

Youth Commission Special Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2024 – 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shah called to order the regular meeting of the Youth Commission at 7:00 p.m. from the Senior Center Classroom, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Chair Shah led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided opening remarks.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Chew, Kunde, Lam, Madabhavi, McGovern, Min, Parikh, Shah, Shannon, Sriram, and Chair Shah

Absent: Commissioners Prakash, Saxena

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

MINUTES

1. Approve special meeting minutes of November 8, 2023.

MOTION: It was m/s by Shah/Shannon to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 8, 2023. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chew, Kunde, Lam, Madabhavi, McGovern, Min, Parikh, Shah, Shannon, Sriram, and Chair Shah

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioners Prakash, Saxena

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda.

Chair Shah opened public comment.

There being no speakers Chair Shah closed the item for public comment.

MATTERS FOR THE COMMISSION'S REVIEW/ACTION/INFORMATION

3. Consider and Review Fiscal Year 2023/24 Community Grant Midterm Reports

Chair Shah opened public comment.

There being no speakers Chair Shah closed the item for public comment.

Jay Ingram, Recreation Manager, presented the item and answered questions from the commissioners.

4. Discuss Evaluation Process and Meeting Format for the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Community Grant Program – Youth Category

Chair Shah opened public comment.

There being no speakers Chair Shah closed the item for public comment.

Jay Ingram, Recreation Manager, presented the item and answered questions from commissioners.

5. Recreation Programs Update

Jay Ingram, Recreation Manager, shared information on the Teen Job Fair on March 3, 2024, at the San Ramon Senior Center.

6. Youth in Government Day Ad Hoc Committee Update

The event will be held on 2/27/24.

7. Outreach Ad Hoc Committee Update

Attended Hispanic Heritage Event at the Alviso Adobe.

Chair Shah adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

February 14, 2024
Item 3

**TITLE: REVIEW THE URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN PROCESS AND
OUTREACH RESULTS AND PROVIDE STAFF WITH COMMENTS**

SUMMARY

City Council prioritized the preparation of the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) and approved the project, CIP No. 22773, as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/22 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget. The UFMP was recommended to provide a management plan for the urban forest for the next 25 years, update the city tree inventory, obtain public input, address the Climate Action Plan 2.0 goals, and amend the tree preservation chapter of the municipal code.

City staff and its consultant, Dudek, have completed the first round of public outreach for the UFMP, including a survey with over 600 respondents. The survey results highlighted resident support of the urban forest, concerns, and priorities, but the youth and young adults were underrepresented in the survey, so staff prepared a second survey. The new survey targets youth and young adults and is currently open.

The City's Tree Preservation Ordinance is scheduled for City Council in March.

Staff is requesting the commission provide input on the UFMP and public outreach process and participate by taking and encouraging other youth to take, the second survey, which is expected to be open through mid-March. Surveys will be used to guide the recommendations in the UFMP and help guide the health of the urban forest for future generations.

RECOMMENDATION

Review the Urban Forest Master Plan process and outreach results and provide staff with comments.

BACKGROUND

In the early 1970s, the City recognized the importance of its urban forest, and the City Council adopted Ordinance 640 to preserve trees on September 20, 1971.

The City Council has modified the Tree Preservation Ordinance (Ordinance) over time, mostly in response to land development and issues with enforcement of the Ordinance.

In recent years, some residents have expressed concern regarding the Tree Preservation Ordinance's language, intent, and enforcement.

In 2022, the City Council adopted Climate Action Plan 2.0 (CAP 2.0), which recommended the creation of an Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP). The UFMP is anticipated to address concerns regarding the Ordinance, update the City's tree inventory, and better understand what is required to manage our urban forest. Council approved the UFMP, CIP No. 22773, as part of the FY 2021/22 CIP budget.

On March 21, 2023, the City Council approved a professional services \$325,178 contract with Dudek to prepare a comprehensive UFMP. Staff held the UFMP kickoff meeting with Dudek on May 16, 2023.

DISCUSSION

The UFMP is a document that will guide the management of the City's urban forest over the next 25 years. The plan will lead to an equitable, resilient, and sustainably managed urban forest. It will clearly and concisely communicate a framework for long-term care, preservation, and expansion of the community's urban forest.

Staff have been working with Dudek since March 2023 on initial plan tasks. This includes updating the tree inventory by measuring and assessing all City-maintained trees in City parks, properties, and streets. All park trees have been inventoried as well as the majority of City-maintained street trees.

A website (www.ptowntrees.com) has been created that provides information regarding the master plan process and tracks master plan progress. Relevant City documents relating to the urban forest, such as the General Plan and CAP 2.0, were reviewed to help ensure UFMP consistency with previously adopted documents. Additionally, the consultant is well into the canopy analysis, the staff has conducted public outreach regarding the UFMP, and the staff and the consultant have analyzed ordinances from other cities and spoken with various urban forestry experts including local tree contractors to determine City's Tree Preservation Ordinance recommendations.

OUTREACH

The creation of the UFMP is rooted in an extensive public outreach process. The plan represents the desires and needs of the community regarding the urban forest and strives to sustain the health of the urban forest. The public outreach process began in August 2023 and is expected to continue with multiple opportunities for the public, commissions, and the City Council to provide input.

The website www.ptowntrees.com contains survey results, past and future outreach events, and community feedback. The site will eventually contain the draft UFMP, an interactive map showing city tree types and locations, and the final UFMP. The map will provide residents with the ability to learn what trees are planted where in the city.

The first outreach events, which focused on informing the public of the UFMP and encouraged residents to take the survey, occurred in August and September at the Pleasanton Farmers Market, at the August Concert in the Park, and at the August Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

The UFMP survey was open from the beginning of August to the end of October, including advertising the survey in the Pleasanton Unified School District's newsletter and social media. Over 600 residents completed the survey.

The UFMP survey was opened to the public to obtain input from residents regarding:

- Importance of the urban forest to residents
- Perceived threats to our urban forest
- Where residents would like to see more trees
- Resident support for planting and maintaining trees
- Management of the urban forest by the City
- What people know/think about the protection of trees
- Statistics regarding the respondents (age, owner vs. renter, neighborhood, etc.).

Survey responses are shown in Attachment 1. Some key takeaways from the survey include:

- Majority of residents are supportive of efforts to protect our urban forest
- Majority of residents are willing to help maintain and improve the health of the urban forest
- Residents are concerned with the impacts that climate change and drought are having on the urban forest
- The majority of residents are aware that the City protects heritage trees and supports tree preservation
- Many residents support exempting certain trees from the tree preservation ordinance.
- The City needs more input from youth and young adults. The survey was shared with the School District, but it did not generate many responses from anyone under 35 years old.

Where we are now and the next steps

Due to the underrepresentation of youth and young adult survey input, the City has created a second survey so questions are more relevant to youth and young adults. The City is also targeting younger people with the public outreach approach for the survey. To do this, the city has once again reached out to the school district, but this time the survey will be:

- distributed to the various environmental clubs at the different schools
- sent out directly to the youth in the city youth programs
- be posted at the library.

Additionally, the City is asking for assistance from the Youth Commission to widely distribute the survey. The City's goal is to obtain as much input as possible from the

generations that will be around to enjoy the improvements to our urban forest as the trees mature. See Attachment 2 for the link to the youth survey.

The survey will be open through mid-March and staff would like your input on how to get the youth of Pleasanton to participate in the second survey. The City Council will be meeting on March 5 to receive an update on the UFMP and review the draft resolution to amend the Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Over the coming months, staff will be working with the UFMP consultant to:

- Finalize tree inventory: February – March
- Create the first draft of the canopy cover analysis: February – March
- Develop the first draft of the UFMP: March – July
- Provide additional public outreach: August – September
- Adopt UFMP: November/December

As the City progresses with the UFMP, staff will be looking for future events to obtain input from younger generations on the draft master plan. A significant challenge that we are facing is to educate the public about the importance of our urban forest and why we should be protecting trees and planning for the future.

EQUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The creation of the UFMP was specified under the CAP 2.0 action items. The urban forestry goal of the CAP 2.0 is to increase tree canopy and native habitat to reduce and store carbon emissions, reduce the impacts of climate change, and create a healthier environment. Modification to the City's Municipal Code was specified in the CAP 2.0 to require climate-adapted plantings, facilitate tree planting throughout the city, and discourage tree removal.

The public outreach regarding the UFMP and tree preservation ordinance update will help educate the community about the importance of the urban forest.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Creation of the UFMP and the amendment to the Municipal Code's tree preservation chapter advances the ONE Pleasanton strategic plan goal of *Investing in our Environment*, Strategy 6 - Continue to implement priority items from the CAP 2.0 and lead by example on environmental sustainability. The amended Municipal Code will provide more clarity regarding tree removal penalties and costs, which provides a funding mechanism for tree planting projects and will help maintain the fiscal sustainability of the forest. The UFMP and the amended Ordinance should lead to staff efficiency, investments in our environment's health, and help protect the City from extreme weather events and climate change. The benefits of our healthy urban forest will serve residents for generations to come.

FISCAL IMPACT

Preparation of the Urban Forest Master Plan Project is fully funded through the UFMP, CIP No. 22773. There is no fiscal impact from the review of the public outreach and a limited fiscal impact from amending the tree preservation chapter of the Municipal Code.

Submitted by:

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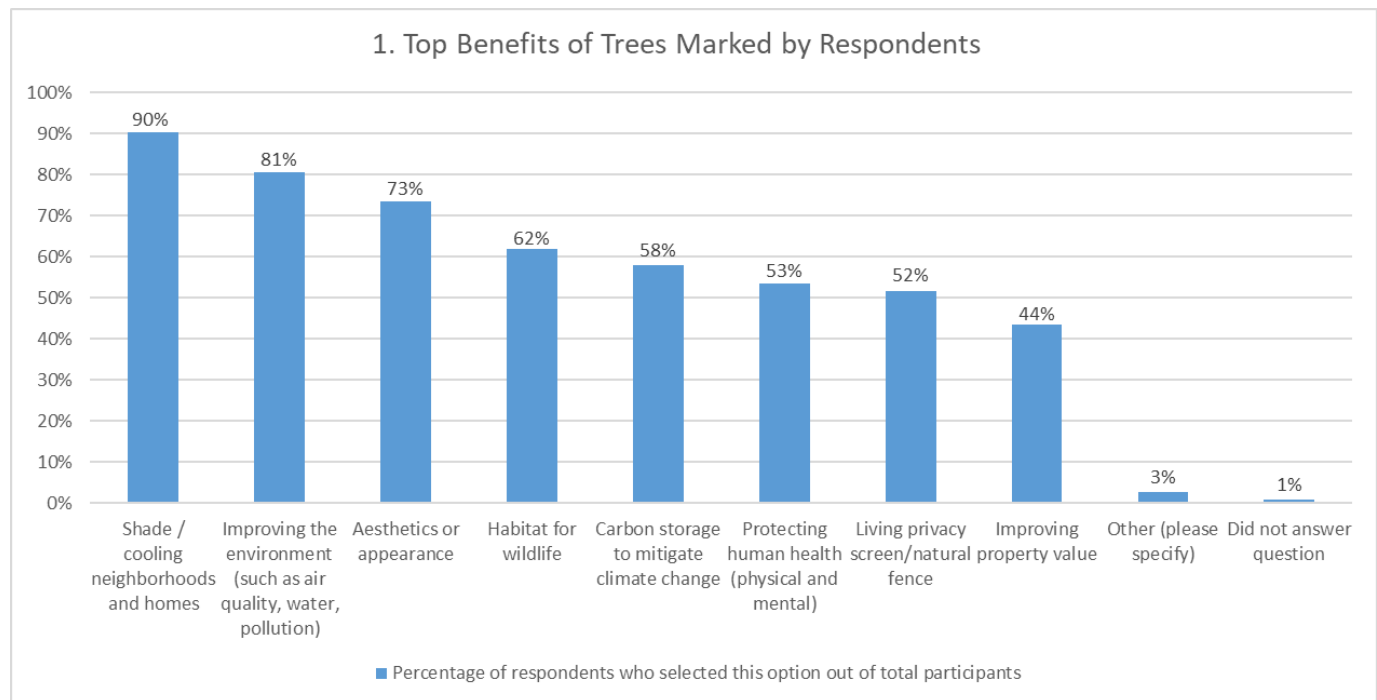
Matt Gruber
Landscape Architect

