ● Northeast   
 ● Southeast   
 ● Westside

Optional question (67 response(s), 26 skipped)

Question type: Dropdown Question

### Q3 What is your living situation?

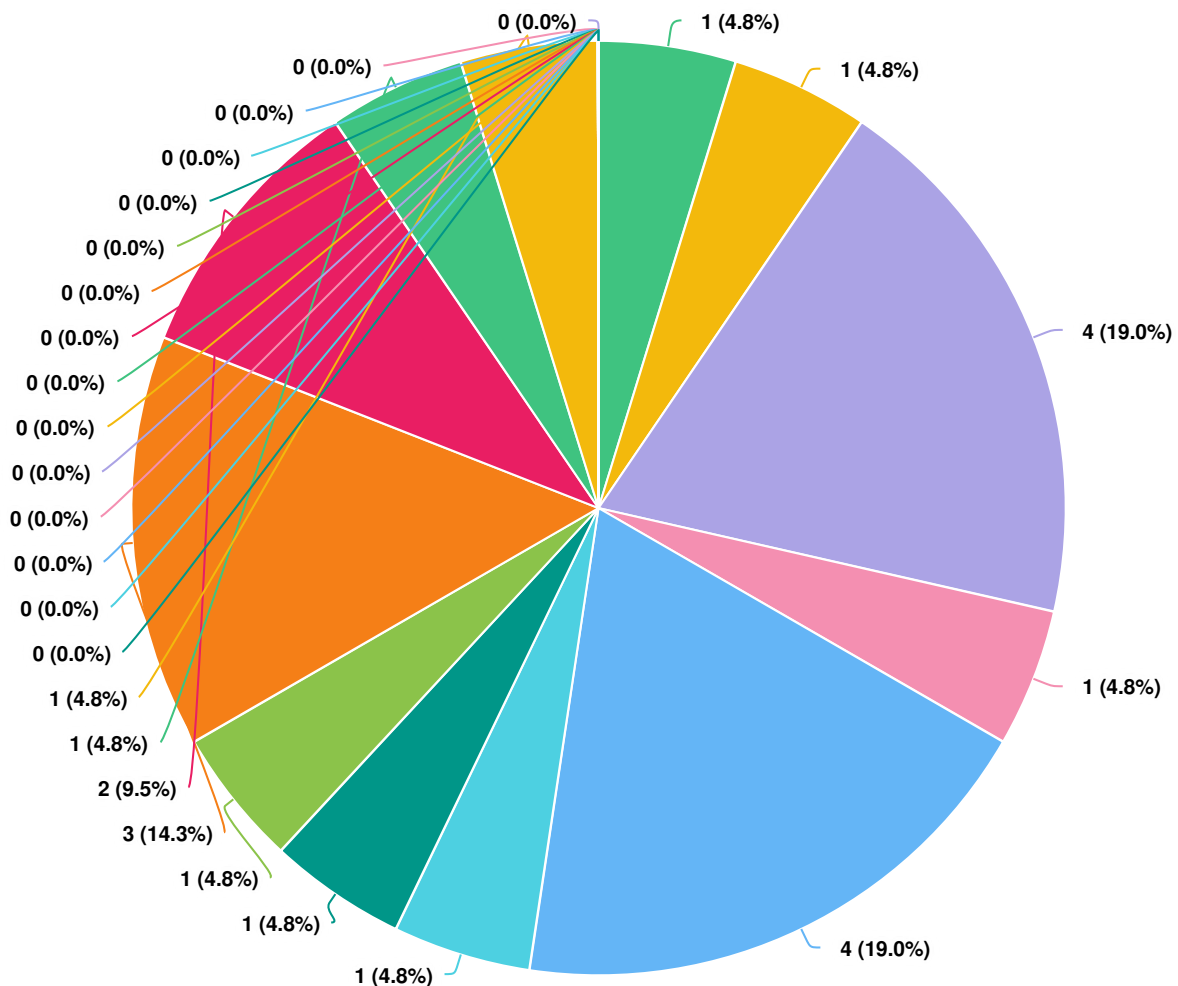


#### Question options

☒ I own   ☐ I rent   ☐ Prefer not to say   ☐ I am unsheltered

Mandatory Question (75 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

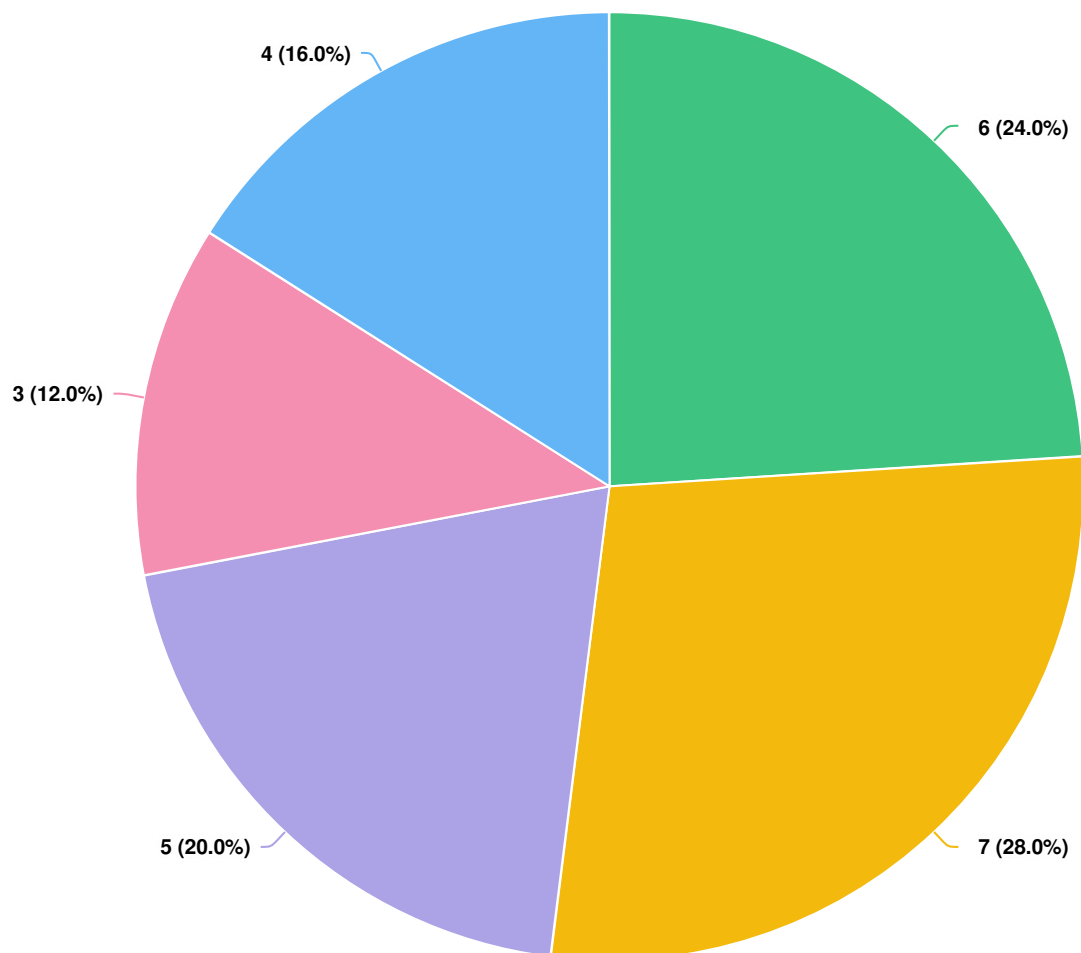
**Q4 If you are a member of a Recognized Neighborhood Association, please choose it below.**

**Question options**

- |                   |                 |                |                                   |                  |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Bigelow Highlands | Burbank-Elliott | Cain Road      | Downtown Neighborhood Association | Eastside         |
| Governor Stevens  | Greenfield      | Indian Creek   | North East                        | Northwest        |
| Wilderness        | Wildwood        | Bigelow        | Carlyon North                     | Castlewood       |
| Cooper Crest      | Covenant Court  | Devon Place    | East Bay Drive                    | Friendly Village |
| Goldcrest         | Hidden Creek    | Kempton Downs  | Lakemoor                          | Merryman Place   |
| Nottingham        | Redwood Estates | South Capitol  | Southwest                         | The Birches      |
| Ward Lake Heights | Wellington West | West Bay Drive | Woodard Glenn                     |                  |

Optional question (21 response(s), 72 skipped)

Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q5** In which area of Olympia do you work or own a business? (Not sure - See Regions Map)



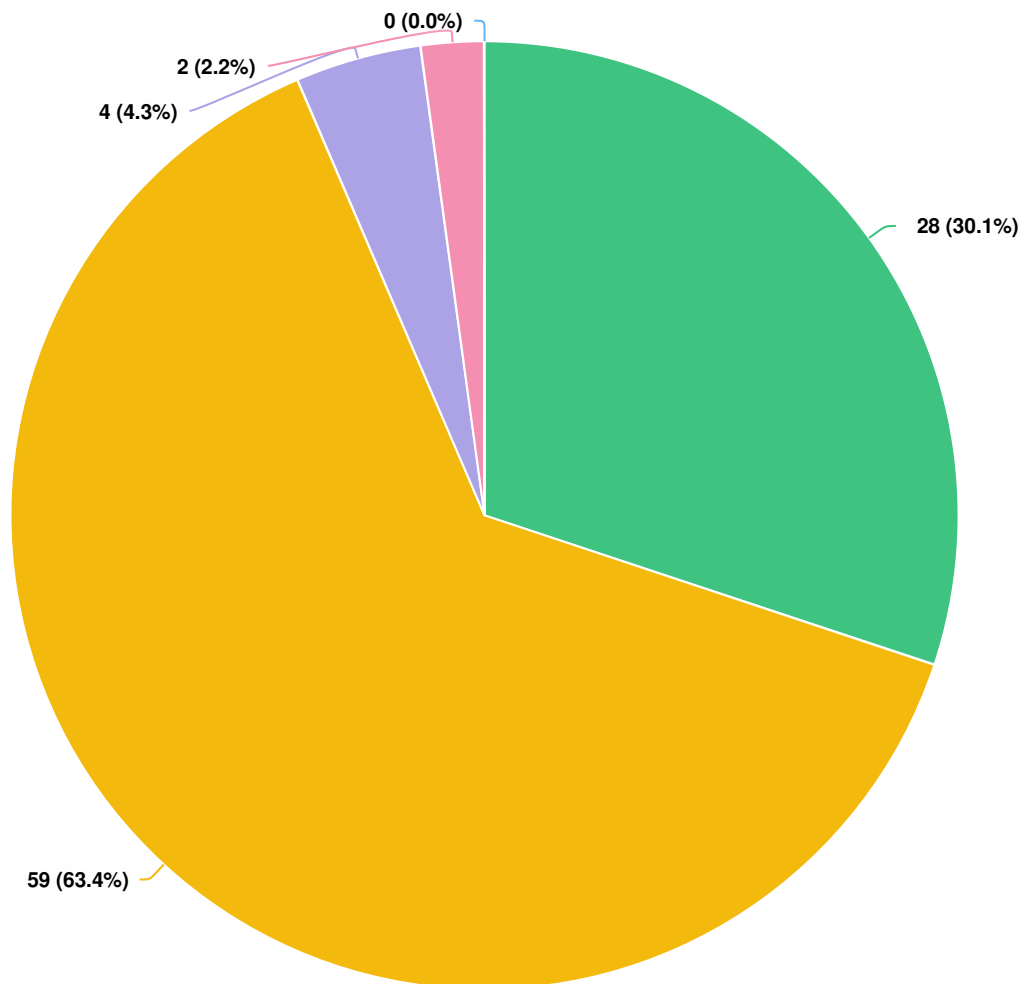
**Question options**

Capitol/South Capitol   Downtown   Northeast   Southeast   Westside

Optional question (25 response(s), 68 skipped)

