



Los Banos 2035 Parks Master Plan

Public Workshop #1:
Introduction to the 2035 Parks
Master Plan
January 9, 2020



City of
Los Banos
At the Crossroads of California

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Introductions

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Agenda

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- Project Timeline
- What is a Parks Master Plan?
- Goals & Objectives
- Your Current Parks, Trails and Community Center Map – Where do you live?
- Park Classifications
- Popular Trends
- Projections and Current Standards
- Survey Questions
- Closing

Timeline

- Start Date: October 31, 2019
- Workshop #1 – Introduction to 2035 Parks Master Plan: January 9, 2020
- Workshop #2 – Parks Master Plan Update: March 18, 2020
- Submit Review Draft to Parks Department: June 2020
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting: June 24, 2020
- Submit Draft Plan to City Staff: August 2020
- Submit Final Draft for City Council Approval: September 1, 2020

What Is a Parks Master Plan?

- The master plan is a critical component of the development of future parks, trails, facilities, programs, and services consistent with the vision and policies of the City of Los Banos and its residents.
- The Master Plan update will enable staff to successfully prepare for the City's parks, trails, recreation, and program needs for the next fifteen years.
- The goal is to develop and gather information on future parks, trails, recreation, and program needs based on community input, staff input, and the QK team's experience.

Master Plan Goals

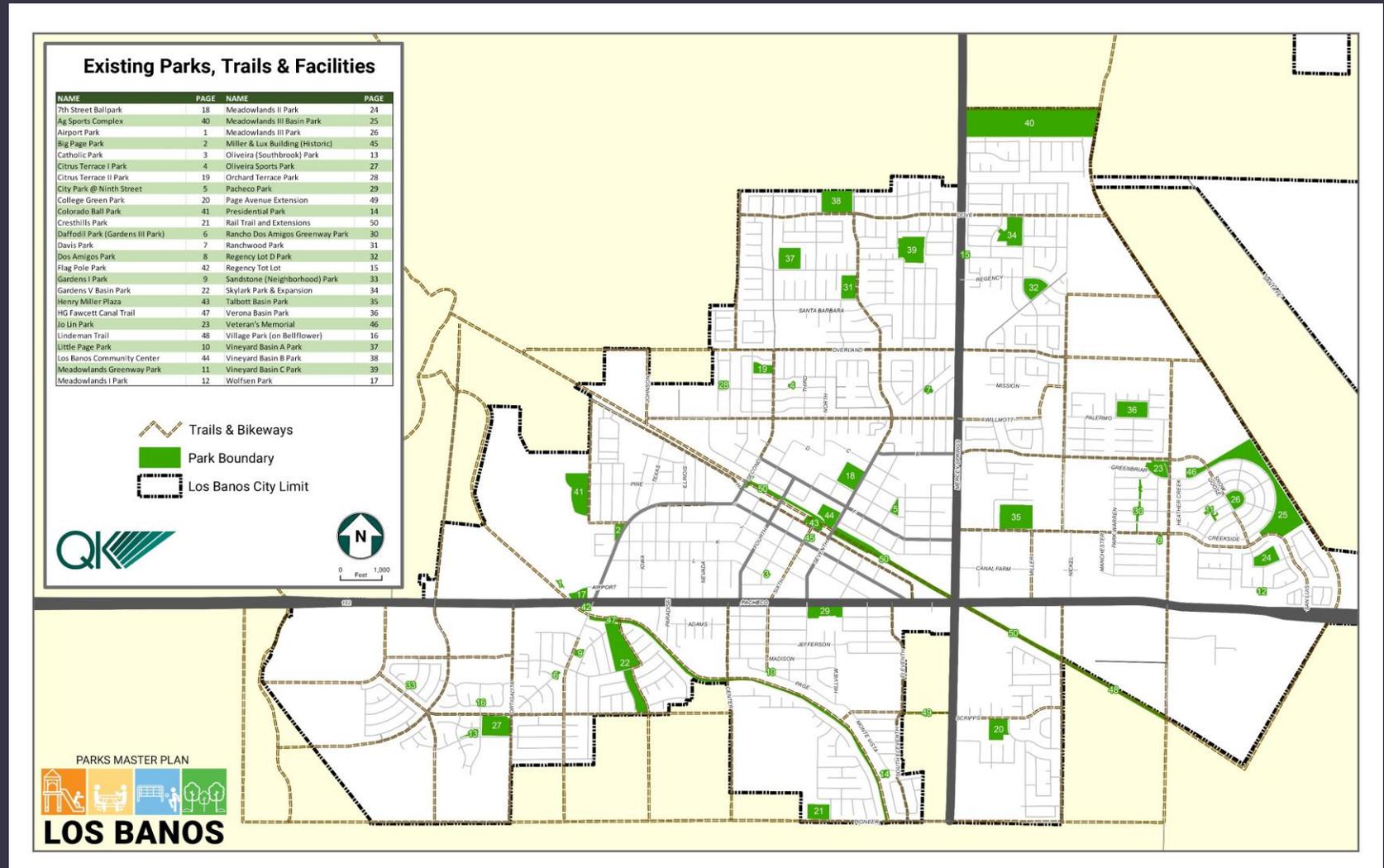
1. Increase capacity to meet future demand (population growth).
2. Identify the community's needs and interests.
3. Create a master plan that will successfully compete with other communities for funding opportunities.
4. Develop a definitive program for renovation of existing recreation facilities and development of future facilities.
5. Address accessibility including park visitors with disabilities.
6. Develop a 15-Year "vision" and roadmap for the future of Parks and Recreation in the City.

Master Plan Goals

As we move forward with this process, including input from you, are there any other goals that you would like your Parks Master Plan to achieve?

