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City of Raleigh Statement on Equity

The City of Raleigh is committed to establishing and advancing an equitable community for all. Because we know that race is the primary predictor of a person's outcomes across all social indicators and societal systems, the City of Raleigh will prioritize racial equity to dismantle the policies and systems that have created and sustained these inequities.

Inequities in our systems and policies are costly and limit positive outcomes and quality of life for all of us. When we achieve racial equity, all people in Raleigh will benefit from a more just, equitable system. Raleigh aspires to be a model for equity in local government.

Executive Summary

To gain an understanding of resident thoughts around the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Budget, the City of Raleigh's Budget and Management Services Department (BMS) conducted rigorous engagement around the budget process. This year BMS conducted the City's first-ever pilot participatory budgeting process that included setting aside \$1 million in capital budget - \$200,000 for each of the City's five districts – for residents to vote on. During last year's budget engagement process, residents indicated needs in the areas of community development, transportation, community engagement, and sustainability. BMS included these community-based projects in its pilot participatory budgeting effort, which up to 3,000 residents voted on. A detailed list of projects can be found in Appendix F.

In keeping with prior year engagement outreach efforts, BMS also conducted over 10 listening sessions that provided residents with an opportunity to voice their preferences on the City's spending decisions. Utilizing lessons from last year, BMS started the process much earlier than the past. Engagement around the upcoming budget process started in October 2023, three months earlier than prior years, so that initial feedback from residents could be incorporated into the citywide budget development process and impact spending decisions. Over 100 residents showed up to these listening sessions, and their thoughts are shared in Appendix D.

Staff conducted five in-person listening sessions at community centers in each of the City's five districts. In addition, BMS scheduled 10 virtual listening sessions. Finally, listening sessions culminated in the City's first-ever Budget & Brews event. Hosted at Trophy Brewing on Morgan Street near Downtown Raleigh, over 40 residents showed up to share pizza, beers, and their thoughts around the City's budget process.

This report includes an account of the FY25 budget engagement process. It contains:

- Details related to this year's budget engagement process
- Resident input from listening sessions
- Participatory Budgeting pilot results
- Engagement fliers and additional data

FY2025 Budget Process and Engagement Recap





The City of Raleigh's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 of the following year. Unlike prior fiscal years, budget development commenced in October 2023 with the start of budget engagement. BMS staff conducted over 10 listening sessions and piloted the City's first-ever participatory budgeting process. Through a Budget Community Priorities Survey via Balancing Act, residents were able to vote on \$1 million of capital projects citywide, or \$200,000 per district. These efforts toward rigorous engagement earlier in the fiscal year helped inform departments of resident needs during the FY25 Budget Kick-Off, which took place in December 2023. In February, City Council will begin hosting a series of Budget Work Sessions to discuss FY25 budget development. On May 21, BMS will present the City Manager's Proposed FY25 budget to City Council. Before the end of June, City Council is required to adopt the next fiscal year budget. June 4, 2024 is the public hearing on the FY25 proposed budget.

Engagement Outreach

Just like last year, Budget and Management Services partnered with the City of Raleigh Communications Department to create a comprehensive outreach strategy for this year's engagement efforts for listening sessions. A list of all the listening sessions scheduled by BMS staff are listed below:

Virtual Listening Sessions Dates and Times:		
Thursday October 12th 6-7:30pm	Saturday, October 14th 10-11:30am	
(VIRTUAL via Zoom)	(VIRTUAL via Zoom)	
Wednesday, October 18th 12-1:30pm	Saturday, October 21st, 10-11:30am	
(VIRTUAL via Zoom)	(VIRTUAL via Zoom)	
Monday, October 23rd 6-7:30pm	Wednesday October 25th 6-7:30pm	
(VIRTUAL via Zoom)	(VIRTUAL via Zoom)	
Thursday October 26th 12-1:30pm	Thursday October 26th 6-7:30pm	
(VIRTUAL via Zoom)	(VIRTUAL via Zoom)	

In-Person Listening Sessions Dates and Times:		
Tuesday, October 10th, 6-7:30pm	Wednesday, October 11th, 6-7:30pm	
District A – Green Road Center	District B – Abbot's Creek Center	
Monday, October 16th, 6-7:30pm	Tuesday, October 17th, 6-7:30pm	
District C – Chavis Center Reception Hall	District D – Carolina Pines Center	
Thursday, October 19th, 6-7:30pm	Tuesday, October 24th 6-7:30pm	
District E – Glen Eden Park Center	"Budget & Brews!": Trophy Brewing on Morgan St	

A survey was hosted through Balancing Act and linked from the City's website, along with links to sign up for both virtual and in-person listening sessions held on a variety of dates and times. Both phases of the effort had a strong presence on raleighnc.gov with news articles, services pages, a direct link out to the survey, and event pages where people could register for each virtual or in-person event. Communications sent emails advertising the survey and listening sessions using its GovDelivery system to residents signed up to receive emails from the City of Raleigh. The survey was also advertised downtown on digital kiosks (IKEs) and throughout the City of Raleigh with printed fliers with QR codes in English and Spanish. The City used its @raleighgov Facebook, Nextdoor, X, and Instagram accounts to further promote the sessions.

