



# **Environmental Justice (EJ) Advisory Committee Meeting #2 (Hybrid)**

Tuesday, December 16, 2025  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Address:** 400 S. Imperial Ave., Imperial, CA 92251

**Meeting Room:** EOC (Building is located North of the City Hall)

## **AGENDA**

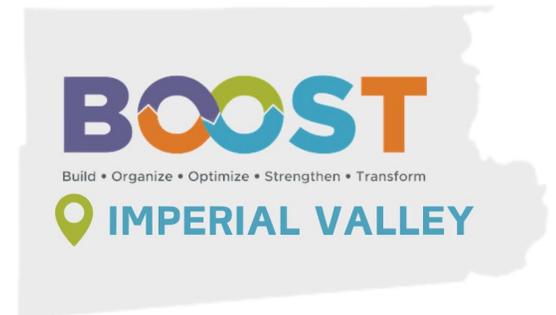
<b>TIME</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
5:30 pm	<b>Welcome &amp; Agenda Review</b>
5:40 pm	<b>Participant Introductions</b>
5:45 pm	<b>Environmental Justice Project Overview &amp; Committee Role</b>
5:50 pm	<b>Existing Conditions Report</b>
6:00 pm	<b>EJ Survey #1 Overview &amp; Large Group Discussion</b>
6:25 pm	<b>Wrap up and Next Steps</b>
6:30 pm	<b>End</b>

# The City of Imperial

## Environmental Justice Element Development

### Advisory Committee Meeting #2

Tuesday, December 16, 2025  
5:30 – 6:35 pm  
Hybrid





**Yvonne Cordero**

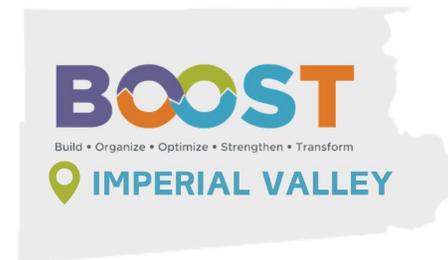
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City of Imperial



**Melissa Kuehne**

Director of Enterprise Programs  
and Special Projects,

Institute for Local Government

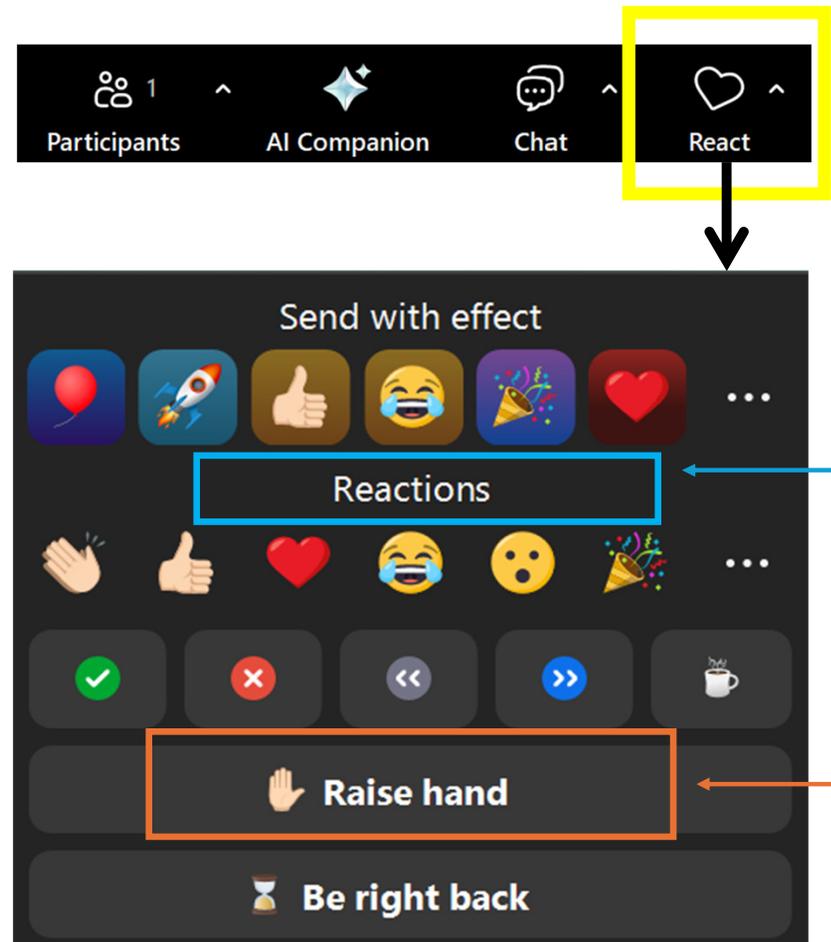


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Click **REACT** → **REACTIONS** if you want to share your reactions

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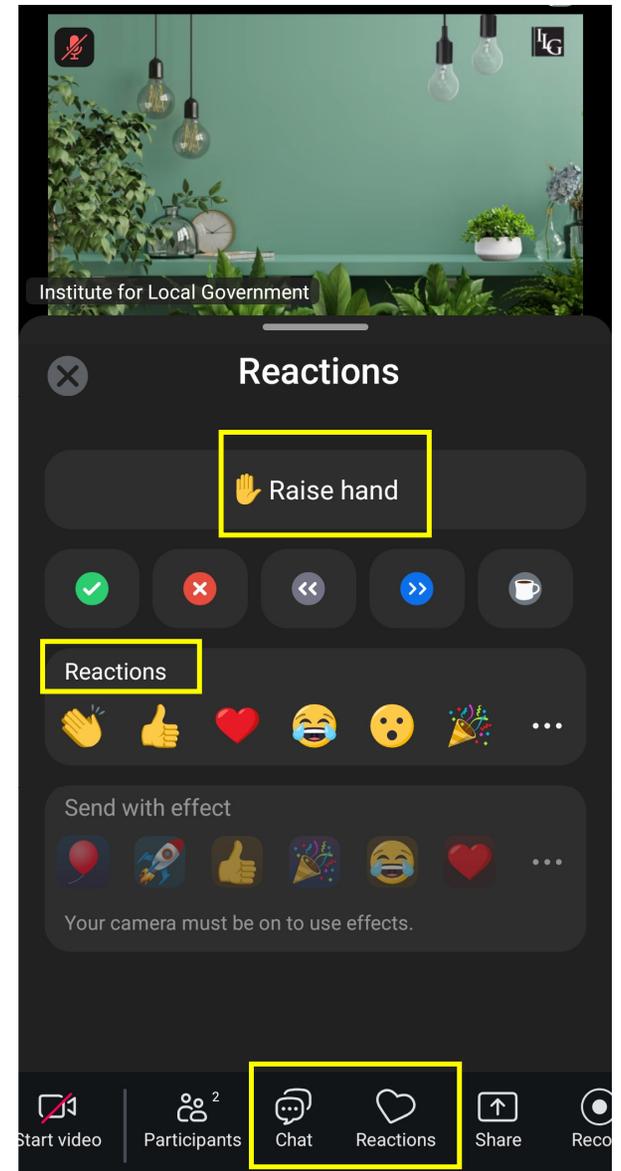
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Click **REACTIONS** to **RAISE HAND** if you would like to talk