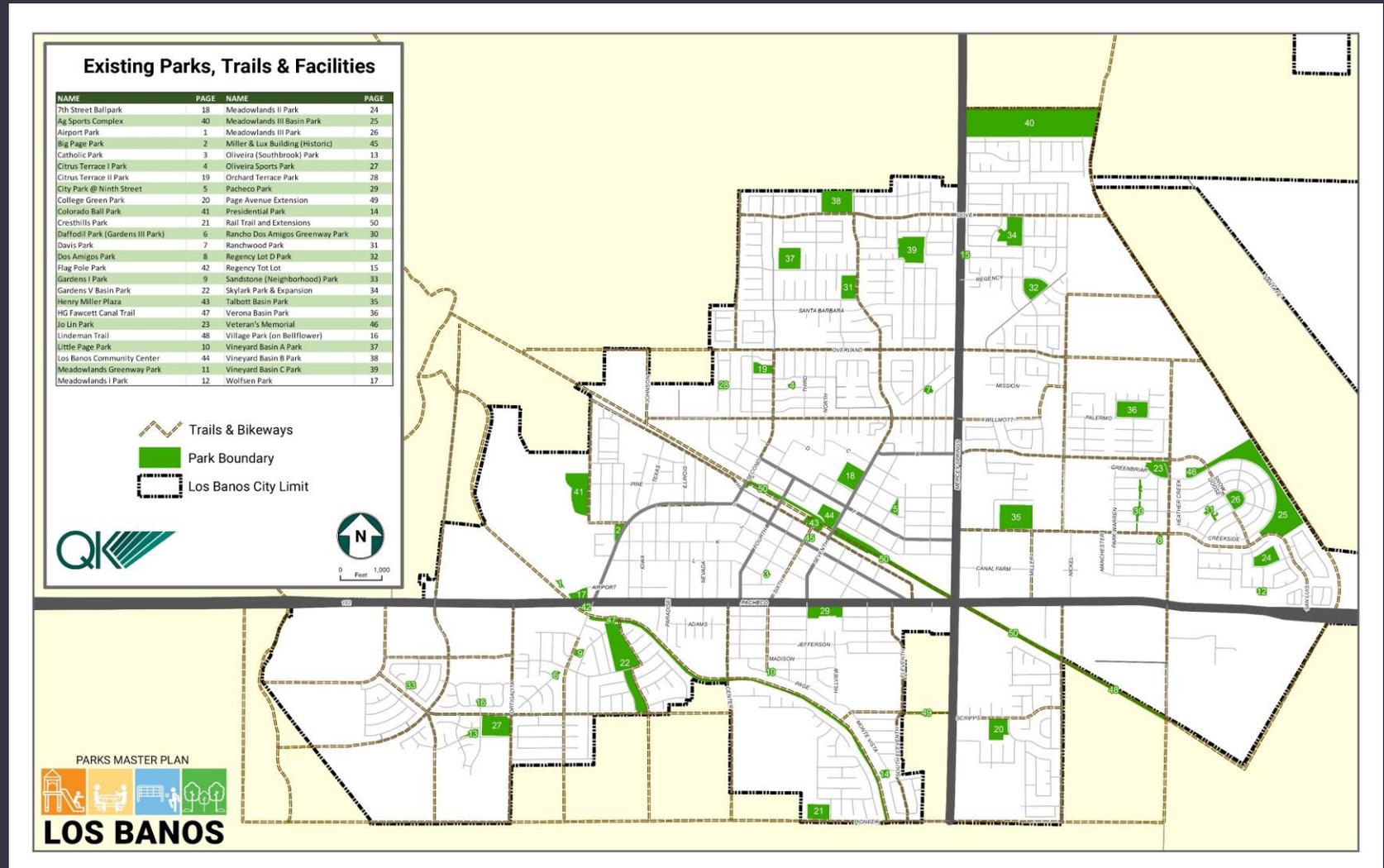
Where do you live?

Please place a "dot" in the area where you live.



Which park do you use most often?

Please place a "dot" in the area where your favorite park is located



Park Classifications

Pocket Park: 5,000 square feet to 1 acre. Tot lot, benches, picnic tables. 5-minute walk to most residents.

Neighborhood Park: 1 acre to 7 acres. Tot lot and preteen playgrounds, benches, picnic pavilion(s), open lawn play area. 10-minute walk to most residents.

Community Park: 7 acres to 25 acres. Oriented towards family and adult recreation (tennis courts, basketball, splash park, walking path, picnic areas, ballfields, lighting, parking lot). One to two mile radius.

Regional Park: 25 acres to 100 acres. Ballfields, parking lots, lighting, picnic areas, restrooms, and other amenities. City of Los Banos and surrounding communities.

Specialty Park: Typically one use such as a memorial park, dog park or a skatepark

Trail: Typically 30' – 100' wide. May include benches, pet stations, drinking fountains, signage, and landscaping.

Trends

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- Dog Parks – Fastest growing type of park in the country.
- Yoga – Outdoors.
- Pickleball still remains popular and wiffleball, kickball, dodgeball, and hula-hoops.
- Themed Playgrounds, Themed Splash Parks

Trends



- Multi-Use Facilities (community center, library, day care, Health Care, intergenerational programs).
- Connectedness. Parks connected by trails and greenways.
- Environmental Education Programs/Special Events at Parks.
- Crime Prevention. With the rising threats to vandalism, graffiti, and drug abuse, parks departments are increasing staff and training, installing security cameras, and using drone surveillance.

Where will Los Banos be in 15 years?

Population Today: 41,638

2035 Population: 52,349

Current Park Acreage: 260

Park Acreage Standards:

- National: 10 acres per 1,000 residents
- State of California: 3 - 5 acres per 1,000 residents
- Los Banos General Plan: 7 acres per 1,000 residents
- Current Park Acreage Ratio: 6.35 per 1,000 residents

What should the ratio be?

Stakeholder Interviews Results

- Three-fourths were residents for more than 20 years.
- 52% used Los Banos parks and facilities more than once a week.
- The parks most frequented were the Community Center, Little Page, and Oliveira Park.
- 72% per “somewhat satisfied” with existing parks and facilities.

Stakeholder Interviews Results

- Most desired amenities were: splash park, outdoor pool, expand and improve on existing facilities, increase trails and park connectivity.
- Regional Sports Complex:
 - 50% wanted to see more active sports facilities such as a regional sports complex.
 - 2% didn't care where it was located as long as they had one.
- Greatest concerns: park and rec facilities, homelessness, education, crime and personal safety.