Digital advertisements for the survey were also placed on GoRaleigh buses. Survey promotion was included in December 2023 Raleigh Water bills. Posts were made and boosted across City of Raleigh social media platforms to advertise the survey and listening sessions. RalToday, a daily email newsletter reaching 54,000 Raleighites, ran a banner ad. The sessions and survey were further promoted with paid media through iHeart and Radio One, including targeted digital display based on priority zip codes, income level, and to Spanish speakers. The ads ran on Facebook, Nextdoor, and as display ads on websites our audience visited. Digital banners ran in both English and Spanish. Radio One ran a Community Spotlight interview, and the effort was picked up by the News & Observer, Radio One, CBS 17, and ABC 11, bringing awareness to the survey and listening sessions.

BMS staff also reached out to City Council members to gather input around organizations to reach out to for engagement around the FY25 budget. Based on City Council's feedback, staff reached out to 40 organizations that included CASA, Emancipate NC, and People's Budget Coalition to name a few. A detailed list of these organizations can be found in Appendix C.

Outreach Detail

Website

- Featured news article on raleighnc.gov, service page that linked out to the survey, and event listings with sign up for each listening session (virtual and in-person)
- Over 10,000 views on associated pages on raleighnc.gov

Email Marketing

- Sent emails via GovDelivery to raise awareness to subscribers of several relevant topics with a combined reach of over 30,000 (Parks News, Budget News, Community Engagement News, Community Development News, Neighborhood Services, media list)
- Raltoday banner ads in e-newsletter that goes out to 54,000 Raleighites

Social and Digital Advertising

- Organic (unpaid) posts on the City's @raleighgov Instagram, X (Twitter), Facebook and Nextdoor
- Paid posts on Nextdoor and Facebook (Radio One, Que Pasa Media)
- Targeted digital display ads in English and Spanish (iHeart Media, Radio One, Que Pasa Media)
 - » Zip codes: 27610, 27604, 27609
 - » Household income less than \$80,000
 - » Spanish speakers
- Interactive Kiosk Experience (IKE) ads in downtown Raleigh with QR code
- Digital ads in GoRaleigh buses

Print and Radio

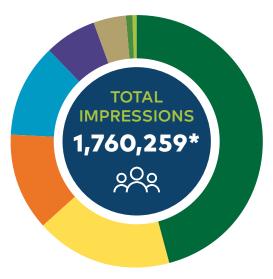
- Newspaper ads in Spanish with QR code (Que Pasa Media)
- Radio One Community Spotlight interview with BMS Staff
- Printed fliers in English and Spanish with QR code distributed to community centers
- "Your service connection" insert in Raleigh Water bills – 209,650 households

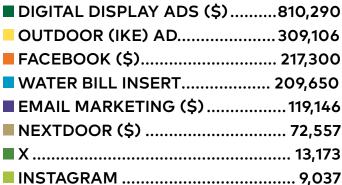
Earned Media

The project was picked up by several news outlets:

- Vote online to determine how Raleigh spends \$1
 million in your neighborhood (ABC 11)
- Raleigh preparing for 2025 City budget and they want input from residents, business and organizations (CBS17)
- Raleigh giving its neighborhoods \$1 million –
 how would you spend it in yours? (N&O)
- Raleigh has \$1 million up for grabs here's your chance to tell the City how to spend it (Yahoo finance)
- How should the City spend \$1 million in capital projects? People in the city can share their ideas (ABC 11)

Measuring Our Outreach





^{*} Based on impressions, or the number of views. \$ denotes where paid advertising was used. Impressions for: radio, bus ads, earned media/ local news outlets, fliers, or Que Pasa media (print, social media) are not available for inclusion.



■ EXTERNAL (MARKETING EMAILS, ONLINE NEWS STORIES)	57%
DIRECT TRAFFIC (DIGITAL DISPLAY ADS, PERSONAL EMAIL)	34%
SOCIAL MEDIA	7%
SEARCH ENGINES	1%
■ INTERNAL TRAFFIC WITHIN RALEIGHNC.GOV	1%

Referral traffic sources to landing page on raleighnc.gov that linked to Balancing Act survey. Data from SiteImprove analytics.