Question type: Dropdown Question

## Q6 What is your gender?



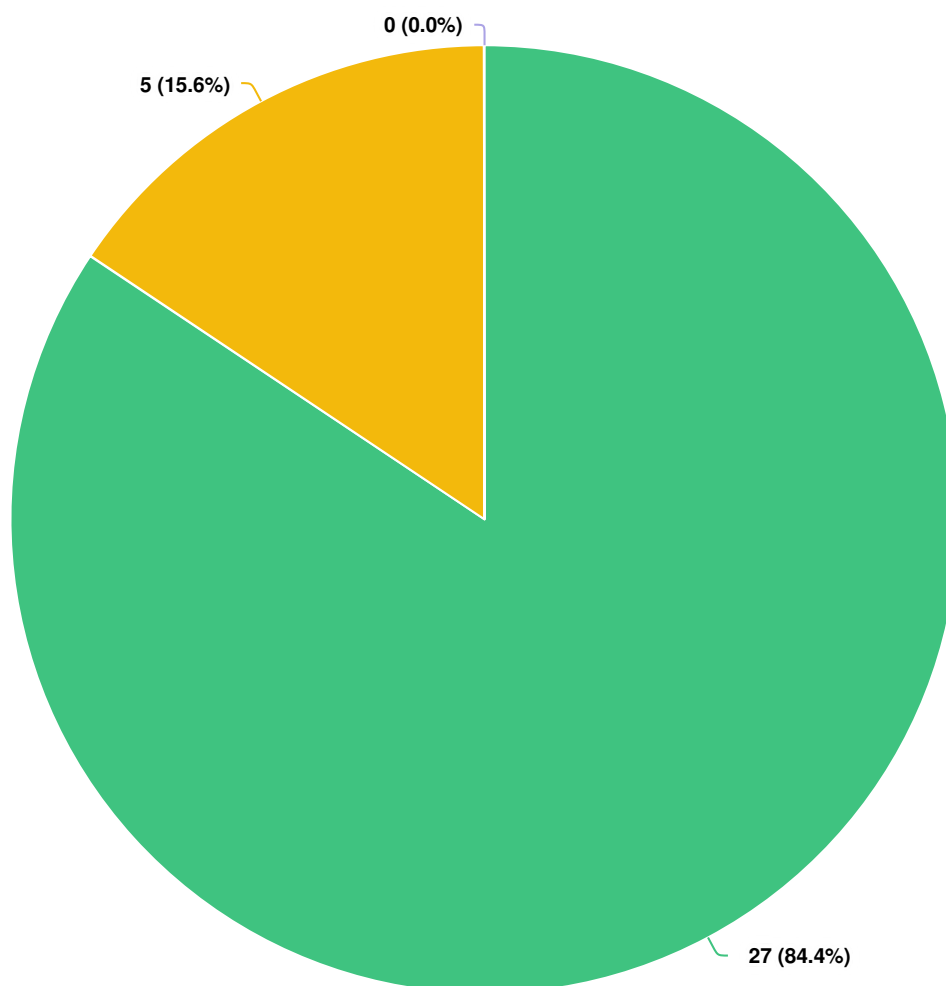
### Question options

● Male
 ● Female
 ● Non-binary
 ● Prefer not to say
 ● Prefer to self-describe (Check box and enter below)

Mandatory Question (93 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

## Q8 Are you transgender?

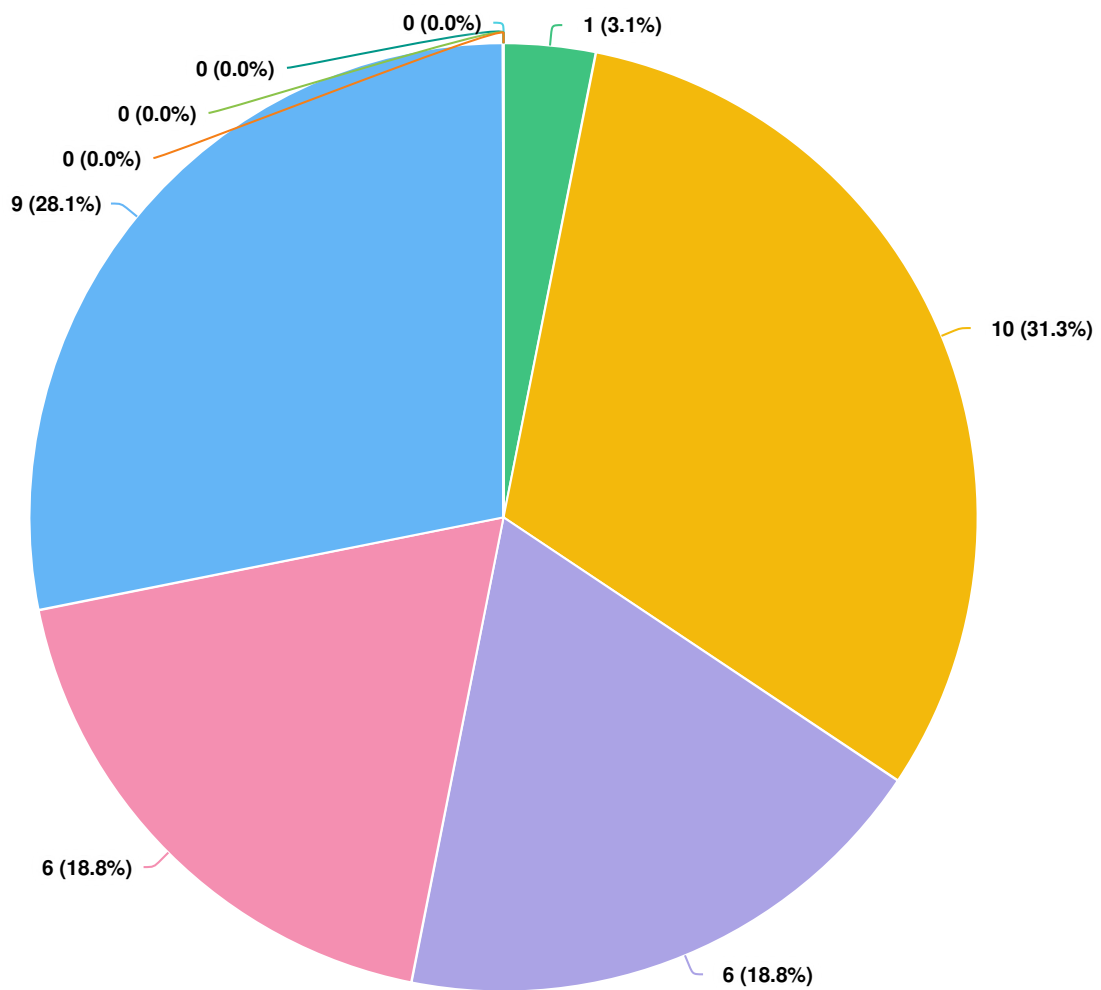


### Question options

☒ No ☐ Prefer not to say ☐ Yes

Optional question (32 response(s), 61 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question

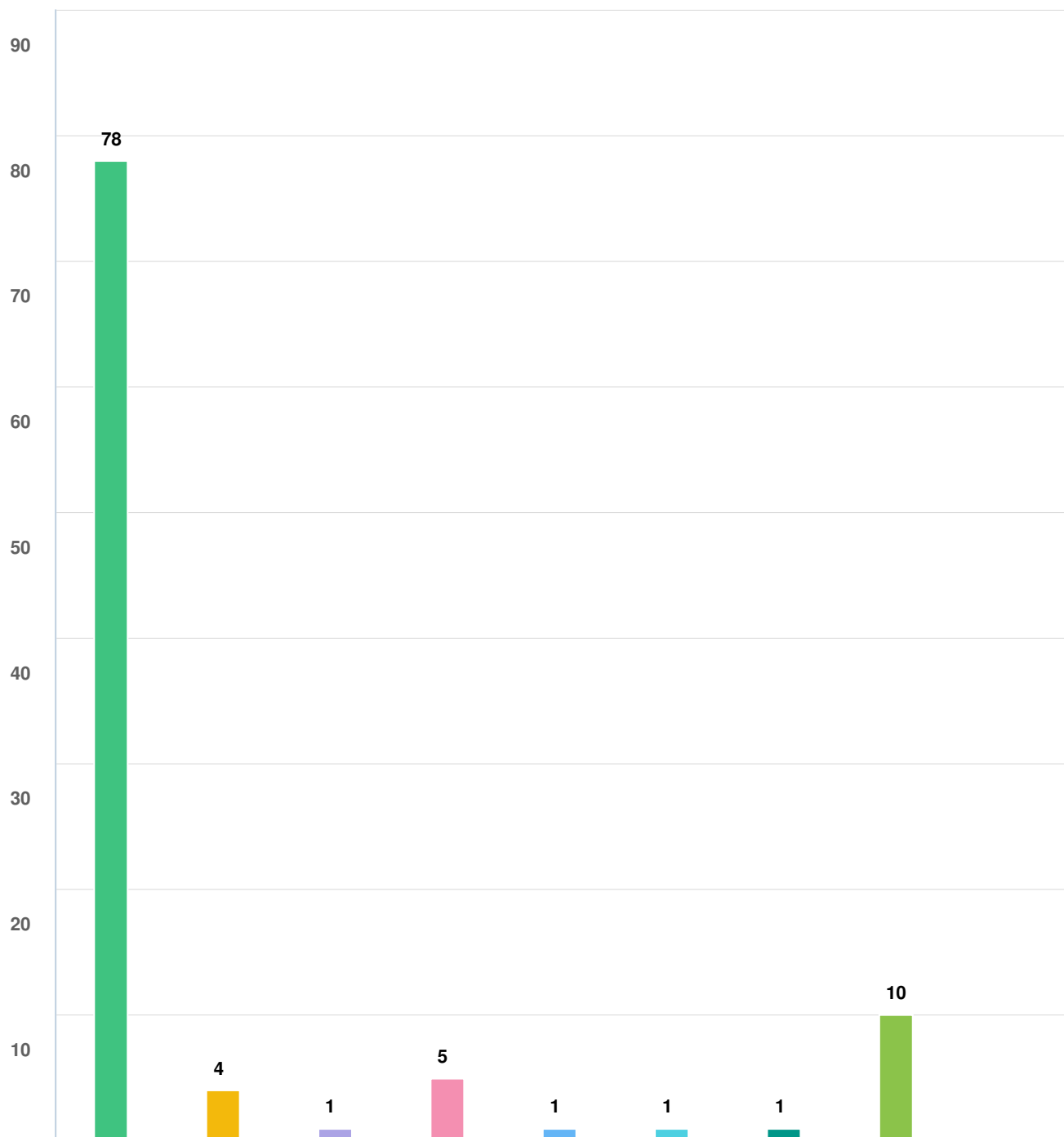


**Q9** What is your age?**Question options**

25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 Under 18 18-24 75-84 85 or older

Optional question (32 response(s), 61 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q10 What is your race or ethnicity? (Check all that apply)****Question options**

- White
 ● Hispanic, Latino or Spanish
 ● Black or African American
 ● Asian or Asian Indian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
 ● Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Some other race or ethnicity (Check box and enter below)
 ● Prefer not to say
 ● Middle Eastern or North African

*Mandatory Question (93 response(s))*

*Question type: Checkbox Question*



## Q11 What other race or ethnicity?

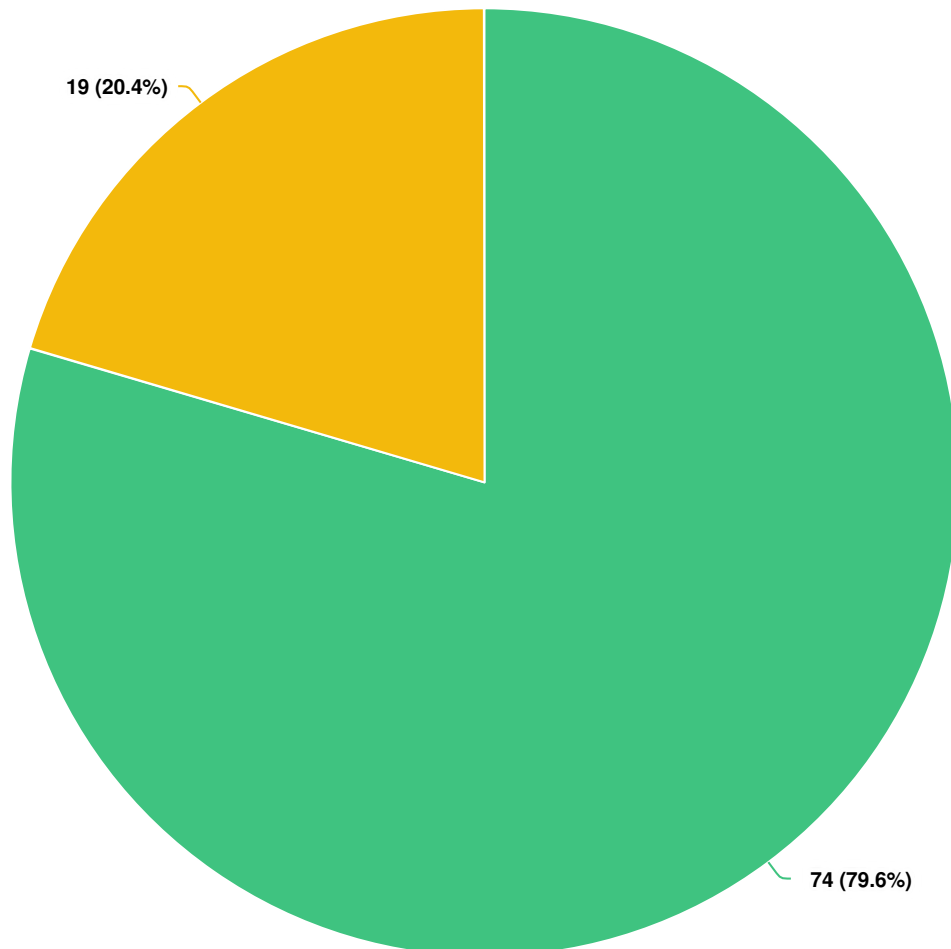
Screen Name Redacted Irish/German American

4/09/2019 09:34 PM

**Optional question** (1 response(s), 92 skipped)

**Question type:** Single Line Question

**Q12** | Would you be interested in participating in future targeted engagement opportunities (focus groups, community conversations, etc.) that match your interests?



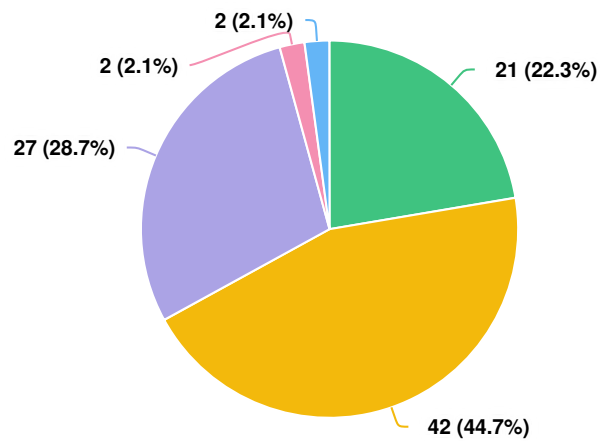
**Question options**

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mandatory Question (93 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question

# SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1** How familiar are you with the services that Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation provides?