Click **REACTIONS** if you want to share your reactions

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# AGENDA



Welcome & Introductions



Existing Conditions Report: Feedback & Reflections



Large Group Discussion: Environmental Justice Survey

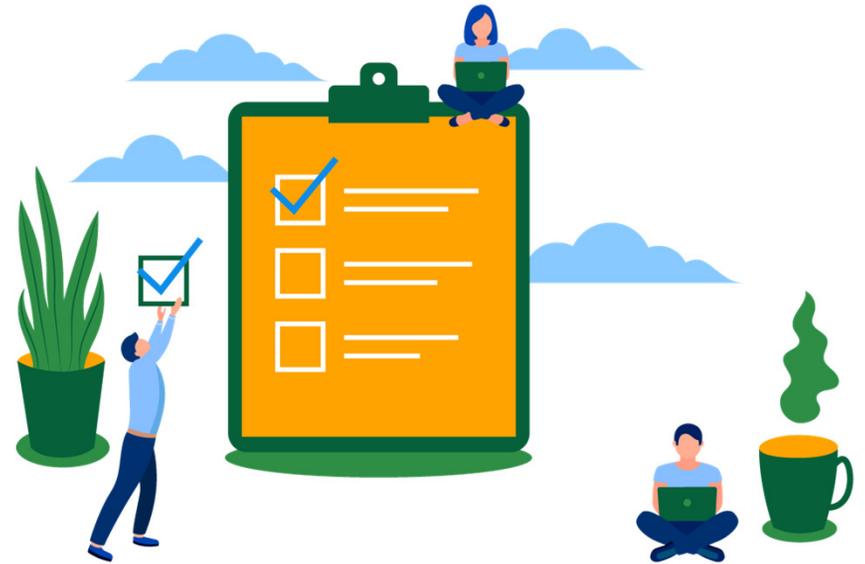


Wrap up & Next Steps

# TELL US ABOUT YOU

**Name**

Name/Who do you **represent**  
(residents, yourself  
stakeholders, nonprofit)



## WHERE WE ARE IN THE EJ DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



Existing  
Conditions  
Report



EJ Outline  
and Policy  
Framework



First  
Community  
Survey



Tabling at  
Community  
Events/  
Workshops



Advisory  
Committee

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE PURPOSE**

An informal, project-specific Advisory Committee that helps the City of Imperial to develop the Environmental Justice Element by sharing their knowledge and lived experiences

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROLE & EXPECTATIONS

- **Advises** on public engagement and outreach;
- **Helps to ensure** concerns and priorities of Imperial residents are reflected in the Draft EJ Element;
- **Reviews** the Draft EJ Element and other documents
- **Shares** lived experiences
- **Helps to promote** survey and public comment



# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROJECT TEAM



- Othon Mora, City of Imperial
- Yvonne Cordero, City of Imperial
- Hanna Stelmakhovych, ILG
- Melissa Kuehne, ILG
- Matthew Gelbman, Ascent



## EJ EXISTING CONDITONS REPORT

### PLEASE SHARE

- *Have you identified other environmental justice issues that are important to include in the EJ Element that are not in the report?*
- *Any EJ issues that stood out to you?*

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SURVEY #1

The City of Imperial wants to know:  
*How do environmental harms affect  
your household and community?*



Take the Environmental Justice Survey!

*All participants will be  
entered to win one of two  
\$50 gift cards!*

La Ciudad de Imperial quiere conocer:  
*¿Cómo afectan los daños ambientales  
a su hogar y comunidad?*



Complete la Encuesta de Justicia Ambiental  
Evaluación de las Condiciones Existentes

*¡Todos los participantes  
entrarán a la rifa de \$50!*

Link: <https://shorturl.at/MLZNI>

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SURVEY #1

## 102 PARTICIPANTS

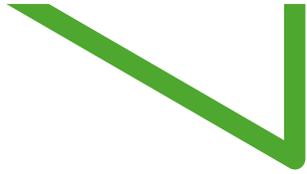
- 96% **live** in Imperial
- 57% have **income** up to \$99,000
- 5% are **youth** participants
- 66% are 26–57-year-old **adults**
- 8% are **seniors** over 77 years old
- 59% identify **Hispanic** or Latino



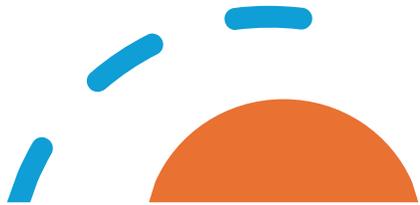
# ENVIROMENTAL JUSTICE SURVEY #1: DISCUSSION

## REVIEW & SHARE

- *What stands out?*
- *Is there anything surprising?*
- *Is there anything missing?*
- *Are there additional specific groups we need to reach?*



**QUESTIONS?**



## NEXT STEPS



Next Committee  
Meeting  
**January 20 at 5:30pm**



Visit the city's website  
for **project information**  
and materials

<https://www.cityofimperial.org/EJ>



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
*and*  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

THANK YOU



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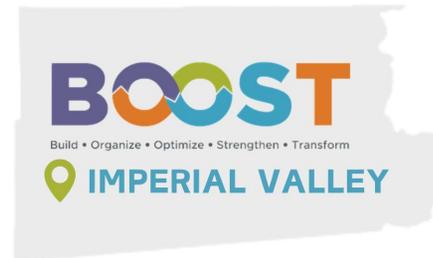