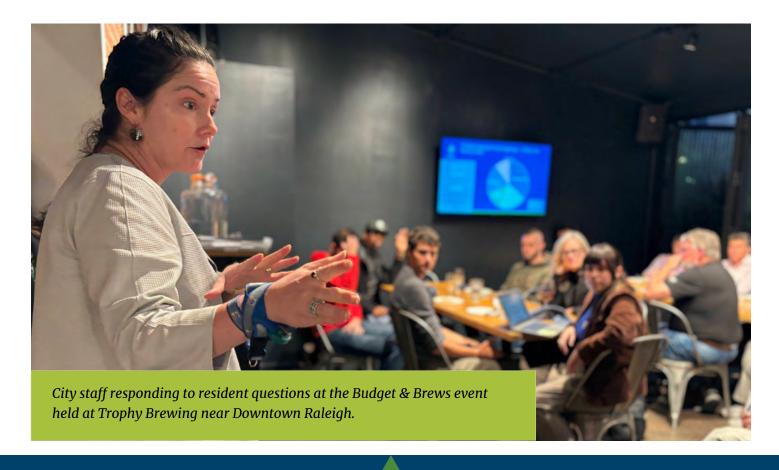
To ensure accessibility and the most participation in listening sessions, residents had the opportunity to indicate whether they needed access to childcare during in-person sessions held at the City's community centers. As a result, childcare was offered at each of the five in-person listening sessions at no cost to attendees. In addition, Budget and Management Services employed multiple strategies to make the budget engagement process accessible to non-English speakers. When signing up for listening sessions, all Raleigh residents were offered the opportunity to indicate whether they needed a translator at the session. In addition, BMS procured translating services to produce Spanish-language versions of the Community Budget Priorities Survey for each of the five districts.

To increase awareness of the survey among Spanish speakers, the local Spanish-language media network Que Pasa, was used to advertise the survey with targeted Facebook ads, digital ads, and a full-page print ad with QR code. BMS also contacted community organizations such as NC Hispanic Chamber, El Centro Hispano, and Prospera, to increase survey awareness among Spanish speakers. Fliers with a QR code linking to the survey were also printed in English and Spanish and were placed in all City of Raleigh community centers.

Resident Feedback

To hear from residents, Budget and Management Services (BMS) offered a total of 10 listening sessions over the course of a month. Overall, a combined total of 100 participants shared feedback at the City's in-person and virtual listening sessions along with the Budget & Brews event. Sessions were facilitated by Budget and Management Services staff. The goal of each session was to educate residents about the City's budget process and to provide an opportunity for resident feedback. BMS provided an overview of the City's adopted budget revenues and expenses, and how budget decision-making occurs. At each session Budget and Management Services sought feedback from community members on seven main themes, that included Climate Change and Sustainability, Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, General Government, Transportation and Infrastructure, Housing, and Arts and Cultural Resources.

Affordable housing was at the forefront in almost every in-person listening session. Residents expressed the need for more affordable housing in the City and the need to address homelessness around the City of Raleigh. Resident concerns related to transportation and infrastructure revolved around road safety and maintenance, better bus frequency, and more sidewalk connectivity. In the area of public safety, residents expressed the need for an alternative response program in the city and increasing the salaries of public safety personnel. In the category of General Government, residents expressed concerns around employee compensation. Finally, in the areas of Parks, Climate Change and Sustainability, and Arts and Cultural Resources, resident feedback included prioritizing recreational programming, electric vehicles, and increasing spending for the arts. For more information on feedback heard at in-person listening sessions, see Appendix D for a complete list of resident comments.



In the virtual listening sessions, residents expressed a desire to see a measured approach toward growth and development around the City of Raleigh.

Resident feedback also included a desire to see the City address solutions for gentrification. Finally, residents expressed a desire for improved park facilities, such as tennis and pickleball courts.

At the additional Budget & Brews event, residents discussed concerns surrounding gentrification, particularly as it relates to the needs of longtime Raleigh residents to age in place. Residents expressed a desire for an effective and compassionate approach to public safety, as highlighted by an appreciation for the Addressing Crises through Outreach, Referrals, Networking, and Service (ACORNS) program. In the category of transportation, residents expressed a desire for reliable public transit of increased frequency. Residents expressed support for existing greenway connectivity within Raleigh and a desire to see more funds allocated toward increasing said connectivity.