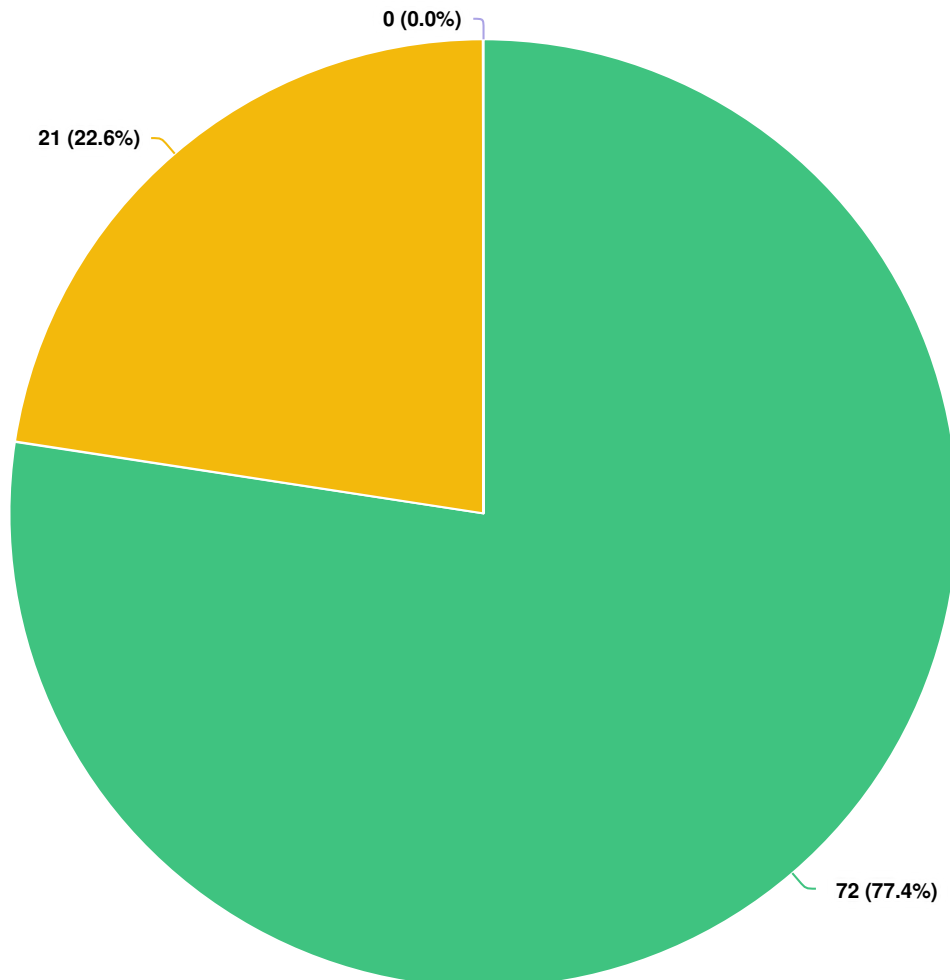
**Question options**

● Very
 ● Moderately
 ● Somewhat
 ● Slightly
 ● Not at all

Optional question (94 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q2** | The draft “values” statement above incorporates input received from an earlier public survey. How do you feel about it?



**Question options**

☒ Great as written ☐ Needs some work ☐ Needs a complete rewrite

*Optional question (93 response(s), 1 skipped)*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q3 What would you change, remove or add?**

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 02:00 PM

It's just kind of clunky.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 02:28 PM

I have different values on the 4 primary topics. Arts less important to me. Public support of artists not my highest priority.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 04:40 PM

Remove spiritual. Not everyone feels that way.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 04:51 PM

Say something about the role of parks in climate mitigation and especially adaptation, because forested, shaded parks are a refuge for people in our increasingly hot summers.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 05:05 PM

Residents of Olympia value parks, open space, recreation and art. These create our sense of community and enhance physical, spiritual, economic, environmental and emotional well-being.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 07:15 PM

Olympians value the role parks, open space, recreation and art play in our lives, enriching community through engaging the physical, spiritual, environmental and emotional well-being that these all offer.

Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2023 08:29 AM

Add more PickleBall courts.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 07:47 AM

I would add diversity into the statement

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 04:51 PM

Include access to nature

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 09:44 PM

Take out the ; between lives; as

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2023 11:21 AM

The statement itself is fine, but the sentence structure and punctuation need work. "Olympians value the role parks, open space, recreation, and art play in our lives. These contribute to our sense of community and to our physical, spiritual, economic, environmental,



and emotional well-being.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2023 07:43 AM

Add something about respecting/honoring/protecting wildlife

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2023 11:33 AM

I'd like to see something more active, that emphasizes people using the spaces. I'm also not sure how to incorporate that.

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 02:32 AM

Replace the semicolon with "because these contribute...:

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 09:04 AM

Think there should be a stronger emphasis on youth and families.

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 09:22 AM

"We aim to cultivate an Olympia Parks and Recreation system that values inclusivity, accessibility, and a sense of belonging. Rooted in the enriching power of parks, open spaces, and arts, our mission is to foster physical, spiritual, and emotional well-being for all, creating a diverse, welcoming, and unified community." I'd like to see a commitment to improving accessibility and inclusion.

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 10:09 AM

Grammar/syntax only. "the role [that] parks..." / "lives[,] as..." / Oxford commas after 'recreation' and 'environmental.'

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 11:01 AM

We do more than esoterically 'value' those things, we believe in their necessity for a healthy community, and therefore 'value and strongly support'

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 07:05 PM

Clunky as written: "we value parks, open spaces, arts, and recreation because they contribute to, and enhance, our sense of community, and our physical, emotional, spiritual, environmental, and economic well-being" (end with economic - least of the list).

Screen Name Redacted

8/05/2023 01:39 AM

Parks, open space, art, & recreation contribute to Olympians sense of community as well as to our physical, spiritual, economic, environmental & emotional well being.

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8/05/2023 03:27 PM

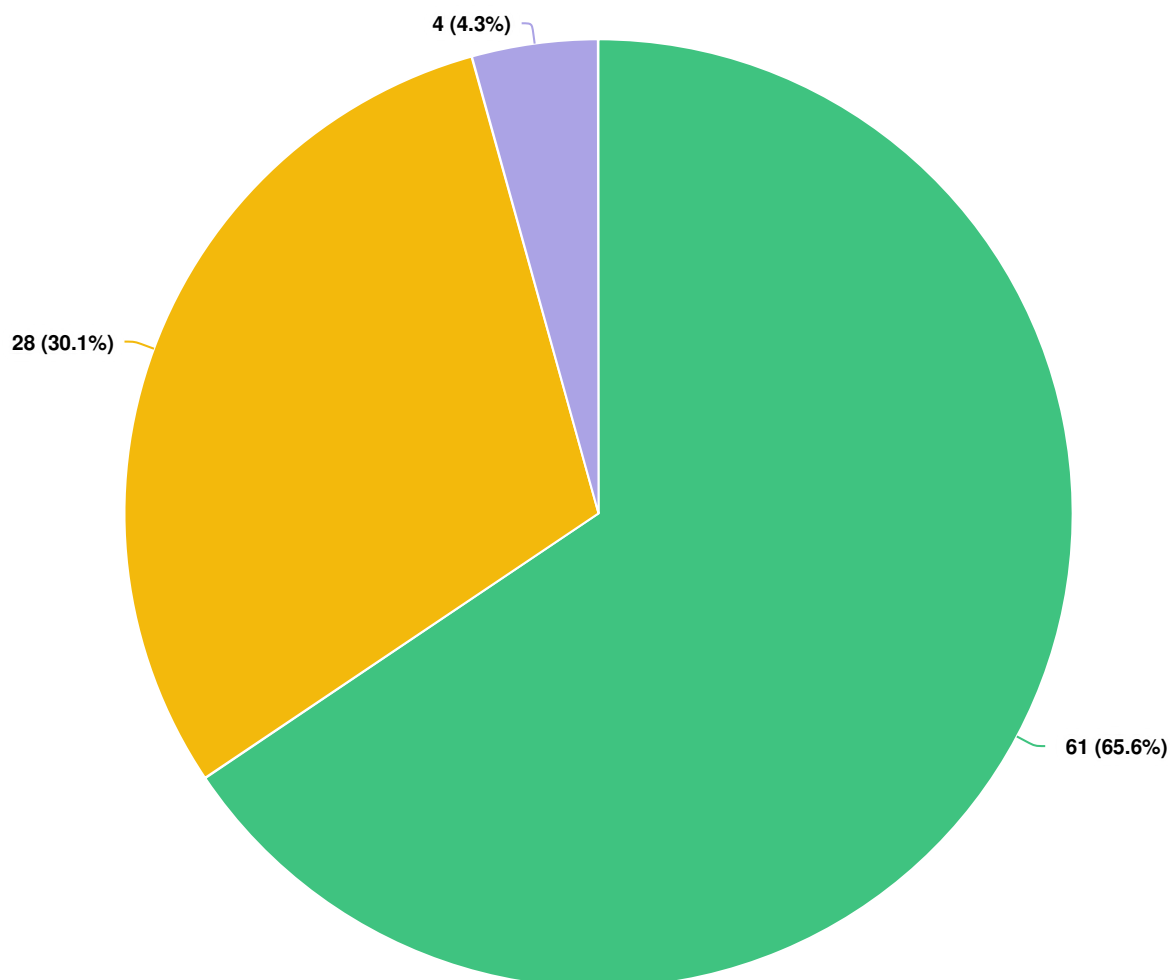
Should include "heritage"...history is just as important to include as these other attributes.



**Optional question** (21 response(s), 73 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q4** The draft “vision for the future” statement above incorporates input received from an earlier public survey. How do you feel about it?



**Question options**

● Great as written ● Needs some work ● Needs a complete rewrite

*Optional question (93 response(s), 1 skipped)*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q5 What would you change, remove or add?**

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7/25/2023 02:18 PM

would add an indigenous shout out re land acknowledgment

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:02 PM

Parks preserve the natural environment for future generations

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:13 PM

Parks should be an inspiration for living in and with nature; for instance they could demonstrate how we can preserve nature so as to limit climate change as much as possible, and how an area can have all kinds of vegetation without succumbing to invasive species (which provide nothing for our nature animals to eat).

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 05:24 PM

It's vague. And using the idea of healthy without further clarification makes me worried you would use it as a way to pick on poor people as you seem to like to find tricky ways with words to make life harder and community less welcoming to our lower income and poverty stricken brothers and sisters. Sometimes you seem to cater to the supposed health of the wealthy transplants eyeballs more than the welcoming of our not so well off neighbors.

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7/25/2023 04:23 PM

Safety

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7/25/2023 04:18 PM

I would add verbiage about climate change and Olympia's attempts to further green goals.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 04:40 PM

I would add 'safe'.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 04:51 PM

We won't be a healthy place to live without maintaining our mature trees. Large trees in neighborhoods are documented to contribute to better mental and physical health of residents.

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7/26/2023 04:17 PM

Stronger wording about access and equity.

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7/25/2023 05:05 PM

A safe, sustainable and culturally interesting place to live.



