



Report on Public Input for Use of PG&E Settlement Funds

City Council
November 17, 2020

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Agenda

- Process Overview
- Virtual Input Meetings
- Digital Survey Results
 - Background Questions
 - Ranked Choice Survey
 - Summary of results
- Next Steps



Process Overview

- \$95 Million PG&E Settlement Funds Received July 2020
 - Assigned to Long Term Financial Policy and Audit Subcommittee (LTFPA) at July 2020 Council Goal Setting
- LTFPA Reviewed PG&E Presentations on 8/10, 9/13, and 11/12
- Virtual Input Meetings (9/24, 10/21, and 10/22)
- Community Wide Digital Survey (9/15 to 10/25)
 - Results presented to LTFPA (11/12) and City Council (11/17)

Next Steps

- 11/23/2020 – Public Safety Council Subcommittee
 - **Wildland Resiliency and Response Strategic Plan**
- 12/8/2020 – City Council Study Session
 - **Housing Investment Opportunities for PG&E Settlement Funds**
- 12/15/2020 – City Council Study Session
 - **Wildfire Preparedness, Mitigation and Resiliency projects: Proposed Uses of PG&E Settlement Funds**



Potential Uses of Settlement Funds

Fire Resiliency Unmet Needs (\$42M - \$47M)

- Public Assistance Local Match (\$1.1M)
- Fire Station 5 Rebuild (\$14.5M)
- Damaged Sidewalk Repair (\$4.1M)
- Damaged Pavement Repair (\$24M)
- FEMA Ineligible Costs and Disallowances (\$1M - \$5M)
- Vegetation Management One-time Costs
- Hazardous Tree Removal
 - Public Right of Way
 - Open Space
 - Private Property



Potential Uses of Settlement Funds, cont.

Operational Needs

- GF Reserves Restoration and Stabilize Structural Deficit (\$10M - \$40M)
- PERS UAL Payment for Pension Cost Relief – Still Evaluating

Community Needs

- Renewal Enterprise District Seed Money (\$10M)
 - Jump Start Affordable Housing in Downtown
- Roseland Library (\$1M - \$10M)



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Input Collection

- **Emails and Letters**
- **Meetings with Employee Groups**

- **Digital Survey** – available in English and Spanish

- **3 Community Meetings**
 - September 24 – fire survivors of Coffey Park neighborhood area and fire-impacted mobile home communities
 - October 21 – fire survivors of the Fountaingrove, Hidden Valley, Montecito, and Oakmont neighborhood areas
 - October 22 – all Santa Rosa Community Members



Outreach for Input Collection

- 2 news releases gaining print, digital, radio, tv news coverage
- Multiple bilingual posts across all City social media platforms w/Facebook paid promotions
- Announcement in City Connections e-newsletter (x3 issues)
- Paid bilingual ad placement in La Voz
- Website: srcity.org/2017FiresSettlement
- Direct outreach to fire survivor block captain/organized groups



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Virtual Community Meetings



Virtual Community Input Meeting #1

September 24 - Fire survivors of Coffey Park neighborhood area & fire-impacted mobile home communities

Attendees: 23

"We can't burn down again. We need to do whatever we can to not let that happen."

"We all gave and we just want Coffey Park to be made whole. We just need the City to finish that last mile."

"Need to create a reimbursement process for those who didn't want to wait 3 years & took money out of their rebuilding insurance to repair sidewalks that were damaged."



Virtual Community Input Meeting #2

October 21 - Fire survivors of the Fountaingrove, Hidden Valley, Montecito, and Oakmont neighborhood areas

Attendees: 14

"Until every last thing is addressed and fixed from the fires, the funds shouldn't be used for anything else."

"Actions should be taken sooner rather than later to use the funds to make repairs -- we've waited 3 years already ."

"The areas impacted by the fires 3 years ago don't feel like Santa Rosa. Those areas need to be restored back to the lush green Santa Rosa neighborhoods like before".



Virtual Community Input Meeting #3

October 22 - Citywide

Attendees: 42

"Complete land acquisition for the SE Greenway."

"Please prioritize affordable housing as your number one consideration "

"We need more resources in SW Santa Rosa. We still don't have a library. It's been 15 years since community members began asking for one."

"We must invest in vegetation management in our wildland urban interface or all of these others needs like housing, infrastructure, etc, will be for not. "

"The City must invest in fiber optic installation to the premises in the City."



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Digital Survey

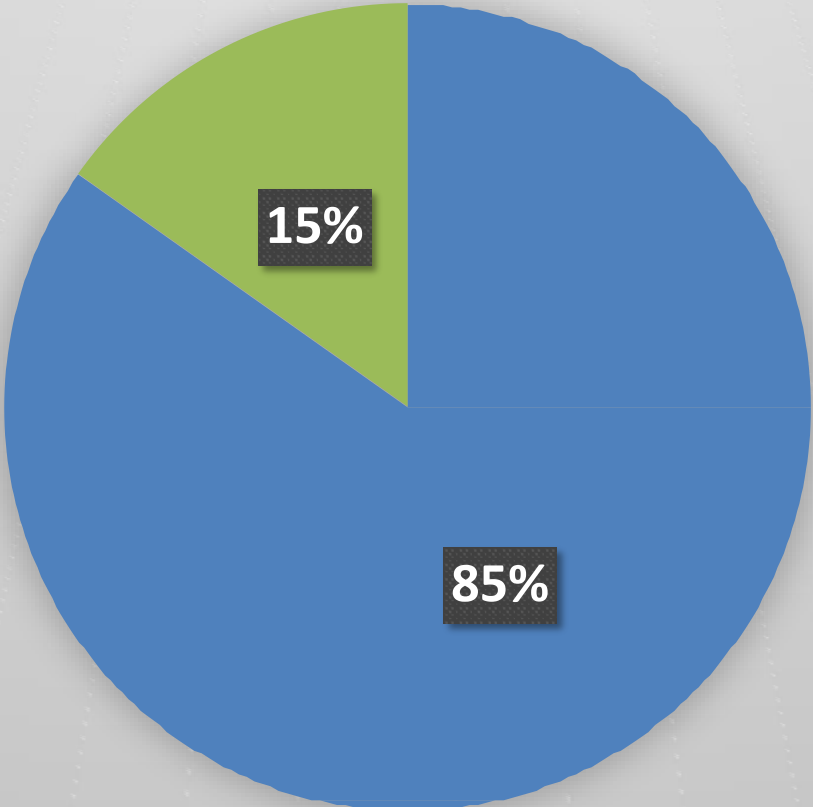


Digital Survey

- **Responses Collected:** September 15 to October 25
- **Total Respondents:** English Survey: 3,025
Spanish Survey: 32

Did you reside within the Santa Rosa city limits during the October 2017 wildfires?

Total Responses: 3,025

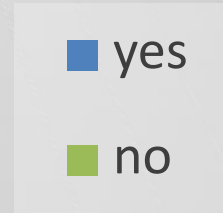
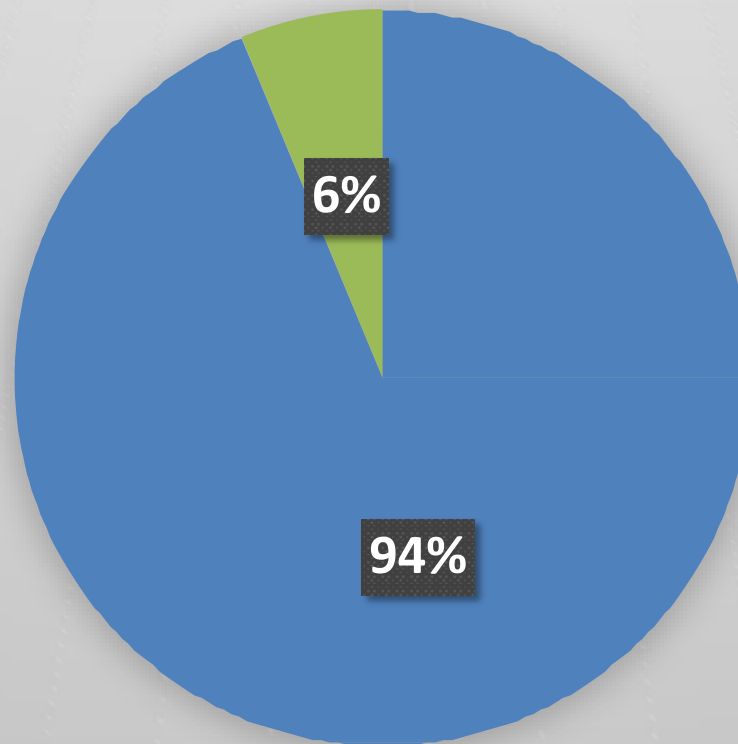


- yes
- no

SPANISH SURVEY RESPONSES

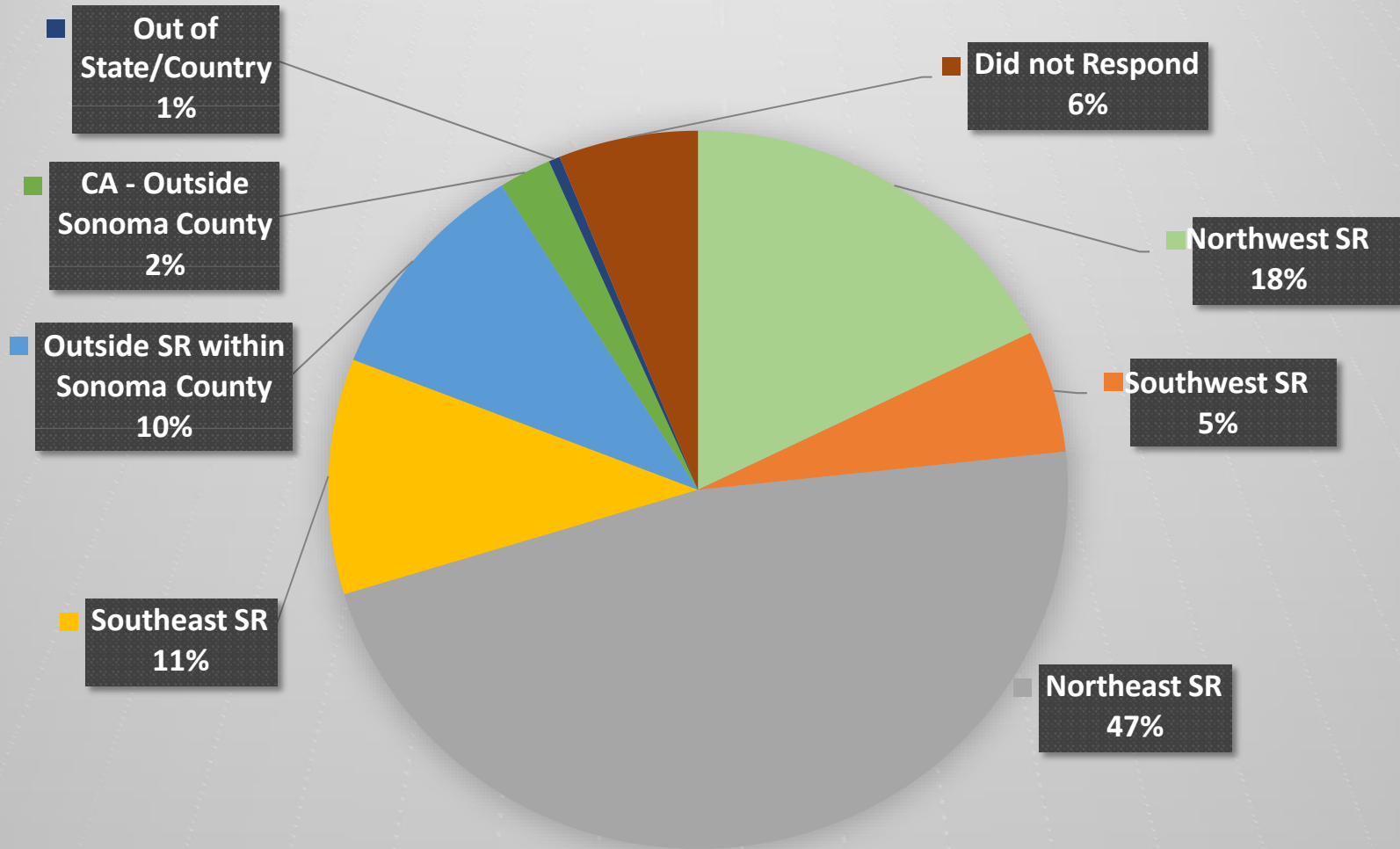
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Survey Respondents Current Area of Residence

3,025 Surveys



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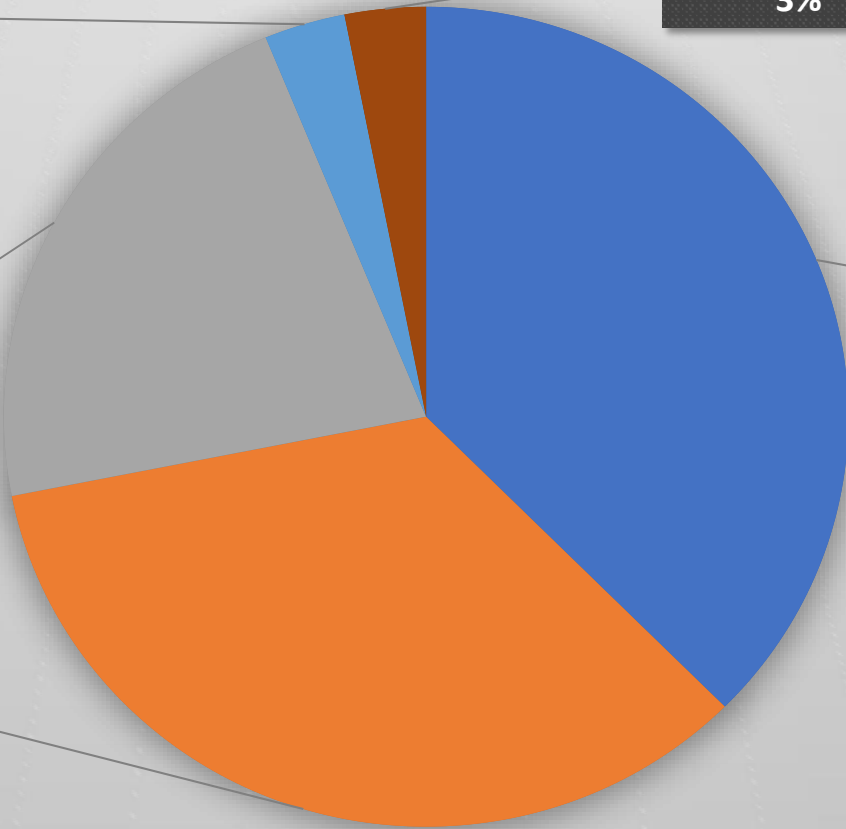
Outside SR within
Sonoma County
3%

Did not Respond
3%

Northeast SR
22%

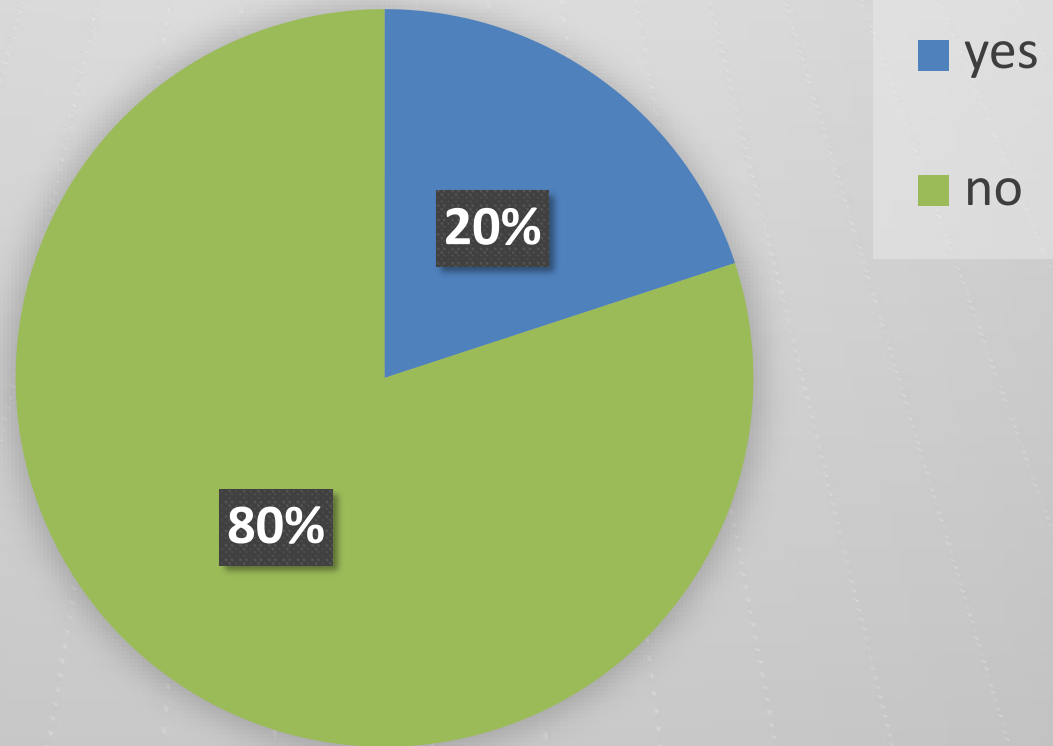
Northwest SR
38%

Southwest SR
34%



Was your Santa Rosa home or business destroyed or fire damaged in the 2017 wildfires, or did a family member perish in the 2017 wildfires?