Attachments:

1. Urban Forest Master Plan – 1st Survey Results
2. Youth Survey postcard

CITY OF PLEASANTON – URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN SURVEY RESULTS 10-31-2023

1. Of the following options, select the most important benefits that trees provide in your neighborhood (select all that apply).		
Tree Benefit Category (full description):	Most important benefits of trees according to respondents	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Shade / cooling neighborhoods and homes	545	90%
Improving the environment (such as air quality, water, pollution)	486	81%
Aesthetics or appearance	443	73%
Habitat for wildlife	373	62%
Carbon storage to mitigate climate change	349	58%
Protecting human health (physical and mental)	322	53%
Living privacy screen/natural fence	312	52%
Improving property value	263	44%
Other (please specify)	16	3%
Did not answer question	5	1%

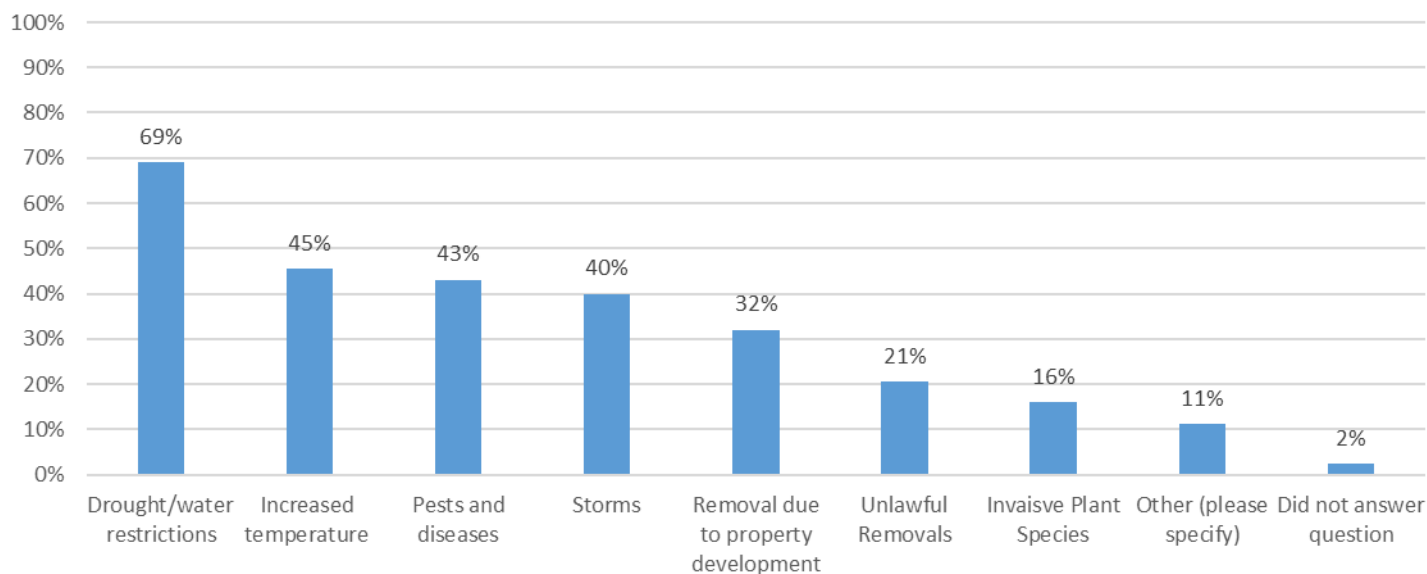


Question 1: Of the following options, select the most important benefits that trees provide in your neighborhood – “Other” Responses

Other Responses	Count
Protecting against soil erosion through soil stabilization	3
Noise Abatement	3
Better Quality of Life	3
Increased oxygen	2
Promote bikeable and walkable community, and promote safety by slowing down drivers	2
Stormwater Abatement	1
Provide food	1
Provide good material for compost (for deciduous trees in the fall)	1
Notification of Seasons	1

2. Of the following options, select the threats facing trees in your neighborhood (select all that apply)		
Neighborhood Tree Threat Category (full description):	Top threats facing trees according to respondents	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Drought/water restrictions	416	69%
Increased temperature	274	45%
Pests and diseases	260	43%
Storms	241	40%
Removal due to property development	193	32%
Unlawful Removals	124	21%
Invasive Plant Species	97	16%
Other (please specify)	67	11%
Did not answer question	14	2%

2. Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants



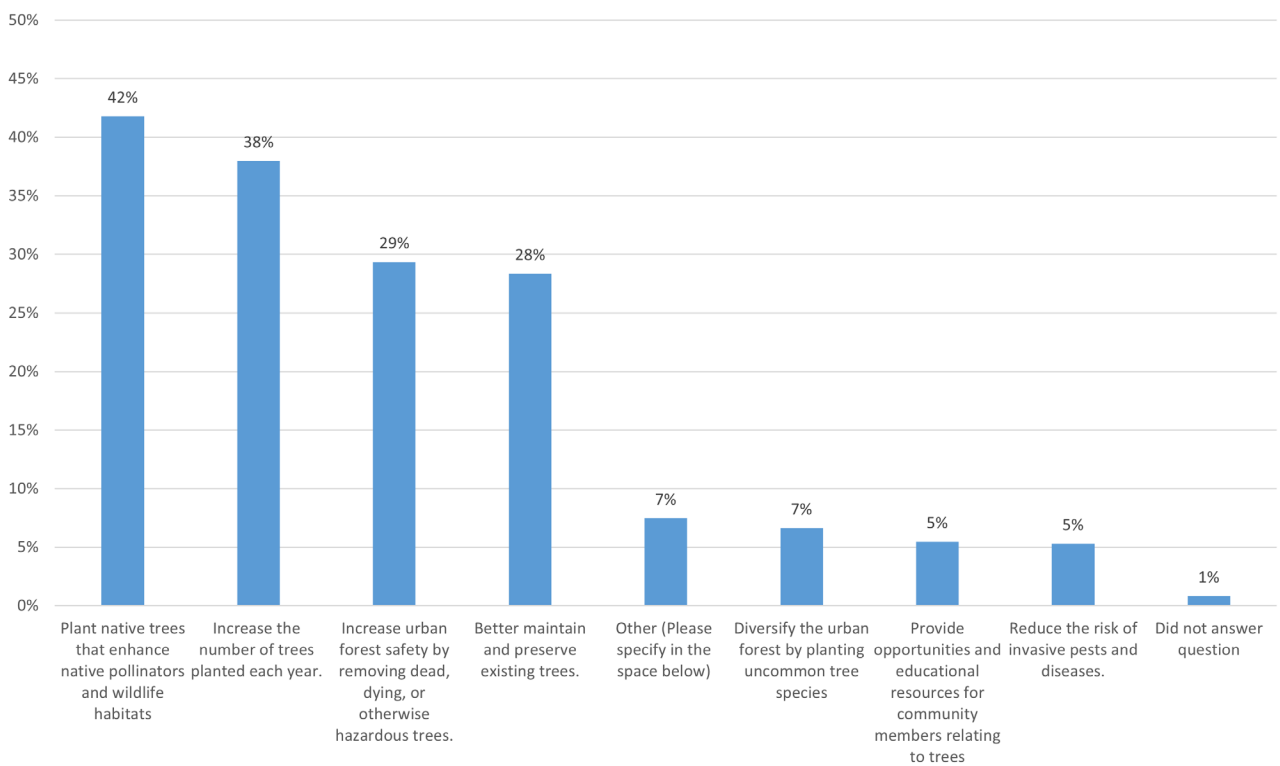
Question 2: Of the following options, select the threats facing trees in your neighborhood – “Other” Responses

Other Responses	Count
Improper tree trimming or lack of tree trimming, poor tree management	18
Aging, dead or dying trees	12
Wrong species of trees planted for the area	3
Water quality, chemicals in irrigation water or recycled water	3
The City /Pleasanton parks dept (not enforcing ordinance, improper trimming, not replacing dead trees etc)	2
Fallen Foliage unsafe	1
Fire risk	1
Above ground powerlines	1
Human encroachment and restrictive planting spaces	1
Constraints of time and money to water and maintain trees	1
Lawful removals that seem unnecessary.	1
Kids racing electric bikes through nature areas (Kottinger) and causing erosion.	1
Lack of plantable areas for trees	1
Fake turf leading to increased ground temperatures	1

3. Pleasanton's Urban Forest Master Plan will be a comprehensive guide for the City's tree management for the next 25 years. What would you like to see the City prioritize?

Preferences for City Priorities in UFMP (full description):	Number of survey respondents who selected the following UFMP Prioritization category:	Measures in the UFMP update that respondents would like to see prioritized
Plant native trees that enhance native pollinators and wildlife habitats	252	42%
Increase the number of trees planted each year.	229	38%
Increase urban forest safety by removing dead, dying, or otherwise hazardous trees.	177	29%
Better maintain and preserve existing trees.	171	28%
Other (Please specify in the space below)	45	7%
Diversify the urban forest by planting uncommon tree species	40	7%
Provide opportunities and educational resources for community members relating to trees	33	5%
Reduce the risk of invasive pests and diseases.	32	5%
Did not answer question	5	1%

3. Measures in the UFMP update that respondents would like to see prioritized



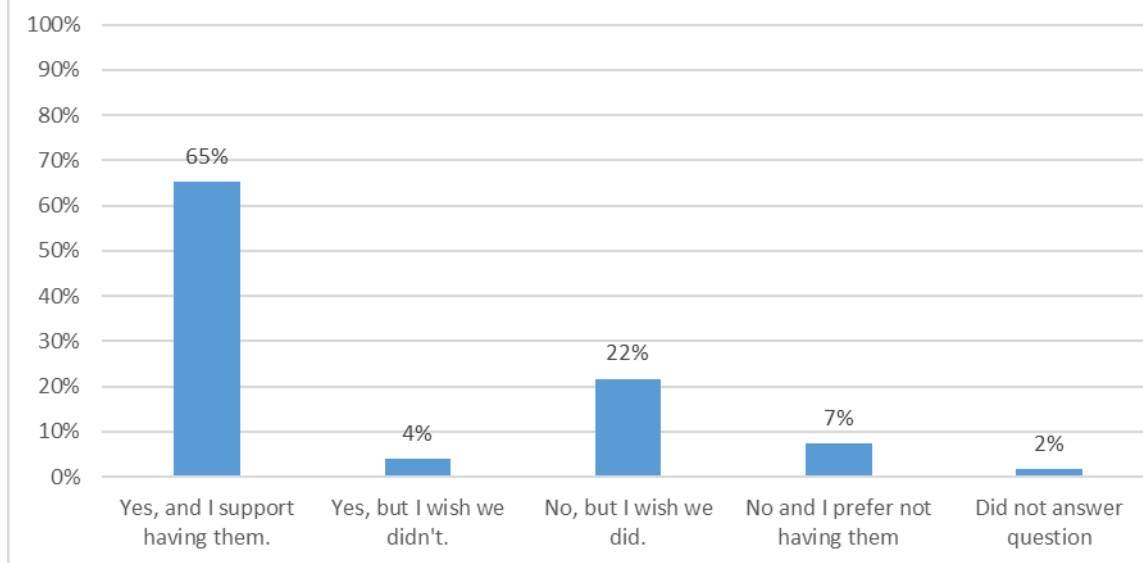
Question 3: Pleasanton's Urban Forest Master Plan will be a comprehensive guide for the City's tree management for the next 25 years. What would you like to see the City prioritize? – “Other” Responses

