



KIRKLAND PARK BOARD REGULAR MEETING

June 14, 2023; 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
123 5th Ave. Kirkland WA 98033

Land Acknowledgement

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Park Board shall be to provide policy advice and assistance to the Department of Parks and Community Services and City Council in order to ensure the effective provision of Parks and Community Services programs and facilities to the residents of the City of Kirkland.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. May 10, 2023
- 5. BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - a. Ballot Measure Update
 - b. Celebrate Kirkland Fourth of July Parade
 - c. 132nd Square Park Construction Update and Grand Re-opening Celebration
 - d. Park Board Member Reports
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. [Department Monthly Report](#)
 - c. Staff Updates and Information
 - d. Comments from the Chair
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

*Next Regular Park Board Meeting: July 12, 2023, **Zoom***

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KIRKLAND PARK BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 10, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The May 10, 2023 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Mike Holland.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Mike Holland, Vice Chair Tessa Hansen, Board member Amy Ambrosini, Board member Tara Bobbarjung, Board member Tammy Cohen, Board member Katherine Kearny, Board member Crystal Thimsen

Members Absent: Board member Roshan Parikh

Staff Present: Deputy Director John Lloyd, Park Planning and Development Manager Mary Gardocki, Parks Operations Manager Jason Filan, Recreation Manager Sara Shellenbarger

Recording Secretary: Office Specialist Erin Yoshida

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice Chair Tessa Hansen read aloud the Local Land Acknowledgement:

"We acknowledge that the Southern Salish Sea region lies on the unceded and ancestral land of the Coast Salish peoples, the Duwamish, Muckleshoot, Puyallup, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Snohomish, Suquamish and Tulalip tribes and other tribes of the Puget Sound Salish people, and that present-day City of Kirkland is in the traditional heartland of the Lake People and the River People. We honor with gratitude the land itself, the First People – who have reserved treaty rights and continue to live here since time immemorial – and their ancestral heritage."

Board member Crystal Thimsen volunteered to read the Local Land Acknowledgement at the next Park Board meeting.

4. WELCOME NEW MEMBER/INTRODUCTIONS

Board members and staff welcomed new Park Board youth member, Tara Bobbarjung. Staff and the Board exchanged introductions.

5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None presented.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 12, 2023 Park Board meeting minutes were presented to the Board and approved by unanimous consent.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Ballot Measure Update

Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager provided an update about the potential 2023 Parks Ballot Measure(s) Initiative work that took place after the April 12, 2023 Park Board meeting and next steps. Staff answered questions from the Board.

b. Neighborhood Liaison Assignments

John Lloyd, Deputy Director confirmed designated neighborhood assignments for Park Board members and assigned a neighborhood to new Board member, Tara Bobbarjung.

c. Park Board Member Reports

Board member Amy Ambrosini attended the Moss Bay meeting this week where John Lloyd, Deputy Director presented an update on the potential 2023 Parks Ballot Measure(s). She also attended the Central Houghton meeting where attendees expressed a dissatisfaction with the number of surveys currently coming out of Kirkland right now.

Board member Kathy Kearny attended the South Rose Hill Neighborhood Association meeting during which the purchase and current status of the Houghton Park and Ride was discussed. The association expressed interest in interim use of the lot before development begins.

Chair Mike Holland attended the Kirkland Volunteer Appreciation Night on April 26th which was a thank you to volunteers who give their time and effort to assist Kirkland.

d. Land acknowledgement

Chair Mike Holland added a business item to discuss the reading of the local land acknowledgement during Park Board meetings.

Chair Mike Holland made a motion that the local land acknowledgement be included on the agenda but not be read during Park Board meetings. Vice Chair Tessa Hansen seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Starting with the June 14, 2023 meeting, the local land acknowledgement will no longer be read during Park Board meetings.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

None presented.

b. Department Monthly Report

The department monthly report was emailed to Board members and posted online on May 10, 2023.

c. Staff updates and information

Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager announced that Totem Lake Park received the 2023 Award of Honor from the Washington State Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Jason Filan, Parks Operations Manager, provided an update on the activities the Parks Operations team is doing to prepare for the additional park usage this summer.

Sara Shellenbarger, Recreation Manager, provided an update on staffing for seasonal positions.

d. Comments from the Chair

Chair Mike Holland requested a list of projects that PCS will be working on for 2023. This will be added to next month's agenda.

Chair Mike Holland requested an update on the 132nd Square Park opening. An update will be provided at next month's meeting.

Chair Mike Holland reminded the Board that the Juanita Friday Market will be opening first Friday in June. John Lloyd, Deputy Director, added that the Kirkland Wednesday Market would also be opening first week in June.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mike Holland adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM by unanimous consent.

Erin Yoshida, Recording Secretary
Parks and Community Services

Mike Holland, Chair
Park Board



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MEMORANDUM

To: Park Board

From: Hillary De La Cruz, Management Analyst

Date: June 8, 2023

Subject: 2023 Parks Ballot Measure(s) Initiative Update

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Park Board receive an update about the potential 2023 Parks Ballot Measure(s) Initiative work and next steps.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Park Board has received updates about the potential parks ballot measure(s) initiative at the following Park Board meetings during the Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC) and Council ballot measure exploration processes:

- [September 14, 2022](#): focused on the three bodies of work happening as part of the initiative: Costing Analysis, Facility Feasibility Study, and Community input with PFEC.
- [October 12, 2022](#): focused on PFEC meetings and schedule.
- [November 9, 2022](#): focused on Facility Feasibility Study.
- [December 14, 2022](#): focused on PFEC meetings, and the shift in direction of the Facility Feasibility Study to focus on two potential sites for combined indoor facility(s): Houghton Park and Ride and North Kirkland Community Center and Park.
- [February 8, 2023](#): focused on PFEC meetings and Facility Feasibility Study.
- [March 8, 2023](#): focused on PFEC Results and next steps in the process.
- [April 12, 2023](#): focused on the PFEC Report, Feasibility Study, and Community Survey.
- [May 10, 2023](#): Feasibility study additional options and PFEC report addendum.

This memorandum provides an update about the ballot measure(s) exploratory process work between May 10, 2023 and June 8, 2023.

Community Survey Results

The statistically valid Community Survey was conducted by EMC Research from April 20 through April 24, 2023 and included 400 adults who live in Kirkland. The survey utilized a mixed mode telephone and text/email-to-web methodology, and interviews were conducted in English. Telephone interviews were conducted by trained, professional interviewers using both landline and mobile phone numbers. Email and text invitations were sent with a unique link to the web survey. **Attachment A** includes EMC Research's report about the statistically valid Community Survey results.

The City hosted an open-link online survey using the same questions as the EMC Research survey from Thursday, April 27 through Sunday, May 14, 2023. The survey was started by

1,015 people who live in Kirkland (who answered through question three) and 950 people completed nearly all of the questions. **Attachment B** includes the open-link survey results.

Importance Question Crosstab results

The EMC Research statistically valid Community Survey results presentation at the May 16, 2023 Council meeting compared survey respondents' answers on three progressing questions about overall importance of a potential ballot measure as shown in Figure 1. "Initial Importance" was in response question nine on the survey:

The City of Kirkland is considering a proposal to fund a new aquatics, recreation and community center, and improvements to the parks and recreation system. The proposal would fund new public facilities and programs including recreation and lap pools, a multi-court gym, wellness and fitness classes, a community gathering space, expanded youth programs, extended hours at lifeguarded beaches, more year-round park restrooms, new sport courts, and the purchase of green space in northwest Kirkland to develop Green Loop trail segments. This proposal would increase the City's regular levy permanently by approximately twenty-three and a half cents per \$1,000 assessed value for collection beginning in 2024.

"After Cost Info" captures responses after participants were provided with the estimated cost impact to the median valued home in Kirkland. "After Component Info" captures responses after participants answered other questions that contained more details about potential ballot measure components.

Figure 1: Overall Proposal Importance Rating Progression (EMC Research Results

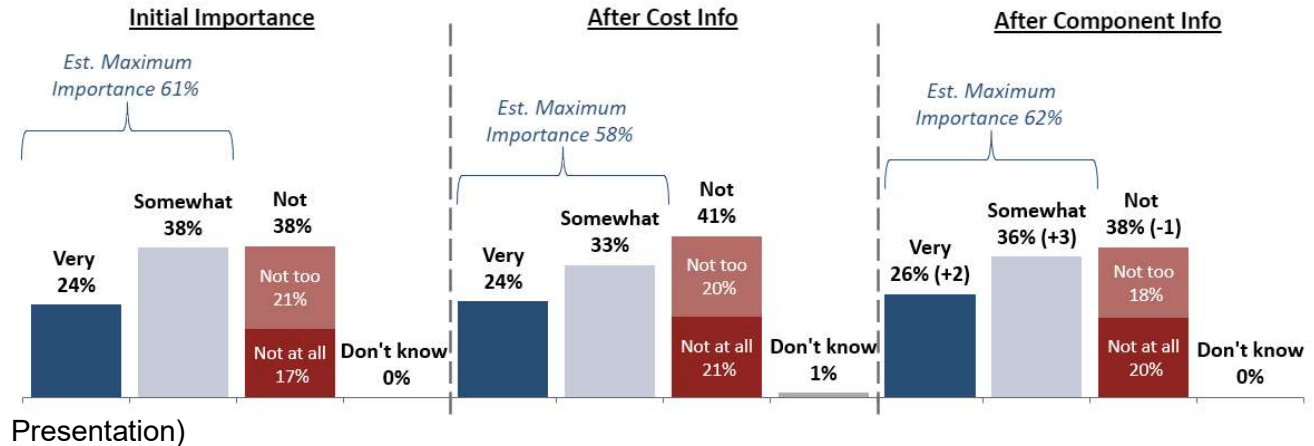


Table 1 (see following page) provides the combined Important (very + somewhat) and Not Important (not too + not at all) responses for each of the three questions for select subgroups that were examined in crosstabs. Staff observed that after receiving more information about components, responses that may have dropped slightly in importance after cost information returned near to levels of initial importance for most groups, except for respondents with children under 18 in the household and BIPOC respondents.

Table 1: Crosstabs of Percent Considering Proposal Importance in Statistically Valid Survey

Sub-group	Initial importance	After cost information	After component information	Change between initial and final importance
All Respondents (N=400)	61	58	62	+1
Age 50+ (N=172)	59	54	58	-1
Age 18-49 (N=228)	63	61	65	+2
Homeowners (N=264)	60	53	59	-1
Renter/Other (N=136)	65	67	67	+2
No children in household (N=277)	57	53	59	+2
Children under 12 in household (N=80)	79	78	76	-3
Children 12-17 in household (N=43)	59	55	56	-3
Ethnicity: White (N=256)	66	64	68	+2
Ethnicity: BIPOC (N=92)	60	50	52	-8
Ethnicity: Did not answer (N=52)	40	43	49	+9

Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC) Report and Addendum Acceptance

City Council adopted [Resolution R-5584](#) at their June 6, 2023 Council meeting accepting the [Parks Funding Exploratory Committee Report](#) and acknowledging the significant work that the 45 community members completed over the last nine months. The PFEC Report has two sections, the initial PFEC Report presented at the [March 21, 2023 Council meeting](#), and a follow-up to the report as an Addendum (pages 34-39 of the [report document](#)), which contains additional PFEC recommendations shared at the [May 16, 2023 Council meeting](#).

March 2023 PFEC Draft Report

PFEC was asked to prioritize elements and recommend a set to City Council for inclusion in a ballot measure(s). They were also asked to discuss the overall cost of a ballot measure, debt financing term for bonds (20 or 30 years), and ballot measure types. As outlined in the PFEC Report, on March 2, there was overwhelming agreement that a ballot measure should include at least one aquatics and recreation facility, nine additional year-round restrooms in parks, Green Loop Trail segments, seven new sports courts, partial funding for teen programs and Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB) operations, and increased lifeguard hours at beaches and water safety programs. However, PFEC felt that to make informed recommendations on other major decision points, they would need the results of the Community Survey. PFEC also suggested some additional options to be explored by Opsis for the aquatic and recreation facilities such as two complementary facilities at Houghton Park and Ride and the North Kirkland Community Center, as well as value-engineered options that might eliminate some space and programming to lower the overall facility costs. Staff and PFEC discussed reconvening PFEC in May once new information would be available. At the [March 21, 2023](#) Council study session, staff presented highlights from the PFEC Report and discussed next steps. Staff recommended three immediate next steps including the Community Survey, additional facility feasibility study work, and reconvening PFEC on May 1, 2023 to review new information and provide further recommendations to Council at the May 16, 2023 Council meeting. Councilmembers supported these recommendations.

May 2023 PFEC Report Addendum

Staff presented results from the Community Survey and additional facility feasibility study work to PFEC at their May 1, 2023 meeting. After review of the statistically valid survey and presentation of additional facility options, PFEC members recommended that a ballot measure

include only one facility. Thirty-one PFEC members ranked their choices for a one facility option. The top choice for facility was the Houghton 86,000 square foot aquatics and recreation center (77% chose as their first or second choice) followed by the Houghton 103,000 square foot aquatics and recreation center (58% chose as their first or second choice). To fund operating costs of these projects and ongoing (pay-go) capital needs, PFEC recommended that Council ask voters to approve a single-year levy lid lift (with 52% preferring a single-year permanent levy lid lift and 31% preferring a long-term (20+ years) temporary levy lid lift). Costs of capital construction of these facilities could then be paid with limited tax general obligation (LTGO) bonds of the City, within the Council's non-voted debt capacity, with debt service being paid from regular property taxes and other revenue available in the City's General Fund.

The PFEC base package recommendation is outlined in Table 2. Information about location of elements is included for reference. Cost details for this recommendation, facilities, and other elements can be found in the PFEC Results section of the PFEC Report.

Table 2: PFEC Base Ballot Measure(s) Package: At Least One Facility + Five Priority Elements

Element	Specific Location and Neighborhood
Aquatics and Recreation Center	Houghton Park & Ride 86,000 square foot option (South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails)
Additional Year-Round Restrooms (3 new, 6 winterized)	New: McAuliffe Park (Juanita), North Rose Hill Woodlands Park (North Rose Hill), Terrace Park (Lakeview) Winterized: Edith Moulton Park (Juanita), O.O. Denny Park (Finn Hill), Juanita Bay Park (Market), Waverly Beach Park (Market), Crestwoods Park (Norkirk), Marsh Park (Lakeview)
Green Loop Trail Priority Segments	Finn Hill, Juanita
New Sports Courts (7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickleball complex with 3 courts, exact location TBD • Full Basketball court, location TBD • Two Tennis Courts, exact location TBD • Sand Volleyball: O.O. Denny Park (Finn Hill)
Teen Programs & KTUB Operations	Moss Bay (KTUB) & citywide
Increased Lifeguarding at Beaches & Water Safety Education Program	Juanita Beach Park (Juanita), Waverly Beach Park (Market), Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park (Lakeview)

Updates from May 16 and June 6, 2023 City Council Meetings

At the [May 16, 2023 Council Meeting](#), staff presented the final PFEC recommendations included in the PFEC Report Addendum, additional facility feasibility study options (as shared with Park Board on May 10, 2023), and results from the community survey. At the [June 6, 2023 Council Meeting](#), Councilmembers discussed facility and element preferences and began discussion of ballot measure funding mechanism. Highlights from these conversations that have not previously been mentioned in this memorandum are included below. Video recordings of Council meetings are [available online](#).

Council Preferred Facility: 86,000 square foot Aquatics and Recreation Center at Houghton Park and Ride

At the [May 16, 2023 Council Meeting](#), after reviewing options from Opsis Architecture, Councilmembers indicated a preference for investing in one approximately 86,000 square foot aquatics and recreation center at Houghton Park & Ride to increase aquatics and recreation access for Kirkland community members.

Ballot Measure or City-Funded Element Priorities

PFEC recommended asking City voters to approve a levy lid lift to fund costs associated with these proposed park projects. Under Washington law, if the stated purpose of a levy lid lift ballot measure is to pay debt service on bonds, the levy lid lift is limited to nine years (with some exceptions for Thurston County). In order to finance capital costs over a period that is longer than nine years (for instance, 20 or 30 years), the City may issue LTGO bonds within its non-voted debt capacity (payable from its General Fund) and use levy lid lift revenue to pay for operations and pay-go capital costs associated with these facilities and programs.

A next step in the Council process for determining the structure of a potential ballot measure for a levy lid lift is deciding what elements to include beyond the facility as outlined above. All potential ballot measure elements in consideration were identified as priorities in the 2022 PROS Plan and many projects are currently on the unfunded CIP list. A potential ballot measure presents the opportunity for Council to accelerate delivery on priority projects to bring Kirkland community members the parks and recreation amenities and services they want and need.

Council received PFEC's priority elements (see Table 2) at the March 21, 2023 Council meeting and heard about Park Board and Youth Council's preferences in April and May.

The Park Board, after reviewing all potential elements presented to PFEC, generally supported PFEC's recommendation and shared that there are three other elements they would prioritize higher than some of the PFEC top five elements:

- Enhanced safety and security,
- synthetic turf multi-purpose sports fields
- Permanent off-leash dog parks.

Youth Council, after reviewing PFEC's top 13 potential elements, ranked all six PFEC elements in their top seven elements and additionally included the Totem Lake Park Boardwalk and Cross Kirkland Corridor Connection element as something they would prioritize.

The Community Survey provided additional insight into element preferences from the community. Table 3 summarizes feedback about elements besides the aquatics and recreation center from PFEC, Park Board, Youth Council, and the Community Survey, indicating which elements were included in the respective group's top five choices. The last column indicates which elements are included in the package that is currently under Council consideration.

Table 3: Element Recommendations Summary

Element	PFEC	Park Board	Youth Council	Community Survey	Current Council Package
Year-round restrooms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Green Loop trail segments	✓		✓	✓	✓
Sports courts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Teen programs & KTUB	✓	*	✓	✓	✓
Beach Lifeguards & water safety	✓	*	✓		✓
Park safety & security		✓		✓	✓
Off-leash dog parks		✓			
Synthetic turf fields		✓			

*Park Board supports enhanced teen programs and additional beach lifeguards & water safety programs, but felt they should be incorporated into the City's annual operating budget and not be included in a potential levy.

Council Current Package Under Consideration

After hearing Council, PFEC, Park Board, Youth Council, and survey feedback, staff analyzed the potential elements to evaluate how to balance and meet additional community priorities while maintaining the PFEC recommendation as the foundation of the proposal. At the June 6, 2023 Council meeting, staff presented a package that built on the PFEC recommendation and adds two elements named as Park Board and community survey priorities. After the Council conversations, the current package under Council consideration includes the PFEC base package plus the two additional elements:

- Aquatics and Recreation Center at Houghton Park and Ride (86k sq ft)
- Additional Year-Round Restrooms: 3 New restrooms, 6 winterized restrooms
- Green Loop Trail Priority Segments
- Priority Sport Courts (4) (TBD - Likely Pickleball/Sand Volleyball)
- Teen Programs & KTUB Operations
- Beach Lifeguards & Water Safety Programs
- Enhanced Park Safety and Security: Park Rangers & Automatic Gates
- NKCC Repair/Replace Site Assessment

The additional Enhanced Park Safety and Security element will fund additional full time and seasonal Park Rangers, as well as automatic locking gates for six parks. Additionally, to address concerns about the long-term future for the North Kirkland Community Center (NKCC), staff recommend a funding a Repair/Replacement Site Analysis be funded from the City's Facilities Fund. These additions are accomplished with approximately the same overall cost by revising some of the other investments.

Specifics related to funding for these elements will be discussed at the June 20, 2023 Council meeting. The cost estimates for these projects include capital and annual operating costs. Operating costs could be paid for using levy lid lift revenue. It is important to note that if the Council pursues a levy lid lift, many components of capital projects would be paid through City issued LTGO bonds with non-voted debt capacity (payable from the General Fund), separate from a levy lid lift. Some smaller-scale components of capital projects could use levy lid lift revenue to pay directly for related capital costs (pay-go).

Guidelines for Park Board members related to discussing ballot measures

At the June 14, 2023 Park Board meeting, staff will provide information about what Park Board members, as appointed officials, are and are not permitted to do related to ballot measures. This information is important should City Council decide to place a measure on the ballot, and the general guidelines are helpful considerations during this interim time while Council is evaluating their options. Key information is outlined in this memorandum with additional details to be discussed on June 14, 2023.

Generally, state law provides that no elected official, appointed official, or public employee may use the facilities of a public office for the purpose of promoting or opposing a ballot measure. Simply put, the City cannot authorize the use of City funds or City facilities to promote or oppose Kirkland propositions. "Facilities," as the term is used in the state law, includes City equipment, buildings, supplies, employee work time, and City publications. This means employees may not use their work time, City email, City internet, City office supplies, or City office space to influence the vote on either proposition which will appear on the ballot.

[RCW 42.17A.555](#) states in part (bold text added for emphasis):

*No elective official nor any employee of [their] office nor **any person appointed to** or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any*

person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. Facilities of a public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency.

Park Board members fall under the category of “any person appointed to...public office.”

The Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has helpful [Guidelines for Local Government Agencies in Election Campaigns](#) [PDC Interpretation Number 04-02]. Table 4 includes a chart specific to Appointed Officials (Boards, Commissions, and similar appointed positions) that is provided on their website.

Table 4: Guidelines for Local Agency Officials and Employees Who Engage in Election Activities: Appointed Officials (Source: [PDC](#))

Permitted	Not Permitted	General Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May engage in political activities on [their] own time, if no public equipment, vehicle or facility is used. An appointed official may use his or her title, but should clarify that [they are] speaking on [their] own behalf, and not on behalf of the agency. • May attend any function or event at any time during the day and voice [their] opinion about a candidate or ballot proposition as long as they are not being compensated and are not using any public equipment, vehicle or other facility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall not direct agency staff to perform tasks to support or oppose campaign activities or ballot measures. • Shall not use public facilities or resources to engage in political activities. • Shall not use public facilities to express a collective decision or actually vote upon a motion or resolution to support or oppose a ballot proposition. • Shall not use public facilities to make a statement at a press conference or responding to an inquiry in support or opposition to any ballot proposition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the appointed official using staff time, a public vehicle, or other public resources? • Has the appointed official made it clear that [they are] not speaking on behalf of the agency? • Also see Uniforms and Related Equipment Section online. • Also see Officials' Calendars Section online.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to provide Park Board with updates about this initiative. Table 5 (see next page) outlines the general timeline for the upcoming Council process related to this body of work. Bold font indicates Council meetings.

Table 5: Ballot Measure Exploratory Process: City Council Steps

Date	Item
June 20	Council discussion on potential ballot measure: Finance Focus Council to authorize Pro/Con Committee Recruitment (last possible date for authorization: July 5)
July 5	Council discussion on potential ballot measure Council to confirm Pro/Con Committee appointments (last possible date for appointment: July 18)
July 18	Last Council Meeting to approve Ballot Measure Ordinance
August 1	Ballot Measure Resolution due to King County
August 4	Explanatory Statement Due
August 8	Pro/Con Statements Due
August 10	Pro/Con rebuttal statements due

Attachments: A: Statistically Valid Community Survey Results
B: Open-Link Community Survey Results



City of Kirkland
Parks & Recreation Priority Survey
May 2023

Methodology

- ▶ Survey of residents in Kirkland, WA, conducted April 20-24, 2023, in English
- ▶ Methodology used mixed mode telephone and text/email-to-web:
 - Telephone interviews were conducted by trained, professional interviewers; landlines and mobile phones included
 - Email and text invitations were sent with link to web survey
- ▶ Conducted 400 interviews; overall margin of error ± 4.9 percentage points
- ▶ Where applicable, results compared with the following:

Methodology	Dates	Title	Sample Size	Margin of Error	EMC #
Mixed mode web/phone	April 21-28, 2020	2020 Kirkland Survey	400	± 4.9 percentage points	20-7667

Please note that due to rounding, some percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.



Issue Environment

Most Important Issues (Open-End)

(accepted up to two responses)



18% mention overdevelopment or growth



16% mention crime, safety, or drugs



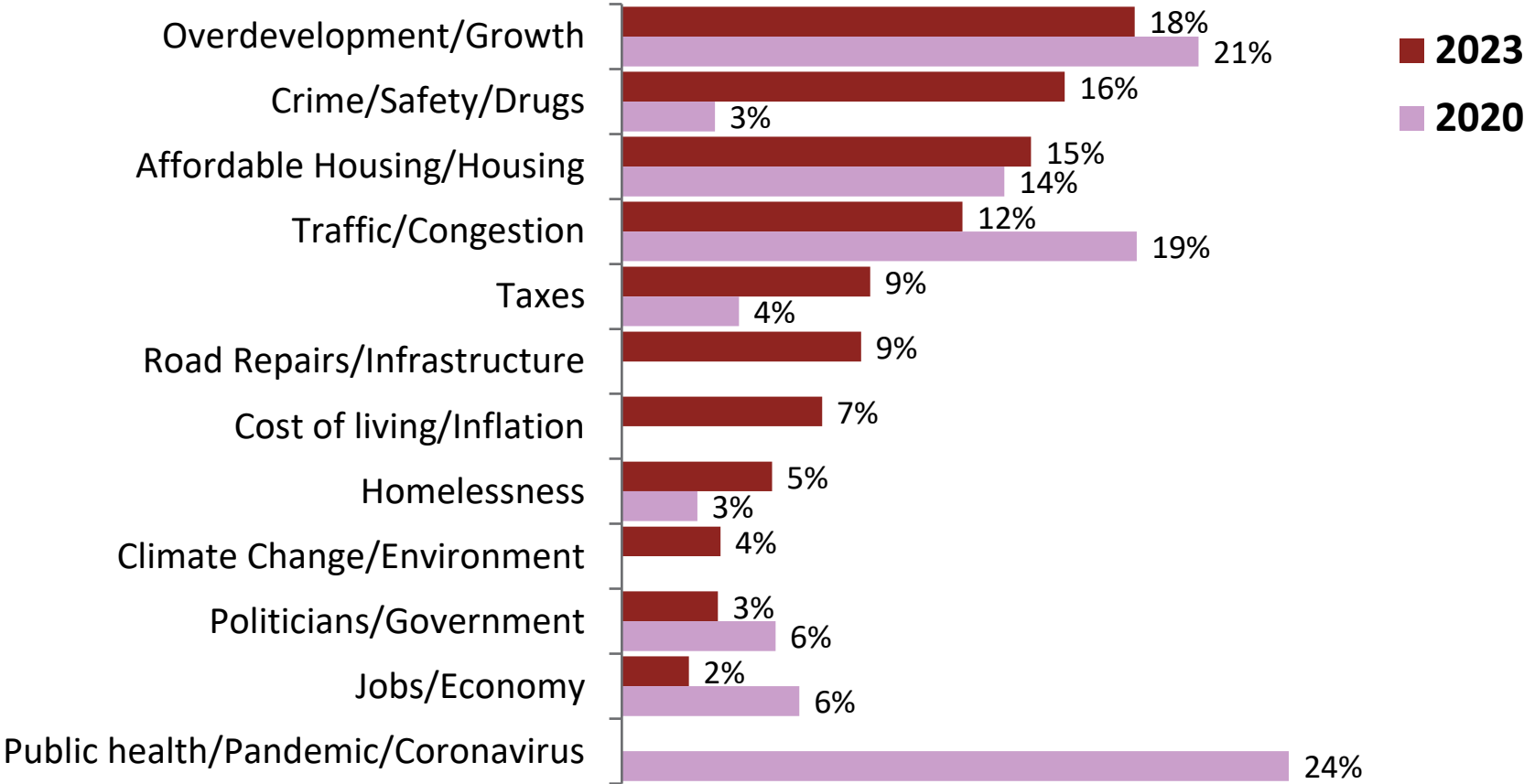
15% mention affordable housing or housing

Top-of-Mind Issues

Overdevelopment, crime, and affordable housing are top of mind concerns among Kirkland residents.

What do you think is the most important issue facing Kirkland today?

(Open ended question; Verbatim responses coded into categories shown below; Up to two responses accepted)



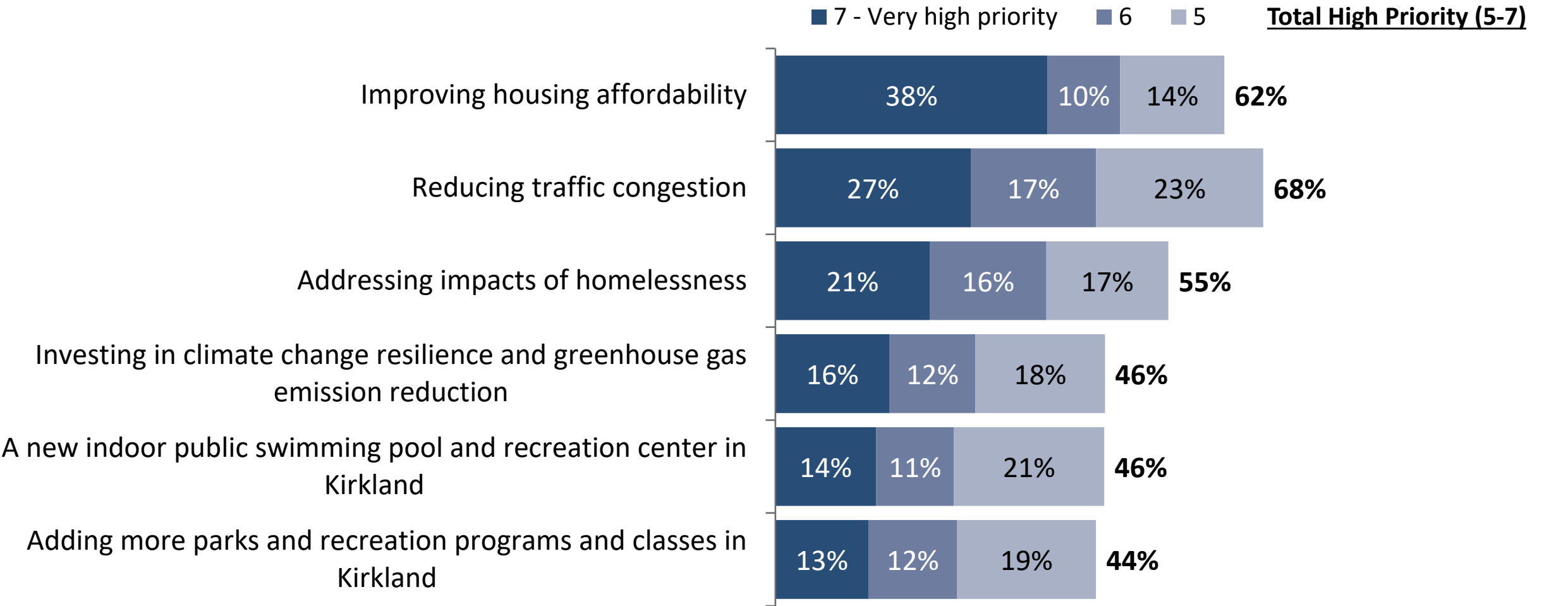
Comparing Top-of-Mind Concerns

Kirkland residents' top-of-mind concerns are comparable to Redmond in their focus on affordability and addressing growth and overdevelopment. Public safety concerns are similar to Bellevue residents, while homelessness and crime are much more prevalent concerns in Seattle.

	Seattle 2022	Bellevue 2022	Redmond 2023	Kirkland 2023
Affordable Housing/Cost of living/Taxes	16%	20%	25%	31%
Overdevelopment/Growth	1%	7%	25%	18%
Crime/Safety/Drugs	28%	16%	7%	16%
Traffic/Congestion	1%	13%	13%	12%
Road Repairs/Infrastructure	1%	3%	9%	9%
Homelessness	36%	17%	4%	5%
Climate Change/Environment	-	4%	-	4%

Issue Priorities

Improving housing affordability, reducing traffic, and addressing homelessness are top priorities among Kirkland residents. The two recreation items are a priority for less than a majority of residents.



Q3-Q8. I'd like to read you a list of potential investments the City of Kirkland could make in the next few years. Please rate each one using a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means you feel that item should be a very low priority and 7 means that you feel that item should be a very high priority for Kirkland to invest in.



Potential Measures

Initial Proposal Importance

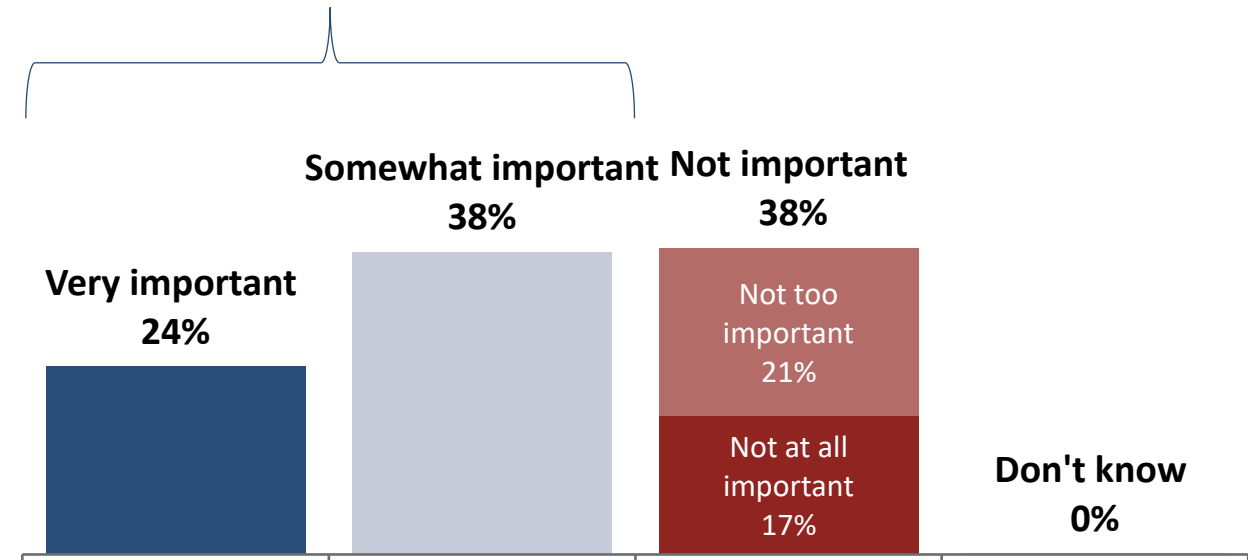
While the proposal is seen as important to a majority (61%), this is split between a smaller share who say it is “very important” (24%) and a larger share who are lukewarm on the proposal (38% “Somewhat Important”).

This does not reflect how this question might perform on a ballot as the survey universe is residents.

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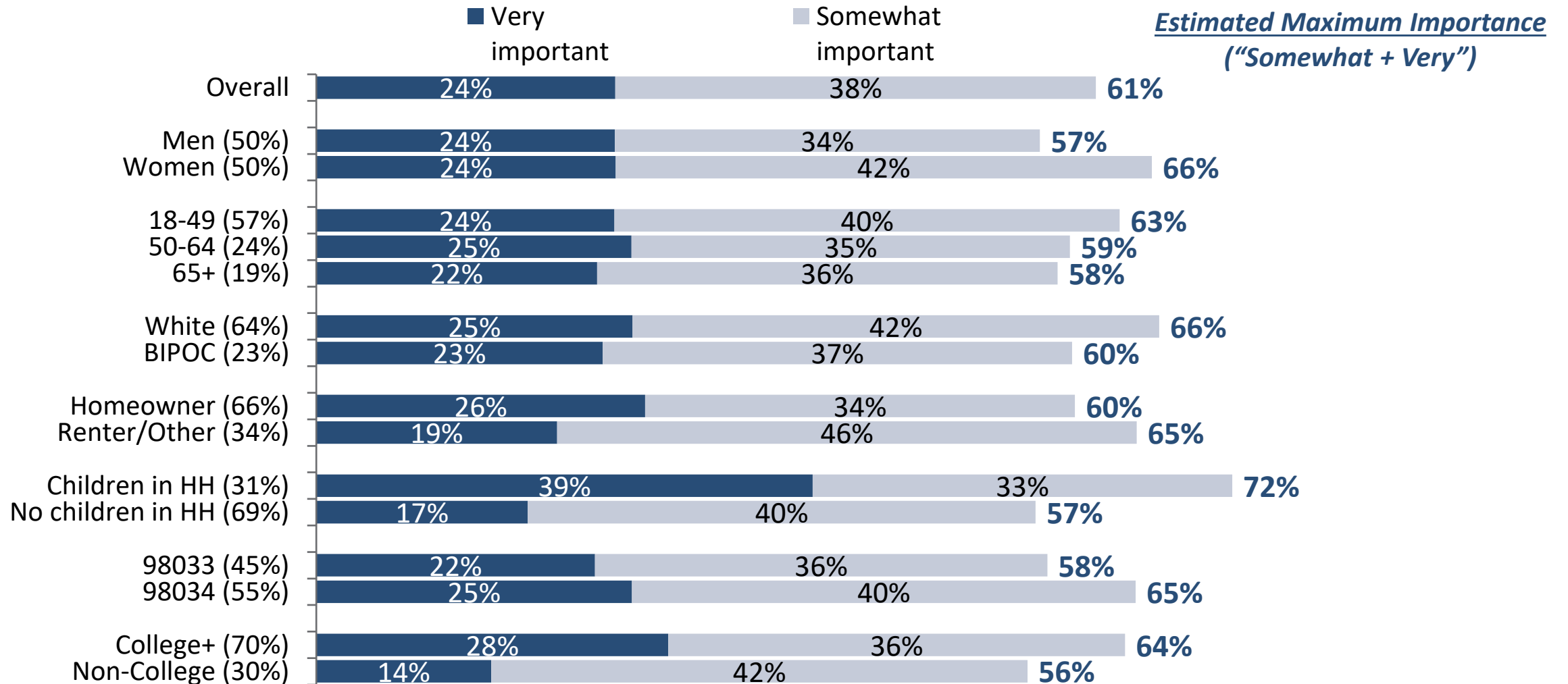
In general, do you think this proposal is...?

*Estimated
Maximum
Importance 61%*



Initial Importance - Subgroups

There are some significant subgroup differences on importance. Particularly noticeable is the differences by whether or not there are children in the household, gender, education level, and geography.





The reasons the proposal is not important center on the cost/tax burden, that there are more important priorities, and that these recreation opportunities already exist; and all three are mentioned more frequently than any “important” response.

*(Asked among those who said “somewhat” or “very” important;
n=250)*

<u>Showing top coded responses</u> <i>(Open-ended question, verbatims coded categories)</i>	%
Activities for youth/families	22%
Expand access to parks/recreation/green space	18%
General positive (Benefits all/nice/great)	12%
Needed/Necessary	11%
Health and wellness	10%



(Asked among those who said “not too” or “not at all” important;
n=149)

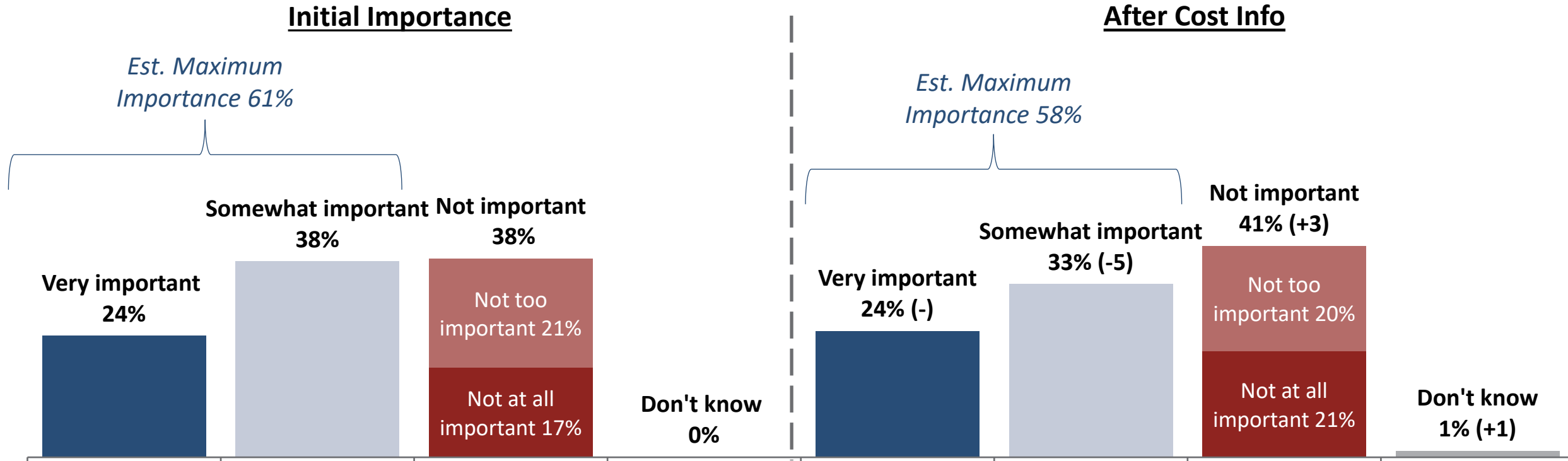
<u>Showing top coded responses</u> <i>(Open-ended question, verbatims coded categories)</i>	%
Cost/too many taxes	28%
More important priorities	26%
Already available/not necessary	26%
Mismanagement/Fiscal irresponsibility	7%
No use to me/won't use	3%



Importance After Additional Cost Details

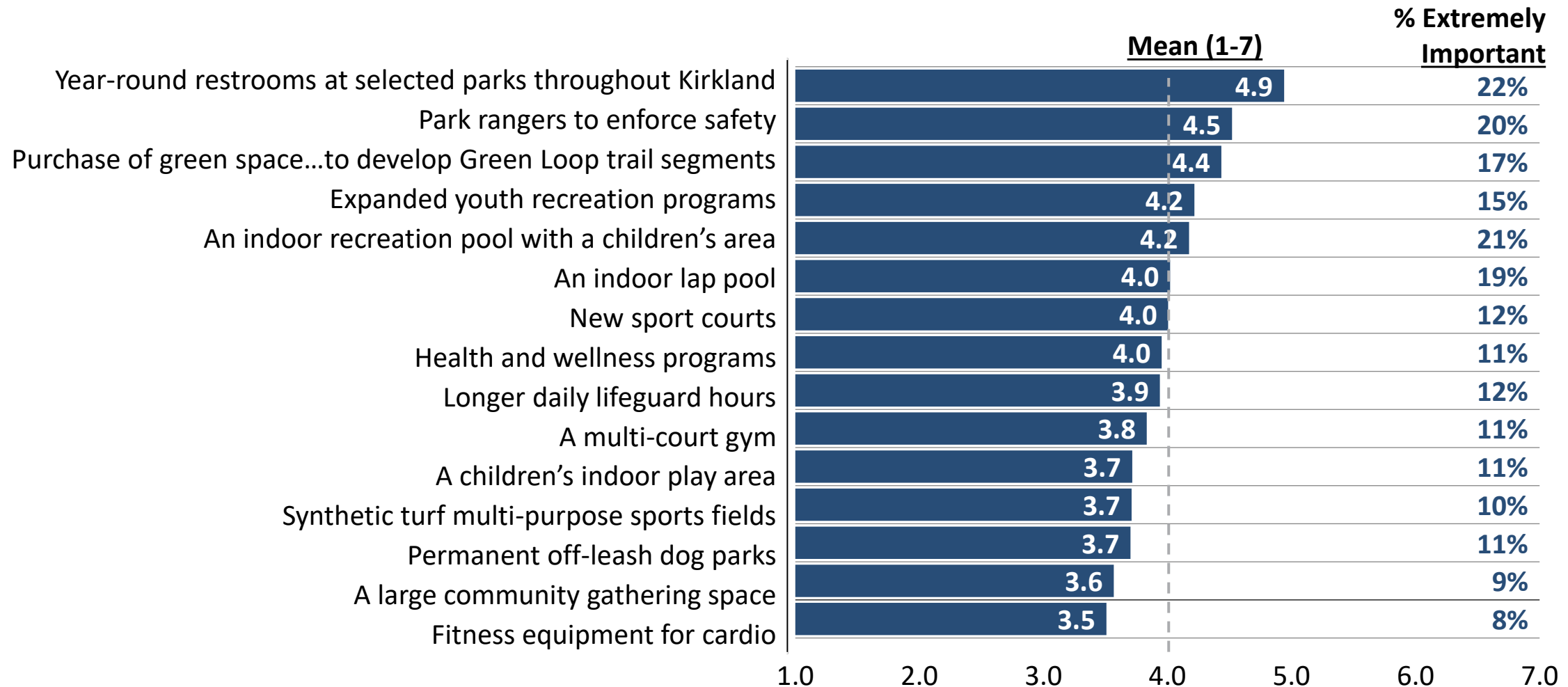
The additional cost details have a minimal impact on share of residents who consider the proposal "very important." However, the share of those in the middle ("somewhat important") erodes slightly, and switches to "Not at all important". In addition, perceived importance drops to a slim majority in a few subgroups like Age 50+ (54%), homeowners (53%), and those without children in their household (53%).