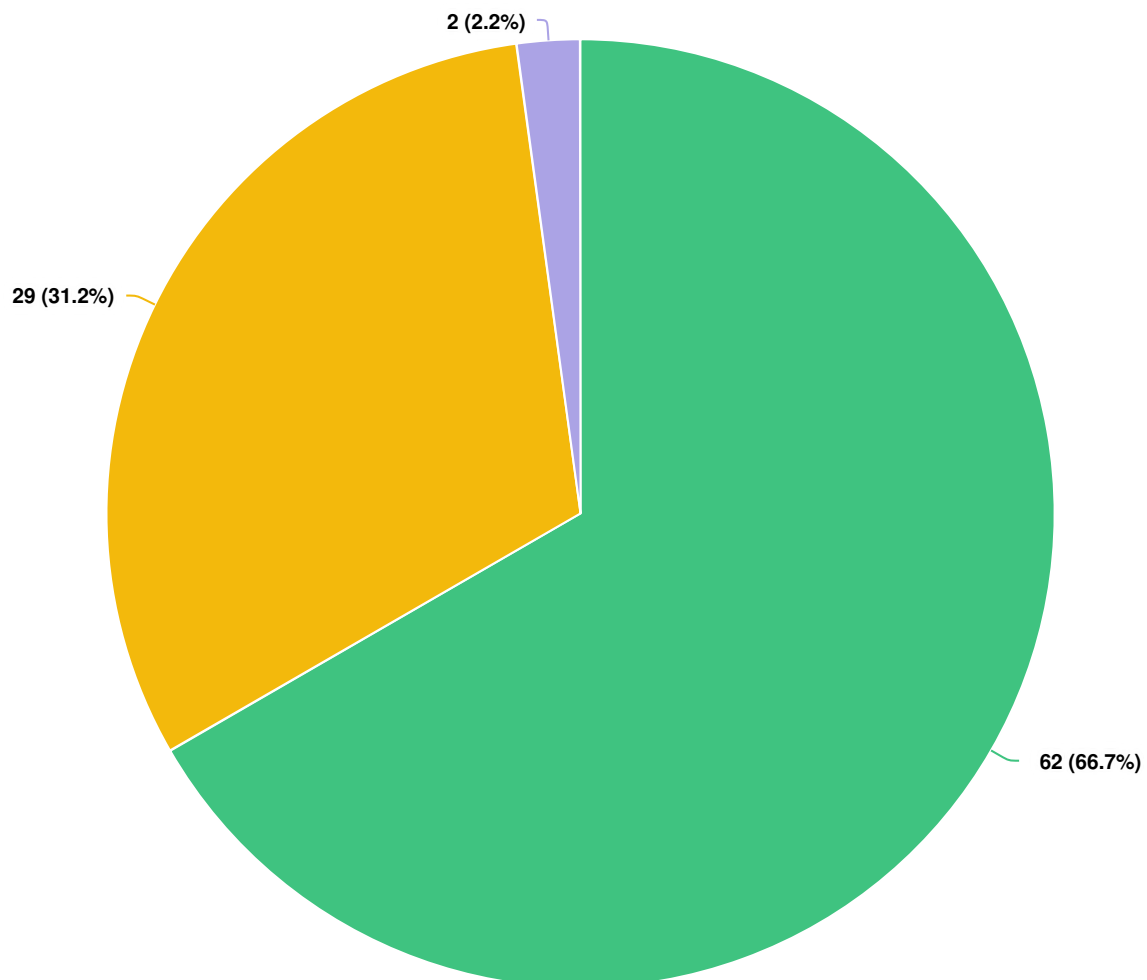
Screen Name Redacted 7/25/2023 07:15 PM	A healthy, inclusive and enriching place to live for all Olympians.
Screen Name Redacted 7/25/2023 09:16 PM	Instead of "all Olympians" - all members of the Olympia community
Screen Name Redacted 7/26/2023 07:47 AM	Add safety
Screen Name Redacted 7/26/2023 11:20 AM	"enriching" is vague: what does this term encompass? Is there another word that could be more active, specific, or easier to envision?
Screen Name Redacted 7/26/2023 04:57 PM	It is not clear whether the vision statement is just for all the parks, the new plan, etc. If it is about where we live and why we live here, this misses the mark so badly that I do not know where to begin....
Screen Name Redacted 7/26/2023 04:51 PM	Add safe
Screen Name Redacted 7/26/2023 09:44 PM	The Parks, Arts & Recreation vision for the future is that Olympia will be a healthy, enriching, accessible, and fun place to live for all Olympians.
Screen Name Redacted 7/30/2023 07:43 AM	add inclusive/equitable or other DEI language...
Screen Name Redacted 7/31/2023 11:31 AM	A healthy, fun, welcoming and enriching place to live, work, and play. I would remove "olympians" as some people work, but do not live in Olympia. I would like our community to focus on being welcoming to all.
Screen Name Redacted 8/01/2023 07:49 PM	Does "all Olympians" mean wildlife/non-humans? What will we do about habitat?
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 09:04 AM	Would like to see some focus incorporating youth and sports as important though this may cover it if additional statements-strategic plan statements cover it.

Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 10:09 AM	Oxford comma
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 11:01 AM	fun sounds pejorative and overly simple, and kinda silly
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 07:05 PM	I know wordsmithers are irritating! Where's resiliency, individual and community? I think the centrality of inclusive community needs to be in this statement.
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 09:30 PM	diverse and loving
Screen Name Redacted 8/05/2023 01:39 AM	Olympia will be a healthy and enjoyable place and will provide accessible opportunities for physical, spiritual, artistic (etc) . enrichment for all.
Screen Name Redacted 8/05/2023 09:46 AM	It just reads as standard marketing. Different Olympians can have very different views on what is "fun and enriching" and thus, everyone can interject their personal views onto the statement. Explicitly state the enrichment and I will be less skeptical
Screen Name Redacted 8/06/2023 05:07 AM	Change fun with exciting or engaging or????
Screen Name Redacted 8/06/2023 09:38 AM	"fun"...dilutes "healthy" and "enriching"
Screen Name Redacted 8/07/2023 12:03 AM	I can't tell whether this "vision" is intended to describe just parks, or what. Parks can't provide what the rest of our planning process is negating through our transportation and land use decisions. We act as if sprinkling enough little parklets around can make up for auto dominated landuse, which is causing climate problems and health and emotional problems for people.

**Optional question** (30 response(s), 64 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q6** The draft introduction paragraph above was based on the recently adopted 2022 Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan. How do you feel about it?



**Question options**

☒ Great as written ☐ Needs some work ☐ Needs a complete rewrite

*Optional question (93 response(s), 1 skipped)*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*

## Q7 What would you change, remove or add?

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7/25/2023 02:09 PM

Focusing on one specific example, like the Arts Walk, seems strange in an introduction. Broad examples such as the amount of parks seem good. Perhaps showing the extent of public events would communicate how much work the Parks, Arts & Recreation department does.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 02:28 PM

Statement sounds rosy but the 'stewards of 53 parks' doesn't reflect the poor condition of some of our facilities. In particular the boardwalk lacks maintenance. We know it needs major repair/replace but don't stop maintaining what we have.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 02:29 PM

Needs to mention trails, including City, County and Port managed trails.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:02 PM

Again- there's no mention of the role parks play in conservation

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:33 PM

More emphasis on art especially curated art not just what's popular

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:56 PM

It uses the word "community" too much. Strengthen our connections to others and increases appreciation of the natural resources our city has to offer. "Sense of place" is not needed. The City of Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation stewards 53 parks for community gathering, education, and preservation. And the annual Arts Walk supports the artistic expression of the citizenship that has gained national recognition.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:47 PM

We need to add the words TRAILS and COMMUNITY HEALTH into this statements. It is not just individual health. The parks and trails improve health, not just the classes.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 05:24 PM

If you were being honest you would write basically the above but include that it's all for the more wealthy and nothing much at all is offered for recreational fun for low and no income people. Olympia is not as welcoming as it would like us to believe. There is very little for the poor in our community to do. One can only take so many walks in the same manicured space. There needs to be more free events.



Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 04:18 PM

Again, would add verbiage about climate change and furthering city-wide green spaces.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 04:51 PM

These are places where people can connect with nature as well as people.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 05:01 PM

We support the heritage earned for us by the pioneers who's vision and labor carved this city out of a wilderness

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 05:36 PM

More emphasis on sports

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 07:15 PM

You include 53 parks. Include the number of Arts Walk events as well.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 10:54 AM

I don't feel that this is an accurate statement. While I understand that most Olympians feel similar to this, the City's actions don't always align. For example, parks and services are often overtaken by unhoused folks, making them unusable by others in the community. Prioritizing this subgroup over the greater population doesn't align with the philosophy that parks/arts/services are accessible to all.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 04:57 PM

Parks and programs are not a "we." The adjectives "great" and "vibrant" have nothing to do with a vision. The vision statement as written does not support why the program and parks are important, why they should be maintained and supported. The number of parks is irrelevant. And, this is way too long.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 09:44 PM

Add something about the the Armory Creative Campus?

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2023 11:21 AM

The punctuation is all over the place. There needs to be consistency with the use of the Oxford comma. For a document that is meant to be read by the public, sentences could easily be shortened and simplified for accessibility. The content is fine as is.

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2023 04:37 PM

Too many "vibrants" and way way waaaay too many "community" and too long. It reads as pc blather rather than anything real. Edit out the pc blather and it would be a third shorter and people might actually

read it.

Screen Name Redacted

7/28/2023 12:21 PM

I see walkability as a shortcoming. Being outside in our neighborhoods require sidewalks, to get to school, to bus stops and for simple things as an evening stroll. Where we live, the sidewalk plan from years ago recognized the need for sidewalks but was changed to purchase land. Now we have a PRD, can we get the sidewalks back as a priority? I so believe the utility tax for this never sunsets.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2023 07:43 AM

change strengthen our connection to the community to "connection to each other"... community can feel vague/abstract and this word is used too often in the statement

Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2023 11:31 AM

Not sure why arts walk is named specifically when other programs aren't. Other than that it looks great. :)

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 09:04 AM

Would add the community should prioritize youth and youth sports esp. since that is something most families with elementary and middle school aged children value.

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 09:22 AM

More about access and inclusive events. Backed up by action.

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 11:01 AM

The whole paragraph just doesn't mesh together, like when it says 'make positive impacts on our environment' is it talking about the natural environment, or like the general environment of the city? And recreation classes 'support the local economy' maybe but feels like a stretch or pushing an agenda, isn't it more important to talk about the well being of the participants and what they learn? And don't you all support more then public art, but art organizations? And the last sentence is structured incorrectly which makes it sound like the Arts Walk defines the character of the community when it's really Art in general in our community ... have ya'll tried AI yet? That would really help clean this up...

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 07:05 PM

It's great and I want to see resiliency, individual and community, included. Also, the Department works darn hard to be inclusive and provide services to ALL community members. Should also be here.

Screen Name Redacted

Needs some additions about physical & economic accessiblity.

8/05/2023 01:39 AM

Screen Name Redacted

8/05/2023 09:14 AM

More explicit language about providing access to people with disabilities.

Screen Name Redacted

8/05/2023 11:33 AM

heavy on art, would like more emphasis on other areas as well

Screen Name Redacted

8/05/2023 02:12 PM

add some of the sport fields available

Screen Name Redacted

8/05/2023 03:27 PM

Needs to include "heritage" "historic character" "cultural resources" and "historic places" ...retaining our historic sense of place is just as important if not more so than the other attributes mentioned.

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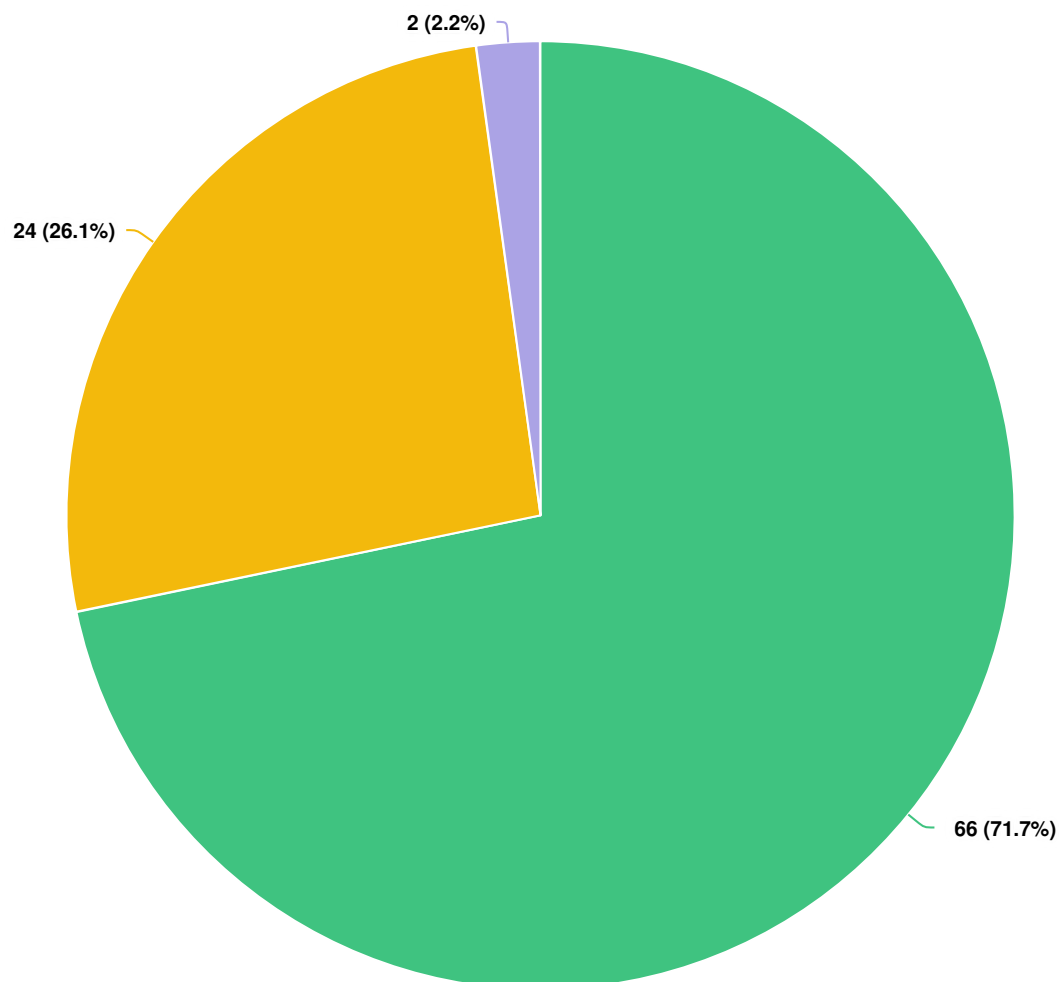
8/07/2023 12:03 AM

I question "arts as a defining characteristic of our community." This seems way oversold, inflated PR speak.

**Optional question** (31 response(s), 63 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q8** How do you feel about the above statement?