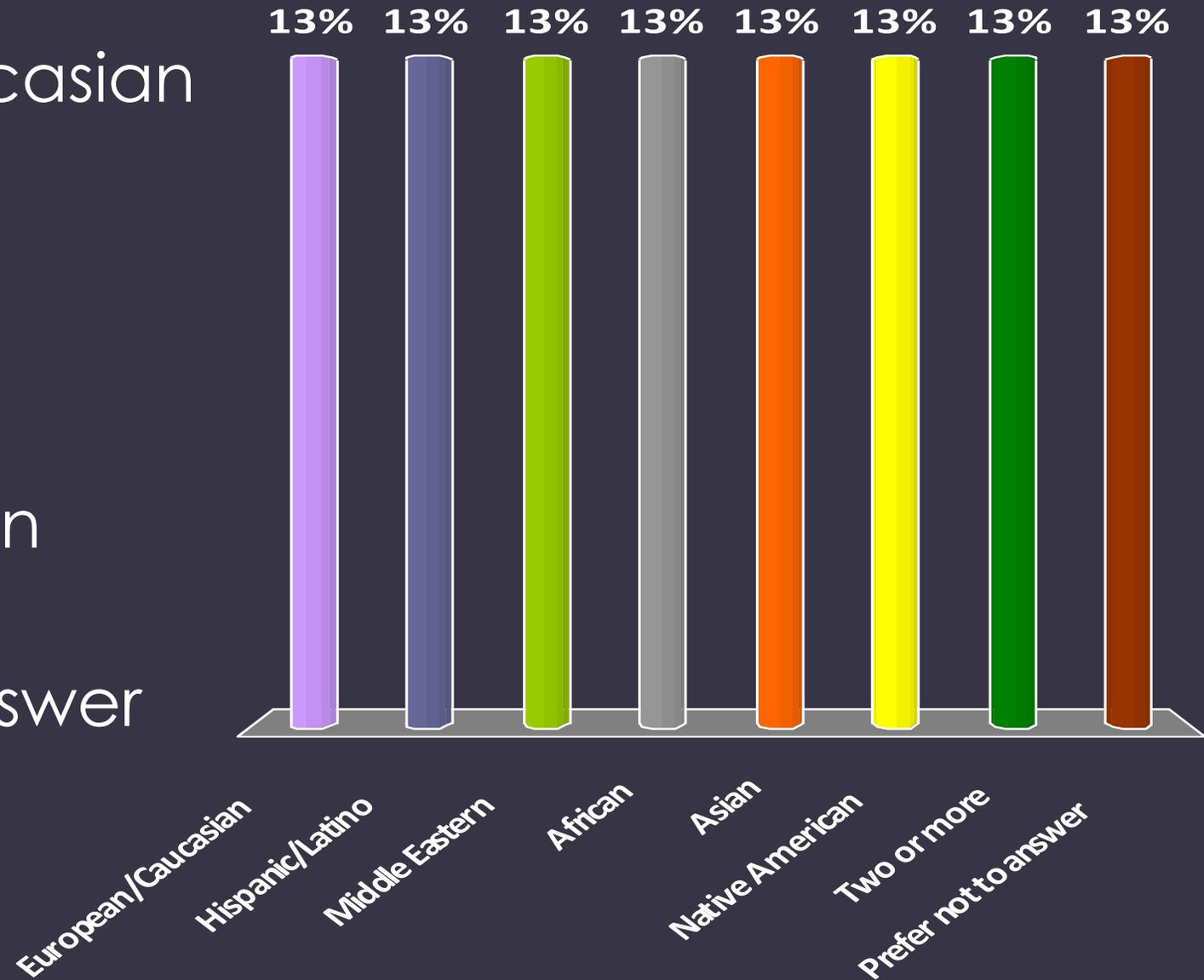
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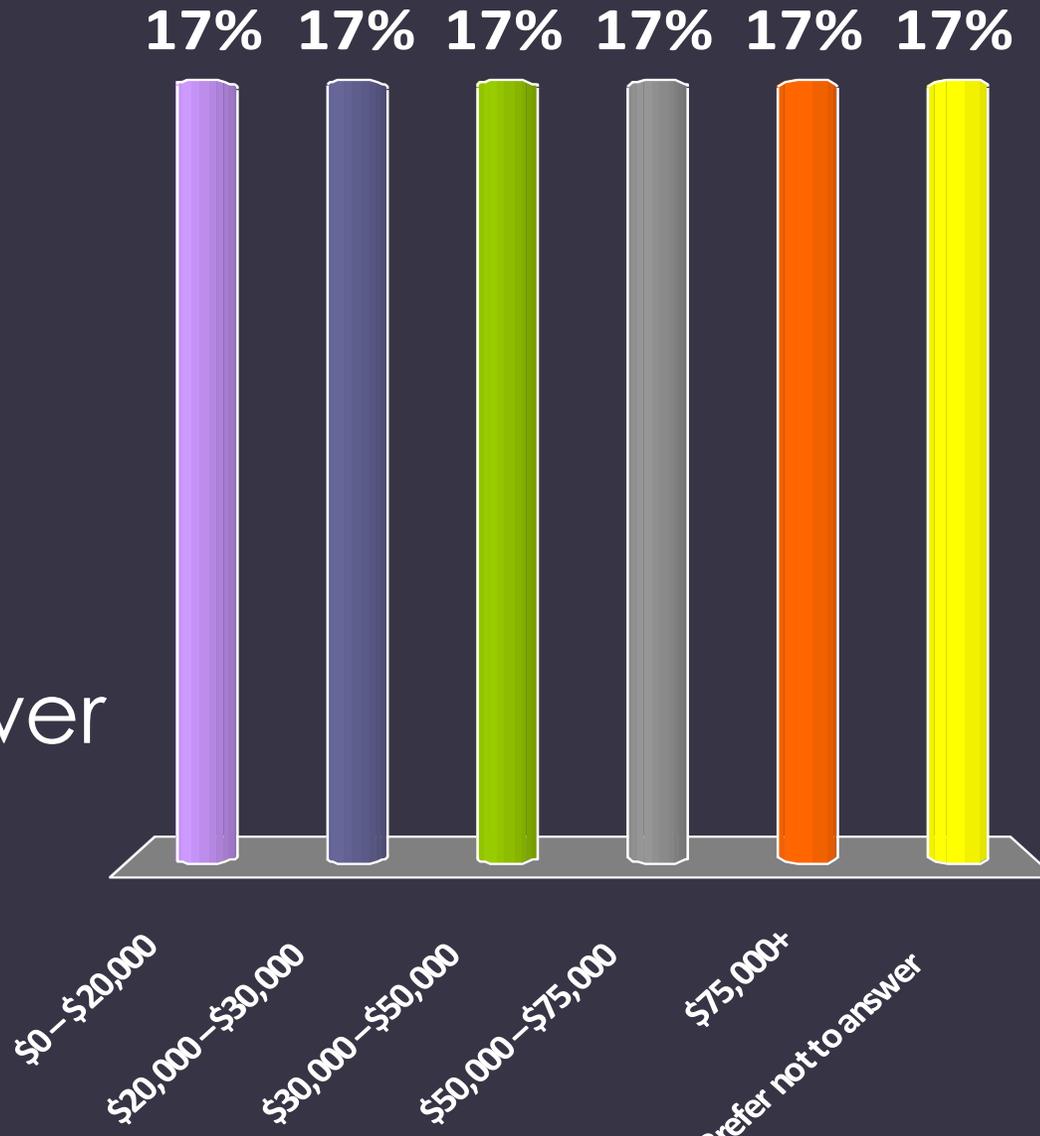
What is your race/ethnicity?

1. European/Caucasian
2. Hispanic/Latino
3. Middle Eastern
4. African
5. Asian
6. Native American
7. Two or more
8. Prefer not to answer



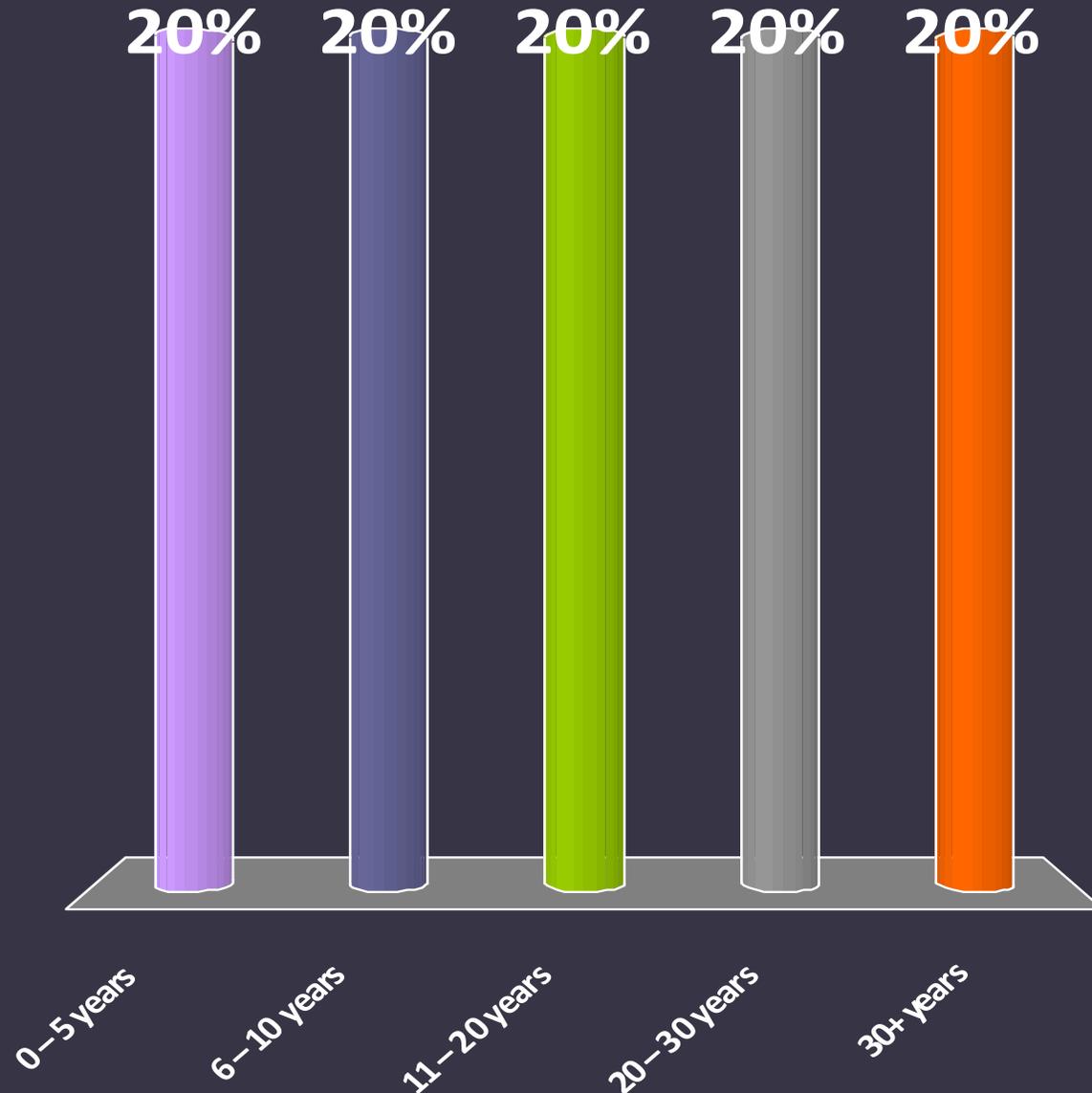
What is your annual household income?

