

CITY OF RIO VISTA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

GPWG MEETING #7 // JULY 7, 2022



MEETING AGENDA

- ➔ Public Outreach and Input Received to Date
- ➔ Draft Vision Statement and Guiding Principles
- ➔ Next Steps/Action Items



COMMUNITY INPUT TO DATE

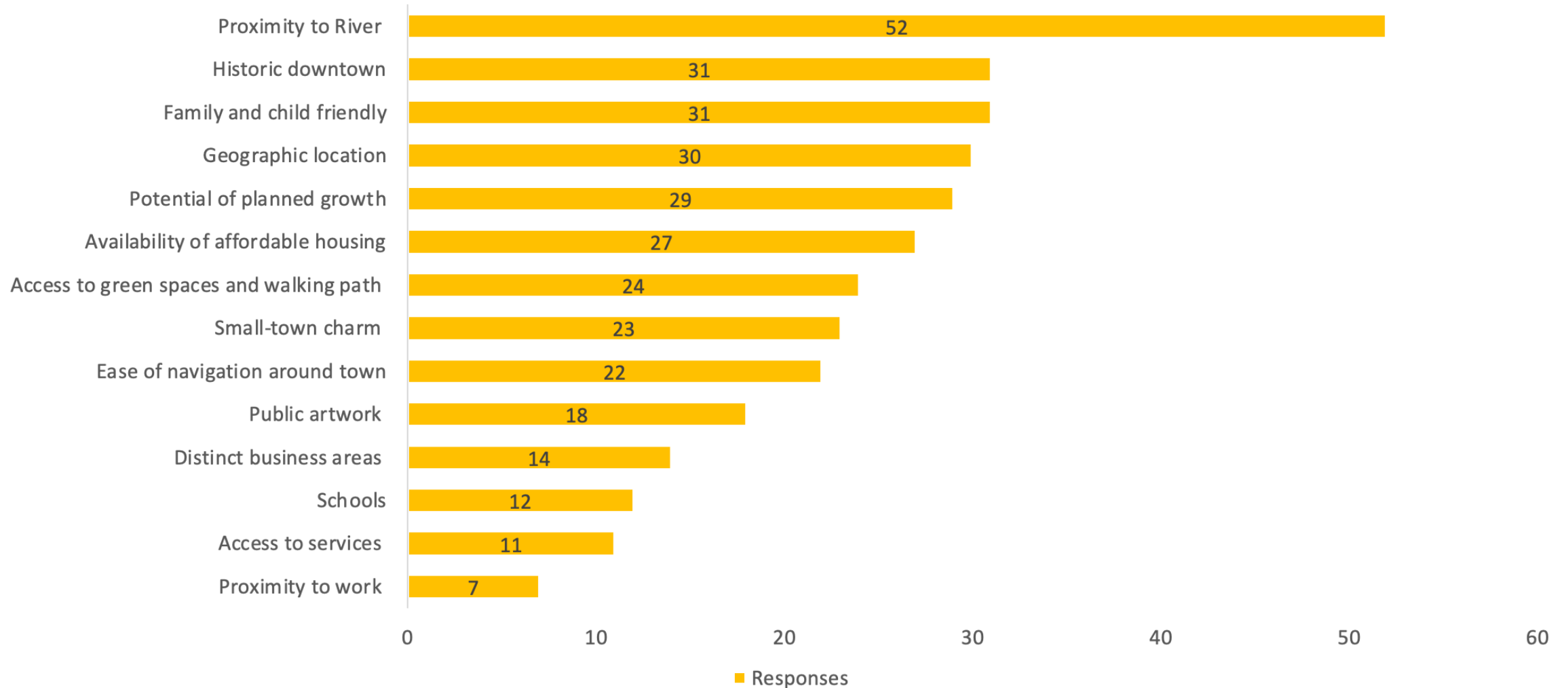
- ➔ Over 30 attendees at community outreach events
- ➔ MindMixer – 116 interactions to date
- ➔ 90 community surveys filled out so far