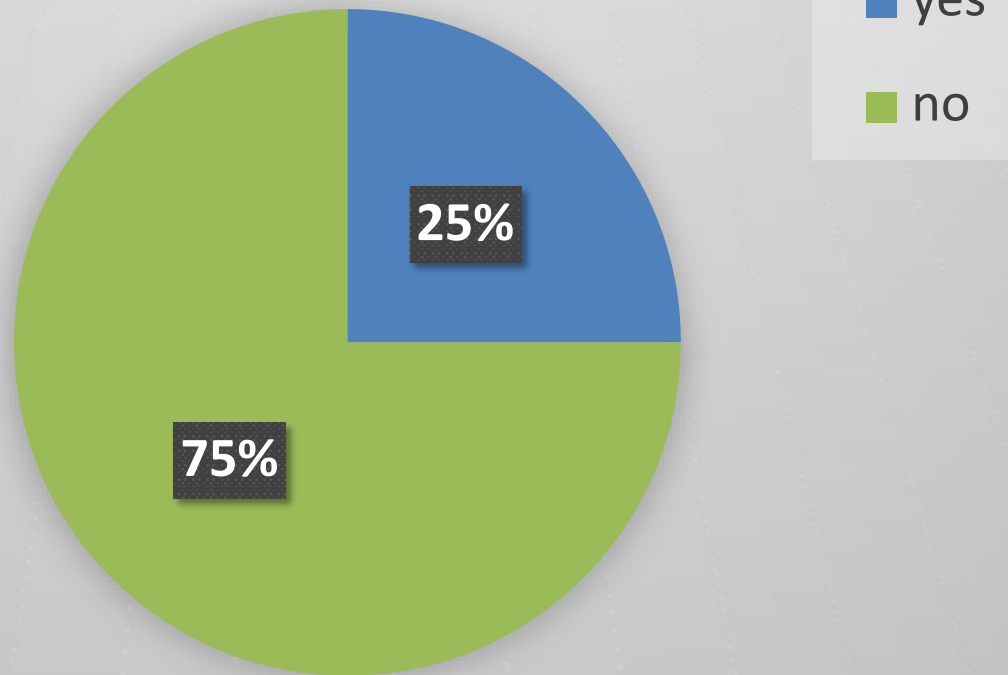
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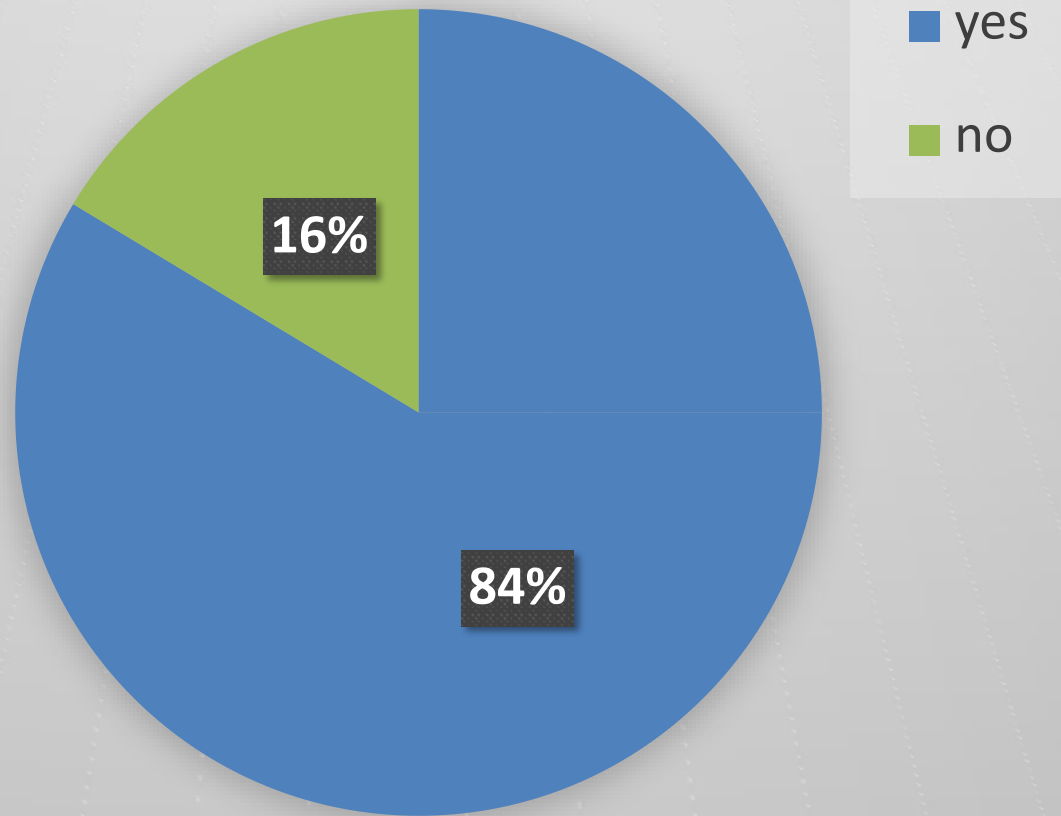
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Do you currently reside within the Santa Rosa city limits?

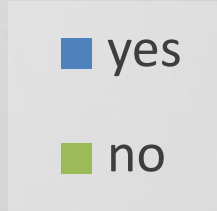
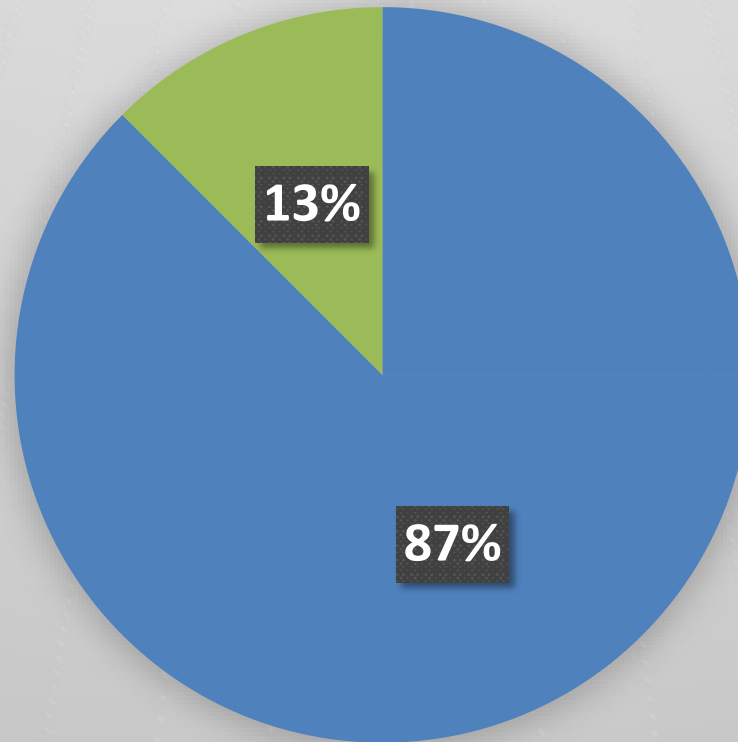
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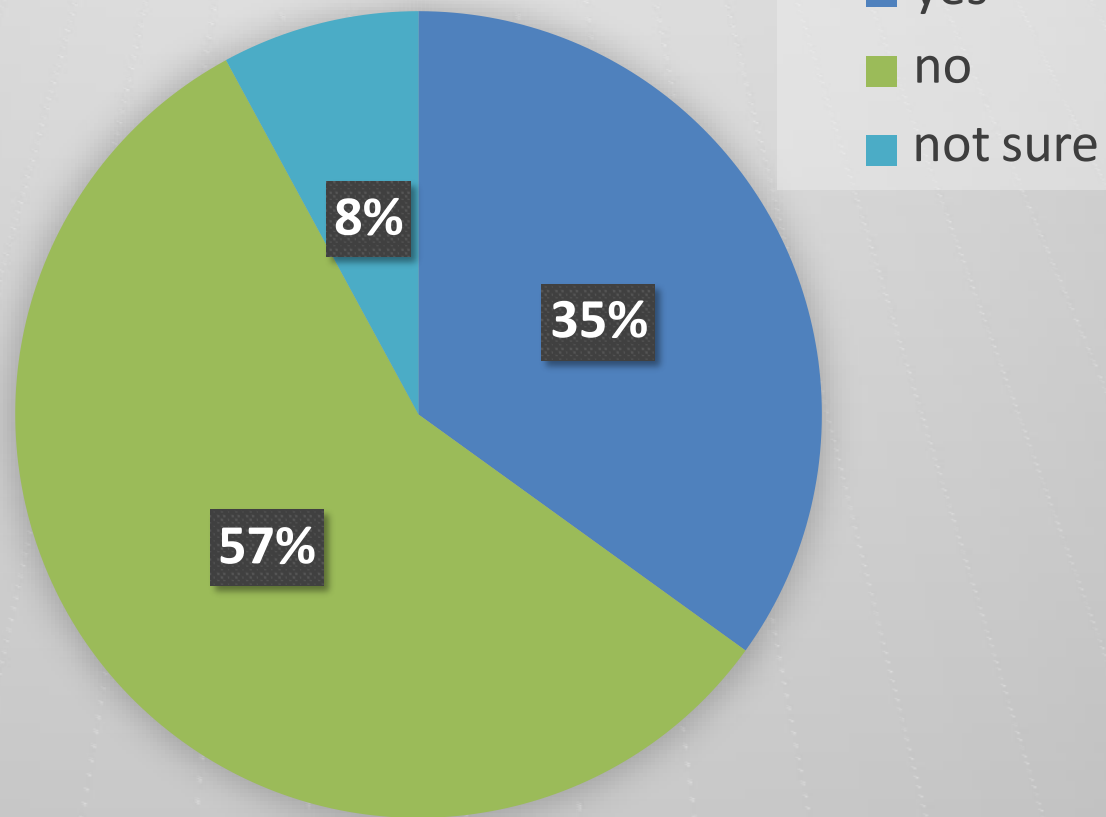
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Total Responses: 32



Do you live within Santa Rosa's high-wildfire risk areas, Wildland Urban Interface?