Other Responses	Count
Remove Eucalyptus trees that pose a fire or fallen limb risk	6
Provide financial incentives or assistance to property owners for maintaining trees or removing dead or diseased trees	4
Reduce or get rid of tree permit requirements for removing trees on private property	4
Better tree pruning and maintenance	3
Replace dead and dying trees	3
Don't plan trees that produce lots of pollen	3
Equity of tree coverage	2
Hold people who remove trees illegally accountable	2
Plant fruit bearing trees and harvest for local food	2
Create and preserve adequate planting space	1
Plant more native shrubs	1
Right species right place	1
Keep dead or dying trees that don't present a risk for wildlife habitat	1
Put power lines underground	1
Proactively mitigate wildfire threats	1
Heat Mitigation	1
Rewild our hills, maybe even buy ranch spaces to rewild the area.	1
Create exemptions for tree removal when related to property line	1
Reduce or get rid of tree permit requirements for removing trees that pose a hazard	1
Add more rules around trees and development	1
Make rules around trees clearer	1

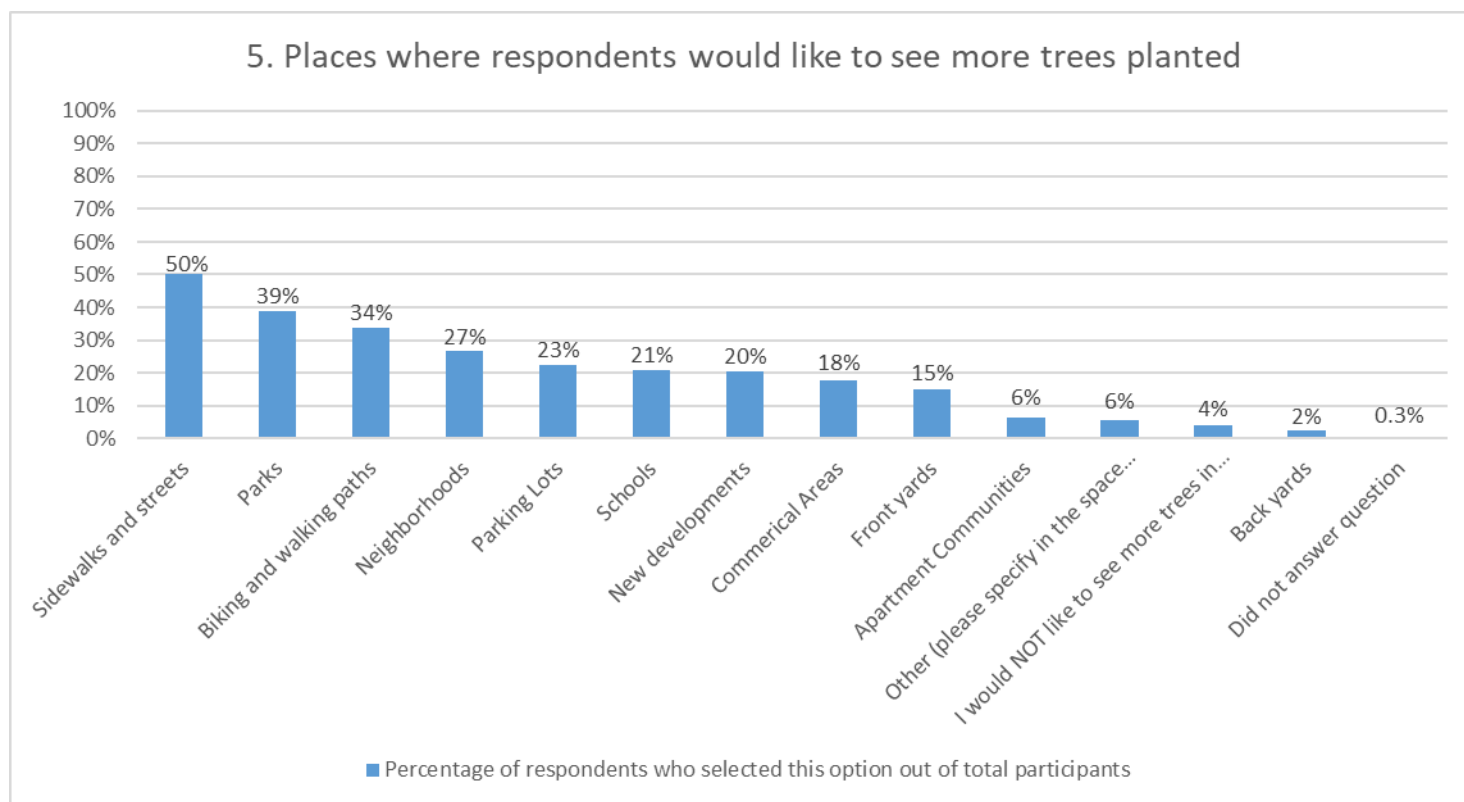
4. Does your neighborhood have planted street trees (street trees- any tree that is planted in the public right-of-way near and along the roadways which shade sidewalks and grow over the road)?

Feelings on Planted City Trees Category:	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Yes, and I support having them.	393	65%
Yes, but I wish we didn't.	24	4%
No, but I wish we did.	131	22%
No and I prefer not having them	44	7%
Did not answer question	11	2%

4. Percentage of respondents with and without planted street trees



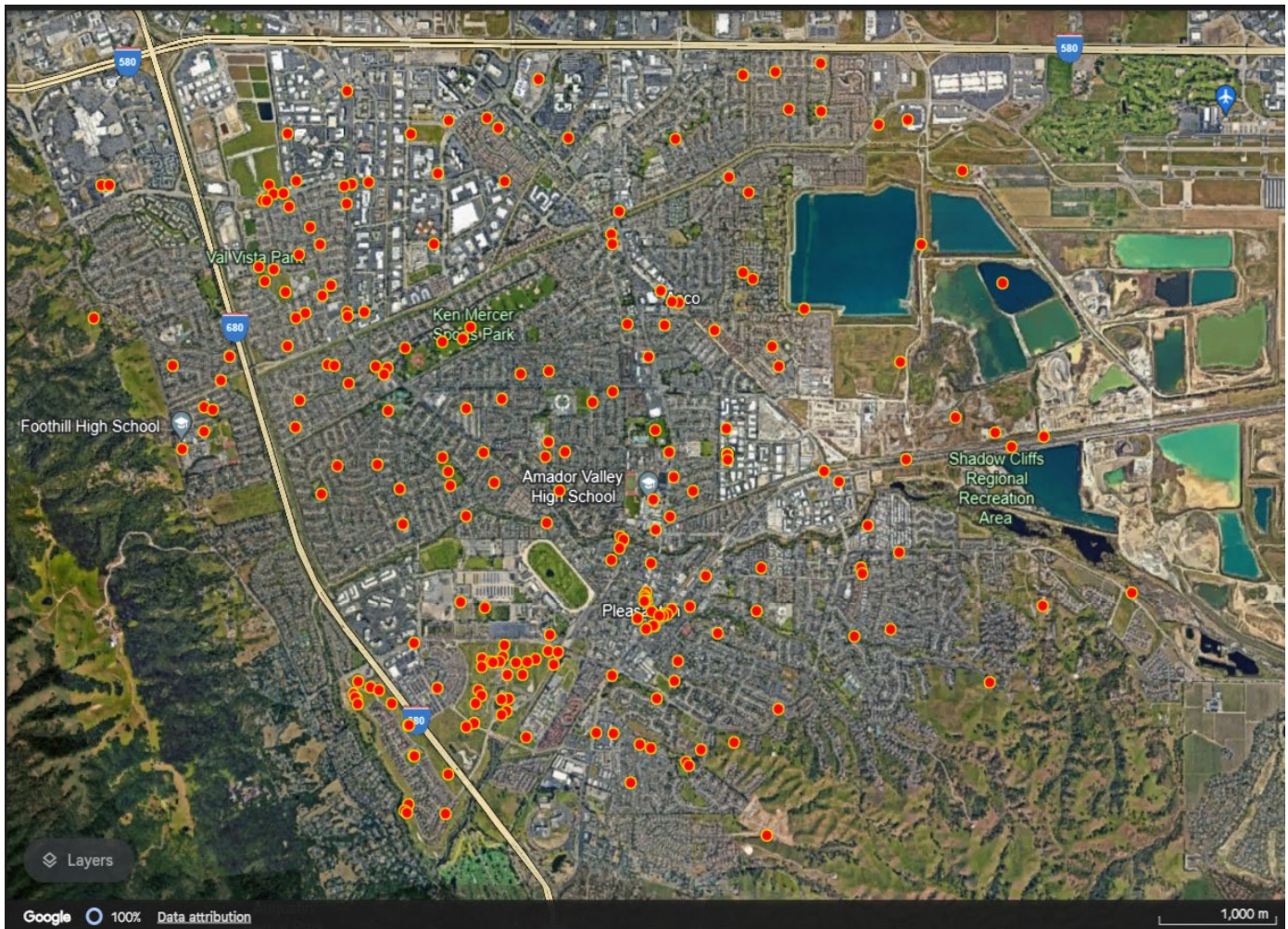
5. Where would you like to see more trees planted in Pleasanton?		
Where respondents would like trees planted category (full description):	Number of survey respondents who selected this option:	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Sidewalks and streets	303	50%
Parks	235	39%
Biking and walking paths	203	34%
Neighborhoods	162	27%
Parking Lots	136	23%
Schools	125	21%
New developments	122	20%
Commercial Areas	106	18%
Front yards	90	15%
Apartment Communities	38	6%
Other (please specify in the space below)	34	6%
I would NOT like to see more trees in Pleasanton	23	4%
Back yards	14	2%
Did not answer question	2	0.3%