This proposal would cost the owner of \$1.2M home, the median in Kirkland, ~\$290 per year. Would you say you this proposal is...



Proposal Component Priorities

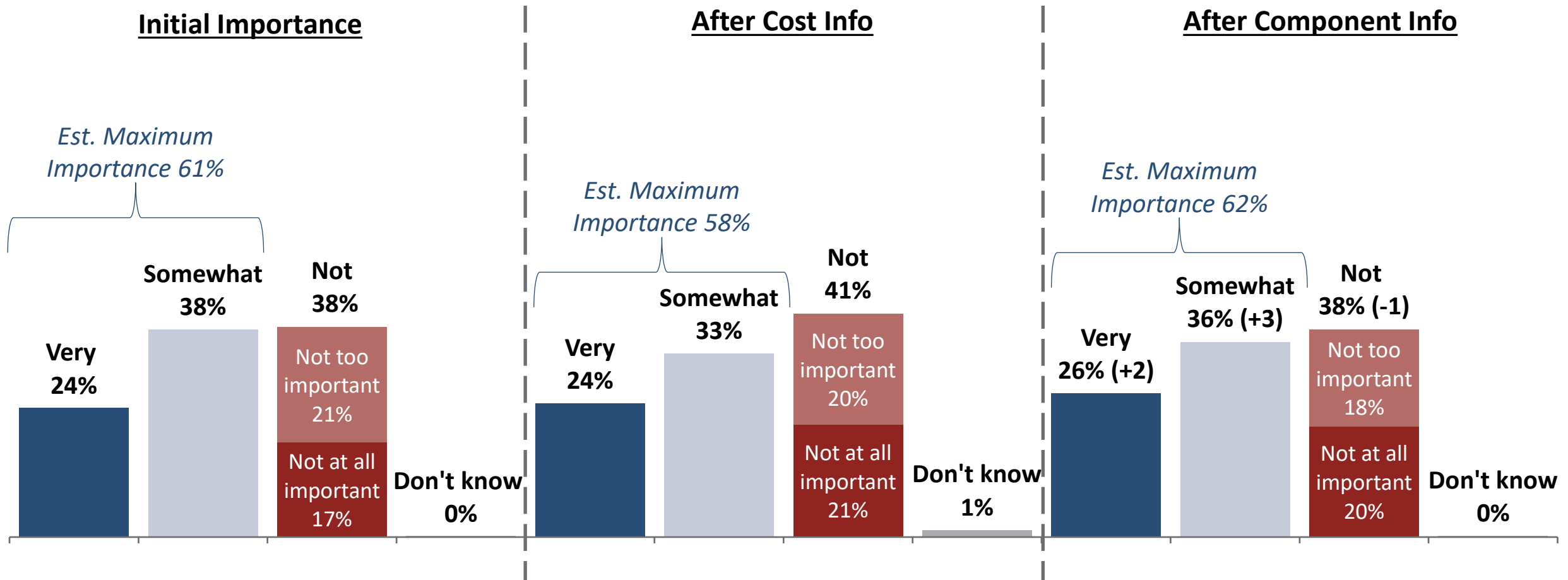
The top-rated components tested are year-round restrooms, park rangers, and the purchase of green space. Only 7 of the 15 items reach the median (4) on this importance scale; the top rated item is “extremely important” to less than a quarter (22%).



Q12-Q26. Next is a series of items which could be included in the proposal...please rate how important that item is using a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means not at all important, and 7 means extremely important.

Importance After Component Priorities

The additional component details do not have a significant impact on the share of respondents indicating the proposal is “very” important.



Q9./Q11./Q27. Given what you've heard about the parks and recreation facility and program proposal that would increase the City's regular levy permanently by approximately 23.5 cents per \$1,000 assessed value and would cost the owner of \$1.2 Million dollar home, the median valued home in Kirkland, approximately \$290 per year, would you say the proposal is...?

Location Preference

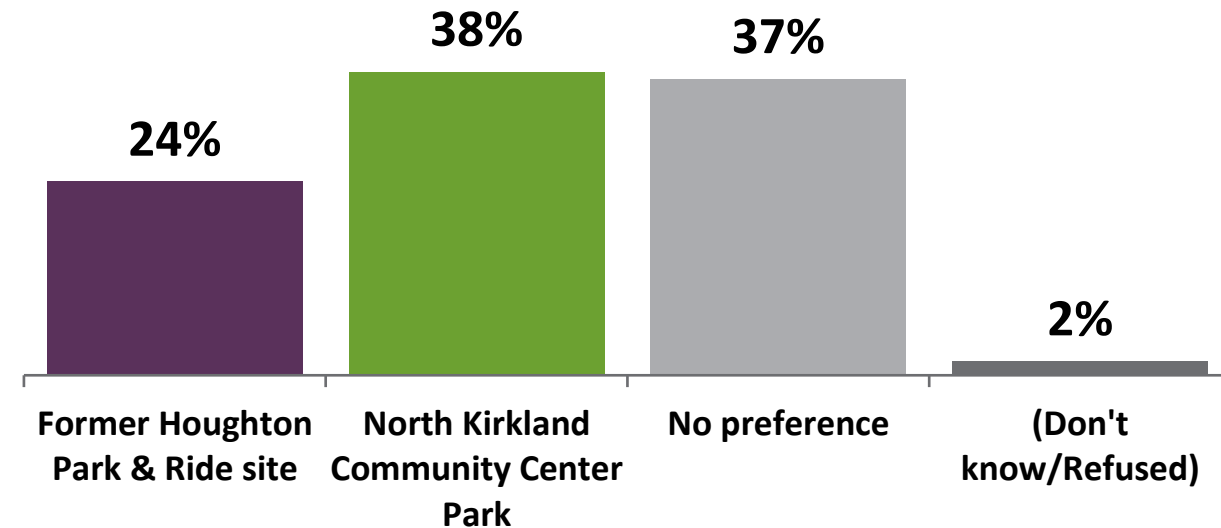
*Of those who have a preference for the location of the proposed facility, most prefer the North Kirkland community center park (38%) for the location of the proposed new facility.
Nearly as many (37%) have no location preference between the two.*

Combined Preference

There are two possible locations for the new aquatics, recreation, and community center. The first is on the former Houghton Park & Ride site at NE 70th PL and I-405 in south central Kirkland, and the second is at North Kirkland Community Center Park on NE 124th St near 100th Ave NE.

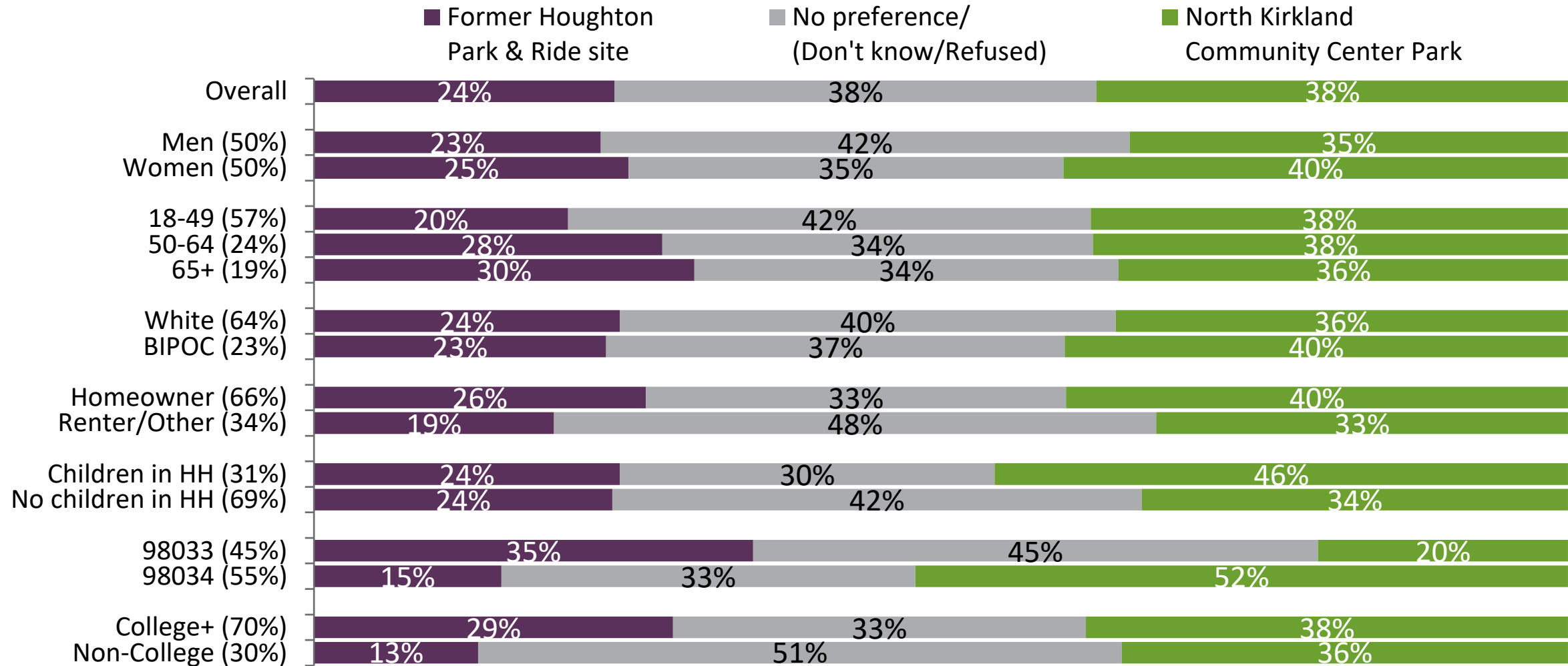
Of these two locations, do you prefer one location over the other?

IF YES: Which location do you prefer? (n=256)



Location Preference - Subgroups

Generally, North Kirkland Community center is preferred by a plurality over the former park and ride station, with the exception of residents living in the 98033 zip code.



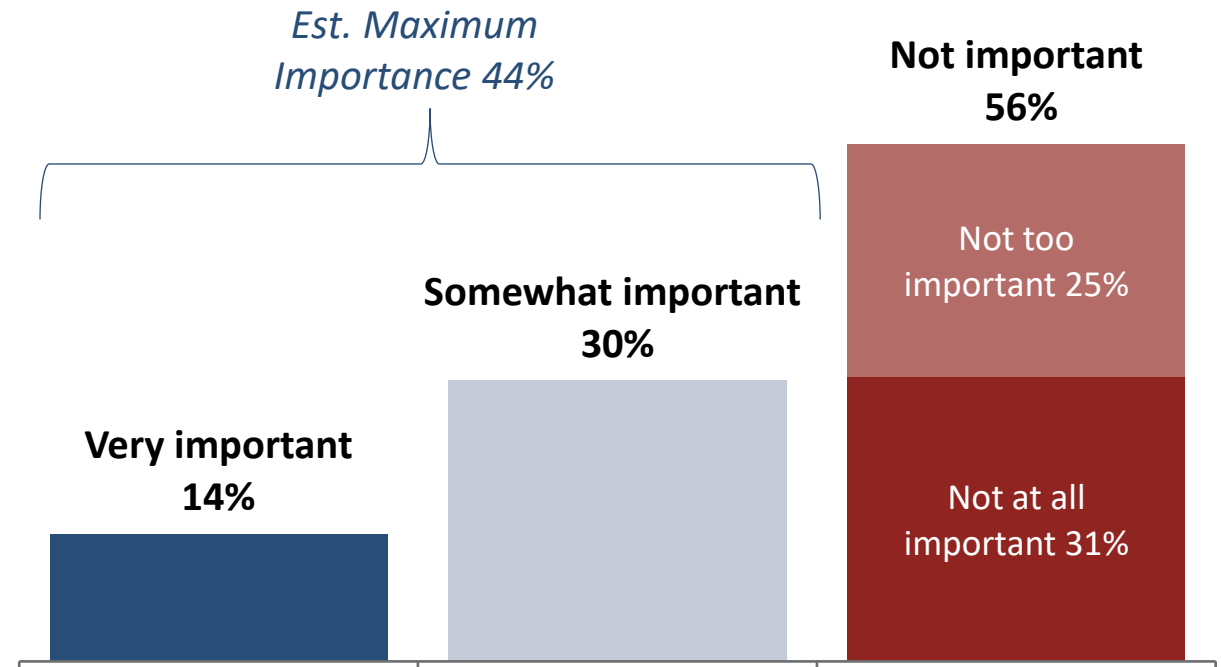
Q28/29. Of these two locations, do you prefer one location over the other?
IF YES: Which location do you prefer? (n=256)

Two Facility Importance

A majority say the two-facility proposal is not important; only 14% say it is “Very important”.

The City is also considering a different proposal to build two complementary facilities, including an aquatics-focused facility at the Houghton Park and Ride and a recreation-focused facility to replace the current North Kirkland Community Center. This proposal would include the same parks and recreation system enhancements described earlier. The two-facility proposal would increase the City’s regular levy permanently by approximately thirty-two cents per \$1,000 assessed value and would cost the owner of \$1.2 Million dollar home, the median valued home in Kirkland, approximately three hundred ninety-five dollars per year.

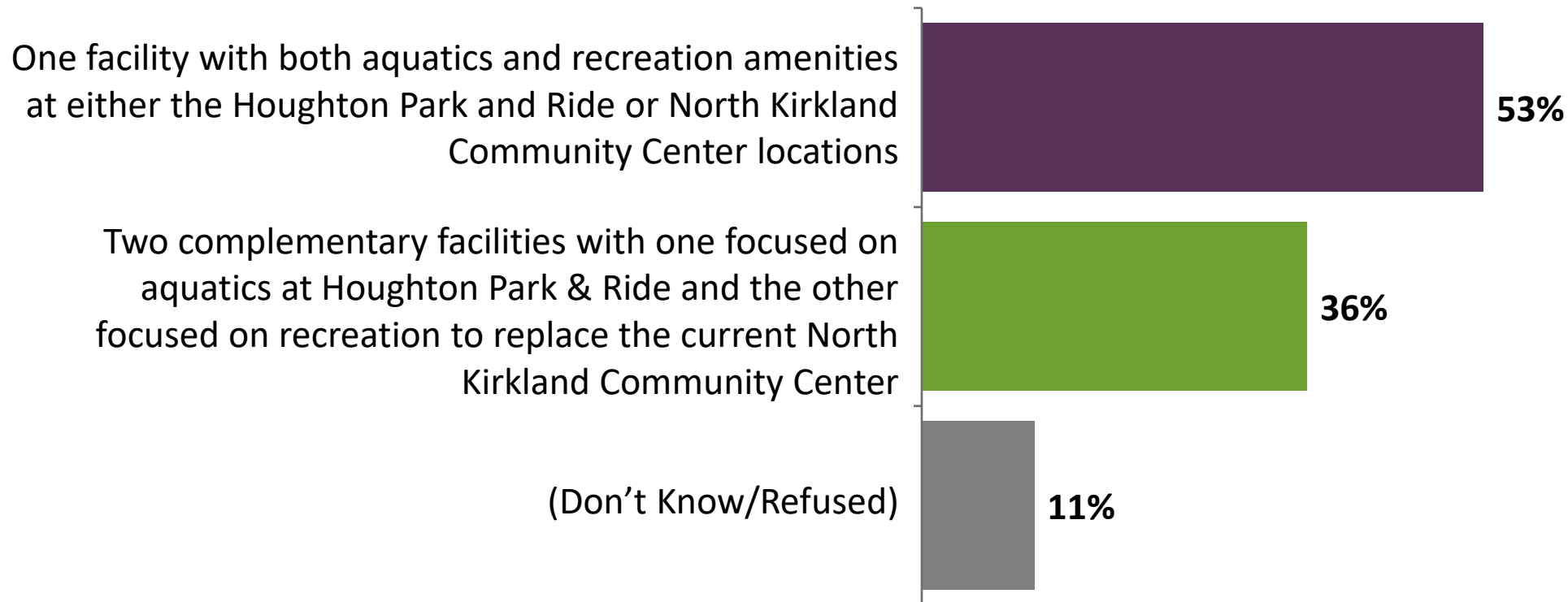
Knowing this, would you say this two-facility proposal is...?



One or Two Facility Preference

Just over half of the respondents choose one facility with both aquatics and recreation amenities when forced to choose between the one or two facility proposals.

Of the two options, do you prefer one facility that has aquatics and recreation facilities at either the Houghton Park and Ride or the North Kirkland Community center, or to build two facilities with one focused on aquatics at Houghton Park and Ride and the other recreation facilities at the North Kirkland Community Center?





Conclusions

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- ▶ A new aquatics/community center and parks & recreation programs are not among the top priorities for Kirkland residents.
 - Overdevelopment, housing affordability, crime, and reducing traffic congestion are all more important priorities.
- ▶ At the same time, a majority believe a new aquatics and community center and parks & rec improvements are generally important. However, there is little intensity in this opinion; the plurality of those saying the proposal is important say it is only “somewhat important” (38%).
- ▶ Increasing the availability of activities for youth and family and expanded access to parks are the leading reasons people think the proposal is important.
 - However, the reasons the proposal is not important are more concentrated, and are led by cost concerns, people saying there are more important priorities, and that there are already enough recreation opportunities available.
- ▶ Cost information about the proposal decreases importance levels by 8 points, clearly outside of the margin of error. The group that thinks this proposal is “not important” reaches 41% at this point.
- ▶ The highest-priority components are more year-round restrooms, more park rangers, expanding green space for trail development, and expanded youth programs. However, there is again little intensity in how important these items are; only half of the items reach or exceed the median of importance.
- ▶ A plurality residents prefer the North Kirkland location, but an equal percentage have no location preference.
- ▶ A majority (53%) do prefer a single facility versus a third (36%) who prefer two facilities.



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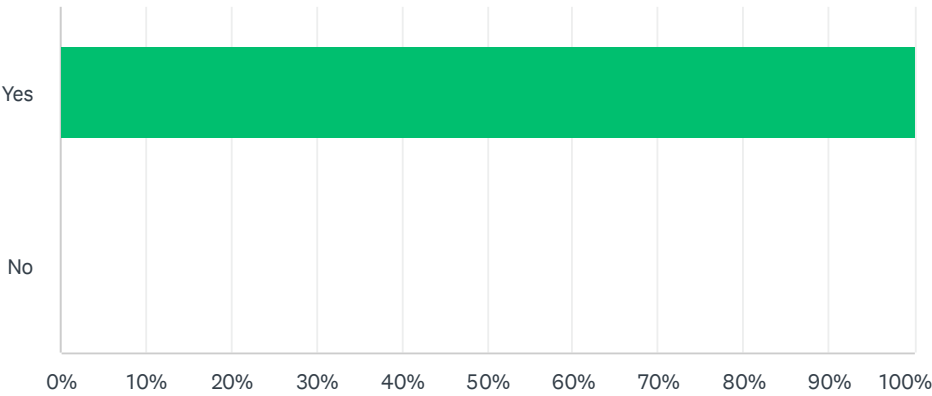
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Q1 Do you live in Kirkland?

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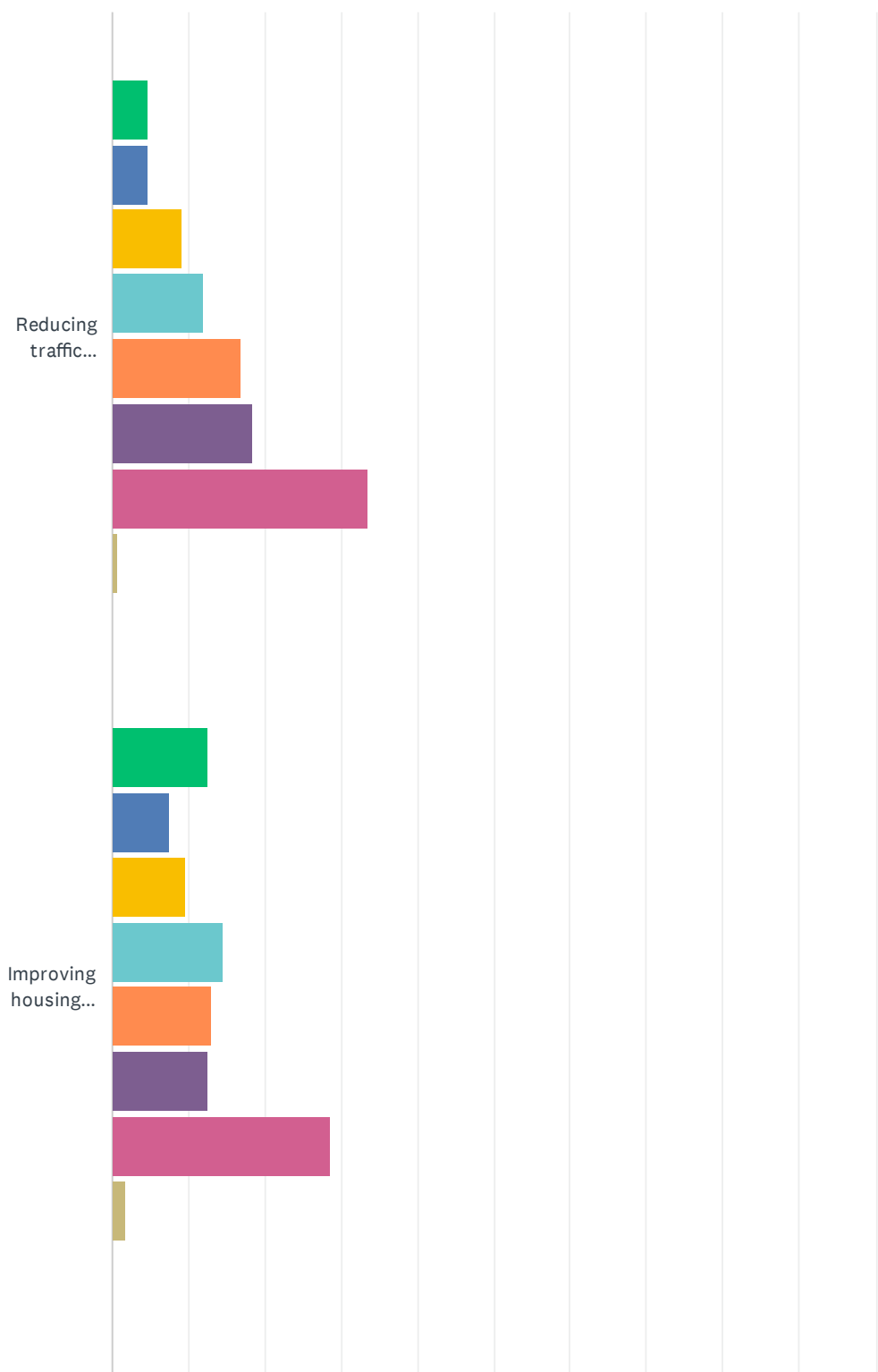
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	1,207
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		1,207

Q2 What do you think is the most important issue facing Kirkland today?

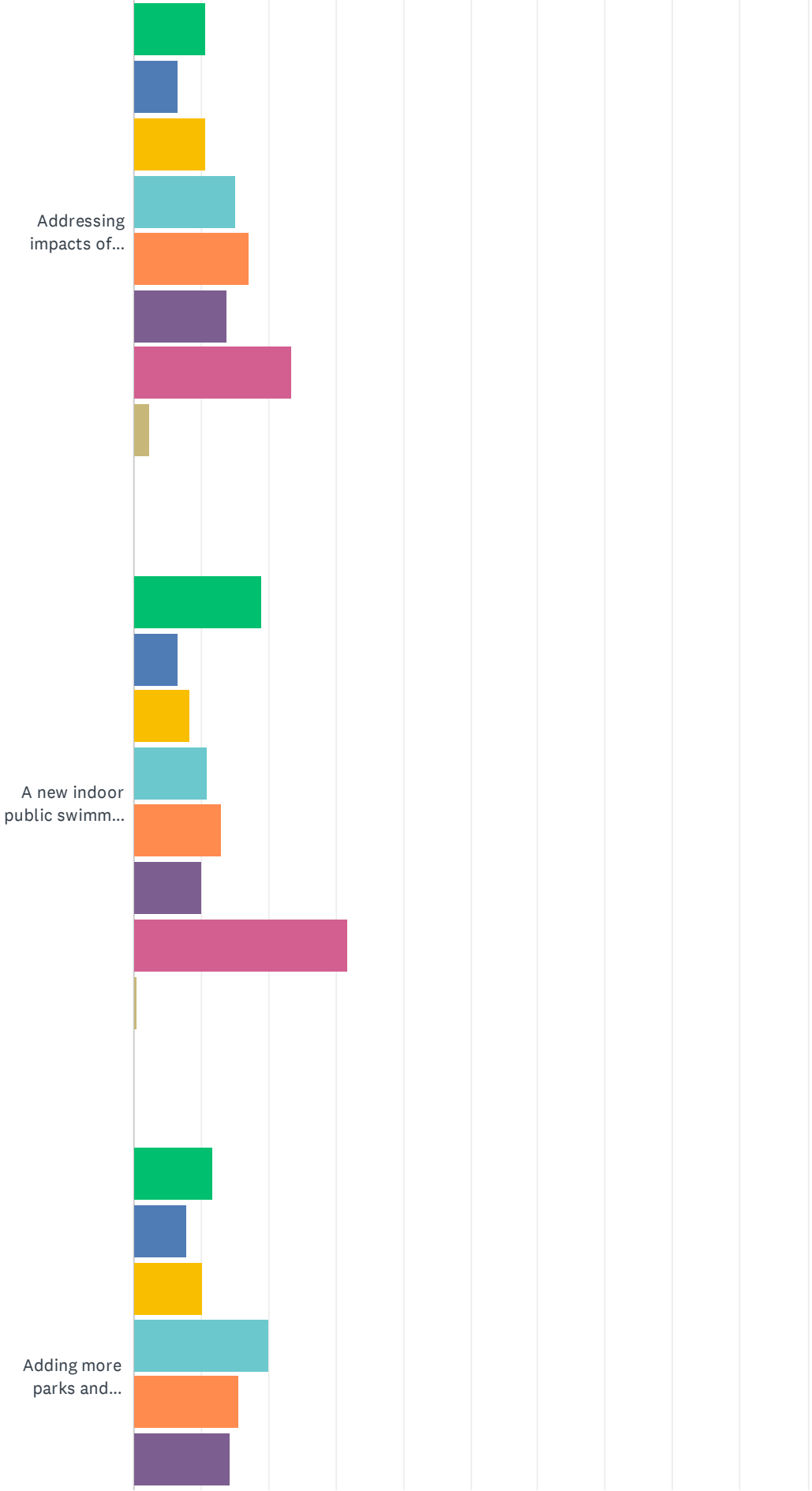
Answered: 774 Skipped: 433

Q3 Below is a list of potential investments the City of Kirkland could make in the next few years. Please rate each one using a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means you feel that item should be a very low priority and 7 means that you feel that item should be a very high priority for Kirkland to invest in.

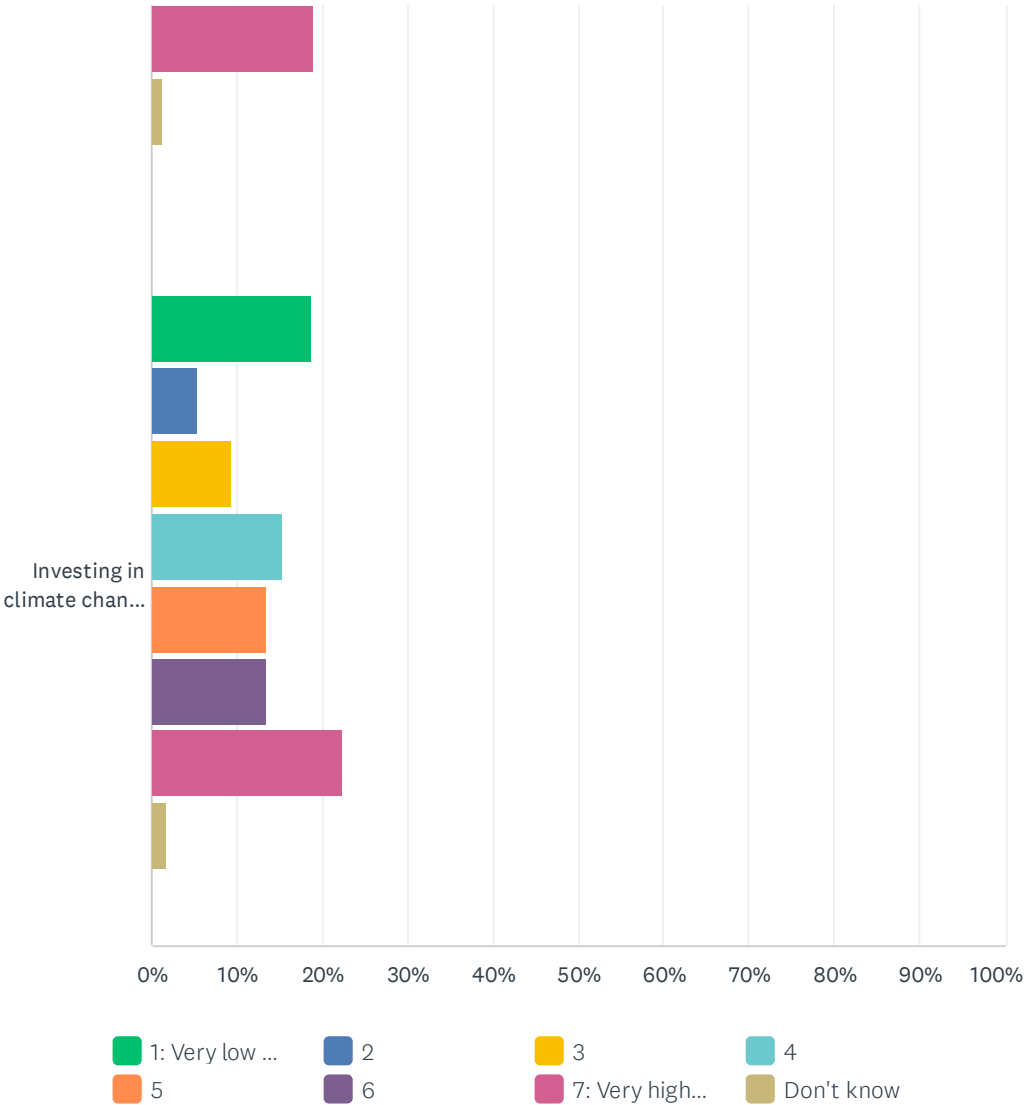
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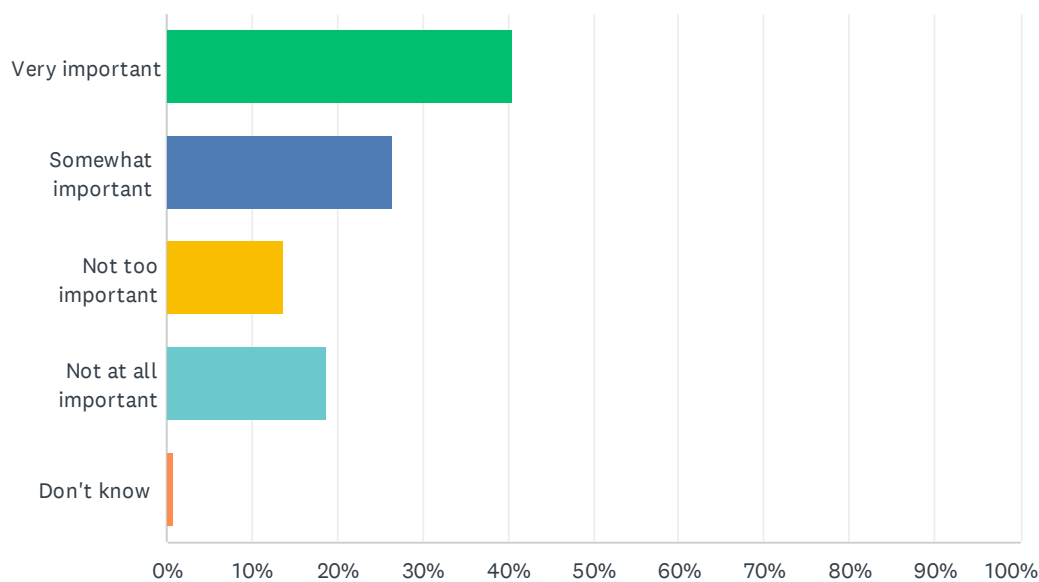


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	1: VERY LOW PRIORITY	2	3	4	5	6	7: VERY HIGH PRIORITY	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Reducing traffic congestion	4.77% 48	4.67% 47	9.24% 93	12.03% 121	16.90% 170	18.29% 184	33.40% 336	0.70% 7	1,006	5.18
Improving housing affordability	12.61% 127	7.55% 76	9.53% 96	14.40% 145	13.11% 132	12.51% 126	28.60% 288	1.69% 17	1,007	4.55
Addressing impacts of homelessness	10.64% 107	6.66% 67	10.74% 108	15.21% 153	17.00% 171	13.92% 140	23.46% 236	2.39% 24	1,006	4.50
A new indoor public swimming pool and recreation center in Kirkland	19.01% 192	6.53% 66	8.32% 84	10.89% 110	12.97% 131	10.10% 102	31.68% 320	0.50% 5	1,010	4.48
Adding more parks and recreation programs and classes in Kirkland	11.71% 118	7.94% 80	10.22% 103	20.14% 203	15.48% 156	14.19% 143	19.05% 192	1.29% 13	1,008	4.35
Investing in climate change resilience and greenhouse gas emission reduction	18.71% 188	5.37% 54	9.35% 94	15.42% 155	13.53% 136	13.53% 136	22.29% 224	1.79% 18	1,005	4.24

Q4 The City of Kirkland is considering a proposal to fund a new aquatics, recreation and community center, and improvements to the parks and recreation system. The proposal would fund new public facilities and programs including recreation and lap pools, a multi-court gym, wellness and fitness classes, a community gathering space, expanded youth programs, extended hours at lifeguarded beaches, more year-round park restrooms, new sport courts, and the purchase of green space in northwest Kirkland to develop Green Loop trail segments. This proposal would increase the City’s regular levy permanently by approximately 23.5 cents per \$1,000 assessed value for collection beginning in 2024. In general, do you think this proposal is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

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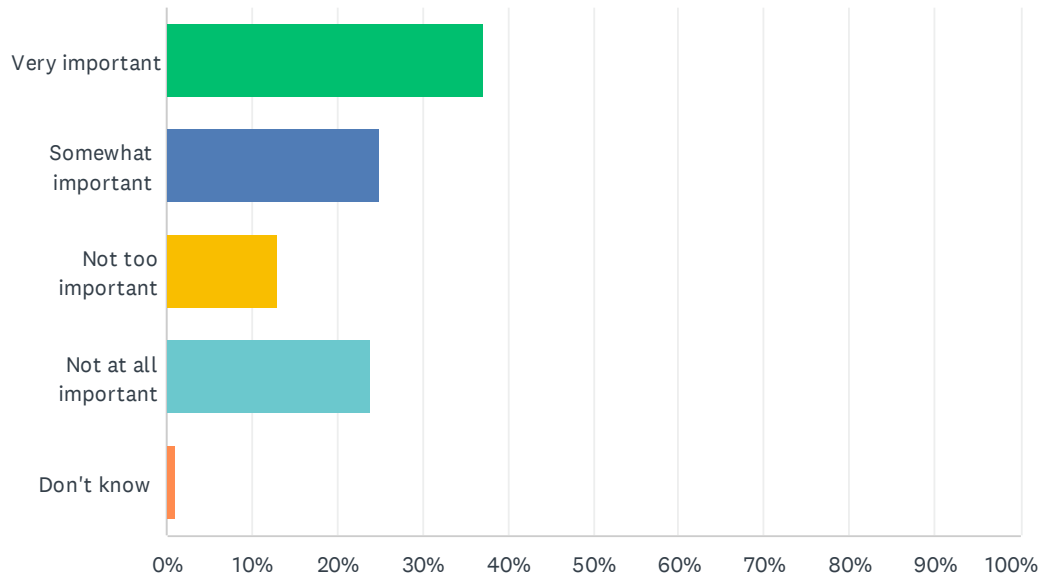
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	40.43%	399
Somewhat important	26.34%	260
Not too important	13.58%	134
Not at all important	18.74%	185
Don't know	0.91%	9
TOTAL		987

Q5 What makes you rate the proposal this way?