1. \$0 – \$20,000
2. \$20,000 – \$30,000
3. \$30,000 – \$50,000
4. \$50,000 – \$75,000
5. \$75,000+
6. Prefer not to answer



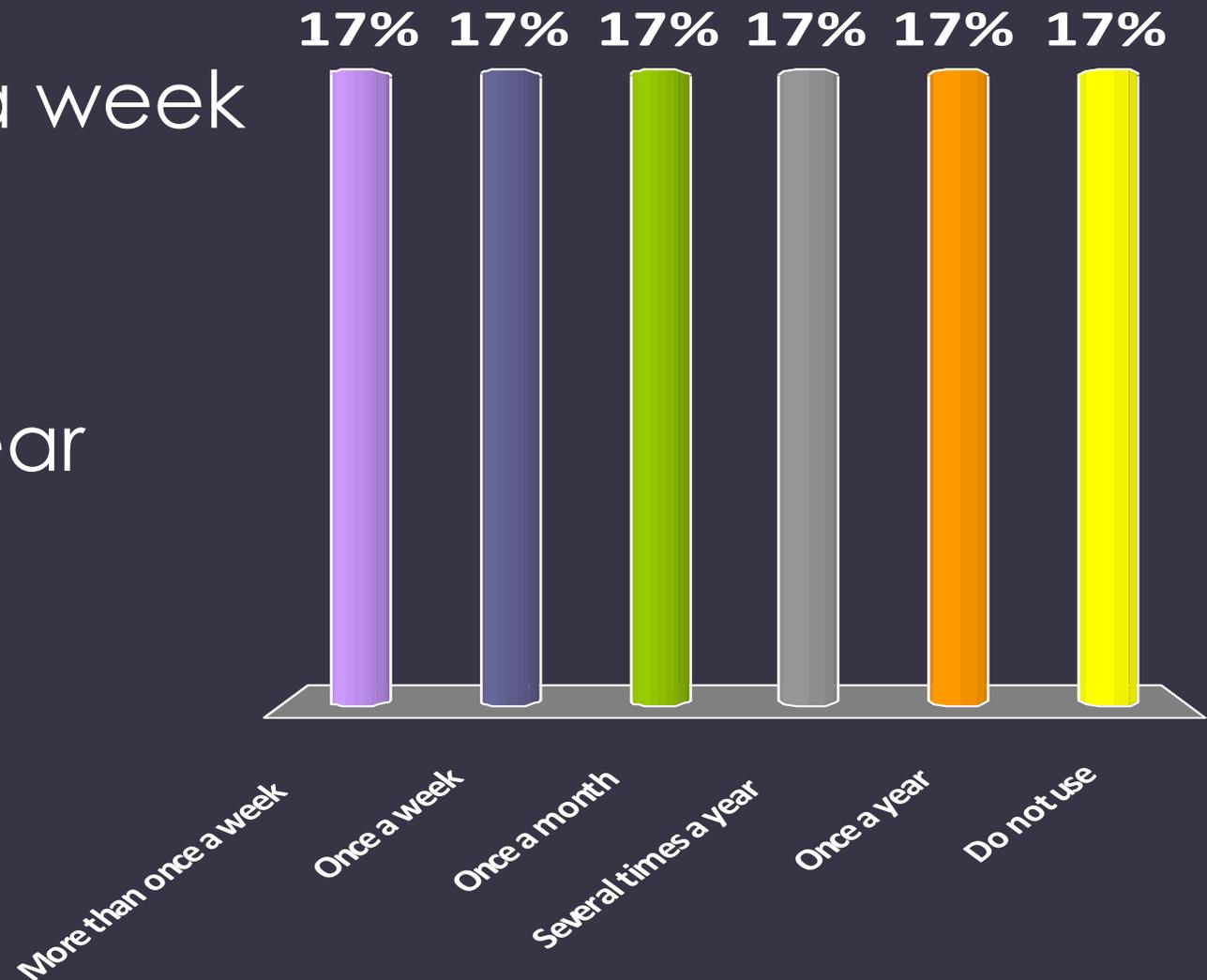
How long have you lived in Los Banos?