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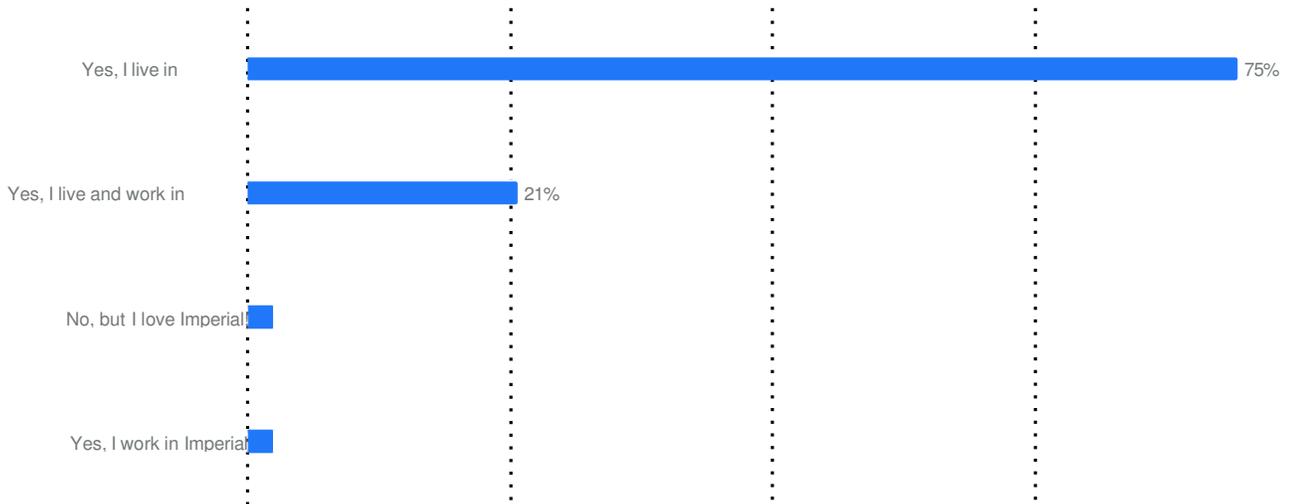
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*Promoting Good Government at the Local Level*



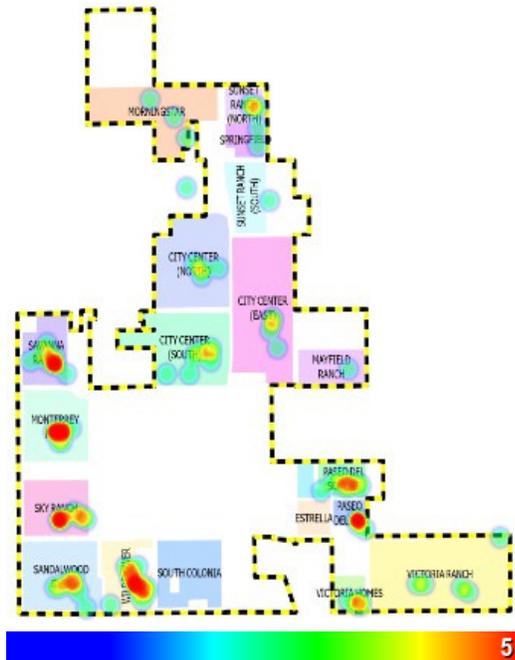
# City of Imperial Environmental Justice Survey #1

Responses: 102 (as of 12/8/2025)

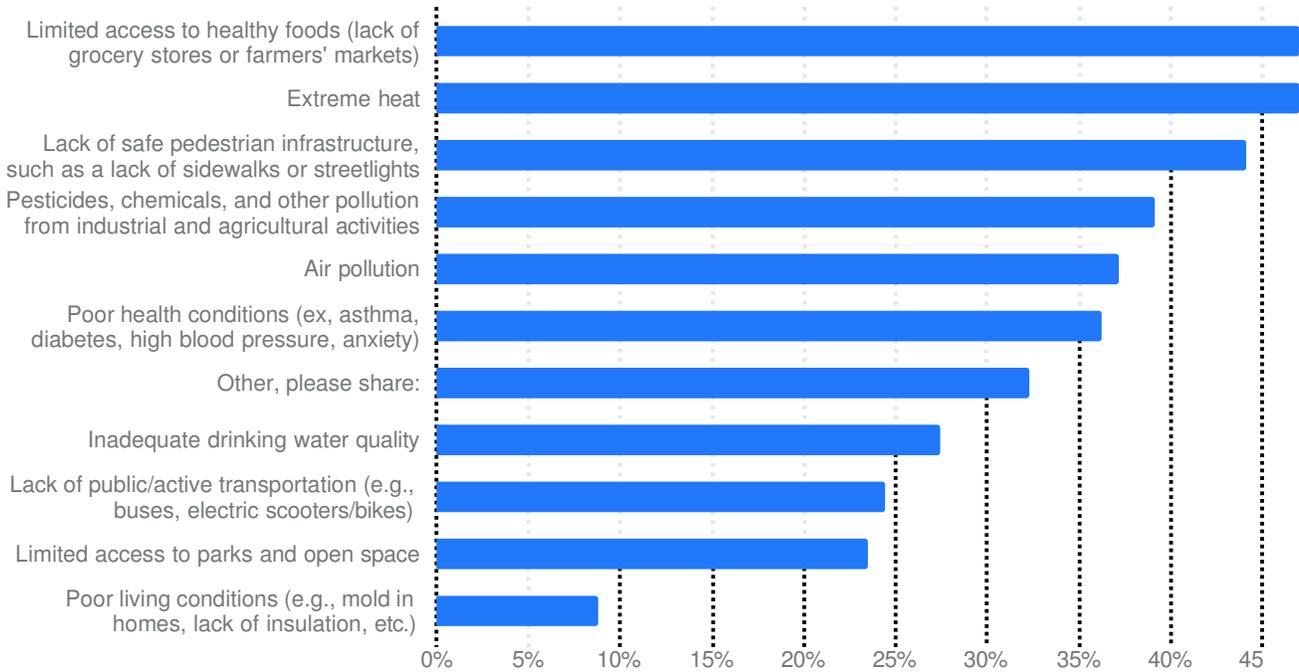
## 1. Do you live or work in the City of Imperial? 102



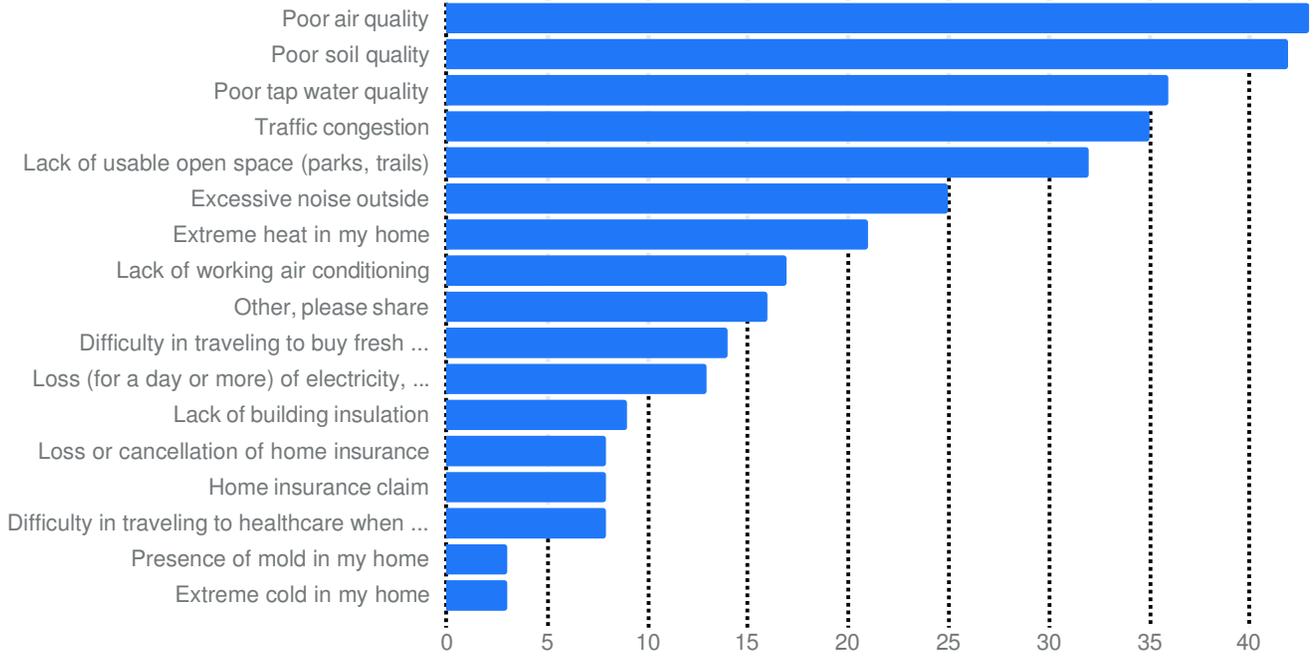
## 2. Which neighborhood do you live in?