Answered: 822 Skipped: 385

Q6 This proposal would cost the owner of \$1,200,000 home, the median valued home in Kirkland, approximately \$290 per year. Knowing this, would you say you this proposal is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

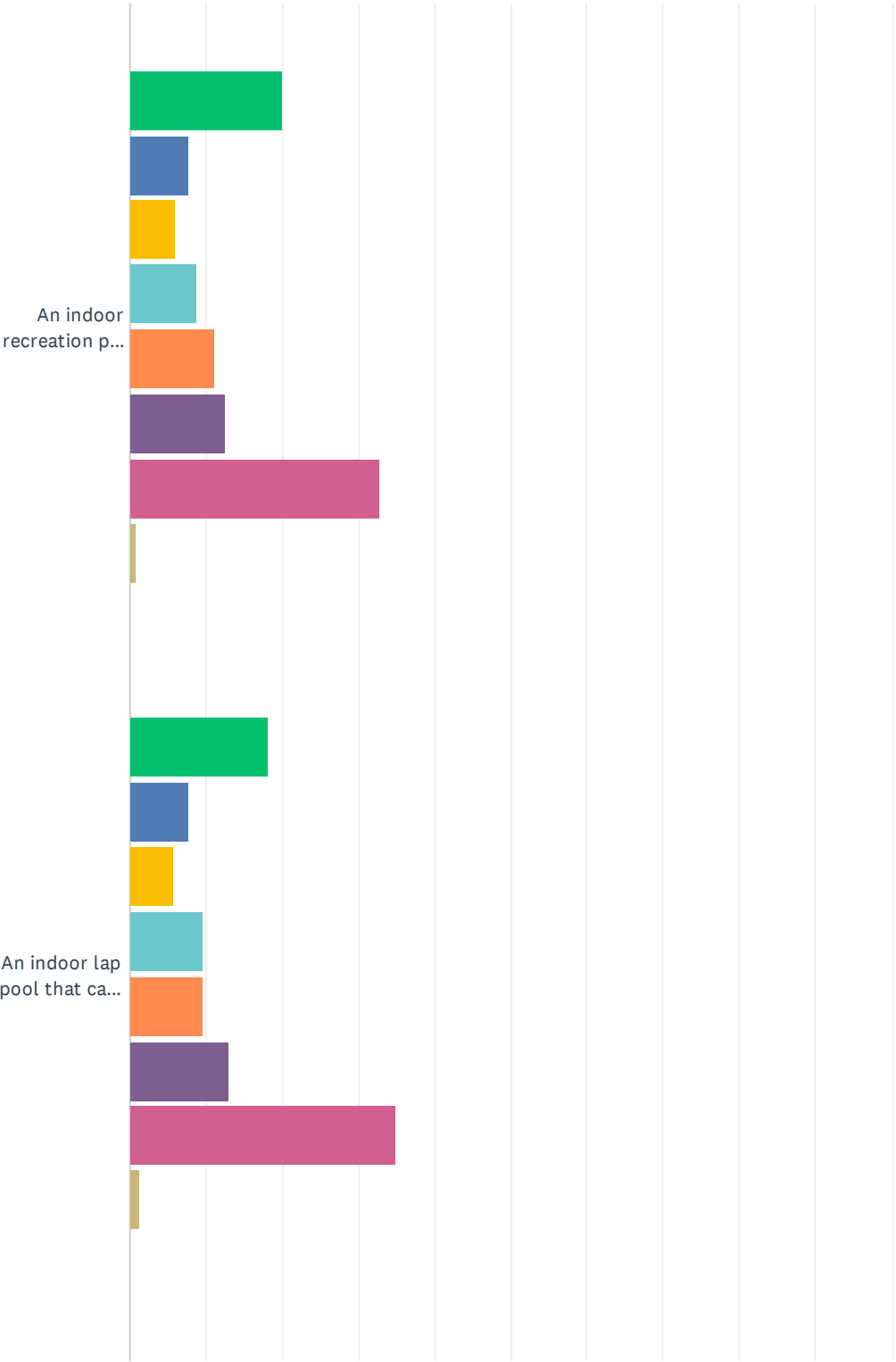
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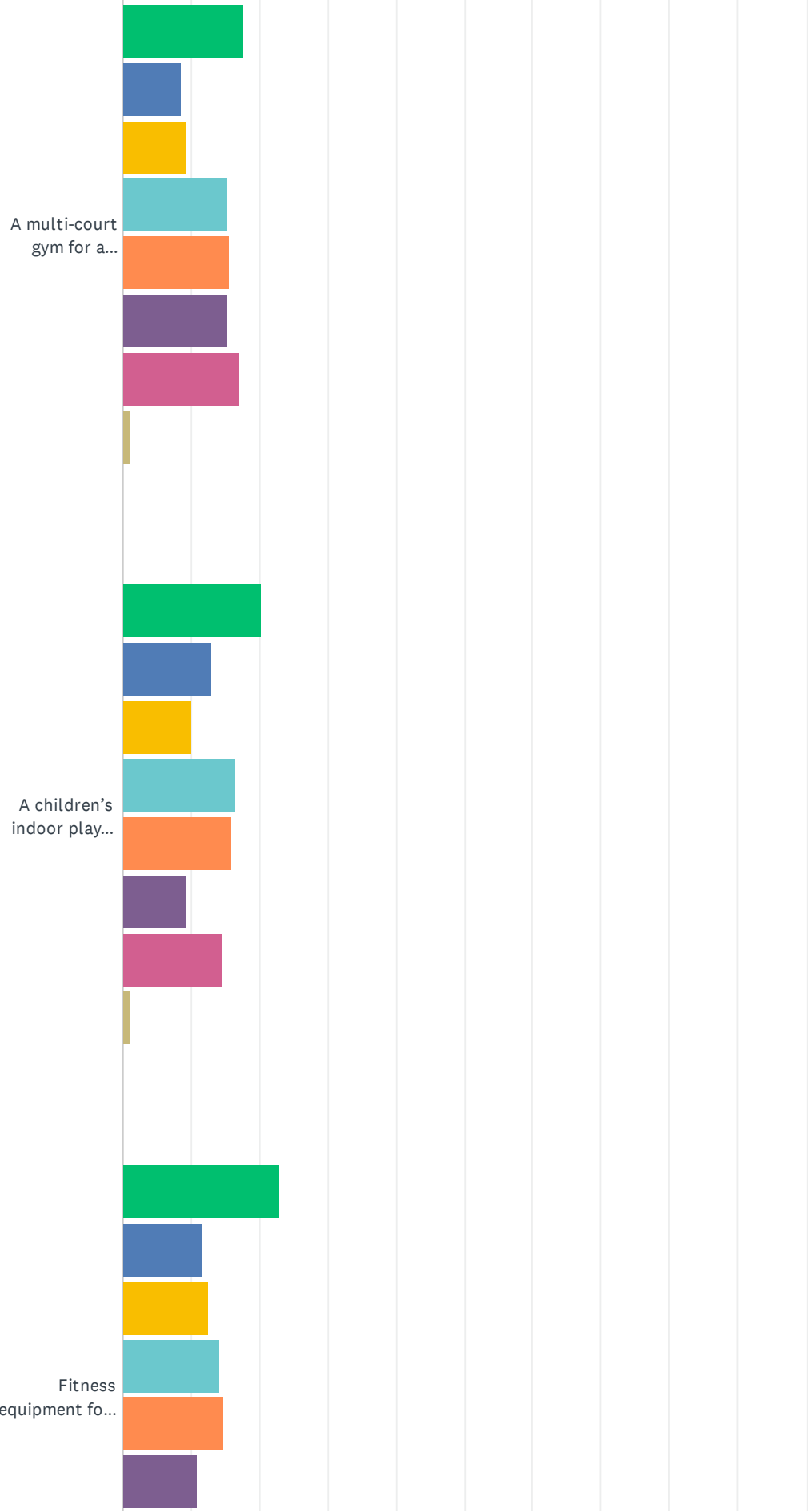


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	37.04%	363
Somewhat important	25.00%	245
Not too important	13.06%	128
Not at all important	23.88%	234
Don't know	1.02%	10
TOTAL		980

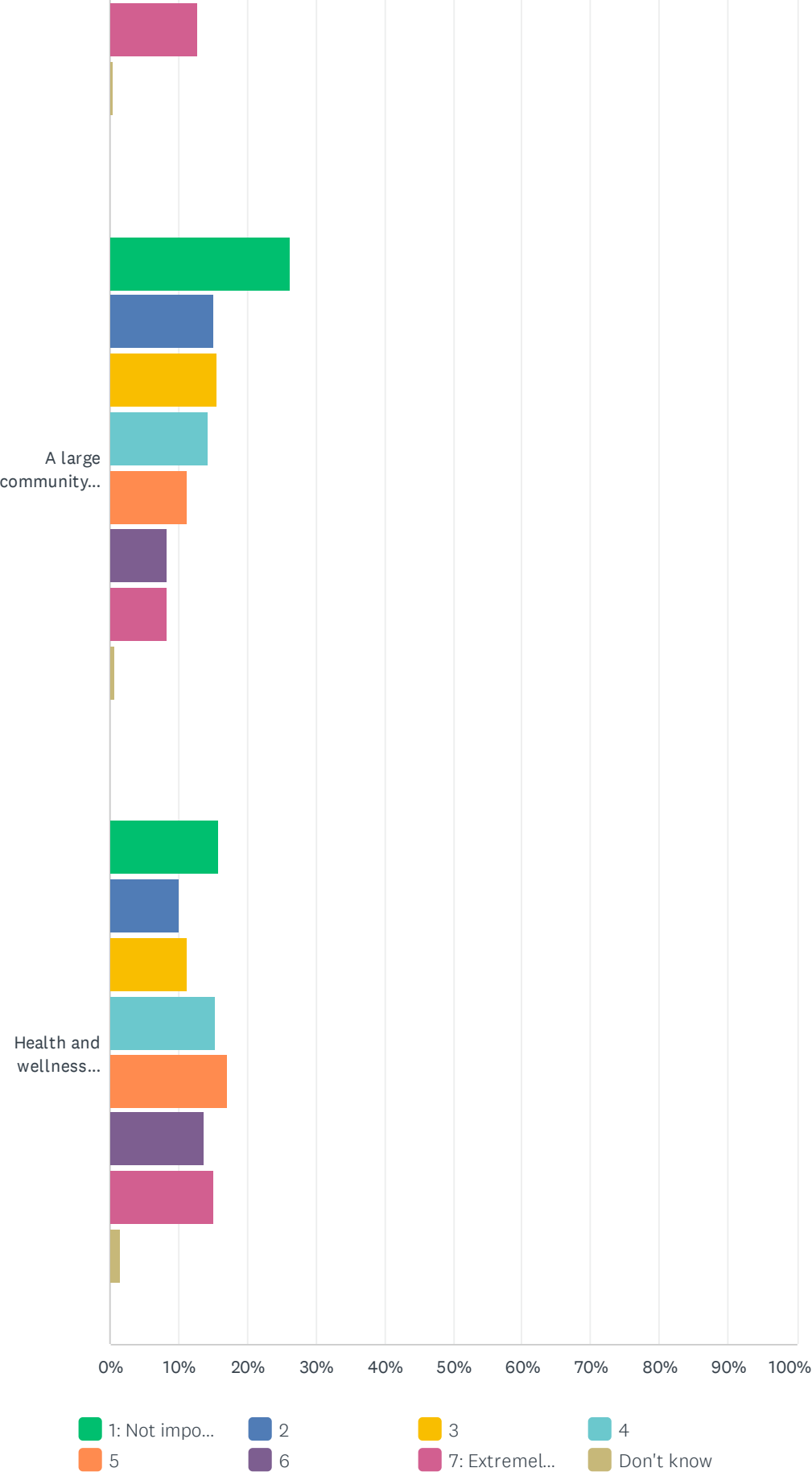
Q7 Next is a series of items which could be included in the proposal. For each item, please rate how important that item is to you, using a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means not at all important, and 7 means extremely important.

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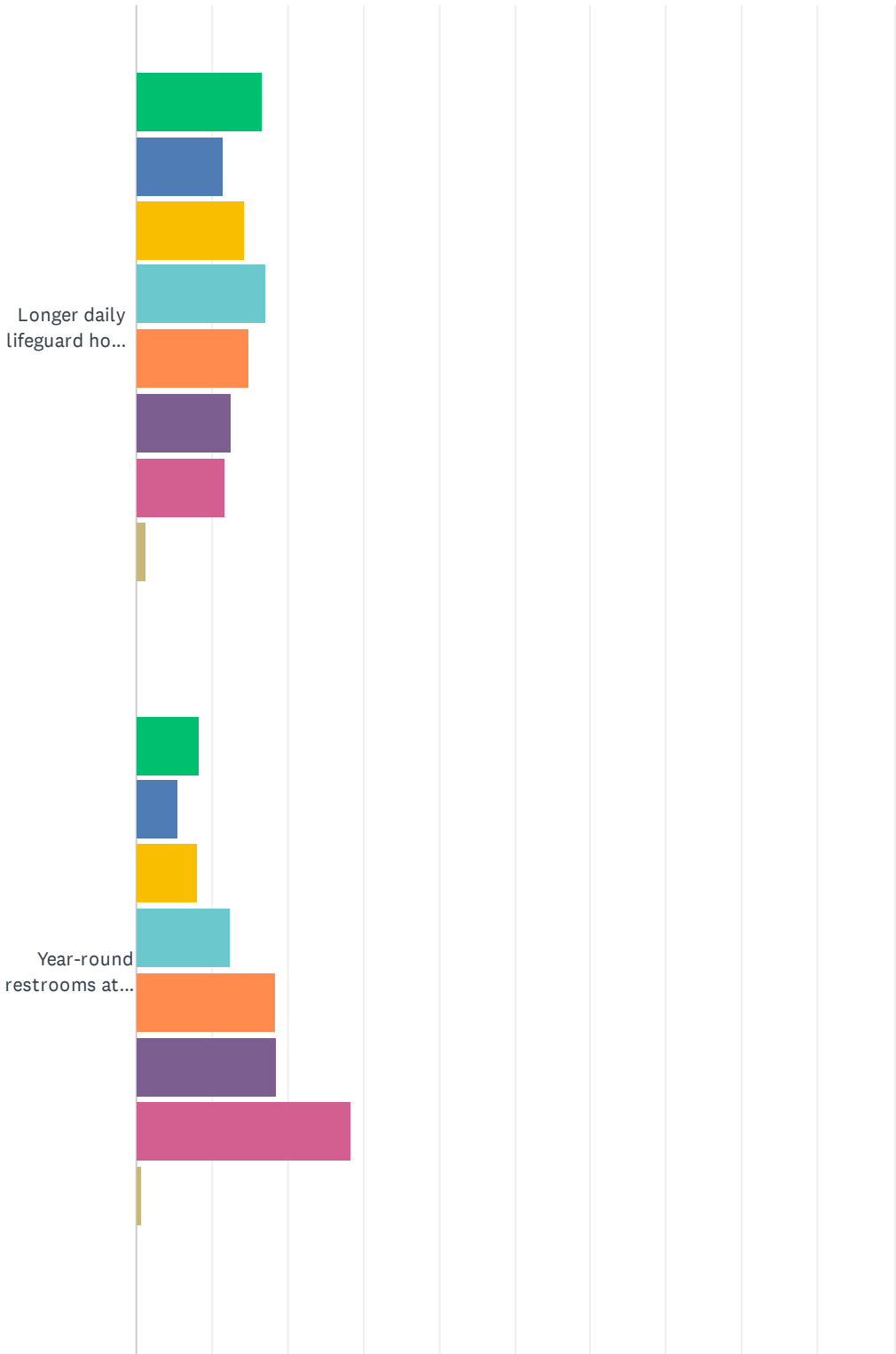
	1: NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	2	3	4	5	6	7: EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
An indoor recreation pool with a children's area, lazy river, and areas for learning how to swim and teaching water safety	20.06% 193	7.69% 74	6.03% 58	8.84% 85	11.02% 106	12.68% 122	32.85% 316	0.83% 8	962	4.50
An indoor lap pool that can be used for fitness, swimming, diving, and swim team practice	18.09% 174	7.69% 74	5.82% 56	9.56% 92	9.56% 92	13.10% 126	34.93% 336	1.25% 12	962	4.60
A multi-court gym for a variety of indoor youth and adult sports like basketball and volleyball	17.79% 171	8.43% 81	9.37% 90	15.40% 148	15.50% 149	15.40% 148	17.07% 164	1.04% 10	961	4.14
A children's indoor play area	20.19% 193	12.97% 124	9.94% 95	16.32% 156	15.69% 150	9.31% 89	14.54% 139	1.05% 10	956	3.77
Fitness equipment for cardio, strength training, and exercise	22.89% 220	11.65% 112	12.49% 120	14.15% 136	14.78% 142	10.82% 104	12.70% 122	0.52% 5	961	3.68
A large community gathering space including rental spaces for weddings, birthdays, or meetings	26.24% 253	15.15% 146	15.66% 151	14.21% 137	11.31% 109	8.40% 81	8.30% 80	0.73% 7	964	3.25
Health and	15.83%	10.10%	11.35%	15.31%	17.08%	13.65%	15.21%	1.46%		

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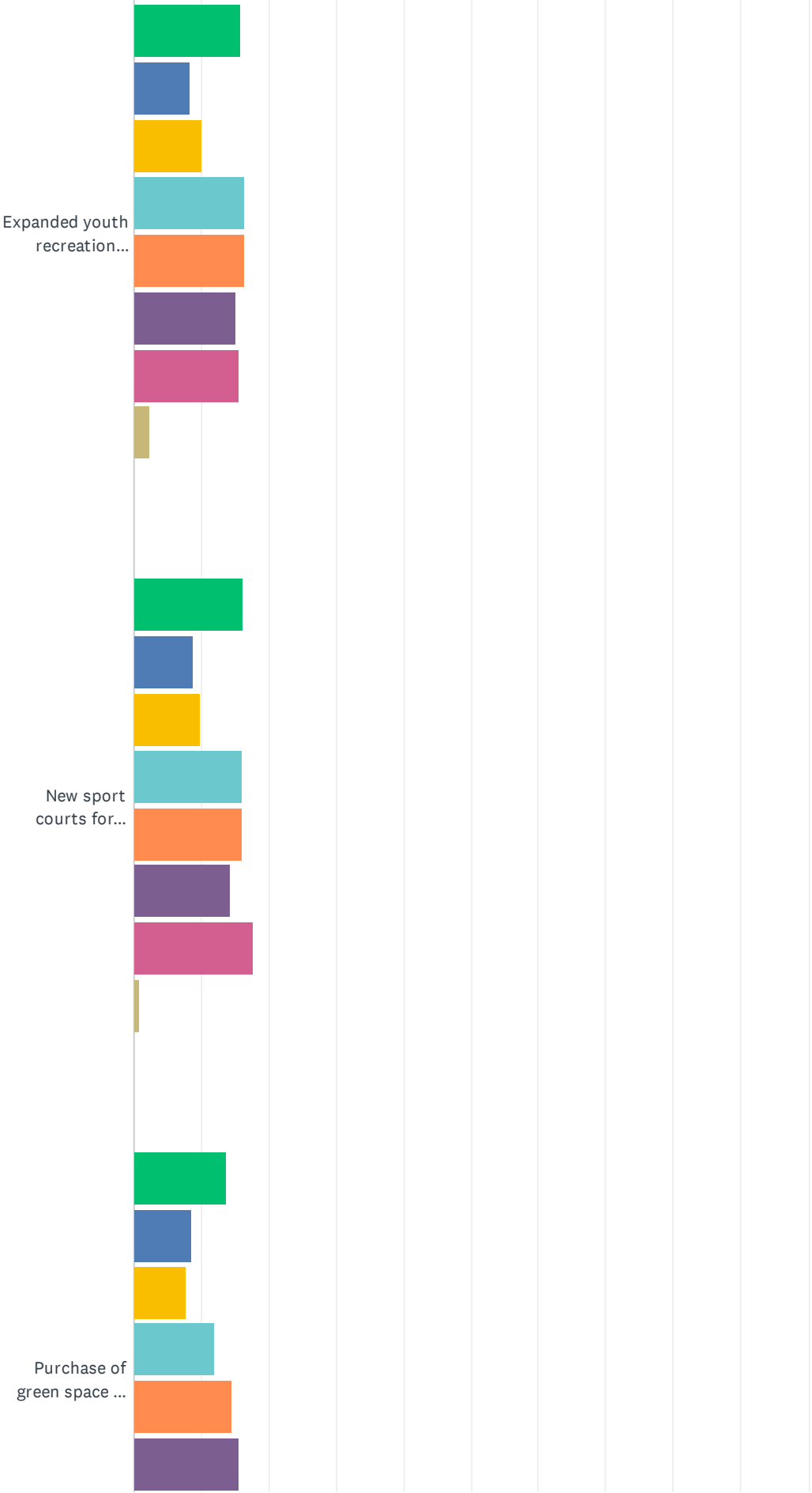
wellness programs	152	97	109	147	164	131	146	14	960	4.05
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Q8 This is a continued list of items which could be included in the proposal. For each item, please rate how important that item is to you, using a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means not at all important, and 7 means extremely important.

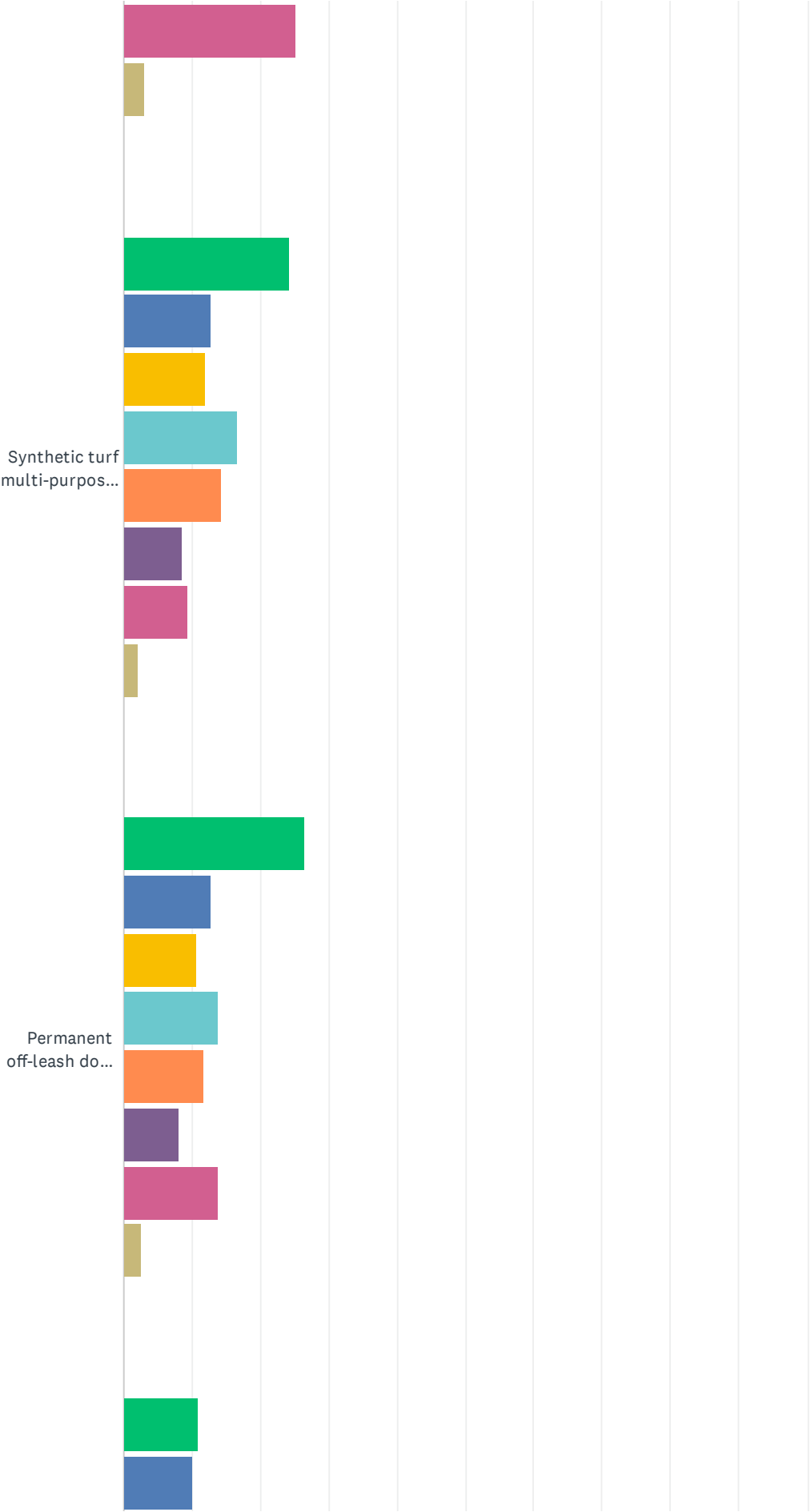
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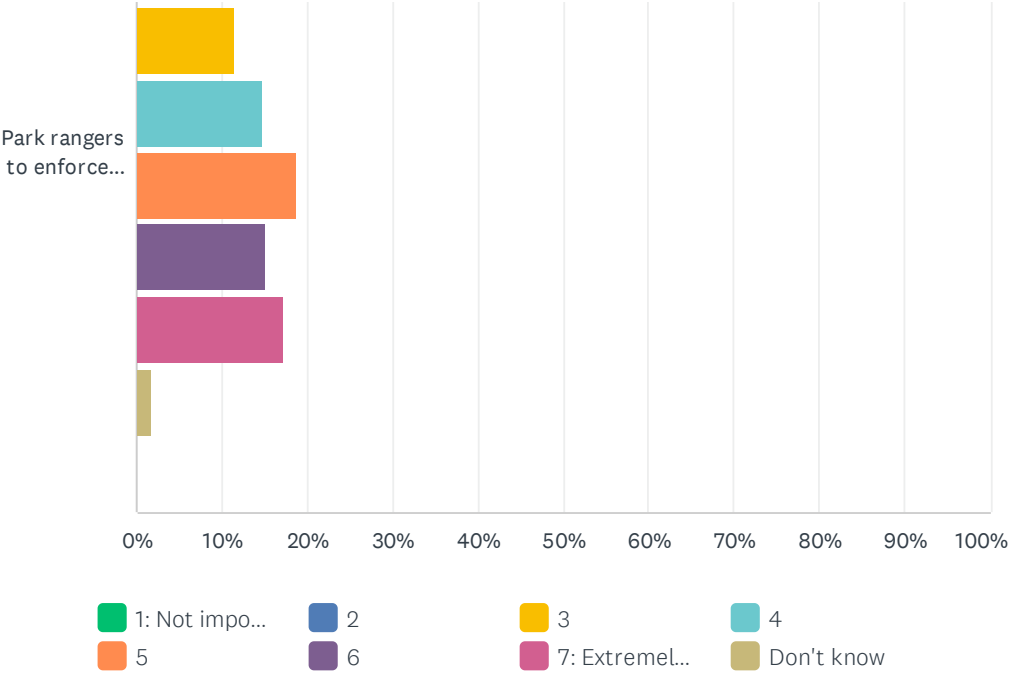
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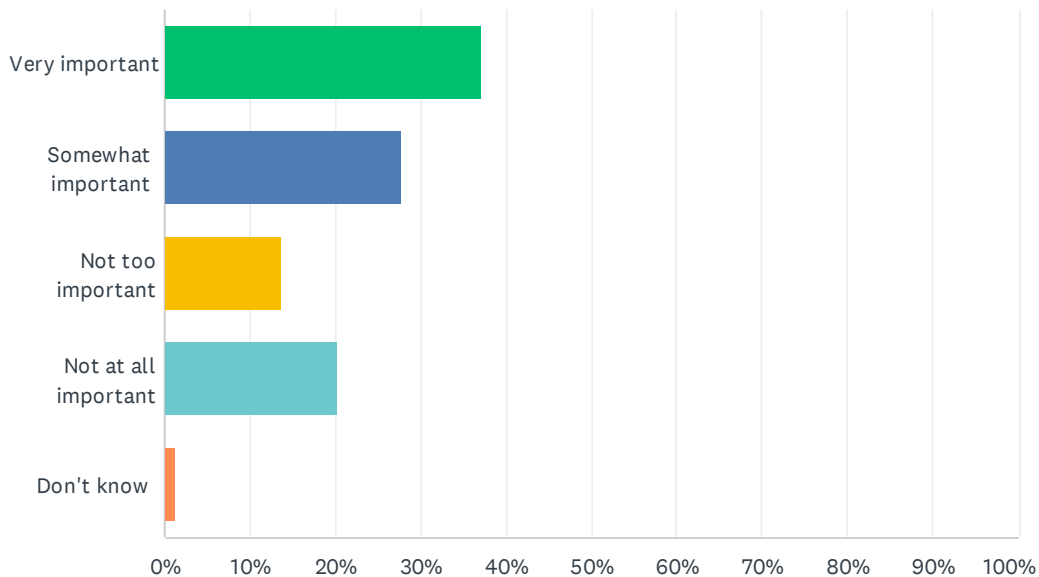
	1: NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	2	3	4	5	6	7: EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Longer daily lifeguard hours and extended lifeguard season at beaches in Kirkland	16.72% 159	11.46% 109	14.20% 135	17.14% 163	14.83% 141	12.62% 120	11.67% 111	1.37% 13	951	3.82
Year-round restrooms at selected parks throughout Kirkland, including three parks that currently don't have any restrooms	8.28% 79	5.45% 52	8.18% 78	12.37% 118	18.34% 175	18.45% 176	28.30% 270	0.63% 6	954	4.94
Expanded youth recreation programs including group hikes, teen nights, after-school programs, and investment in the Kirkland Teen Union Building operations	15.72% 150	8.28% 79	10.06% 96	16.46% 157	16.46% 157	15.09% 144	15.62% 149	2.31% 22	954	4.10
New sport courts for pickleball, tennis, basketball, and sand volleyball	16.30% 155	8.73% 83	9.88% 94	16.09% 153	15.98% 152	14.30% 136	17.77% 169	0.95% 9	951	4.18
Purchase of green space in northwest Kirkland to develop Green Loop trail segments	13.55% 129	8.51% 81	7.67% 73	11.87% 113	14.60% 139	15.65% 149	25.11% 239	3.05% 29	952	4.44

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Synthetic turf multi-purpose sports fields	24.40% 232	12.83% 122	11.88% 113	16.61% 158	14.30% 136	8.52% 81	9.36% 89	2.10% 20	951	3.40
Permanent off-leash dog parks	26.42% 252	12.89% 123	10.69% 102	13.94% 133	11.64% 111	8.07% 77	13.84% 132	2.52% 24	954	3.44
Park rangers to enforce safety and security in parks	10.90% 104	9.96% 95	11.43% 109	14.78% 141	18.87% 180	15.20% 145	17.19% 164	1.68% 16	954	4.30

Q9 Given what you've heard about the parks and recreation facility and program proposal that would increase the City's regular levy permanently by approximately 23.5 cents per \$1,000 assessed value and would cost the owner of \$1,200,000 home, the median valued home in Kirkland, approximately \$290 per year, would you say the proposal is very important, somewhat important, not too important, not at all important?

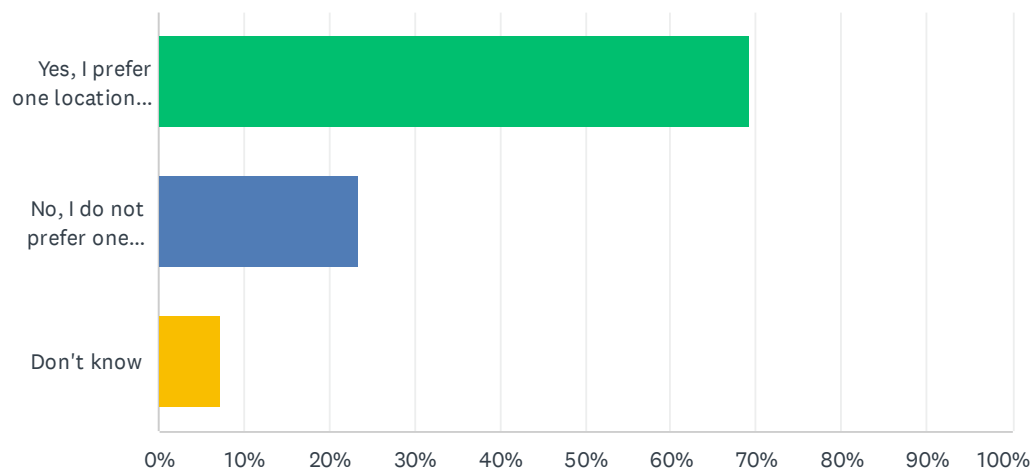
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	37.03%	354
Somewhat important	27.82%	266
Not too important	13.70%	131
Not at all important	20.19%	193
Don't know	1.26%	12
TOTAL		956

Q10 There are two possible locations for the new aquatics, recreation, and community center. The first is on the former Houghton Park & Ride site at NE 70th PL and I-405 in south central Kirkland, and the second is at North Kirkland Community Center Park on NE 124th St near 100th Ave NE. Of these two locations, do you prefer one location over the other?

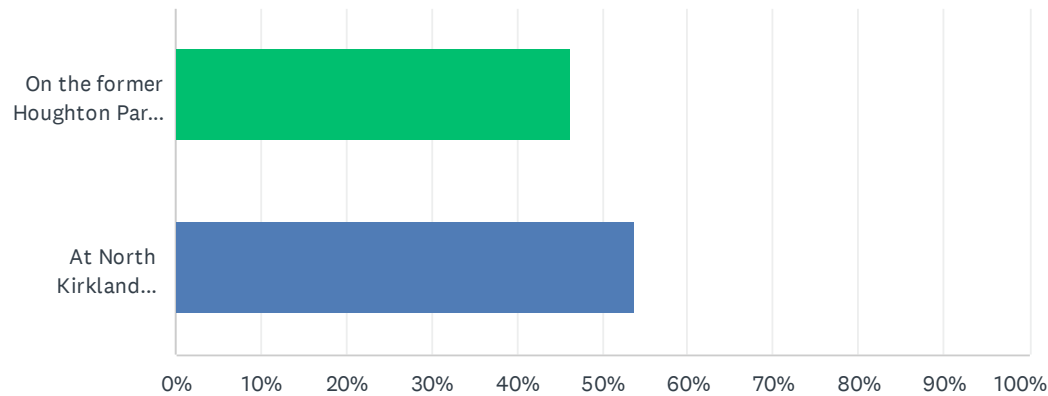
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes, I prefer one location over the other		69.37%	659
No, I do not prefer one location more than the other		23.37%	222
Don't know		7.26%	69
TOTAL			950

Q11 Which location do you prefer?

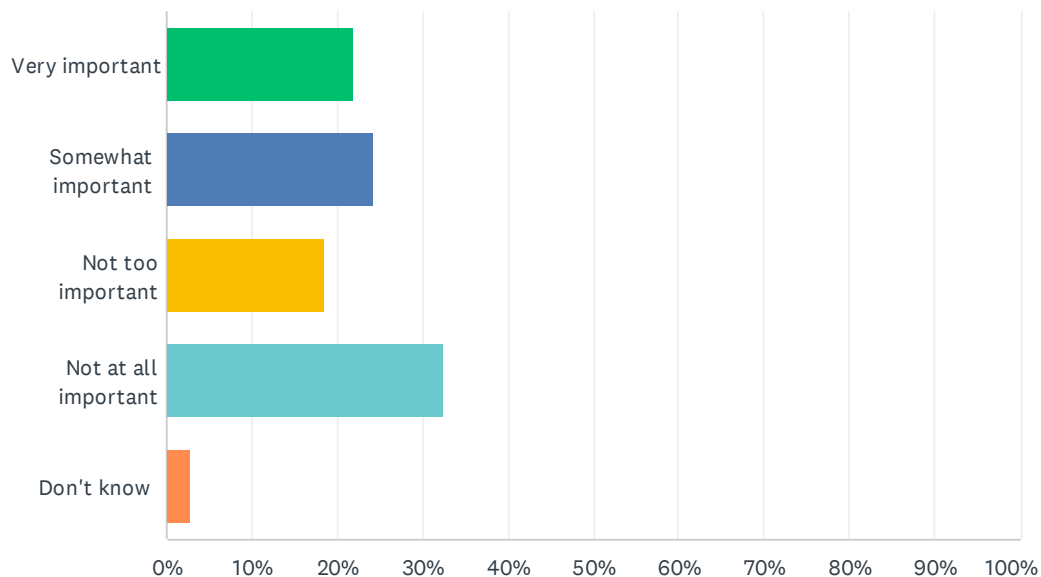
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
On the former Houghton Park & Ride site at NE 70th PL and I-405 in south central Kirkland	46.28%	330
At North Kirkland Community Center Park on NE 124th St near 100th Ave NE	53.72%	383
TOTAL		713

Q12 The City is also considering a different proposal to build two complementary facilities, including an aquatics-focused facility at the Houghton Park and Ride and a recreation-focused facility to replace the current North Kirkland Community Center. This proposal would include the same parks and recreation system enhancements described earlier. The two-facility proposal would increase the City's regular levy permanently by approximately 32 cents per \$1,000 assessed value and would cost the owner of \$1,200,000, the median valued home in Kirkland, approximately \$395 per year. Knowing this, would you say this two-facility proposal is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

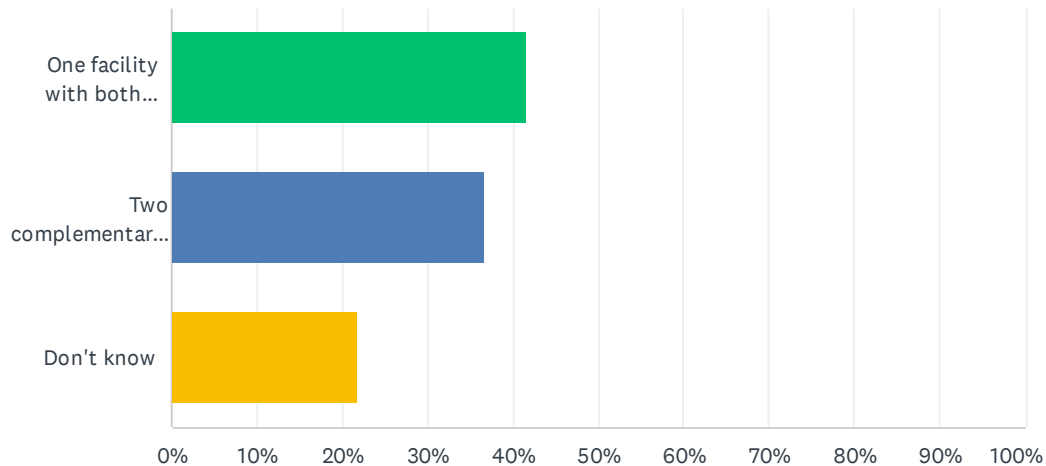
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	21.94%	206
Somewhat important	24.39%	229
Not too important	18.53%	174
Not at all important	32.37%	304
Don't know	2.77%	26
TOTAL		939

Q13 Of the two options, do you prefer one facility that has aquatics and recreation facilities at either the Houghton Park and Ride or the North Kirkland Community center, or to build two facilities with one focused on aquatics at Houghton Park and Ride and the other recreation facilities at the North Kirkland Community Center?

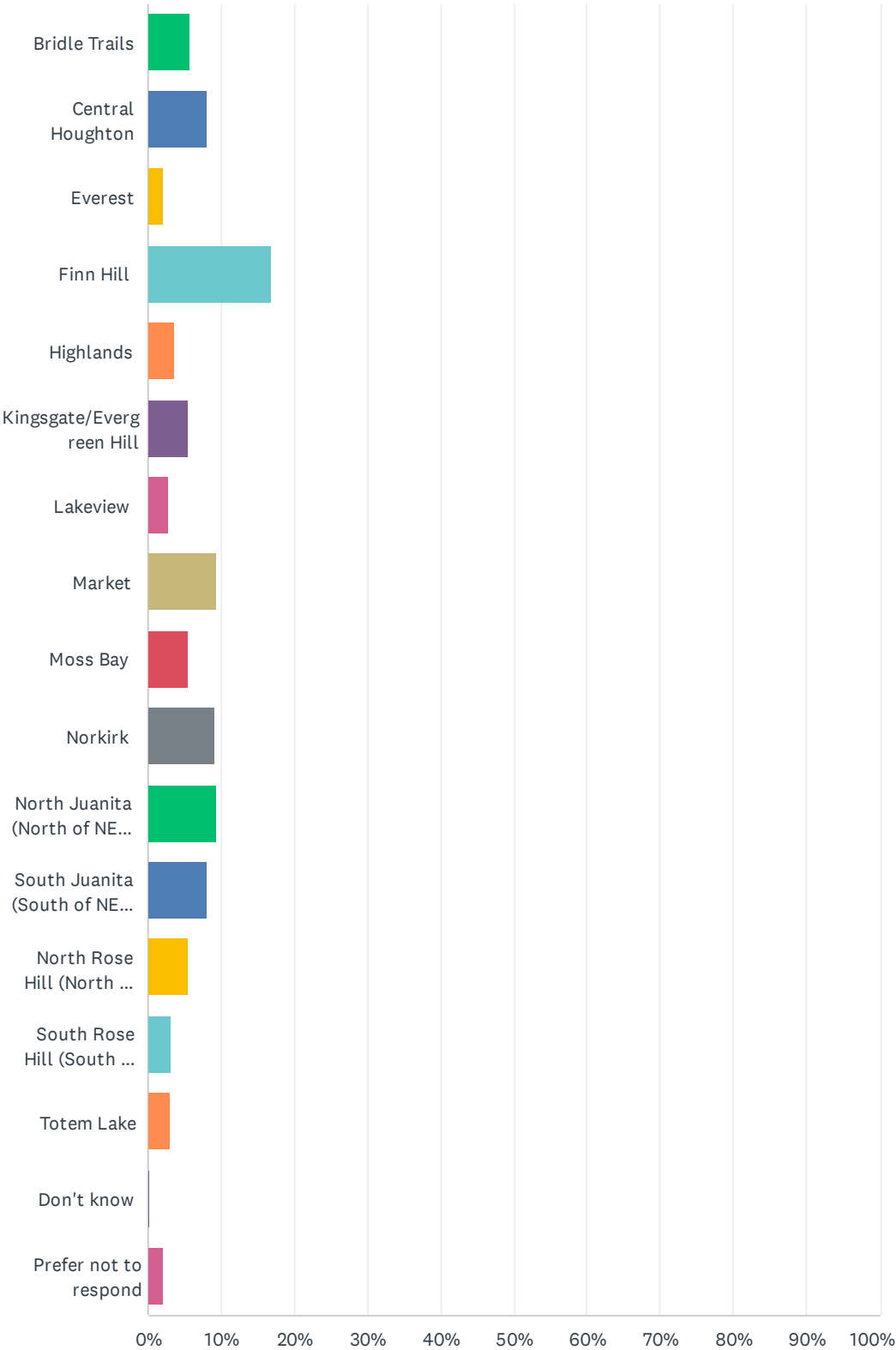
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
One facility with both aquatics and recreation amenities at either the Houghton Park and Ride or North Kirkland Community Center location	41.60%	384
Two complementary facilities with one focused on aquatics at Houghton Park & Ride and the other focused on recreation to replace the current North Kirkland Community Center	36.62%	338
Don't know	21.78%	201
TOTAL		923

Q14 What neighborhood do you live in?

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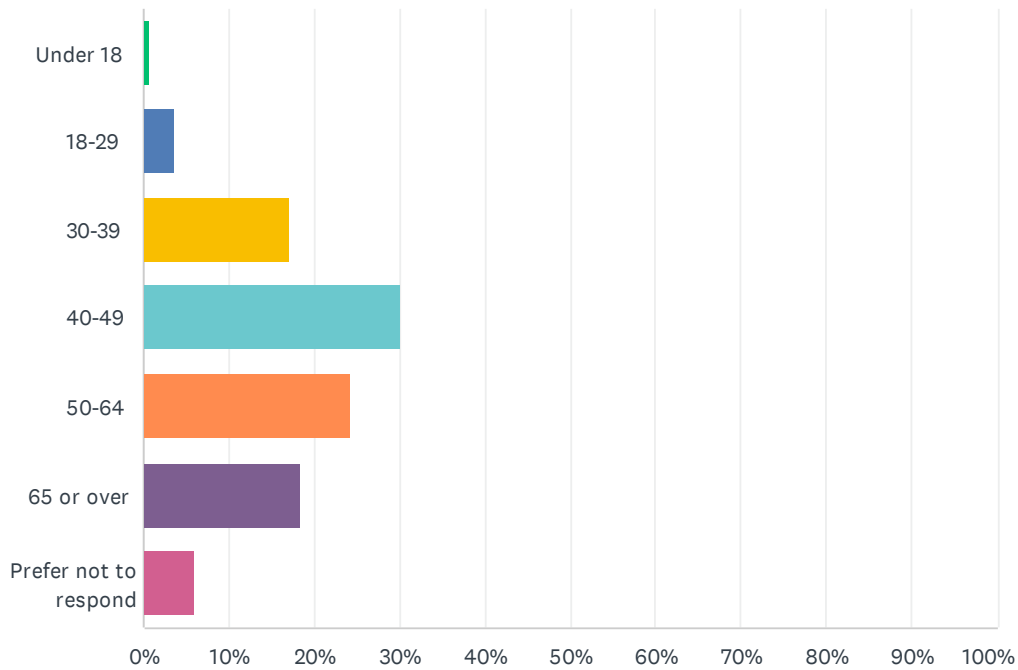


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bridle Trails	5.67%	53
Central Houghton	8.14%	76
Everest	2.03%	19
Finn Hill	16.81%	157
Highlands	3.64%	34
Kingsgate/Evergreen Hill	5.57%	52
Lakeview	2.68%	25
Market	9.42%	88
Moss Bay	5.57%	52
Norkirk	9.10%	85
North Juanita (North of NE 124th)	9.31%	87
South Juanita (South of NE 124th)	8.03%	75
North Rose Hill (North of NE 85TH)	5.57%	52
South Rose Hill (South of NE 85TH)	3.21%	30
Totem Lake	3.00%	28
Don't know	0.11%	1
Prefer not to respond	2.14%	20
TOTAL		934

Q15 What range is your age in?