1. 0 – 5 years
2. 6 – 10 years
3. 11 – 20 years
4. 20 – 30 years
5. 30+ years



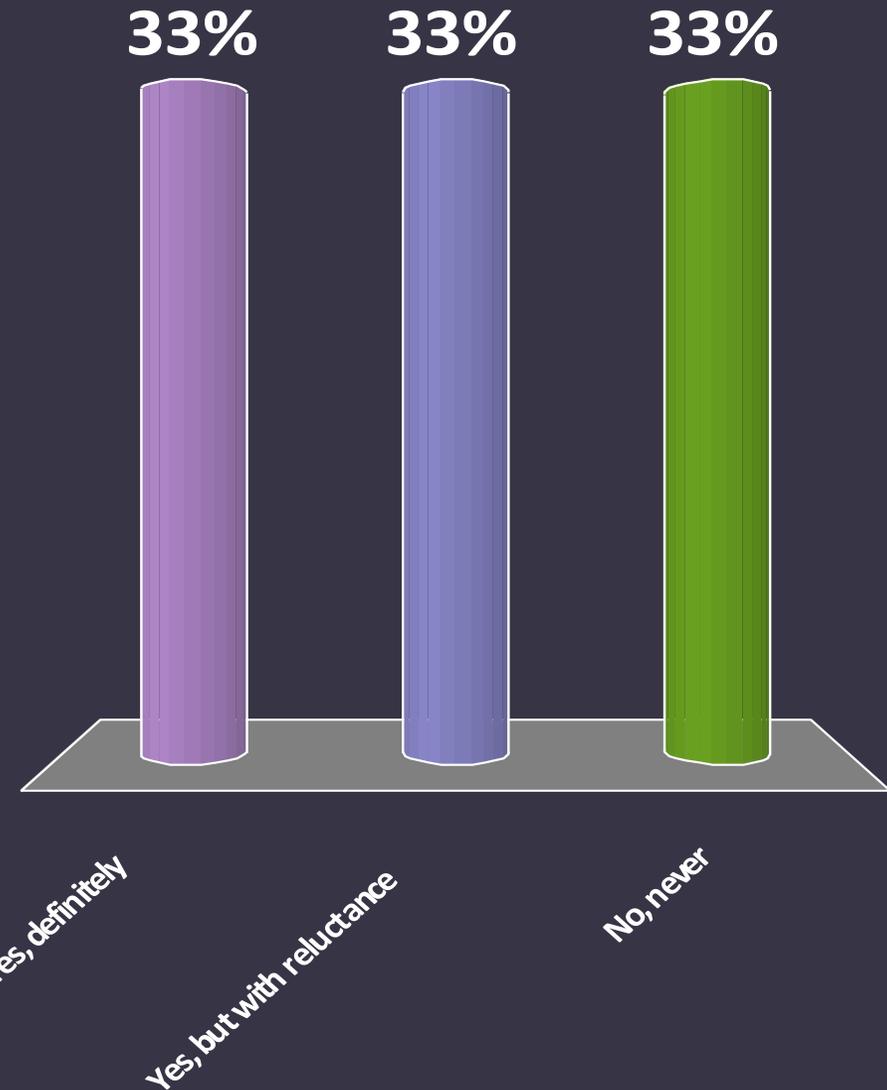
How often does your household use indoor or outdoor parks?

1. More than once a week
2. Once a week
3. Once a month
4. Several times a year
5. Once a year
6. Do not use



Would you be willing to pay a fee to reserve a picnic pavilion?

1. Yes, definitely
2. Yes, but with reluctance
3. No, never



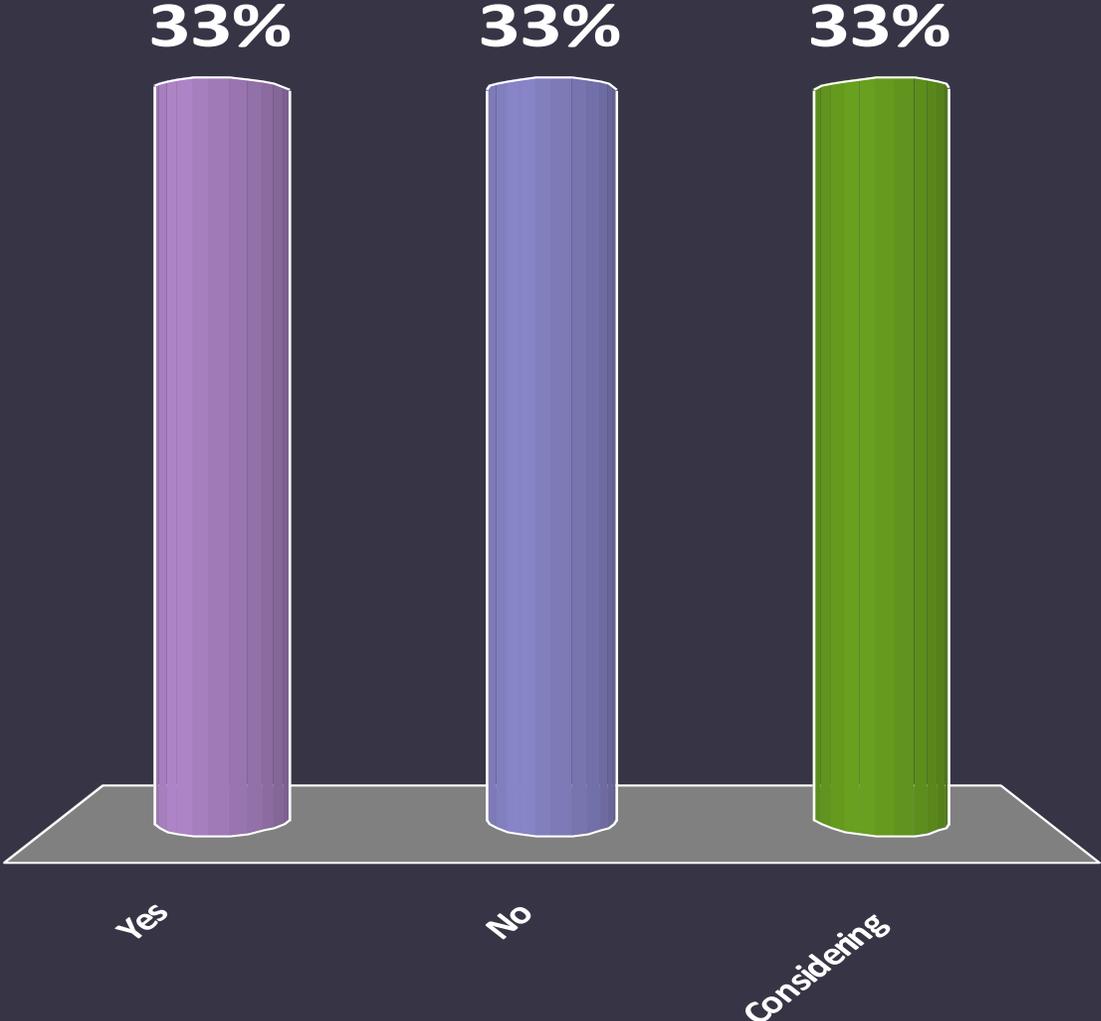
How do you usually get to your favorite park?