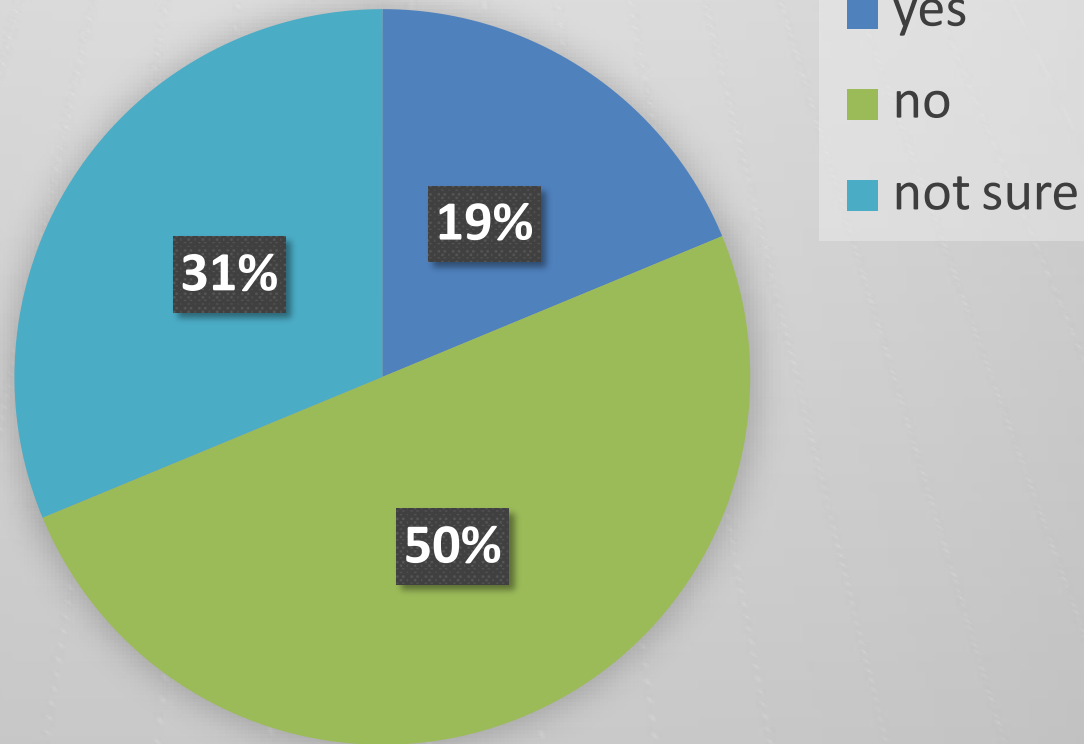
Total Responses: 3,016



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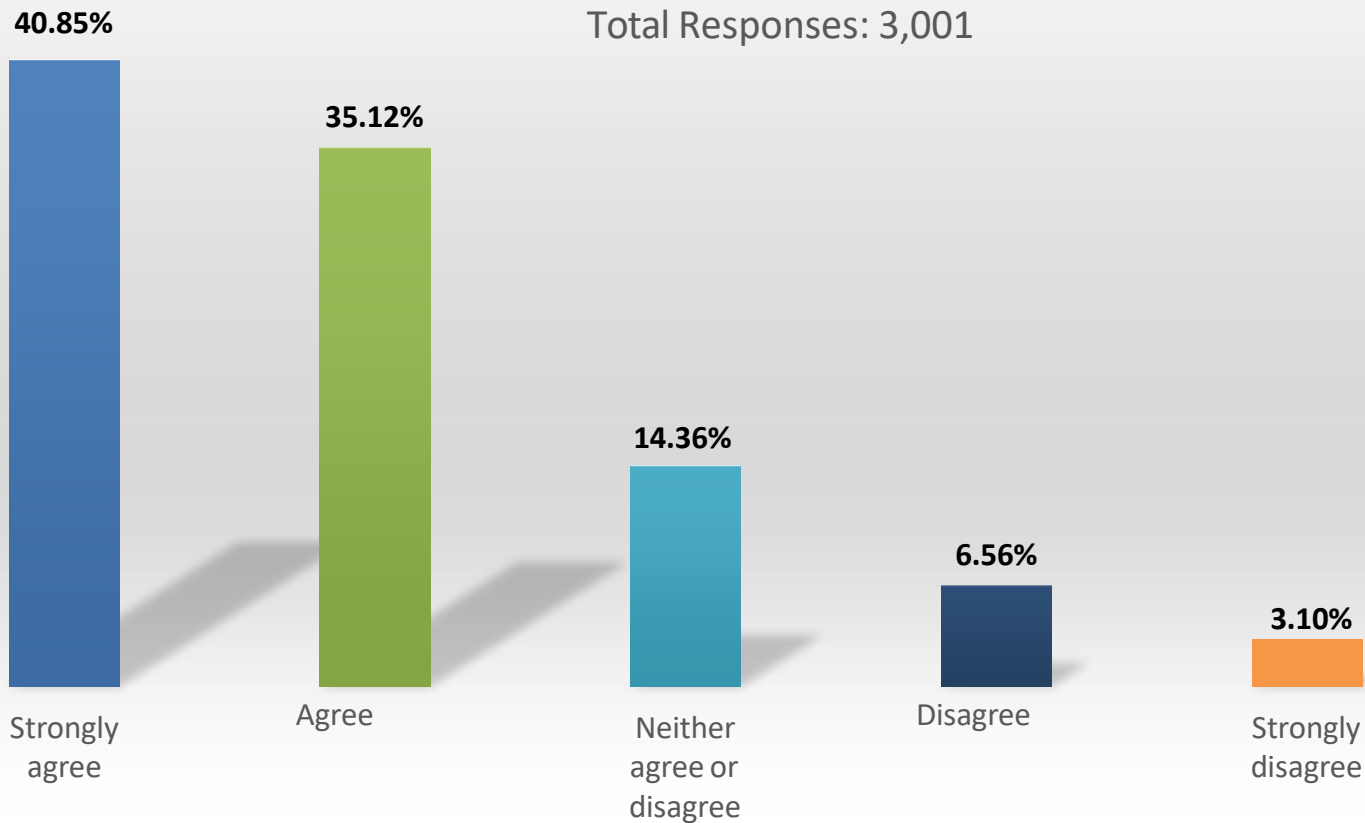
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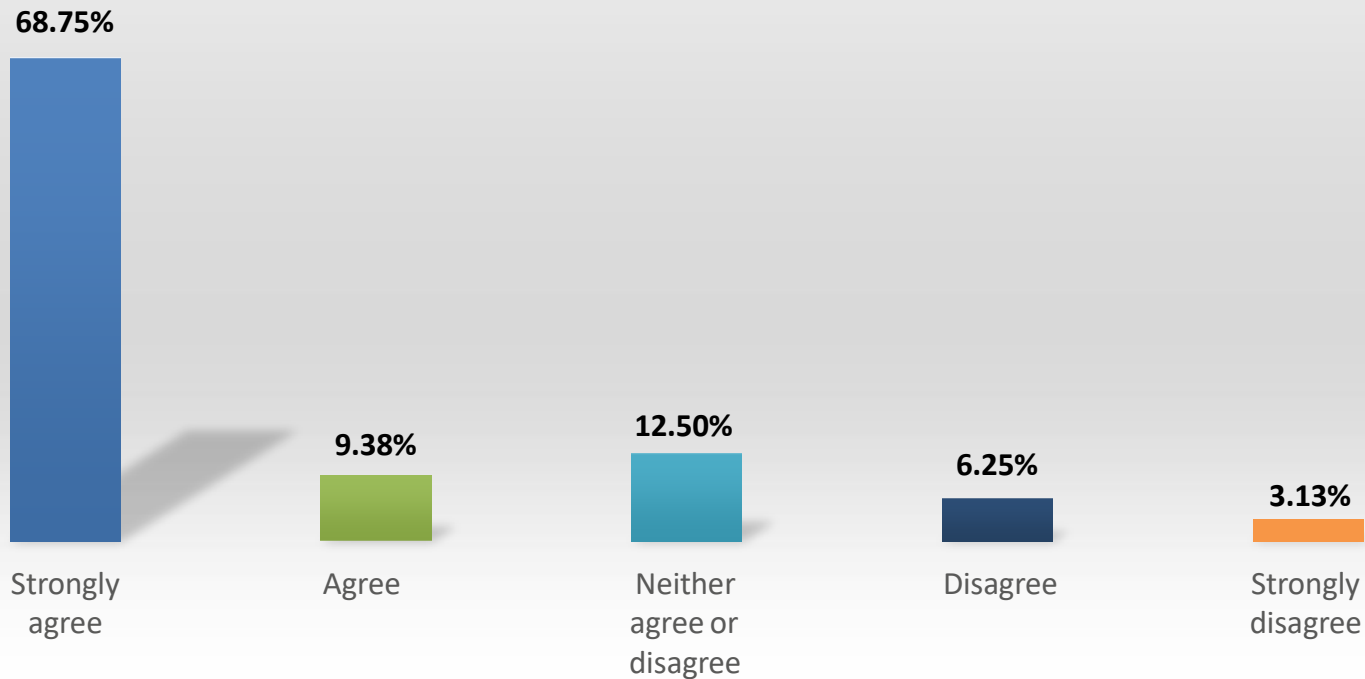
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Total Responses: 32



Vegetation Management/Fuel Reduction in Santa Rosa's High-Wildfire Risk Areas (Wildland Urban Interface)

Total Responses: 2,994

58.78%



Strongly agree

30.53%



Agree

6.35%



Neither agree or disagree

2.44%



Disagree

1.90%

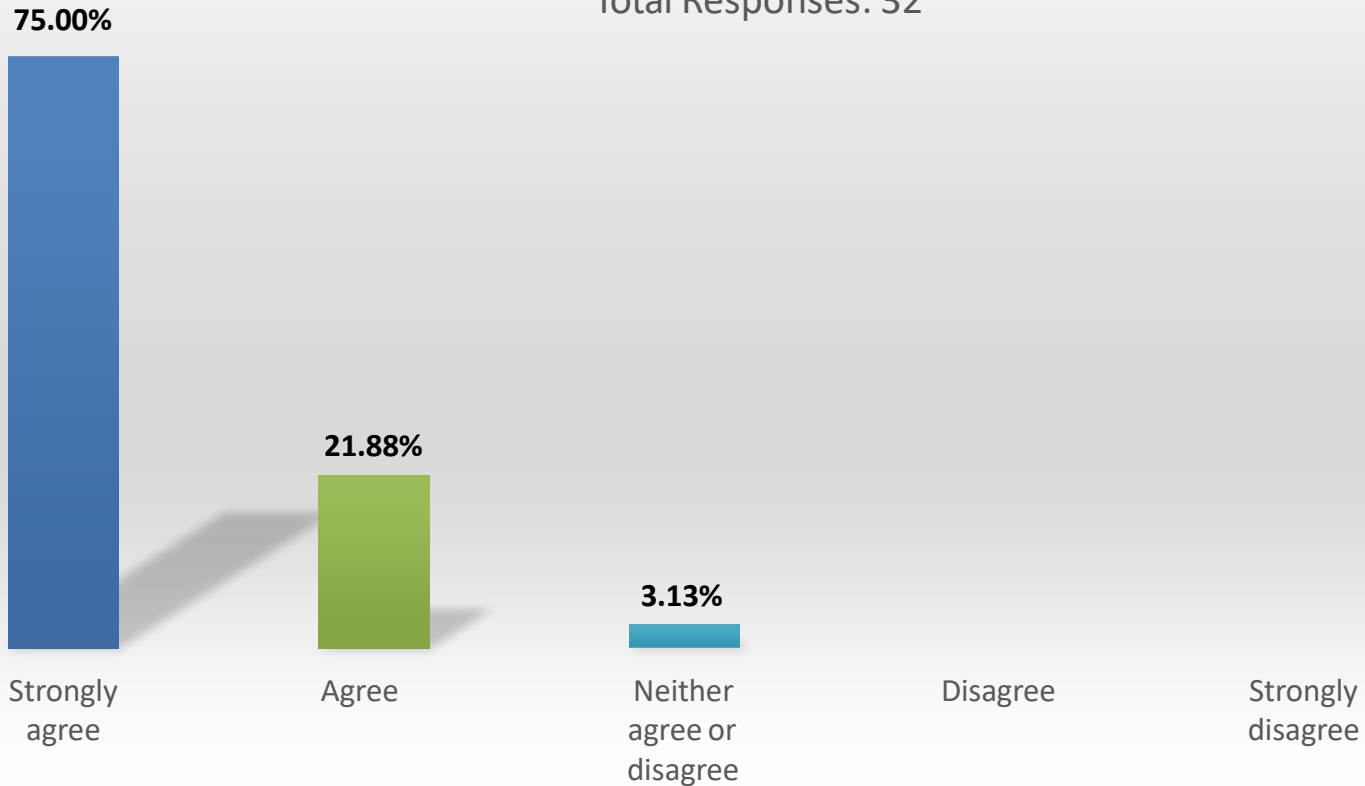


Strongly disagree

SPANISH SURVEY RESPONSES

Vegetation Management/Fuel Reduction in Santa Rosa's High-Wildfire Risk Areas (Wildland Urban Interface)

Total Responses: 32



Evacuation Route Construction & Improvements in the Wildland Urban Interface Areas

Total Responses: 2,970

36.13%



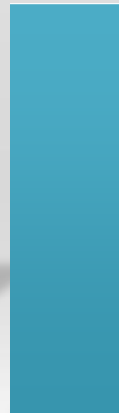
Strongly agree

32.86%



Agree

20.94%



Neither agree or disagree

6.90%



Disagree

3.16%

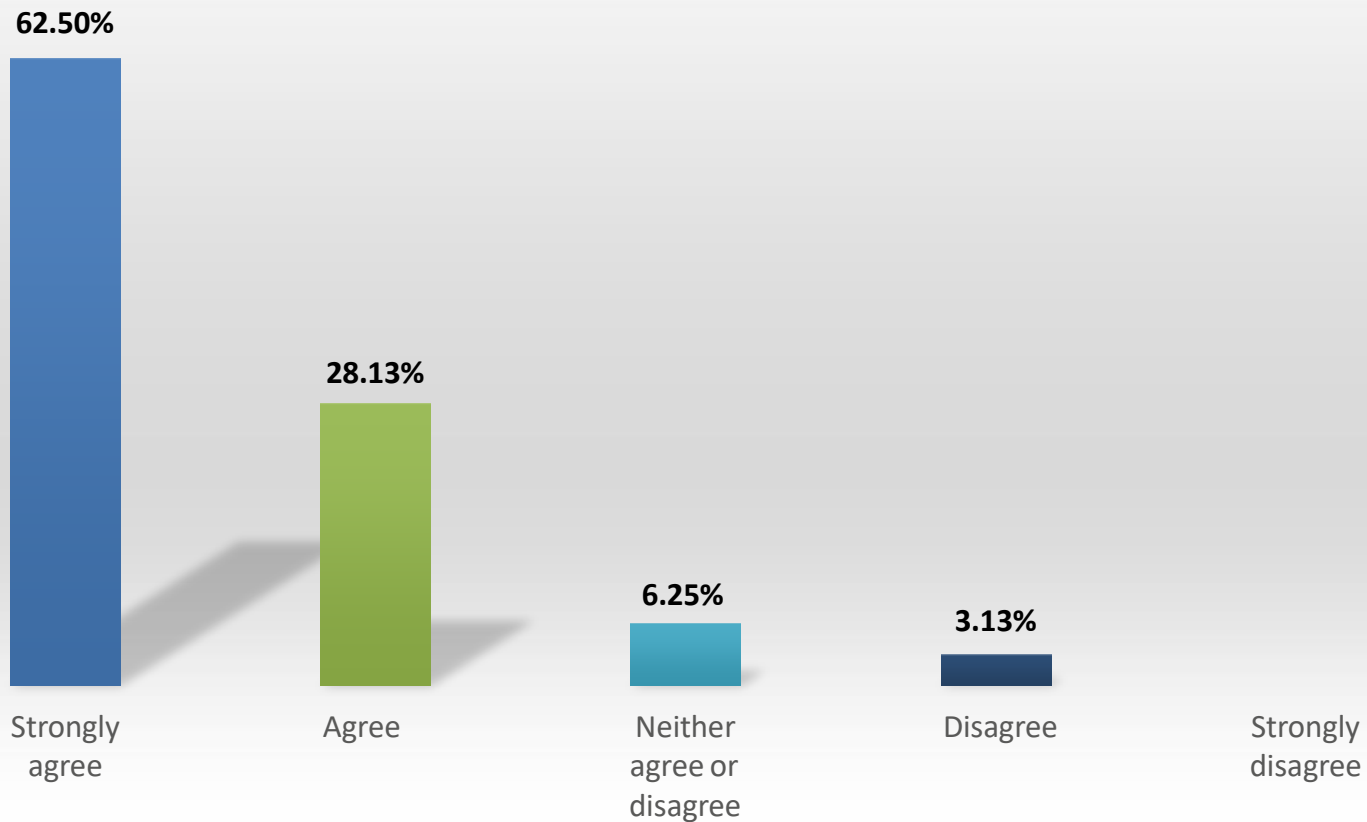


Strongly disagree

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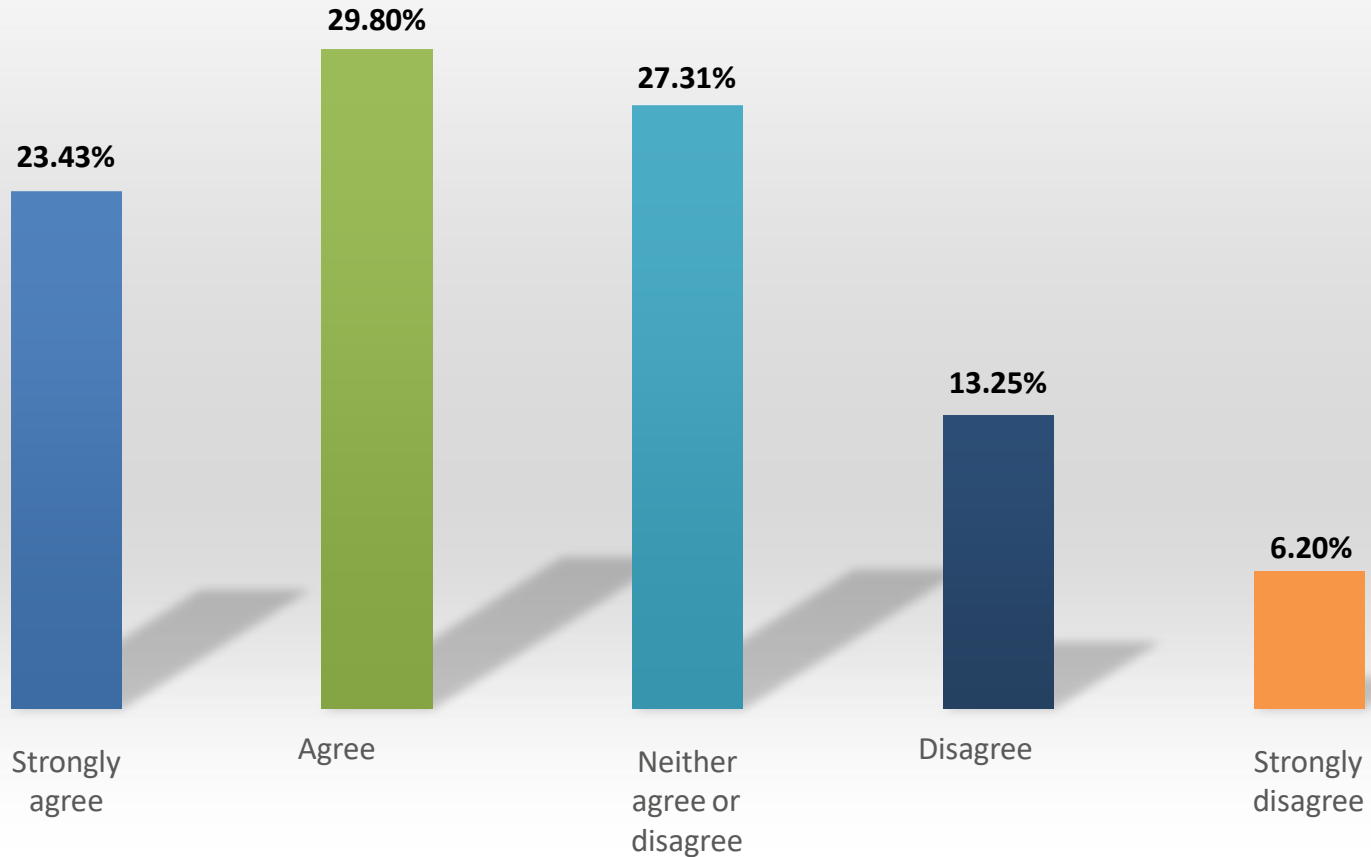
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Home-Hardening Incentive/Assistance Programs (To Make Structures More Defensible to Fire)