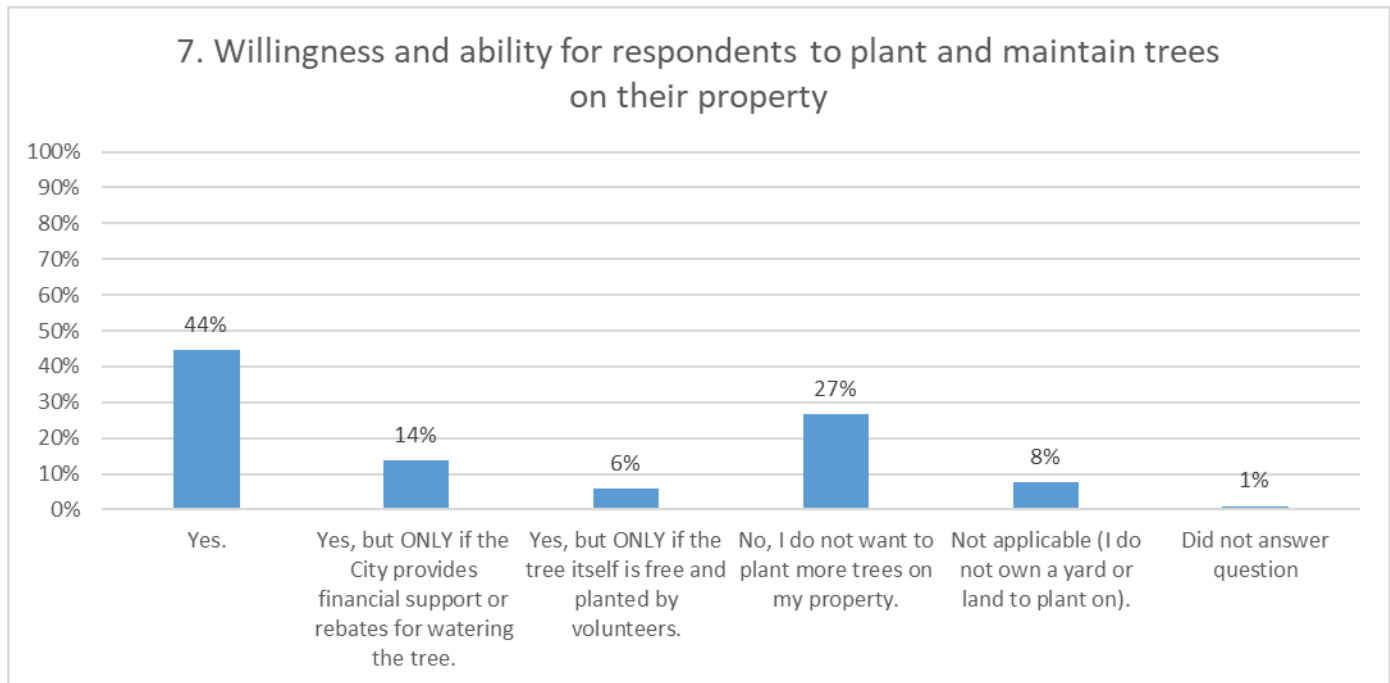
Question 5: Where would you like to see more trees planted in Pleasanton? – “Other” Responses

Other Responses	Count
Better management of existing trees	6
Everywhere	4
Content with existing trees	2
HOA managed open space	1
Near freeways	1
Downtown/Main St.	2
More trees are not needed, but meaningful management of existing trees.	1
The new sports complex off Bernal is very bare looking, it's a bit of an eyesore coming off the freeway, heading to our Downtown.	1
I would like to see the street trees that had to be removed on Second Street, replaced by the City. This would preserve the old town look of Second Street!	1
Where the roots won't impact roads, bike lanes, sidewalks and parks.	1
Valley Ave between Busch and Stanley and also Valley Ave from sports park roundabouts to Richert Lumber	1
Stoner Drive along the treatment fields and the sidewalks	1
In places that can accommodate and lack shade trees	1
Where they are needed as recommended by an actual arborist.	1
Marilyn Kane trail	1
If a building was built without an understanding of direct solar gain through windows that heats up a building and then the use of air conditioning, encourage trees on south and west sides of buildings.	1

6. Where should the City of Pleasanton plant more trees?

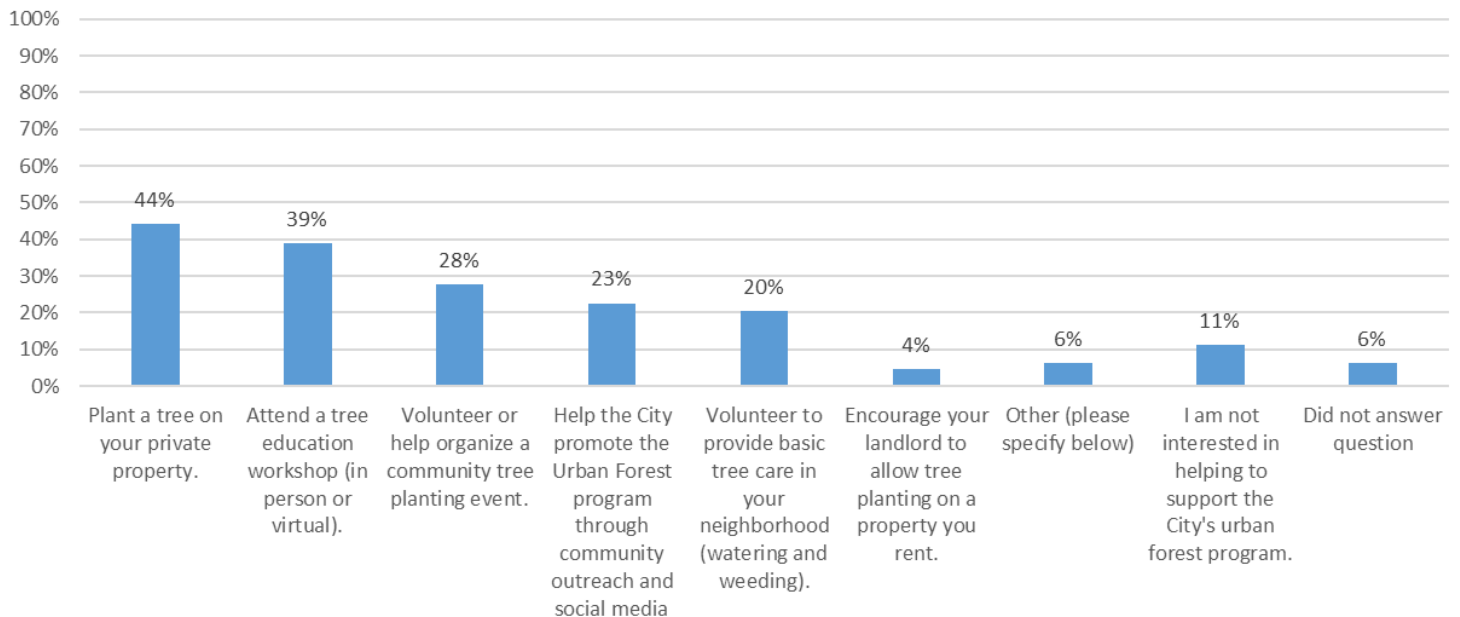


7. Would you be willing to plant, maintain, and care for a tree on your property?		
Feelings on Planted City Trees Category (full description):	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Yes.	268	44%
Yes, but ONLY if the City provides financial support or rebates for watering the tree.	83	14%
Yes, but ONLY if the tree itself is free and planted by volunteers.	35	6%
No, I do not want to plant more trees on my property.	160	27%
Not applicable (I do not own a yard or land to plant on).	46	8%
Did not answer question	6	1%



8. Which of the following activities would you be willing to participate in?		
Activities that respondents would do Category (full description):	Number of survey respondents who selected this option:	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Plant a tree on your private property.	266	44%
Attend a tree education workshop (in person or virtual).	235	39%
Volunteer or help organize a community tree planting event.	167	28%
Help the City promote the Urban Forest program through community outreach and social media	136	23%
Volunteer to provide basic tree care in your neighborhood (watering and weeding).	123	20%
Encourage your landlord to allow tree planting on a property you rent.	27	4%
Other (please specify below)	38	6%
I am not interested in helping to support the City's urban forest program.	67	11%
Did not answer question	38	6%

8. Activities in which respondents would be willing to participate

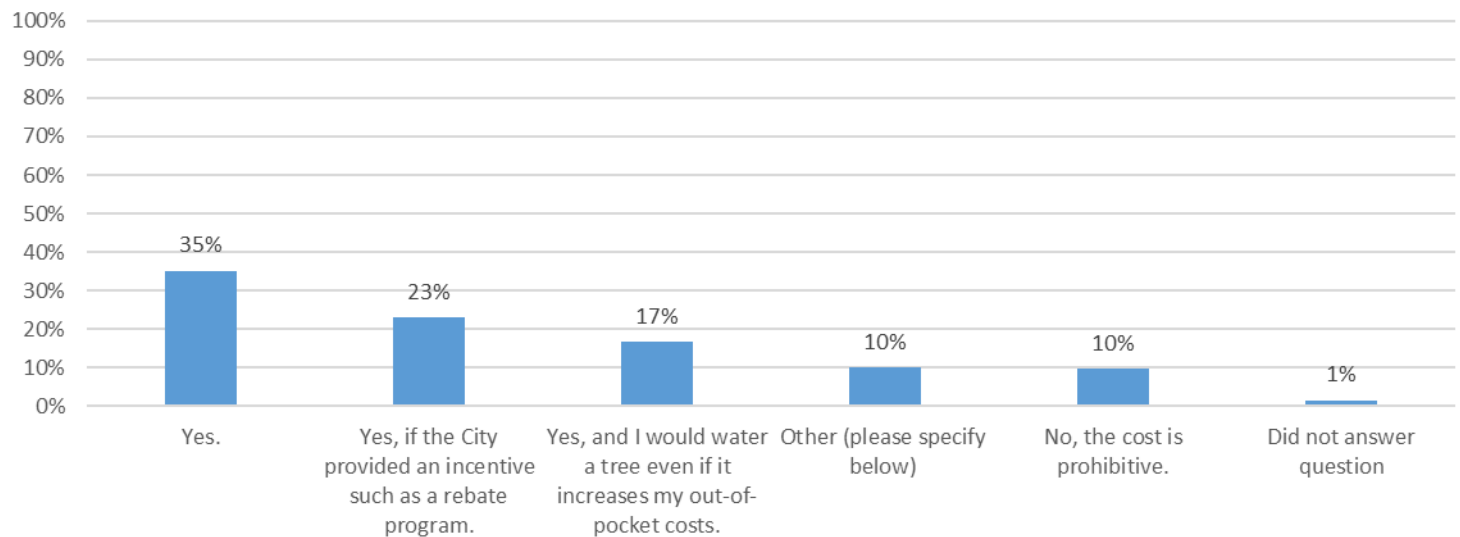


Question 8: Which of the following activities would you be willing to participate in? – “Other” Responses

Other Responses	Count
Old age or personal health prevents active involvement	4
Volunteer to plant trees	3
Voluntarily planting trees on their own property	2
Help identify/send photos of damaged, diseased or hazardous trees	2
Help consult and advise on tree decisions - for those with credentials	2
Advocate for native trees such as Oaks, which are being removed by developers	1
Assist with grant writing for the City	1
Donate money	1
Community Garden opportunities	1
Clean out storm drains that get blocked in winter	1
Volunteer to remove dead and non-native trees and plant native trees along Arroyo Del Valle.	1
Landscape freeway ramps	1
Brainstorm ways to improve water situation	1
Be an engaged citizen	1
In the interest of shrub awareness for carbon sequestration, I'm happy to show mature, successful examples on my property. I'll also share seeds.	1

9. Would you be willing to water a newly planted tree for up to three years on or near your property?		
Feelings on Planted City Trees Category (full description):	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Yes.	212	35%
Yes, if the City provided an incentive such as a rebate program.	139	23%
Yes, and I would water a tree even if it increases my out-of-pocket costs.	100	17%
Other (please specify below)	60	10%
No, the cost is prohibitive.	59	10%
Did not answer question	9	1%