Resident comments from listening sessions*

Homeless & housing – to much lip service & not enough funding, collaborate on affordable housing

We don't have \$ for maintenance and repair

Make ACORNS exclusively mental health workers, more mental health workers

Lobbying for the City's legislative agenda

Expand outreach & encourage participation in city classes/services

Preservation & restoration of natural waterways & flood zones for stormwater management and climate resilience

Increase grant support for non-profit arts

*Quotes listed are verbatim from residents.

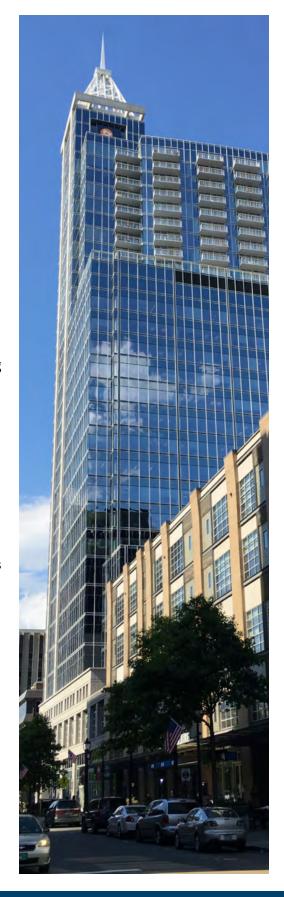
Participatory Budgeting Pilot

To give residents real power over the City budget, the City of Raleigh conducted its first ever pilot participatory budgeting process during FY25 budget engagement. The City set aside \$200,000 in each district, for a total of \$1,000,000 in capital budget, to be spent on projects voted for by Raleigh residents. Budget and Management Services designed a Community Budget Priorities Survey (via Balancing Act) for residents in each district to vote on their budget priorities.

Budget and Management Services used responses from last year's engagement survey to identify departments that aligned with areas of resident need. Subject matter experts in these departments were consulted to produce one-time capital project ideas within each district, which were then approved by the City Manager. A detailed list of pilot Participatory Budgeting projects can be found in Appendix F.

BMS worked with Balancing Act to design an engagement survey using Prioritize software - commonly used in participatory budgeting efforts. The final survey presented a total of 19 options and was held open from October 10 to December 31, 2023. The Survey asked residents to provide their top three priorities for how to spend \$200,000 in their districts. The survey received 2,924 responses. District A submitted 620 responses, District B submitted 347 responses, District C submitted 651 responses, District D submitted 682 responses, and District E submitted 622 responses. Winning projects were chosen based on number of votes each project received in the online survey. The table below shows the top resident priorities from each district's budget priorities survey. Each district's first priority will be fully funded, and subsequent priorities will be funded with remaining dollars until a district's \$200,000 allotment is exhausted. Due to the differing costs of projects chosen by residents, up to the top two priorities in districts A, D, and E will be funded, and up to the top three priorities in districts B and C will be funded.

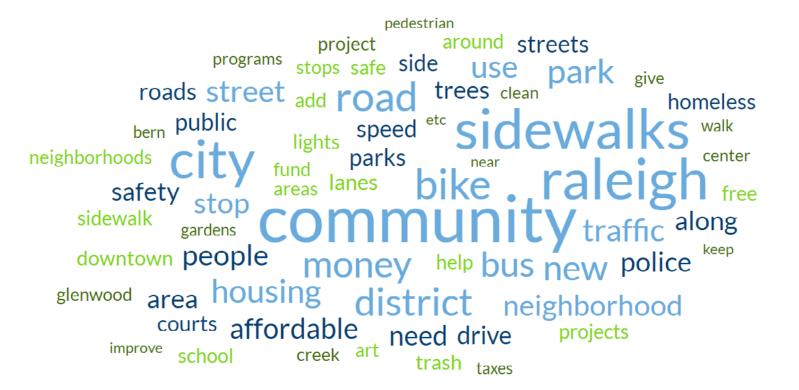
Winning projects will be funded as part of the FY25 capital budget process and implemented by supporting departments after July 1, 2024. Once implemented, staff will work to evaluate projects internally and externally to ensure they meet project goals in each district. Internal evaluations will be conducted between department and BMS staff. External evaluations, in the form of either public feedback sessions or surveys, will be conducted in FY25 to gather resident input of completed projects in each district.



District	Priority One (Votes)	Priority Two (Votes)	Priority Three (Votes)
District A	Micro gaps for sidewalks to and from parks and greenways	Grants for community organizations & non-profits	
District B	Micro gaps for sidewalks to and from parks and greenways	Computers for distribution	Neighborhood education programming poverty simulation
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^{*}Detailed information about each project can be found in Appendix F.