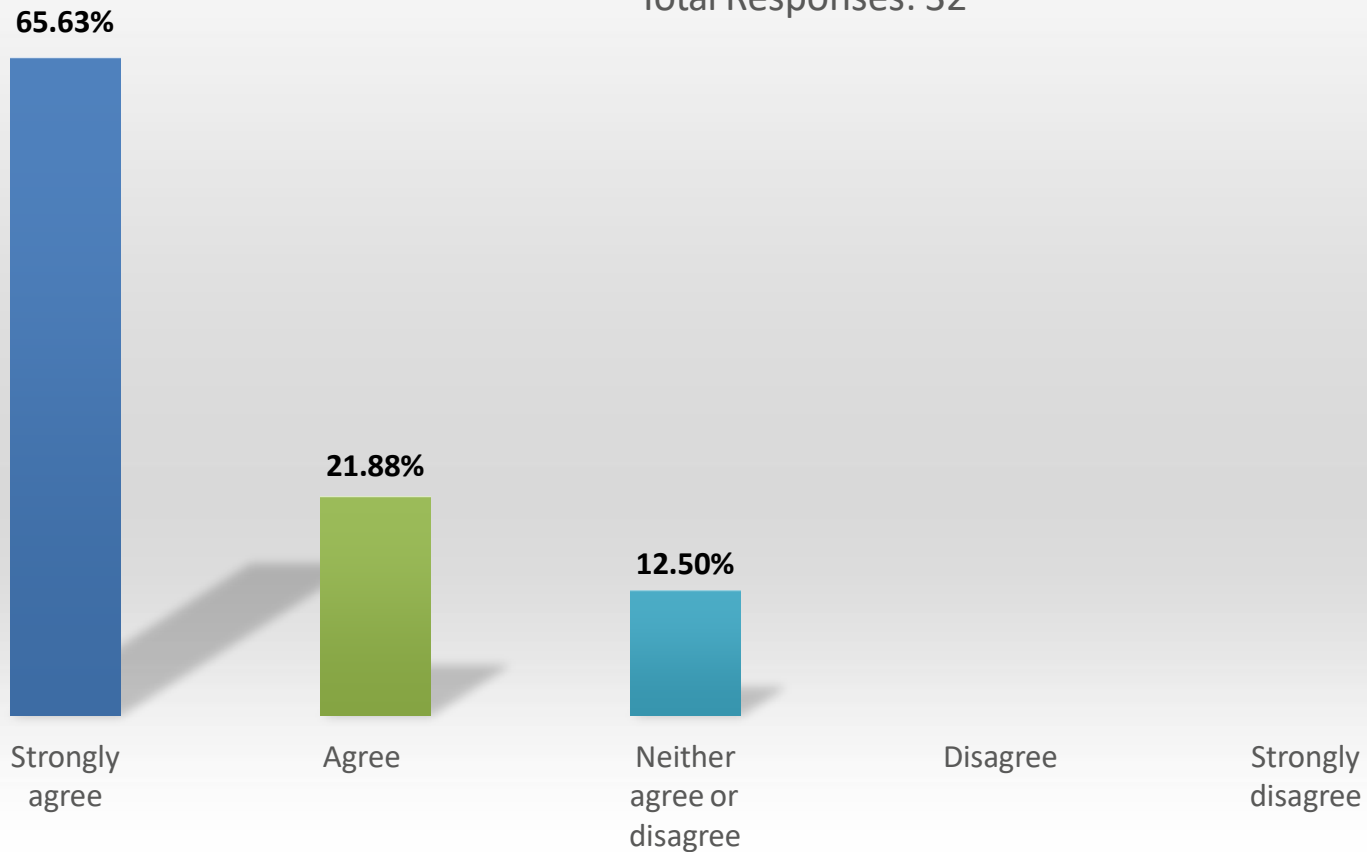
Total Responses: 2,966



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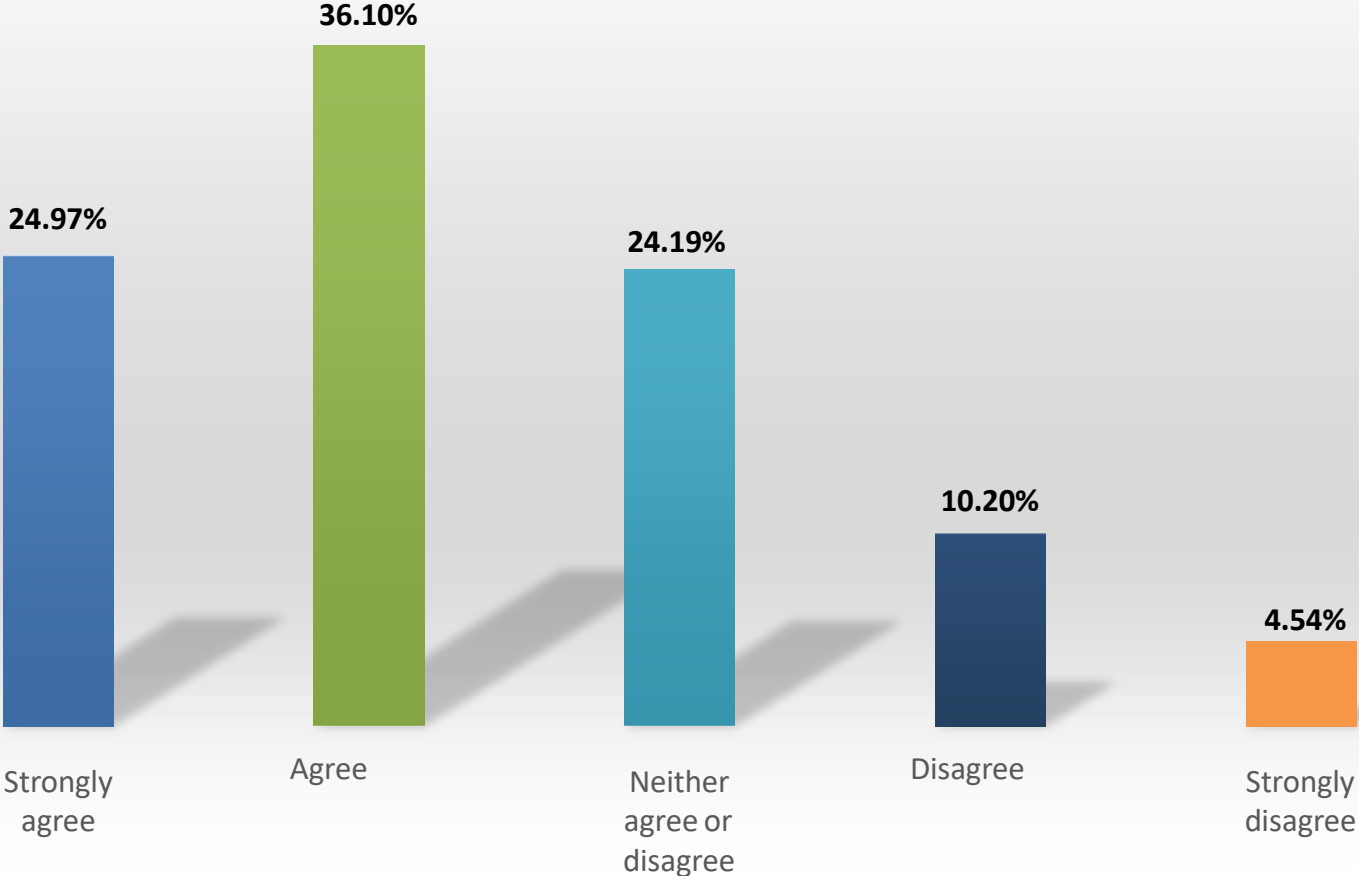
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Wildfire Readiness & Emergency Preparedness Community Education

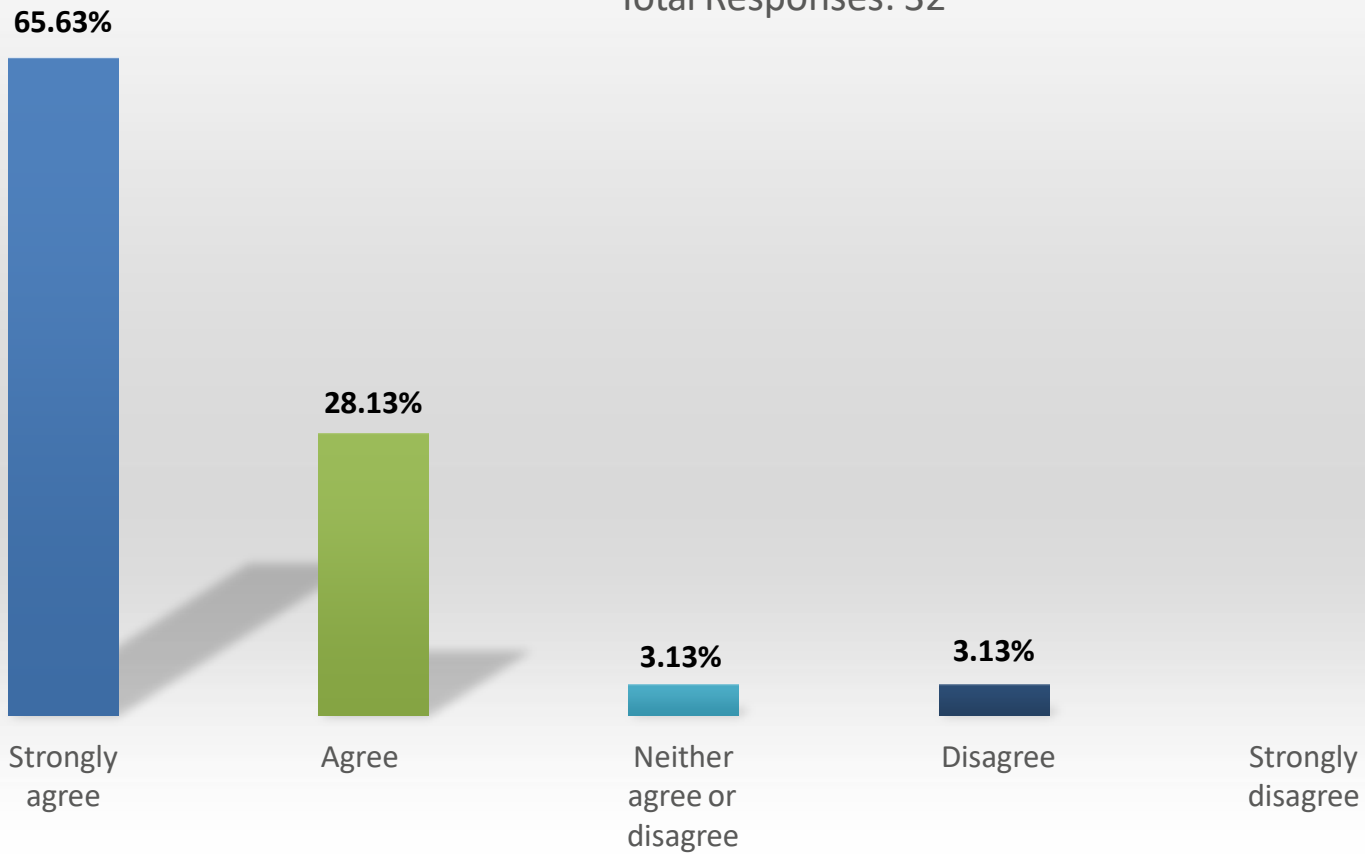
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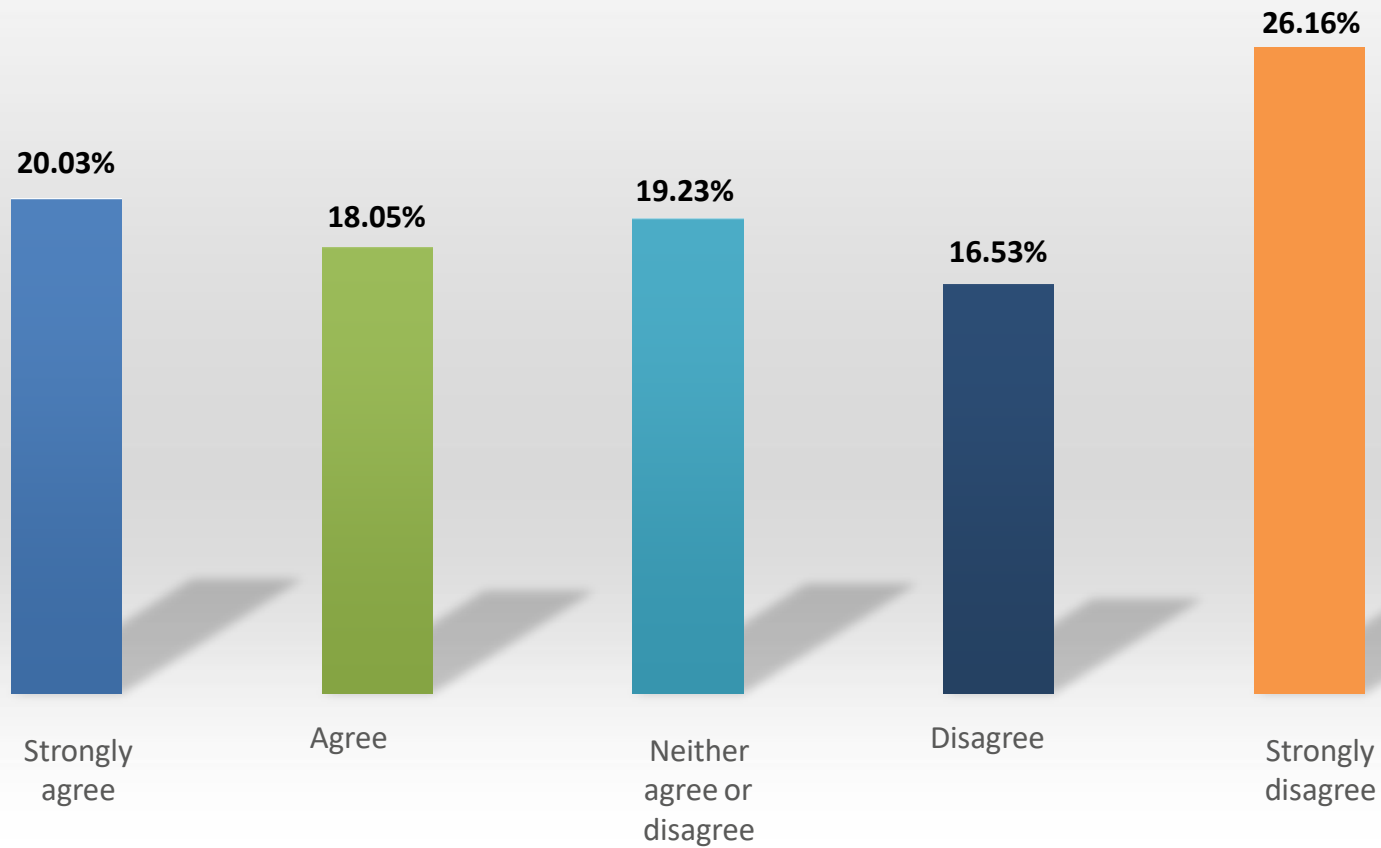
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Jump Start Affordable Housing Opportunities Through Incentive Funding