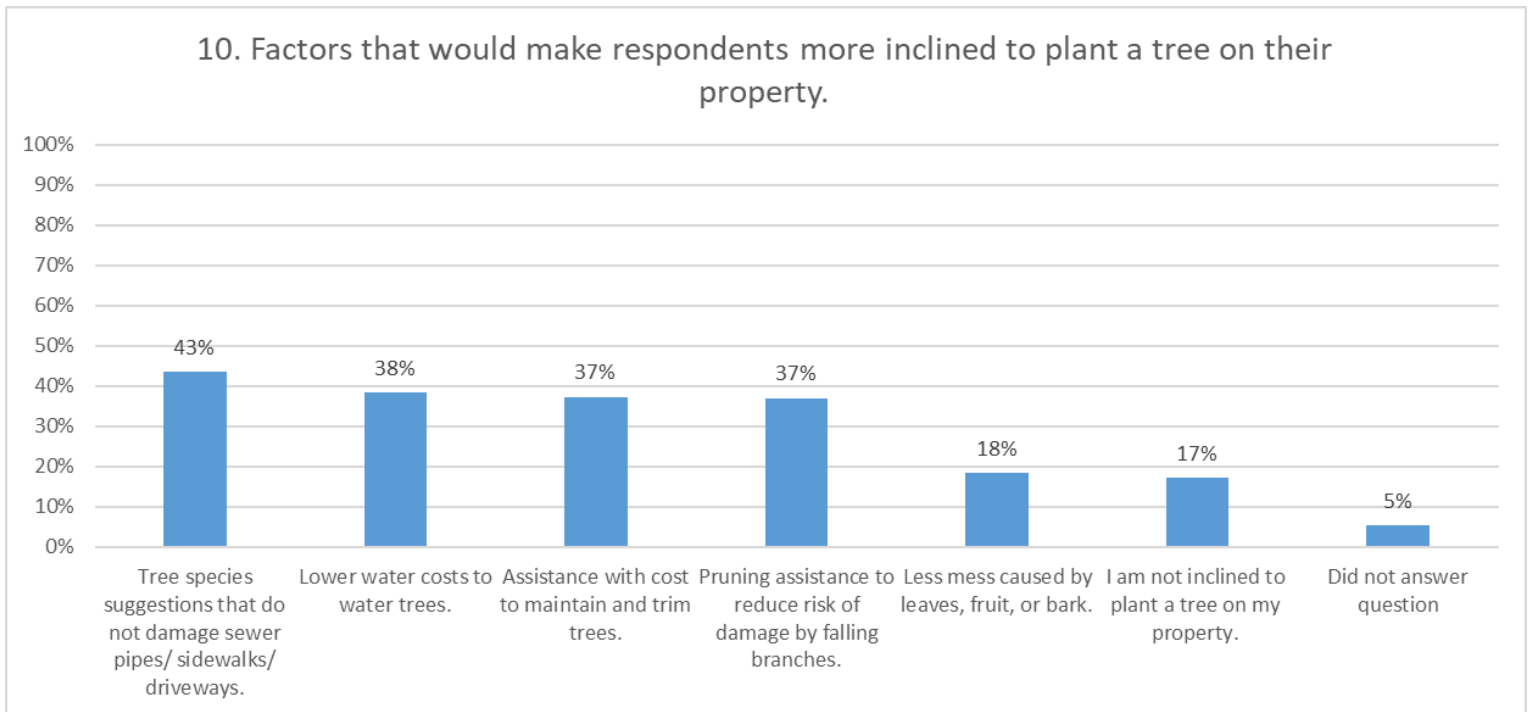
9. Willingness of respondents to water a newly planted tree for up to 3 years on or near thier property



**Question 9: Would you be willing to water a newly planted tree for up to three years on or near your property? -
“Other” Responses**

Other Responses	Count
I already have many trees on my property, no room for additional trees	15
I cannot physically deal with this due to age or health condition	8
I live in an apartment, or rent	3
I do not live in Pleasanton	2
Time commitment, sustained maintenance	2
The trees I am requesting to be replaced already have a watering system.	1
No access to outdoor water at my apt complex	1
Could only assist with weed pulling and brush removal around native trees	1
Need additional information on costs and time commitment needed to care for a tree	1
I already volunteer to maintain the Sensory Garden by the Senior Center	1

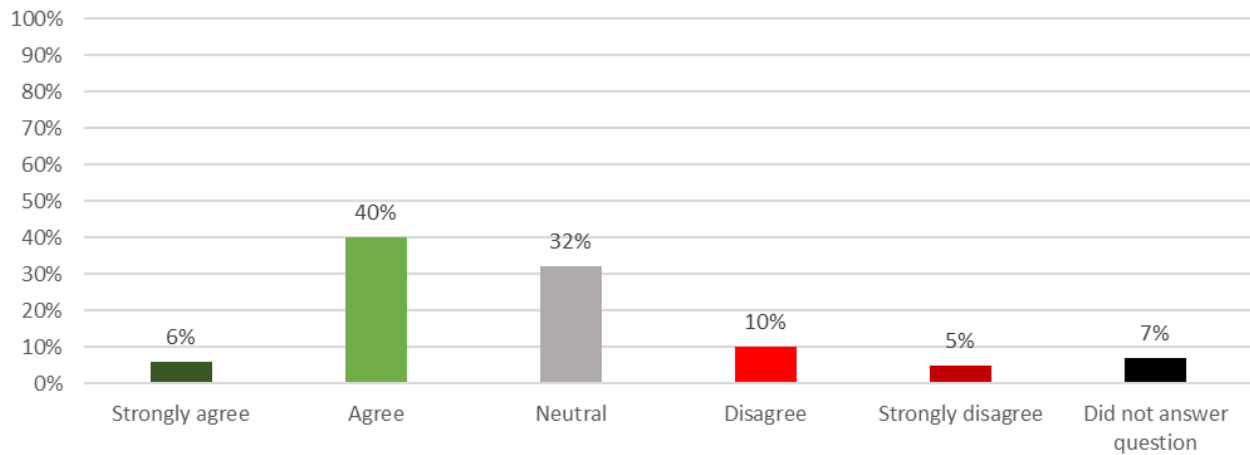
10. What factors would make you more inclined to plant a tree on your property?		
Factors that would make respondents more inclined to plant a tree on their property Category (full description):	Number of survey respondents who selected this option:	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Tree species suggestions that do not damage sewer pipes/ sidewalks/ driveways.	262	43%
Lower water costs to water trees.	232	38%
Assistance with cost to maintain and trim trees.	225	37%
Pruning assistance to reduce risk of damage by falling branches.	223	37%
Less mess caused by leaves, fruit, or bark.	111	18%
I am not inclined to plant a tree on my property.	103	17%
Did not answer question	33	5%



11. Please select your level of agreement with the following statement: "I think Pleasanton effectively protects its trees."

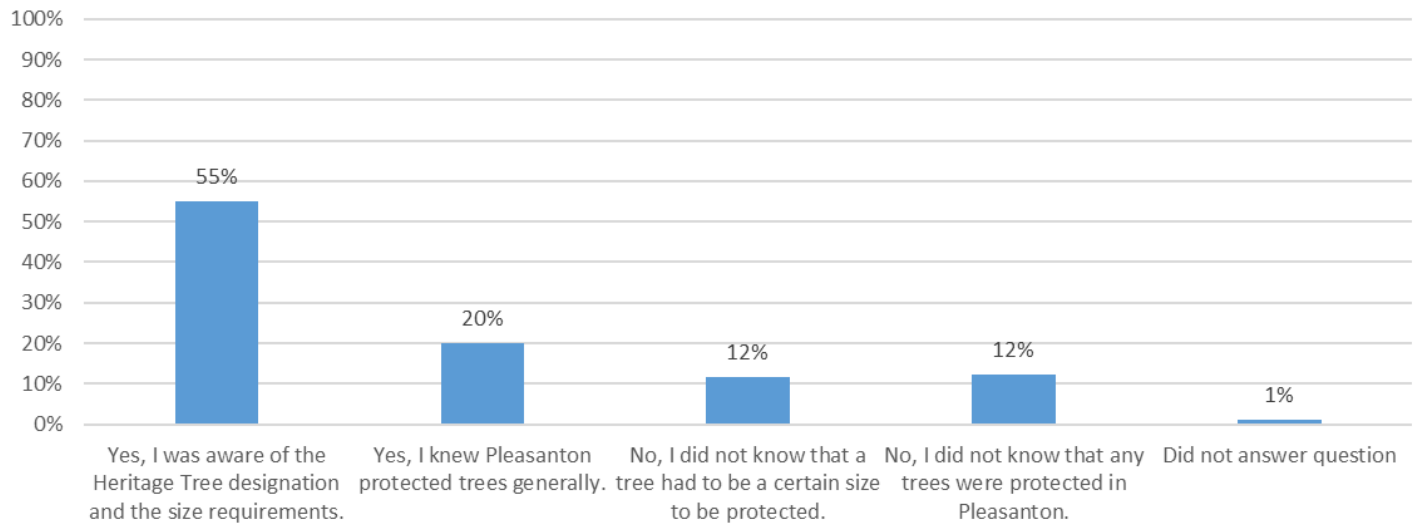
Level of agreement on statement: "Pleasanton effectively protects its trees" Category:	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Strongly agree	36	6%
Agree	242	40%
Neutral	193	32%
Disagree	61	10%
Strongly disagree	29	5%
Did not answer question	42	7%

11. Level of agreement with the following statement: "I think Pleasanton effectively protects its trees."



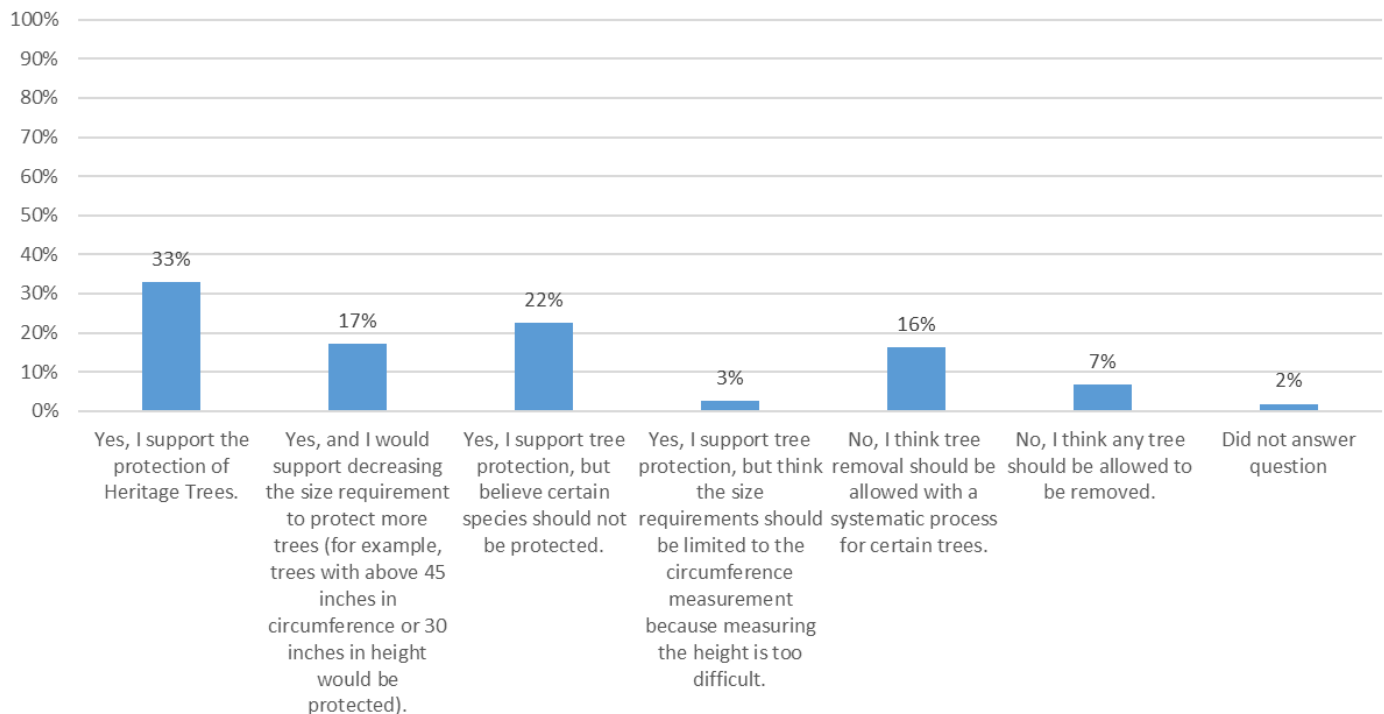
12. Did you know that the City of Pleasanton designates and protects all trees with a circumference of 55 inches and/or height over 35 feet as 'Heritage Trees'?		
Level of knowledge that the City of Pleasanton designates and protects all trees with a circumference of 55 inches and/or height over 35 feet as 'Heritage Trees'?	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Yes, I was aware of the Heritage Tree designation and the size requirements.	332	55%
Yes, I knew Pleasanton protected trees generally.	121	20%
No, I did not know that a tree had to be a certain size to be protected.	70	12%
No, I did not know that any trees were protected in Pleasanton.	74	12%
Did not answer question	6	1%