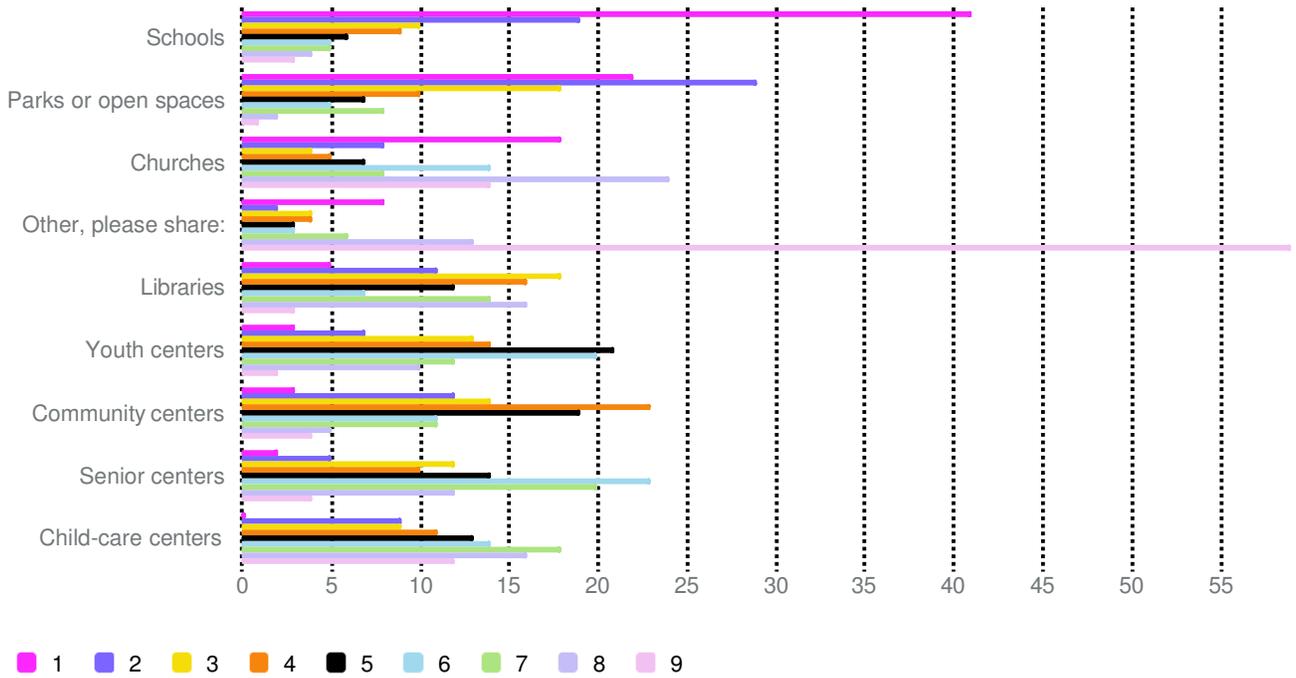
**3. Among the issues listed, which ones are your primary concerns related to the environment of your Imperial neighborhood? Check all that applies.** 102



**4. Have you or your household been affected by any of the following in the last 10 years? Check all that apply** 102



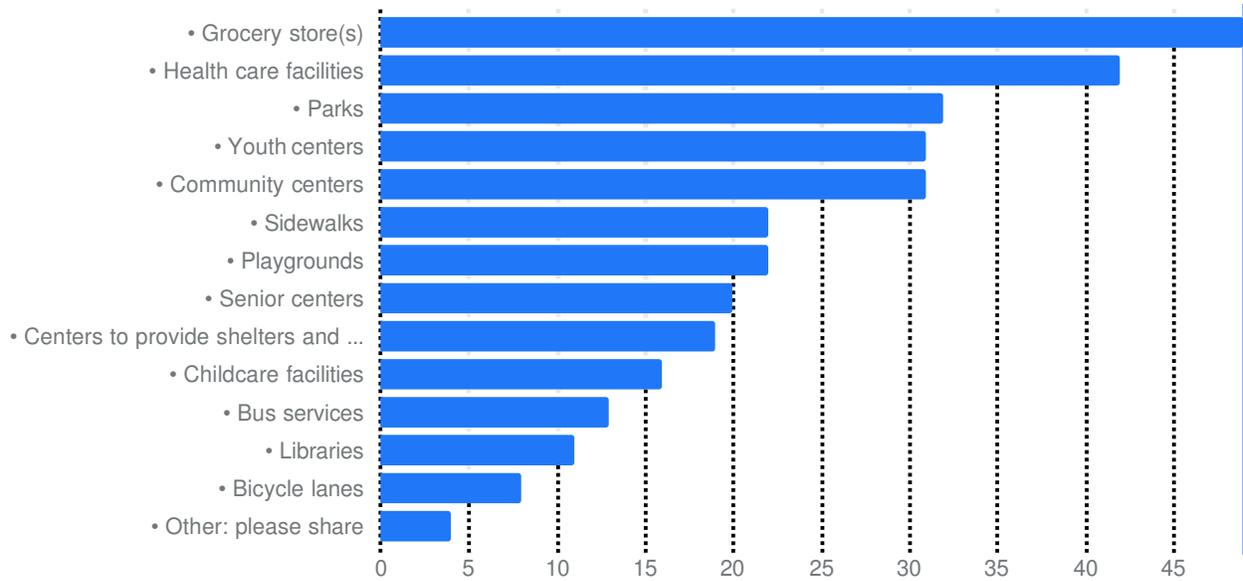
**6. What community places do you value most? Rank from most (1) to least (9) valuable.**<sup>102</sup>