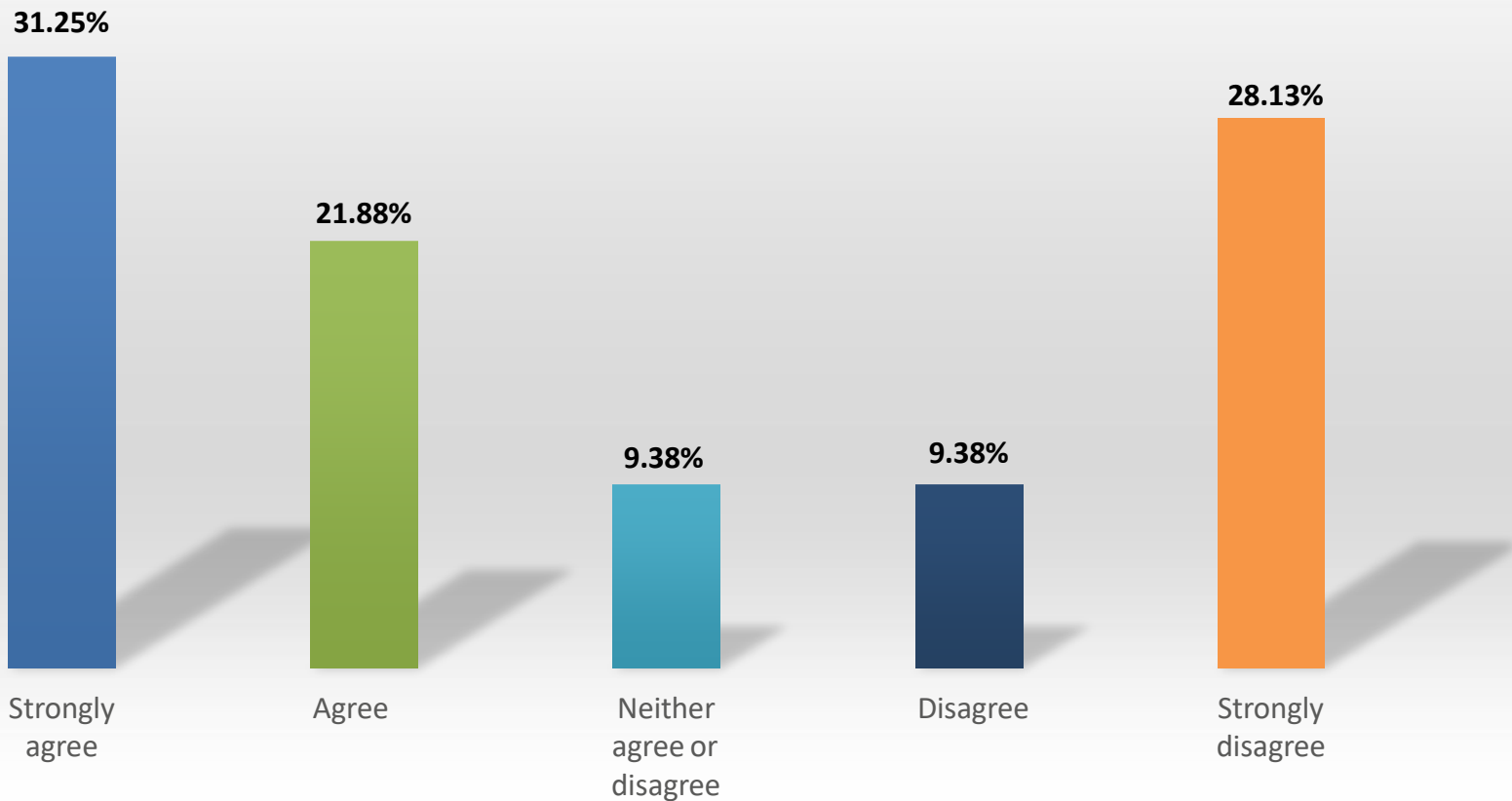
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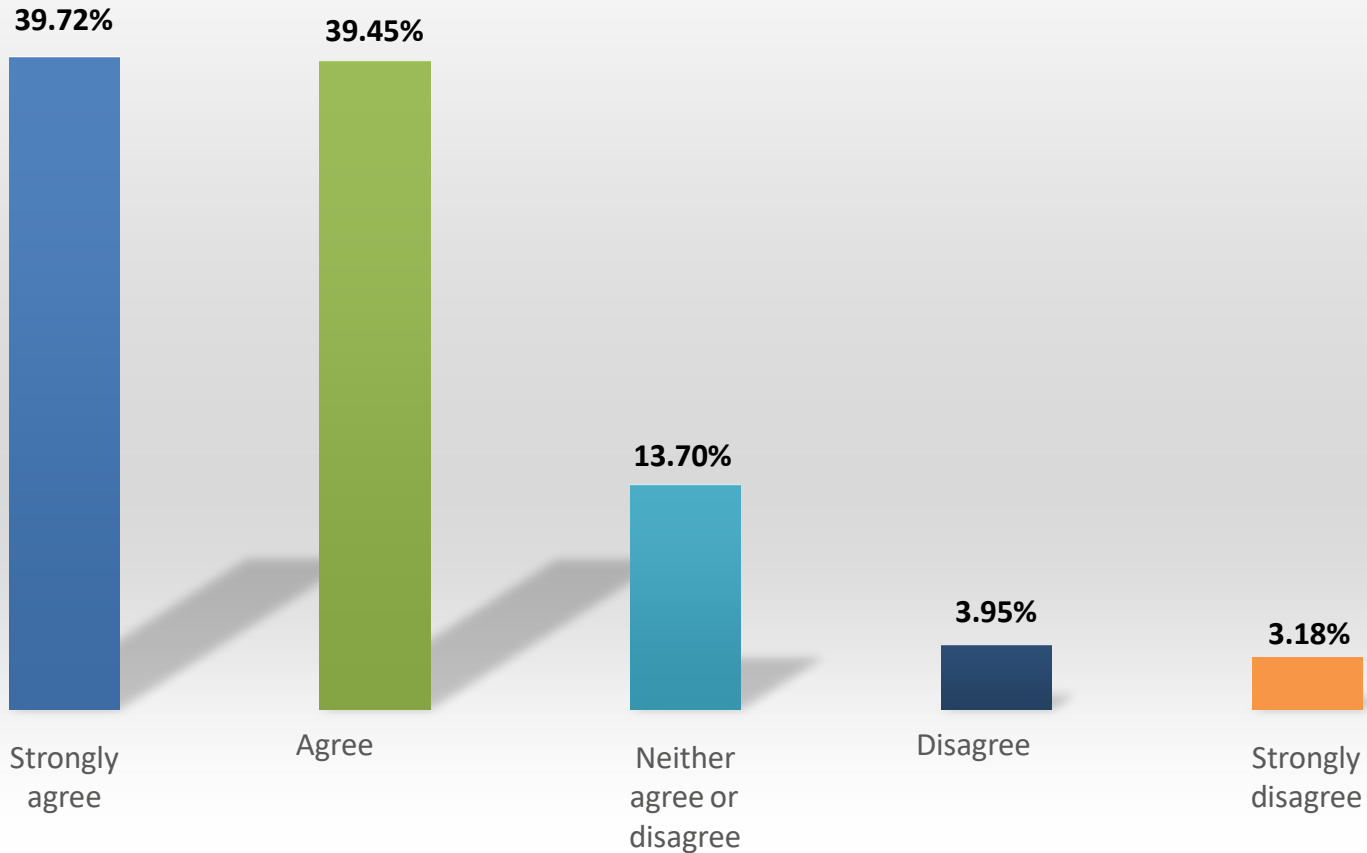
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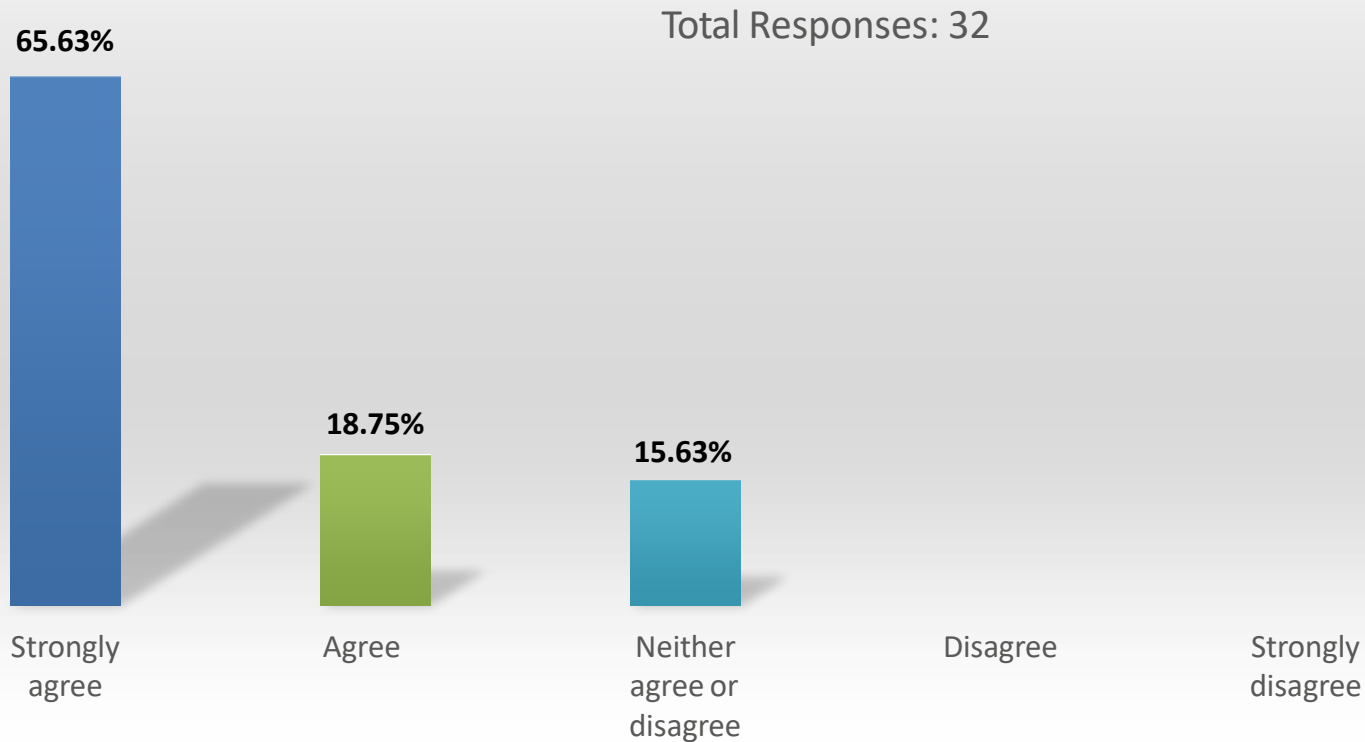
Strengthening Resiliency of City's Infrastructure, such as Installation of Backup Generators or Microgrids to Ensure Continued Functionality of Critical Facilities

Total Responses: 2,986



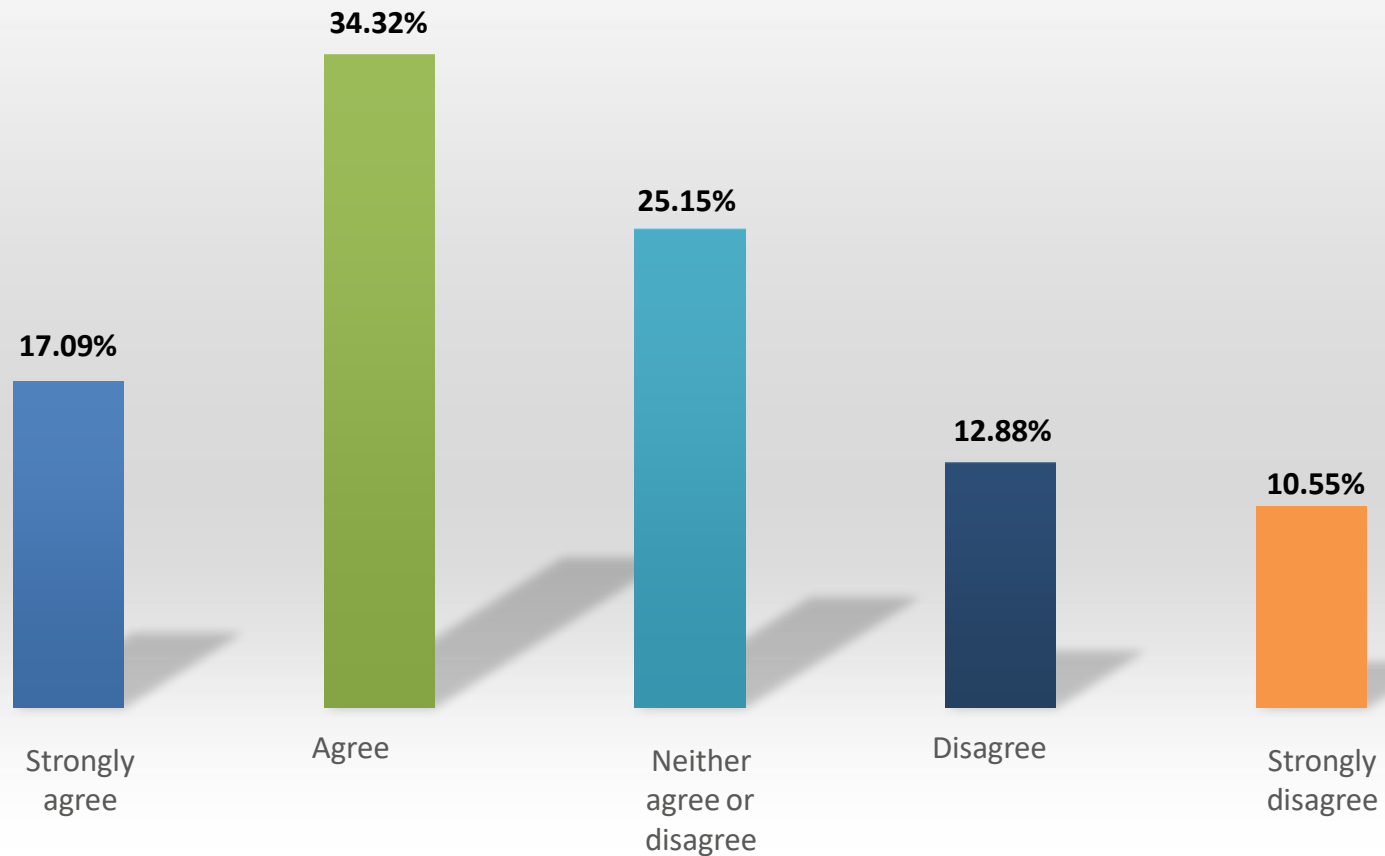
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Support for Business & Workforce Recovery Through Business Loans & Grant Programs