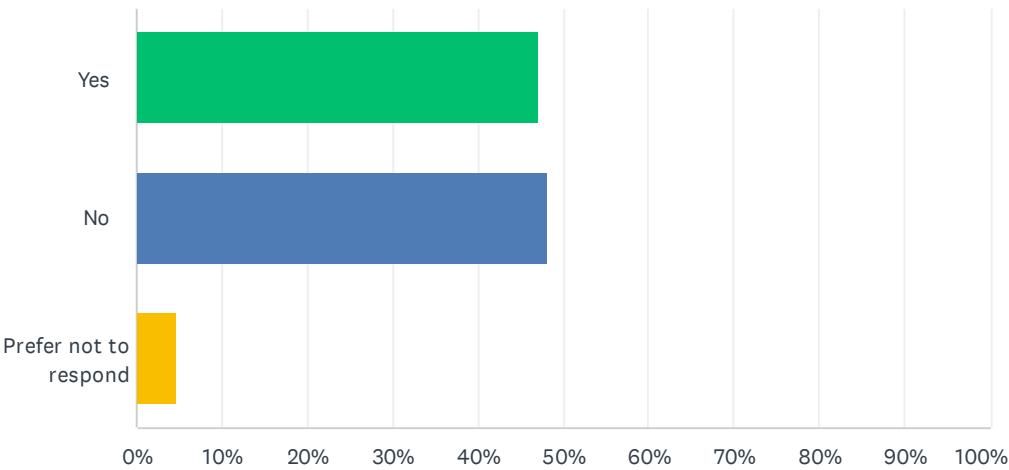
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.54%	5
18-29	3.64%	34
30-39	17.04%	159
40-49	30.12%	281
50-64	24.33%	227
65 or over	18.33%	171
Prefer not to respond	6.00%	56
TOTAL		933

Q16 Do you have any children under 18 living in your household?

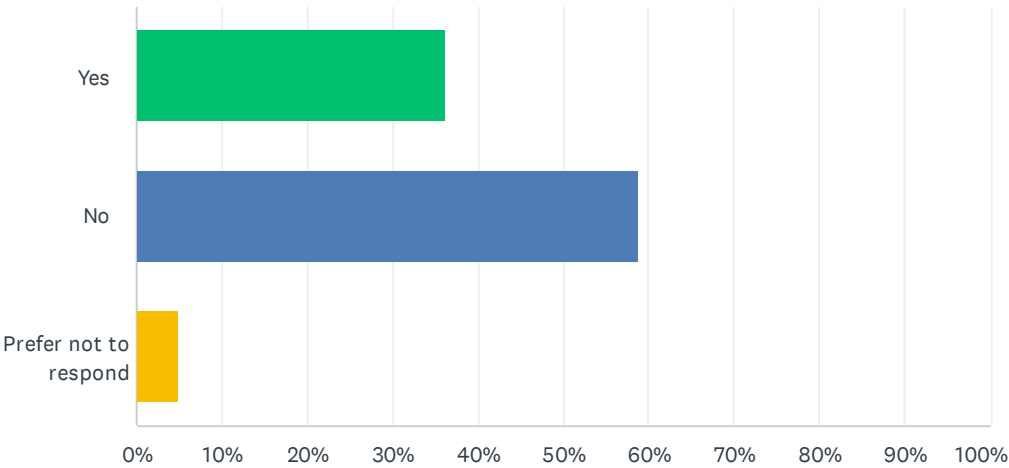
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.10%	438
No	48.17%	448
Prefer not to respond	4.73%	44
TOTAL		930

Q17 Do you have any children under the age 12?

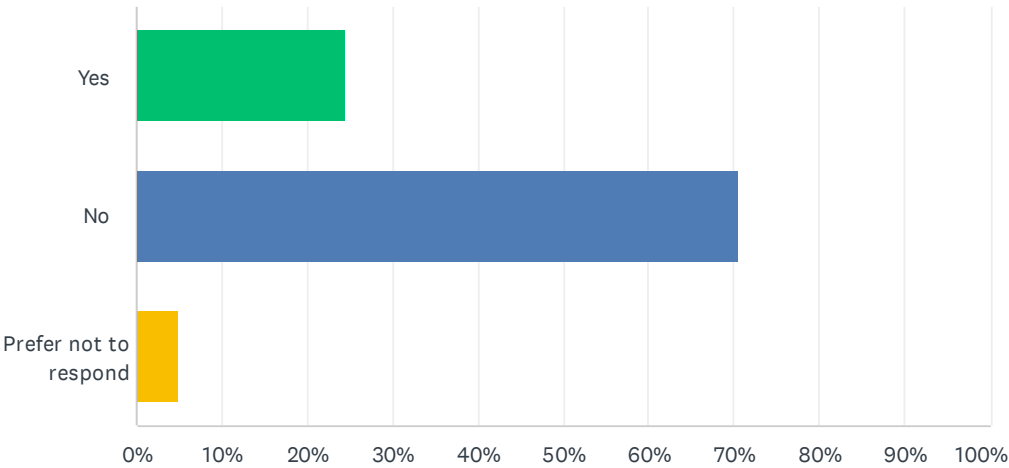
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		36.21%	336
No		58.94%	547
Prefer not to respond		4.85%	45
TOTAL			928

Q18 Are there any seniors age 65 or older living in your home?

Answered: 929 Skipped: 278



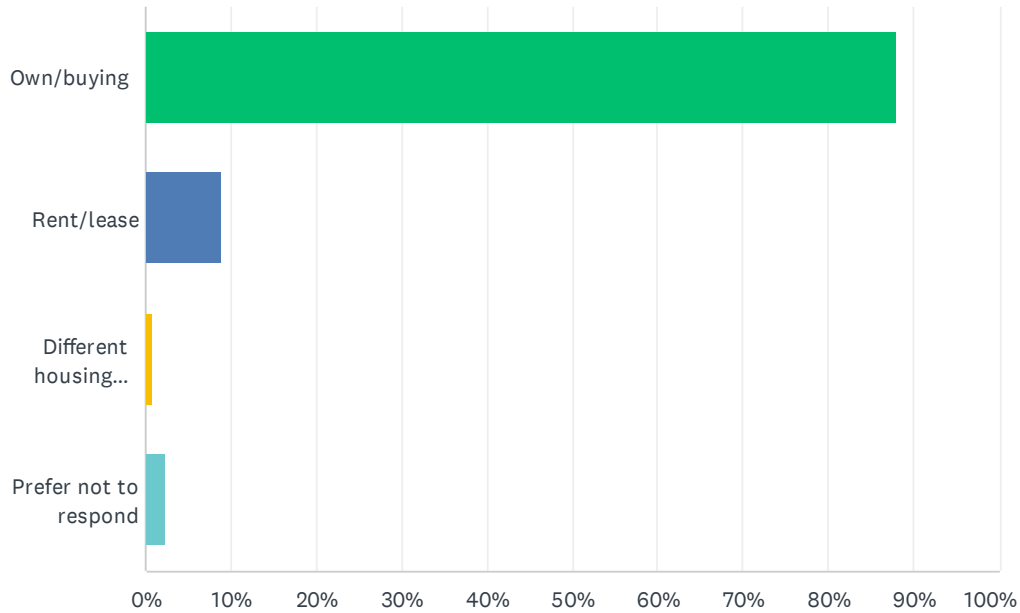
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.54%	228
No	70.61%	656
Prefer not to respond	4.84%	45
TOTAL		929

Q19 What is your gender?

Answered: 740 Skipped: 467

Q20 Do you currently own the home or apartment where you live, do you rent, or do you have a different housing situation?

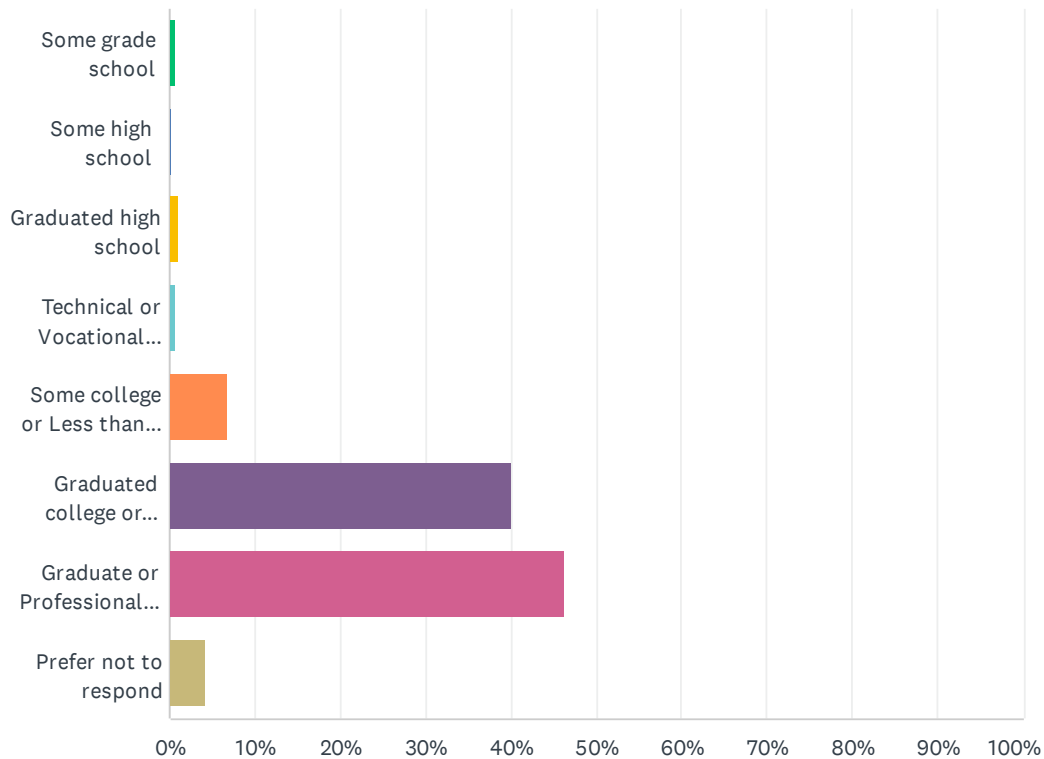
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own/buying	88.04%	817
Rent/lease	8.94%	83
Different housing situation	0.75%	7
Prefer not to respond	2.26%	21
TOTAL		928

Q21 What is the highest level of education you completed in school?

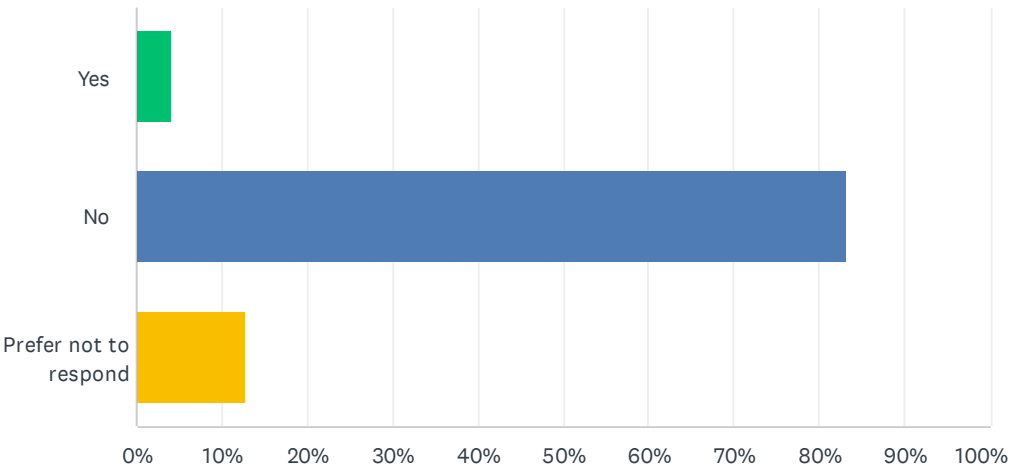
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Some grade school	0.54%	5
Some high school	0.22%	2
Graduated high school	1.08%	10
Technical or Vocational school	0.65%	6
Some college or Less than 4-year degree	6.90%	64
Graduated college or 4-year degree (BA, Bachelor)	40.02%	371
Graduate or Professional Degree (MA, Master's, PhD, MBA, Doctorate)	46.28%	429
Prefer not to respond	4.31%	40
TOTAL		927

Q22 Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Central or Latin American background, or not?

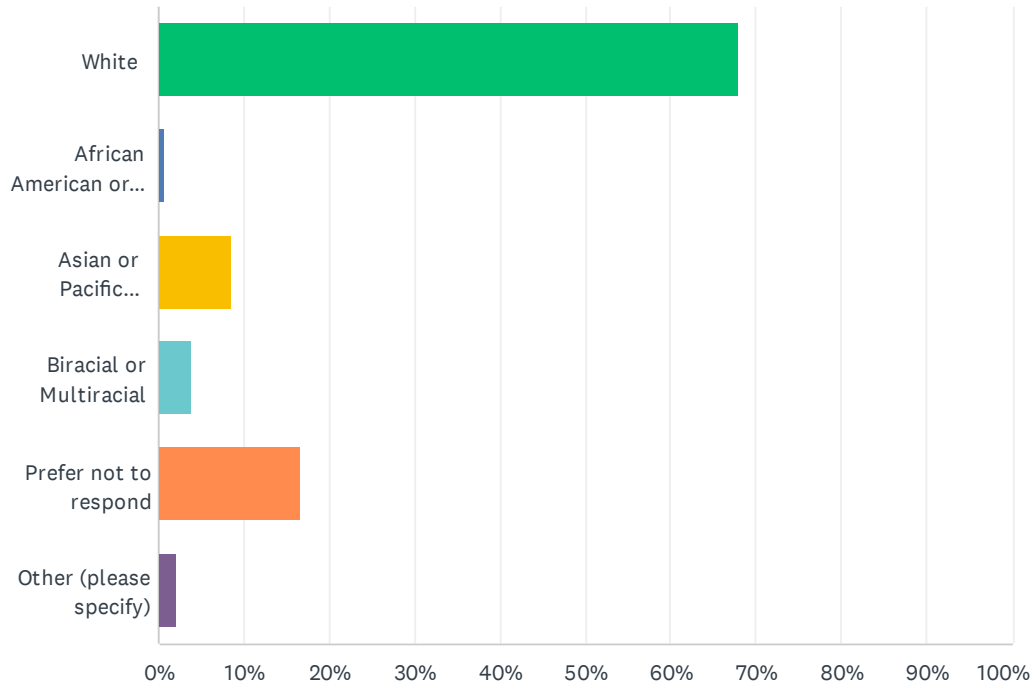
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	4.03%	37
No	83.24%	765
Prefer not to respond	12.73%	117
TOTAL		919

Q23 Do you consider yourself to be white, African American or Black, Asian or Pacific Islander, biracial, multiracial or something else?

Answered: 916 Skipped: 291



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White	68.12%	624
African American or Black	0.66%	6
Asian or Pacific Islander	8.62%	79
Biracial or Multiracial	3.93%	36
Prefer not to respond	16.59%	152
Other (please specify)	2.07%	19
TOTAL		916

Q2 What do you think is the most important issue facing Kirkland today?

Answered: 774 Skipped: 433

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Taxes are too high	5/15/2023 12:19 AM
2	Crime and affordable living.	5/14/2023 10:43 PM
3	Housing affordability (but don't think that's solved through investment - just open up more permitting for dense housing)	5/14/2023 9:49 PM
4	Dealing with traffic congestion that will Undoubtedly increase with all the new construction. Year-round community athletic center for residents.	5/14/2023 9:32 PM
5	Traffic	5/14/2023 9:02 PM
6	Too much density	5/14/2023 8:38 PM
7	Housing shortage and cost, access to aquatic facilities and swim leasons	5/14/2023 1:15 PM
8	Affordable housing	5/14/2023 12:18 PM
9	Lack of affordable housing.	5/14/2023 11:46 AM
10	Lack of affordable housing! Lack of lower-cost lease locations for small and medium businesses. Lack of year-round affordable exercise and entertainment for older kids and teens, especially in Noth Kirkland.	5/14/2023 11:27 AM
11	Concerns about the same issues in Seattle spreading to Kirkland. We need to have a safe community and know that criminals will be held accountable.	5/13/2023 11:10 PM
12	Keeping storefronts full and thriving	5/13/2023 9:34 PM
13	Lack of infrastructure to support our economy: no high-density housing (but current roads, schools, etc can't support high density housing) so folks employed in kirkland can't live in kirkland	5/13/2023 3:36 PM
14	Cost of living, especially housing	5/13/2023 2:20 PM
15	Losing old trees.	5/13/2023 1:32 PM
16	The biggest problem Kirkland has is staying Kirkland. Kirkland is a short, quiet, beautiful, safe, suburban town. Do not try to be the next Bellevue. You will never be Seattle. Please don't replicate Everett or Renton. Think Issaquah, but better. The public waterfront. The marina. The single story core. These are gems that should be embraced and expanded. Do what you can to keep Kirkland, Kirkland. That is your challenge. It means serving your current residents. Why did they choose to live here? Because they were hoping for another skyscraper? Or because they wanted a small town near Seattle? Seattle needs urban density. Kirkland needs suburban space. Stay small Kirkland!	5/13/2023 1:04 PM
17	Keeping the unique character of Kirkland intact	5/13/2023 10:39 AM
18	traffic, road maintenance, crime	5/13/2023 10:22 AM
19	Bad planning and overbuilding creating too much traffic	5/13/2023 9:34 AM
20	Keeping parks in good repair for all to use. Also, develop new parks, such as on or near Finn Hill should be a priority.	5/13/2023 7:27 AM
21	crime	5/13/2023 3:46 AM
22	Lack of entertainment and nice restaurants	5/13/2023 2:28 AM
23	Homelessness	5/12/2023 11:01 PM
24	Safety, over development	5/12/2023 8:29 PM

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25	Safety - our street had a break in where someone entered a home in the middle of the night (not sure if homelessness or opioids were significant factor) / and traffic speeding - we walk all the time and now have an infant that we walk with, need to keep pedestrians safe. Love all the community amenities that Kirkland offers!	5/12/2023 8:09 PM
26	Taxes and government spending. Government spending on its pet projects and leaning on residents to fund many essential services. Assuming the best way to make housing affordable is to reduce its size, squeezing families into smaller homes.	5/12/2023 7:41 PM
27	over-building, over- developing, it's too crowded	5/12/2023 6:36 PM
28	The ongoing increase in lawlessness and crime in the area	5/12/2023 5:33 PM
29	Parking	5/12/2023 5:32 PM
30	cost of living - extreme wealth next to those struggling to eat.	5/12/2023 5:24 PM
31	Ongoing increase of taxes and rise in crime in our neighborhoods.	5/12/2023 5:24 PM
32	Poor public transportation/pedestrian/bicycling infrastructure	5/12/2023 5:02 PM
33	Affordable housing, access to public transit	5/12/2023 4:55 PM
34	School overcrowding	5/12/2023 4:46 PM
35	Diverse communities! Keeping things (mostly housing) affordable to be more accessible to more people. Thus making Kirkland more inclusive to people of different races (especially those who have been historically marginalized and shut out of the middle class), income levels, abilities/disabilities, etc.	5/12/2023 4:40 PM
36	Making sure everyone has access to all the amenities our city has available.	5/12/2023 4:03 PM
37	Crime	5/12/2023 3:37 PM
38	Empty retail spaces and places closing too early - so we can't attract enough visitors.	5/12/2023 3:35 PM
39	Crime including home burglary, car theft, mail theft, package theft, ...	5/12/2023 3:14 PM
40	Growth	5/12/2023 2:59 PM
41	over development and lack of road infrastructure.	5/12/2023 2:17 PM
42	Affordable housing for middle income 40k to 75k per year.	5/12/2023 12:58 PM
43	Housing affordability	5/12/2023 12:36 PM
44	downtown losing it's character due to large real estate developments.	5/12/2023 12:35 PM
45	Affordability and planning in a way that preserves our city's character	5/12/2023 12:34 PM
46	Dealing with increased housing and people and infrastructure needed to support them.	5/12/2023 11:47 AM
47	Skyrocketing property taxes	5/12/2023 9:03 AM
48	Affordable housing	5/12/2023 8:56 AM
49	Climate change	5/11/2023 10:01 PM
50	Keeping the community safe	5/11/2023 9:41 PM
51	Awful northbound I-405 traffic. It has really hurt Kirkland's livability.	5/11/2023 8:59 PM
52	The need for an aquatic center and pool in Juanita.	5/11/2023 8:39 PM
53	Housing affordability	5/11/2023 8:25 PM
54	maintaining positive community atmosphere while accepting continuing growth	5/11/2023 6:50 PM
55	Lack of pavement on both sides of 116th Ave NE	5/11/2023 5:54 PM
56	Inflation and unaffordable single family housing	5/11/2023 5:48 PM
57	Street safety and crime	5/11/2023 5:24 PM

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58	Today: Too noisy, too fast traffic on Lake St. S and Lake Washington Boulevard + frequent traffic congestion downtown + consequent air pollution. Soon: The new King County homeless shelter planned for Northup Way is likely to bring increased criminality, littering, and other disgusting and dangerous behaviors in that area.	5/11/2023 5:13 PM
59	Infrastructure: repair and maintaining what we have. Overspending by city council	5/11/2023 12:43 PM
60	The Homeless hotel opening and crime.	5/11/2023 9:55 AM
61	The impending traffic disaster at NE85th/405 interchange	5/11/2023 9:49 AM
62	Better community centers for growth	5/11/2023 9:18 AM
63	Too many people; too much traffic; over building, causing our once little hamlet to become similar to what has been done to Redmond and Bellevue.	5/11/2023 9:09 AM
64	lack of recreational classes	5/11/2023 9:04 AM
65	Homelessness	5/11/2023 7:53 AM
66	Affordability	5/11/2023 12:48 AM
67	Keeping the streets safe from crime	5/10/2023 9:17 PM
68	Crazy housing prices	5/10/2023 9:05 PM
69	Not enough indoor spaces for kids to hang out and get physical activity Housing affordable Better walkable streets in finn hill	5/10/2023 8:25 PM
70	Housing prices	5/10/2023 7:38 PM
71	High taxes	5/10/2023 7:08 PM
72	Traffic	5/10/2023 6:24 PM
73	Crime	5/10/2023 5:33 PM
74	Overspending on special projects. Neglecting core services and infrastructure.	5/10/2023 5:10 PM
75	Population control and aesthetic preservation. Kirkland is becoming overpopulated and losing it's history and heritage to large condominium buildings and other various commercial projects. For example look at Redmond. Redmond is now built of large multi-story square condominiums that block out the sky and are an eye sore. Kirkland should conserve it's historic downtown area and work to disapprove future condominium or apartment complexes to control the population and maintain quality of life and resources for it's long term residence. Lot's should no longer be increased to fit more houses. How these issues are managed in the future will determine whether Kirkland thrives or becomes overpopulated and unlivable.	5/10/2023 2:44 PM
76	Turning into seattle	5/10/2023 2:16 PM
77	Traffic	5/10/2023 2:13 PM
78	Affordable housing	5/10/2023 1:24 PM
79	infrastructure not keeping up with growth	5/10/2023 12:48 PM
80	Traffic and space at community areas and main roads	5/10/2023 12:04 PM
81	Crime. Car break ins & package thieves	5/10/2023 11:37 AM
82	Safe walking and bicycling spaces. Street racing	5/10/2023 10:46 AM
83	Lack of recreational facilities to include swimming pool, community center classes	5/10/2023 9:19 AM
84	Homeless drug addicts being invited to hang out in town. And a city council out of touch who refuses to limit growth.	5/10/2023 9:02 AM
85	Schools, and community center investment, deforestation	5/10/2023 8:50 AM
86	Not enough sports areas, would love to see a covered basketball court or even more gym spaces. We also don't have any synthetic turf fields.	5/10/2023 7:52 AM
87	Managing the consequences of expansion of Kirkland (schools, services etc).	5/10/2023 7:45 AM

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88	Tie Crime and homelessness	5/10/2023 7:35 AM
89	Gun crimes and drugs.	5/9/2023 10:18 PM
90	bad roads	5/9/2023 9:58 PM
91	Crowding, traffic, too many people.	5/9/2023 9:44 PM
92	Overcrowding, lack of parking and safe walking space/sidewalks	5/9/2023 9:32 PM
93	Big Finn Hill Park needs better batting cages and turf fields.	5/9/2023 9:30 PM
94	Loosing the small town feel. Corporate take-over and special interests.	5/9/2023 9:28 PM
95	Unabated rise of property tax	5/9/2023 8:52 PM
96	Organized development to avoid McMansions being built with tear downs. Rather have duplexes.	5/9/2023 8:44 PM
97	Crime, homelessness (and future use of la quinta), empty store fronts in downtown Kirkland	5/9/2023 7:45 PM
98	housing	5/9/2023 7:41 PM
99	Fix all pot holes	5/9/2023 6:41 PM
100	Crime, home burglary, trespassing, breaking and entering, mail theft, car vandalism, vehicle theft, stolen vehicles, homelessness, safety and police not enforcing and arresting for crime and home burglary. Hit and run car accidents. Crime. Petty theft	5/9/2023 5:54 PM
101	Wasteful spending by the city council/county leading to rising property taxes and increasing crime in the area.	5/9/2023 5:38 PM
102	Keeping character of the city. Traffic flows, development	5/9/2023 5:05 PM
103	keeping & maintaining public green spaces, parks & trees. loss of lake views except those in premium residences. we used to see the lake on our routine drives around kirkland. the city should have had a master plan to limit heights. Makes me question our city council personal interests. Advocating for public transportation - not just the monstrosity being built on 85th. How do residents actually get there? I hate it! How about light rail i. kirkland. Noise pollution.	5/9/2023 4:09 PM
104	loss of trees	5/9/2023 3:39 PM
105	Overcrowding & losing its charm	5/9/2023 3:26 PM
106	Housing prices & Walkability outside of downtown areas.	5/9/2023 1:58 PM
107	Over population and no access management, loss of walk ability	5/9/2023 1:29 PM
108	Out of control property taxes! Lake WA school district has put sports field improvements over having robust internet infrastructure including a reliable school web portal for off campus access and fast internet access	5/9/2023 1:12 PM
109	Affordable housing	5/9/2023 12:15 PM
110	Open space	5/9/2023 12:00 PM
111	affordability plus congestion	5/9/2023 11:47 AM
112	fast population growth	5/9/2023 11:46 AM
113	Transportation options	5/9/2023 11:09 AM
114	Lack of parking	5/9/2023 10:48 AM
115	Keeping the community feeling in spite of increased population demands.	5/9/2023 10:35 AM
116	Too many cars and too little housing	5/9/2023 10:06 AM
117	Drug abuse and the accompanying lawless activities surrounding it	5/9/2023 9:49 AM
118	High property taxes	5/9/2023 9:10 AM
119	Climate change	5/9/2023 8:33 AM

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120	As transportation opportunities from Seattle become more available, we need to strive to keep our parks clean and kid friendly.	5/9/2023 8:22 AM
121	Climate change.	5/9/2023 8:09 AM
122	Traffic	5/9/2023 8:04 AM
123	North rose hill - Mark Twain park move the water tank to a place without houses in such a close distance, make sure it meets the new building standards of water tanks	5/8/2023 11:11 PM
124	getting to active transportation options and supplying lower cost and more humble housing	5/8/2023 11:00 PM
125	Rising House Taxes force long time residents to move elsewhere. All the great financial planning can not keep up the rising house taxes.	5/8/2023 9:17 PM
126	Housing affordability	5/8/2023 9:02 PM
127	Sky high taxes. Being taxed out of our home	5/8/2023 8:56 PM
128	rising crime	5/8/2023 8:53 PM
129	Crime	5/8/2023 8:38 PM
130	Growing population density without sidewalks	5/8/2023 8:28 PM
131	Primary responsibility of local government is to ensure public safety, effective transportation infrastructure, and high quality education. These need to be met first and foremost before considering any other budget expenditures.	5/8/2023 7:58 PM
132	Affordability	5/8/2023 7:53 PM
133	Our unmet homeless needs	5/8/2023 7:35 PM
134	Keeping the Kirkland park areas usable by the residents of Kirkland, and not unhoused persons.... keeping our community safe from crime.	5/8/2023 7:31 PM
135	In terms of parks, the lack of a year round red center	5/8/2023 7:05 PM
136	Infrastructure!	5/8/2023 6:50 PM
137	Taxes	5/8/2023 6:11 PM
138	Assuming this question relates only to parks...more effective use of the baseball field area and swimming pool downtown. Consider the cost/benefit ratio of the ball field...cost (maintenance and opportunity) per hour of actual use of that space. And, the limited use by the general public. Also, cover the pool! Three months use is too little for that facility.	5/8/2023 5:47 PM
139	Law breakers, people who don't think laws apply to them, such as package thieves, off leash dog walkers, etc.	5/8/2023 5:21 PM
140	Managing development wisely, and protecting the remaining open/natural spaces.	5/8/2023 5:15 PM
141	Cost of property taxes	5/8/2023 4:34 PM
142	Price of housing	5/8/2023 4:03 PM
143	Safety	5/8/2023 3:34 PM
144	Keeping the small town charm that drew many residents here. If we wanted to live in an urban area among high rises, we would have bought in downtown Bellevue.	5/8/2023 3:17 PM
145	reducing taxes, reducing taxes, reducing taxes, and reducing taxes so that people can afford to live in Kirkland. This also includes city taxes for example paid on water, sewage, garbage. Nothing else matter than reducing taxes. That should be the only goal. Reduce expenses including staff and salaries	5/8/2023 3:16 PM
146	Growth planning, access to activities such as tennis and pickleball	5/8/2023 3:04 PM
147	I don't know	5/8/2023 2:44 PM
148	Lack of housing	5/8/2023 2:27 PM
149	The increase in crime in our neighborhoods	5/8/2023 2:09 PM

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150	Housing cost	5/8/2023 2:06 PM
151	high cost of living	5/8/2023 1:48 PM
152	Housing shortage and crime are tied	5/8/2023 1:40 PM
153	Bus coverage. Several key locations located 10 minute + walk from bus stops. Community gyms would be nice. The price of housing is also outrageous	5/8/2023 1:06 PM
154	Affordable housing	5/8/2023 12:10 PM
155	Traffic	5/8/2023 11:57 AM
156	Affordable Housing	5/8/2023 11:56 AM
157	affordable housing for members of our community	5/8/2023 11:48 AM
158	Kirkland needs an aquatic center to keep families in town.	5/8/2023 11:09 AM
159	increasing crime	5/8/2023 10:47 AM
160	Rate of Property Tax increase.	5/8/2023 9:39 AM
161	Lack of protected cycling infrastructure	5/8/2023 8:25 AM
162	Rapid, seemingly unplanned, development.	5/8/2023 8:13 AM
163	High cost of living, unaffordable housing	5/8/2023 7:18 AM
164	Lack of traffic mitigation during and after construction	5/7/2023 9:17 PM
165	Affordability for a variety of people	5/7/2023 7:30 PM
166	Cost of living — high housing, high taxes, high utilities	5/7/2023 6:18 PM
167	Local - Housing and traffic infrastructure World - Climate change	5/7/2023 5:36 PM
168	Too many taxes	5/7/2023 4:49 PM
169	More parking.	5/7/2023 4:08 PM
170	Losing retail and restaurants in the retail core.	5/7/2023 4:02 PM
171	A new indoor public swimming pool and recreation center in Kirkland.	5/7/2023 1:00 PM
172	Lack of sidewalks caused by the city forgiving the liens on property 20+ years ago that in effect made rich people even richer and did nothing for the people that had "paid" their property share for sidewalks	5/7/2023 1:00 PM
173	Over population. Affordable homes.	5/7/2023 11:48 AM
174	no opinion	5/7/2023 10:43 AM
175	Over-development without adequate changes to roads and traffic/speed control; unsafe roads for walking and bike use.	5/7/2023 9:53 AM
176	High cost of housing and real estate taxes.	5/7/2023 9:40 AM
177	People feeling isolated & afraid, lack of community engagement.	5/7/2023 8:23 AM
178	Ignoring the height codes on downtown development	5/7/2023 7:57 AM
179	Traffic flow and people access to natural parks	5/7/2023 7:16 AM
180	High taxes, more environmental awareness - encourage recycling via information campaigns and tax credits, and a new wave pool with a huge lazy river	5/7/2023 7:15 AM
181	Safety	5/7/2023 5:56 AM
182	- Increase police presence - Increase incentives to bring more small business into downtown Kirkland	5/7/2023 1:31 AM
183	Lack of shops/restaurants and businesses.	5/7/2023 12:34 AM
184	The need for sufficient staffing, facilities, training, equipment, and other resources for police,	5/6/2023 10:07 PM

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fire, and EMS; the need for sufficient road and pedestrian infrastructure and maintenance to address the rate of growth and development

185	corporate takeover, loss of small town feel	5/6/2023 7:56 PM
186	Traffic, Car and house break ins and then homelessness	5/6/2023 6:49 PM
187	Preservation of views	5/6/2023 6:48 PM
188	Walkability/Integration of neighborhoods.	5/6/2023 5:00 PM
189	Need Sidewalks on both sides of 124th Ave NE where traffic is heavy and a woman was killed this year where there was no sidewalk on the east side of the street. I see people frequently walk this stretch of street or catch busses across from girls and boys club. There is no sidewalk to keep safe from heavy traffic while waiting for bus. This is a huge problem and needs immediate addressing.	5/6/2023 4:33 PM
190	Affordable housing and enough of the right kind for families and not just single tech bros in studio apartments.	5/6/2023 4:21 PM
191	lack of affordable housing, and destruction of tree canopy and habitat. Too many large houses and not enough wildlife-friendly habitat. Biodiversity is a critical issue facing the planet, including locally. Humans are part of nature; if nature fails, so do we.	5/6/2023 4:05 PM
192	Underfunded public schools that have struggled to grow with the population.	5/6/2023 3:19 PM
193	Need for more swim and youth spaces.	5/6/2023 3:15 PM
194	overcrowding	5/6/2023 3:01 PM
195	The growing population is challenging the infrastructure, specifically the roads, but i suspect the water and sewer system is, or will be, challenged too.	5/6/2023 2:57 PM
196	Density and congestion	5/6/2023 2:31 PM
197	Development strategies, over built condos and same road way infrastucturw	5/6/2023 1:00 PM
198	providing affordable housing and recreation opportunities.	5/6/2023 12:53 PM
199	The lack of sidewalks along major thoroughfares, like 124th Ave NE where a pedestrian was hit and killed by an auto due to the lack of a safe place to walk (18" of walkway between a ditch and the traffic lane". The city should prioritize the basics, like sidewalks, before spending money on non-essential things.	5/6/2023 12:24 PM
200	Crime	5/6/2023 12:03 PM
201	cutting down trees for development. losing space for birds bees and wildlife.	5/6/2023 11:02 AM
202	Traffic congestion and speeding.	5/6/2023 10:58 AM
203	Keeping businesses in downtown.	5/6/2023 10:15 AM
204	Traffic and foot traffic congestion	5/6/2023 10:06 AM
205	Construction is everywhere. Which doesnt make the bad traffic any better.	5/6/2023 9:20 AM
206	High taxes	5/6/2023 9:16 AM
207	Brining small business owners into downtown Kirkland. Also brining back the art galleries.	5/6/2023 9:01 AM
208	Not enough businesses and restaurants to draw commerce to Kirkland	5/6/2023 8:36 AM
209	affordable housing	5/6/2023 7:45 AM
210	Crowding	5/6/2023 7:21 AM
211	Public transportation, parks, services in north kirkland	5/6/2023 6:47 AM
212	Affordable housing.	5/6/2023 5:20 AM
213	Too many cars (typical for the US) & too expensive housing	5/6/2023 2:26 AM
214	Our rights are slowly being removed. And we are over taxed	5/5/2023 11:24 PM

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215	Construction projects: infrastructure, housing	5/5/2023 11:03 PM
216	Maintaining safety and keeping Seattle's mess from migrating to Kirkland . (I work in downtown Seattle and am appalled by the crime and problems that have taken over Seattle. Crime is out of control there. Seattle is no longer safe.)	5/5/2023 10:44 PM
217	Residential congestion....multi family dwellings previously single family lots.	5/5/2023 10:03 PM
218	Too many people for the same activities (so many kids, not enough fields, pool or teams)	5/5/2023 9:49 PM
219	Traffic congestion.	5/5/2023 9:43 PM
220	Affordable housing, rec space	5/5/2023 9:07 PM
221	Affordable Housing for missing middle income people.	5/5/2023 9:04 PM
222	High cost of living.	5/5/2023 8:39 PM
223	Density, traffic, losing its unique feel	5/5/2023 8:39 PM
224	The cost to live here.	5/5/2023 8:32 PM
225	Traffic	5/5/2023 8:27 PM
226	Keeping quality community at affordable level	5/5/2023 8:22 PM
227	Building a community Center, spaces for nonprofit organization.	5/5/2023 8:19 PM
228	Lack of growth that brings in revenue	5/5/2023 7:25 PM
229	Losing our character with ugly architecture, signage etc. look at Woodinville and how charming the new developments are.	5/5/2023 7:02 PM
230	An indoor pool with times for kids. Indoor recreation facility with large gymnasium for programs. We travel to other cities or private facilities 3 times a week for this amenity.	5/5/2023 6:24 PM
231	Density	5/5/2023 6:13 PM
232	government pushing DEI thereby increasing racism	5/5/2023 6:01 PM
233	No transportation directly to Seattle- have to transfer busses	5/5/2023 5:27 PM
234	Safety	5/5/2023 5:22 PM
235	Traffic on market , neighborhood safety and lack of recreation arena	5/5/2023 5:08 PM
236	swim lessons	5/5/2023 4:46 PM
237	Too much density, which increases traffic which effect pedestrian safety!	5/5/2023 4:42 PM
238	Homeless	5/5/2023 4:39 PM
239	Growth	5/5/2023 4:16 PM
240	Affordable housing	5/5/2023 3:54 PM
241	How to deal with homelessness, specifically, the Health thru Housing program at the former LaQuinta.	5/5/2023 3:50 PM
242	Keeping our city safe and clean	5/5/2023 3:38 PM
243	Housing/ homelessness	5/5/2023 3:30 PM
244	The lack of affordable housing for our community members. Rising property taxes that are a huge burden on long term residents with limited income.	5/5/2023 3:25 PM
245	Taxes being increased	5/5/2023 3:24 PM
246	Streets quality/repair is severely neglected. Stop issue multi-tenant building permits. City of Kirkland is not equipped to handle the density of population that it keeps allowing to happen. Public Works projects are grossly mismanaged or just not down at all.	5/5/2023 3:23 PM
247	Too many buildings, too many people, Kirkland is losing its charm and walkability. What's happening to all the green spaces? Replace the dying trees and trees that were removed,	5/5/2023 3:12 PM

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	especially during this last winter's ice storm.	
248	Improved legal system and Judges	5/5/2023 3:06 PM
249	Parks are crowded	5/5/2023 3:03 PM
250	NA	5/5/2023 2:59 PM
251	Residents' safety concerns once the La Quinta opens up to house the homeless	5/5/2023 2:51 PM
252	Housing Affordability	5/5/2023 2:47 PM
253	Downtown parking & housing.	5/5/2023 2:47 PM
254	The crime and problems from Seattle are creeping into Kirkland	5/5/2023 2:47 PM
255	Overgrowth	5/5/2023 2:46 PM
256	too few spaces in youth activities	5/5/2023 2:44 PM
257	Over building	5/5/2023 2:30 PM
258	Lack of public permanent pickleball courts	5/5/2023 2:27 PM
259	1. Electricity outages are more frequent in Kirkland compare to Redmond/Bellevue 2. Cricket field is missing in Kirkland.	5/5/2023 2:27 PM
260	Traffic/congestion	5/5/2023 2:24 PM
261	retail rent is too high so it pushes out any high quality healthy yet casual order-at the-counter food places. We don't want chain-restaurants and we can afford high quality casual food. Look to Bend, Oregon or Encinitas, CA (or most waterfront towns in CA).	5/5/2023 2:23 PM
262	Too much traffic congestion - growth beyond what our infrastructure can handle	5/5/2023 2:16 PM
263	Crime.	5/5/2023 2:13 PM
264	Parking	5/5/2023 2:10 PM
265	Street safety including sidewalks and road maintenance	5/5/2023 2:10 PM
266	Affordable housing and access to public transit	5/5/2023 2:09 PM
267	Quality of life. We keep piling houses in every tiny space available, clearing trees and woodlands. Stop refining to allow 10 houses on one lot!!	5/5/2023 2:09 PM
268	Preventing the Permanent Supportive Housing Facility at La Quinta from being a public safety and drug use problem for the City	5/5/2023 2:08 PM
269	Keep parks clean	5/5/2023 2:07 PM
270	Climate change	5/5/2023 12:37 PM
271	Property tax is skyrocketing high!! Too expensive to live here. Criminal activities are increasing, and we feel it's not as safe as even 5 years ago.	5/5/2023 12:21 PM
272	Available parking	5/5/2023 12:13 PM
273	Not the most important, but if we're talking about parks, then we need more pickleball courts	5/5/2023 11:03 AM
274	Safe active transportation to address rising traffic congestion	5/5/2023 10:13 AM
275	Crime, housing the unhoused	5/5/2023 9:30 AM
276	The CKC is a muddy mess that destroys bicycles 9 months out of the year. It should be paved.	5/5/2023 9:10 AM
277	Inequality. This will continue to grow as the cost of living continues. As a family with young kids we have the privilege of affording daycare but I see the risk that three people who provide services for our family including childcare, kids activities & recreation no longer want to be in Kirkland because they have to commute too far and can't find places to live or eat affordably.	5/5/2023 8:30 AM
278	Traffic	5/5/2023 8:28 AM

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279	I don't know if it's the most important, but I've struggle to get my child into swim lessons.	5/5/2023 8:24 AM
280	lack of an aquatics center	5/5/2023 8:07 AM
281	Walkability. Limited sidewalks, very few crosswalks, drivers don't stop for flashing crosswalks anyways, sidewalks in poor repair. The parks are beautiful, but limited parking and being unable to reach by foot makes them challenging to visit.	5/5/2023 8:02 AM
282	quality of life	5/5/2023 7:52 AM
283	No swimming pool for kids	5/5/2023 7:43 AM
284	Develop welcoming and accessible services for all.	5/5/2023 7:42 AM
285	Kirkland needs more parks and recreation.	5/5/2023 7:21 AM
286	Not sure	5/5/2023 7:11 AM
287	recreation opportunities for developmentally disabled children and adults	5/5/2023 6:53 AM
288	High density living; traffic; overbuilding, particularly apartments; increasing pressure on already overburdened services and traffic; an outdated and poorly functioning public transportation system (Kirkland and the region).	5/5/2023 6:49 AM
289	Growth	5/5/2023 4:46 AM
290	Crime and begging/	5/5/2023 12:50 AM
291	Affordability	5/5/2023 12:03 AM
292	housing for all segments of society	5/4/2023 10:38 PM
293	Environment and climate change. Deforestation and more impervious coverage contribute to these problems	5/4/2023 10:09 PM
294	Climate change	5/4/2023 8:55 PM
295	Crime	5/4/2023 8:16 PM
296	lack of trails	5/4/2023 8:11 PM
297	Cost of living.	5/4/2023 7:28 PM
298	Safety and affordable housing	5/4/2023 6:49 PM
299	Increasing crime.	5/4/2023 6:20 PM
300	- Walkability. - Building density (mostly downtown but not solely)	5/4/2023 6:05 PM
301	Affordability	5/4/2023 5:26 PM
302	Taxes are too high	5/4/2023 5:21 PM
303	Managing growth to foster livability	5/4/2023 5:16 PM
304	What an odd, open-ended question.	5/4/2023 5:04 PM
305	Keeping it affordable, not just for the wealthy and those in subsidized housing.	5/4/2023 4:46 PM
306	1. No recreational center for adults and kids 2. Waste and recycling center in residential areas	5/4/2023 4:35 PM
307	How we handle growth (maintaining Kirkland character and qualities)	5/4/2023 4:34 PM
308	SAVE TREES. REDUCE DEVELOPMENT 1. Ruining Forbes Creek critical area for migrating birds to put in a park when there are 2 huge parks across the street. NO MORE TAXES. FIND MONEY FOR PARKS OUT OF SWOLLEN BUDGET THAT COUNCIL DOUBLED FROM 1% TO 2%. 2. City always finds money in other departments to pay 200K to outside vendor re traffic study then ignore report because they dont like it. What a collasol waste of OUR TAX DOLLARS. City found money to buy the Houghton property, but cant find money for the parks??? Really??? City Council spending is out of control. Raising taxes is not the answer. Cut spending on your pet projects which do not help Kirkland citizens at all. 2. Increasing taxes when you already get twice as much money in last 5 years from double house values. 3. City needs to trim all the employees who basically work full time on Google projects. This would	5/4/2023 4:27 PM

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trim city budget significantly and free up money for other projects. 4 Kirkland cutting down down mature trees to allow development that clears all lots. City Council needs to drop pro business stance and needs to change to pro environment and pro arresting climate change. Updated development ordinances to leave 1-3 of all property in mature trees.