1. Drive
2. Bus
3. Walk/Roll
4. Bike



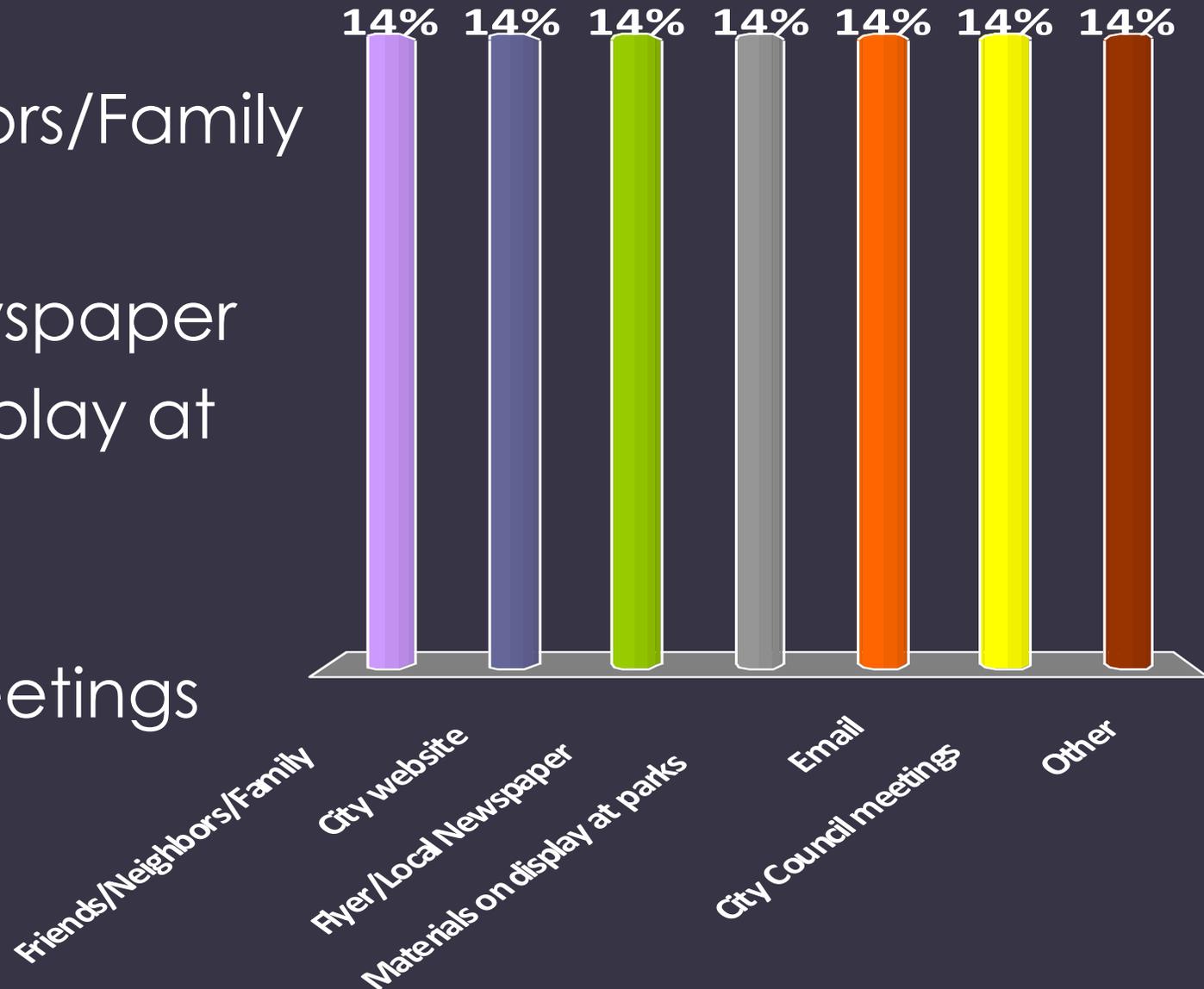
Do you or your household participate in organized/league sports?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Considering



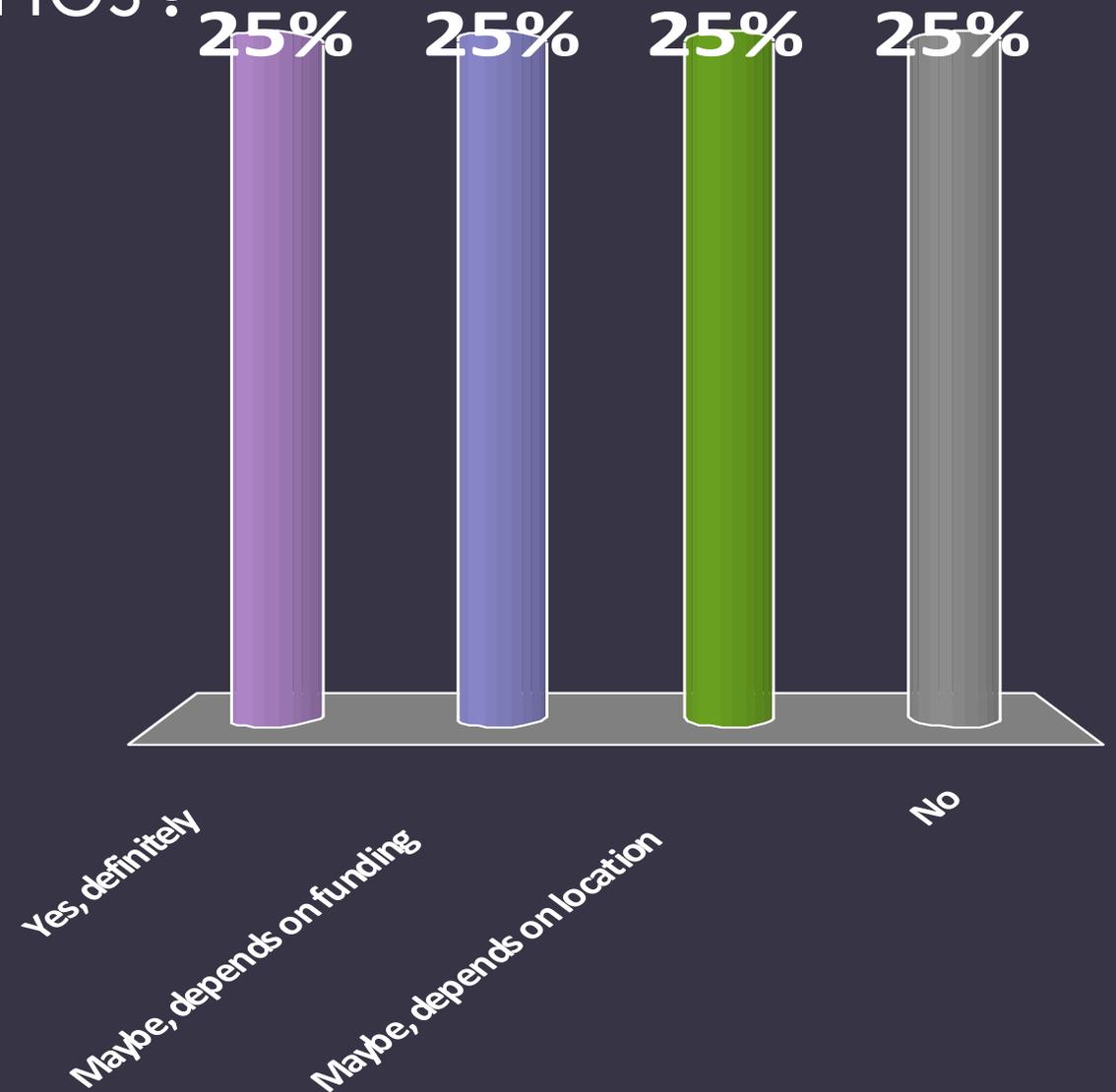
How do you learn about park programs and activities?