**5. What community places do you value most? Drag to Rank from most (1) to I...**

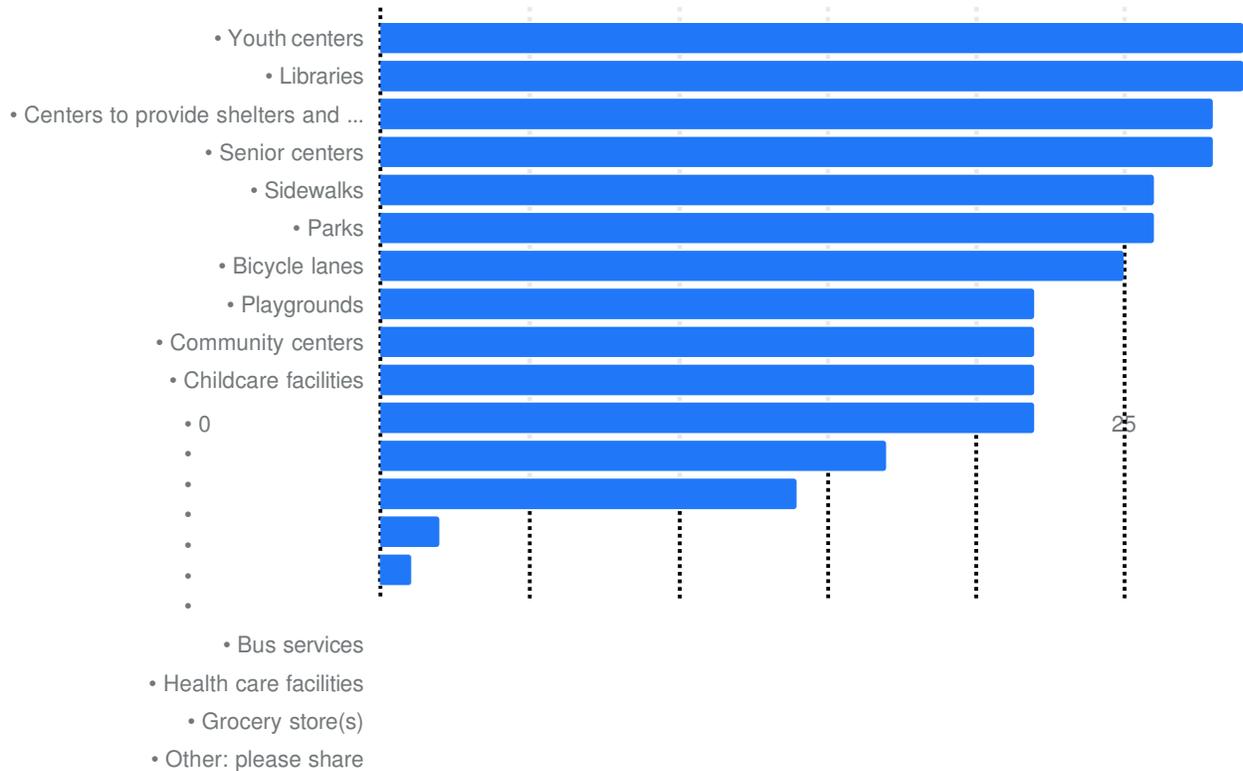
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Schools				41	19	10	9	6	5	5	4	3
Parks or open spaces				22	29	18	10	7	5	8	2	1
Churches				18	8	4	5	7	14	8	24	14
Other, please share:				8	2	4	4	3	3	6	13	59
Libraries				5	11	18	16	12	7	14	16	3
Youth centers				3	7	13	14	21	20	12	10	2
Community				3	12	14	23	19	11	11	5	4

8. Choose the ten things that are most needed in your community. Please rank them from 1 to 3, with 1 being the most needed. **Group – 1 – Most Needed** (i) 94

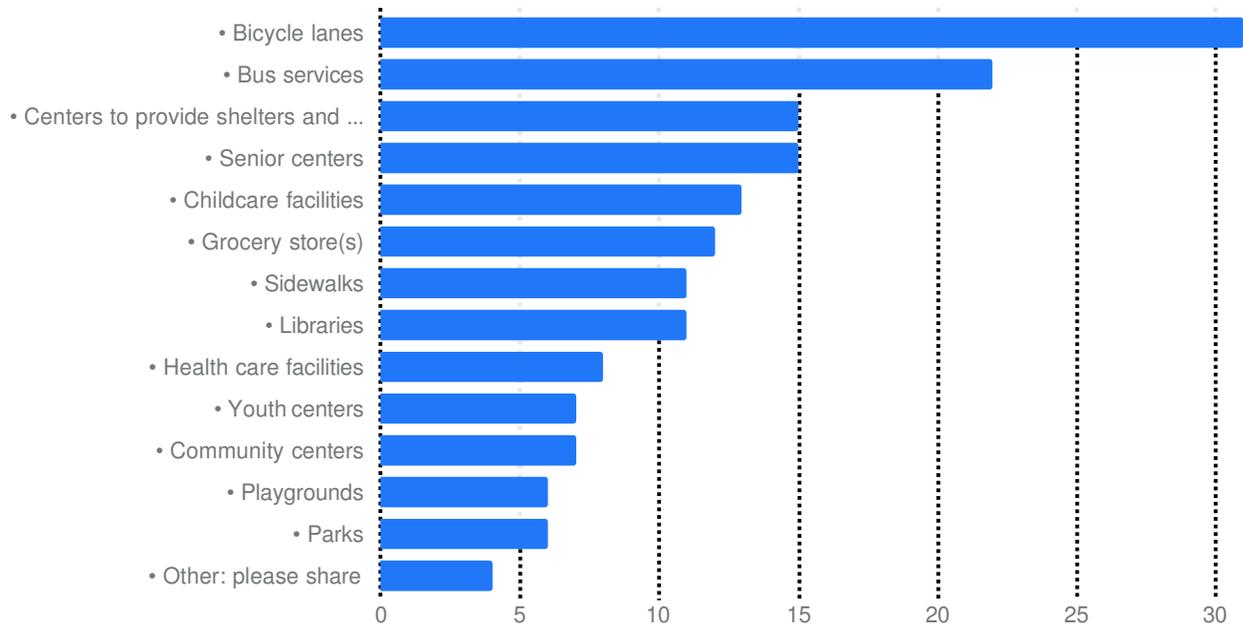


8. Choose the ten things that are most needed in your community. Please rank them from 1 to 3, with 1 being the most needed. **Group – 2 – Needed**