12. Level of knowledge that the City of Pleasanton designates and protects all trees with a circumference of 55 inches and/or height over 35 feet as 'Heritage Trees'

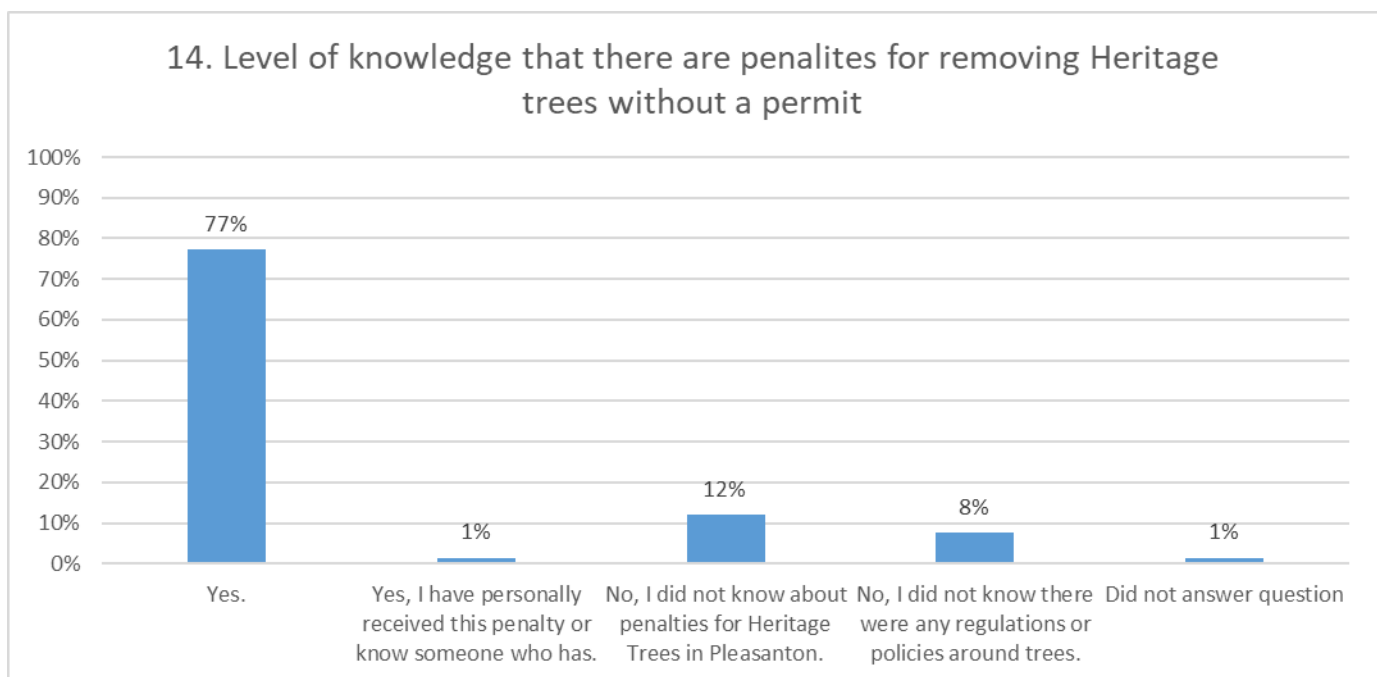


13. Do you support this level of protection for Heritage Trees?		
Level of support for protection of Heritage Trees category (full description):	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Yes, I support the protection of Heritage Trees.	198	33%
Yes, and I would support decreasing the size requirement to protect more trees (for example, trees with above 45 inches in circumference or 30 inches in height would be protected).	104	17%
Yes, I support tree protection, but believe certain species should not be protected.	135	22%
Yes, I support tree protection, but think the size requirements should be limited to the circumference measurement because measuring the height is too difficult.	16	3%
No, I think tree removal should be allowed with a systematic process for certain trees.	98	16%
No, I think any tree should be allowed to be removed.	41	7%
Did not answer question	11	2%

13. Level of support for protection of Heritage Trees



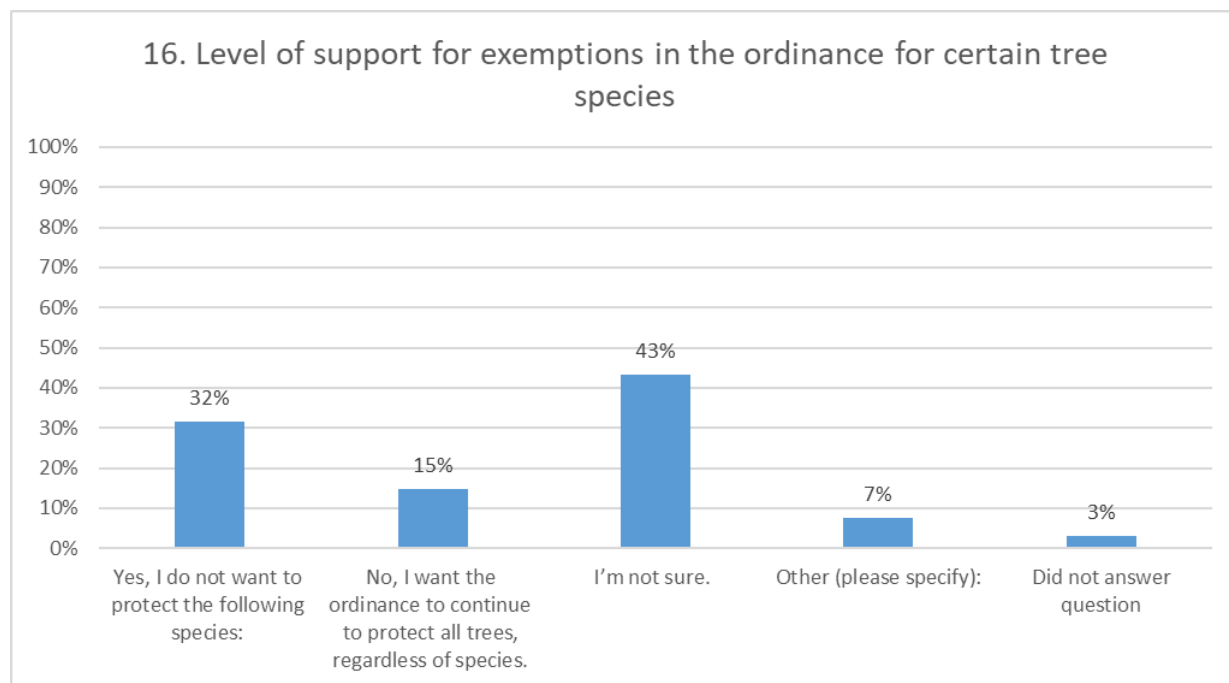
14. Did you know that there is a penalty for removing Heritage Trees without a permit?		
Level of knowledge that there are penalties for removing Heritage trees without a permit Category (full description):	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Yes.	466	77%
Yes, I have personally received this penalty or know someone who has.	9	1%
No, I did not know about penalties for Heritage Trees in Pleasanton.	73	12%
No, I did not know there were any regulations or policies around trees.	46	8%
Did not answer question	9	1%



15. Have you had experience with the city regarding tree removal?		
Level of experience with the city regarding tree removal Category (full description):	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Yes	74	12%
Yes, and it was a good experience.	81	13%
Yes, and it was a bad experience.	47	8%
No	311	52%
No, and I don't want to.	28	5%
No, but I know about the process.	52	9%
Did not answer question	10	2%

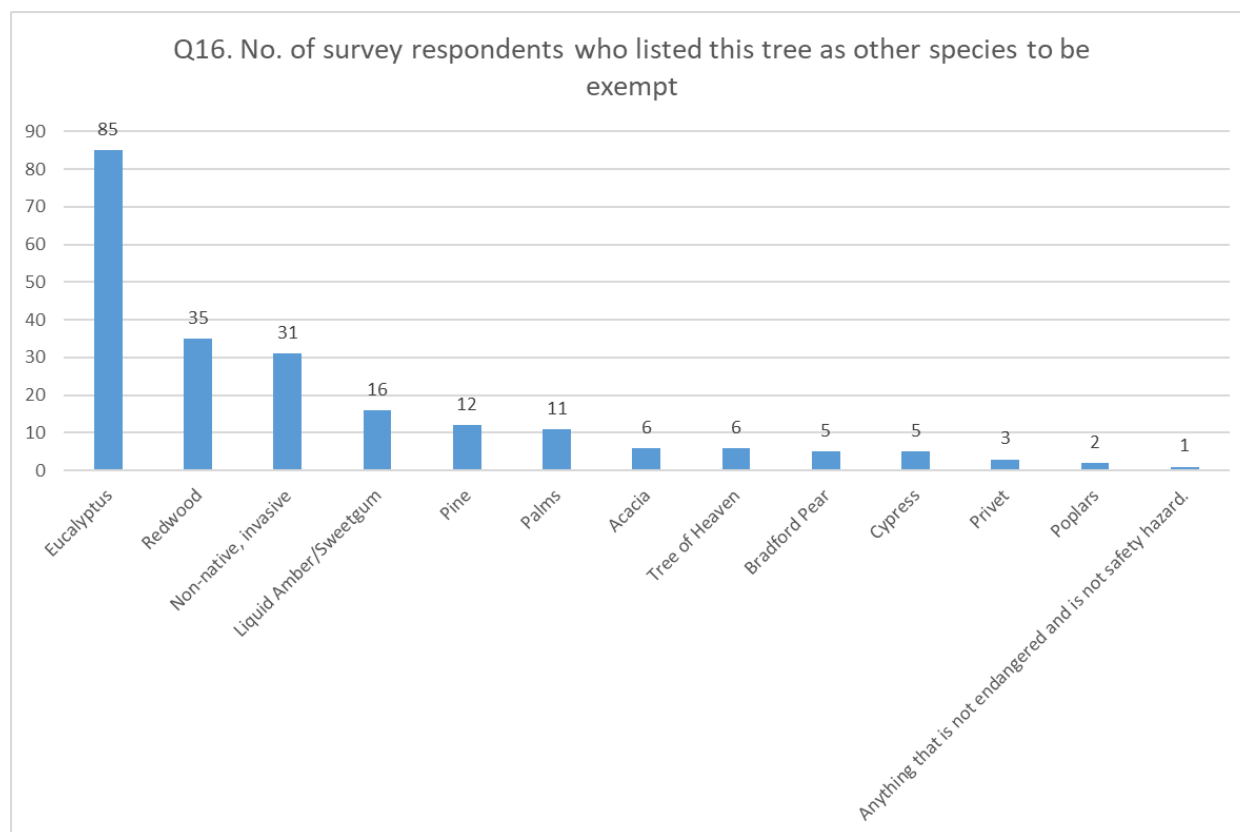


16. Do you support exemptions in the ordinance for certain tree species?		
Level of support for exemptions in the ordinance for certain tree species Category (full description):	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Yes, I do not want to protect the following species:	190	32%
No, I want the ordinance to continue to protect all trees, regardless of species.	89	15%
I'm not sure.	261	43%
Other (please specify):	45	7%
Did not answer question	18	3%