1. Friends/Neighbors/Family
2. City website
3. Flyer/Local Newspaper
4. Materials on display at parks
5. Email
6. City Council meetings
7. Other



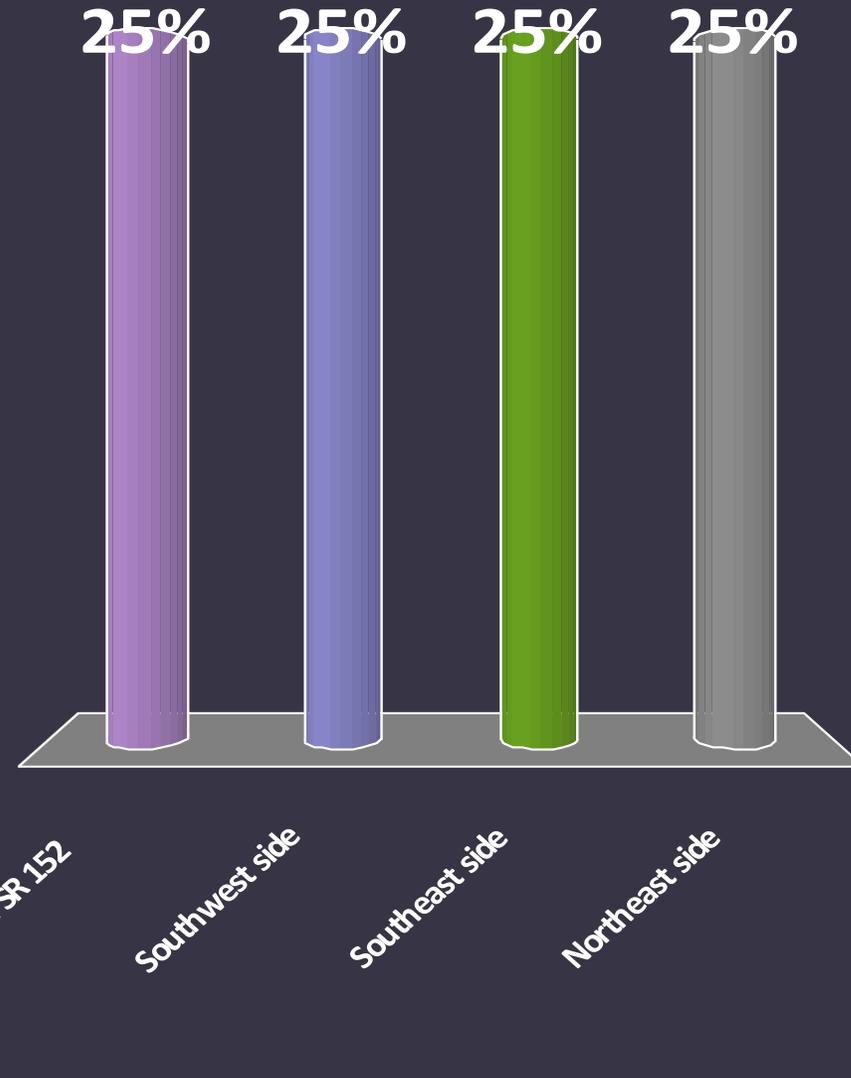
Would you be in favor of a regional sports complex in Los Banos?

1. Yes, definitely
2. Maybe, depends on funding
3. Maybe, depends on location
4. No



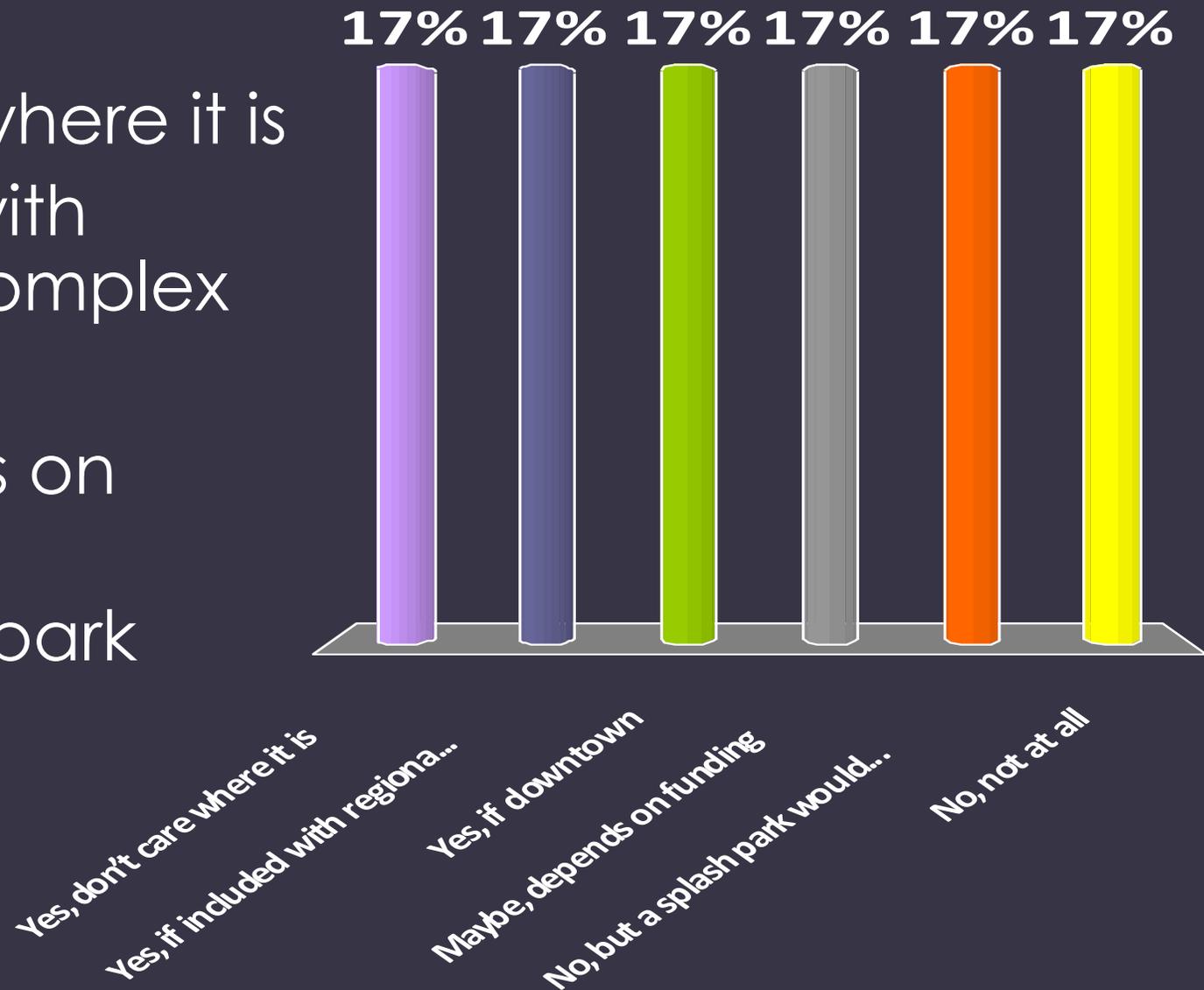
If approved, what would be your preferred location for a regional sports complex?