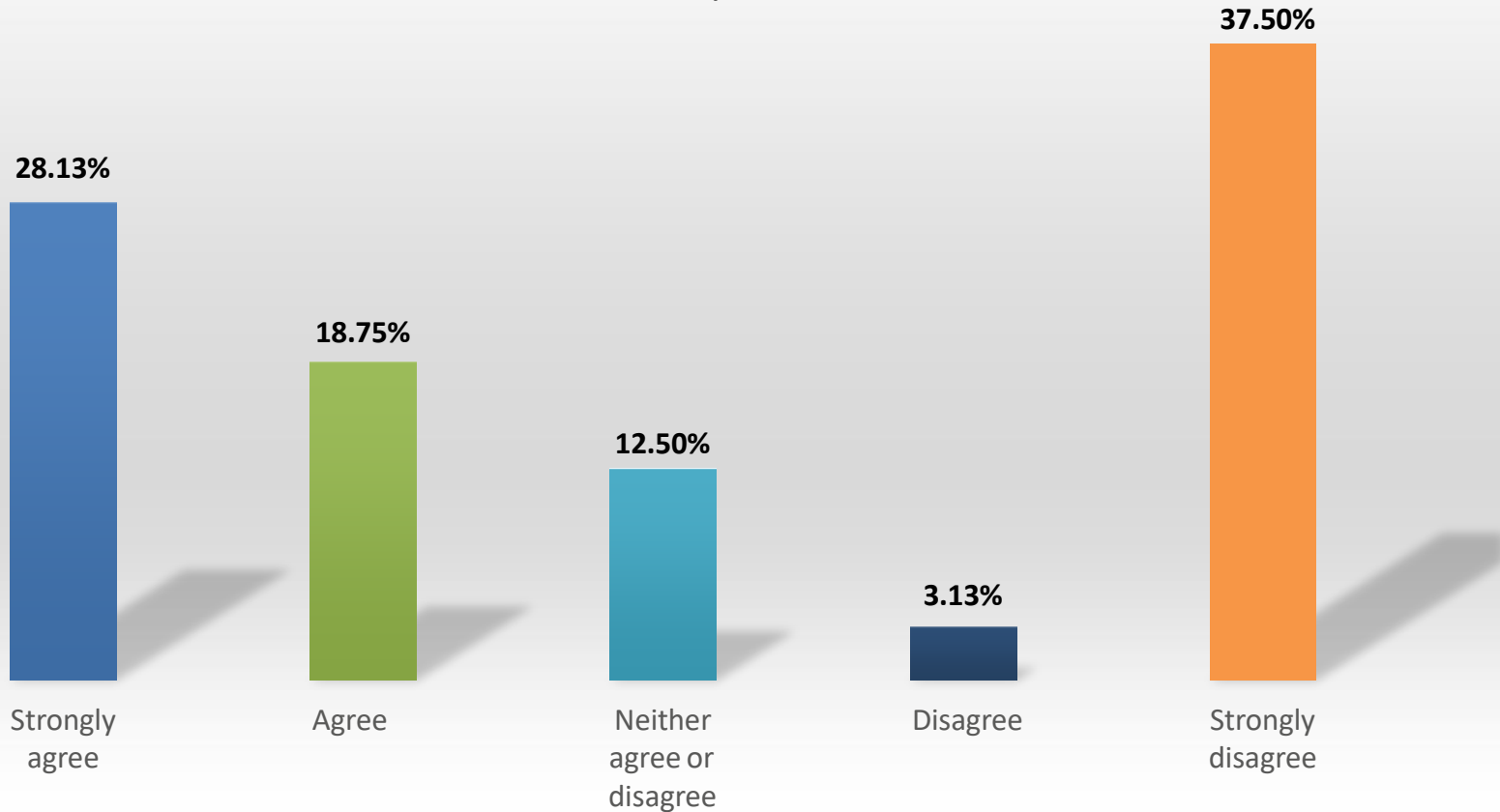
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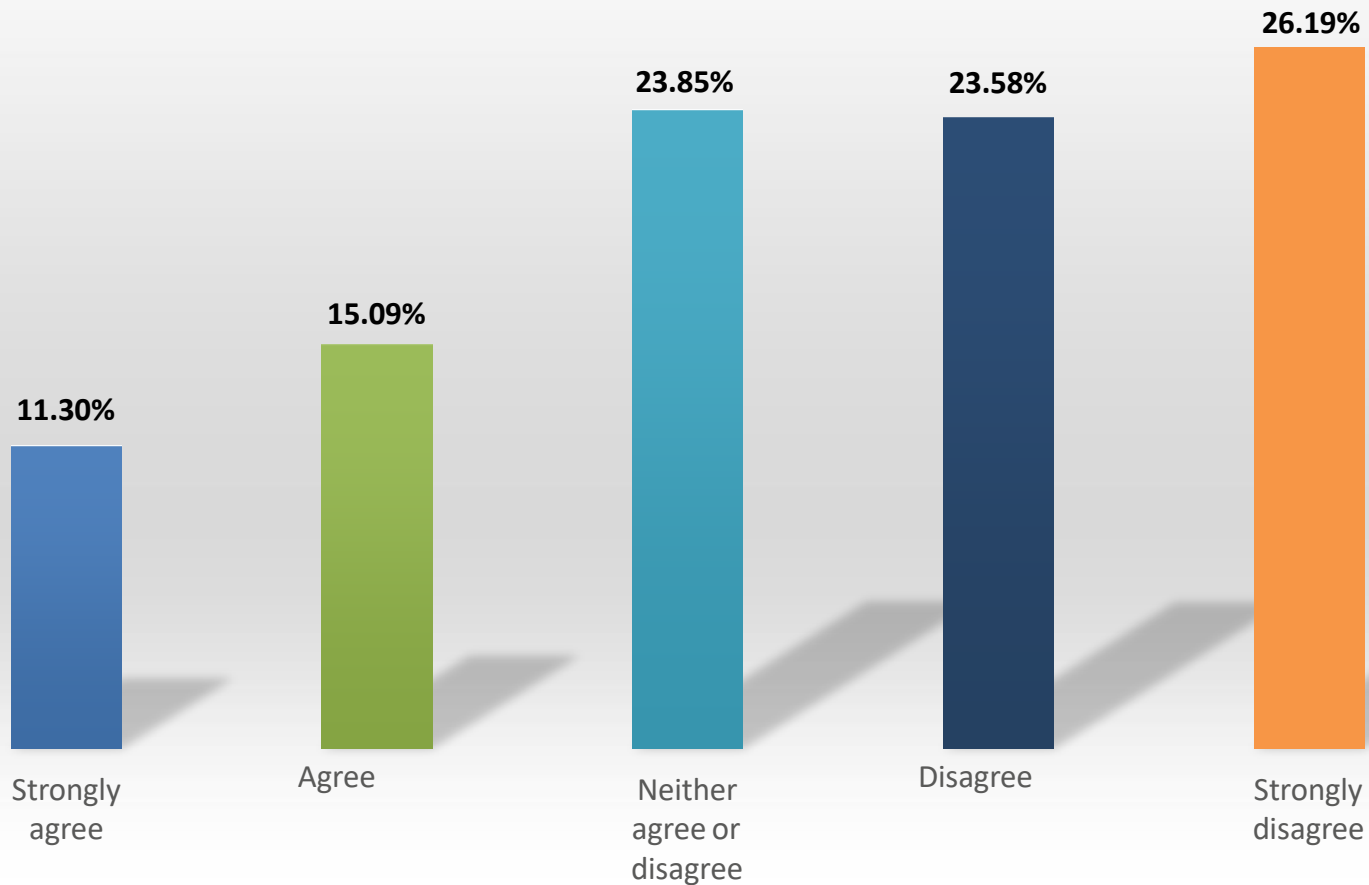
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Total Responses: 32



New Community Assets, such as Libraries, Community Centers, Pools, etc.

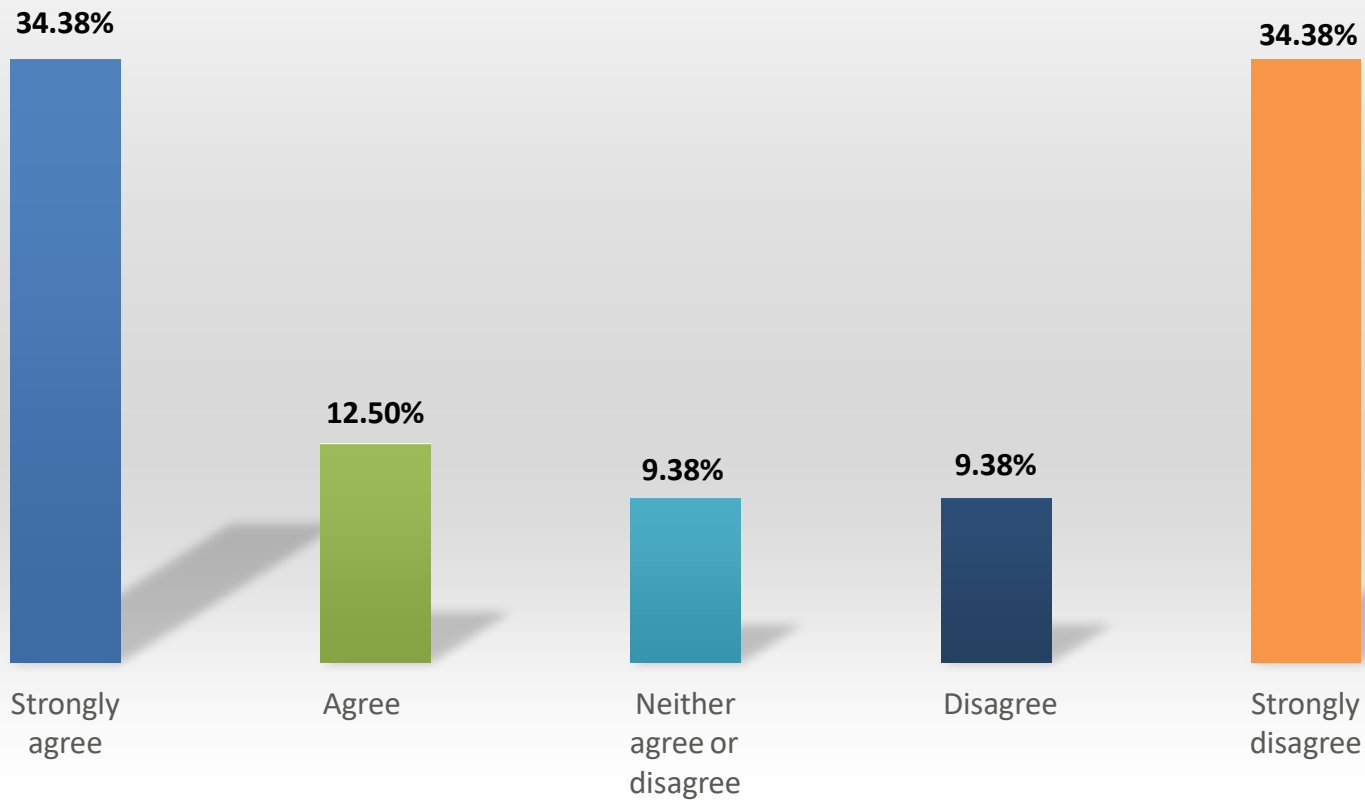
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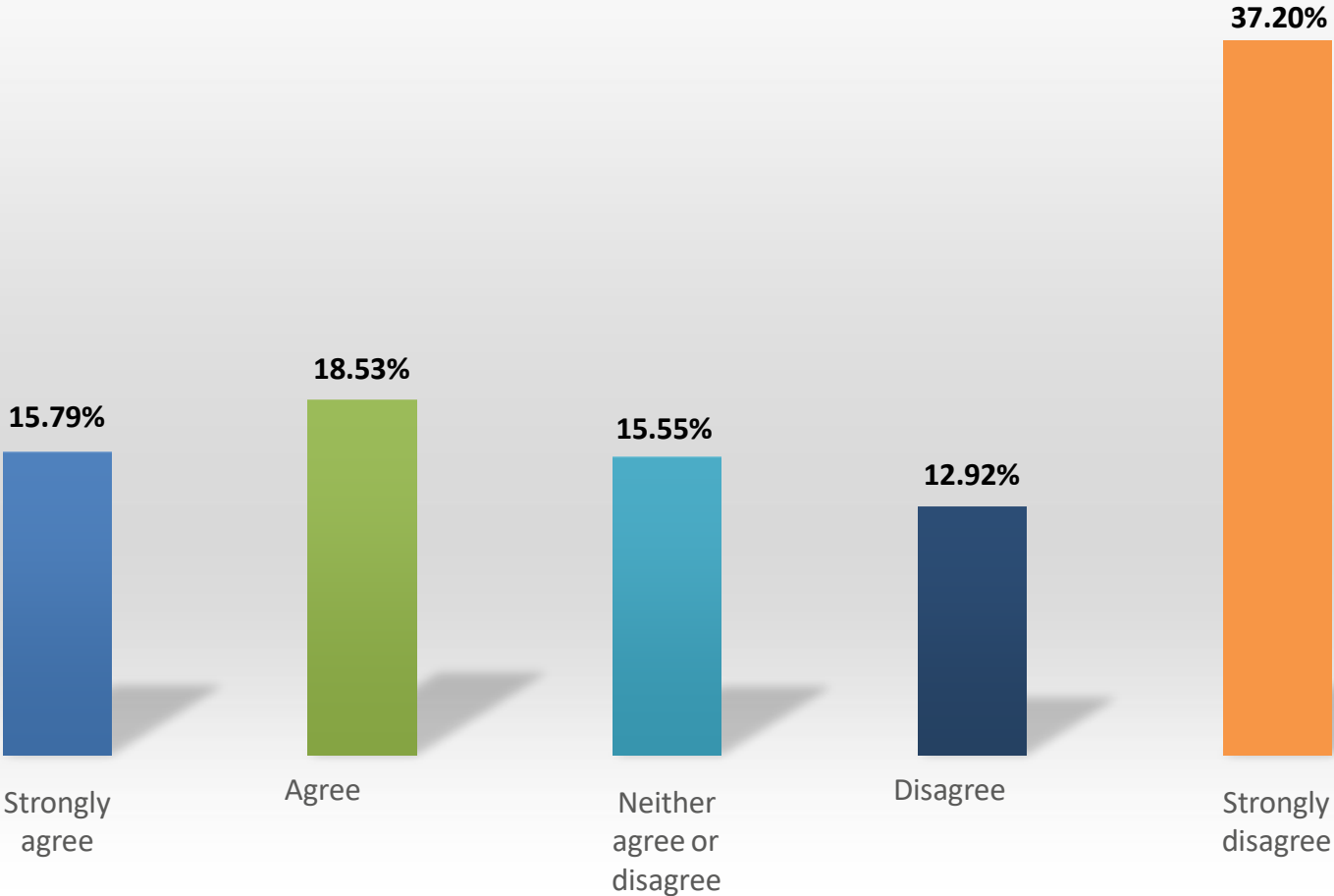
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Total Responses: 32