309	Crime and encroaching homeless encampments.	5/4/2023 4:25 PM
310	Overcrowding	5/4/2023 4:17 PM
311	Housing	5/4/2023 4:15 PM
312	traffic	5/4/2023 4:13 PM
313	Population growth and maintaining service levels	5/4/2023 4:06 PM
314	Traffic	5/4/2023 4:03 PM
315	Earthquakes	5/4/2023 3:42 PM
316	Too many new homes being built that are destroying the environment.	5/4/2023 3:34 PM
317	Safety. We need more police.	5/4/2023 1:32 PM
318	Lack of sidewalks and bike lanes	5/4/2023 1:05 PM
319	Rapid growth	5/4/2023 12:46 PM
320	Housing affordability	5/4/2023 12:28 PM
321	Affordable housing	5/4/2023 12:07 PM
322	too many people	5/4/2023 11:48 AM
323	Residents cutting down trees and going over the permeable to non-permeable lot coverage ratio after building/remodelling is complete. Often they wait a year or two and then do it.	5/4/2023 11:38 AM
324	Houses are too expensive.	5/4/2023 9:19 AM
325	Keeping services & amenities up with rapid growth of the city.	5/4/2023 7:10 AM
326	traffic, and costs, no improvements, not caring.	5/4/2023 5:00 AM
327	Safety. I can always see some unfamiliar faces knocking on our neighbourhood front door hardly one by one, and there have been several burglaries this year. In the past, I could often see police cars patrolling our community, but from 2021 to now, I have hardly seen them. Please increase police patrols. Thanks	5/3/2023 10:43 PM
328	high cost of homes and apartments however, do not like all the new tall apartment buildings being built in our once quaint town	5/3/2023 9:36 PM
329	Lack of turf field space for youth sports.	5/3/2023 9:25 PM
330	Traffic and safer walking paths to schools for the kids	5/3/2023 9:21 PM
331	Preserving green space for public use	5/3/2023 7:57 PM
332	Climate change / congestion	5/3/2023 7:44 PM
333	traffic congestion	5/3/2023 7:08 PM
334	Cost of living. Property taxes. Affordable housing	5/3/2023 6:16 PM
335	Parking downtown, traffic congestion	5/3/2023 5:45 PM
336	need more good business in the city	5/3/2023 5:44 PM
337	Traffic	5/3/2023 5:33 PM
338	Homelessness	5/3/2023 5:18 PM
339	Population growth balanced with school growth, balanced with affordable living.	5/3/2023 4:57 PM
340	the very small amount of the beach volleyball courts, considering the big group of people who would like to play + lack of the light on these courts which even more reduce the amount of	5/3/2023 4:51 PM

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	time it can be used	
341	leftist agenda.	5/3/2023 4:26 PM
342	Affordable housing	5/3/2023 4:24 PM
343	Traffic and the lack of public transportation to connect neighborhoods with Metro.	5/3/2023 4:11 PM
344	Cost of living. It creates a significant divide amongst residents that drives those who cannot afford out of the city or into homelessness. This impacts the senior and people-of-color population the most.	5/3/2023 3:39 PM
345	Traffic due to construction	5/3/2023 3:33 PM
346	Getting businesses in the Matt storefronts	5/3/2023 2:53 PM
347	Affordable housing and a safe and welcoming community for people of all backgrounds	5/3/2023 2:16 PM
348	Affordable housing	5/3/2023 1:53 PM
349	Crime and homelessness	5/3/2023 1:41 PM
350	too much density in neighborhoods with no consideration for traffic, no public spaces added in such as parks, Loss of charm with all the new builds and chain department stores. Property taxes are way too high. tax google, ect if they want to build in Kirkland.	5/3/2023 1:35 PM
351	Aquatics is under served. And restrooms at parks year round should be a priority.	5/3/2023 1:29 PM
352	Traffic	5/3/2023 1:01 PM
353	alot of car traffic, and sidewalks that are not inviting to walk on.	5/3/2023 12:46 PM
354	Crime	5/3/2023 12:19 PM
355	Cost of living	5/3/2023 11:44 AM
356	Maintaining sufficient trust and sense of community that residents see the value in investing in improvements.	5/3/2023 11:23 AM
357	Traffic	5/3/2023 10:44 AM
358	Not enough recreation opportunities with a growing population and shrinking yards.	5/3/2023 10:17 AM
359	Lack of affordable housing, and the out of control speeding.	5/3/2023 10:16 AM
360	Balancing growth with preserving natural spaces	5/3/2023 9:45 AM
361	addressing homelessness, addiction, and mental health with lasting solutions	5/3/2023 8:58 AM
362	Lack of access to aquatics.	5/3/2023 8:41 AM
363	Infrastructure to support the growing community	5/3/2023 8:39 AM
364	Long term transit access	5/3/2023 8:26 AM
365	Housing affordability, especially for those with larger family sizes. A family with 5 or 6 people need to be able to live in a place where they have some privacy, so one and two bedroom solutions don't work for this group. We need housing for all sizes and types that can be attained by middle level incomes.	5/3/2023 7:42 AM
366	Deteriorating roads and high property taxes	5/3/2023 7:40 AM
367	Housing affordability	5/3/2023 3:51 AM
368	Crime, more pools. Better schools	5/3/2023 3:14 AM
369	Traffic/unsafe roads and paths for pedestrians and bicyclists.	5/3/2023 1:13 AM
370	Increase in renters.	5/2/2023 11:59 PM
371	Need to improve pedestrian/bike/public transit access to avoid overcrowding with cars given influx of people living and working in Kirkland to maintain it's walkability and community character	5/2/2023 11:09 PM

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372	Bringing homeless people into the city	5/2/2023 10:52 PM
373	This is labeled a parks and rec survey. I will address that issue. Pricing our sports out of reach or desire by very overpriced sports fields for rental by season like baseball and soccer. Also having inferior playing fields so teams prefer to choose Bellevue and North Creek or Bothell area and our own teams suffer from cancelled games due to mud and rainouts. Poor management has strangled our sports options and quality in Kirkland.	5/2/2023 10:36 PM
374	Criminal rate increasing	5/2/2023 10:27 PM
375	Removing wooded areas for developers	5/2/2023 9:56 PM
376	Keeping our residents safe.	5/2/2023 9:54 PM
377	Rapidly expanding population with lack of resources or permanent investments in our parks and recreation centers. One of our nicest parks was built by google.	5/2/2023 9:47 PM
378	Property taxes are too high	5/2/2023 9:46 PM
379	1. Better walkways along waterfront 2. More pickleball courts	5/2/2023 9:42 PM
380	Public safety	5/2/2023 9:41 PM
381	Inflation/ the rising costs of everything	5/2/2023 9:37 PM
382	Low quality beach vball sand	5/2/2023 9:33 PM
383	Affordable housing	5/2/2023 9:19 PM
384	Growth	5/2/2023 8:54 PM
385	HUUUGE taxes and overspending by city. You choose the most expensive proposals and then all are late to deliver on top of the cost.	5/2/2023 8:50 PM
386	Services, facilities, infrastructure has not kept up with the exponential population growth.	5/2/2023 8:33 PM
387	dog poop because of too many renters!	5/2/2023 8:15 PM
388	Affordable housing	5/2/2023 8:10 PM
389	Housing affordability and mental health	5/2/2023 8:04 PM
390	Government overreach and the merger of government and corporations, also known as fascism.	5/2/2023 7:29 PM
391	Crime & Public safety	5/2/2023 6:37 PM
392	keeping kirkland a great place to raise a family	5/2/2023 6:05 PM
393	Community pool and recreation space.	5/2/2023 5:26 PM
394	Considering the elderly, retired on fixed income. The raises in taxes etc. along with the already KC property taxes and inflation from food to utilities, will push the elderly to be homeless as well.	5/2/2023 5:09 PM
395	Traffic and public safety	5/2/2023 5:06 PM
396	Homelessness	5/2/2023 4:05 PM
397	A lot of people are moving up here, also climate change.	5/2/2023 3:58 PM
398	Cost of living	5/2/2023 3:47 PM
399	Keeping Kirkland safe.	5/2/2023 3:43 PM
400	Maintaining the quaintness of our beautiful city	5/2/2023 3:38 PM
401	Speeding cars menacing pedestrians and cyclists with a lack of police presence or enforcement in our neighborhoods.	5/2/2023 3:06 PM
402	Public transportation, housing, and pedestrian accessibility.	5/2/2023 2:44 PM
403	Everything is so car-centric, it is hard not to use a car to do things. It means my kids need me to drive them everywhere, I don't feel safe cycling, my wife has to drive to work, etc.	5/2/2023 2:27 PM

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404	Building more infrastructure and community resources to support the growing Kirkland community, especially for kids.	5/2/2023 2:09 PM
405	The city is shifting the economy into the pockets of landlords and rental agencies. This is actively hostile towards people who actually live here owning a home of their own. The city needs to cease all permitting for building rental properties, no matter how large, and focus more on ownable homes, even if they're condo complexes.	5/2/2023 2:06 PM
406	Too high of taxes	5/2/2023 1:58 PM
407	the extreme timeline of getting building permits that significantly delays projects costing residence unreasonable time and money to improve their property	5/2/2023 1:51 PM
408	Litter/trash, especially in and around waterways, investment in clean energy	5/2/2023 1:47 PM
409	Affordable housing and sufficient human services support to support those dealing with homelessness and mental health as well as substance use issues.	5/2/2023 1:46 PM
410	Affordable housing	5/2/2023 1:31 PM
411	Reversing the homeless shelter next to Eastside Prep school	5/2/2023 12:56 PM
412	cost of living	5/2/2023 12:46 PM
413	Growth management.	5/2/2023 12:23 PM
414	Affordability, especially with rising property taxes.	5/2/2023 12:19 PM
415	Housing supply and affordability	5/2/2023 12:16 PM
416	Rise in crime	5/2/2023 12:05 PM
417	Overcrowding and traffic	5/2/2023 12:04 PM
418	Crime	5/2/2023 12:01 PM
419	Taxes are too high	5/2/2023 12:00 PM
420	Staying true to the heritage and values of the early settlers here that had good plans for the community. And not get caught up with raging ideologies of this age that tear down and divide rather than unite and build people together.	5/2/2023 11:55 AM
421	Keeping parks clean and free of homeless people.	5/2/2023 11:53 AM
422	Affordable housing	5/2/2023 11:53 AM
423	Housing affordability	5/2/2023 11:53 AM
424	Crime	5/2/2023 11:46 AM
425	Taxes are way to much and Ive lived here for over 35 years . I can't keep up with them and I make a shade over the sr tax discount. So I'm screwed and will be forced to sell my home soon at this rate. Why not have a across the board sr tax rate for seniors over 70 who have owned home here for over 15 years. Stupid 85th project that is mostly unnecessary needs to be halted. Stop Kirkland's move to become downtown Bellevue I Kirkland is becoming uglier and uglier to drive in. All the views are being destroyed with over 3 stories condos and office building. The trees are being massacred. Fix the f-ing potholes on all of the Hwy on-ramps all over town. Yes build a swimming pool that indoors and can be used year round. Many classes for kids but few for adults ? Why so few? How about building housing for the teachers and other workers who cannot afford to live hereabouts anymore.	5/2/2023 11:45 AM
426	Lack of walkable space. This city is being designed to fit more and more cars and businesses instead of community. We don't need more things sold to us. We need spaces to just exist and come together without paying an arm and a leg.	5/2/2023 11:39 AM
427	Growth... the city is growing rapidly and we need to ensure we maintain diversity and grow in a thoughtful and meaningful direction	5/2/2023 11:39 AM
428	Overcrowded	5/2/2023 11:37 AM
429	Discontinuous bike/walk infrastructure	5/2/2023 11:31 AM

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430	Affordable housing	5/2/2023 11:31 AM
431	Nighttime loud “rally.” People are driving around area during night time, it’s loud and dangerous. People don’t care about stop- signs.	5/2/2023 11:08 AM
432	infrastructure	5/2/2023 11:02 AM
433	Crime	5/2/2023 9:55 AM
434	Safety for businesses and property along with affordable housing.	5/2/2023 9:41 AM
435	Infrastructure	5/2/2023 9:29 AM
436	don't know	5/2/2023 9:25 AM
437	Reactive infrastructure (schools, roads, city and county transit options) investment and construction while we have allowed for massive growth in housing and population over the past decade. For instance, removing the park and ride at 70th while developing a mass transit center at 85th with no parking. Or adding on ramps but the bus rapid transit is in the future and the light link rail does not come to or pass through Kirkland. It seems like there could be one more school to reduce classroom sizes on the East side of 405.	5/2/2023 9:01 AM
438	Affordable amenities	5/2/2023 8:51 AM
439	controlling growth	5/2/2023 7:27 AM
440	Managing growth	5/2/2023 5:55 AM
441	Lack of affordable housing	5/2/2023 5:38 AM
442	Is too expensive to live in Kirkland	5/2/2023 5:11 AM
443	Too many green spaces being replaced by housing.	5/2/2023 12:52 AM
444	Traffic and building in such small areas	5/2/2023 12:03 AM
445	Housing prices	5/1/2023 9:31 PM
446	Our tax dollars are benefiting the residents instead of the seniors, kids, and parents living in Kirkland.	5/1/2023 9:24 PM
447	Housing, transportation	5/1/2023 8:59 PM
448	Housing	5/1/2023 8:12 PM
449	Crime	5/1/2023 8:08 PM
450	Safety	5/1/2023 8:04 PM
451	Housing affordability	5/1/2023 7:42 PM
452	Kirkland is a small city that is growing fast. It needs to be proactive before problems like lack of services and traffic/parking becomes worse.	5/1/2023 7:39 PM
453	Entitlement	5/1/2023 7:13 PM
454	Seniors being out priced of their homes	5/1/2023 6:18 PM
455	Keeping it a small town feel community	5/1/2023 5:09 PM
456	Lack of parking and overcrowding of public spaces like parks	5/1/2023 4:43 PM
457	Taxation and growth management	5/1/2023 4:11 PM
458	Being in the same county as Seattle and having to deal with the city’s problems, ie opening a homeless shelter in our city	5/1/2023 4:09 PM
459	Traffic, housing cost and sports field or pool amenities for schools/community	5/1/2023 4:02 PM
460	saving small business, homelessness,	5/1/2023 3:19 PM
461	Growth	5/1/2023 3:19 PM
462	Open space and traffic	5/1/2023 3:18 PM

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463	Affordable housing and activities for all.	5/1/2023 3:12 PM
464	Property crime and theft	5/1/2023 3:08 PM
465	Maintaining single family residence in neighborhoods currently single family.	5/1/2023 3:01 PM
466	Controlling out of control growth and retaining and adding additional park and open space and recreation spaces throughout the City.	5/1/2023 2:50 PM
467	Maintaining the quality of life that draws people to Kirkland while also having the population grow.	5/1/2023 2:36 PM
468	Property taxes are too high reducing adorable housing and increasing traffic	5/1/2023 1:52 PM
469	There are very few swimming options in Kirkland. And the summers are getting hot! The pool is crowded and small. The waitlist for swimming lessons is a mile long. And once kids master swimming, the lifeguards and in lake beaches are very restrictive, so we end up waiting for them to end their shift to go swimming.	5/1/2023 1:30 PM
470	Housing prices	5/1/2023 1:16 PM
471	Cutting too many trees for development	5/1/2023 1:14 PM
472	terrible permitting process and exorbitant permitting costs that hinders ability to improve existing homes.	5/1/2023 1:13 PM
473	Lack of dog parks, places to dispose of dog poop in more residential areas.	5/1/2023 1:06 PM
474	Too much development of office space, not enough affordable housing or retail and restaurant amenities	5/1/2023 12:59 PM
475	Shortage of parking around parks and shopping plazas. Not enough sport/games facilities for adults.	5/1/2023 12:57 PM
476	Finishing the streets vs starting new projects.	5/1/2023 12:56 PM
477	Goose's poop	5/1/2023 12:53 PM
478	Traffic	5/1/2023 12:51 PM
479	Overpopulation.	5/1/2023 12:40 PM
480	Lack of beach volleyball courts	5/1/2023 12:37 PM
481	growth	5/1/2023 12:36 PM
482	Crime. Inundated with traffic. Not enough parking. Regarding 2nd line in the below... address the homelessness! - not the "impact".	5/1/2023 12:14 PM
483	We need more recreation areas - budget friendly rec center and sand volleyball courts	5/1/2023 12:11 PM
484	Affordable Housing	5/1/2023 12:02 PM
485	traffic	5/1/2023 11:59 AM
486	Can't really pinpoint only one.	5/1/2023 11:27 AM
487	No beach volleyball courts	5/1/2023 11:26 AM
488	Traffic	5/1/2023 11:23 AM
489	Affordable Housing	5/1/2023 11:20 AM
490	Housing	5/1/2023 11:18 AM
491	Not enough public tennis courts and volleyball courts.	5/1/2023 11:17 AM
492	full range of ample housing in all income brackets	5/1/2023 11:01 AM
493	traffic and high property taxes	5/1/2023 11:00 AM
494	Our green spaces and habitat are disappearing! What is SO unique to the area and what we have given our donations to is to save parks and green spaces, the actual trees and plants	5/1/2023 10:55 AM

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and habitat. Yes, we need restrooms and aquatic centers but I am watching concrete take over. It distresses me.

495	Traffic/congestion	5/1/2023 10:54 AM
496	Major growth and safety (inclusive of pedestrians, bikers, and drivers) as we navigate around the community	5/1/2023 10:43 AM
497	Traffic	5/1/2023 10:42 AM
498	Deforestation, unauthorized cutting, trimming of trees in private communities to open lake views. Removal, cutting trees by developers.	5/1/2023 10:36 AM
499	Housing Affordability	5/1/2023 10:34 AM
500	Development/overdevelopment/remaining livable	5/1/2023 10:34 AM
501	Safe roads	5/1/2023 10:30 AM
502	Maintenance to all the beach volley courts, i.g., sand, benches, canopies, nets, etc.	5/1/2023 10:30 AM
503	Too many cars and not enough housing	5/1/2023 10:27 AM
504	Environment and sustainability	5/1/2023 10:24 AM
505	Affordable housing	5/1/2023 10:23 AM
506	Lack of Beach Volleyball court space and community say in new developments	5/1/2023 10:22 AM
507	Traffic	5/1/2023 10:21 AM
508	Affordability	5/1/2023 10:21 AM
509	Keeping our city safe and clean	5/1/2023 10:17 AM
510	Affordable housing	5/1/2023 10:16 AM
511	Climate change	5/1/2023 10:14 AM
512	stop coming to me for more money (taxes)	5/1/2023 10:14 AM
513	Not enough focus on maintaining core infrastructure, too much spending on non-essential projects.	5/1/2023 10:12 AM
514	Not enough beach volleyball courts for the amount of interest in the sport.	5/1/2023 10:03 AM
515	A lot of development and construction, both commercial and residential.	5/1/2023 10:02 AM
516	Traffic through downtown AND unsafe conditions of the beach volleyball courts	5/1/2023 9:59 AM
517	Same as the rest of the world,...climate change issues.	5/1/2023 9:59 AM
518	Affordable housing	5/1/2023 9:56 AM
519	affordable housing	5/1/2023 9:54 AM
520	over development	5/1/2023 9:46 AM
521	Cannot think of any	5/1/2023 9:38 AM
522	Keeping everything affordable, esp housing for those that work in Kirkland. Our daycare workers, teachers, grocery store workers etc need affordable housing.	5/1/2023 9:33 AM
523	Lack of facilities for outdoor sand volleyball which has significantly grown in popularity over recent years	5/1/2023 9:31 AM
524	Public safety and ensuring that the La Quinta hotel/homeless plan doesn't ruin our community atmosphere. Learn from Seattle's mistakes, and prioritize public safety.	5/1/2023 9:19 AM
525	Overdeveloping and increased population density without addressing infrastructure	5/1/2023 9:11 AM
526	Roads are not keeping up with housing and business growth.	5/1/2023 9:08 AM
527	Preservation of open spaces - with the density Kirkland is undergoing, this becomes even more important.	5/1/2023 9:04 AM

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528	Affordable housing. The trickle-down from our area being unattainable to anyone but the highest-paid tech workers, means non-tech jobs are nearly impossible to fill. School bus drivers in the Juanita area are so scarce that it has affected school start and end times.	5/1/2023 8:48 AM
529	More winter recreation opportunities (inexpensive indoor facilities)	5/1/2023 8:16 AM
530	Keeping crime and homelessness under control.	5/1/2023 8:10 AM
531	budget oversight	5/1/2023 7:33 AM
532	High taxes pushing people out of our homes!	5/1/2023 7:13 AM
533	Developing a sense of belonging and shared ownership among white residents and people of color (especially Black people) as well as more recent and longer-term residents.	5/1/2023 6:51 AM
534	Over-development, too dense development; arrogant, elitist, out of touch city government and "woke" city staff.	4/30/2023 11:53 PM
535	Affordable housing Easy transit	4/30/2023 10:31 PM
536	Too many people and not enough recreational facilities of all types	4/30/2023 9:27 PM
537	Homelessness	4/30/2023 8:36 PM
538	Waking up downtown Kirkland - with stores that are needed - stationery - hardware - clothing - stores that will keep residents in Kirkland and spending their money here. Might look at downtown parking and the streets that lead into town.	4/30/2023 6:43 PM
539	Finding room for growth without making the city unlivable. This is a greater issue closer to the core downtown than anywhere else.	4/30/2023 6:25 PM
540	Crime and the poor planning/use of La Quinta for HTH	4/30/2023 6:10 PM
541	Keeping Kirkland affordable	4/30/2023 4:46 PM
542	Cheaply built redevelopments ruining the charm and original appeal of Kirkland.	4/30/2023 4:24 PM
543	Concerns about negative consequences regarding the conversion of La Quinta, and future use the old PCC location.	4/30/2023 2:59 PM
544	Traffic	4/30/2023 2:10 PM
545	Over development, over extending city budget	4/30/2023 1:59 PM
546	Need for an indoor aquatic and rec center	4/30/2023 1:15 PM
547	Removing the present transfer station out of the residential area. The Council and County are ignoring their residents and have been for over 30 + years.	4/30/2023 12:21 PM
548	High Property taxes	4/30/2023 11:36 AM
549	Improving transit and bikeability walkability. Making 85th corridor a destination for non-drivers.	4/30/2023 10:56 AM
550	Keeping Kirkland safe for families, whether walking, biking, or in our homes. Having laws that are enforced is a good start. Dogs running free is definitely a habit for many dog owners at Heritage Park. Enforcement & ticketing seems rare. The dogs make it uncomfortable for young children. Ignoring the leash law is common throughout the day & evenings. 🐶. This is one element of the safety for 'all issue, which I use as an example. Safe public places with enforced laws. 👍	4/30/2023 9:55 AM
551	Overdevelopment and traffic	4/30/2023 9:54 AM
552	Public safety. Our police force is understaffed. Crime is increasing especially as criminals and crime spreads from Seattle where the police force is very small & criminal activity has greatly increased. We also have increased our population in Kirkland but have not increase our fire dept and EMT services in proportion. We used to have a fire station on 60th next to the Houghton transfer station - it is long gone with property used for a Habitat for Humanity house. Now our population is greater & response time is much much less.	4/30/2023 9:46 AM
553	too much business building - downtown is losing its charm	4/30/2023 9:45 AM
554	overtaxed overbuilt over charged for city fees unknown city overall plan and intent	4/30/2023 8:28 AM

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555	housing; let's make Kirkland more dense	4/30/2023 8:18 AM
556	traffic and signal lights on 85th street	4/30/2023 12:07 AM
557	Keeping up with the growth - services, infrastructure, schools...everything.	4/29/2023 10:57 PM
558	Growth mgmt	4/29/2023 10:15 PM
559	Affordable housing	4/29/2023 8:53 PM
560	Spending is out of control. Developers run the city. Streets are in disrepair. Taxes and fees on everything. Gifting money for "woke" reasons	4/29/2023 8:14 PM
561	More trees - everywhere - to better clean our air.	4/29/2023 7:34 PM
562	Improving traffic congestion.	4/29/2023 7:29 PM
563	Managing development so that the character of neighborhoods is protected.	4/29/2023 7:28 PM
564	Affordable housing for our first-time buyers and aging population.	4/29/2023 6:45 PM
565	Safety	4/29/2023 5:59 PM
566	Traffic Control	4/29/2023 5:34 PM
567	Parking	4/29/2023 4:19 PM
568	Extremely high property taxes.	4/29/2023 3:36 PM
569	Attainable housing	4/29/2023 3:23 PM
570	Overpopulation, increased crime and high cost of living, especially with housing.	4/29/2023 3:11 PM
571	Cost of housing	4/29/2023 2:33 PM
572	Too many people. Traffic	4/29/2023 1:47 PM
573	police response time	4/29/2023 12:56 PM
574	taxes and affordable housing	4/29/2023 11:45 AM
575	Affordable housing	4/29/2023 11:35 AM
576	Equitable access to housing with nearby green/open space	4/29/2023 11:27 AM
577	It is a dumping ground for anything no other community wants in King County	4/29/2023 11:11 AM
578	The old dilapidated outdoor use only pool in downtown Kirkland. Every city has a beautiful up to date indoor pool! We can do better-without taxing home owners!	4/29/2023 11:08 AM
579	Keeping the streets and parks safe and prevent homelessness	4/29/2023 11:07 AM
580	population growth	4/29/2023 10:34 AM
581	Keeping it a lively community with good mix of residential, mixed use, retail, services and business. Having a variety of spaces for recreational opportunities and people friendly places for gathering and enjoying beautiful outdoors. Keeping Kirkland green and maintaining or expanding walking, biking trails.	4/29/2023 10:24 AM
582	Population management including homes, homeless, and drugs	4/29/2023 10:09 AM
583	Keeping the small town vibe	4/29/2023 10:00 AM
584	Potential homeless camps.	4/29/2023 9:57 AM
585	Growth management to keep high rise building in selected areas while maintaining a beautiful and "quaint" marina area. The other typical city issues seem well maintained and managed such as public safety, childhood education, parks access etc. Next- housing affordability - make the permitting limitations to build ADU and DADU's less restrictive (i.e. currently huge set back requirements unless alley access - this does not allow average home owners to build above garages due to needing 10-20 ft set back which essentially is 30+ ft bc the city says they own most of the property frontage around here.	4/29/2023 9:38 AM
586	Loss of quality of life because of high-density development.	4/29/2023 9:20 AM

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587	Overdevelopment/ cost of housing	4/29/2023 9:10 AM
588	Balancing growth and retaining the feel of Kirkland	4/29/2023 9:03 AM
589	Rising crime	4/29/2023 8:55 AM
590	Crime	4/29/2023 8:42 AM
591	Affordable housing	4/29/2023 8:38 AM
592	Infrastructure in the City Government, e.g., being able to manage the incredible growth that Kirkland is undergoing. I would add - that successful management would include retaining the smaller, waterfront village feel would be a key success metric.	4/29/2023 8:18 AM
593	Increasing crime.	4/29/2023 8:16 AM
594	City staff size, hiring ability - especially in public works, CIP, and transportation. We have not scaled staff to meet demand and lack the leadership necessary to attract top talent.	4/29/2023 8:12 AM
595	Public safety.	4/29/2023 8:05 AM
596	Moving the transfer station out of the residential area.	4/29/2023 7:59 AM
597	Having infrastructure to support development. Specifically: schools, roads, hospital/ medical facilities, recreation (indoor pool!)	4/29/2023 7:40 AM
598	It's government who doesn't listen to its own people. Remove the Houghton transfer station from its location and turn Taylor field into a nice park	4/29/2023 7:36 AM
599	affordable housing	4/29/2023 7:31 AM
600	Preventing public homelessness in parks.	4/29/2023 7:17 AM
601	Growth	4/29/2023 7:13 AM
602	Managing growth for a balance of income levels to match the income balance of its citizens. Need to make sure there is a mix of housing proportional to the mix of people who work in Kirkland.	4/29/2023 7:11 AM
603	Too much housing being built. Over crowding	4/29/2023 6:56 AM
604	Growth and redevelopment of the 85th exit.	4/29/2023 6:56 AM
605	Recreation opportunities and road maintenance.	4/29/2023 6:50 AM
606	Rising Cost of Living (Housing pricing, Property tax, inflation on goods, jobs) Economic Conditions	4/29/2023 6:50 AM
607	Rapid city growth without car traffic infrastructure improvements to match.	4/29/2023 6:19 AM
608	Schools	4/29/2023 6:13 AM
609	Downtown	4/29/2023 6:10 AM
610	Transfer station needs to go some remote none residential location. Away from Houghton/Rosehill neighborhood.causes massive traffic issues on 116th. Instead open a new rec center in its place.	4/29/2023 5:22 AM
611	cost of living	4/29/2023 4:54 AM
612	transportation	4/29/2023 12:43 AM
613	Increase of crime	4/29/2023 12:22 AM
614	That the downtown core is over built and kirkland becomes another bellevue.	4/28/2023 11:52 PM
615	Traffic, road repairs, school funding	4/28/2023 11:40 PM
616	Over building of apartments and condos and housing developments. Also the recreation center and beach lifeguards are much needed	4/28/2023 11:34 PM
617	Housing availability and affordability	4/28/2023 11:28 PM
618	Balancing the needs of all Kirkland's citizens as it grows. Addressing affordable housing,	4/28/2023 11:21 PM

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	mental health while still providing recreational facilities to foster community.	
619	Housing shortage	4/28/2023 11:12 PM
620	Not enough public pickleball courts--to meet the demand of the fastest growing sport in america.	4/28/2023 11:04 PM
621	Transportation and safety	4/28/2023 10:51 PM
622	Having infrastructure, space, amenities, services to keep up with our growth.	4/28/2023 10:49 PM
623	Homeless people	4/28/2023 10:16 PM
624	Infrastructure-traffic. More buildings and housing including duplexes, tri plex etc are going up but let's make sure traffic can still flow	4/28/2023 10:10 PM
625	Lack of affordable housing, programs for teens.	4/28/2023 10:10 PM
626	Leadership that doesn't listen to the electorate	4/28/2023 10:01 PM
627	Housing density	4/28/2023 10:01 PM
628	That the city has allowed developers to run city hall. There's too much high density housing, too expensive. The city has done nothing to allow affordable housing for low income residents.	4/28/2023 10:00 PM
629	Over development. We do not have the infastruct to handle all the development. Lack of parking in New buildings.	4/28/2023 9:57 PM
630	Location of the replacement for the Houghton Transfer station. It's been in Kirkland for over 50 years. Time for the rest of the county to share in the responsibility for hosting.	4/28/2023 9:51 PM
631	Overbuilding downtown without parking availability and traffic congestion. Losing affordable housing options.	4/28/2023 9:51 PM
632	Affordable housing	4/28/2023 9:50 PM
633	Homelessness/poverty	4/28/2023 9:36 PM
634	Overcrowding, lack of indoor spaces	4/28/2023 9:35 PM
635	Cost of living	4/28/2023 9:30 PM
636	Attainable housing	4/28/2023 9:25 PM
637	Roads. Builders tear them up and don't repair them properly when done.	4/28/2023 9:19 PM
638	The concerns and priorities of residents seem to be secondary to business interests at every turn, and there's a black box or backroom deals made based on personal preferences of city council members.	4/28/2023 9:14 PM
639	Availability of green space and community activities for a diverse population.	4/28/2023 8:43 PM
640	affordability	4/28/2023 8:24 PM
641	Ensuring public safety	4/28/2023 8:18 PM
642	Transients and people coming to Kirkland for the beaches, parks, etc and not making any purchases or adding any economic value. Btw, Kirkland has a lake - don't need an aquatic center.	4/28/2023 8:07 PM
643	Downtown congestion but I think you could solve this by creating a golf card zone so that residents could drive smaller electric vehicles to enjoy the downtown area	4/28/2023 7:55 PM
644	Taxing everyone out of their homes. Followed by too much emphasis on making this a big city instead of a lakeside town that we all moved here to live in.	4/28/2023 7:54 PM
645	Affordable housing	4/28/2023 7:17 PM
646	Not sure	4/28/2023 7:03 PM
647	Kirkland lacks diversity and community building for young families compared to neighboring towns despite "good" school ratings.	4/28/2023 7:00 PM
648	Lack of pedestrian friendly spaces with no cars	4/28/2023 5:07 PM

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649	Lack of affordable housing	4/28/2023 4:52 PM
650	Lack of sidewalks in most of the streets around North Rosehill. An elderly pedestrian was killed in early April because there was no sidewalk on 124th Ave.	4/28/2023 4:14 PM
651	Auto theft and not enough parking	4/28/2023 3:47 PM
652	Public safety	4/28/2023 3:41 PM
653	Lack of non-vehicle connections.	4/28/2023 3:20 PM
654	Not enough young families, house prices	4/28/2023 2:51 PM
655	Cost of living	4/28/2023 2:18 PM
656	Safety	4/28/2023 2:00 PM
657	Building a house is very expensive	4/28/2023 12:51 PM
658	Affordable housing.	4/28/2023 12:25 PM
659	Safety - seeing an increase in people being harassed/shot/threatened, graffiti, mailbox and house thefts and cars being broken in and being stolen ...	4/28/2023 12:18 PM
660	Affordability	4/28/2023 12:02 PM
661	housing for all income level	4/28/2023 12:00 PM
662	I don't necessarily think this is the most important issue facing Kirkland today but I want an indoor aquatics and rec center. It's a shame that we don't have one. I think the most important issue is affordability -- it's just so expensive to live here. It's become a place for super rich people.	4/28/2023 11:57 AM
663	Lack of affordability	4/28/2023 11:51 AM
664	Property Taxes	4/28/2023 11:27 AM
665	expensive, growing population	4/28/2023 10:49 AM
666	Lack of traffic control in neighborhoods. The street sweeper comes more often than police cars. We live in a neighborhood with schools and trails--foot, bike, horse, automobile, and truck traffic--and virtually no speed limit enforcement. Calling the PD doesn't work, and filling out a report online, while great for data collection, does not result in regular, reliable enforcement. Scofflaws appear to have taken over our area and others within our city. If we have posted limits, they should be enforced. Right now, we live in a basically "lawless" community with regards to traffic.	4/28/2023 10:34 AM
667	Overcrowding	4/28/2023 10:15 AM
668	Growth and infra structure, homelessness	4/28/2023 10:08 AM
669	Plan about relocate the recycling and transfer station.	4/28/2023 10:08 AM
670	Open Space and Parks	4/28/2023 10:01 AM
671	Maintaining what makes Kirkland a great place to live	4/28/2023 9:58 AM
672	Crime, traffic- pedestrian safety	4/28/2023 9:51 AM
673	Over population	4/28/2023 9:38 AM
674	Income disparity: Not all full-time workers can afford at least a studio apartment with less than a 30-minute, twice-daily commute.	4/28/2023 9:38 AM
675	We need a public recreation center with an indoor pool.	4/28/2023 9:35 AM
676	Affordable house	4/28/2023 9:32 AM
677	Loss of green space and trees to development. Noise and light pollution increases, too.	4/28/2023 9:31 AM
678	Traffic. And sub dividing all the lots. Too much density. Miss the Kirkland I knew 20 years ago. No good restaurants. No parking.	4/28/2023 9:27 AM

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679	Housing opportunities and related decisions	4/28/2023 9:25 AM
680	Insanely high property taxes.	4/28/2023 9:24 AM
681	cost of living	4/28/2023 8:51 AM
682	Lack of inclusion and opportunities for disabled children. My son is on the spectrum and there are no opportunities for him to participate in any of the parks and rec programs.	4/28/2023 8:15 AM
683	We need more green spaces and open spaces. We need to keep forested neighborhoods less dense. Preserve existing zoning on neighborhoods that border Bridle Trail State Park. Create a decent dog park for the Bridle Trails and Rose Hill neighborhoods. The cost of this would be minimal compared to building an aquatic center.	4/28/2023 8:13 AM
684	Traffic growth and management	4/28/2023 8:08 AM
685	Lack of services for young families who have toddlers and kids. Also the fact that currently Kirkland citizens do not have priority access to parks and rec activities (like Bellevue or Redmond) is infuriating and frankly just plainly wrong. We pay taxes for those services and everyone can sign up at the same time as us. It's impossible to get a spot for summer camps or kids swim classes. The priority access for Kirkland residents could be an easy change and it's shameful it hasn't yet been implemented.	4/28/2023 7:34 AM
686	Affordable housing	4/28/2023 7:02 AM
687	Protection of natural and open spaces due to over-development. Traffic congestion. Affordable housing.	4/28/2023 7:01 AM
688	We need to preserve green space.	4/28/2023 6:45 AM
689	Development and growth that doesn't have required infrastructure improvements to mitigate the impacts of said growth	4/28/2023 6:44 AM
690	Over development without regard to neighborhood identity	4/28/2023 5:58 AM
691	Continued focus and support on public safety.	4/28/2023 5:26 AM
692	Housing costs	4/28/2023 4:14 AM
693	Growth	4/28/2023 3:54 AM
694	Safety	4/28/2023 3:27 AM
695	N/A	4/28/2023 12:23 AM
696	Housing	4/27/2023 11:36 PM
697	Cost of housing	4/27/2023 11:17 PM
698	Affordable housing. Also climate change and the damage to our tree canopy that developers are allowed to do.	4/27/2023 10:58 PM
699	The City is growing too fast and density is increasing, despite already reaching the growth management targets.	4/27/2023 10:53 PM
700	Crowding, Congestion, too many peo	4/27/2023 10:02 PM
701	Over growth, mass removal of the canopy and aging recreational spaces	4/27/2023 9:59 PM
702	Traffic	4/27/2023 9:58 PM
703	Green space and roads	4/27/2023 9:36 PM
704	From a Parks perspective, the lack of Pickleball courts and swim facilities.	4/27/2023 9:33 PM
705	Lack of reliable public transit connections	4/27/2023 9:28 PM
706	Affordability and traffic.	4/27/2023 9:21 PM
707	Addressing growth and prioritizing alternative transportation methods to make Kirkland more liveable. Strive for excellence and follow through on your visioning. Be bold.	4/27/2023 9:19 PM
708	Keeping its small town identity while incorporating issues for the future; i.e. transportation,	4/27/2023 9:13 PM

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	housing, rec services.	
709	road repair, bike lanes, and side	4/27/2023 9:08 PM
710	Too many large homes are being rapidly built which is not retaining the charm of Kirkland.	4/27/2023 9:07 PM
711	Keeping homeless from camping in our city.	4/27/2023 8:53 PM
712	Disabled and seniors age in place Not being so liberal Kirkland ends up like Seattle.	4/27/2023 8:51 PM
713	Runaway growth. Growth without updating schools to handle the increased population and failure to deal with traffic caused by more people.	4/27/2023 8:40 PM
714	The lack of community connection (huge).	4/27/2023 8:21 PM
715	Climate change	4/27/2023 8:15 PM
716	Excessive taxes and utility costs	4/27/2023 8:07 PM
717	Homelessness	4/27/2023 8:07 PM
718	Council people that respect the voice of the people of the city of Kirkland.	4/27/2023 7:56 PM
719	High taxes and the city spending too much time and money on social issues that distract from serving the citizens of Kirkland.	4/27/2023 7:41 PM
720	Traffic	4/27/2023 7:33 PM
721	Too many people, too much congestion	4/27/2023 7:24 PM
722	Lack of sidewalks	4/27/2023 7:19 PM
723	keep open spaces and parks	4/27/2023 7:11 PM
724	Activities for kids	4/27/2023 7:07 PM
725	Lack of aquatic options, and lack of pickleball facilities. Also gym facilities, other private gyms.	4/27/2023 7:06 PM
726	Crime. We are seeing bolder more frequent criminal activity. We must not allow ourselves to become like Seattle.	4/27/2023 7:06 PM
727	Inflationary ideas from the Kirkland City Council and this committee on recreational and aquatic centers, etc..	4/27/2023 7:01 PM
728	Pickleball is causing a MAJOR nuisance to our neighborhoods... you must stop this and create designated areas with proper sound abatement!	4/27/2023 6:48 PM
729	Continuing to keep the homeless population out of city limits.	4/27/2023 6:46 PM
730	Affordable housing	4/27/2023 6:35 PM
731	Equity and opportunity	4/27/2023 6:31 PM
732	Homelessness	4/27/2023 6:28 PM
733	Livability in walkable neighborhoods, in Kirkland	4/27/2023 6:16 PM
734	drug use and homeless population	4/27/2023 6:11 PM
735	Good schools, good parks, availability of swim lessons :)	4/27/2023 6:10 PM
736	Maintaining parks.	4/27/2023 5:53 PM
737	Housing affordability	4/27/2023 5:52 PM
738	Making Kirkland a city where people of all demographic and economic backgrounds can live and share in our beautiful city.	4/27/2023 5:47 PM
739	Add more recreation opportunities. More affordable housing	4/27/2023 5:41 PM
740	Too much development. Too much cutting trees.	4/27/2023 5:40 PM
741	Unaffordable propertytaxes	4/27/2023 5:40 PM

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742	Property taxes	4/27/2023 5:39 PM
743	Affordable housing and lack of capacity in our infrastructure- parking and roads.	4/27/2023 5:23 PM
744	Affordable housing	4/27/2023 5:04 PM
745	Growth	4/27/2023 5:02 PM
746	Traffic, parking, downtown core, affordable housing.	4/27/2023 4:57 PM
747	Several issues are very important - uptick in daily crime, especially property crimes, leading to feeling less safe. Traffic and density has increased, leading to feeling crowded and exacerbates the need for more recreation facilities.	4/27/2023 4:56 PM
748	Traffic congestion, plans to over develop the 85th St area plan without adequate mitigations to maintain quality of life at current levels	4/27/2023 4:56 PM
749	Enforce all laws on the books.	4/27/2023 4:53 PM
750	Socioeconomic and racial equality.	4/27/2023 4:50 PM
751	Rapid growth overwhelming roads and destroying wooded areas	4/27/2023 4:47 PM
752	Balancing the political power of downtown interests with the less politically vocal and lower income parts of the city. Equity of services, commitment to all of Kirkland.	4/27/2023 4:44 PM
753	Growth without the infrastructure and capacity to keep up (across everything - housing, traffic, etc).	4/27/2023 4:43 PM
754	Traffic and changing zoning laws - we need to keep single family neighborhoods	4/27/2023 4:40 PM
755	Building opportunities for community and connectedness among citizens, particularly after the pandemic. This has a huge impact on mental health and wellness	4/27/2023 4:30 PM
756	Overbuilding cottages with too many houses on the same lot	4/27/2023 4:27 PM
757	Overdevelopment	4/27/2023 4:27 PM
758	I think we need to make bolder long-term decisions that move Kirkland from a car-centric suburbia to a more accessible and safe community.	4/27/2023 4:18 PM
759	Dog parks	4/27/2023 4:08 PM
760	HOUSING PRICES, lack of multipurpose park space use, car theft, mail theft	4/27/2023 3:57 PM
761	Deprioritizing single occupancy vehicles	4/27/2023 3:57 PM
762	Accommodating new residents and employees. Walkable amenities.	4/27/2023 3:56 PM
763	Dealing with traffic, crime and too many property taxes.	4/27/2023 3:36 PM
764	Improving options for non-SOV transportation, especially bike paths & pedestrian safety.	4/27/2023 3:33 PM
765	Too many people in this town. Ridiculous traffic, cramped downtown not enough activities for kids yet Kirkland is supposedly a "family friendly"town .	4/27/2023 3:17 PM
766	Maintaining existing infrastructure.	4/27/2023 3:17 PM
767	Addressing the ongoing rise in criminal activity	4/27/2023 3:04 PM
768	Too many tall buildings and too many people.	4/27/2023 3:03 PM
769	Over-influx of renters vs homeowners.	4/27/2023 3:00 PM
770	Overdevelopment and traffic	4/27/2023 2:58 PM
771	Too much car parking. Not enough public transportation.	4/27/2023 2:55 PM
772	Affordable Housing	4/27/2023 2:52 PM
773	Over-development, loss of green space and tree canopy.	4/27/2023 2:47 PM
774	Police presence	4/27/2023 2:44 PM

Q5 What makes you rate the proposal this way?