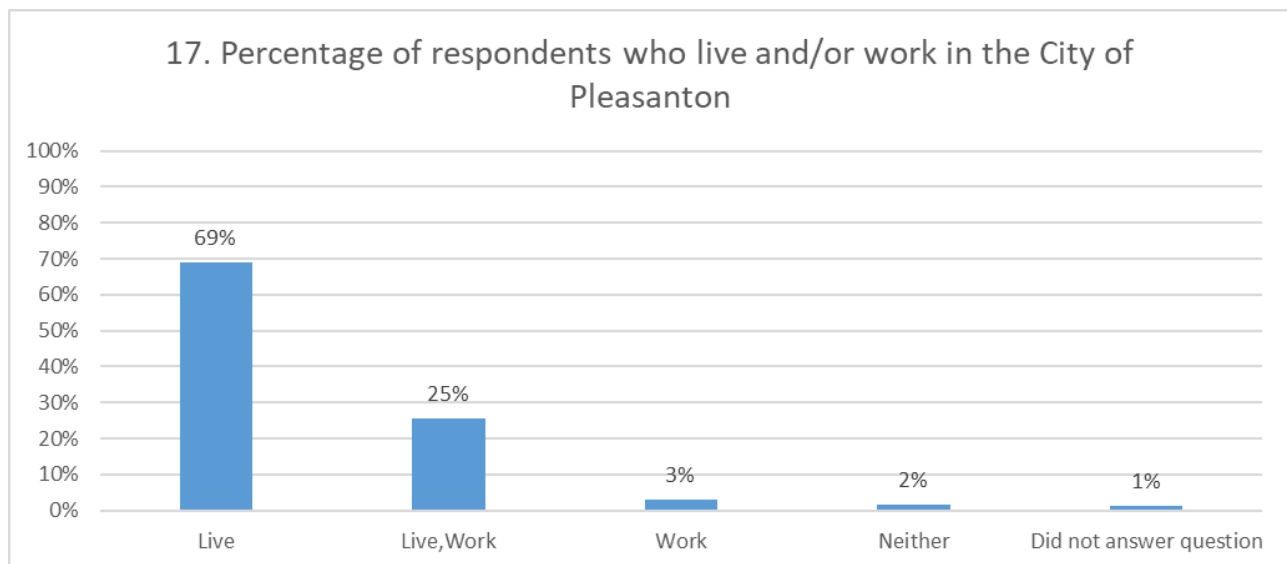


Question 16: Do you support exemptions in the ordinance for certain tree species? - “Other” Responses

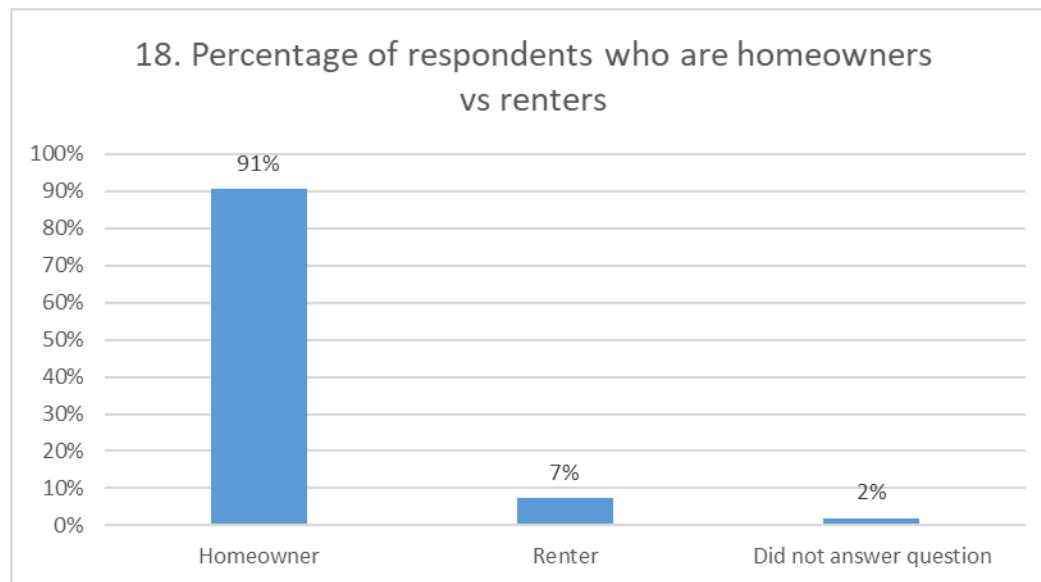
Other Responses	Number of survey respondents who listed this tree as other species to be exempt
Eucalyptus	85
Redwood	35
Liquid Amber/Sweetgum	16
Non-native, invasive	31
Pine	12
Palms	11
Acacia	6
Tree of Heaven	6
Bradford Pear	5
Cypress	5
Privet	3
Poplars	2
Anything that is not endangered and is not safety hazard.	1



17. Do you live or work in the City of Pleasanton?		
Do you live or work in City of Pleasanton Category:	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Live	415	69%
Live, Work	153	25%
Work	18	3%
Neither	10	2%
Did not answer question	7	1%

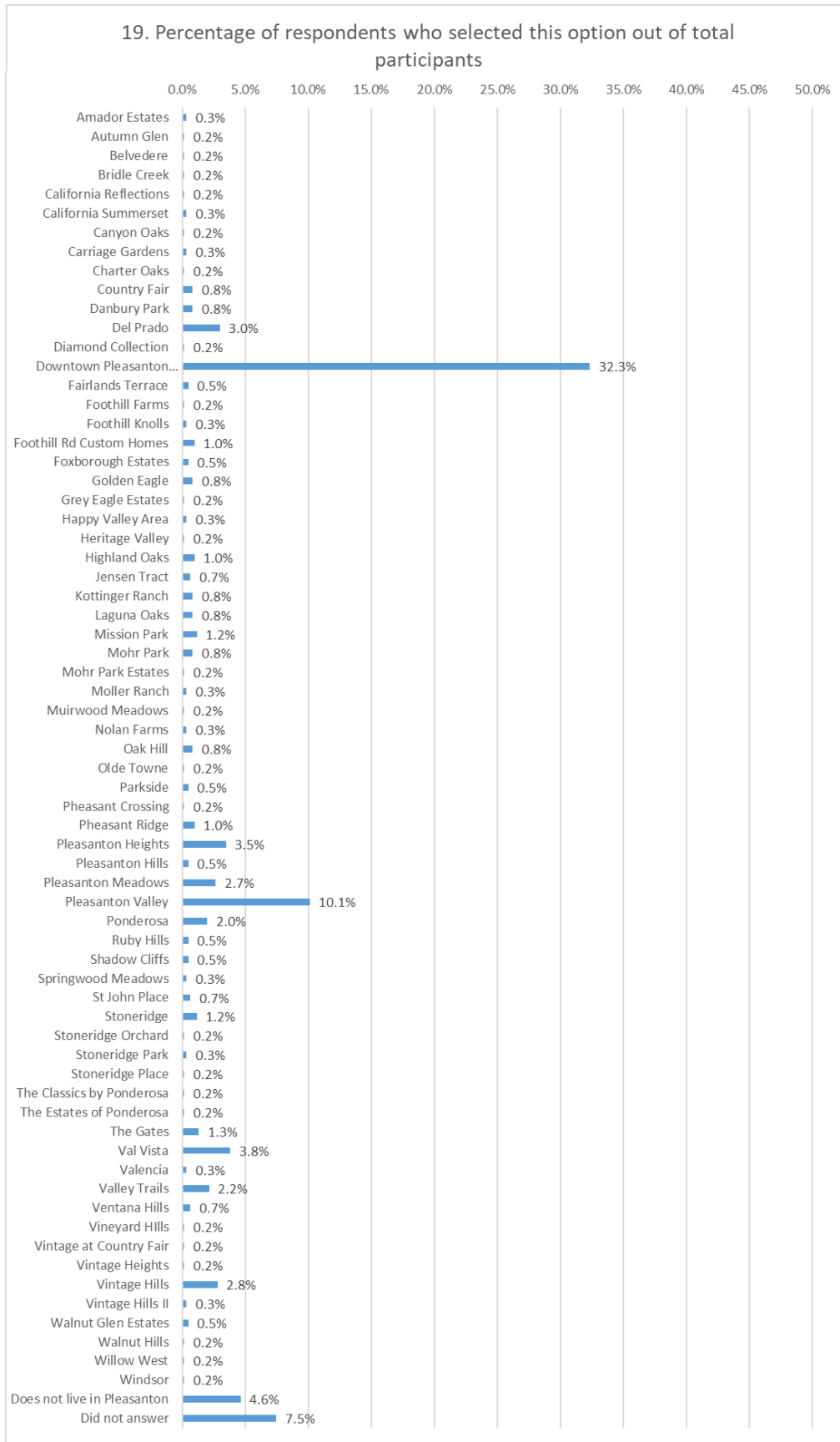


18. Which best describes your current housing situation?		
Current housing situation Category:	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Homeowner	546	91%
Renter	45	7%
Did not answer question	12	2%