Homeless Services

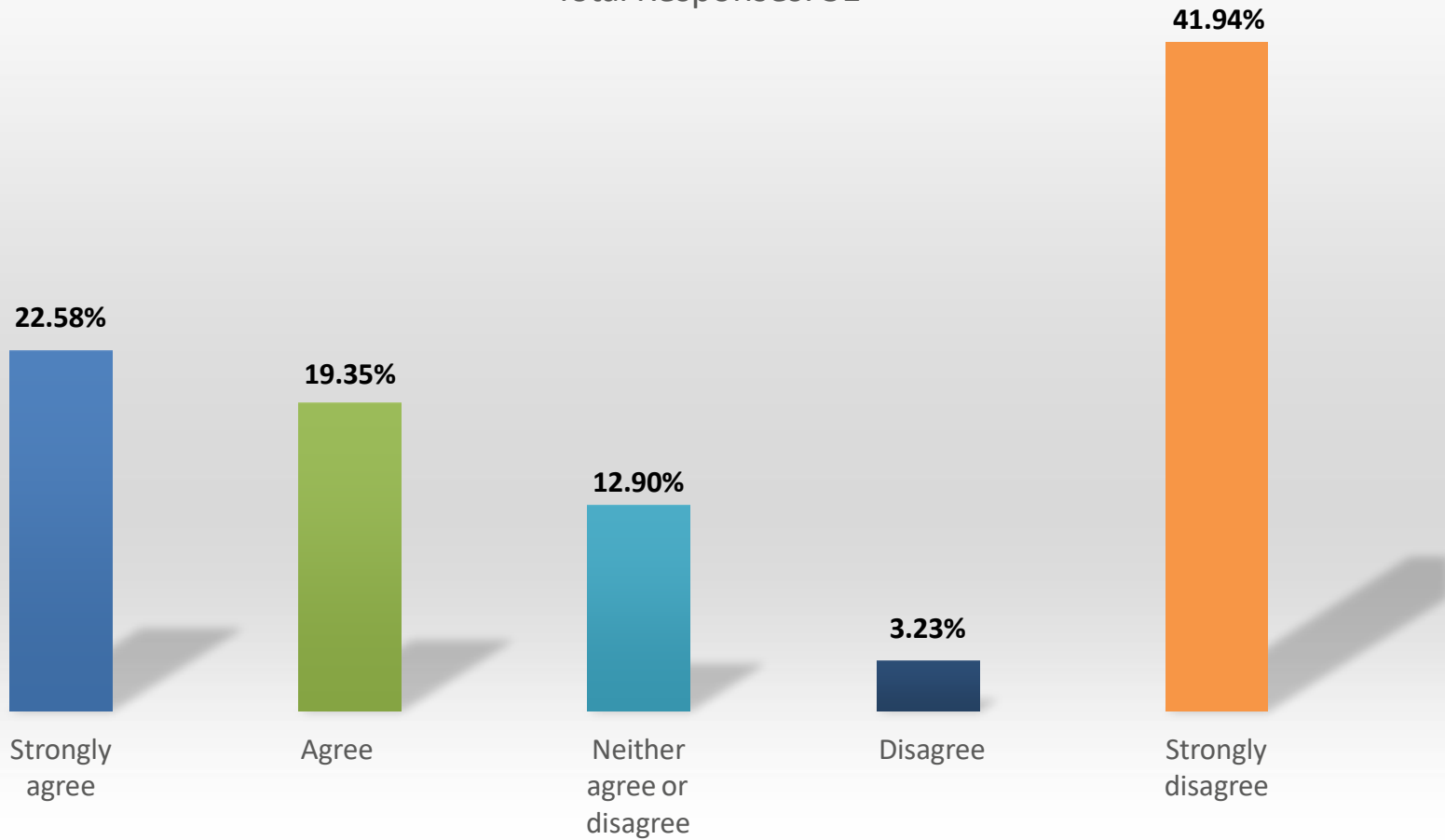
Total Responses: 2,919



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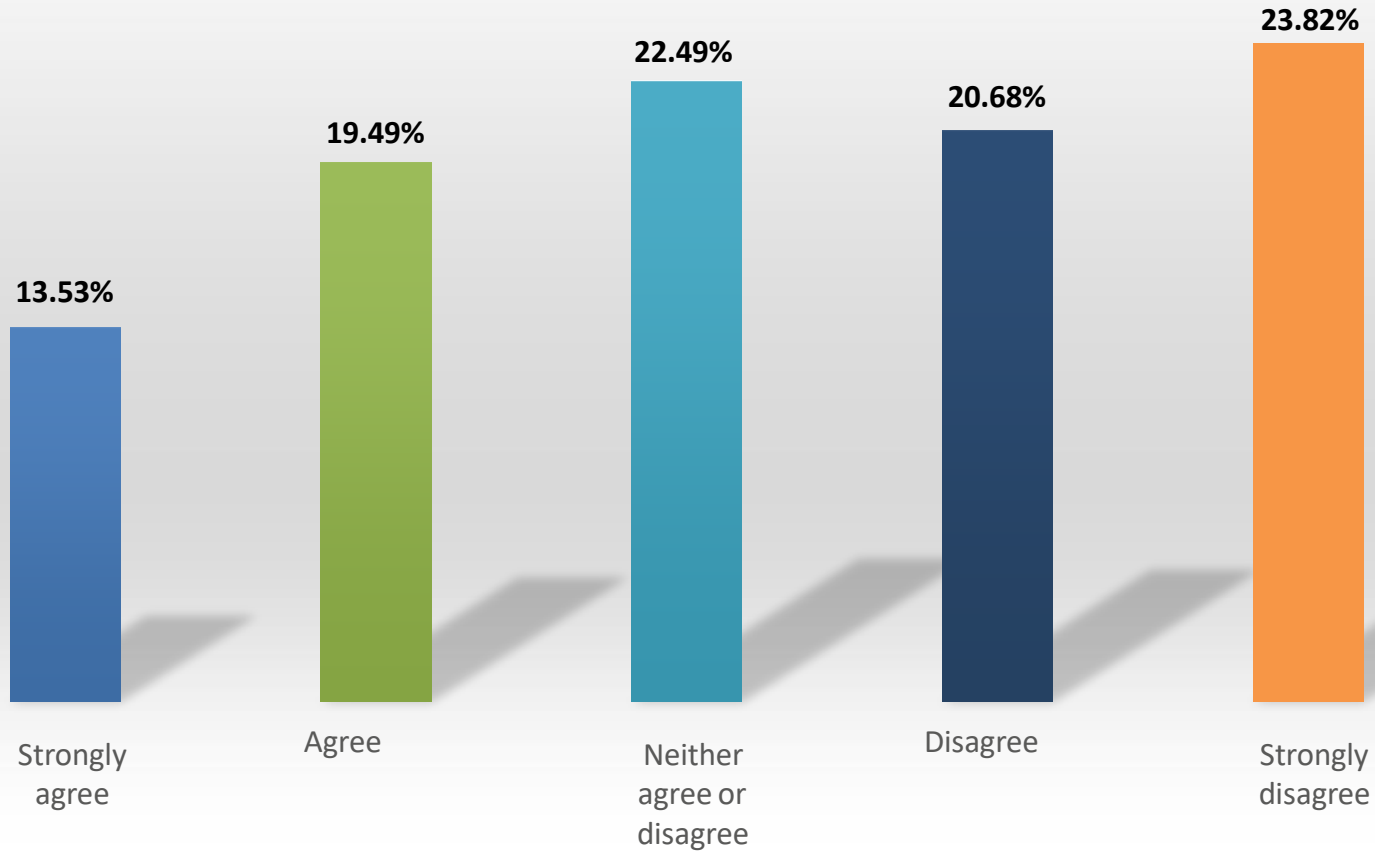
Homeless Services

Total Responses: 31



Road Repairs Not Associated with Fire Recovery

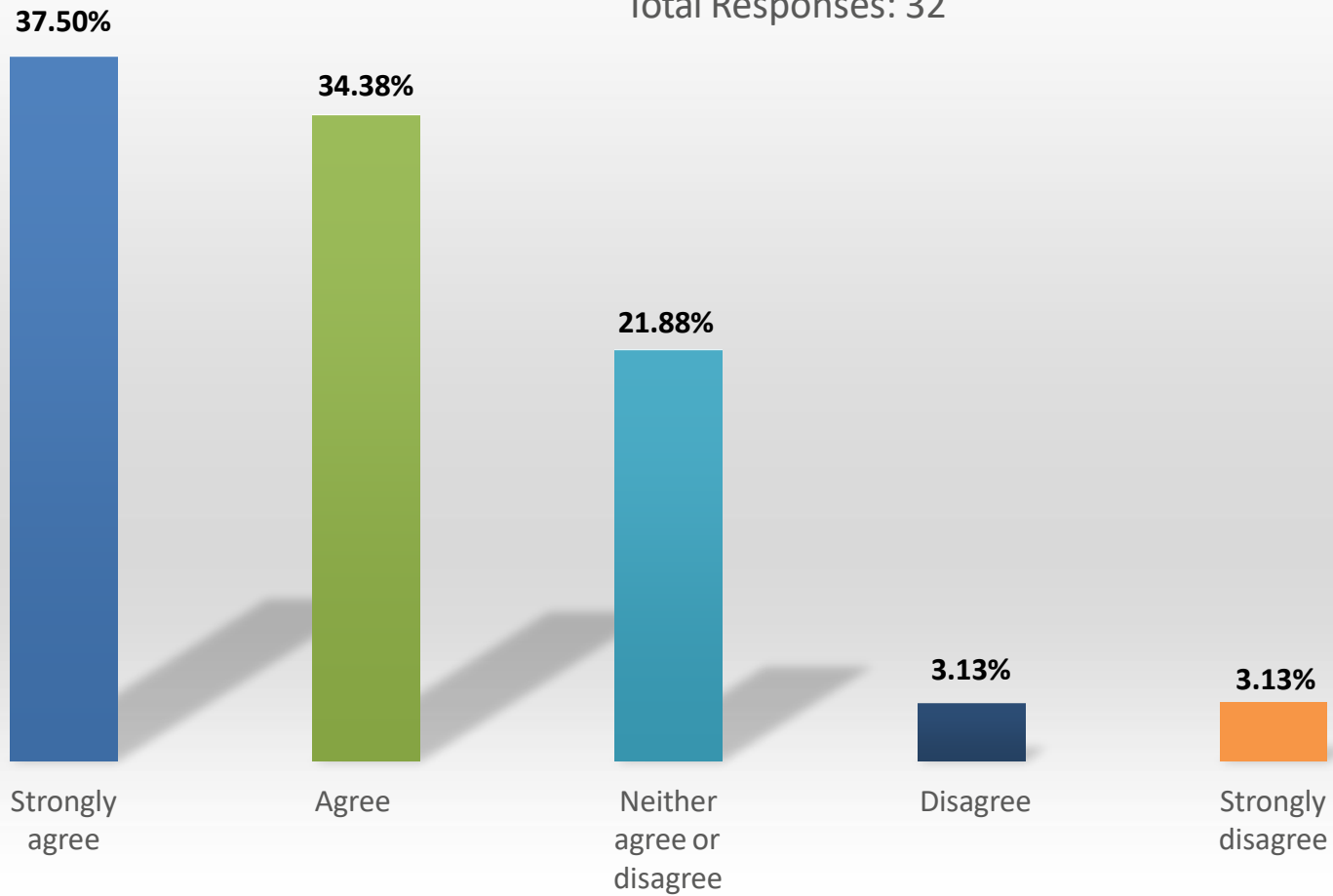
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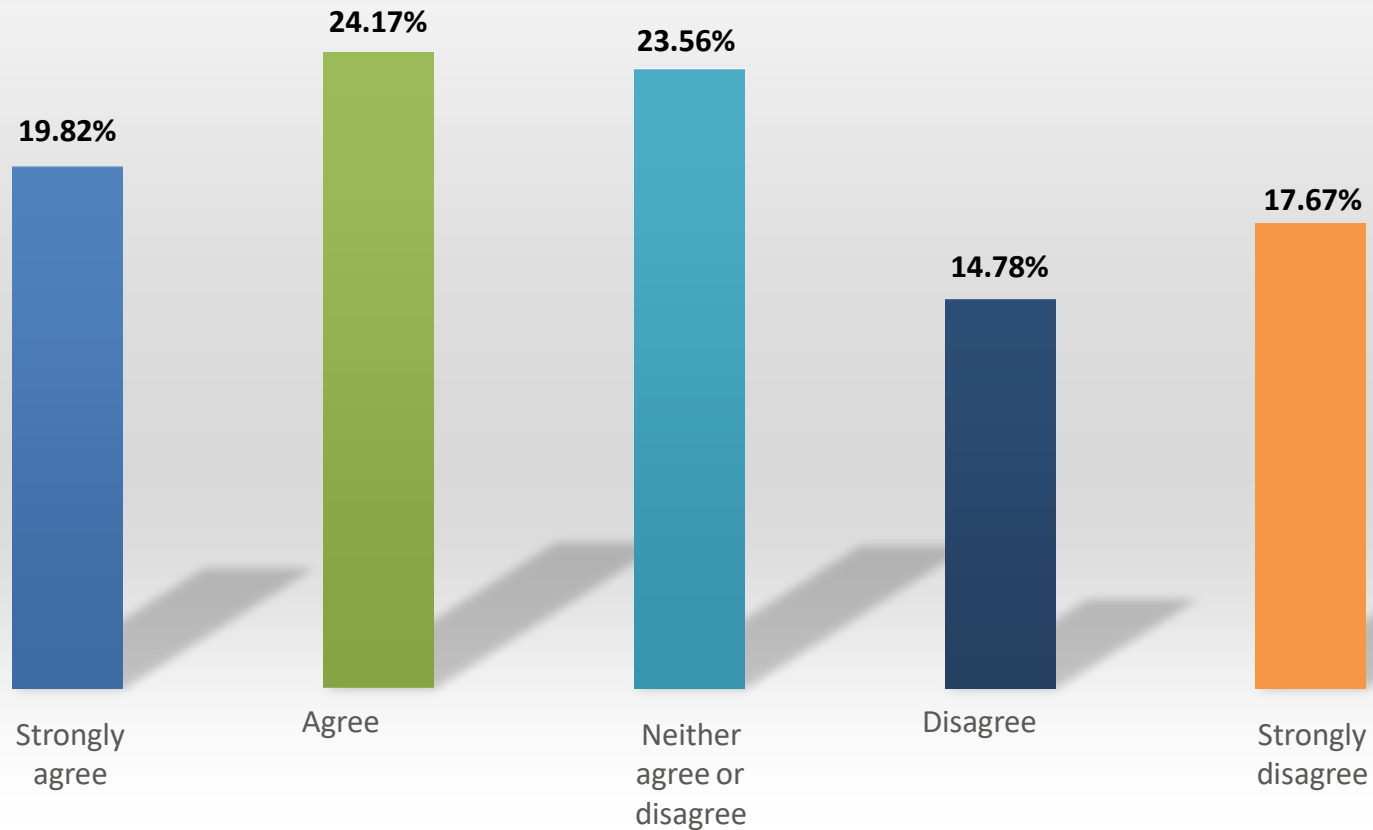
Road Repairs Not Associated with Fire Recovery