Answered: 822 Skipped: 385

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Far less will use than worth. Need affordable living for people who work in kirkland like grocery store employees.	5/14/2023 10:46 PM
2	These types of recreational cities are sorely lacking for a community of Kirkland's size. We often drive to Lynnwood or even Snohomish for the pool. Increases traffic and carbon emissions.	5/14/2023 9:51 PM
3	My family frequently goes to Lynwood's community center (particularly in the winter). This is a long drive. Finding swim lessons and affordable swim teams feels near to impossible. I have thought frequently over the years that a community center like Lynwood's would be fantastic to have.	5/14/2023 9:35 PM
4	Public health - risk of swimming in waters around Kirkland suggest that swimming classes are important especially for kids	5/14/2023 9:03 PM
5	There are plenty of public and private pools available to Kirkland residents. Juanita and Peter Kirk serve those neighbors who desire public resources. The majority of my neighbors also have memberships to the Columbia Athletic Club, Pro Club or other private athletic facility with pool facilities. I don't feel inclined to indulge this vanity project for the City when property taxes are so outrageous.	5/14/2023 8:40 PM
6	There is a shortage of pools in Kirkland and for its size it should have amenities such as a public indoor pool.	5/14/2023 3:43 PM
7	We don't have nearly enough pool space to accommodate the needs of our community. This impacts public safety because kids don't have access to swim lessons and it limits programs like swim teams and lap swim.	5/14/2023 1:16 PM
8	I think housing affordability is the biggest issue	5/14/2023 12:19 PM
9	As a teen who lives in North Juanita, there isn't much in terms of parks and recreation centers in our part of town.	5/14/2023 12:03 PM
10	There is not enough access to affordable swim lessons, which is a life-threatening problem. There is not enough access to affordable year-round exercise and entertainment for older kids and teens, especially in North Kirkland. We need more community spaces for gathering to counter rampant isolation and depression in teens and adults.	5/14/2023 11:32 AM
11	I think that we need to promote activities for our youth to keep them focused on community.	5/13/2023 11:12 PM
12	Major issue is schools - LWSD is predicting 3,000 more students by 2029, not including another nearly 1,000 projected in 85th Street SAP. Scholl bond issue in 2024 more important than aquatic center.	5/13/2023 8:22 PM
13	Definitely would like this, especially for our youngest citizens, but I have other priorities as well, and kirkland residents have access to other pools (eg bellevue aquatic center)	5/13/2023 3:39 PM
14	We need places for kids and families to be active in a safe environment. With the rising temps due to climate change, it makes having life guards more important and saving green space is also important. However, I believe the cost of housing has gotten completely out of control in this area and we need to be careful not to add too much to the tax burden.	5/13/2023 2:23 PM
15	It would be neat to have access to a nice facility, that has a large indoor pool, and other exercise options.	5/13/2023 1:34 PM
16	Health is the most important thing in life. Do what you can to help Kirkland citizens get and be healthy.	5/13/2023 1:06 PM
17	Why would the levy be permanent? That sounds misleading in itself.	5/13/2023 10:41 AM

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18	on top of all the other recently approved levies, etc. that have been added to property tax, it's just too much!	5/13/2023 10:24 AM
19	we need a new water rec facility. JHS has been wonderful, but it's too small and old.	5/13/2023 8:30 AM
20	I am active and would like more recreational facilities in the city.	5/13/2023 7:29 AM
21	We leave kirkland and go to bellevue and redmond to find these opportunities	5/13/2023 6:44 AM
22	we pay too much taxes right now	5/13/2023 3:46 AM
23	I would be deeply grateful to have a public round-the-calendar pool, but only if the changing rooms are strictly sex-segregated. I am concerned about men entering the women's changing rooms to leer at, record, and expose themselves to women and children, and women and children being persecuted and banned as a result, as has happened at multiple YMCAs, including in Port Townsend.	5/12/2023 11:06 PM
24	While I find parks and recreation programs to be very important, the inclusion of aquatics puts it in the 'not at all important' category for me.	5/12/2023 11:02 PM
25	Property taxes have gone up double digits last 5 years and last year up 43%. Cant the City of Kirkland figure out how to use these increases to improve the kirkland trail and green spaces?	5/12/2023 8:32 PM
26	Have an infant that would greatly benefit from these services in a few years! Kirkland is a wonderful, family safe community (why we bought our home here) and would love to see that bolstered even further.	5/12/2023 8:11 PM
27	I'm disappointed not to see the pools located at the comprehensive high schools. If the city must take over, then focus on excellent pools of at least 6 -8 lanes, not a comprehensive aquatics and recreation complex. Gyms could be spaced throughout the city. I'm very concerned about the tax burden.	5/12/2023 7:47 PM
28	I use parks more	5/12/2023 7:30 PM
29	Limited area facilities.	5/12/2023 6:58 PM
30	We dont have an indoor public pool nearby. We currently pay \$300/month to use an indoor pool in Bellevue.	5/12/2023 6:37 PM
31	Break each initiative apart and build a business model to cover operating costs. I already pay more than enough levy and taxes to live here. Bring people together for each initiative to determine funding models outside of taxes and levies - seems the easy way out., kinda lazy	5/12/2023 5:35 PM
32	Concern over tax increase	5/12/2023 5:34 PM
33	This is the lazy way out, look for corporate sponsors for each of the investments, build a business model where entrance fees are cover the costs. Why not get cyclist to pay a tab fee to use trails and roads, there are so many ways to do this smartly rather than more taxes and hiding all the initiatives under one tax hike.	5/12/2023 5:28 PM
34	The biggest issue for us with parks is parking, a lack of play activity for kids over the age of about 8 (big kids, tweens still have energy but are not yet using teen centered resources), and that there is little park space next to our home. Pools, gyms, etc are not as important to us.	5/12/2023 5:27 PM
35	I would prefer Kirkland focus on developing trail segments that connect to allow easier access/commuting without driving.	5/12/2023 5:04 PM
36	Other priorities are higher	5/12/2023 4:56 PM
37	Lack of indoor pools in this area. I drive to the Bellevue Aquatic Center 2-3 times/week for their warm water therapy pool because nothing affordable is located any closer	5/12/2023 4:48 PM
38	I generally am okay with paying more taxes in order to get more community services. I don't specifically care about the indoor pool, but the rest of the stuff listed above sounds great!	5/12/2023 4:42 PM
39	We have more important things to address	5/12/2023 4:35 PM
40	The city of Kirkland has been lacking an adequate indoor pool facility. Access to high quality low cost for all swimming lessons in a city surrounded by water is a necessity. Peter Kirk pool cannot serve the needs of our city. Wave Aquatics is too expensive and the pool at JHS is out of date and needs repair too. We need better public pool options for swimming lessons.	5/12/2023 4:06 PM

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41	But what about the crime wave?	5/12/2023 3:37 PM
42	It impacts our day to day.	5/12/2023 3:36 PM
43	1. Other higher priorities. 2 Exhaustion with continued property taxes and home affordability	5/12/2023 3:17 PM
44	There are not many public places for indoor use especially when we live in a place that is impacted by rain 9 months out of the year. Indoor facilities would be amazing.	5/12/2023 3:01 PM
45	I would much rather see the money spent in other ways. To continue pushing this is more than superfluous.	5/12/2023 2:23 PM
46	Need more activities for kids. Kirkland summer programs sell out immediately	5/12/2023 2:20 PM
47	There are low cost alternatives in the region.	5/12/2023 2:18 PM
48	Adding to property taxes directly impacts housing affordability which is far more important an issue than a new pool and fitness center.	5/12/2023 1:01 PM
49	All of those things are needed - get, are they as important as, say, affordable housing for single income families. It's key to have these programs, and as a parent I want these for my daughter. Right now though, I feel that the affordable housing issues and high density of population that is happening in Kirkland are creating bigger issues. Are there enough programs? no. I'm never able to get my daughter in so I go elsewhere. Can I afford to stay here? Not really, I am a renter and able to stay in my house because I have a landlord who doesn't do anything and holds on the property waiting to cash in. I'm willing to do the minor work to be able to stay in the house because I cannot afford to buy and live in Kirkland with the school I want. So yes — add programs and an indoor pool....but maybe also make it so that an average worker can live here without having a \$7,000 mortgage.	5/12/2023 12:41 PM
50	Need more access to year round swimming, multi use courts, and gathering spaces for the community that are not based on buying things. This would be a huge asset to the community!	5/12/2023 12:35 PM
51	I have tried to find community space to hold gatherings and swim lessons and both are really difficult in our area. One of the benefits of living in the PNW is the outdoors so having more access to trail and green space should stay a priority, too.	5/12/2023 12:28 PM
52	There are other needs not being met. Like road repair and striping. And other infrastructure needs to upgrade.	5/12/2023 11:49 AM
53	We voted the Aquatic Center down before. This seems very suspicious, as the City has been working in secret on the Houghton Park and Ride site for years. Sounds like a done deal to me.	5/12/2023 9:06 AM
54	I would love to see enhanced park and rec services, restrooms, lifeguards etc, but the aquatics center is very expensive and should be a separate measure.	5/12/2023 8:59 AM
55	They are nice to have facilities but not essential.	5/11/2023 10:03 PM
56	I've struggled to find swim lessons for my kids for the past five years. This area is surrounded by water and we need more swimming options for the safety of our kids.	5/11/2023 9:43 PM
57	Kirkland already has great parks, easy access to outdoor recreation, and a giant lake and downtown community pool for swimming.	5/11/2023 9:01 PM
58	That's insane amount of taxes for things I don't care about that much	5/11/2023 8:59 PM
59	An aquatic center and pool are vital for the Juanita community, and year round restrooms are needed and critical for Juanita.	5/11/2023 8:41 PM
60	The City has outgrown the community center facilities which are also becoming outdated. This area badly needs an indoor swimming facility.	5/11/2023 8:28 PM
61	Community centers and opportunities for youth recreation are fundamental to maintaining a safe community for all.	5/11/2023 6:52 PM
62	It is very tricky to find places where kids can learn to swim in an affordable manner	5/11/2023 5:55 PM
63	These are the activities important for my family and friends to recover after Covid.	5/11/2023 5:51 PM
64	There is only 1 outdoor pool in the main Kirkland area. Having an indoor pool means year round fun	5/11/2023 5:24 PM

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65	There are more urgent issues to address, IMO - see my previous answers (#2-3)	5/11/2023 5:15 PM
66	The proposal adds to this beautiful city. Affordable housing is more of a necessity.	5/11/2023 5:13 PM
67	No new taxes. We pay to much already. Unnecessary. Keep the parks we have safe and clean.	5/11/2023 9:56 AM
68	Recreational resources are important, but I'm very concerned about the overall cost.	5/11/2023 9:50 AM
69	We have a great city and need to support residents with programming	5/11/2023 9:19 AM
70	A water park next to an already congested freeway entrance would be unnessasary and chaotic! Not to mention kids breathing fumes from traffic on the freeway while playing.	5/11/2023 9:13 AM
71	Kirkland does not have enough facilities and programs to adequately serve it's families.	5/11/2023 7:57 AM
72	Can go either way. Nice to have, but not life or die.	5/11/2023 12:49 AM
73	none of your taxpayers salary has increased but property taxes just keep increasing	5/10/2023 10:54 PM
74	;	5/10/2023 9:19 PM
75	Housing is more important.	5/10/2023 9:06 PM
76	I have kids and these things are important to me	5/10/2023 7:39 PM
77	I have kids and a small house. we always need more community spaces to spend our time.	5/10/2023 7:31 PM
78	Need to trim property taxes	5/10/2023 7:09 PM
79	It can be used by everyone	5/10/2023 6:25 PM
80	There are too many other more important community needs and our taxes are too high right now. No more new taxes	5/10/2023 5:40 PM
81	My god. We are just trying to get by with inflation and interest rates. If you care about affordable housing, this makes housing remarkably more expensive. \$260 dollars a year for an athletic club I won't use. Tone deaf.	5/10/2023 5:13 PM
82	need more affordable recreation Spaces for families	5/10/2023 2:50 PM
83	The city has other issues that require it's attention. Kirkland already has excellent parks and recreation. Attention and funding should be placed on historic preservation and population control. Expanding roads and parks will become less of an issue with population control. Preserving Kirkland's aesthetic appeal and historic buildings will increase revenue and be attractive for residents and visitors to enjoy the city.	5/10/2023 2:50 PM
84	I frequently use Kirkland's parks and they are one of my favorite parts about living in Kirkland. This is what I want my tax dollars going to!	5/10/2023 2:17 PM
85	We have a lot of parks, facilities already. In door swimming is not important to me.	5/10/2023 2:15 PM
86	Fitness and wellness are important to life, community, and mental health.	5/10/2023 12:49 PM
87	I think the proposal would be great for the city and community. However, it is not necessarily urgent or have a driving need.	5/10/2023 12:06 PM
88	Seems like it would be expensive to me and I am not sure if any of the improvements will be ones that I will take advantage of	5/10/2023 10:47 AM
89	I think it is important to make recreation opportunities available to Kirkland residents in more and easier to access ways, including providing swimming lesson opportunities, which are difficult to access for many families; if the intent of this center is to meet some of that need, then I think it is important. In addition, the portion of the proposal that would provide more year-round park restrooms is extremely important. Having park restrooms closed is very inconvenient for family recreation.	5/10/2023 10:40 AM
90	I attach different importance to different items on this list. So, it is hard to rate it as a whole.	5/10/2023 9:45 AM
91	These activities bring a sense of community together, wellness and state of mind.	5/10/2023 9:21 AM
92	There are plenty of private clubs with indoor pools. The city should not be taking on new	5/10/2023 9:04 AM

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	projects or buying expensive land for pool/club.	
93	Kirkland allows too much tree removal for developers. We need heavier restrictions on deforestation and tree removal in under developed areas. Schools are also needing funding, and we have a community center that is very in need of a refresh	5/10/2023 8:52 AM
94	It's just need to give kids and families a place to go and be active with being a boochie county club vibe	5/10/2023 7:53 AM
95	Want to better understand the cost implications and whether something else won't be done in place of this, however I do think that this would be a massive benefit to Kirland.	5/10/2023 7:47 AM
96	The cost per capita of the people who would use it is way too high.	5/10/2023 6:29 AM
97	The more year-round athletic opportunities for health and wellness for all ages the better.	5/9/2023 10:56 PM
98	Increase in property taxes is really hard on folks that are on a limited income. I would rather see the roads improved and congestion addressed	5/9/2023 10:01 PM
99	It's a nice to have rather than a need.	5/9/2023 9:45 PM
100	It would add tremendous value to the community, but I have concerns about the city's budgeting process and constant use of levies to fund wasteful projects	5/9/2023 9:33 PM
101	It would be great to have an indoor swimming/recreational facility to access year round.	5/9/2023 9:31 PM
102	Because it would raise my taxes, and I feel we're taxed way enough already.	5/9/2023 8:53 PM
103	money pit, look at the "teen center" that was a mess use Juanita HS pool, or YMCA a basket ball gym would be more for everyone	5/9/2023 8:50 PM
104	A big lack of aquatic facilities	5/9/2023 8:45 PM
105	With the expenses lately we need to be wise with our tax dollars. I would rather see my taxes go towards current issues that are higher priority in order to keep Kirkland a desirable place to live. Crime is an issue and homelessness. Keep improving our schools and hospitals NOT to build an indoor pool that would not even satisfy or be large enough to satisfy Kirklands current population. Kirkland already voted no.	5/9/2023 7:49 PM
106	kirkland has better ways to spend our money	5/9/2023 7:43 PM
107	Property taxes are up 300% in the last 10 years, and it seems like the city never has enough money without new taxes. My property taxes are now in the \$40,000 range and it was \$7000 12 years ago!	5/9/2023 6:44 PM
108	There isn't enough information on these questions. How long would the new property tax be in place in Kirkland? 10 years? 15 years? If these projects go over budget who pays? The city or the property owners? I don't understand the question about homelessness. Would we be building new homes and financially supporting the homeless or would they be bussed/flown back to where the homeless people came from?	5/9/2023 5:57 PM
109	Stop wasteful spending. You keep adding levies for "wants". It is untenable as a homeowner to keep up with ever increasing property taxes.	5/9/2023 5:39 PM
110	Supports the character of city. Makes the price it costs to live in city worth the investment	5/9/2023 5:08 PM
111	tax increase for this adds up -- unaffordable for homeowners on a fixed income.	5/9/2023 4:11 PM
112	we live in North Juanita and have NO park around us. Juanita-Finhill slope should be opened for a walking trail, which also helps the green loop.	5/9/2023 3:41 PM
113	I am happy with the parks and rec offerings now and the increased amenities will only make Kirkland more crowded/busy/congested	5/9/2023 3:27 PM
114	Would love a public indoor pool!	5/9/2023 2:48 PM
115	I support the development of more open spaces for humans.	5/9/2023 1:58 PM
116	People want to get outside and have fun with their friends and family	5/9/2023 1:34 PM
117	This would serve the community better - all ages, kids, high school to seniors and athletes	5/9/2023 1:30 PM

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118	The city of Bellevue has a great indoor pool and many odd these facilities are already available through private gyms, neighboring city recreation centers or the city of Kirkland's own perfectly fine facilities	5/9/2023 1:18 PM
119	Kirkland is growing. We need more and improved facilities for its citizens.	5/9/2023 12:17 PM
120	Number of people using vs. total population	5/9/2023 12:00 PM
121	could be very expensive with the high property assessments	5/9/2023 11:50 AM
122	other priorities are more important	5/9/2023 11:47 AM
123	We need more facilities which can help communities come together	5/9/2023 10:53 AM
124	As population has substantially increased in Kirkland, there's a sharp increase in need for recreational indoor spaces and outdoor spaces.	5/9/2023 10:51 AM
125	Future unavailability of appropriate land spaces.	5/9/2023 10:45 AM
126	Hesitant about the cost.	5/9/2023 10:36 AM
127	Kirkland is growing, especially with the recent new developments in Totem Lake area. Having a aquatic center close-by (only 7 min bus ride away Route 255) would help serve the community.	5/9/2023 10:28 AM
128	We don't need fancy indoor facilities. We need connected outdoor spaces.	5/9/2023 10:07 AM
129	Were already paying very high taxes and don't need to ad more costs	5/9/2023 9:50 AM
130	With children in our household, it would be nice to see more programs available for them. Had a bad experience with classes being canceled on us.	5/9/2023 9:25 AM
131	High property taxes are squeezing people out of affordable housing and making Kirkland an "exclusive" enclave. Property owners have generously focused their priorities on education and yet this is now expected with additional taxes for more "extras". Please recognize there is a limit. Work with what you already have please.	5/9/2023 9:13 AM
132	It builds community and is an important resource to our youth. But the tax = ~400/year for my ever exploding tax bill and that I'm not super jazzed about.	5/9/2023 8:38 AM
133	It's an expensive levy which won't help with the cost of housing expenses. I think choosing some options rather than trying for it all would be better. I think pools are valuable because kids learning to swim is a life saving skill. There are not enough spaces available for lessons. In my opinion, of all the proposed options, a new pool should be highest priority. Kirkland is already amazing with their many parks, especially along the waterfront. Comment for the "next" question...my "not too important" is based on the levy as written. Paired down with a lower cost would make it a higher priority.	5/9/2023 8:33 AM
134	I fully support the purchase of green space, however I am unsure of the demand and need for the services mentioned.	5/9/2023 8:11 AM
135	Aquatic centers are very expensive and unnecessary	5/9/2023 8:07 AM
136	Everything is important but safety above all. Water tank in north rose hill is NOT safe. With an earthquake this thing will open up	5/8/2023 11:12 PM
137	I think that we need beneficial public community spaces and more accessible green loop spaces (fewer cars please - smaller roads everywhere please - change the codes)	5/8/2023 11:01 PM
138	Too expensive. Too expensive.	5/8/2023 9:19 PM
139	We need a new aquatic center desperately to support our community. An aquatic scented would help alleviate the pressure on existing programs and provide services that are hard to find.	5/8/2023 9:16 PM
140	As a family that uses Kirkland parks and facilities, it would be a great investment for the youth and seniors.	5/8/2023 9:04 PM
141	PROPERTY TAXES ARE OUTRAGEOUS NOW. DO NOT ADD ANOTHER SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS TO MY TAX BILL.	5/8/2023 8:57 PM
142	people can find things to do by themselves, they don't need government help.	5/8/2023 8:56 PM

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143	Swimming is an essential skill for children to learn, and a good exercise and recreation for all ages	5/8/2023 8:40 PM
144	Cost is ridiculous and a project for extras when we don't even have the basics is not smart use if funds.	5/8/2023 8:30 PM
145	We do not need more taxes for something that is not important. Prioritize current revenue to keep us safe, the risks from the increasing homelessness, crime and drug issues are way more important.	5/8/2023 8:00 PM
146	I like parts of the proposal but feel it should be scaled back. I think purchasing property for the green loop, extended hours, opening restrooms, and some facility improvements are great. I don't think building swim facilities, muticourt facilities, etc should be done to pair back the expense of this all and a lot of these things are available at private clubs, sports centers etc. Property taxes are already quite high.	5/8/2023 7:56 PM
147	Tax increases seem to be getting out of control	5/8/2023 7:37 PM
148	Concern about the cost	5/8/2023 7:32 PM
149	Our kids and families need a place to play	5/8/2023 7:05 PM
150	Not everything is necessary, imo. Plus, it would probably be about the same \$ to join an athlete club.	5/8/2023 6:54 PM
151	It's not necessary	5/8/2023 6:13 PM
152	if these things are affordable and accessible to all. In much need of squash courts, only squash courts are at 2 kirkland private and very expensive gyms.	5/8/2023 5:23 PM
153	Can't afford it	5/8/2023 4:37 PM
154	I think an indoor pool & increased rec services would be great, but increasing tax levies again on top of the recent mental health vote will likely be a burden for many households.	5/8/2023 4:06 PM
155	This seems like something that could be funded by users or by the revenue increases gained by increased property assessments. And in general I think there are more important issues to invest in.	5/8/2023 3:38 PM
156	Hard to get my kids into aquatic programs each year	5/8/2023 3:30 PM
157	I don't like this proposal because it rolls too many things into one levy. Aquatic center was already voted down once before. This seems like an end-run by including everything.	5/8/2023 3:21 PM
158	Reduce taxes than finding new expense areas. Give citizens of the city a break by giving them tax refunds.	5/8/2023 3:17 PM
159	The property tax increases are not the right way to cover this. There should be usage fees that cover these things. My property taxes are likely going to make me sell my house.	5/8/2023 3:06 PM
160	I think that this is very important because there are not many recreational activities in Kirkland. Most of the time, my family will have to drive to another city to find a good place to enjoy recreational activities like a good lake or something.	5/8/2023 2:48 PM
161	This is adding a permanent amenity whose value will only increase as housing density inevitably increases. We need this kind of public space even more as the population increases and it will only be harder to add it in future.	5/8/2023 2:29 PM
162	Stop being lazy and go and get corporate sponsorships and figure out business model that uses fees to for usage to pay for it. More taxes in top of everything you already tax , and King County and Washington state....	5/8/2023 2:11 PM
163	Taxes are too high right now.	5/8/2023 2:07 PM
164	Would love to see more places for my child to go, especially being able to swim year-round. More indoor rec spaces means more classes. Parks and rec classes are so difficult to get my child into. Hopefully this would have a positive impact on that.	5/8/2023 1:50 PM
165	Kirkland does not currently have a central facility for all these activities.	5/8/2023 1:08 PM
166	Impoverished people in Kirkland and surrounding communities benefit greatly from community resources like this one, especially in the summer to keep cool and keep kids busy.	5/8/2023 1:07 PM

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167	Would love to see outdoor, covered and lit pickleball courts built for year round community use/gathering! Great sport for bringing people of all ages/gender/nationalities together!	5/8/2023 12:17 PM
168	We need to keep youth engaged with each other and with the community.	5/8/2023 12:12 PM
169	Won't use those programs	5/8/2023 12:01 PM
170	Taxes are high enough already	5/8/2023 11:58 AM
171	Providing access to indoor activities for younger and older citizens are an important component of having a vibrant and healthy community.	5/8/2023 11:58 AM
172	It would be nice to have these, but they're not as necessary as some other things that would make a bigger impact in our community.	5/8/2023 11:50 AM
173	There seem to be a few of these already	5/8/2023 11:13 AM
174	the community needs these type of facilities to be a modern community and draw in families.	5/8/2023 11:10 AM
175	I would use this space and currently use the green spaces and bike trails in kirkland OFTEN.	5/8/2023 10:44 AM
176	Kirkland's elected officials appear to be willing to spend taxpayers money as if it was an infinite amount.	5/8/2023 9:41 AM
177	Existing facilities are sufficient. There are higher priority items.	5/8/2023 9:33 AM
178	The green loop and billy goat trail are very important. The existing aquatics and recreation facilities are sufficient.	5/8/2023 8:26 AM
179	There are more pressing problems affecting the quality of life in Kirkland. I would love to see an Aquatics Center here, but am most concerned about preserving our green spaces, and holding developers accountable for destroying our tree canopy and wildlife habitats and landscaping in a way that demands pesticide use.	5/8/2023 8:15 AM
180	Kirkland is growing very rapidly and it needs recreation spaces for families that don't require paying for a private gym or club.	5/8/2023 7:20 AM
181	Lack of understanding of total cost and expense; will residents have open access but non-residents pay a fee? What about older residents who are already experiencing a big pinch from increased housing tax?	5/7/2023 9:19 PM
182	I think we need to draw in more families and long term residents. It is also important to provide more activities. Signing up for summer camps is an exercise in futility at times and there could be more variety for adults (not just seniors). North Kirkland has older and less developed facilities, but a huge population of people.	5/7/2023 7:32 PM
183	Residents are taxed out. This is a proposal that benefits a minority of citizens. We have a huge backlog of public safety capital projects that are much higher priorities than this.	5/7/2023 6:19 PM
184	Purchasing green space before it disappears, as the metropolitan area grows, is very important. The cost of developing a recreation center along with maintenance costs may interfere with that for the short term.	5/7/2023 5:46 PM
185	Way to expensive. A huge rate when you multiply it out. This issue was discussed some time ago and Juanita High pool can be used.	5/7/2023 4:54 PM
186	I think we need more recreation for our growing population.	5/7/2023 4:03 PM
187	No more taxes. We pay too much already!	5/7/2023 1:04 PM
188	i think an aquatic center would be great for our community. by the time it is built, our kids will probably be "too old" to hang out there, but it would be nice addition to kirkland. our our kids have grown up in kirkland, we used the aquatic centers in lynnwood, mountlake terrace, and snohomish since there wasn't one here.	5/7/2023 1:02 PM
189	Investing in the community is important. A free indoor pool to Kirkland residents, like bothell, would be awesome.	5/7/2023 12:15 PM
190	I need to exercise in a pool.	5/7/2023 11:49 AM
191	like the added features	5/7/2023 10:47 AM

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192	I think we very much need an aquatics center--for me, it's a very high priority and our city is less attractive than others without one, particularly because we do not also have large private alternatives despite being a very wealthy community. But I won't vote in favor of a permanent property tax levy, particularly one this high. Neither will the other voters in my household. This style of fund raising overburdens homeowners and there are other options that more equitably spread the cost burden throughout the community. It's time for lawmakers in our cities and counties to find other ways to fund projects than through regressive property tax increases. I take issue with the next item on your survey because at it's base, the \$200+ is not that high, but you are not also considering all of the other levies which are applied to homeowners only. As a city government, I strongly believe you must be compelled to think about funding through all forms of community activity--business, personal, etc.	5/7/2023 10:10 AM
193	I like the idea of having a new recreation and community center, but the cost seems very high.	5/7/2023 9:43 AM
194	It would be a great resource, but doesn't feel as important as many other more pressing issues.	5/7/2023 8:24 AM
195	I like ranked choice voting. Let people vote on an item, like the cost of building different pools with estimated prices. The cost of a rec center, the cost of a bathroom, etc I don't want to pay for more lifeguards or astroturf - plastic grass that adds to our landfills when it is worn out.	5/7/2023 7:21 AM
196	Keeps Kirkland healthy and vibrant	5/7/2023 7:17 AM
197	There are a number of aquatic centers that could not get support and closed in recent years. Were the people proposing this new center not here?	5/7/2023 6:01 AM
198	This is not how I want tax payer money spent.	5/7/2023 1:32 AM
199	Good recreational activity for all ages.	5/7/2023 12:36 AM
200	Other much higher and essential priorities involving public safety; police, fire, and emergency response; water, sewer, and stormwater upgrades; and the growing costs to pay for these due to high interest rates and inflation.	5/6/2023 10:15 PM
201	My family has to drive about an hour away from Kirkland to be able to enjoy a pool.	5/6/2023 9:19 PM
202	sport courts, green space, pickleball are important and needed	5/6/2023 7:57 PM
203	I think Kirkland needs to keep up with the times and other cities around us. Young families are not picking Kirkland to move to for many reasons, including affordability, but the towns they are picking have these features. I think that improvements need to go towards the Juanita-North Kirkland community. We pay taxes for Kirkland too and besides the freeway, there have been no improvements to make it a more desirable area. It's sad it's consider the "ghetto" of Kirkland.	5/6/2023 7:02 PM
204	More important issues to support, first.	5/6/2023 6:59 PM
205	It us useless to MOST residents.	5/6/2023 6:50 PM
206	Opportunities for families to stay engaged with the city so they are not inclined to leave other cities with larger, newer built homes	5/6/2023 5:03 PM
207	More important to put in sidewalks on Major streets especially 124th Ave NE on both sides of the street. Woman killed this year because no sidewalk.	5/6/2023 4:36 PM
208	While I think parks and recreation programs are very important for our youth and community development, I think there are more pressing issues the City needs to address first before expanding parks and recreation.	5/6/2023 4:23 PM
209	Very important to increase green space. Why is building an environmental center not included? The planet is in an existential environmental crisis and each of us can contribute to increased biodiversity if we know how. Learning about the connectivity of humans and nature is imperative to human survival.	5/6/2023 4:09 PM
210	This would directly impact my family's quality of life.	5/6/2023 3:16 PM
211	we need to preserve green space and provide healthy activities for children	5/6/2023 3:02 PM
212	Taxes are already too high.	5/6/2023 2:59 PM
213	It would create more greenhouse gasses to build it, and increase congestion afterward, as	5/6/2023 2:33 PM

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people flock to the area, but it also provides nice amenities for the residents and public to enjoy.

214	Activity level promotes healthier environments both at home and out and about	5/6/2023 1:02 PM
215	I am a life long lap swimmer and would appreciate have an alternative pool option to paying for private club membership.	5/6/2023 12:55 PM
216	Not essential to the community and benefits only a small % of the overall population. Let the people who want to swim in the pool gather their own funding and pay for it themselves.	5/6/2023 12:26 PM
217	I don't feel we need to spend a lot of money on expensive new facilities, but would support more budget-wise improvements to existing facilities and parks in general.	5/6/2023 12:06 PM
218	Just worried about property tax if that is how it is funded. We just passed an increase for king county crisis care which i voted for and we need. i like the ideas here. I would hope developers who build 1.5 million dollar homes could pony up. Maybe increase fines on forest destruction as a way to pay. I am 61 and property taxes are tough.	5/6/2023 11:07 AM
219	This is lowest priority compared to all the other important issues facing the city.	5/6/2023 11:01 AM
220	I think there are bigger problems we need to resolve first: - address/help homeless folks in downtown Juanita/Kirkland and Totem Lake intersection - fix the traffic congestion problem in the Totem Lake intersection, which has steadily gotten worse in the last 5 years - fix the state of the roads around construction areas. Again, Totem Lake is one of the worst hit areas - invest into local business programs, way too many small businesses are closing down due to inability to afford rent in Kirkland. Given the above, an aquatics center seems like an unnecessary and low priority investment at this time.	5/6/2023 10:40 AM
221	It would be wonderful but that is a large assessment.	5/6/2023 10:17 AM
222	The taxes in this city are ridiculous, and should be utilized for things like this already. Is it really necessary to investigate unnecessary reasons to spend more and more money?	5/6/2023 10:06 AM
223	I have very little interest in an indoor pool.	5/6/2023 10:02 AM
224	My family would use these facilities	5/6/2023 9:21 AM
225	Not the City's responsibility to provide this. We already have a nice outdoor pool for everyone to use. And many gym's for adults to join and facilities at schools for kids.	5/6/2023 9:18 AM
226	There is no public indoor swimming pool since St Edwards closed.	5/6/2023 9:02 AM
227	We need things to draw families to Kirkland	5/6/2023 8:37 AM
228	It would be a great addition for families in the area.	5/6/2023 8:32 AM
229	This proposal is exciting and my family would enjoy an aquatic center. However, this does not seem like the most important thing to be spending money on. There is limited affordable housing in Kirkland - only those on the highest tech incomes can live here comfortably. The principal at our elementary school has expressed concerns for the past 6 years that teachers can not live anywhere near where they work. She has seen a lot of highly capable teachers move elsewhere. If we lose the ability to bring in quality teachers, one of the biggest draws of Kirkland goes away.	5/6/2023 7:53 AM
230	Our green spaces are what I love about Kirkland. I am all for more housing for those who need it, but the increasingly dense housing being built here is not at all affordable, and public transit isn't robust enough to serve many parts of our residential areas, making the construction unhelpful in assisting our unhoused population.	5/6/2023 7:51 AM
231	Increased property taxes aren't always the answer	5/6/2023 7:22 AM
232	The aquatic center is a much needed facility on the east side!	5/6/2023 7:08 AM
233	Lack of pool and public gym facilities in Kirkland is important issue but other issues are more Important	5/6/2023 6:49 AM
234	Improvements to public space particularly if access remains open to all incomes is a great investment	5/6/2023 5:25 AM
235	Lots of priorities to serve the people however more affordable housing and climate change	5/6/2023 2:28 AM

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	reduction priorities	
236	More taxes! use what you have with more responsibility	5/5/2023 11:25 PM
237	5	5/5/2023 11:19 PM
238	There are better priorities for taxpayer money. The City has numerous waterfront parks, an outdoor pool, and access to the Juanita High School pool. Plus, the City has multiple athletic clubs. I belong to one of them. People who want to use recreation facilities should be the ones who pay for them instead of the City creating more tax burdens for citizens for a new facilities paid for by all and used by few. Let's take care of the parks and facilities we already approved. Park restrooms used to be open year round and should be again. Bottom line, all the governments in WA seem to have acquired a voracious appetite for taxes to fund a never ending list of programs (Sound Transit, HALA in Seattle, behavioral health, homelessness) while letting core responsibilities like safety and criminal justice lapse. The priority for the city should be to start by first protecting and optimizing what we have before layering on more programs and related overhead expenses and more capital costs.	5/5/2023 11:12 PM
239	There is only one indoor public pool in Kirkland at Juanita HS, which is on the brink of needing to be replaced. The community needs a public place for recreation/swimming and community building.	5/5/2023 11:06 PM
240	It brings the community together in a positive way and provides additional recreational spaces for all ages.	5/5/2023 10:57 PM
241	Parks and community recreation are one of the best things in Kirkland	5/5/2023 10:20 PM
242	Parks and community centers are essential for residents of any city.	5/5/2023 10:04 PM
243	This would be a great addition for the city. Would bring more people in but would not help with the housing prices	5/5/2023 9:51 PM
244	Nice to have maybe, but not when long-time Kirkland residents are being taxed out of their homes with all these special levies. Easiest way to improve housing affordability in Kirkland is to reduce property taxes not build a swimming pool.	5/5/2023 9:45 PM
245	With more apartments and fewer yards, we need space for people to exercise and play	5/5/2023 9:09 PM
246	It's way too expensive! Too big of a project. We need infrastructure and streets repaired before we need a huge rec center.	5/5/2023 9:08 PM
247	High cost. But high value around land acquisition and trail creation. The recreation center value would be highest if it has non-swimming resources that are significant (e.g., programming space).	5/5/2023 8:40 PM
248	The city has access to the pool at Juanita and would be better served to upgrade Peter Kirk pool (add a seasonal roof) - do not need additional spaces and the vision presented is WAY out of the need. The cost to homeowners is way out of line with the benefit, especially since there is no plan to partner and potentially have that partner bear the cost of construction, maintenance and operation.	5/5/2023 8:34 PM
249	Public spaces, buildings, recreational facilities are rundown & dated. Kirkland should offer more to engage & promote activity & learning for all age groups. There is almost nothing offered. Programs are lackluster & not innovative. It's really disappointing & frustrating to live in what could be a vibrant community. Kirkland is way behind the times—in many areas.	5/5/2023 8:31 PM
250	Not most important	5/5/2023 8:23 PM
251	Included community offices, non-profit organizations.	5/5/2023 8:21 PM
252	Kirkland has a beautiful landscape but very little in being progressive for family activities and adult experiences.	5/5/2023 7:26 PM
253	Right now I drive to the Lynnwood Rec Center weekly to swim with my 3 (homeschooled) children. On the weekends, sometimes all eight of us in our family go there to swim. Would love a closer, nice option.	5/5/2023 7:17 PM
254	It does not include new facilities for seniors. The senior center is frayed, old and dark.	5/5/2023 7:03 PM
255	These are the reasons we moved to Kirkland 13 years ago. These are the things we enjoy most in communities.	5/5/2023 6:26 PM