The survey also included a comment box, in which over 500 suggestions were submitted. Below is a word cloud representing words most frequently occurring in these comments:



Appendix A: **Listening Session**

Email Invitation



Sessions and Give us Input on the FY25

The City of Raleigh wants to hear from you! The Budget and Management Services Bepartment is hosting islationing sessions with the community to pilot a new engagement approach for the City! Hearing from residents, businesses, and organization is critical to creating an equitable City budget. We are asking residents for input on items like transportation, housing, parks, and the environment.

Be sure to sign up for a session clicking here: https://forms.office.com/g/6nmEjttXHdw Learn more assession clicking here: https://forms.office.com/g/6nmEjttXHdw https://forms.office.com/g/6nmEjttXHdw

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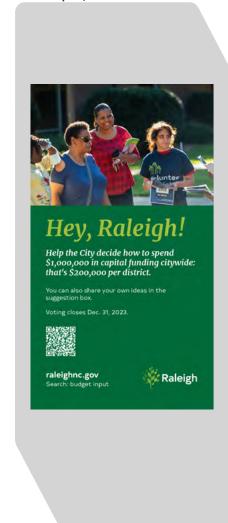




Appendix B: Creative

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IKE Display



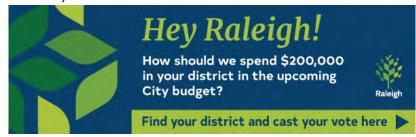
Que Pasa Print Ad



Survey Print Poster



RalToday Ad



Appendix C: List of Organizations Recommended for Outreach by City Council

Organizations

- People's Budget Coalition
- Refund Raleigh
- Citizens Advisory Council
- EmancipateNC
- ONE Wake
- LGBT Center of Raleigh
- Tammy Lynn Center (TLC)
- Stonewall Sports
- Raleigh Pride
- Existing Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs)
- District D Neighborhood Alliance
- Wake Habitat
- Downtown Housing Improvement Corporation (DHIC)
- CASA
- Wake County Housing Justice coalition
- Arise
- Emancipate NC
- Equity Before Birth
- Justice Served
- The Friends of Oberlin Village

- The Historic Turner House
- My Brother's Keeper of Wake County
- Kemetic Cultural Science and System of Unity
- Kerr Family YMCA
- Wakefield Campuses Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs)
- Wakefield Homeowners' Association (HOA)
- Hedingham Homeowners' Association (HOA)
- 5401 HOA
- El Pueblo
- North Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)
- North Raleigh Chamber of Commerce
- Wake Relief
- Wake County Meals on Wheels
- El Centro
- Ship Outreach
- Triangle Family Services
- Next Step Development Corporation
- Activate Good
- Downtown Raleigh Alliance (DRA)
- Raleigh Chamber

Appendix D: Listening Sessions Summary

Budget and Management Services sought feedback from community members in the listening sessions on seven main themes: Climate Change and Sustainability, Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, General Government, Transportation and Infrastructure, Housing, and Arts and Cultural Resources. This section highlights the feedback received from community members during the listening sessions. Feedback and quotes displayed are given verbatim except for correction of grammatical or typing errors.

Housing

- More staff to operate an increase in public housing units
- 2. Build more public housing units
- Land acquisitions for affordable housing, city maintains ownership of land
- 4. Repairs of public housing units
- Homeless & housing too much lip service & not enough funding, collaborate on affordable housing
- Not sure city should be responsible for public housing. Developers should provide to a fund to subsidize/ provide housing proportionately to size of project
- Absolute nuts that contractors only support 4% when in-support 54%
- 8. Increase of funds for nonprofit housing
- 9. Address homelessness
- 10. RHA waitlist should not close
- 11. People unhoused unacceptable
- 12. Increase funding for housing
- 13. Force developers to include 15% affordable units in ALL new developments
- Convert building in city to house social service programs
- 15. Mobile units to do well checks on unhoused
- 16. Make housing #1 priority
- 17. Identify & fill vacant homes

- 18. 30% AMI and below
- Financial literacy programs that are basic like statement balancing & offer diverse delivery methods
- Too many rentals, not enough long-term housing options that are affordable
- 21. More starter homes
- 22. Restore existing historic properties rather than building luxury buildings
- "Extra" revenue from property taxes should go into affordable housing programs
- 24. Create community garden spaces that are accessible to low-income residents
- 25. Invest in teaching people to create urban gardens
- 26. Increase Housing budget
- 27. Increased funding for non-profits
- 28. Mixed income housing
- Partner with non-profits to acquire and manage affordable housing projects
- 30. Transitional housing for recovery programs
- 31. Change policies to discourage tear downs of perfectly good middle homes