**Question options**

☒ Great as written ☐ Needs some work ☐ Needs a complete rewrite

*Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q9 What would you change, remove or add?**

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 02:18 PM

We, as a diverse community, are committed to creating safe places for our children to thrive and play and enjoy. Please join our efforts.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:14 PM

I am not sure if things have changed that much in the parks.  
"reducing the incidence of.." seems false. I refuse to take my kids to Percival Landing Park and will not let them or myself use that park restroom. It's unsafe.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 02:29 PM

Eliminate the Park Ranger and make Parks safety a principal responsibility of Olympia Police Department. They are available 24/7

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:56 PM

Poorly constructed sentence. Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation has been working to make our parks, facilities and services safer for everyone. We have made significant progress in this effort since the last plan but there is still work to do. New initiatives will continue to evolve into 2023 and beyond.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 05:24 PM

Again unspecific and vague language. What is unsafe behavior? Seems like more word trickery to other people who are without homes out of our public spaces. What are the plans for including our unhoused brothers and sisters in park recreation if we truly are trying to be welcoming for ALL?

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 06:09 PM

"there is still work needed"...

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 07:15 PM

... there is still work to do to promote an environment where diversity is acknowledged and genuinely supported. Our target goal is for everyone to feel safe and that all Olympians genuinely feel they belong. (Does the LGBTQ community feel safe in our city parks?)

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 08:12 PM

The implicit message around safety is that there is a problem with safety. While houselessness has a higher rate of mental health concerns, we should try and articulate the desire to also create resources and being welcoming and support to EVERYONE

Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2023 08:29 AM

Continue efforts to keep / discourage homeless from using park facilities as their bathrooms.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 10:54 AM

This is incredibly misleading. The City should own the issue. It is the reality and people know it. When a parking lot to a park is closed because of constant vandalism, it doesn't matter if said vandalism is being "reduced".

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 11:20 AM

"Feel safe" could be construed as a dog-whistle phrase signalling that "everyone" isn't welcomed or invited to "belong" in city parks. I realized the balance being struck here, but some people's \*feelings\* about safety should not outweigh the actual safety issues faced by other members of our community who may be unhoused or facing other challenges while living in public spaces.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 04:57 PM

How about "where visitors are safe..." Feeling safe has little to do with anything. We all hope to be safe everywhere. I would say there is still work to do to "increase safety!!!"

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 09:44 PM

all citizens and visitors are safe and feel that they belong.

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2023 11:21 AM

Again, oxford comma.

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2023 04:37 PM

People need more than a sense of safety, they need a positive experience. "Unsafe behavior" implies immediate danger and harm. Obnoxious, annoying, unpleasant, offensive and generally disgusting behavior isn't dangerous, but it does drive people away then we end up with The Artesian Park situation.

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2023 07:39 PM

More definite about removing homeless people from parks.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2023 07:43 AM

add language that indicates an urgency/stronger commitment to improvement

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2023 11:33 AM

Don't stop at saying there is still work to do. Add a statement indicating at least one positive step that is actively being implemented to solve the problem of unsafe behavior.

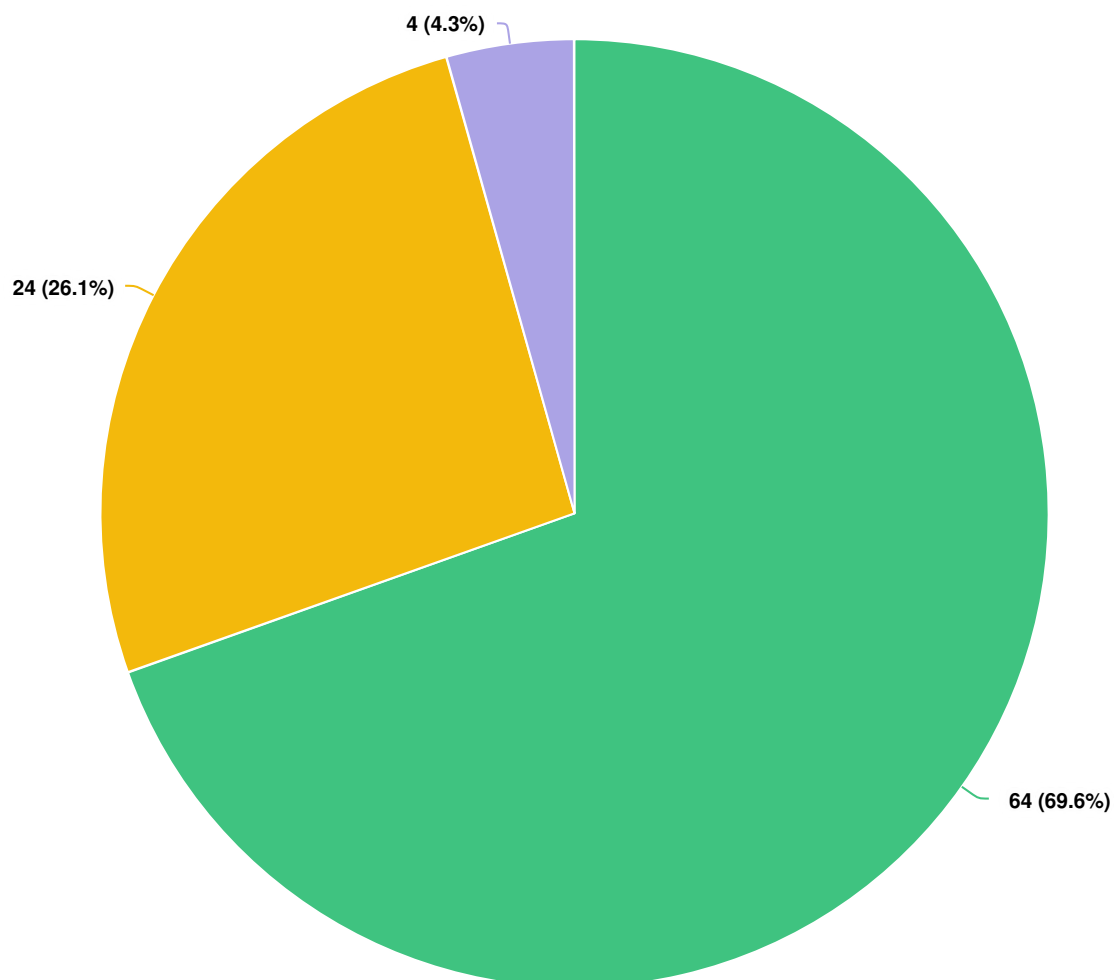


Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 09:04 AM	Unclear what is unsafe or unwelcoming - if anything, think could be more focused on what is trying to be accomplished.
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 09:20 AM	I don't want to see Olympia move toward hostile policies or architecture that target unhoused people. This statement should include how the parks strategy supports Olympia's overall efforts to increase affordable housing while NOT restricting the right of unhoused people to exist in public spaces.
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 11:01 AM	the phrase 'that they belong' this isn't talking about an organization, it's talking about a park ... perhaps it could apply to 'services' like ... I dunno, classes? but just because that's the latest catch phrase doesn't mean it should be used here
Screen Name Redacted 8/05/2023 01:39 AM	again, something about accessibility -- safety doesn't matter if you can't use the space & facilities.
Screen Name Redacted 8/05/2023 09:46 AM	Delete it completely. It sounds disingenuous.
Screen Name Redacted 8/05/2023 01:28 PM	"create a welcoming environment where all visitors feel safe" is a goal that is literally impossible to reach. Some people will feel unsafe in some parks and facilities for personal reasons. I suggest we find a way to make this statement realistic.
Screen Name Redacted 8/05/2023 02:12 PM	wordy
Screen Name Redacted 8/07/2023 12:03 AM	I think you're talking about the regular drug users and dealers when you say "unsafe behavior in parks" -- why not say what you mean? Why hide behind this veil of euphemism?

**Optional question** (26 response(s), 68 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q10** How do you feel about the above statement?



**Question options**

☒ Great as written    ☐ Needs some work    ☐ Needs a complete rewrite

*Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*



## Q11 What would you change, remove or add?

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7/25/2023 02:18 PM

Tax dollars will not be enough to fund all of the projects. We look forward to donations by businesses and individuals to make up the difference.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 02:36 PM

There is no inclusion of work to be done on the Rebecca Howard Park, which got started before r at least was talked about before some of these other parks. Why is that? I would like to see this park added to the top of the list. These mega projects include the Rebecca Howard park, etc.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 02:29 PM

These are NOT the "most desired" new parks.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:56 PM

As Olympia continues to grow, park projects like Percival Landing reconstruction, completing the final two phases of the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail, developing West Bay Park and Trail, developing the Armory Creative Campus, and developing a community park at the Yelm Highway park site are becoming increasingly important. These "mega projects" will each cost tens of millions of dollars—money that comes from our parks budget as well as from other sources such as grants and donations.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:47 PM

These large projects get a lot of visible attention but the smaller neighborhood parks are also 'in competition' for the available funds. Not sure how to express that.

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7/25/2023 05:24 PM

Needs to be clear the money will most likely come from taxes, and that would increase the cost of living via higher taxes, that could likely displace even more locals out of house and home. Needs also to make clear that the improvements themselves will most likely rise property tax, again pricing those barely holding on out.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 05:36 PM

More emphasis on providing sport facilities

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 07:15 PM

Community involvement is crucial for these projects to be realized.



Screen Name Redacted 7/25/2023 08:12 PM	I don't know if it needs a rewrite, I want to make sure these projects are benefiting all communities and not just the dominant white middle and upper class
Screen Name Redacted 7/26/2023 09:32 AM	Its fine, I'm just not sure how/why those projects were selected as the most desirable.
Screen Name Redacted 7/26/2023 10:54 AM	How did we get here? Why were new parks proposed when there wasn't funding available?
Screen Name Redacted 7/26/2023 04:57 PM	Address sufficient parking.
Screen Name Redacted 7/26/2023 04:51 PM	Statement says exceeds resources but no mention of budget and shortfall is mentioned.
Screen Name Redacted 7/27/2023 09:26 AM	add "as well as completion of the Greg J. Cuoio Community Park off Carpenter Rd".
Screen Name Redacted 7/28/2023 12:21 PM	Not sure, but I imagine these projects have the support of the active interests. Perhaps mentioning how these projects were selected.
Screen Name Redacted 7/30/2023 07:43 AM	Stating a challenge without some sort of hope for a solution/plan is frustrating to read...
Screen Name Redacted 7/30/2023 11:33 AM	Address priorities and how smaller, low cost projects can be implemented. For example, I'm sure there are volunteer or civic organizations that can work with the city to plant trees, add picnic tables, and so on.
Screen Name Redacted 8/03/2023 08:15 AM	Add a public indoor/outdoor swimming facility to this list
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 09:04 AM	Would like focus on youth and youth athletic facilities needed to meet today's needs.
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 11:01 AM	We just passed that Art Funding thing, which is going to raise millions for the City, how does that fit into all this?!

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 07:05 PM

Doesn't say demand exceeds resources in paragraph

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 09:30 PM

pickleball courts needed everywhere

Screen Name Redacted

8/05/2023 09:46 AM

Hearing a city department in the state capital of one of the weather states of the wealthiest nation on earth complain about a lack of funds is the most tedious thing to sit through. The money is there, it's just not for us. Please address the income and resource inequality of this new guilded age.

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8/05/2023 02:12 PM

park ans sports field

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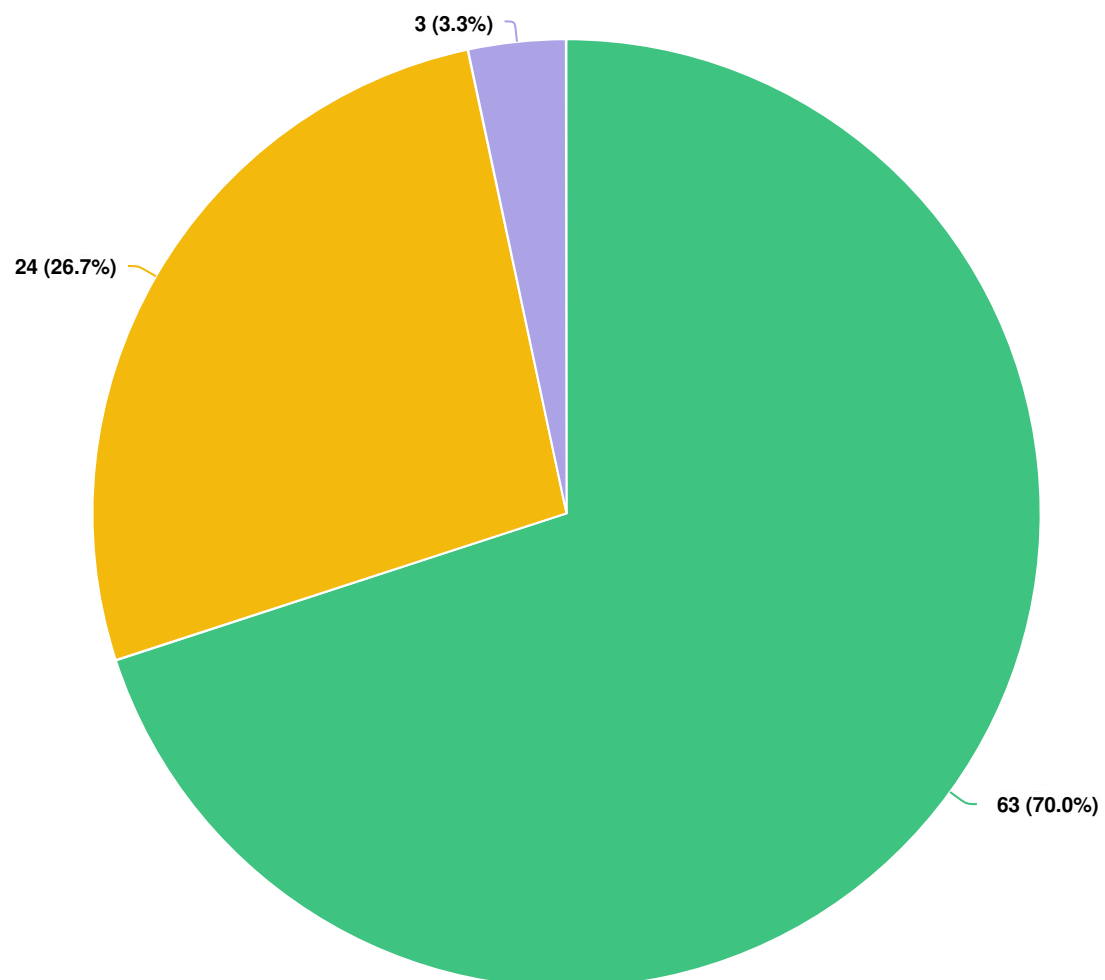
8/05/2023 03:27 PM

There will always be more demand than available funding. The rest is examples. This statement should be more about setting priorities.