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256	Property tax increase	5/5/2023 6:15 PM
257	more opportunities for the community to exercise and gather together. a bit shocked at what it will cost us personally	5/5/2023 6:05 PM
258	I love the idea, but taxes are getting really high.	5/5/2023 5:28 PM
259	We need a local community rec center like all other neighboring cities do. Makes Kirkland more desirable place to live, esp for families	5/5/2023 5:24 PM
260	We already pay high taxes so it's not an issue	5/5/2023 5:08 PM
261	NOT IN MY BACKYARD	5/5/2023 4:46 PM
262	Trail would be nice but finding a site for new center with pool failed last time. There has also been so much construction lately. Plus the 132ndsq park construction has taken so long, all pandemic. Construction just seems to take way too long. Are we on the long term plan to connect to light rail?	5/5/2023 4:45 PM
263	The cost is way too much	5/5/2023 4:19 PM
264	Having an indoor pool is an important recreation for kids as well as swimming lessons. Having Kirkland on Lake Washington makes it really important that kids here no how to swim for their own safety.	5/5/2023 4:08 PM
265	While important, I'm concerned about economic timing of this amount of assessment.	5/5/2023 3:57 PM
266	Must drive to Mercer Island three or more days per week to access attractive swimming facilities.	5/5/2023 3:51 PM
267	I'm all for leaving the land the way it is with trails for hiking.	5/5/2023 3:41 PM
268	I would love to see more turf fields and care out into fields that are outside of downtown Kirkland. If this is part of the proposal that would be my reasoning.	5/5/2023 3:32 PM
269	Kirkland is beautiful and livable. Let's keep our community growing, healthy, and green.	5/5/2023 3:31 PM
270	For a city our size, we should have access to facilities like that. Kirkland currently has no indoor swimming pool. A green loop trail would be a great addition as well.	5/5/2023 3:30 PM
271	Frankly we have a pool facility that is underutilized and could be retrofitted to accommodate year-round swimming and lessons. Many communities with less temperate weather have enclosed their outdoor pools under heated tents and have retrofitted the facility for all season use. Yes, we need more sport courts, which could also be covered and lit (PICKLEBALL) but don't need to be indoor. We could also retrofit existing tennis courts inexpensively like the courts at Juanita Beach Park. We should be looking at improving facilities we already have before we add to the tax burden by creating a huge new, expensive complex.	5/5/2023 3:30 PM
272	Very few opportunities to gather indoors, which is required most of the year	5/5/2023 3:26 PM
273	There is plenty of swimming opportunities that already exist from fitness centers, private swim clubs and of course Lake Washington	5/5/2023 3:25 PM
274	We (Kirkland) tax payers have already approved and/or voted (via survey) to get this done. Why are we discussing it again! Please don't confuse your "movement" as "action".	5/5/2023 3:25 PM
275	I'm retired and on SS. I'm tired of my property taxes going higher and higher for things I probably won't use, won't be alive to use, or can't use. I'm getting penalized for buying my home in Kirkland and now can't afford to move elsewhere. I pay for schools I've never used, don't have children. I know there's a public good but there's no benefit to me. I'm tired of being taxed to death. When the majority vote yes, I have NO relief.	5/5/2023 3:25 PM
276	young family and growing region/need	5/5/2023 3:24 PM
277	Unaffordable in property taxes.	5/5/2023 3:22 PM
278	Use existing funds. Do not increase taxes again!	5/5/2023 3:08 PM
279	Great for the community	5/5/2023 3:06 PM
280	With the ever increasing property values, these levy's are putting an extra burden only on	5/5/2023 2:53 PM

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	homeowners even though renters also benefit from these services.	
281	Population growth and density increase has led to a shortage of recreational facilities.	5/5/2023 2:50 PM
282	Not sure	5/5/2023 2:49 PM
283	lots of opportunities for youth sports, activities, swim for adults look at Lynnwood Aquatic Center	5/5/2023 2:44 PM
284	I have been a long time user of the Peter Kirk pool, and I would love a year round option for swimming.	5/5/2023 2:44 PM
285	Kirkland lacks an indoor aquatic center and this will be a great addition for the community.	5/5/2023 2:39 PM
286	Desirable not necessary	5/5/2023 2:31 PM
287	It is for all the people, and it increases livability for residences.	5/5/2023 2:30 PM
288	People need affordable housing to live in Kirkland so they can play here, too.	5/5/2023 2:28 PM
289	10 cents per \$1000.	5/5/2023 2:28 PM
290	The current community center is lacking - needs to be more space to encourage kids to say active/get off screens.	5/5/2023 2:26 PM
291	We personally are fortunate enough that an Aquatics Center would be a fantastic addition. We have struggled to find consistent swimming lessons for our 6 year old child, and given how many water bodies are in our area we prioritize swim ability highly. However, we are aware that many local households are not as fortunate as us so there are clearly more important issues facing the community as a whole.	5/5/2023 2:18 PM
292	Our community (and the local high schools) really need another indoor pool for our climate.	5/5/2023 2:17 PM
293	The new rec facilities should be self-sufficient, as in the free charges to use the facilities should cover the operating expenses. Adding a tax levy that will likely pay for a bunch of expenses not related to the indoor pool is not a good approach. Focus on one thing - indoor pool and rec center.	5/5/2023 2:17 PM
294	Lack of swimming facilities in area.	5/5/2023 2:14 PM
295	There isn't an indoor pool nearby to take my kids during the winter months.	5/5/2023 2:12 PM
296	There are other things like street safety, traffic that need to be addressed before investing in recreational facilities which not to mention already exist	5/5/2023 2:11 PM
297	We are a young family on a single income and would really benefit from these programs being made available through the city.	5/5/2023 2:11 PM
298	We have no aquatic or recreation center which would add so much to our community. Our kids need places to play ...and TURF fields at Big Finn Hill Park. We have a strong baseball history and our kids have are at a disadvantage bc the fields they play on get rained out constantly. Why have 4 fields you can't consistently use?	5/5/2023 2:11 PM
299	I think these issues directly impact the quality of life in Kirkland, making these facilities available makes Kirkland a nicer place to live	5/5/2023 2:10 PM
300	The pool at JHS isn't enough for our community or schools. Kingsgate is lucky- but the rest of Kirkland does not have adequate access to pools.	5/5/2023 2:09 PM
301	Please understand that property taxes and inflation are already too much for many people. Asking people to pay more to fund an optional new pool is ridiculous.	5/5/2023 2:09 PM
302	Costs a lot but I want and city needs a pool	5/5/2023 2:08 PM
303	All of these things would improve quality of life in Kirkland	5/5/2023 12:39 PM
304	Too expensive to live here. I am paying already so much property tax! People are losing jobs, and they won't be able to afford housing in this city.	5/5/2023 12:23 PM
305	I use all the facilities and want to see the continued	5/5/2023 12:15 PM
306	Swimming is an important skill and pools provide better access than beaches. Expanded	5/5/2023 11:38 AM

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	access for indoor sports is also needed.	
307	Taxpayers may not find it worthwhile	5/5/2023 11:04 AM
308	Aligns with the reasons we chose to live here, and supports my vision for the future of Kirkland	5/5/2023 10:15 AM
309	One of the best things about living in Kirkland is the sense of community that exists through the parks, trails, and existing programs. Expanding on these will only make it better.	5/5/2023 9:37 AM
310	It depends on where the center is located. We don't need two centers, just one big one centrally located without a huge impact on traffic.	5/5/2023 9:24 AM
311	Before I moved out here, I loved to use the pool at the local recreation center, and I really miss the community and indoor exercise opportunity. The amount of rain we get here really makes indoor exercise extra important.	5/5/2023 9:12 AM
312	As a family with kids, it's abundantly clear that there are not enough activities for kids. Waiting lists are abundant and address months long for swimming. Even public pools 'sell out' on nice days. It's too hard to find places to cool off, which is crazy for a city of this size and affluence.	5/5/2023 8:35 AM
313	I don't feel the money ever gets spent near my neighborhood, Finn Hill area. It always gets spent in near wealthier neighborhoods near downtown and Houghton.	5/5/2023 8:30 AM
314	We have children and appreciate Kirkland's support for additional entertainment and safe social resources.	5/5/2023 8:27 AM
315	We are surrounded by water yet accessibility to public areas to swim year round and learn to swim is extremely limited. Peter Kirk pool is seasonal and JHS pool is aging and limited. This is a safety issue as well as a recreational issue. Other major cities have facilities but Kirkland does not.	5/5/2023 8:09 AM
316	I would rather invest the money into approving our school's athletics offerings, work with local schools to offer hours available to the public for use after school, on holidays and weekends if needed. We also have plenty of private gyms and classes we can leverage, offering people who live in Kirkland reimbursements for classes if we want to improve health in the general population. Why create a city owned property when we can partner with our local community for much cheaper and offer a better selection of classes, not have to deal with hiring our own staff.	5/5/2023 8:09 AM
317	I have to drive to the Northshore Y everyday to attend Aqua Exercise classes and other activities for seniors. My granddaughter couldn't get into swim lesson classes anywhere convenient because the demand is so great. Swimming skills are important in this area. The Bothell senior center is one of the best. We don't have enough senior programs like that in Kirkland. Reducing greenhouse gases means finding recreation activities close to home. Kirkland's growth has outstripped its growth in recreational facilities by a long shot.	5/5/2023 7:59 AM
318	Without affordable housing, jobs and accessible transportation, getting to and affording a new Aquatics, Recreation and Community Center is unrealistic.	5/5/2023 7:44 AM
319	It feels like an investment in the health and well being of our youth and our elderly and provides open access to all regardless of means	5/5/2023 7:29 AM
320	Kirkland has a large percentage of families with kids and hound adults. We need Freon find ourselves going to nearby Redmond or Bellevue as they have bigger and better park facilities like Grass Lawn, Bellevue downtown park, Medina park etc.	5/5/2023 7:27 AM
321	New sport courts and green loop trail would be amazing	5/5/2023 7:12 AM
322	The plan, as expressed, is not specific enough. There will be cost overruns, increasing maintenance costs and resulting costs to tax payers. Basic park space and green space is enough. The City should not be in the role of a day camp counselor, cheer leading all the great, fun activities available. I understand that unskilled part time "trainers" or "teachers" at N. Kirkland Community Center make substantially more per hour (\$50 per hour) than trained staff at local, private sector athletic clubs. This is an arrogation of fiduciary responsibility. What is being proposed will expand in scope, and create a new tier of administration and expenses for the City to pay for administering the system, to pay employees, insure them, insure the City, and provide benefits including retirement benefits.	5/5/2023 7:06 AM
323	That is a large tax burden on homeowners.	5/5/2023 6:54 AM

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324	Green space	5/5/2023 4:47 AM
325	We get taxed enough. Divert the funds ready being collected to build new facilities	5/5/2023 12:52 AM
326	Great asset, but concerned that it will require increase in taxation	5/5/2023 12:04 AM
327	I'd love to see all these things in Kirkland, but I'm wary of the costs.	5/4/2023 10:39 PM
328	We need an indoor pool, not a huge rec center. Parks activities spread over multiple parks and community centers throughout the city is the way to go	5/4/2023 10:13 PM
329	Kirkland could use a community center for gathering together and fostering more of a sense of place.	5/4/2023 8:57 PM
330	we have to address the crime and homeless problem with the money we have before pretending we are the same class of city we were a decade ago	5/4/2023 8:18 PM
331	don't want higher taxes	5/4/2023 8:12 PM
332	Already lots of activities in the current pool	5/4/2023 6:50 PM
333	A swimming pool open full year would be great.	5/4/2023 6:07 PM
334	Population increase	5/4/2023 6:06 PM
335	Having lived previously lived in a community with an aquatic/recreation and community center the lack of one in Kirkland was a surprise. These centers provide safe spaces for residents (of all ages) to build community, learn new skills, and focus on health and wellbeing.	5/4/2023 6:03 PM
336	It costs too much money	5/4/2023 5:27 PM
337	Too expensive	5/4/2023 5:21 PM
338	My children are grown. I appreciate investing in health but Kirkland needs many things. Inflation and taxes are hurting working class people.	5/4/2023 5:17 PM
339	We are sorely lacking in a recreational pool.	5/4/2023 5:05 PM
340	On top of everything else, unaffordable to the middle class.	5/4/2023 4:48 PM
341	A greater population requires expanded services and additional facilities	5/4/2023 4:34 PM
342	Everything costs more and adding more taxes when layoffs are happening and wages are stagnant doesn't make sense to me.	5/4/2023 4:28 PM
343	CITY COUNCIL CUT KIRKLAND SWOLLEN BUDGET TO PAY THIS OUT OF EXISTING TAXES. NO MORE SPECIAL LEVIES.	5/4/2023 4:28 PM
344	I don't think we should increase property taxes but I like the idea	5/4/2023 4:21 PM
345	Need to invest in and protect green space. Overcrowding is overwhelming our current spaces. An overpriced bus stop (85th st project) will not help with this.	5/4/2023 4:19 PM
346	We have great parks	5/4/2023 4:16 PM
347	Our kids don't have enough facilities in this area to choose from	5/4/2023 4:14 PM
348	Additional taxes, absolutely no.	5/4/2023 4:05 PM
349	its just a rec center and you could insted use the money for other more pressing matters like climate change	5/4/2023 3:43 PM
350	Taxes are too high	5/4/2023 3:34 PM
351	aquatics, recreation, and community center is a really good idea.	5/4/2023 1:35 PM
352	1. We need the essentials first, which is infrastructure, starting with the basics of sidewalks and bike lanes. 2. Our taxes have tripled in the last few years with the increased cost of housing so stop wasting money and asking for more - just use it well.	5/4/2023 1:09 PM
353	Kirkland city streets are falling apart and we need to spend our tax dollars on those areas where it impacts many more people	5/4/2023 12:48 PM
354	I think that it will bring great value to the community but it is not a basic need.	5/4/2023 12:29 PM

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355	Not needed - there are other things that should be taking priority	5/4/2023 12:09 PM
356	my taxes already doubled this year	5/4/2023 11:49 AM
357	I love the idea but a permanent increase to property tax is difficult, especially for seniors trying to stay in their homes and young people trying to afford to live here.	5/4/2023 11:42 AM
358	Families need more affordable and high-quality recreational and and educational programs. The current programs have very limited capabilities.	5/4/2023 9:23 AM
359	The city has more than doubled in size since the first outdoor pool was built. Adding a public aquatic & recreation space is long overdue and will only begin to address the demand. I know first hand how expensive and difficult it was to obtain swim lessons for my 3 sons.	5/4/2023 7:13 AM
360	you can not keep taxing us and never improving anything	5/4/2023 5:01 AM
361	Our real estate taxes are already too high! You can consider doing some business to earn this money or donate. We have a natural large and beautiful Lake Washington, there is absolutely no need to make a land play space.	5/3/2023 10:43 PM
362	This proposal for aquatic & recreation center has been going on for 10 years now at least! If you had done it 10 years ago, then it would have been more affordable and not such a cost to our citizens and tax payers	5/3/2023 9:37 PM
363	I believe one of the biggest issues facing Kirkland today is the lack of turf fields for youth sports and lack of support for a variety of athletic programs,	5/3/2023 9:26 PM
364	We moved here for the parks, community, and concept of a 10-minute city. Investing in this reflects in what we believe.	5/3/2023 9:23 PM
365	Green public rec activities and classes that are affordable will help families with two FT working parents who need things after school and during summer; nearby and accessible green spaces help the environment and improve mental health; we need a public pool because options are limited and expensive on the hill.	5/3/2023 8:02 PM
366	I feel a saltwater pool is well worth that investment. There is only one other in this area, in west Seattle.	5/3/2023 7:46 PM
367	because there is no indoor swimming pool for city residents, and the la fitness at totem lake is the only pay to play facility that is somewhat comparable. also, my daughter is disabled and would really enjoy being able to use an aquatic facility year round, and not just when we take her to facilities out of the city	5/3/2023 7:10 PM
368	We are overburdened by property taxes	5/3/2023 6:17 PM
369	Benefits everyone.	5/3/2023 5:53 PM
370	High Taxes	5/3/2023 5:45 PM
371	not sure we really need another pool	5/3/2023 5:45 PM
372	We are retired and on a fixed income and can not afford more taxes.	5/3/2023 5:34 PM
373	Would rather see funds go elsewhere	5/3/2023 5:19 PM
374	Improves the city, but not critical.	5/3/2023 4:58 PM
375	Very important in case it is including new facilities for the beach volleyball and modernize existing	5/3/2023 4:52 PM
376	Don't use tax payer money going to social welfare.	5/3/2023 4:28 PM
377	I would like the city to focus on improving parks, and existing infrastructure, before building a new community center. Also, this "nice to have" project is not essential to Kirkland and will make future ballots for necessary projects within Kirkland, King County, Library district and school district much harder to get support.	5/3/2023 4:13 PM
378	Having additional recreational opportunities is essential for community engagement. From what I've noticed, most people in the city of Kirkland are willing to pay, so long as it benefits the wellness of the city. City of Kirkland is a hub for people who want things to do, and I'm sure people would rather spend their time and money in the city than travel elsewhere, especially for	5/3/2023 3:50 PM

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recreational activities. Most things included in the proposal has the potential to improve wellness, engagement, and revenue for the city and its residents. Increased recreational opportunities also means those negatively impacted by the lack of (people-of-color, the elderly, and teenagers) will have more, affordable options within walking/bus distance.

379	Those improvements would make Kirkland an even better place to live.	5/3/2023 3:35 PM
380	Affordable recreation makes the city much more livable. A space like this will serve people from different incomes and people with different backgrounds. A space like this would be good for everyone yearround.	5/3/2023 3:23 PM
381	I am a big fan of the Green Loop, and local affordable recreation opportunities help strengthen community.	5/3/2023 2:18 PM
382	High impact effort that improves quality of life for all residents	5/3/2023 1:55 PM
383	Value to the community	5/3/2023 1:41 PM
384	I want the service but in no way want to pay more taxes.	5/3/2023 1:37 PM
385	Indoor aquatics along with community center facilities and programs for our city.	5/3/2023 1:31 PM
386	We need to invest in our youth and get them exercising.	5/3/2023 1:05 PM
387	Parks are what drew me to Kirkland, I saw it as an oasis in the greater Seattle area. This investment would help grow what people seek out Kirkland for.	5/3/2023 12:47 PM
388	It is really hard to find a swim school for my kid, every facility needs really long wait time and some of the old swimming pool like aquatic waves in Juanita high school, the water is really cold	5/3/2023 11:51 AM
389	This levy can provide more access to all	5/3/2023 11:45 AM
390	I feel a responsibility to invest in the future of Kirkland, like past generations have for our present day enjoyment. If we create denser development, both missing middle and multi-family, to address housing affordability, new residents will need a place to exercise and engage. I also support acquiring more parks land for this reason.	5/3/2023 11:26 AM
391	The future of Kirkland depends on the quality of this plan.	5/3/2023 10:45 AM
392	I believe the founding for these programs can come for actually enforcing speed limits and giving out tickets instead of increasing property taxes	5/3/2023 10:18 AM
393	Proposal is needed. Costs will only go up. Recreation reduces stress.	5/3/2023 10:18 AM
394	Kirkland Community Center's space is too small for a lot of the activities hosted there.	5/3/2023 9:48 AM
395	Huge increase in equitable access to resources and quality of living	5/3/2023 9:47 AM
396	There are parts of Kirkland (like Finn Hill) that lack even basic parks within walking distance. That seems like a higher priority and can be achieved at a fraction of the cost.	5/3/2023 9:36 AM
397	more resources for people that don't have access to private gyms, large yards, showers, restrooms, sport courts, after-school programs, etc.	5/3/2023 9:00 AM
398	It is important to offer aquatic facilities to families who are not able to afford the private options for swimming classes and activities.	5/3/2023 8:41 AM
399	Swim classes at the public pool are so hard to register for. We cannot meet the needs of the community with the current capacity. Especially for a city on Lake Washington, water safety and swim lessons are so important for our kids.	5/3/2023 8:27 AM
400	There are so many other taxes being implemented or proposed. And the tax recently passed for school resource officers was then changed how it was used.	5/3/2023 7:44 AM
401	This proposal forces yet more cost on those who pay property taxes directly (vs apartment dwellers who pay less per square ft). Find another way to pay for this like an increased sales tax to better share the load and avoid inflaming socioeconomic divisions.	5/3/2023 7:43 AM
402	Im a mom of a 2 year old and pregnant with my second. Having to drive to different cities to do these things is sometimes a pain. Would love all of this here in Kirkland. Kirkland needs more of this!	5/3/2023 4:17 AM

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403	Residents in this area can typically afford private facilities that include fitness and aquatic perks. Additional access to park restrooms will increase drug activity. Taxes are high enough and should be appropriated towards keeping a middle class, not continuing to price out those who have lived here for decades and would like to continue to call this home.	5/3/2023 3:59 AM
404	Lack of pools all community need to swim ! Swim is a skill needed for boating And beaches.	5/3/2023 3:16 AM
405	I care greatly about some of the topics mentioned in the proposal such as adding more sports fields, year round bathrooms, developing the green loop trail, and expanded youth programs but it's tied in with measures I don't care about.	5/3/2023 12:08 AM
406	Because I have kids and there are no indoor aquatic centers that are close.	5/2/2023 11:21 PM
407	Parks and rec improvements benefit all citizens of Kirkland and city is especially lacking in access to public pool 10 months a year which is a great source of exercise and winter activity for kids and adults in the city. Improvements to parks and trails reduce cars on the road, traffic and improve greenhouse emissions while improving the health of the residents who then get to walk and lke instead of driving	5/2/2023 11:12 PM
408	We just got another levy from King County. Are you kidding?	5/2/2023 10:52 PM
409	Not enough aquatic centers for Kirkland. FB Neighbor groups discussions always had to seek alternatives such as Mcmenemins, snohomish aquatic center, Lynnwood aquatic center, Redmond pool, bellevue aquatic center	5/2/2023 10:47 PM
410	Our taxes are through the roof. .23 per 1000 is a decent amount that is a permanent new tax. I won't vote yes.	5/2/2023 10:38 PM
411	We need more avenue to improve kirklanders health, especially in winter	5/2/2023 10:34 PM
412	I think the location in northwest Kirkland will be a huge bottleneck. It's already impossible slow getting to the Juanita area from 3-6 pm most days especially during the school year. A center like this should be built off 85th where at least you have 2-3 lanes and easy on/off 405	5/2/2023 10:01 PM
413	Traffic congestion makes getting to other cities' facilities a chore. Having something local would be great! And expanding our parks and green spaces is very important to me	5/2/2023 9:58 PM
414	Providing community spaces is extremely important for a city. It gives residents things to do, improves health, and invests in the community.	5/2/2023 9:57 PM
415	Most other cities have something like this and we don't. It would be a great option for those of us that don't belong to private clubs with pools.	5/2/2023 9:48 PM
416	The amount of money that has already been spent on the trail overpass in Totem Lake. There are people with disabilities, people without food, people with various significant health needs, and they don't need a pool. It's not glamorous to make accessible buildings and sidewalks, etc., but it would be nice to pay for levies that go to an under-served population for a change.	5/2/2023 9:47 PM
417	Kirkland parks are an amazing feature of this city	5/2/2023 9:38 PM
418	I love more opportunities to be active however taxes don't need to be any higher	5/2/2023 9:34 PM
419	Affordable housing, traffic, and our environment are now pressing issues because they weren't taken care of. I want a pool, but let's focus on the important things.	5/2/2023 9:22 PM
420	We need more beach vb courts	5/2/2023 9:18 PM
421	Too many things combined together to be clear. I think public outdoor spaces, trails and nature preservation are most important	5/2/2023 8:55 PM
422	Our property taxes have doubled in 5 years. You still don't have "enough money"	5/2/2023 8:51 PM
423	We live in an area surrounded by water and yet it is almost impossible to get swimming lessons for kids. Wait-lists have thousands of people or are closed, it could take well over a year to get off a wait-list. Any time I've gotten a spot it's a significant drive for us. Kirkland needs more access to pools.	5/2/2023 8:35 PM
424	we need more tennis courts, not pools	5/2/2023 8:15 PM
425	There are many public pools in the area that residents can access m. The city of Kirkland does not need to have one of its own to have residents take care of only to say that there are	5/2/2023 8:06 PM

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budget shortfalls in the city. This is especially low priority given the fact that many can't afford to stay living in this city due to tax rate increases, inflation and the economy state.

426	I am opposed to the closing of Houghton Park and Ride. I do not believe we need an aquatic center. The high schools should have indoor pools, not the city. Health clubs are best left to the private sector. You either believe in free markets or you are living in the wrong country.	5/2/2023 7:37 PM
427	This seems like a good use of taxpayer resources as it would improve the quality of lives of Kirkland residents. I would happily vote for it.	5/2/2023 6:39 PM
428	sounds expensive	5/2/2023 6:08 PM
429	Increases to taxation.	5/2/2023 5:36 PM
430	Can't keep having taxes raised when living on a low fixed income. Can't afford it.	5/2/2023 5:10 PM
431	The price tag is way too high. I will vote no	5/2/2023 5:09 PM
432	Other things are way more important and we don't need any more taxes!	5/2/2023 4:06 PM
433	There is more youth programs and there is more green spaces, I like those.	5/2/2023 4:00 PM
434	When they were considering this before they wanted to put the pool across from Juanita beach park. I am not in favor of them using park spaces for something like this	5/2/2023 3:55 PM
435	Kids with stuff to do don't get in trouble	5/2/2023 3:47 PM
436	Feels like more than needed. Why not simply enclose the pool by the library?	5/2/2023 3:42 PM
437	It has been lacking for way too long. My children would utilize all of these programs as would I and my neighbors.	5/2/2023 3:17 PM
438	Directly impacts quality of life, making this a better place to live and work.	5/2/2023 3:06 PM
439	I think too much is being added to this levy. I would very much like to see a new pool, but I don't know that we need to do all of these things right now. I think removing some things and lowering the price would increase the chances of this getting approved.	5/2/2023 3:06 PM
440	These are all things that would be great for community and are currently not living up to Kirkland's potential. I'd love to see better access to and use of the CKC and a community center. The only reason why I didn't mark 'Very important' is that I think housing and transportation should be prioritized higher, but not at the expense of these important initiatives.	5/2/2023 2:48 PM
441	The need for 3rd spaces, as they are vanishing!	5/2/2023 2:31 PM
442	If cars are required to get to this facility, its utility will be dramatically limited. It will mean kids will require parents to drive them there, parking will be difficult and unpleasant, etc. If we focus on ways we can get people there without cars, there's more potential.	5/2/2023 2:28 PM
443	We need to build 3rd spaces as they are starting to vanish.	5/2/2023 2:26 PM
444	I grew up in Kirkland back in the 80s, 90s when the population was 40k. It's double that now and yet much of the infrastructure hasn't expanded to accommodate the population expansion. Kirkland is a great place to raise kids and this aquatic center would enhance the community and bring it together!	5/2/2023 2:11 PM
445	I care about there being a community running track. School tracks are insufficient and subject to local school sports schedules. I am not interested at all in any new recreation developments without a track being seriously considered as part of it. To be clear, if this went to ballot and didn't include this, I would absolutely vote NO.	5/2/2023 2:08 PM
446	Investment in living and green spaces impt, especially if density keeps going forward, but the taxes are making me rethink living here.	5/2/2023 1:59 PM
447	The city it is lacking several recreational opportunities and this would help to address some of those needs	5/2/2023 1:52 PM
448	This proposal would benefit various members of the community and enrich our lives.	5/2/2023 1:48 PM
449	These are important investments to make the city more livable. What's important is to center equity in these investments so that these facilities are not just concentrated in the more affluent areas.	5/2/2023 1:47 PM

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450	Not a priority in my mind. Would rather see money go to housing, helping homeless	5/2/2023 1:32 PM
451	It's a community good that supports access to healthy recreation across income levels.	5/2/2023 12:59 PM
452	Taxes are too high already.	5/2/2023 12:57 PM
453	Personal association with swim team competitions and pickleball	5/2/2023 12:56 PM
454	Our population has expanded and we need exceptional parks to keep up with increased demand. The city has more small lots, apartments, and condominiums than ever before thus the need for recreational opportunities and access to green space has increased.	5/2/2023 12:38 PM
455	We should focus on lowering the cost of housing and assisting the unhoused before worrying about a new pool or things of that nature. However, those community additions are always good to see.	5/2/2023 12:32 PM
456	I think this would make Kirkland an even nicer place to live.	5/2/2023 12:26 PM
457	We have many options already and in the interest of affordable housing this is a cost we should not consider now.	5/2/2023 12:21 PM
458	These would be nice amenities, but I don't think they are as important as housing supply and affordability and traffic safety.	5/2/2023 12:19 PM
459	This will benefit only a minority of Kirkland residents as most won't be using it Based on other municipal improvements it wii face cost overruns and will be more costly to maintain than anticipated There are plenty of private clubs that offer similar amenities	5/2/2023 12:08 PM
460	At a time when crime, addiction, and vagrancy are impacting citizens at all time high, worrying about a pool seems silly and like a distraction vs doing something of sustenance for our community	5/2/2023 12:07 PM
461	This benefits a small amount of the population. The city already has a pool, multiple courts, parks, etc. Focus on crime and improving traffic flow instead as that affects everyone.	5/2/2023 12:04 PM
462	I'd rather use existing resources than increase the taxes further	5/2/2023 12:01 PM
463	I believe all ages of people need access to exercise, fresh air. The elderly would benefit greatly with swimming. Or exercise in water. We have a number of age assisted facilities that should be able to bus people there. Kids should all get swim lessons, and all should have access to walking paths, parks near the water. It is mentally and physically vital for people. This helps with uniting people too.	5/2/2023 12:00 PM
464	Parks are a key element of a great community	5/2/2023 11:57 AM
465	I love our parks program and my kids regularly take classes at the community center, but I would prefer updates to existing facilities rather than an expensive new center that I would probably have to drive to (we live on the Kirkland-Bothell border).	5/2/2023 11:55 AM
466	Great parks and recreation facilities contribute to quality of life.	5/2/2023 11:55 AM
467	Recreation makes this area desirable and increases the value of living here	5/2/2023 11:54 AM
468	I have to travel to Mercer Island or Bellevue to go swimming or paying exorbitant fee at some local gym. Peter Kirk pool is nice but it's only open in the summer	5/2/2023 11:47 AM
469	I'm not sure why this is necessary. We need more green spaces, not more excuses for oversized SUVs to crowd parking lots.	5/2/2023 11:40 AM
470	a center as described is a smart and valuable addition	5/2/2023 11:40 AM
471	With population increase need more space for recreation and places to go to improve mental health	5/2/2023 11:39 AM
472	Kirkland currently lacks the proposed amenities	5/2/2023 11:32 AM
473	cost of aquatics center	5/2/2023 11:03 AM
474	Recreation is a wonderful concept, but when you are homeless and hungry, not so much.	5/2/2023 9:55 AM
475	Will ne paying more taxes	5/2/2023 9:52 AM

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476	It's a great feature but cost of living is high in Kirkland so I'm on the fence on finding this at this time.	5/2/2023 9:42 AM
477	There are at least 3 public lap pools in existence. Parks and fitness classes at the kirkland community center is hardly used as is.	5/2/2023 9:34 AM
478	I'm aware of too many children not being able to access swimming lessons and other classes.	5/2/2023 9:25 AM
479	This would improve the city and community for activities that people otherwise have to travel across the counties for.	5/2/2023 9:12 AM
480	Taxes already too high.	5/2/2023 8:53 AM
481	tax increase this year	5/2/2023 7:28 AM
482	It's almost impossible to get kids into swim lessons due to high demand in this area. Swimming is a basic life skill that should be available to anyone.	5/2/2023 6:47 AM
483	These amenities are what make Kirkland a great place to live which will help maintain property values	5/2/2023 5:57 AM
484	Health & well being of residents	5/2/2023 5:40 AM
485	We cannot afford any more taxes	5/2/2023 5:11 AM
486	Kirkland is known for its green space. We need to invest in more if it.	5/2/2023 12:56 AM
487	Swimming is such an important life skill, wonderful exercise, and a phenomenal source of sensory input and public options in the area are painfully limited and outdated.	5/2/2023 12:13 AM
488	I can't afford more	5/2/2023 12:05 AM
489	\$ to other priorities	5/1/2023 10:31 PM
490	We would really love to have an indoor pool and rec center in Kirkland. The indoor facility would really benefit the local community and improve both physical and mental health given the long and dark winter time. I would like to see a reduced levy for maybe reduced plans on less important things such as public bathrooms, extended lifeguard hours.	5/1/2023 9:36 PM
491	It is useful for the families and people who currently live in Kirkland. We don't have enough pools and community center currently.	5/1/2023 9:27 PM
492	Aquatics and programs	5/1/2023 8:14 PM
493	The city has good parks (some new that we hope are finished like the 132st one) - other topics are more important	5/1/2023 8:05 PM
494	Love green space	5/1/2023 7:42 PM
495	City of Kirkland is a great place to raise a family and retire. Services should be available for both kids and senior so working adults will stress less about what to do about their kids during summer break and their parents mental health.	5/1/2023 7:42 PM
496	High cost and will not use	5/1/2023 7:14 PM
497	I feel the City should learn to live within the budget it already has and stop raising taxes. The citizens have to live within a budget so should the City.	5/1/2023 6:20 PM
498	People are exhausted with cost of everything and are considering leaving for a place that has less traffic/people/taxes	5/1/2023 4:13 PM
499	Way too expensive. That is a very signifying increase in property tax.	5/1/2023 4:10 PM
500	There are many high schools using the aging JHS pool for their swim teams. In addition, this pool is used for other swim leagues, both for kids and adults, lessons, etc. It is waaaaaay over utilized and waaaaay underfunded. Please consider funding for this pool AS WELL AS building another facility. The demand is clear. Swim is an ideal indoor sport for an area that has such inclement weather which restricts other sports.	5/1/2023 4:06 PM
501	We need and want a community center for the residence of Kirkland.	5/1/2023 3:32 PM
502	love our parks	5/1/2023 3:20 PM

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503	Nice, but not as important as saving the planet or people having homes.	5/1/2023 3:20 PM
504	These recreational spaces are so good for community building and mental health	5/1/2023 3:14 PM
505	Families are having to go to other cities to utilize indoor aquatic centers. This would also bring more jobs to the community.	5/1/2023 3:13 PM
506	Parks and Recreation and Open Space are key elements that make a city livable and provide for a high quality of life and experiences.	5/1/2023 2:51 PM
507	I hesitate to add yet another permanent property tax.	5/1/2023 2:41 PM
508	This is too much and too big, better to just build a new swimming pool, keep it very small and simple. Big enough for lake Washington high school swim and dive teams. Capacity to teach kids to swim and adult water aerobics. We don't need a big work out center or classes. There are plenty of adorable other options for that.	5/1/2023 1:56 PM
509	year round restrooms and green space are important, but not for the cost of an extremely expensive aquatics facility. A facility like this has been discussed and voted down one or two times in the past. I wonder who keeps bringing the proposal up and why money continues to get spent planning for it.	5/1/2023 1:55 PM
510	We love swimming and spending time at Kirkland parks. But please, add an option to allow open water swimming without lifeguards for those that feel comfortable in the water.	5/1/2023 1:33 PM
511	I value Kirkland parks and recreation, it is a draw to be in the city and the area surrounding lake WA	5/1/2023 1:30 PM
512	No one in my household will use indoor swimming facilities because the chlorine aggravates breathing issues	5/1/2023 1:18 PM
513	There are more serious issues such as homeless or climate change	5/1/2023 1:15 PM
514	We would greatly benefit from this resource	5/1/2023 1:06 PM
515	We need to create more activities for children to keep them away from troubles, need more facilities where the elderly can spend time doing arts/crafts, sport. More activities and classes for adults who wants to try a new sport or other activity.	5/1/2023 1:02 PM
516	I think we need improvements to existing parks first. There is not even an Honey Bucket at Mark Twain Park! I would kove to be able to sponsor all the above ideas but simply cannot afford our property taxes on the house we have lived in 45 years. We brought up our kids here, supported levies, parks, and youth programs. We shopped here and bought cars here. We don't qualify fir reduced properties taxes. Until the city can help the senior community with this problem I simply cannot afford this proposal. I love taking my grandkids now to the parks and would support if I could.	5/1/2023 1:01 PM
517	As the city's population has grown, the availability of recreation options has not kept up with that growth.	5/1/2023 12:59 PM
518	Get a Grant vs taxing the homeowners every year with a new levy.	5/1/2023 12:57 PM
519	Need more free activities for kids that not yet entering Kindergarten.	5/1/2023 12:55 PM
520	I love sports and outdoor activities.	5/1/2023 12:43 PM
521	Important community investments	5/1/2023 12:38 PM
522	It would be nice to have a rec center	5/1/2023 12:37 PM
523	xx	5/1/2023 12:36 PM
524	Try to look at alternative funding options.	5/1/2023 12:15 PM
525	We need more space to play beach volleyball. The courts get very crowded nearly every month of the year	5/1/2023 12:11 PM
526	why not involve YMCA? instead of taxing residents ... they are experts at running aquatics, recreation and community centers	5/1/2023 12:01 PM
527	According to cencus.gov, over 20% of Kirkland's vast population is under 18. This shows that Kirkland has a very large youth population, therefore increased park spaces and recreation	5/1/2023 11:29 AM

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programs would be very important to the community.

528	Need more outdoor activities spaces	5/1/2023 11:27 AM
529	It's a very high levy, and when does it sunset?	5/1/2023 11:26 AM
530	Property taxes have become too high and are becoming an overwhelming burden for home owners. This is not the time to raise taxes, but instead maintain the programs as they are	5/1/2023 11:24 AM
531	We have existing swim areas on Lake Wa and several pools in the city.	5/1/2023 11:21 AM
532	I have young children and am looking forward to kirkland having an expanded aquatics center. Kirkland is already such a boon for young families, this would only add to families wanting to move to kirkland.	5/1/2023 11:19 AM
533	I have a hard time finding available volleyball courts and tennis courts to play on and need to travel to other cities to have this recreation	5/1/2023 11:18 AM
534	Parks, parks programs and pools are a huge community asset	5/1/2023 11:03 AM
535	Property taxes are ever increasing. The earlier survey showed more than 50% opposing higher taxes.	5/1/2023 11:02 AM
536	An indoor, year round pool and aquatic center is desperately needed on the eastside. Not sure on the trails, sport courts. The city should limit its focus. This is too much wrapped into one and it moves to slow. The 132nd park revamp is taking forever, and diving into more brand new parks does not make sense.	5/1/2023 11:02 AM
537	If I support this levy, it will be to procure and preserve GREEN spaces, not just transportation. I watched SO many trees cut down for concrete structures. I live here for the beautiful, quiet, sacred environment that we have been entrusted with.	5/1/2023 10:58 AM
538	Would be very important if levy wasn't so high.	5/1/2023 10:57 AM
539	The purchase of green space to expand/link trail segments should not be put off; it will become impossible as the city urbanizes. Year round park restrooms are a public health issue as well as a welcome amenity, as are expanded lifeguard hours. The city has been talking about an Aquatic center for years; if Houghton P&R is not going to be used for transit (which still perplexes me; how are all the riders supposed to get to the 85th St interchange?) perhaps it is an aquatic/community center opportunity. (My son went to Lake WA HS, and rode his bike to Juanita HS for swim team practice!)	5/1/2023 10:47 AM
540	The cost of this on top of already high taxes. While an aquatics center would be a really nice to have, I think priorities like preserving green space (which is lumped into this one) are more sustainable and would prefer to see some of these other issues addressed, rather than just going for the big prize (and lumping some others in as well)	5/1/2023 10:45 AM
541	Cut taxes for other programs to have the funds for this	5/1/2023 10:43 AM
542	Other issues are more important. And raising taxes is not desirable!	5/1/2023 10:42 AM
543	I feel like there is not enough public courts in Kirkland. As a volleyball player, I find it hard to find opportunities to play.	5/1/2023 10:41 AM
544	Tax impact	5/1/2023 10:31 AM
545	My personal interest in sports and recreation life	5/1/2023 10:31 AM
546	Parks are great but this does not address our core issues. We need to transform the way we move in the city. If people drive to parks we are failing.	5/1/2023 10:28 AM
547	Makes affordable housing worse by a permanent increase of levy. Should only be done once housing is more affordable.	5/1/2023 10:28 AM
548	It benefits the health and safety (water safety from swim skills) for Kirkland residents	5/1/2023 10:26 AM
549	In favor of maintaining and enhancing existing parks, but not building a new aquatic center	5/1/2023 10:22 AM
550	As a resident of the city, I'd like to have more options for exercise, especially swimming.	5/1/2023 10:19 AM
551	That's a long list of "wants" that might not all be high priority. I think the city has many "needs" that should also be addressed.	5/1/2023 10:19 AM

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552	Quit taking my money for your politics	5/1/2023 10:15 AM
553	With limited taxing capacity I think we have more important problems to tackle.	5/1/2023 10:14 AM
554	This is a project for boom times. We are getting tax after tax from Federal to King County and the city. No one will be able to afford to live here. This looks like a private athletic club- assuming it won't be free to residents.	5/1/2023 10:14 AM
555	The levy is too high.	5/1/2023 10:06 AM
556	As the city grows, park space needs to be preserved and expanded, and our already over-extended facilities need to grow to meet demand.	5/1/2023 10:03 AM
557	Not in favor of a "permanent" tax rate hike	5/1/2023 10:03 AM
558	Kirkland is a large growing city without an indoor rec center. NKCC just doesn't cut it.	5/1/2023 10:01 AM
559	There are many more important issues that should come before this--see previous questions.	5/1/2023 9:57 AM
560	More concerned about the economy, the survival of small businesses that are local, but can't survive with high rental rates. More concerned about safety (crime), affordable housing and helping the homeless.	5/1/2023 9:56 AM
561	quality of life and maintaining Kirkland as resident-centric	5/1/2023 9:48 AM
562	Aquatic center would be great! But I feel that climate change preparation is more important. No one is going to use an Aquatic center if climate change is making living in Kirkland miserable.	5/1/2023 9:34 AM
563	Number of people who already participate in sport activities exceeds the available capacity.	5/1/2023 9:33 AM
564	Community services is important for society	5/1/2023 9:31 AM
565	A more responsible survey would ask respondents to stack rank potential ballot measures based on relative importance. If the City wants to do this, prioritize it within the existing budget.	5/1/2023 9:21 AM
566	Improving public spaces	5/1/2023 9:18 AM
567	The middle class and retired adults are being driven out of Kirkland due to incredibly high property taxes. We would love the improvements outlined in the proposals but won't be able to use them because the continuous tax increases from the city and state will force us to sell and move elsewhere or we will be too busy working overtime to afford these amenities.	5/1/2023 9:16 AM
568	Kirkland should take care of other issues before thinking about recreation.	5/1/2023 9:09 AM
569	There are other options in the area for these activities. Unless the city is prepared to offer significant discounts to the costs to use these facilities - not necessary, especially compared to the traffic issues the city faces.	5/1/2023 9:06 AM
570	The Peter Kirk Pool is a phenomenal resource for the summer months, and the Juanita High School pool is great for the rest of the seasons. However, the Juanita High School pool, which serves SO many diverse groups and populations, is in such a state of disrepair that it makes zero sense to "start from scratch" with a new aquatic center. Also, in past proposals for this kind of facility, there was no land available that had the appropriate square footage for the facility, plus parking, plus increased traffic. How has anything changed in the last several years? Please invest in the Peter Kirk Pool and Juanita High School pool. They are both full to the brim and could use more support.	5/1/2023 8:51 AM
571	We need more family friendly indoor aquatic and recreation facilities. Increasing community recreation programs benefits everyone in the community.	5/1/2023 8:19 AM
572	Great resource for families and a safe space to be active.	5/1/2023 8:11 AM
573	the additional cost to home owners	5/1/2023 7:34 AM
574	This crap failed at the ballot box before. I'll vote it down and agitate against it again!	5/1/2023 7:14 AM
575	There are other priorities that deserve attention. Also, swimming pools are particularly expensive and the other recreational items would be better served by eliminating the aquatics portion and investing in the other items. We already have a swimming pool in Kirkland.	5/1/2023 6:53 AM