Transportation and Infrastructure

- Transportation system that gets clientele from place to place quicker, safer
- Better identification of medians and speed bumps—they should be painted with day glow reflective paint
- Better bus stops, shelter, seating
- 4. How are bicycles and e-bikes helping to support the general fund?
- Yard waste & leaf collection is not as good as past but priority of public
- 6. Capital funds to build Five Points roundabout
- More frequency of Brier Creek 7OX bus line in evening/ weekends
- 8. Pay increase for transit workers
- 9. More sidewalk connectivity
- 10. We don't have \$ for maintenance and repair
- 11. Do a better job of maintaining city vehicles
- 12. Fuel coming from trash trucks
- 13. No more bike lanes!
- Street Road Maintenance as well as statemaintained highways
- 15. Maintain & clean roads repave Falls of Neuse
- 16. Sidewalks needed
- 17. Bus increases in Routes & Frequency
- 18. Lower speed limits in the city
- 19. Redo the Go Raleigh website
- 20. Light rail

- 21. More bike lanes
- 22. Invest in repairing roads and sidewalks in SE Raleigh
- 23. Better roads
- 24. More covers for bus stops
- 25. Continue free fares for buses
- 26. Empty trash city cans
- 27. Clean leaves in bike lanes
- 28. Lake Wheeler Rd renovations to include bike lanes to/from Tryon & Farmers Market
- 29. Better waste management & recycling education
- 30. What will happen when transportation is not free anymore?
- 31. I can't get to Lynn Park via a sidewalk. Parks need to be more accessible
- 32. Keep buses free!
- 33. Cancel Six Forks Improvement project
- 34. Put community needs first in planning
- 35. Fund delayed projects like Six Forks Road modification
- 36. Create specific funding to support area plan
- 37. Traffic calming needs more evaluation
- 38. Accelerate Lake Wheeler changes
- 39. Bike lanes with barriers/dividers
- 40. Expand CAT to access RDU airport



Public Safety

- Make ACORNS exclusively mental health workers, more mental health workers
- 2. Training in de-escalatory tactics
- 3. What are priorities for public safety? Police, fire, emergency
- 4. Keep up with salaries for Fire, EMT, police, public safety, etc.
- 5. Mental health crisis responsive unit
- 6. Increase in public safety police for theft deterrence, enforce speed limits
- 7. HEART proposal implemented in Raleigh
- Public Safety losing salaries
- 9. Traffic division unit
- 10. Where is police equipment/budget going too?
- 11. STAR program tailored to Raleigh
- 12. Two new Police classes in 2024-2025
- 13. Invest in the HEART program not more police
- 14. Finds ways to make downtown safer that isn't enforcement/criminalization

- 15. Divert traffic patrol resources to community engagement
- Reduce Police budget and more to HEART program
- 17. Robust mental health crisis response team that responds directly to Emergency Communications
- 18. Volunteer social workers to enhance safety in areas with a high homeless population
- 19. Adequate staffing for RPD
- 20. More youth programs devoted to service projects
- 21. Speed Enforcement by RPD
- 22. ACORNS or equivalent
- 23. More safety programs
- 24. Increase salaries for police, firefighters
- 25. More ACORNS services
- 26. Fewer vacancies



General Government

- General govt. to keep up support to Gen Govt. departments as city grows
- City Council More collaboration w/ NC General Assembly & Wake County
- Reparation for descendants of black Raleigh residents whose ancestors were victims of racial violence
- 4. Pay a living fulltime wage to city councilors so you don't have to be rich to serve
- 5. Update community on efforts of the lobbyists
- Investments into social media or video training to increase transparency
- Investment into community building initiatives
- 8. Citizen info & communication
- 9. Debt management
- 10. More oversight of MSDs fiscally for legal compliance
- 11. Lobbying for the City's legislative agenda
- 12. Improve City's website better for residents not employees
- 13. Equitable pay to retain employees

- 14. Salaries for employees
- Support for City staffing to manage better/ effectively
- 16. Has anyone thought of reviewing other city budgets on how they tax to provide operating funds?
- 17. Sufficient staff for monthly rezoning update meetings in each district
- 18. E&I department staff to support African Affairs Board Raleigh 2990 AA/ Black
- 19. Budget line items on dashboard
- 20. African American Community need access to council via board
- 21. E&I Department staff to support a reparative justice commission
- 22. Increase of wages for utility and solid waste workers
- 23. Pay should reflect how worthy they are
- 24. Redirect budget to other departments
- 25. Lower taxes