**Optional question** (25 response(s), 69 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q12** How do you feel about the above statement?



**Question options**

● Great as written   ● Needs some work   ● Needs a complete rewrite

*Optional question (90 response(s), 4 skipped)*  
*Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q13 What would you change, remove or add?**

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7/25/2023 02:18 PM

This requires a conscious shift in our perception of land use and space. We are committed to achieving this lofty goal.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 02:28 PM

The city has a lot of parks. Statement doesn't account for 'other' parks that residents within the city are able to access. Sylvester, Port Plaza, East Bay, Marathon, Capitol campus, Heritage.

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7/25/2023 02:36 PM

This statement could include the purpose for the parks, such as cultural inclusion and education about our African American, Indigenous and Asian American contributions and history in our community.

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7/25/2023 02:29 PM

City provided two funding mechanisms to acquire all required land for park expansion in 2004 and 2015. The problem is that the City Manager diverted a lot of the money to other purposes, and the City failed to acquire the needed land two decades ago when it was available and affordable. So it is paying too much. The cost of this error should come out of the City Manager's communication staffing budget.

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7/25/2023 03:02 PM

We envision more pocket parks that preserve tree canopy and act as rain gardens and stormwater facilities.

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7/25/2023 03:13 PM

There could be some reference to prices. There is a theory that newcomers should pay the price of the additional city services they require, such as additional roads, water facilities, schools and parks. The theory is that existing residents have already paid the price of the services they themselves use, and should not have to pay for the extra ones newcomers require. This of course would make it very expensive to move to the area and would encourage people to move into denser areas so that services could be closer together and not cost as much. I don't know how you could get that all in (and still be polite) but without it, one gets the impression that newcomers are entitled to a life with expansive services, leafy suburbs etc etc and so what if it encourages sprawl. Farmland and wilder areas are disappearing fast!

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:33 PM

Population isn't the only thing driving need for art. There is far to little direct support for art. Keeping up with population numbers without

expanding support means you will just be barely keeping your head above water. Arts need a much higher profile in the city.

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7/25/2023 03:47 PM

Possibly add that purchasing land now, before it is not available, will be important so that parks are located within reach of the population.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 05:24 PM

Population growth needing more "open space" parks will come at the experience of or environment via tree canopy destruction that "replanting" will never replace. And the wants of wealthy transplants moving here will no longer be put above the NEEDS of existing residents/locals who grew up with and love these trees and wild spaces.

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7/25/2023 04:23 PM

Parks/recreation also need to stay relevant over time. Demographic changes and interests change. For example, is population trending younger, older or on-between and are activity needs varied as a result? Another example might be changes in popularity (e.g. soccer) or emerging sports (e.g. pickle ball).

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7/25/2023 04:40 PM

This shows a problem but not a solution.

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Parks don't all have to be large. There can be more neighborhood pocket parks as small as a tenth acre lot.

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7/25/2023 05:01 PM

As our population increases we will need to be more creative in identifying diverse uses for our scarce parks and open space to meet service demands.

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7/25/2023 07:15 PM

If the availability of land is limited, then thinking outside of the box to create ways for the smaller parcels to be connected allows the population to flow through them, rather than making the size or numbers of available land the issue. Why not create a element of park development that helps to connect them (example - the highline walking trail in NYC)

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7/25/2023 08:12 PM

The phrase starting with "yet..." feels wonky

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This is stating a problem but no clue as to how it will be dealt with

7/26/2023 09:44 PM

which leaves reader with feeling that it is hopeless.

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punctuation

7/27/2023 11:21 AM

Screen Name Redacted

How does the city compare with like sized communities? Is the amount of land per capital low/high compared to peers? It is always helpful to evaluate the urgency with some context.

7/28/2023 12:21 PM

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Stating a challenge without some sort of hope for a solution/plan is frustrating to read...

7/30/2023 07:43 AM

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It doesn't always take a large parcel. Truly accessible sidewalks that are shaded with trees go a long way toward improving the quality of life. Walking paths and benches can be placed near retention ponds. Perhaps a word or two about working with developers to create "pocket parks" could be added.

7/30/2023 11:33 AM

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Would like focus on youth and youth athletic facilities needed to meet today's needs.

8/04/2023 09:04 AM

Screen Name Redacted

is population grown just creating demand for 'new park land' or is it so many other things, like ensuring developers incorporate parks into their planning of developments, or utilizing what the city has now most effectively

8/04/2023 11:01 AM

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Growing population needs not require growing footprint of land. Also, growing population may require more parks \*services\*, but does not necessarily require more parks \*space\*. There is lots of undeveloped and underutilized land currently owned by OPARD.

8/04/2023 03:56 PM

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Please address the hoarding of property and assets by organized finance and absentee landlords

8/05/2023 09:46 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Some of this is self-inflicted.... giving away half of Yelm Highway parcel to the schools was unnecessary.

8/05/2023 11:33 AM

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Parks and open spaces are great, but this statement should be boarder to include programs and facilities.

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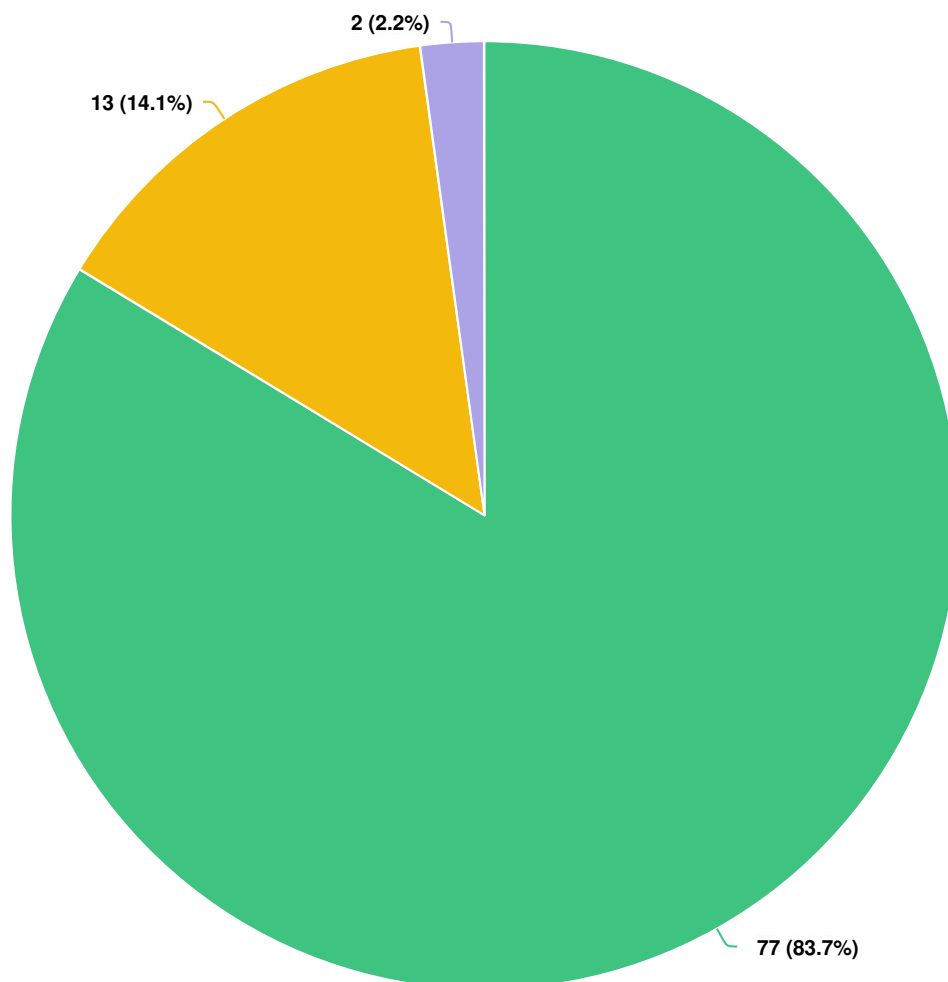


**Optional question** (26 response(s), 68 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question



**Q14** How do you feel about the above statement?



**Question options**

☒ Great as written ☐ Needs some work ☐ Needs a complete rewrite

*Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*



## Q15 What would you change, remove or add?

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7/25/2023 02:18 PM

Never use climate change -- always use climate crisis

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7/25/2023 02:41 PM

I would keep politicized statements out of it

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:13 PM

Add, "and help educate us all about how to live with nature so as to contribute less towards climate change ourselves."

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 05:01 PM

We are not going to change recurring weather experiences. We cannot expect to enjoy the out of doors in a play shed. The current statement is confusing to me.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 04:17 PM

Mention the ability of properly designed facilities (shaded parks, pavilions, water play areas, etc) to improve climate resilience in the face of extreme heat.

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7/31/2023 08:29 AM

How is this being done?

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 09:32 AM

We need to be careful not to "over attribute" the role climate change plays in natural events. I think it has the risk of increasing public scepticism. I would say something like we are already seeing the impacts of climate change as it is increasing the severity of extreme weather events and we expect those impacts to increase in the coming decades. (We can't really mitigate these impacts, To suggest otherwise is unrealistic and invites scepticism, we just need to plan for them). We need to build a park system that is resilient and will continue ....

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7/26/2023 10:54 AM

More details needed here. What is the City considering? Replacing grass with native plantings? Closing parks downtown at risk of sea level rise?

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 04:57 PM

Great idea, but entirely too vague.

Screen Name Redacted

While the climate here in the PNW is generally temperate, we are



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sometimes subject to weather instabilities that affect our local activities. We must mitigate these impacts & build a resilient parks system that will serve generations to come.

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8/01/2023 07:49 PM

You could turn it around and say that parks will save the city (and beyond). For us to emerge from Climate Change safely, we will need a greener world.

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8/04/2023 09:04 AM

A resilient park system is needed for both climate challenges and higher volume of use.

Screen Name Redacted

8/05/2023 09:46 AM

Without addressing the causes of climate change and land scarcity, this just reads as lip service to climate struggles that go far beyond just local Parks.

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8/05/2023 01:28 PM

climate resilient should be hyphenated for readability: climate-resilient.

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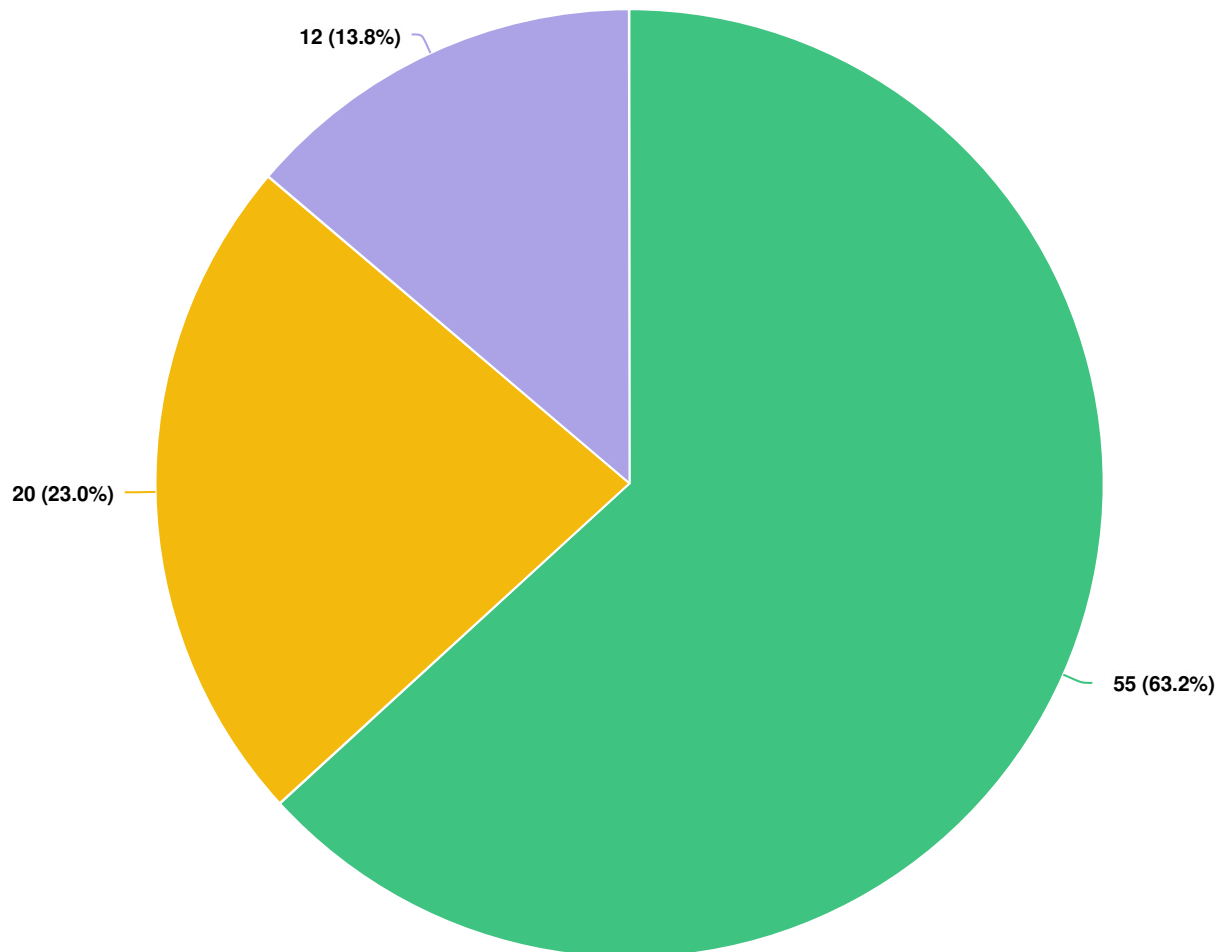
8/07/2023 12:03 AM

Should also add mention of the role that parks, particularly forested parks, can help mitigate climate change consequences.