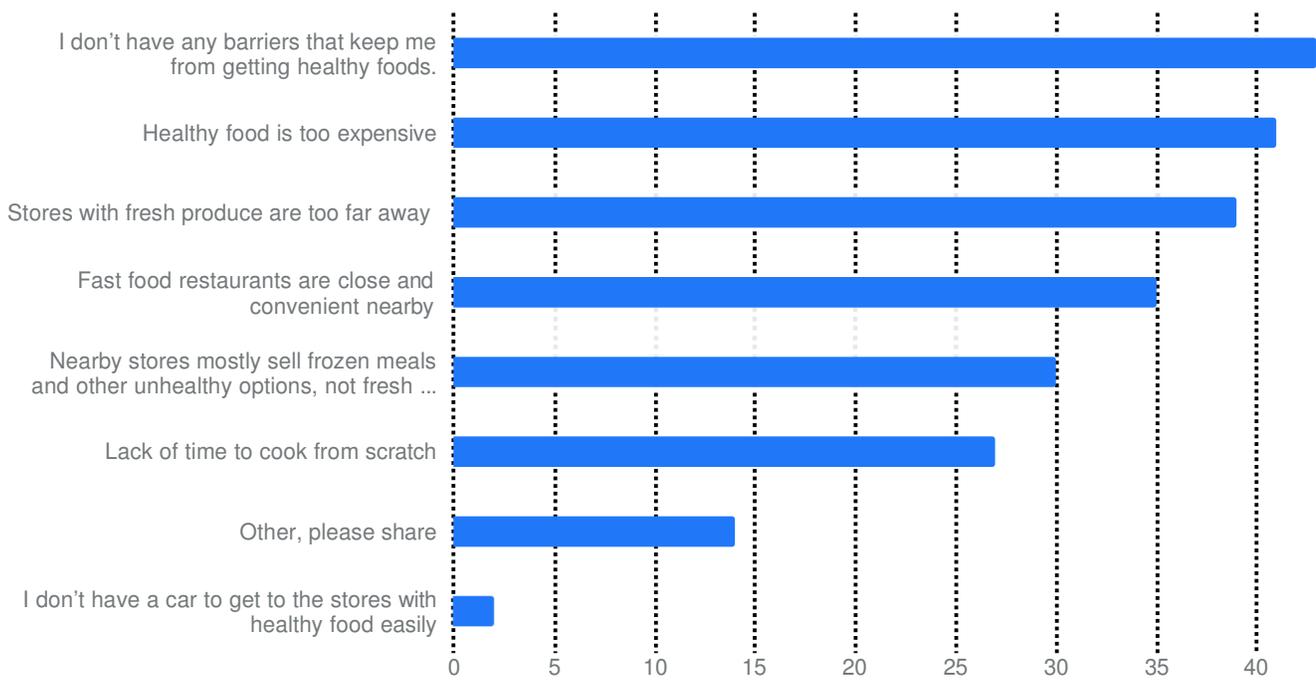
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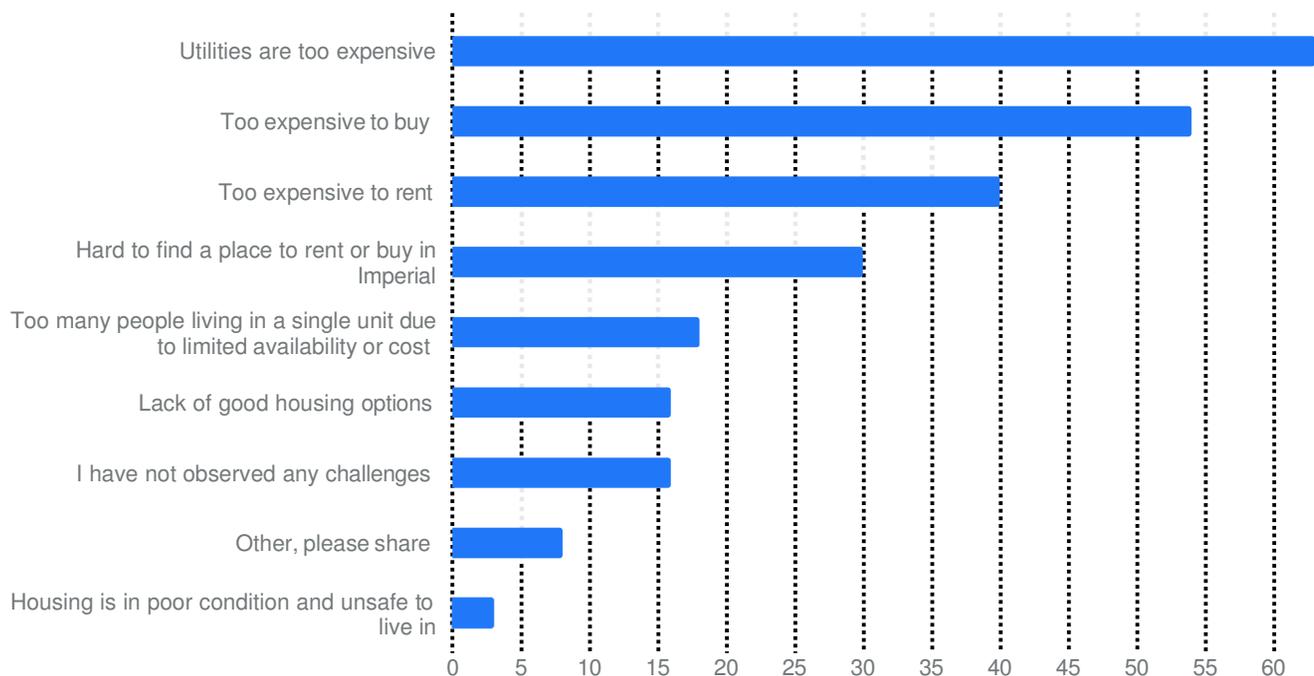
**8. Choose the ten things that are most needed in your community. Please rank them from 1 to 3, with 1 being the most needed. *Group – 3 – Least Needed*** ⓘ