Parks and Recreation

- 1. Pay increase for Parks staff
- Create/ promote destinations along trails and greenways
- Greenway maintenance and safety cameras on the paths
- 4. Parking lot cameras at the rec centers.
- 5. Fix existing greenways before adding more.
- 6. Teaching youth & adult roller-skating
- football, cheerleading, dance Programs w/ resources
- 8. Reach out to community leaders within diverse ecosystems
- Promote Black & Brown organizations /churches to advertise and pay them
- 10. Create more full-time positions for City workers especially in Parks & Rec.
- 11. Identify old programming that worked
- 12. Acknowledge new programs & provide free space for proven leaders
- 13. Healthy communities have opportunity

- 14. Expand outreach & encourage participation in City classes/services
- 15. Increase/maintain access to parks that doesn't require a car
- I would like to see more cleaner parks on the Southside
- 17. More \$ toward unimproved green spaces
- 18. Seem to be doing a good job here
- More money into park & greenway maintenance & safety
- 20. Repair bike trails & greenways
- 21. "Penny for Parks" need to be a line-item vs being part of the Parks' general budget
- 22. Grass cutting and tree trimming in neighborhoods
- 23. Pool at Chavis was why I voted for Parks bond
- 24. Bond \$ is not enough
- 25. More programs for Pre-K
- 26. Faster enhancements of parks



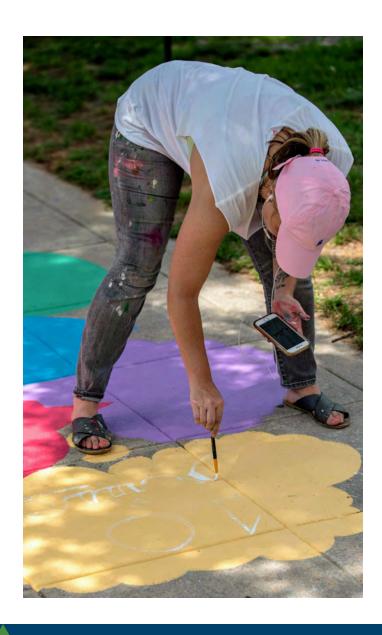
Climate Change and Sustainability

- Keep up good creative work in climate change projects
- 2. Cost to measure the amount of methane escape from new bioenergy facility
- 3. Keep the composting going
- Investment in creative sustainable transportation options
- 5. Electric buses
- 6. More efficient bus routes
- Investing in making composting easier for residents
- 8. Incentivize recycling
- 9. More trees for shade

Arts and Cultural Resources

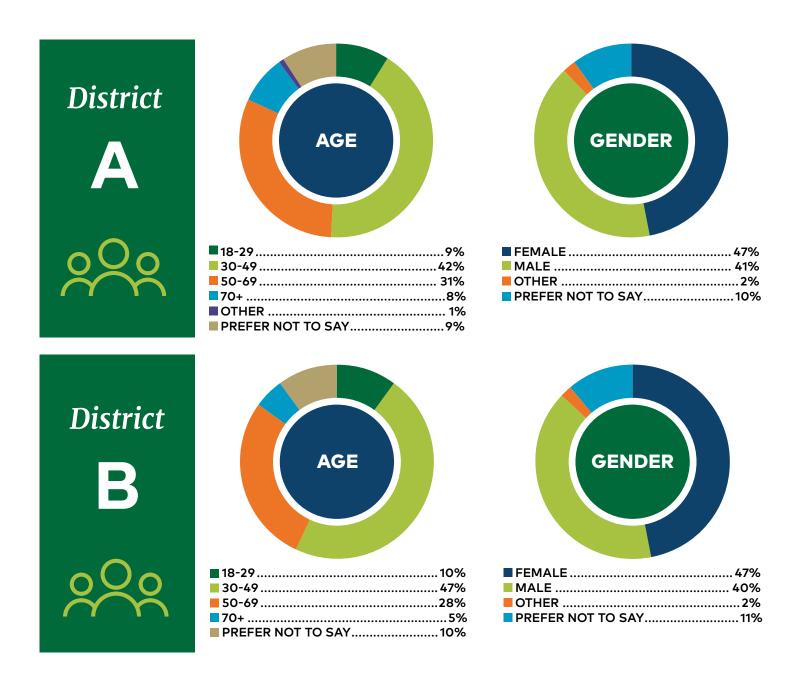
- 1. Arts and Cultural Resources are a major draw for residents- continue funding of theater, ballet, symphony, etc.
- 2. Street art
- 3. Great job on Arts & Cultural Resources
- 4. Increase grant support for nonprofit arts
- 5. Arts should support themselves
- 6. More after school programs
- 7. More arts spending on "story telling" preserving our history
- 8. Better marketing strategies to reach community for events
- Hire consultants & Civic leaders to diversify the culture of arts & communities
- 10. More plays and activities for local kids
- 11. Low priority
- 12. Use donations