**Optional question** (15 response(s), 79 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q16** How do you feel about the above statement?



**Question options**

☒ Great as written ☐ Needs some work ☐ Needs a complete rewrite

*Optional question (87 response(s), 7 skipped)*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*

## Q17 What would you change, remove or add?

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7/25/2023 02:00 PM

Remove "the capacity and accountability resources to embed" and it flows better.

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use another indigenous land acknowledgment here

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 02:29 PM

Sentence 2 is too long and incomprehensible. This equity problem is addressed by the very nature of Olympia's parks: good places to go and recreate, with no admission fee.

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7/25/2023 02:41 PM

The whole thing is just virtue signaling word salad. I see plenty of diversity at the parks I've been to.

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7/25/2023 03:56 PM

"Equity, inclusion and belonging needs to be centered in parks, arts and recreation." ... I don't understand this sentence.

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7/25/2023 05:24 PM

You obviously don't mean inclusion and belonging for everyone, so this statement is disingenuous. There isn't even a bus to gain access to any of the best parks in the area. And it's shamefully obvious you don't have any desire to foster a feeling of belonging for our unhoused brothers and sisters in the community. This needs to be addressed if you are going to ever achieve an outcome that is truly for ALL

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 06:08 PM

sounds confusing to me. be more direct, specific. shorter sentences.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 07:15 PM

Really? I don't mean to shoot holes in this, but I don't believe that the City will "continually analyze" anything.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 09:32 AM

I don't really understand the last sentence. What does that mean? Continually developing solutions and mitigating strategies?

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 10:54 AM

This seems like government speak that doesn't really say anything. What do you mean? Vague statements like this seem to say that Olympia will prioritize making parks and services accessible to minority groups and unhoused people over everyone else. Olympia is

not a very diverse community. That is our reality. Reducing access to city resources because of race is not ok. And that is what the city is doing under the cover of equity.

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7/26/2023 04:57 PM

Is this plan addressing physical handicap issues - especially for children?

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7/26/2023 09:44 PM

"We will continually analyze the political, economic, sociodemographic, technological, legal, and environmental challenges facing our work." By yourselves? Or with the community so that we are working together toward the goal?

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7/27/2023 09:26 AM

remove "political"

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2023 11:21 AM

Equity, inclusion, and belonging need to be central in parks, arts, and recreation. We recognize our equity journey will present challenges. We commit to the responsibility to face these challenges while building the capacity and accountability resources to embed equity, inclusion, and belonging in our daily practices and decision making. We will continually analyze the political, economic, sociodemographic, technological, legal, and environmental challenges facing our work. This will require continually developing solutions and mitigation strategies for the challenges.

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7/27/2023 04:37 PM

Fails to recognize that you already do a great job. This sounds like you're racist hate-mongers in need of a court ordered mitigation plan. Show me where you practice and tolerate "institutional injustice" specifically, point by point. This is general, vague unsubstantiated self flagellation. To say we "need to undo" our evil behavior is both untrue, self-hating and offensive. Say we plan to continue our good work and maybe make some specific points or directions.

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7/27/2023 07:39 PM

Parks are already equitable.

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7/28/2023 12:21 PM

No clue what this means. Seems like a checklist of things to mention to cover everything.

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7/29/2023 01:57 PM

Whole statement. Not needed

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2023 07:43 AM

Add Safety to the commitment pledge

Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2023 11:31 AM

The second sentence takes away from the power of the first statement. To me it sounds like "hedging". This statement needs to be clear and concise... Equity, inclusion and belonging WILL be centered in parks, arts and recreation. We commit to increasing accountability and access through equity-centered decision-making and organizational practices.

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8/01/2023 07:49 PM

A lot of words, can't you just say that you'll create parks in areas where there are none?

Screen Name Redacted

8/02/2023 11:17 PM

it's just messy and can be more concise. just say what you mean

Screen Name Redacted

8/03/2023 09:17 PM

The first and last sentences are unclear to me. how about..."parks, arts and recreation programs are designed to invite equity, inclusion and belonging for everyone" "we are committed to continually developing solutions and mitigating strategies for any challenges that may arise."

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 09:04 AM

Could be more concise - important to ensure the system considers its impacts on all people in a shorter more focused statement.

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 09:20 AM

Phrases like "developing solutions and mitigating strategies" are not particularly clear or specific. How will all community members be equitably represented in these decisions?

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 11:01 AM

I have no idea what this is referring too, lots of buzzwords but not a lot of saying what's going on or what the plan is

Screen Name Redacted

8/05/2023 01:39 AM

Last 2 sentences are vague mumbo jumbo.

Screen Name Redacted

8/05/2023 09:46 AM

State the inequality you wish to address and a plan to address it. Otherwise it is lip service.

Screen Name Redacted

While admirable, OPARD should not take these challenges on alone

8/05/2023 03:27 PM

or in a vacuum...but in conjunction with other agencies, departments, and organizations.

Screen Name Redacted

8/07/2023 12:03 AM

This is just so much empty content-free blather, a true buzzword bingo of DEI speak. I'd rather see just one specific thing done in one place to help deal with bias than read this wooly wordcloud that just seems intended to anesthetize the reader in a fog.

Optional question (30 response(s), 64 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

**Q18** Please prioritize the following 5 challenge areas within Parks, Arts and Recreation with 1 being the highest priority, and 5 being the lowest priority.

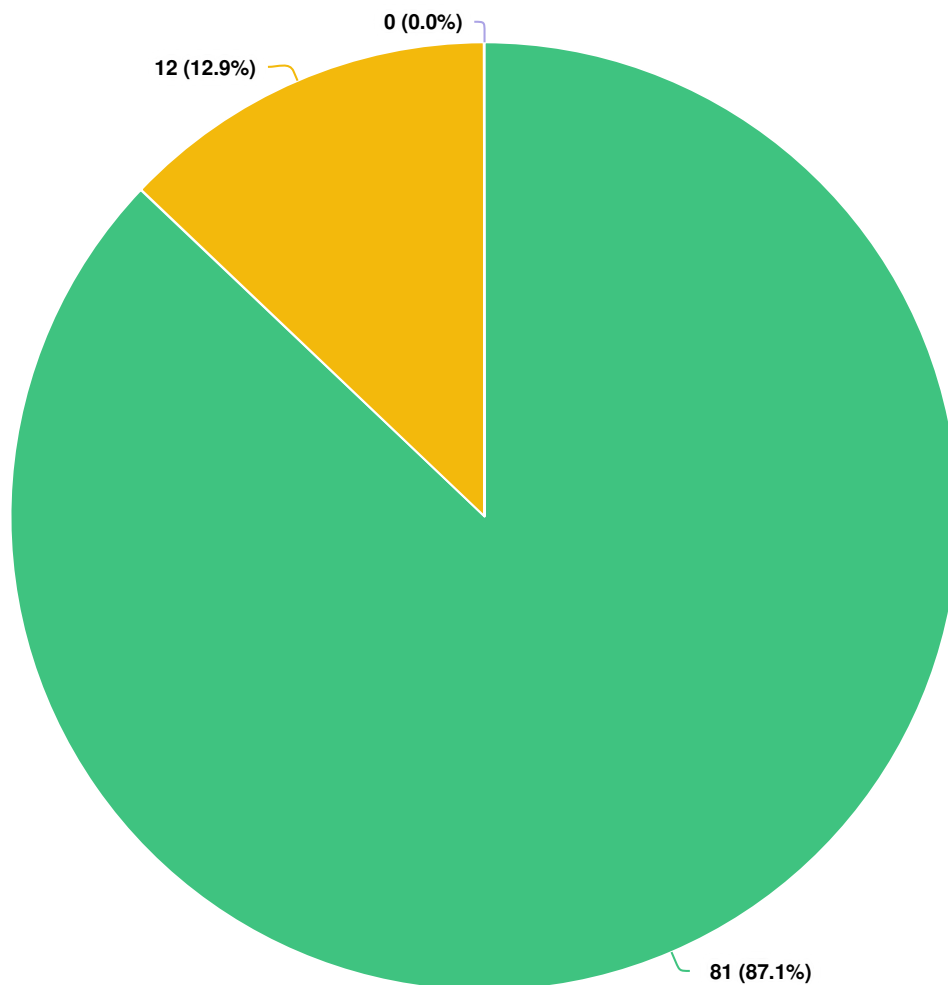
OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Increased safety in parks and facilities	2.50
Acquiring new park land for future growth	2.87
Climate resilience and mitigation work	3.12
Development of "mega projects"	3.12
Equity, inclusion and belonging work	3.37

Optional question (93 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Ranking Question



**Q19 | Do you feel like you are welcome and belong in Olympia parks, arts events/programs and recreation facilities and activities?**



**Question options**

☒ Yes ☐ Not always ☐ Never

*Optional question (93 response(s), 1 skipped)*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*

## Q20 Please describe what a park, arts event or recreation program would look like to foster a sense of belonging for you?

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7/25/2023 02:18 PM

I am disabled and use a walking stick or push cart. Using trails requires me to sit down frequently. If I bring my push cart, it needs to be able to be pushed more easily on the trail.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 05:24 PM

More stuff for lower income people. Less family oriented stuff. More free open mic type outdoor concerts or places to see local talent perform. The giant green space where lake fair sets up seems completely underutilized for most of the year besides as a walking path. So many fun and free pop-up ideas could be happening there every single day of the summer and, especially if you add in some local food trucks, people will come.

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7/25/2023 04:51 PM

Yauger park has very little area to walk in. At least one ballfield should be eliminated and restore more natural vegetation (south end).

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 10:54 AM

Being available to join in. Having evening class options. Recognizing that some people are not poor enough to meet scholarship criteria, but not wealthy enough to pay.

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7/26/2023 04:51 PM

safe and affordable

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7/27/2023 12:50 PM

Allows people with all points of view- not just far left progressives.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2023 07:43 AM

More attention to maintenance - especially around Capitol Lake + the lake itself Right now, the lake is full of trash from LakeFaire ... unsightly + depressing. This area is the potential jewel of the city...

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2023 02:38 PM

More varied programs and parks facilities aimed at adults, sports programs without gendered language or rules (for example the gender-specific rules in adult softball)

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8/05/2023 01:39 AM

Physical & economic accessibility are not always easily available--- there's an assumption, for instance, that everyone has online access to request help



Screen Name Redacted

8/05/2023 09:14 AM

Recreational programs for adults and children with intellectual disability and requiring toileting support. More playgrounds that are fully fenced to help children who elope have access.

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8/05/2023 09:46 AM

Open and unpermitted busking, and other public performances.