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576	I have places to swim and meet with the community. I do like the bathroom plan though. What the city really needs is a nice place to play disc golf. The only course in town was at Northwest University, but it has since closed and there is a HUGE void on the Eastside for this particular recreation. I hope the city can come up with something.	5/1/2023 4:06 AM
577	Because the last time you tried to force an aquatics center on us you were planning to destroy half of Juanita Beach! I'd support the other items if you took out the aquatics center, the city cannot be trusted on that after what it tried to do last time.	4/30/2023 11:56 PM
578	Taxes too high as it is. Too much \$\$ for schools	4/30/2023 10:33 PM
579	There just aren't enough programs for the volume of people wanting to enroll. It's very hard to get in to the classes because they all fill up so fast.	4/30/2023 9:33 PM
580	Too high cost	4/30/2023 8:48 PM
581	What? Good grief - doesn't City Hall ever check out downtown and the people living in the City? A kiddies pool open only two months a year? with no place for swim teams? A dysfunctional COMMUNITY CENTER that is of little or no interest to seniors? Parking that is impossible to find. Is that enough?	4/30/2023 6:47 PM
582	Not certain of our family's likely usage, and there are many proposals that keep increasing property taxes. Many "typical" homes are worth \$1.5-2.0M in Kirkland, and this would increase taxes by \$350-500/year	4/30/2023 6:27 PM
583	Population growth means the city needs more community services for the neighbors	4/30/2023 6:11 PM
584	Health, Family and Sport	4/30/2023 5:50 PM
585	nice to have but money is better spent on other priorities	4/30/2023 4:53 PM
586	I think the trail loop expansion is important as-well as adding new sport courts(also most the current ones are in poor shape). I don't think expanding the youth programs should be a priority most people in this area enroll their kids in school/private programs. From my understanding the current youth center is underutilized and at times not safe.	4/30/2023 4:34 PM
587	Not that I don't see the importance, but maybe the same goal can be achieved by prioritizing spending vs additional taxes. The answer is not additional taxes.	4/30/2023 3:02 PM
588	It's way too expensive. Too big of a project. There are other needs in Kirkland that are more important.	4/30/2023 2:38 PM
589	Do not want any additional taxes. I would support it if done within existing revenue/budget.	4/30/2023 2:11 PM
590	The city just placed a \$20 car tab tax on everyone, our property taxes are up, inflation is up, the crisis care King County levy passed raising everyones taxes. Tens of thousand of tech workers are out of work. The city going into the athletic club business does not seem wise at this time.	4/30/2023 2:01 PM
591	This has been a high priority item in Kirkland for many years	4/30/2023 1:16 PM
592	So many more pressing needs ahead of this. No NEW taxes. Tax Money is not being used properly.	4/30/2023 12:22 PM
593	Taxes too high and permanent I think too many improvements have been lumped together	4/30/2023 11:38 AM
594	An additional levy feels onerous and doesn't help affordable housing.	4/30/2023 10:57 AM
595	This amenity for our city would add quality recreation and health benefit for all citizens.	4/30/2023 9:56 AM
596	This is a great expense at a time when the middle class residents who remain in Kirkland are financially struggling. We are retired & supporting a disabled adult child. Our groceries have doubled. Our taxes are up 20%. Our medical insurance & expenses have skyrocketed. We don't want to be taxed out of our home. The council talks about affordable housing - what a cruel joke as you tax us out. I know several families have sold up & moved, or are planning to, because the cost of living - especially taxes - have driven them out. Paying for a big swimming pool is not on our list of priorities - food & medical come first. Frankly I think the city is just plain greedy in its treatment of middle and lower income residents.	4/30/2023 9:50 AM
597	What is overall cost. No end date. No mention of taxing mechanism--bond, or new taxing jurisdiction	4/30/2023 8:30 AM

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598	There are plenty of opportunities for recreation in Kirkland today; this is a place where Kirkland already shines.	4/30/2023 8:19 AM
599	I believe there are other more pressing priorities like traffic congestion and climate/sustainability efforts with existing facilities/resources	4/30/2023 8:02 AM
600	I'm genuinely curious - why would the city fund the rec center versus partnering with a private company (such as Pro Club) to start a nearby location?	4/29/2023 11:01 PM
601	Kirkland has a great parks system already	4/29/2023 8:54 PM
602	We voted on this before. The city could cooperate with adjacent cities on some of this. You left out how you intend to form a parks organization that can raise taxes on its own without a vote of the people	4/29/2023 8:16 PM
603	We already have good trails & Lk. Wa access & many residents have gym memberships.	4/29/2023 7:36 PM
604	I think community-related fitness and wellness projects are fairly important for making a positive impact on our city.	4/29/2023 7:30 PM
605	Not worth the investment.	4/29/2023 7:29 PM
606	We already have a city pool, lots of walking, biking, jogging options with Bridle Trails, CKC, Lake Wa Blvd, and St. Eds/OO Denny nearby. We just passed the tax increase to fund mental health crisis center. Too soon to start talking about ANOTHER property tax. As someone nearing retirement I'd like to be able to afford to stay in Kirkland. Adding more property taxes will only make this more difficult.	4/29/2023 6:51 PM
607	The value my husband and I received from Bellevue's aquatic center, from the physical therapy activity available.	4/29/2023 6:00 PM
608	Costs too much	4/29/2023 5:36 PM
609	Our parks are crowded, we need pools and more open spaces	4/29/2023 4:21 PM
610	I think you should fund an indoor pool only with the money you already have instead of buying properties like the Houghton PCC.	4/29/2023 3:38 PM
611	Community enrichment and the addition of more community gathering places is important	4/29/2023 3:24 PM
612	While I wholeheartedly believe in the importance of recreation, exercise and leisure time, I think the issues rated above are higher priority.	4/29/2023 3:14 PM
613	Developing public goods that can be enjoyed free of cost is very important for building a thriving community	4/29/2023 2:34 PM
614	I don't think the city is ready to build an appropriate rec center. The right property has not been identified. I thin pool should be a separate bond issue from the rest of important needs of our park system	4/29/2023 1:49 PM
615	we don't need it, and raising property taxes is a bad idea right now	4/29/2023 12:57 PM
616	I am in a position where I can afford this amenity and will benefit greatly as I age.	4/29/2023 12:06 PM
617	large amount of money needed	4/29/2023 11:46 AM
618	It would help build community for both adults and children and promote healthy activities. Kirkland does not have a public year round pool - have to go to Juanita or Redmond.	4/29/2023 11:40 AM
619	The proposal provides an opportunity to expand Kirkland's recreational services. This helps promote healthy active lifestyles, a wider array of options for individuals and families to participate in our community.	4/29/2023 11:31 AM
620	It is much over due and much needed! Outdoor pool is a waste of space!	4/29/2023 11:10 AM
621	There is a current pool that is not being fully utilized. Furthermore, there is an indoor pool at Juanita High School	4/29/2023 11:08 AM
622	Only small public swimming pool currently available and only in the summer	4/29/2023 10:35 AM
623	Many of those programs are needed but need to be balanced with other city needs.	4/29/2023 10:30 AM

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624	While useful it does not address our lack of affordable housing.	4/29/2023 10:10 AM
625	It is very expensive and there is an outdoor pool already	4/29/2023 10:00 AM
626	The cost seems very high	4/29/2023 10:00 AM
627	If the levy could be kept to that cost, then we may consider it. However, typically these projects cost more than anticipated.	4/29/2023 9:42 AM
628	The cost of the project	4/29/2023 9:41 AM
629	Most people I know wouldn't use it.	4/29/2023 9:22 AM
630	A pool would be a fantastic addition to our area and would also allow high schools to have a place to swim. In this day and age we know that people struggle with health issues and swimming is often seen as a sport that works across multiple generations. I would fully support this idea for our area.	4/29/2023 9:14 AM
631	Part of what makes Kirkland great is community and this helps build community. I was just at Lee Johnson for a game saying how great it is to have people stop by this great location all night.	4/29/2023 9:04 AM
632	We do not need another rec center or park, we have facilities all over the town	4/29/2023 8:56 AM
633	Property taxes are already high and were just significantly increased. Real estate values are also high and continuing to add taxes only contributes to lack of affordability. Be better with budgeting. Why buy a property like the old PCC building when that could have been better used toward a new rec facility.	4/29/2023 8:45 AM
634	Aquatic and recreation center is too fancy. The basic need is indoor pool for swim lessons, lap swimming and swim teams.	4/29/2023 8:42 AM
635	Our taxes are already too high which is a big part of housing affordability in Kirkland	4/29/2023 8:34 AM
636	I believe there are other higher priorities. There are other options for aquatics and increasing taxes for that isn't worth it.	4/29/2023 8:19 AM
637	Taxes in this town do nothing but skyrocket. Therefore I'm voting against this tax to fund an aquatics center.	4/29/2023 8:16 AM
638	We are surrounded by water and kids and adults are on waiting lists to learn to swim. How is this possible? Build more pools.	4/29/2023 8:14 AM
639	We need to focus on improving public safety before non-essentials	4/29/2023 8:07 AM
640	Our property taxes are already so high!	4/29/2023 8:00 AM
641	Indoor and outdoor activities are essential to the wellbeing of citizens	4/29/2023 7:55 AM
642	Kirklanders more access to indoor pools! It is very difficult to find availability of swimming lessons for kids - and this is a necessary life skill. Adults, youth and children would benefit from water exercise and recreation year round.	4/29/2023 7:43 AM
643	Why would you increase property taxes when you are trying to fight homelessness and house affordability?? You don't need to be a scientist to understand that it makes no sense	4/29/2023 7:38 AM
644	We all need more stuff to do in the cold wet months	4/29/2023 7:32 AM
645	I do think these programs are important and needed for the community (especially since parks and rec programs fill up so quickly and there is always a huge waitlist). I don't think continuing to tax the residents is viable. There are so many levies -for example, King County just sent a ballot measure for mental health facilities. They are all important but the rise of living has gone up so high recently that every penny counts for household incomes.	4/29/2023 7:25 AM
646	Enhance community relations and value	4/29/2023 7:21 AM
647	I feel we already have access to pools and gyms and do not want to pay any more property tax. I do think reserving more green space is important.	4/29/2023 7:19 AM
648	It is a healthy investment in our community. Communal activities, exercise, and outdoor facilities will improve the health of our community.	4/29/2023 7:16 AM

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649	Usable parks, walking trails and recreation is essential and needs to be increased	4/29/2023 7:14 AM
650	Costly, will draw more traffic onto an already high-traffic area.	4/29/2023 7:13 AM
651	Would love an indoor pool and more youth programs	4/29/2023 6:57 AM
652	Families lack indoor recreation opportunities during the cold months. There is little for middle schoolers to do in Kirkland. Also, it's currently difficult to find swimming lessons at a reasonable rate.	4/29/2023 6:53 AM
653	Makes the city more liveable	4/29/2023 6:11 AM
654	This kind of facility is one that our community needs	4/29/2023 5:23 AM
655	We are getting more and more taxes and not like the parks department is hearing the public rather taking sides of developers.	4/29/2023 5:23 AM
656	The people want a pool not a palace. Keep it simple and affordable. Not pleased with how City Council spends money and rearranges budget to buy new properties (eg Houghton PCC)	4/29/2023 4:54 AM
657	Kirkland lacks a community center large enough for its size. Other cities like Redmond have one and we will go there when their new center opens	4/29/2023 12:45 AM
658	I feel that while this is somewhat important, there are other more pressing things to be focusing on	4/29/2023 12:23 AM
659	We don't need more government funded initiatives like this. We don't need to keep Increasing taxes to fund new things. Pay off what we've already committed to and/ or reduce taxes. And I'm a liberal!	4/28/2023 11:54 PM
660	Because it's needed	4/28/2023 11:34 PM
661	Sounds expensive because it is a laundry list of items. I think it's too many items.	4/28/2023 11:34 PM
662	I think it would be nice to have	4/28/2023 11:29 PM
663	I have kids and I would love they have the opportunity to enjoy closer to the home	4/28/2023 11:25 PM
664	I would prefer a proposal that makes small investments in many neighborhoods (neighborhood pools) rather than one where most people would need to drive to access it. I would be willing to pay more taxes for the greater value this would provide across the city. See Spokane and Reykjavik as examples of a neighborhood-oriented aquatic strategy.	4/28/2023 11:16 PM
665	Need more specifics--will there be pickleball courts? And stop funding everything by raising property taxes. Charge for use. Or get creative.	4/28/2023 11:06 PM
666	If done properly (See JPP comments later) this should help deal with many of the issues facing Kirkland residents	4/28/2023 10:52 PM
667	So many new homes/condos/people, would be a great add on for our community.	4/28/2023 10:51 PM
668	Nice ideas, but we must fix homelessness first or the parks will be their new home	4/28/2023 10:18 PM
669	There was a recent vote about adding aquatics and it did not pass. We have Peter Kirk pool and plenty of parks (bridle trails, Juanita park, crestwood, etc to name a few) and there is already a community center, no reason to build a new one, enhance the existing	4/28/2023 10:14 PM
670	Community should be number one priority.	4/28/2023 10:08 PM
671	investing in Kirkland community is what keeps our city so special	4/28/2023 10:04 PM
672	The aquatic center is badly needed.	4/28/2023 10:01 PM
673	That's a high cost. I don't know if we need all the things outlined above. I like the aquatic and rec center idea. That meets a lot of need, especially if it's placed near lake Washington high school, which has no pool. Also the south rose hill/bridle trails area has no community amenities, so this would make access to such amenities more equitable.	4/28/2023 9:54 PM
674	Those are all things I value and things that will be used and enjoyed by the citizens of Kirkland and the larger community.	4/28/2023 9:52 PM
675	Spending more money on things that are necessary, when we have several issues that need	4/28/2023 9:52 PM

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676	Kirkland's current pool is old and only usable 3 months a year. An indoor aquatics center seems a no-brainer for a place with a climate like Kirkland. Canada has fabulous aquatic facilities available to all.	4/28/2023 9:39 PM
677	We have 3 kids, and are itching for more indoor spaces for them for the winter/spring.	4/28/2023 9:35 PM
678	Too many peppery tax levies already	4/28/2023 9:32 PM
679	Housing, traffic congestion are more important	4/28/2023 9:26 PM
680	I have access to enough parks and exercise opportunities already.	4/28/2023 9:20 PM
681	The City has a littany of parks resources but lacks basic amenities to access them like sidewalks and crosswalks on residential streets, where semi trucks are encouraged. The City of Kirkland needs to get its priorities in order.	4/28/2023 9:17 PM
682	The benefits are good and increase the value of our community.	4/28/2023 8:44 PM
683	I think it is important. Having more recreational opportunities to keep our community healthy and active is important. However, I'm not sure it outweighs some of the other important issues the city is facing such as travel safety and affordability. I'd rather make sure people can walk and bike outside to our existing amazing parks and amenities as the highest priority but again, I still think this is important.	4/28/2023 8:27 PM
684	The price! The .23 cents per \$1,000 or however much is presented on EVERY initiative. It adds up and makes Kirkland's housing issues even worse. I have lived in my house for nearly 30 years and my property taxes are getting ridiculous!	4/28/2023 8:22 PM
685	Property taxes are already the highest in the state and amongst the country. Kirkland is already had a plethora of amenities without making this kind of investment. It doesn't fit the new lifestyle and activities of today's youth.	4/28/2023 8:10 PM
686	One of the most special parts about Kirkland is its parks so the more the merrier in my opinion	4/28/2023 7:58 PM
687	Too much money! You want affordable housing but the city is forcing homeowners out by increasing the taxes so much.	4/28/2023 7:55 PM
688	Waste of money. Only impacts the wealthy.	4/28/2023 7:18 PM
689	Kirkland's lacks programming and community building events for young families.	4/28/2023 7:01 PM
690	An indoor pool would be useful	4/28/2023 5:28 PM
691	I think it's a needed amenity to keep up to speed with our community, growth, etc. especially given the climate we live in	4/28/2023 5:08 PM
692	There are some higher priority issues like housing and traffic	4/28/2023 4:53 PM
693	Many people don't have access to private fitness centers for their families. Our only public pool is closed most of the year and the months it is open the swimming classes get filled out super fast.	4/28/2023 4:17 PM
694	Affordable access to swimming classes for young children should be a priority. Im only in favor of this program if the aquatic center helps Kirkland children learn to swim.	4/28/2023 3:54 PM
695	Don't want taxes raised!	4/28/2023 3:50 PM
696	The use of property taxes to fund everything is inappropriate	4/28/2023 3:44 PM
697	Kirkland's population growing and existing recreational system has not enough capacity	4/28/2023 3:24 PM
698	We are underserved by aquatics and trails	4/28/2023 3:21 PM
699	Lack of aquatic facilities in this area, especially considering Kirkland is a wealthy community surrounded by lakes.	4/28/2023 2:19 PM
700	The reason I moved from the Washington DC area to Kirkland is because I love Kirkland. Love the City management. Love the parks. I live within walking distance of old downtown Kirkland. Love this planned community.	4/28/2023 2:02 PM

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701	Living on the water I believe every child and adult living in Kirkland should learn to swim and have a place to recreate year round.	4/28/2023 12:26 PM
702	We need an aquatics center - we have a lot of the other facilities also mentioned, reuse and improve existing places and focus on building something we don't have in Kirkland	4/28/2023 12:19 PM
703	I think it is about time to upgrade the city with all of this.	4/28/2023 12:10 PM
704	I think the items in the proposal are quality of life items, and they would benefit our community. I would like to see more opportunities for young people, teens, and families, and people of all ages, to be able to recreate safely and affordably in Kirkland.	4/28/2023 12:03 PM
705	Every other town/community in Western Washington (and beyond) seems to have one. I can't believe that Kirkland does not. A community like ours should have this. So many people would benefit from it.	4/28/2023 11:59 AM
706	Kirkland youth need a safe, health, and year-round pool at which to learn to swim. Our year-round and high school swim and water polo really need an aquatic center before Juanita HS Pool fails due to age. Thank you.	4/28/2023 11:55 AM
707	Property Taxes have been increased with various levies during the past few years - hospital, fire department, police department, and so forth. Start asking the state or feds to subsidize for all of your ongoing ideas.	4/28/2023 11:29 AM
708	It is important to live with fulfilled recreation and green in Kirkland.	4/28/2023 10:48 AM
709	While the proposal looks beneficial for our citizens, I feel our first priority should be traffic/speed enforcement--safety. And then, there are a lot of other higher priority items, for me. Addressing climate change is a high priority. Kirkland has allowed tree removal to progress at an alarming rate--even knowing that mature trees cool more effectively than young "replacement" trees. In trying to address the affordable housing issue, developers have been allowed to scrape the land of trees, add expensive housing, and then put in trees if there is room. Property taxes have risen at an alarming rate for those of us who have lived in our homes a long time. Paying for more amenities, no matter how beneficial they may seem will force more people out of their presently "affordable" homes.	4/28/2023 10:40 AM
710	Having a modern facility to swim year round is important for raising families and teaching kids how to be safe around water. Expanding public green spaces and oaks helps keep the population healthy by providing them with recreation options.	4/28/2023 10:34 AM
711	This does very little for those of us without families besides raise the cost of living. It also makes it more expensive to live in this area. Most of these types of facilities exist within a reasonable distance, and should be paid for by parents and people that want to participate in them.	4/28/2023 10:31 AM
712	First and foremost, cost. Secondly, the proposal has way too much included - you asking for a recreation center, purchasing land, lifeguards, restrooms, and whatever else is in the kitchen sink	4/28/2023 10:18 AM
713	This seems like it would primarily serve upper to middle class citizens. Would like to see something that could be affordable to all...equally	4/28/2023 10:12 AM
714	Saving open space. Investing in Land for the future.	4/28/2023 10:02 AM
715	Kirkland lacks what many other peer cities have.	4/28/2023 9:59 AM
716	The influx of people living in Kirkland causes each existing park and pool to be busy. Providing additional recreation opportunities would allow for more spreading out of people.	4/28/2023 9:54 AM
717	Health and wellness is vital to a growing city. We need this type of facility to accommodate our increase in families to our community	4/28/2023 9:40 AM
718	Community centers are vital: People who cannot afford private gyms/trainers should have access to community resources such as gyms, pools, class and gather places.	4/28/2023 9:40 AM
719	There are lots of kids in Kirkland, we'd love a pool :)	4/28/2023 9:35 AM
720	A facility of this type is long overdue for the community and would increase property values well beyond the cost	4/28/2023 9:34 AM
721	Improved opportunities for enjoying the outdoors in a recreational capacity.	4/28/2023 9:32 AM

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722	My taxes are too high. Never thought I would have to move because I can't pay taxes. House is paid off.	4/28/2023 9:28 AM
723	It's a long term wise decision. Housing is a higher priority as this survey is leading us, correctly so, to acknowledge. But we can have multiple priorities, yes?	4/28/2023 9:27 AM
724	Stop raising our taxes. Use the piles of money you already gouge us for more efficiently.	4/28/2023 9:25 AM
725	I think ROI on outdoor parks / green loop trails / outdoor spaces are probably much greater than an aquatics + recreation center. Trails also enable more commuting options.	4/28/2023 9:22 AM
726	No new taxes please. Kirkland is beautiful and has plenty of parks, programs, features already.	4/28/2023 9:08 AM
727	1. There is no reason the aquatics needs to be combined with the gyms. 2. City Council purchasing land (eg Houghton PCC) by borrowing from other budgeted programs makes them dishonorable.	4/28/2023 8:55 AM
728	We currently commute to the Bellevue aquatic center for my sons adaptive swim lessons every Wednesday. It would be a facility we would use multiple times per week and would really benefit and enrich his life.	4/28/2023 8:17 AM
729	It cost too much	4/28/2023 8:16 AM
730	Failure to complete the plan for the Cross Kirkland Corridor portion of the Eastrail by paving and expanding it into a world class multiuser transportation and recreation corridor .	4/28/2023 8:12 AM
731	We move to Kirkland 2 years ago as we have young children because of how good schools were. Now seeing how difficult is to sign up for services and the lack of facilities, are thinking that Redmond or Bellevue would have been a better choice.	4/28/2023 7:36 AM
732	I would rate it higher but the levy amount is very high. If a fee-based aquatic center is being funded by City residents, I would want assurances that City residents would have use of the center for free of a reduced fee.	4/28/2023 7:04 AM
733	I shouldn't have to drive to Snohomish to access a good family indoor swimming facility.	4/28/2023 7:03 AM
734	The Green Loop trail is a crucial way to preserve green space as well as promote healthy outdoor walking.	4/28/2023 6:46 AM
735	I think our recreational offerings are lacking compared to those of neighboring towns	4/28/2023 6:45 AM
736	We already have high school pools. We have existing private pools like Columbia fitness. They are not used effectively. One cannot move easily with traffic to and from many areas of Kirkland. Each neighborhood park would be the most effective way to encourage outside walking etc activities not a large community multi purpose place. Too many high end homes being developed. People can hardly afford to live here presently. Need a new strategic plan for kirkland	4/28/2023 6:02 AM
737	Seems like some of the items could be funded with existing revenues	4/28/2023 5:27 AM
738	I agree that Kirkland is missing an indoor public pool, and public programming is focused on north side	4/28/2023 4:17 AM
739	With all the growth in Kirkland, it's become too difficult to access current programs	4/28/2023 3:55 AM
740	Especially with King County now raising our property taxes, Now is not the time. Not needed	4/28/2023 3:28 AM
741	It's not something we need to be spending money on now. We are being taxed to death and being on a fixed retirement income it's getting harder to keep up with all the growing bills due to taxes going up on everything which raises the cost of living.	4/28/2023 12:26 AM
742	Our current park and green space offerings are already very good. There's diminishing value in investing new setups. Maintaining our current offerings in good quality is great already.	4/28/2023 12:25 AM
743	As a mother of young children I feel like the area lacks swimming options. Considering the state's 2nd largest school district is in this area it only makes sense that we have activities for young kids and families.	4/27/2023 11:39 PM
744	Creating opportunities- probably need to consider pickball, indoor recreation with the weather changes and the amount of fitness center in the area a fitness celntr may not be necessary compared to general recreation space	4/27/2023 11:19 PM

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745	New facilities and programs in those facilities not at all important. I would support a much smaller proposal for increase lifeguards, park restrooms, new sport courts and the green space. Stop trying to do so much, and asking for more \$\$ than homeowners can afford.	4/27/2023 11:17 PM
746	Parks and recreation spaces, along with open space and environmentally protected areas are critically important to the City and positively impact upon our quality of life, the health of residents, and the local ecology of our community.	4/27/2023 10:56 PM
747	Living in kirkland	4/27/2023 10:23 PM
748	As a lifelong swimmer, an expanded aquatic system to replace the mature and smaller systems of the Juanita High School pool and Peter Kirk Pool would greatly benefit local sports and community.	4/27/2023 10:12 PM
749	I have small children and we use the parks several times a week	4/27/2023 10:03 PM
750	Having these programs create a better living environment, job creation and an overarching better place to live and raise families	4/27/2023 10:01 PM
751	Most of go to other cities to use indoor pools and rec centers. This would keep us in Kirkland.	4/27/2023 9:58 PM
752	Providing an avenue for community (especially kids) to connect and participate in various activities I believe significantly improves quality of life. Having good opportunities for quality time away from screens will make a big difference in the development of next generations. The cost is pretty high though so I downgraded to "somewhat important" (long term the extra tax would still be worth it). Later edit: I see next question brings price into question so I will change this to "very" (my true intention) and downgrade on next slide.	4/27/2023 9:43 PM
753	Not sure we need a new pool	4/27/2023 9:39 PM
754	It tries to do too much and is a solution seeking a problem. We have enough community gathering spaces in Kirkland and plenty of wellness/fitness class options and youth program options. Also, Kirkland is creating too many permanent levies. If Kirkland is serious about making housing more affordable, it will stop insisting on creating new and increasing permanent levies and instead focus on using the general funds wisely and efficiently. The city always seems to be able to find extra money to throw at consultants to conduct studies and also to add projects not initially in the budget. Stop spending money on consulting studies and use it for things we already know we need.	4/27/2023 9:36 PM
755	We have seen a substantial increase the population size of kirkland and our perks system has not kept up, including dedicated spaces for people to meet and be physically active is a builder of communities.	4/27/2023 9:34 PM
756	I think more focus on bus and bike improvements in the area would be better.	4/27/2023 9:29 PM
757	Taxing home owners happens too often and many things take too long to happen. Is that the only way to raise money or ask for donations specific to the purpose involved.	4/27/2023 9:23 PM
758	Providing parks enhancements and especially a new aquatic and community recreation center is an investment in building community and improves the quality of life and well being of our community. We are beyond underserving our communities aquatic needs putting our community at risk for drownings.	4/27/2023 9:21 PM
759	We have a pretty well established park system and rec program that we should be proud of. On the other hand, we can always improve with what we have,	4/27/2023 9:15 PM
760	would really love to have access to a year around pool	4/27/2023 9:11 PM
761	I would like my young children to grow up in Kirkland through high school, and I am happy with what is currently provided but I think Kirkland is special and equipped to provide even more for our youth.	4/27/2023 9:10 PM
762	I love Kirkland's dedication to parks. I'm always in favor of improving or adding parks.	4/27/2023 8:56 PM
763	It is funded by increased property taxes, which will add \$470 per year to my property tax. The mental health clinics also just added a chunk of change. Fixed income retirees can't keep taking hits like this.	4/27/2023 8:45 PM
764	The center would draw people in to help the businesses thrive. It would be a place of connection, and a place for events.	4/27/2023 8:22 PM

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765	Interested in the indoor athletic facilities (sports courts, pool) and better trail connectivity	4/27/2023 8:16 PM
766	This is not an appropriate use of public funds. This just makes the cost of living in Kirkland higher for the small percentage of people who will use this.	4/27/2023 8:09 PM
767	Driving to Bellevue to swim is ridiculous	4/27/2023 8:08 PM
768	The city is constantly building. The consumer out of money to pay for things. That? Only 1% may be 2% of the community uses.	4/27/2023 7:57 PM
769	It will raise taxes. We are taxed way too much.	4/27/2023 7:42 PM
770	Want to see Kirkland continue to grow and have good community environment along with adding to the already awesome Kirkland parks	4/27/2023 7:36 PM
771	I feel that our existing facilities are adequate	4/27/2023 7:24 PM
772	Will it be solvent at some point and not subsidized by taxpayers	4/27/2023 7:20 PM
773	To preserve quality of life since the city is getting more dense.	4/27/2023 7:07 PM
774	Well, property taxes have gone up tremendously, 12% this year alone. Let's not contribute to the high cost of housing here by further increasing property taxes. We are not all tech workers making six figure. Our community's kids have are moving out of Kirkland due to high housing costs. What good are these things to them?	4/27/2023 7:06 PM
775	We have had ongoing and continuing inflation. How can you possibly think of taxing us Kirkland citizens for these unnecessary expenditures at this time?!!!	4/27/2023 7:03 PM
776	Property taxes are already extremely high!	4/27/2023 6:49 PM
777	Some elements more important than others, but would general improve quality of life in the city	4/27/2023 6:47 PM
778	Too expensive.	4/27/2023 6:36 PM
779	There is a big need for this type of facility	4/27/2023 6:31 PM
780	We have higher needs such as housing, traffic, road maintenance,	4/27/2023 6:31 PM
781	Since we lost Juanita pool, this would be a great option. Feel like I'm being taxed to death. Would like to see aquatics in Juanita. Question 13 doesn't give me the option.	4/27/2023 6:22 PM
782	This seems like a wise use of public funds, to enhance Kirkland's livability. This facility would be of use to all ages, would help to keep Kirkland citizens healthy and fit, and is a good fit for the healthy way of life that Kirkland residents enjoy.	4/27/2023 6:18 PM
783	I have children and we use the parks and rec system a lot!	4/27/2023 6:12 PM
784	Controlling housing prices, reducing too much development, and saving nature environment are more important than these luxuries.	4/27/2023 5:57 PM
785	Taxes too high	4/27/2023 5:54 PM
786	This is not the right time. The economy is terrible. Tens of thousands of people have lost their jobs.	4/27/2023 5:53 PM
787	Our city is lacking in pool facilities. I value water safety and exercise. It is extremely difficult to access swim lessons for families and this would help alleviate this issue. Plus, a facility would be a great place for all of Kirkland residents to be able to engage in physical activity year around. Right now this is only available to people who can afford private club memberships.	4/27/2023 5:51 PM
788	Safe and Healthy gathering places are, and always will, add value to our quality of life as citizens of Kirkland.	4/27/2023 5:47 PM
789	A city of the size of Kirkland needs such a facility and it is long overdue.	4/27/2023 5:43 PM
790	Taxes are too high as is	4/27/2023 5:40 PM
791	I support added lifeguard hours and adding some year round restrooms. I don't support anything else because my property taxes already are too high!!!!!!	4/27/2023 5:40 PM

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792	Let's first make Kirkland affordable for our teachers police firefighters and service workers. Let's next address the infrastructure needs that are apparent every day - traffic parking etc. Let's address other issues related to homelessness like lack of transitional housing and mental health care in patient beds. We have plenty of parks. There are other options for fitness and swimming and summer programs. The city cannot and should not do this before it takes care of its citizens.	4/27/2023 5:28 PM
793	its important to have spaces to practice sports and community	4/27/2023 5:08 PM
794	Plenty of places to swim in Kirkland.	4/27/2023 5:04 PM
795	It would be nice to have but not critical. There are other more important issues.	4/27/2023 5:03 PM
796	I would like to see the state address school funding at the state level. I think levies are ridiculous and that there is not enough oversight re: spending once the levies are passed.	4/27/2023 4:59 PM
797	Aquatics center is important because Peter Kirk pool is very crowded and has a short operating season. And there are few recreation centers (private or public) for Kirkland residents.	4/27/2023 4:58 PM
798	Indoor aquatics has been missing in Kirkland for decades. It's potentially a big public improvement if done well.	4/27/2023 4:57 PM
799	Try cutting other programs and think again. Property taxes are insanely high.	4/27/2023 4:54 PM
800	Health, fitness, mindfulness, and stress reduction should not be just for those that can afford gym memberships.	4/27/2023 4:51 PM
801	Too expensive. Add park facilities within normal budget, don't spend ahead	4/27/2023 4:48 PM
802	Just like last time this was asked, it's just NOT something the city needs to spend time, effort nor money on. Lots of things to do already in the area already, this center is simply NOT needed and would be a waste of money that could better be spent elsewhere. The residents have voted this down time and again. Quit bringing it up.	4/27/2023 4:46 PM
803	Access to pools for increased water safety and exercise is important for an aging population and so that we keep the kids safe in a waterfront community.	4/27/2023 4:45 PM
804	Really wish we had a one stop city rec center we could swim and exercise at year round that doesn't cost \$300 a month for membership	4/27/2023 4:29 PM
805	We need investment in green space and an indoor pool. I am less concerned about the Rec center though.	4/27/2023 4:29 PM
806	This would be a direct investment to the health and happiness of the children of Kirkland and is the type of areas that I prefer to see city funds going towards.	4/27/2023 4:19 PM
807	These facilities are part of what make Kirkland a great place to live! A couple of things lacking in the parks category would be off-leash dog areas and synthetic turf baseball fields.	4/27/2023 4:09 PM
808	This directly improves the livelihood of Kirkland citizens by improving their health, increasing community inclusion and interesting in trails as opposed to additional roads	4/27/2023 4:00 PM
809	Why should we have to go to other cities when we could build our own? And looking at property tax assessments and housing prices...people can afford it	4/27/2023 3:58 PM
810	We are behind other communities in these types of facilities.	4/27/2023 3:58 PM
811	We don't need this. Partner with other cities to build it.	4/27/2023 3:37 PM
812	We already have very nice park facilities.	4/27/2023 3:35 PM
813	Kirkland needs to up their game in kid activities. We don't have a ymca or any kid friendly businesses in Kirkland. It's all over rated overly expensive wine bars and coffee shops and gyms.....barf.	4/27/2023 3:18 PM
814	City relies to much on the School District facilities.	4/27/2023 3:18 PM
815	We need more community spaces as well as an affordable indoor pool option for our city.	4/27/2023 3:09 PM
816	We need to revamp trails, aquatic center is a nice to have and for the few	4/27/2023 3:05 PM

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817	It's too big. We need an indoor pool and already have enough community meeting space.	4/27/2023 3:05 PM
818	There is way too much thrown into this. I think more parks and classes are gww free at but an indoor water park doesn't make sense	4/27/2023 2:59 PM
819	Doesn't seem a priority. Would like to see more public transportation.	4/27/2023 2:56 PM
820	Kirkland seems to lack a good indoor pool facility. It would hood for all ages.	4/27/2023 2:51 PM
821	Right now my family pays for a membership in Bellevue so that we have access to a swimming pool. I would love to have that closer to home so we could swim more often!	4/27/2023 2:49 PM
822	Kirkland needs an indoor pool	4/27/2023 2:45 PM



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MEMORANDUM

To: Park Board

From: Maryke Burgess, Recreation Supervisor

Date: June 5, 2023

Subject: Celebrate Kirkland 4th of July Parade Update

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Park Board receive an update on the 2023 Celebrate Kirkland 4th of July Parade.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Celebrate Kirkland, now in its 24th year, is being produced by the City of Kirkland. Celebrate Kirkland was previously produced by the Kirkland Downtown Association (KDA). Following the 2022 parade, the KDA handed over coordination and planning efforts to the City. While the KDA is no longer leading the effort, they have continued to be heavily involved in the planning of the parade.

Celebrate Kirkland typically receives 75+ parade entries, and draws approximately 25,000 spectators to the event. The festivities include kids giveaways, honoring of veterans, and has exciting floats and parade participants representing local businesses, civic groups, non-profit organizations, clubs, musical and dance groups and more.

Staff will provide Park Board an update on the progress of the planning efforts, including a new web site, volunteer recruitment, parade route maps, selection of the parade grand marshals, and efforts made to make Celebrate Kirkland a more diverse and inclusive community event. Additionally, staff invite Park Board to select a representative to serve as a judge for the parade awards which include Best In Show, Spirit of Kirkland, Most Patriotic, and more.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Park Board

From: Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager

Date: June 7, 2023

Subject: 132nd Square Park Construction Update and Grand Re-opening Celebration

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Park Board receive an update about the construction of 132nd Square Park and the plans for the grand re-opening celebration.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

132nd Square Park has been under construction for the past two years and is nearing completion. Staff will provide Park Board an update on status of the construction of the park. Additionally, staff will share plans for the grand re-opening celebration planned for July 15, 2023.

John Lloyd

From: Kurt Triplett
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 5:34 PM
To: betsy Lewis; Penny Sweet; Toby Nixon; Jon Pascal; Neal Black; Kelli Curtis; Jay Arnold; amyfalcone@kirklandwa.gov
Cc: Park Board
Subject: RE: Potential Parks Ballot Measure

Hi Betsy – thank you for your email to me and the Council. This is good timing. I am coming tomorrow night to the SRHBT meeting to talk about each of these topics. I have a great deal of information on the PFEC recommendation and I can provide you all the latest updates on the Houghton Park and Ride. Between now and then, I do want to provide some brief answers to some of your comments.

First, thank you for taking the survey and for sharing your concerns. The Council asked that staff broadcast the survey as far and wide as possible to hear from our residents how they feel about the potential ballot measure. The results of the statistically valid survey and the community survey you took will be presented to the Council on May 16. The Council will have an entire study session devoted to the surveys and the PFEC recommendations. The Council has heard from others in the community and from the PFEC committee itself the concern over the cost of the measure and the impact of property tax increases. Others have been excited about the potential benefits and the need for new facilities with all the wait lists for park programs. The Council will be considering all of these issues carefully as it evaluates options. The Council will also have study sessions and business items on the potential ballot measure at both meetings in June. There is still plenty of time for the community to provide feedback.

On your second point – the PFEC meetings were not decision making meetings by elected officials so public meetings weren't required. But a member of the public would not have been turned away. The general public was not invited to each meeting simply because we were asking a dedicated group of volunteers to read detailed background packets, receive detailed presentations, and take field trips to different facilities and parks. However, from the beginning Council wanted the PFEC process to be transparent. Most PFEC meetings and the agendas were highlighted in "This Week In Kirkland" (TWIK) which is an email newsletter that goes out nearly 7000 Kirkland residents. TWIK announcements were often sent prior to the PFEC meetings, and summaries of the meetings were often provided in subsequent TWIK links. All PFEC materials and presentations have been posted on our website as soon as they available. The Council also received several briefings on the PFEC process over the past few months, and updates. Here is the link to the website.

<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Parks-and-Community-Services/Parks-2023-Ballot-Measure>

Regarding your third point, that SRHBT did not know the potential use of the Park and Ride, I do apologize that we have not scheduled a dedicated briefing for you on this topic. Part of the reason I am coming tomorrow is to remedy that and answer any questions. As I mentioned, all the PFEC information was posted on the website and sent out in TWIK. The potential use of the Park and Ride site was heavily discussed in those materials over the past six months. The potential use of the P&R for the aquatic center has also discussed several times as part of Council meeting agendas. So this has been out in the public domain. But again, I am sorry we did not provide SRHBT a specific presentation.

I do want to clarify that the city has not yet spent \$133,000 on permanently fencing the property. We have entered into a contract to do so, but will only spend the money if we do complete the purchase and own it. So far we have only spent several thousand to put up the temporary fencing to prevent vandalism, illegal dumping and so on while we try and complete the purchase. I can speak to this in more detail tomorrow.

Finally, thank you for your last comments on the survey, and your suggestions of what you would support. Again, the Council will take all of this into consideration over the next two months before making a final decision at the end of June.

I look forward to seeing you and the rest of the SRHBT folks tomorrow night.

Sincerely,

Kurt Triplett

From: betsy Lewis <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 4:45 PM

To: Penny Sweet <PSweet@kirklandwa.gov>; Toby Nixon <TNixon@kirklandwa.gov>; Jon Pascal <JPascal@kirklandwa.gov>; Neal Black <NBlack@kirklandwa.gov>; Kelli Curtis <KCurtis@kirklandwa.gov>; Jay Arnold <JArnold@kirklandwa.gov>; amyfalcone@kirklandwa.gov

Cc: Kurt Triplett <KTriplett@kirklandwa.gov>; Park Board <parkboard2@kirklandwa.gov>

Subject: Potential Parks Ballot Measure

CAUTION/EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the City Of Kirkland. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Kirkland City Councilmembers,

I'm writing to express my concerns about the potential ballot measure to fund parks projects identified by Kirkland Park Funding Exploratory Committee.

In the course of filling out the survey on the potential measure, I learned that the potential measure would add an estimated whopping \$400 give or take to my annual property tax bill. This is a non-expiring tax. When added to the estimated cost to me of the recently passed King County Crisis Center measure, I'm looking at a jaw-dropping increase of over \$500.00 annually to my property tax bill. I urge City Council, in the strongest possible terms, to re-think putting this request to the voters, who are still reeling from our recent property tax assessments. The King County Assessor stated that the new state law directing cities to upzone all residential parcels will increase our assessments as well.

Second, I understand from two PFEC members that all the Committee's meetings were closed to the public. Neither of these members could state to me the reason for this lack of transparency. I question whether these meetings violate state Open Government law.

Third, the City has not informed the South Rose Hill-Bridle Trails Neighborhood that the closed Houghton Park-and-Ride lot is under consideration as the site of an "aquatic center", being considered as one project to be funded by this ballot measure. Indeed, the decision by Metro to close the Park-and-Ride and the City's expenditure of over \$133,000 to fence off a property that is not owned by the City, and may never come to pass, remains shrouded in mystery.

Fourth, the survey itself forced respondents into making binary choices. I will not vote for a measure that holds hostage modest projects I would support to approving an expensive new community or aquatic center

Here's what I would support:

- Acquisition of open space
- Additional sport courts
- Increasing lifeguard hours at beaches
- Year-round restrooms at selected parks

Let's get creative and explore using existing assets to increase access to recreational swimming.

- Partner with existing privately operated pools, such as the Cyan Swim Center in Bridle Trails to offer swim classes and lap swim to Kirkland residents, rather than competing with local businesses.
- Partner with area YMCA's or other entities with existing pools. This has proved successful in some nearby communities.

- In summer, offer swim classes at City beaches. Let's not turn our backs on our Lake Washington waterfront parks. I learned to swim in Lake Washington at such classes.

Respectfully,

Betsy Lewis

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