- 10. Reparative Justice Commission staff support position in budget
- 11. Preservation & restoration of natural waterways & flood zones for stormwater management and climate resilience
- 12. Climate lowered
- 13. Eliminate Street Leaf collection program
- 14. Must be built into everything else
- 15. Save green space
- 16. Stop allowing all our trees to be cut down & built over
- 17. Strong policy to save trees
- 18. EBike; eTransport waste of money
- 19. Put money into public transportation

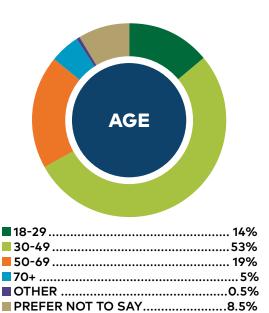


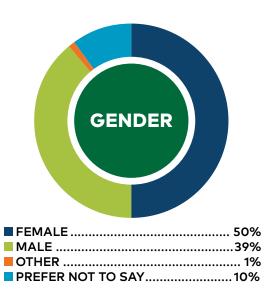
Appendix E: Demographic Information

Residents were asked to submit their age and gender identity. BMS included a "prefer not to say" option for each question. Results for those who responded to these questions are below.

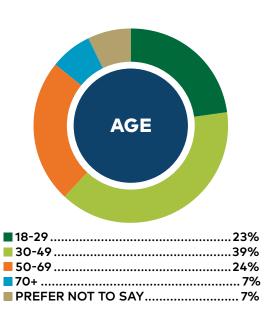


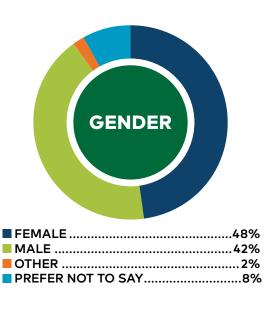
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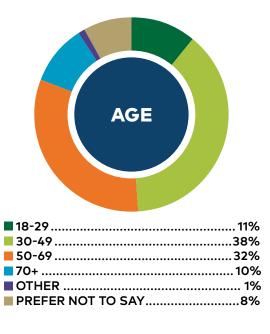


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	GENDER	
OTHER29		
OTHER29 PREFER NOT TO SAY99	MALE	42%
PREFER NOT TO SAY 9%	OTHER	2%
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Appendix F: List of Pilot Participatory Budgeting Projects

Project Name	Amount	Project Information
Grant for Community Organizations & Non-Profits	\$100,000	Grants to be used in community projects, or community outreach efforts
Enhance community engagement efforts in the City of Raleigh	\$140,000	Purchase multilingual translation equipment, tablets, and conduct upgrades to City's community engagement van
Accessible curb ramp installation and sidewalk repair	\$200,000	Extra sidewalk repairs and installations of accessible curb ramps
Convert select tennis courts to pickleball	\$200,000	Convert underutilized tennis courts to pickleball courts.
Community Gardens	\$200,000	Create new community gardens
Dog Park	\$200,000	Create a new dog park on undeveloped or underutilized park land
Micro gaps for sidewalks to and from parks and greenways	\$100,000	Add additional sidewalks to address gaps in the sidewalk network
Shade for Playgrounds	\$200,000	Provide fixed shade structures at various playgrounds
"Fit for Raleigh" Fitness Stations	\$200,000	Fitness stations would be installed in your district with exercise equipment, bike racks and water fountains.
Citywide Tool Share or Lending Library - Program Launch	\$125,000	Tool sharing program offering a variety of tools and equipment for Raleigh residents
Digital Inclusion Celebration	\$50,000	Expand access and resources to the community
Digital Literacy & My Career	\$150,000	5-week Digital Literacy training for residents
Digital Tech Connect	\$75,000	3-to-4-hour classes for senior residents to increase their digital literacy
Computers for Distribution	\$50,000	Purchase refurbished computers for community members
Photo Journaling Project	\$50,000	Purchase cameras for students to capture their environment
Bicycle Fix Fest	\$50,000	Provide free resident bike fixes
Light the Night!	\$50,000	Bike light giveaways at community centers
Skid Lid Giveaway	\$100,000	Free bike helmets for the community
Neighborhood Education Programming Poverty Simulation	\$10,000	Conduct poverty simulation programming





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