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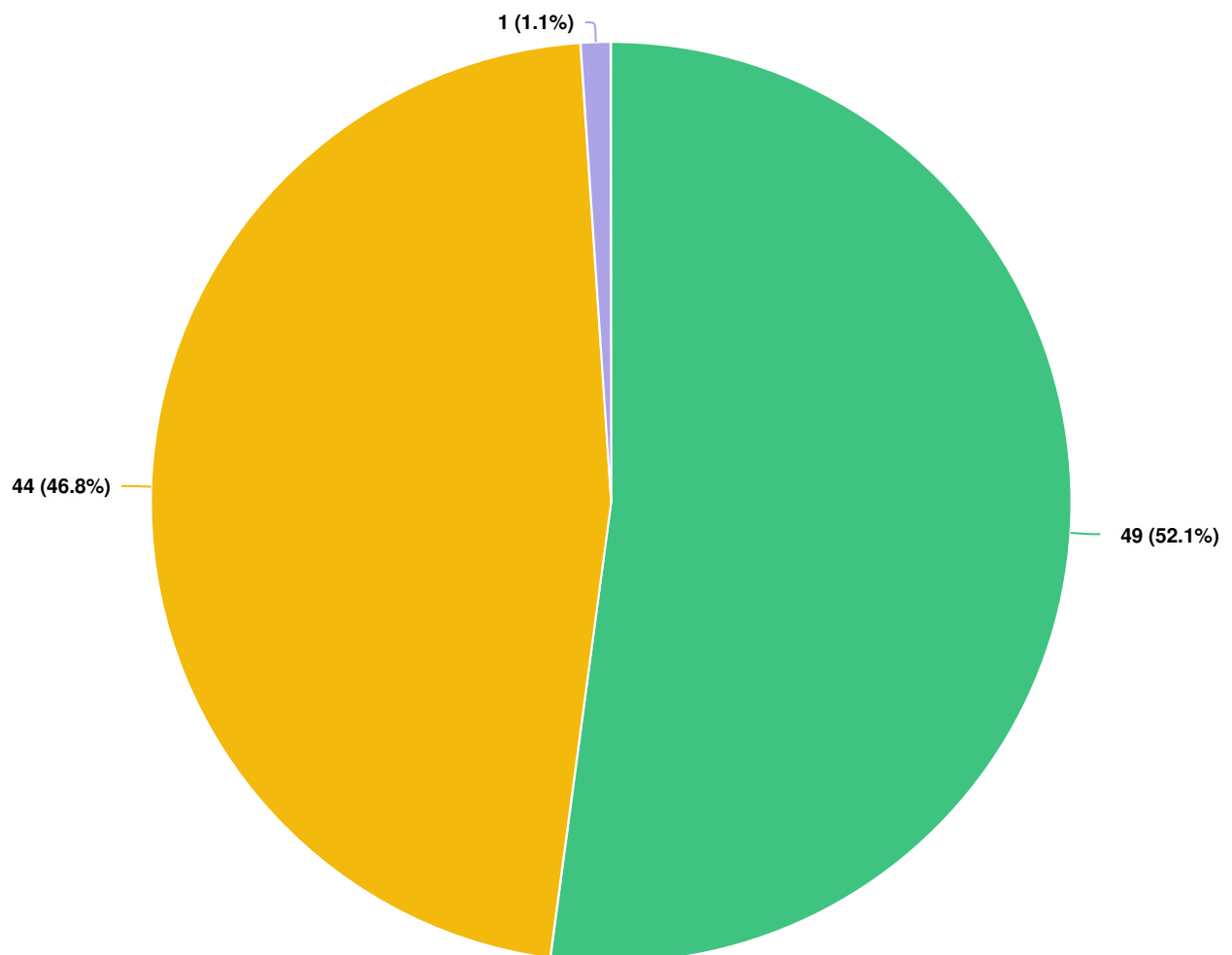
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not having any sport fields that is available for all sports, especially sports that are popular with Latino communities like soccer.

**Optional question** (12 response(s), 82 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q21** Do you feel safe in Olympia parks?



**Question options**

☒ Yes ☐ Not always ☐ Never

Optional question (94 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q22 Please describe where you do not feel safe and what would make you feel safer.**

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 02:18 PM

Again, my disabled status (I can no longer run like I used to be able to), my elderly status and the increasing violence and hatred in our society don't make me feel safe. However, parks and open space are exactly what the soul needs to feel connected to this beautiful planet of ours.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 02:36 PM

I believe that much work is being done in this area, I know the lake area is not a city project but it was pretty scary a year ago and still needs help. The water park across from the lake is a bit challenging at times.

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7/25/2023 03:14 PM

Percival Landing Park is not safe and the bathrooms are not safe.

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7/25/2023 02:29 PM

Woodland Trail needs regular patrol by bicycle-mounted police officers (NOT the "park ranger" in in a pickup truck.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 03:56 PM

Remove encampments. Increase lighting. Provide call boxes. Increase patrols. Monitor bathrooms with cameras outside and motion-activated lighting.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 04:23 PM

Watershed Park but not sure I have a suggestion to improve.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 04:51 PM

When people run their large dogs off-leash it is threatening to me. Off-leash parks should be separate or confined to fenced areas.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 05:01 PM

We live adjacent to Watershed park. We fear a wild fire and destruction of our neighborhood. Homeless camps worry us but your park rangers are terrific. Very professional and responsive.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 06:24 PM

The bathrooms. I've witnessed people using drugs in the bathrooms at Yauger Park.

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2023 07:15 PM

Squaxin Park, anytime during park hours, drug deals/sales in vehicles, car prowls and car break-ins related to drugs. Creating a Park Squad (volunteers) that would have a presence in the higher

risk areas. Volunteers would go through a training program and be capable of handling mental health issues.

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7/26/2023 07:45 AM

Some multi-use paths (Wheeler corridor specifically) have become overrun by homelessness, drug sales and use, and extraordinarily dangerous behavior of all kinds by the camp residents and by drivers of the street.

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7/26/2023 08:45 AM

The houseless ness at some parks can be concerning.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 10:58 AM

If there was an option for "Mostly" above, I would select it because I generally do feel safe. However, I worry about the presence of drugs in local parks and whether my child will come into contact with needles, pills, and other substances left behind.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 10:54 AM

Parks that have warning signs for vandalism. Parking lots with broken glass. Playgrounds right next to homeless shelters/tents. Locations where screaming people chase me out. Events with limited lighted parking. Finding used needles in playground or park grass. Seeing human waste around. Could go on and on.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 04:57 PM

I feel unsafe in the Capitol Lake park area (bathroom area is worst of all), and hiking in wooded areas by myself.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 04:51 PM

there is an increase in crime and characters roaming unchecked

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2023 09:37 PM

I choose not to go to Yauger Park because of the homelessness and drug use in that area.

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There are unfortunately unstable and violent people in and around all Olympia parks. Cars are broken into almost daily in parking lots, and I have been followed and screamed at by unstable people while in parks on multiple occasions. It's just a fact of the opioid epidemic, and I don't know that there is a real solution without getting to the base problems facing the unhoused and addicted population. It's a societal problem, not something a bandaid is going to fix.

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I've been run off the sidewalk by a skateboard and some sort of

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scooter, I've had to walk in the street to get around clusters of loitering people who glower at me, I've been screamed at by the seriously unbalanced, I've smelled poop and pee. Not everything that keeps me from going downtown is "unsafe". Much is just plain offensive. Run off the street people, obviously, but you already know that. How to do it is almost as hard as how to translate that into pc language.

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Remove homeless people and vagrants from parks.

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Safety will continue to be an issue until politicians start taking the root causes of violence seriously and apply adequate consequences to criminal behavior. Early education can make a huge difference.

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Grass Lake, Watershed, priest point, some of the heavily wooded areas have a sense of "who's in the woods".

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Not sure if the solution but Olympia has changed a lot since I moved here more than 30 years ago

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The Japanese Garden is one of my favorite parks but there always seems to be sketchy people there. Also, the area around Capitol Lake often has people who seem to have mental health challenge as well as people sleeping/camping there. The switchback trail to the Capitol campus has had an increased number of cyclists/e-skateboarders + people ignoring the new fencing. The new fencing is also in need of repair

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When I see trash, evidence of homeless encampments, ill and unhoused people, and even occasionally syringes, I don't feel particularly safe. It is rare that I walk completely alone. Actively and insistently addressing homelessness in partnership with other city agencies and cleaning up the parks would help. Along the way, some more public (and well-maintained) washrooms would help, as would more trash cans.

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i do not feel safe when many houseless or people on drugs are in parks around my small children. everyone is welcome in public places and this is just the reality of public spaces.



Screen Name Redacted 8/03/2023 12:46 AM	We need to create safe housing for those who are unhoused, so that they were not forced to live in our parks and roadsides. It's inhumane.
Screen Name Redacted 8/03/2023 08:15 AM	I have found used needles at waterfront partks (rotary, Percival). Often the homeless scene at Percival landing park (bathrooms, benches by fountain) makes me uncomfortable letting my kids play freely. That said, there are many times that there are homeless folks there being totally appropriate and I wouldn't want to change access.
Screen Name Redacted 8/03/2023 10:13 AM	Percival landing and other parks when there are a lot of homeless men hanging out. I feel horrible saying that, but it makes me cautious.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 02:32 AM	I love to ride my e-bike but I feel it is unsafe to stop for a break at a park because of someone might steal it.
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 10:09 AM	More lighting on playground areas for evening/nighttime/dark winter day play.
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 10:32 AM	Mentally ill individuals in parks with weapons, outbursts and drug use is a frequent issue across parks spaces. We have sometimes arrived at a park to recreate only to find it feels unsafe for kids/dogs due to the behavior of unhoused or mentally ill people who are in the park. Downtown Olympia Center is a great space inside but feels unsafe outdoors at night walking to the car.
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 11:01 AM	Downtown parks are dangerous at dusk and absolutely not accessible at night for a young female
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2023 02:38 PM	Woodland trails do not feel safe to me.
Screen Name Redacted 8/05/2023 01:39 AM	Mostly yes, but there are many places in the parks (& on Oly streets) where I would be reluctant to go alone, especially at night
Screen Name Redacted	Woodland trail near encampments.... more patrols



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Parks with woods and trails feel less safe to me. Anyplace with persons living outdoors (everywhere in olympia except state land) feels unsafe. Open spaces with good lighting and visibility feel the safest

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We need "trap cameras" or security cameras at all parking areas.

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Parks where large numbers of the unhoused congregate don't feel safe to me.

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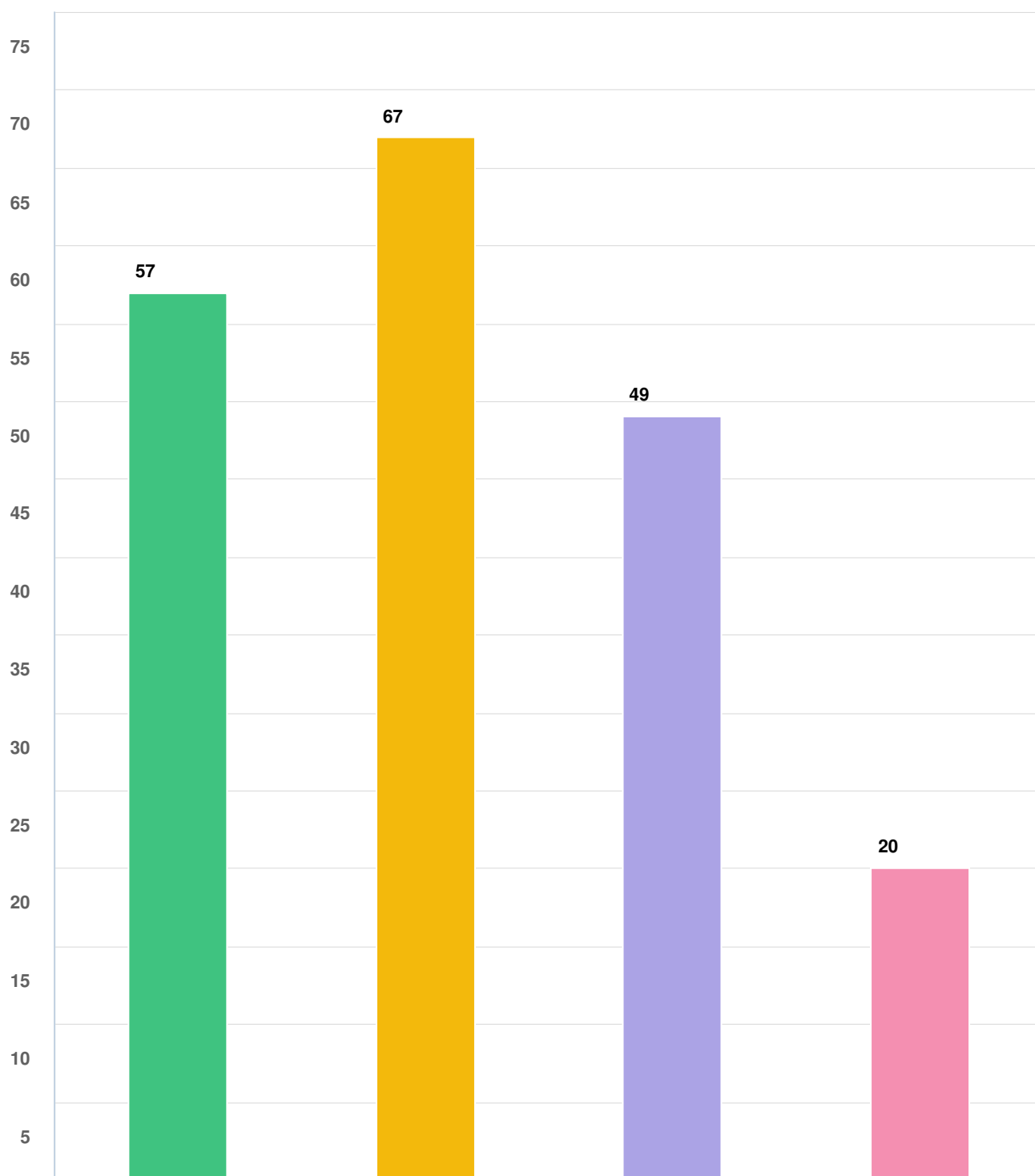
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The every evening drug dealing at and around Burri Park is a little concerning.

**Optional question** (41 response(s), 53 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q23** What role do you feel Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation should have in addressing climate change? (Select all that apply)



**Question options**

● Education ● Reducing carbon (electrification, carbon sequestration) ● Urban agriculture ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question