1. West side north of SR 152
2. Southwest side
3. Southeast side
4. Northeast side



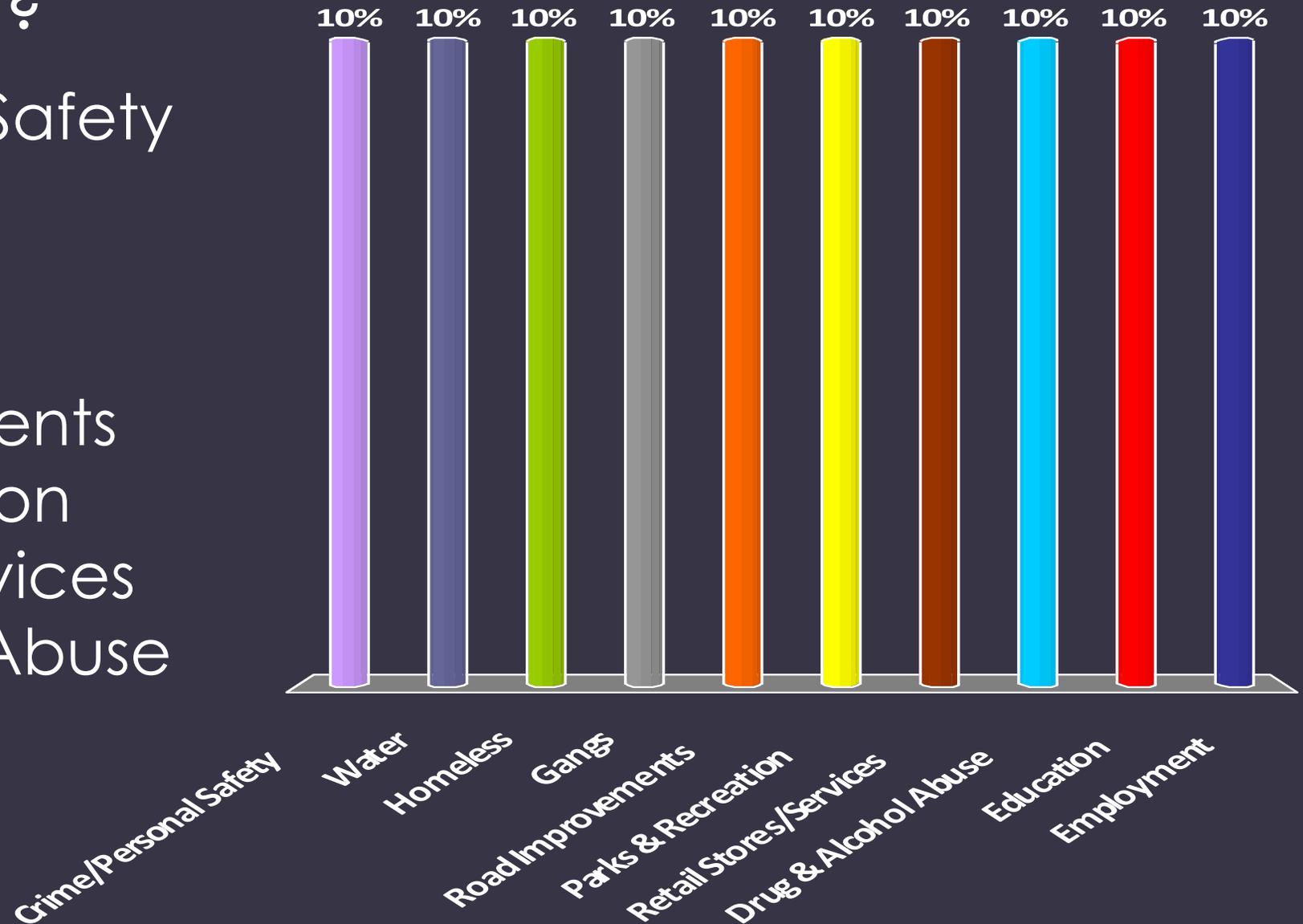
Would you be in favor of an outdoor swimming pool?

1. Yes, don't care where it is
2. Yes, if included with regional sports complex
3. Yes, if downtown
4. Maybe, depends on funding
5. No, but a splash park would be nice
6. No, not at all



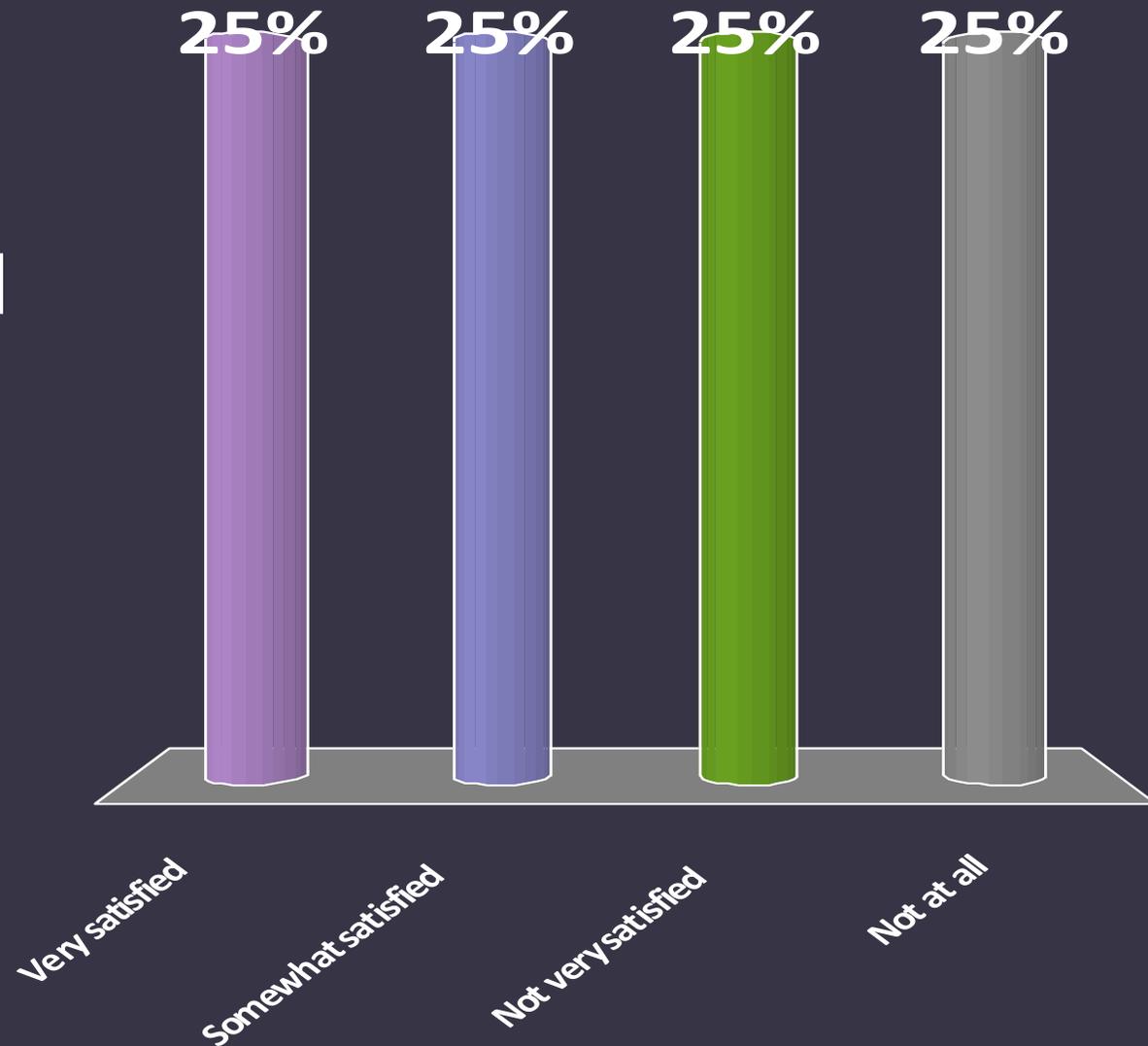
What issues facing the City are of greatest concern to you?

1. Crime/Personal Safety
2. Water
3. Homeless
4. Gangs
5. Road Improvements
6. Parks & Recreation
7. Retail Stores/Services
8. Drug & Alcohol Abuse
9. Education
10. Employment



How satisfied are you with the existing parks and recreation facilities?

1. Very satisfied
2. Somewhat satisfied
3. Not very satisfied
4. Not at all



What would you like to see improved?





Any final thoughts?

**Thanks for
your input.
See you in
March!**

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