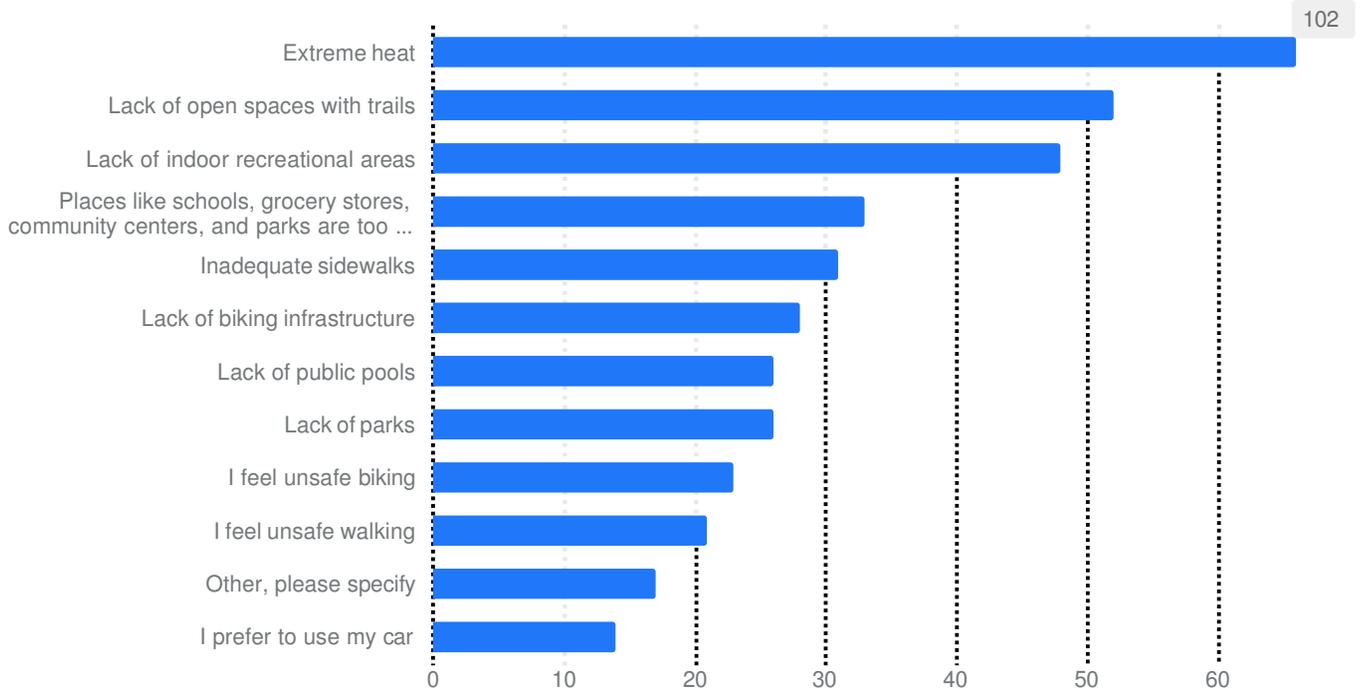
**9. Healthy food access: Choose up to five things that prevent your family from getting fresh fruits and vegetables and other healthy foods.** 102



## 10. Housing: Choose up to five housing challenges that exist in your neighborhood. 102

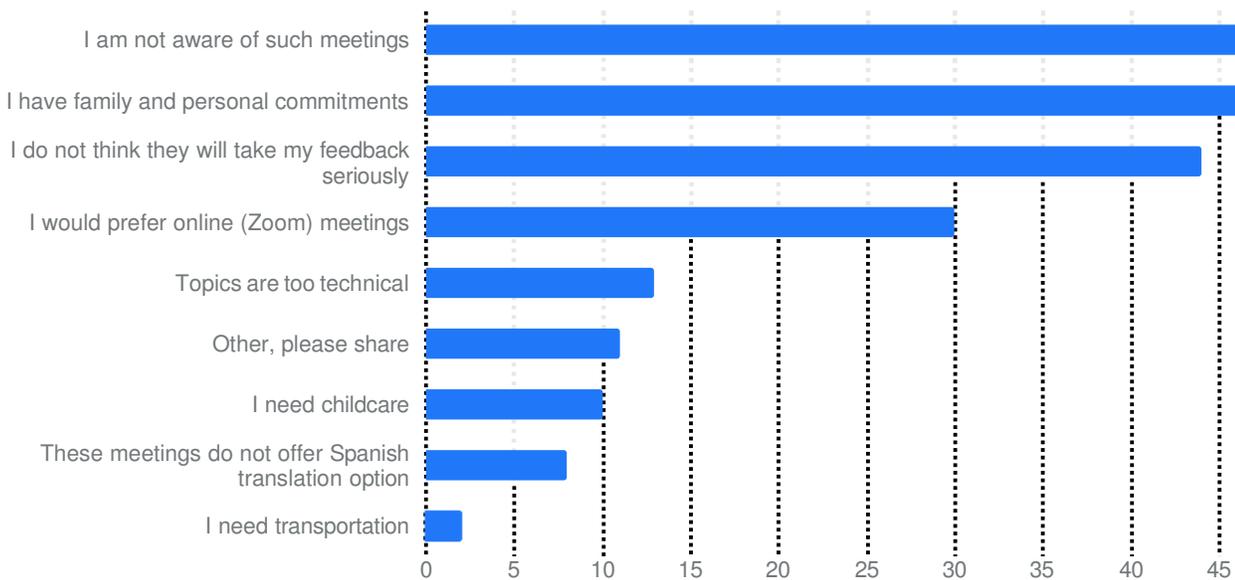


**11. Physical Activity: Choose five reasons that prevent you from walking, biking, and staying active?**

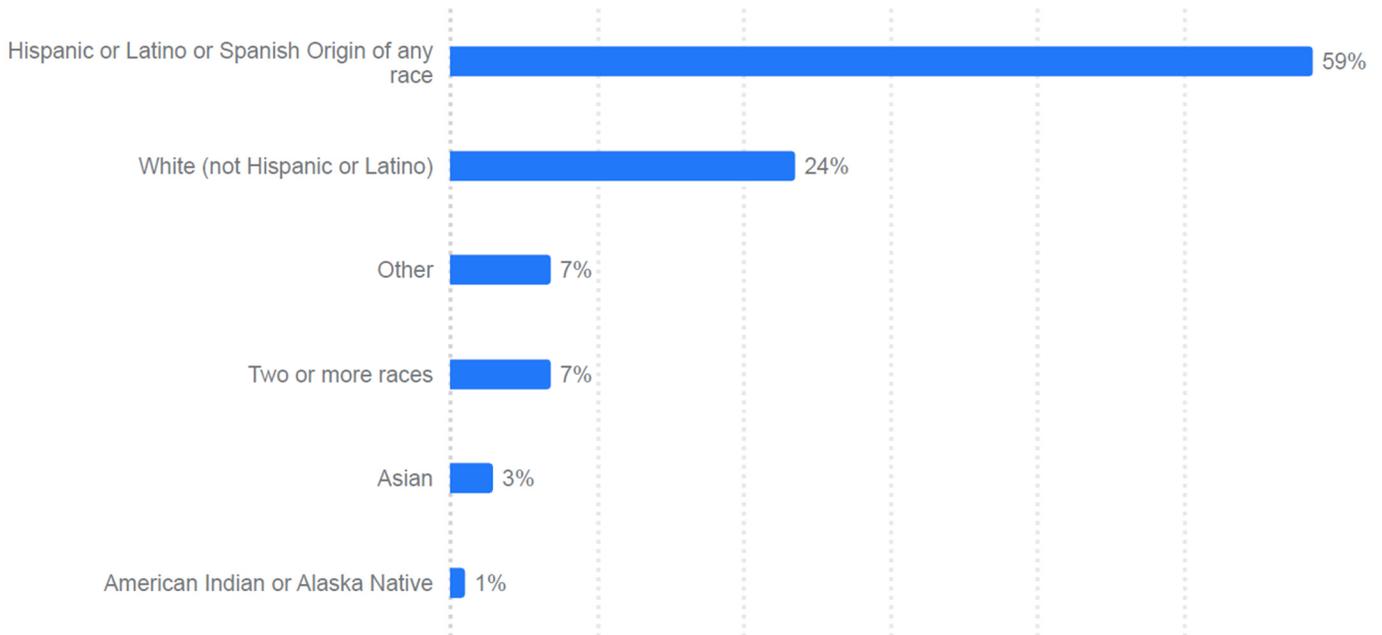


**12. Civic engagement: choose up to five things that prevent you from attending public meetings to talk about the things that could make life better or worse in your neighborhood.**