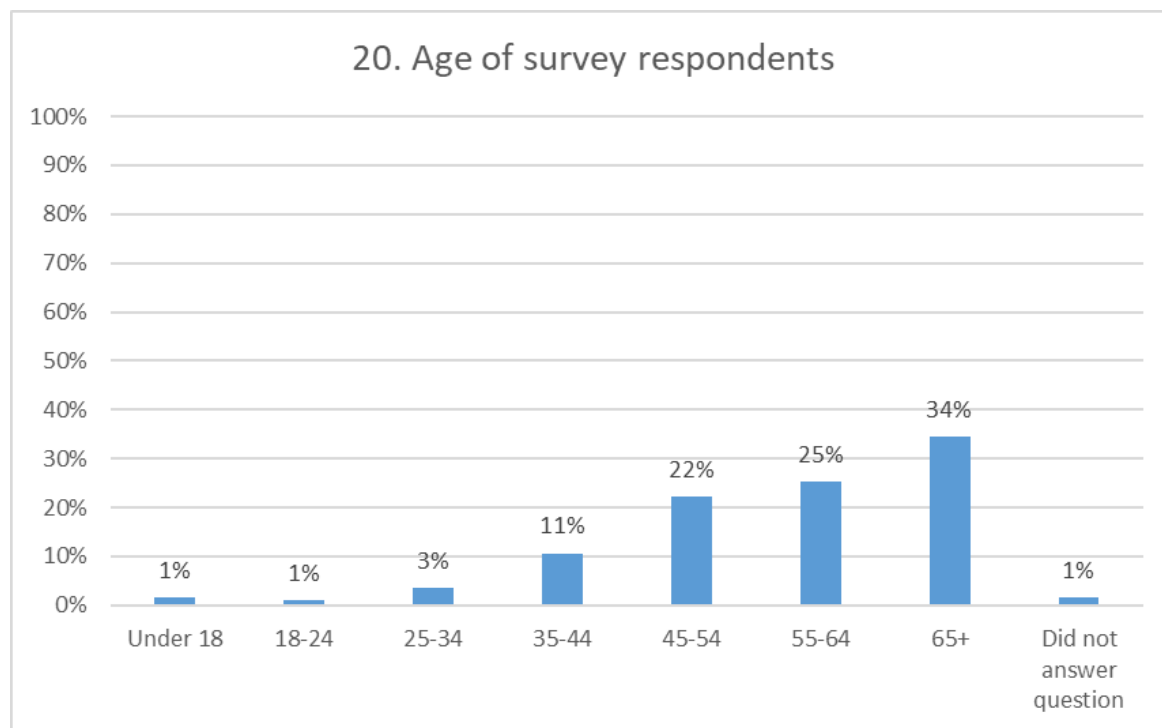


19. What neighborhood do you live in?		
Neighborhood	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Amador Estates	2	0.3%
Autumn Glen	1	0.2%
Belvedere	1	0.2%
Bridle Creek	1	0.2%
California Reflections	1	0.2%
California Summerset	2	0.3%
Canyon Oaks	1	0.2%
Carriage Gardens	2	0.3%
Charter Oaks	1	0.2%
Country Fair	5	0.8%
Danbury Park	5	0.8%
Del Prado	18	3.0%
Diamond Collection	1	0.2%
Downtown Pleasanton Area	195	32.3%
Fairlands Terrace	3	0.5%
Foothill Farms	1	0.2%
Foothill Knolls	2	0.3%
Foothill Rd Custom Homes	6	1.0%
Foxborough Estates	3	0.5%
Golden Eagle	5	0.8%
Grey Eagle Estates	1	0.2%
Happy Valley Area	2	0.3%
Heritage Valley	1	0.2%
Highland Oaks	6	1.0%
Jensen Tract	4	0.7%
Kottinger Ranch	5	0.8%
Laguna Oaks	5	0.8%
Mission Park	7	1.2%
Mohr Park	5	0.8%
Mohr Park Estates	1	0.2%
Moller Ranch	2	0.3%
Muirwood Meadows	1	0.2%
Nolan Farms	2	0.3%
Oak Hill	5	0.8%
Olde Towne	1	0.2%
Parkside	3	0.5%
Pheasant Crossing	1	0.2%
Pheasant Ridge	6	1.0%

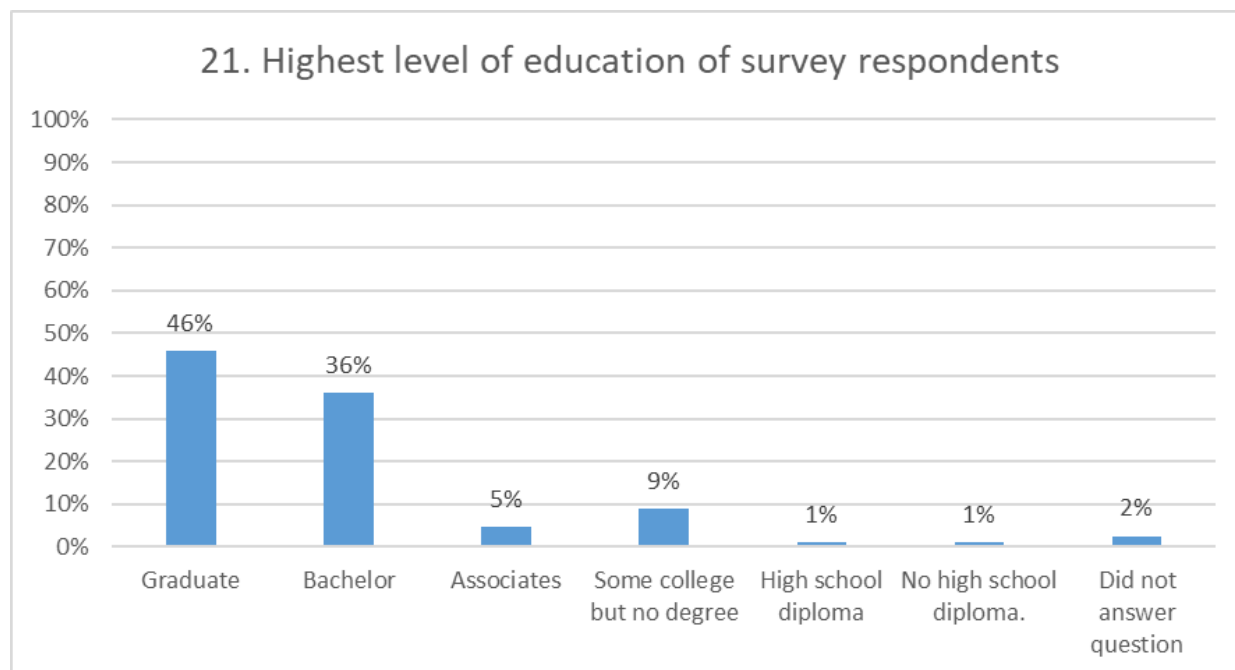
Pleasanton Heights	21	3.5%
Pleasanton Hills	3	0.5%
Pleasanton Meadows	16	2.7%
Pleasanton Valley	61	10.1%
Ponderosa	12	2.0%
Ruby Hills	3	0.5%
Shadow Cliffs	3	0.5%
Springwood Meadows	2	0.3%
St John Place	4	0.7%
Stoneridge	7	1.2%
Stoneridge Orchard	1	0.2%
Stoneridge Park	2	0.3%
Stoneridge Place	1	0.2%
The Classics by Ponderosa	1	0.2%
The Estates of Ponderosa	1	0.2%
The Gates	8	1.3%
Val Vista	23	3.8%
Valencia	2	0.3%
Valley Trails	13	2.2%
Ventana Hills	4	0.7%
Vineyard Hills	1	0.2%
Vintage at Country Fair	1	0.2%
Vintage Heights	1	0.2%
Vintage Hills	17	2.8%
Vintage Hills II	2	0.3%
Walnut Glen Estates	3	0.5%
Walnut Hills	1	0.2%
Willow West	1	0.2%
Windsor	1	0.2%
Does not live in Pleasanton	28	4.6%
Did not answer	45	7.5%



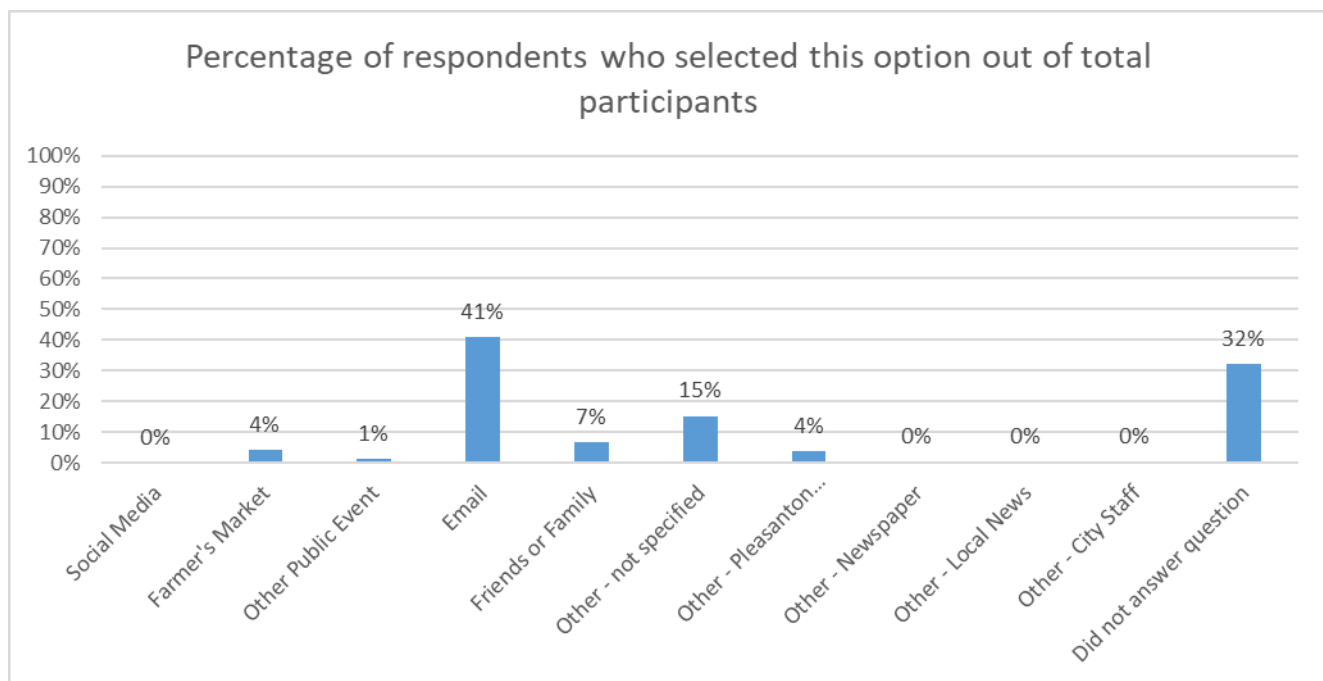
20. Which of the following age groups are you a part of?		
Age Category:	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Under 18	9	1%
18-24	6	1%
25-34	21	3%
35-44	64	11%
45-54	134	22%
55-64	152	25%
65+	208	34%
Did not answer question	9	1%



21. What is the highest level of education you have attained?		
Highest level of education Category:	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Graduate	276	46%
Bachelor	218	36%
Associates	28	5%
Some college but no degree	53	9%
High school diploma	6	1%
No high school diploma	7	1%
Did not answer question	15	2%



22. How did you hear about this survey?		
Where did participant hear about survey Category:	Number of survey respondents who selected this option	Percentage of respondents who selected this option out of total participants
Social Media	0	0%
Farmer's Market	25	4%
Other Public Event	7	1%
Email	246	41%
Friends or Family	40	7%
Other - not specified	65	15%
Other - Pleasanton Patch/Weekly	22	4%
Other - Newspaper	2	0%
Other - Local News	2	0%
Other - City Staff	1	0%
Did not answer question	193	32%



Other Responses	Count
Pleasanton Patch/Weekly	22
Newspaper	2
Local News	2
City Staff	1



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HEALTH



SEQUESTERING CARBON & CLEANER AIR

Trees absorb pollutants and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark. A single mature tree may take about 50 pounds of carbon dioxide per year, equivalent to the CO2 emissions from driving a car about 50 miles.



CONNECTING WITH NEIGHBORS

Trees can encourage civic pride while tree plantings provide opportunities for community involvement.



FRESH FOOD

Trees provide food in the form of fruits, nuts, leaves, bark, and roots.



HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

Trees improve mental health and public health by decreasing respiratory illnesses and encouraging outdoor recreation.



SAVING ENERGY

Shade trees can lower air-conditioning costs 56% annually, burning fewer fossil fuels.



BEAUTY

Trees add character to city streets and residential areas as they radiate with colors, flowers, textures, and shapes.



SHADE

Trees cool cities by up to 10°F and shaded areas can be 20-40°F cooler than peak temperatures.



WILDLIFE HABITAT

Trees support the lives of many wildlife and insect species and provide them with food, shelter, and nesting sites.



RAINWATER CAPTURE

Trees capture rainfall, recharging groundwater supplies and help prevent stormwater from carrying pollutants to the ocean.



BENEFITS OF TREES *IN AN* URBAN ENVIRONMENT