Total Responses: 32



Broadband/Internet for All Through the Addition of Fiber Optic or Wireless Solutions

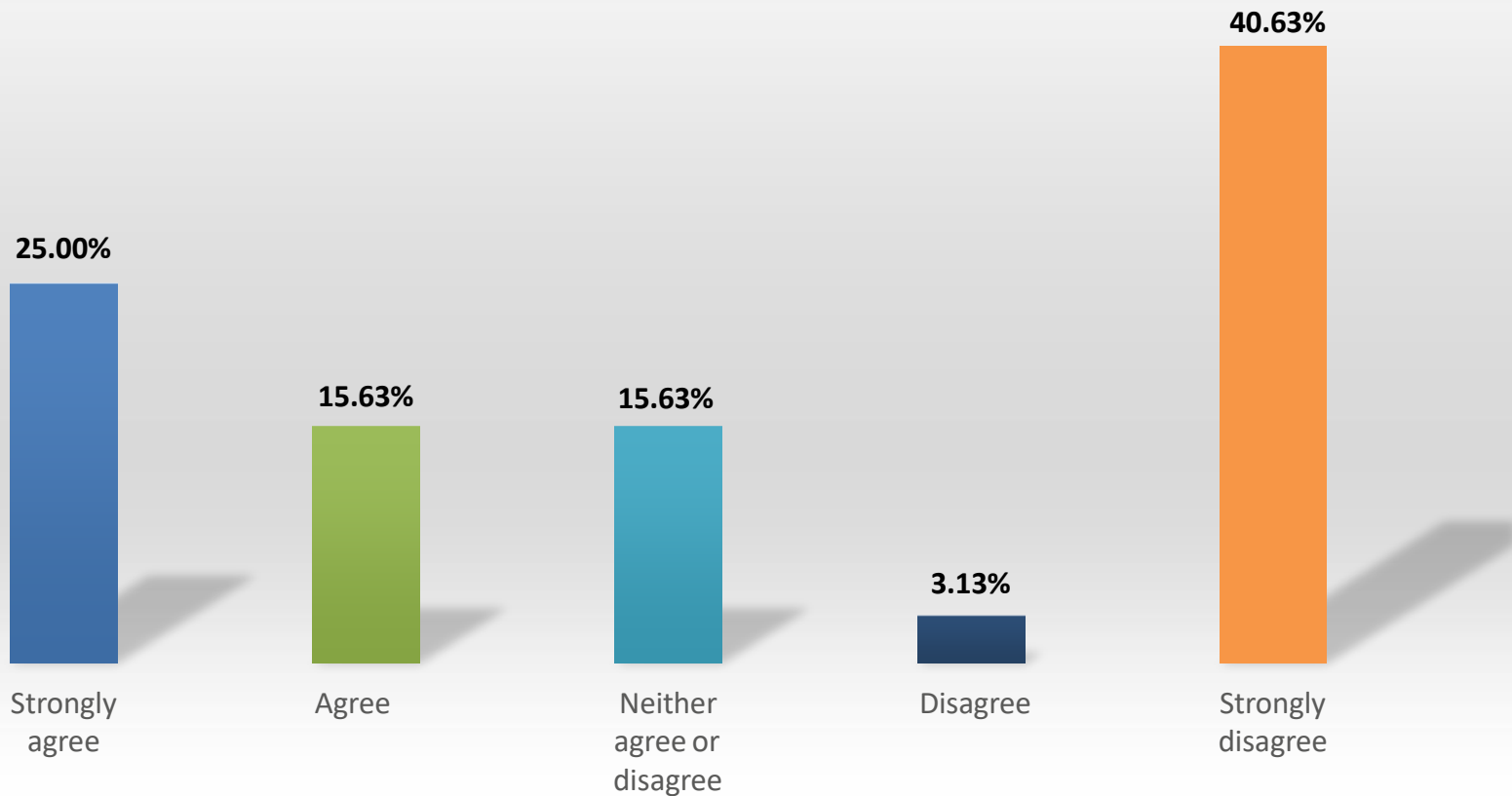
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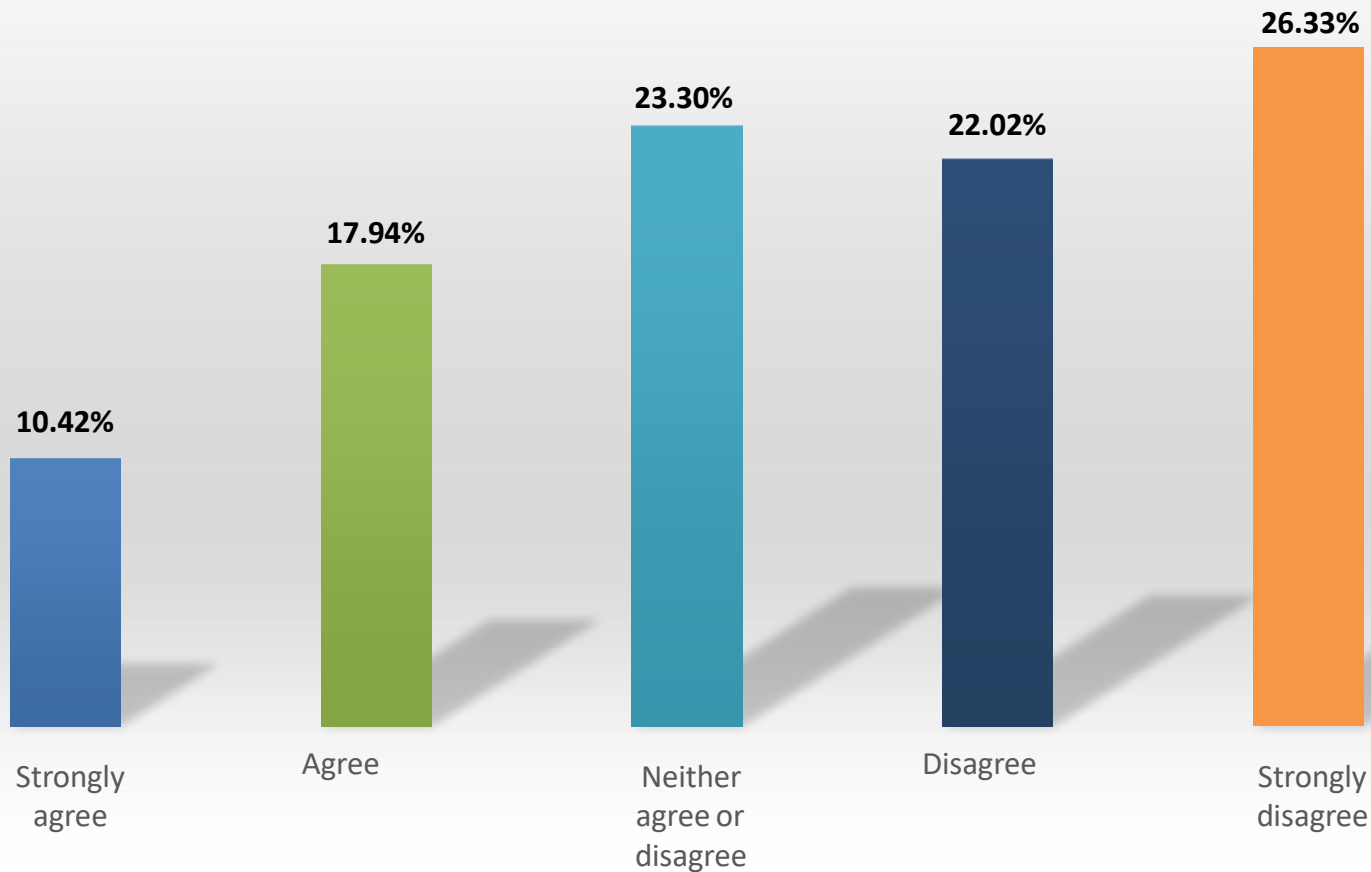
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Park Improvements, such as Construction of New Parks, All-Weather Sports Fields & Other Amenities

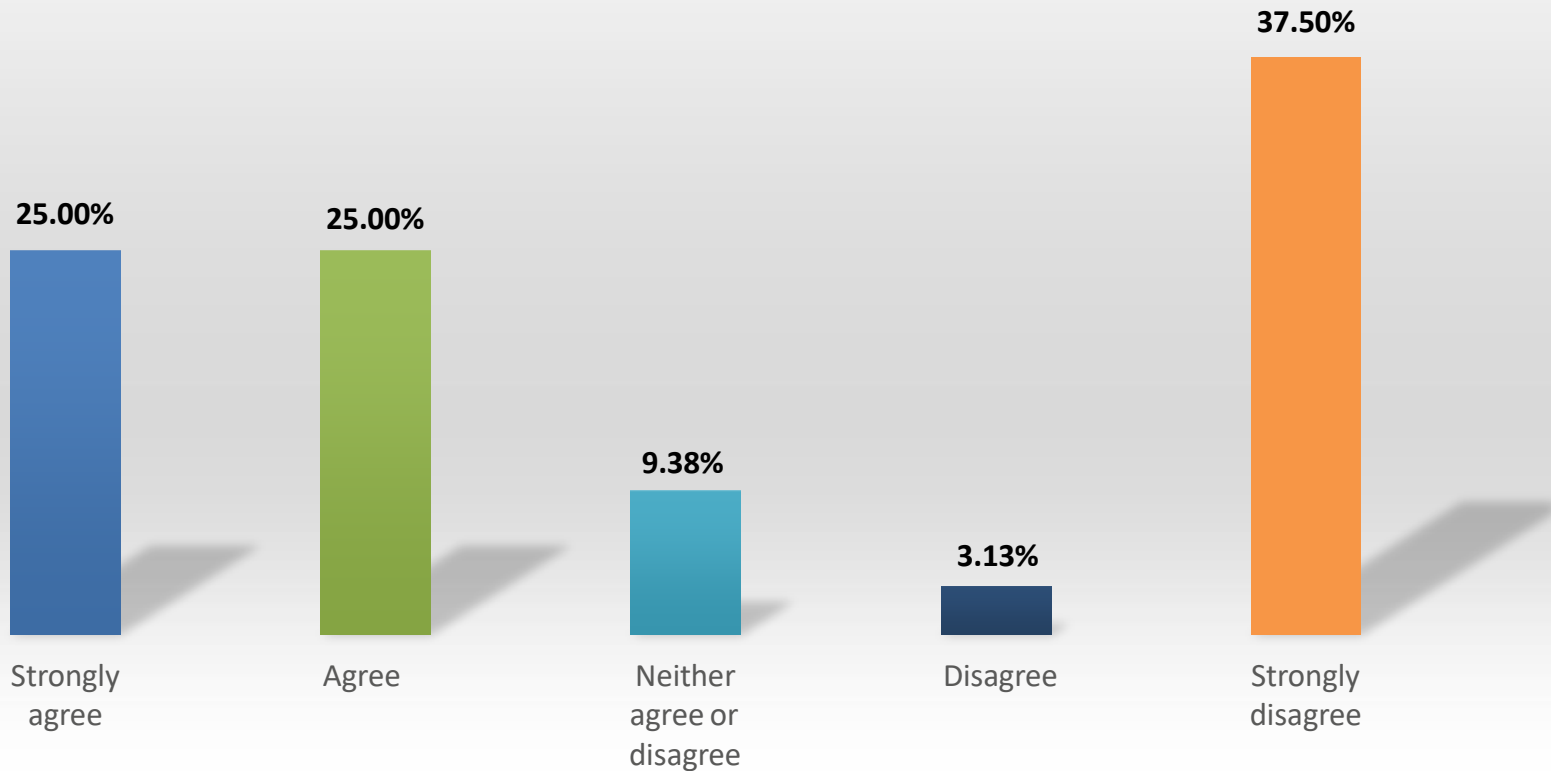
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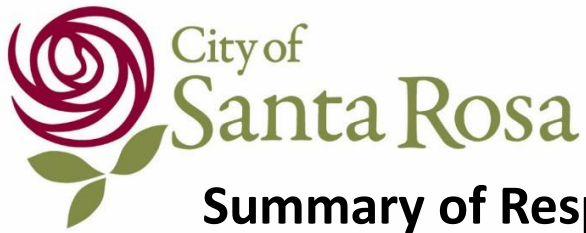


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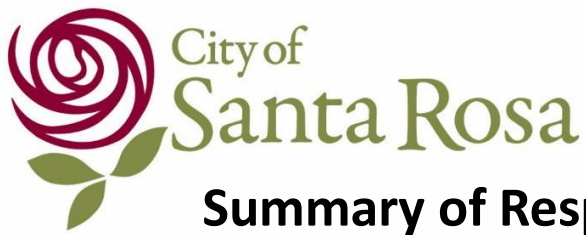




Summary of Responses to Rank Choice Survey Questions

English Survey Responses

Q#	Question	Agree	Disagree
1	Funds Should Be Used First for Fire Rebuild Projects Unfunded	76%	10%
2	Vegetation Mgmt/Fuel Reduction SR high-risk areas	89%	4%
3	Evac route construction and improvements in WUI	69%	10%
4	Home Hardening Incentive/Assistance Programs	54%	19%
5	Wildfire Readiness/Emergency Preparedness Education	61%	15%
6	Affordable Housing Opportunities Through Incentive Funding	38%	43%
7	Strengthening Resiliency of SR Infrastructure	79%	7%
8	Support Business & Workforce Recovery w/ Grants & Loans	51%	22%
9	New Community Assets (Libraries, Community Ctrs, Pools)	26%	50%
10	Homeless Services	34%	50%
11	Road Repairs Not Affiliated with Fire Recovery	33%	45%
12	Broadband for All Through Fiber or Wireless Solutions	44%	33%
13	Park Improvements (New Parks, All Weather Fields, other)	28%	48%



Summary of Responses to Rank Choice Survey Questions

Spanish Survey Responses

Q#	Question	Agree	Disagree
1	Funds Should Be Used First for Fire Rebuild Projects Unfunded	78%	9%
2	Vegetation Mgmt/Fuel Reduction SR high-risk areas	97%	0%
3	Evac route construction and improvements in WUI	91%	3%
4	Home Hardening Incentive/Assistance Programs	88%	0%
5	Wildfire Readiness/Emergency Preparedness Education	94%	3%
6	Affordable Housing Opportunities Through Incentive Funding	53%	38%
7	Strengthening Resiliency of SR Infrastructure	84%	0%
8	Support Business & Workforce Recovery w/ Grants & Loans	47%	41%
9	New Community Assets (Libraries, Community Ctrs, Pools)	47%	44%
10	Homeless Services	42%	45%
11	Road Repairs Not Affiliated with Fire Recovery	72%	6%
12	Broadband for All Through Fiber or Wireless Solutions	41%	44%
13	Park Improvements (New Parks, All Weather Fields, other)	50%	41%



Open-Ended Questions

1,400+ responses

Themes Included:

- Wildfire Prevention
- Recovery & Rebuild
- Emergency Alerts & Public Info
- Public Safety
- Building & Development
- Housing
- Honoring Those Lost
- Mental Health
- Homelessness
- Roads & Sidewalks
- Parks & Sports
- Energy, Technology, Connectivity
- Ecosystem & Climate
- Financial Support
- Schools & Child Care



Next Steps

- Public Safety Subcommittee – November 23
 - Wildland Resiliency and Response Strategic Plan
- City Council Study Session – December 8
 - Housing Investment Opportunities for PG&E Settlement Funds
- City Council Study Session – December 15
 - Wildfire Preparedness, Mitigation and Resiliency projects: Proposed Uses of PG&E Settlement Funds
- Prioritization of Projects for Budget



QUESTIONS?