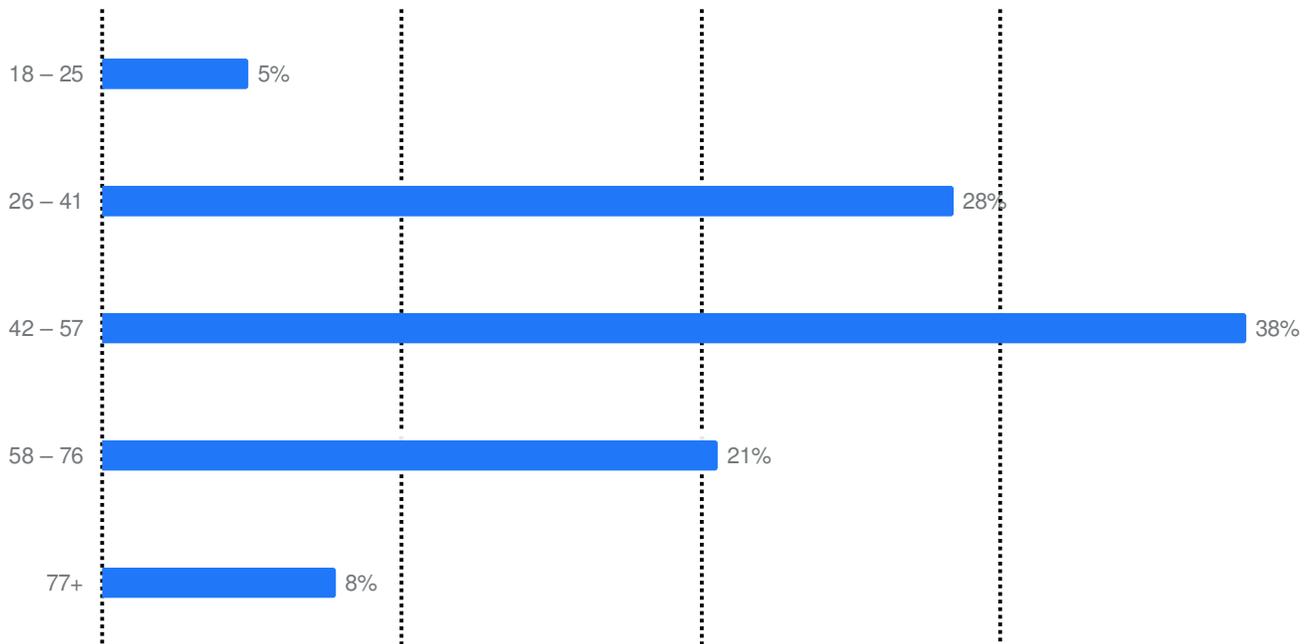
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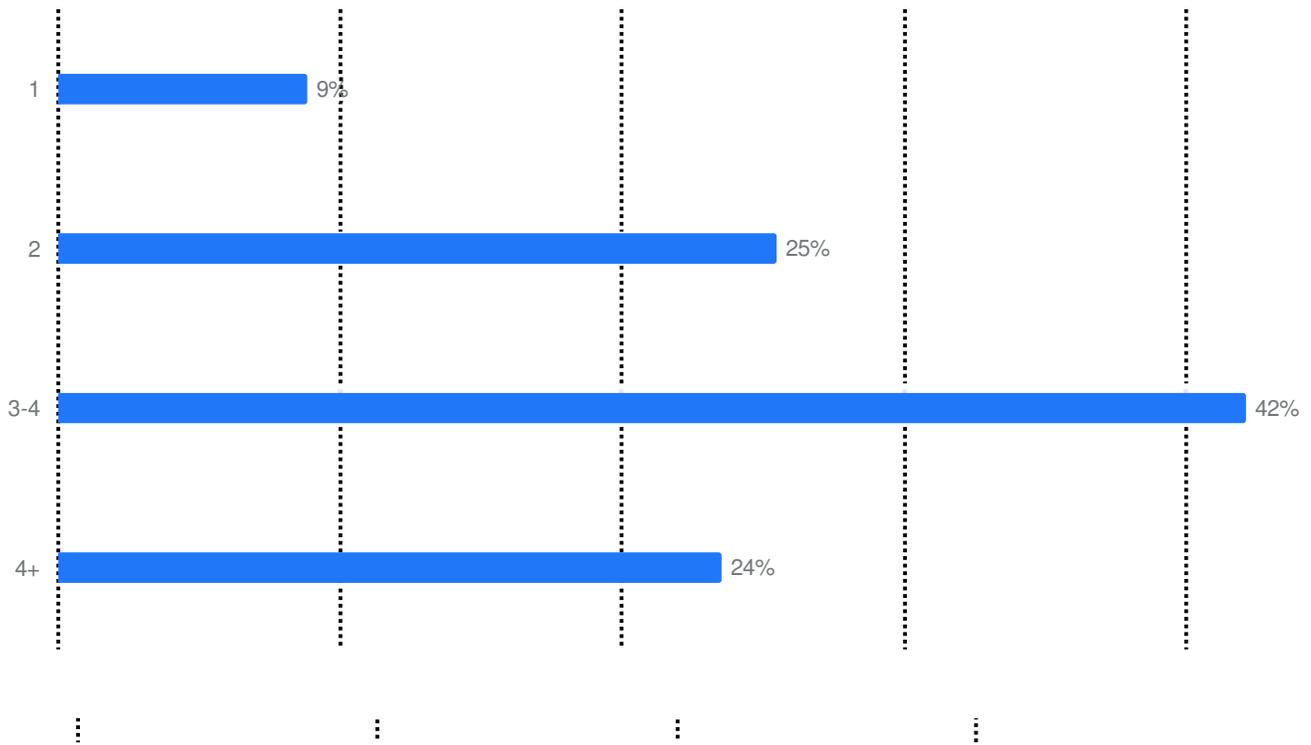
### 13. How do you identify? 102



### 14. What is your age? 102 ⓘ



16. How many people live in your household? 102 ⓘ



17. What is your annual household income? 102 ⓘ