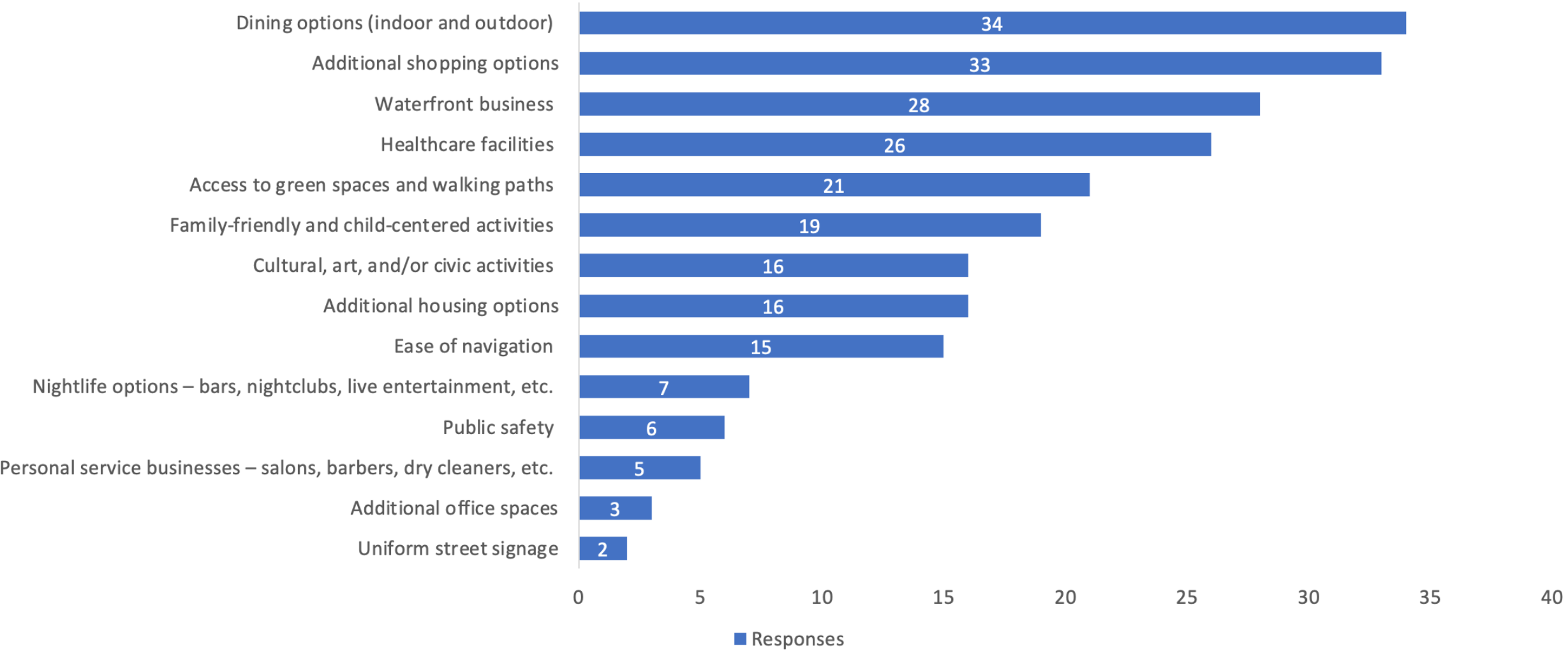
SURVEY QUESTIONS RESULTS – MINDMIXER AND PAPER SURVEYS



Which of the following do you like about Rio Vista? Select all that apply.



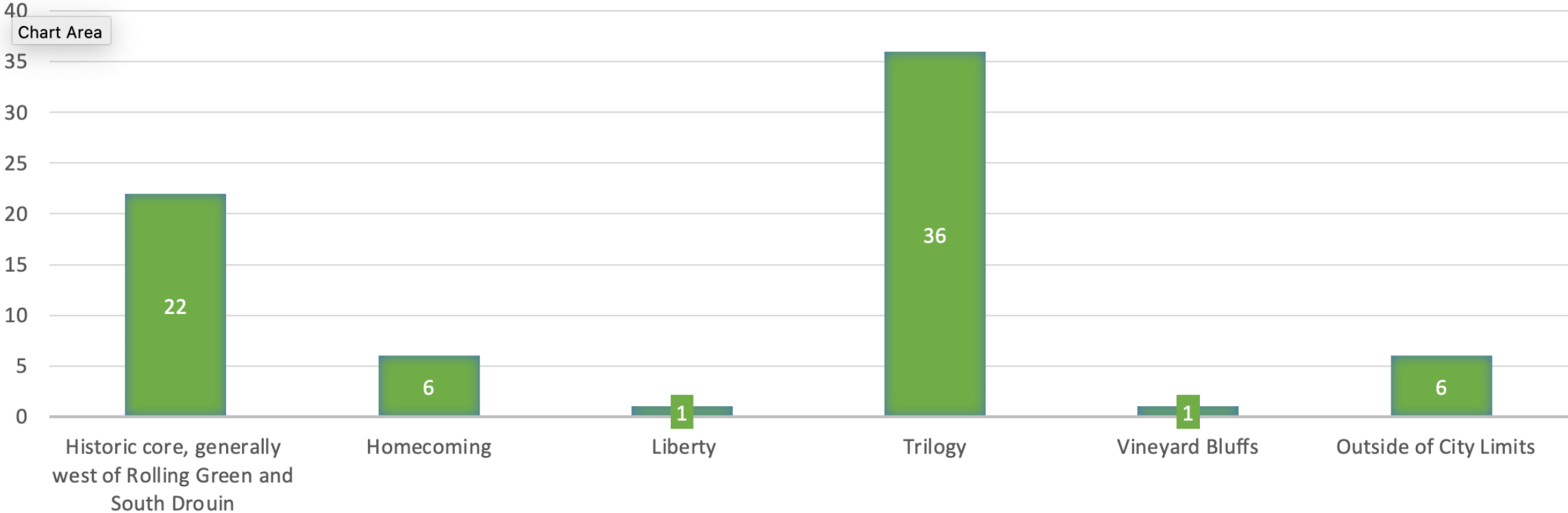
Which of the following do you consider most essential to improving Rio Vista? Select your top 3.



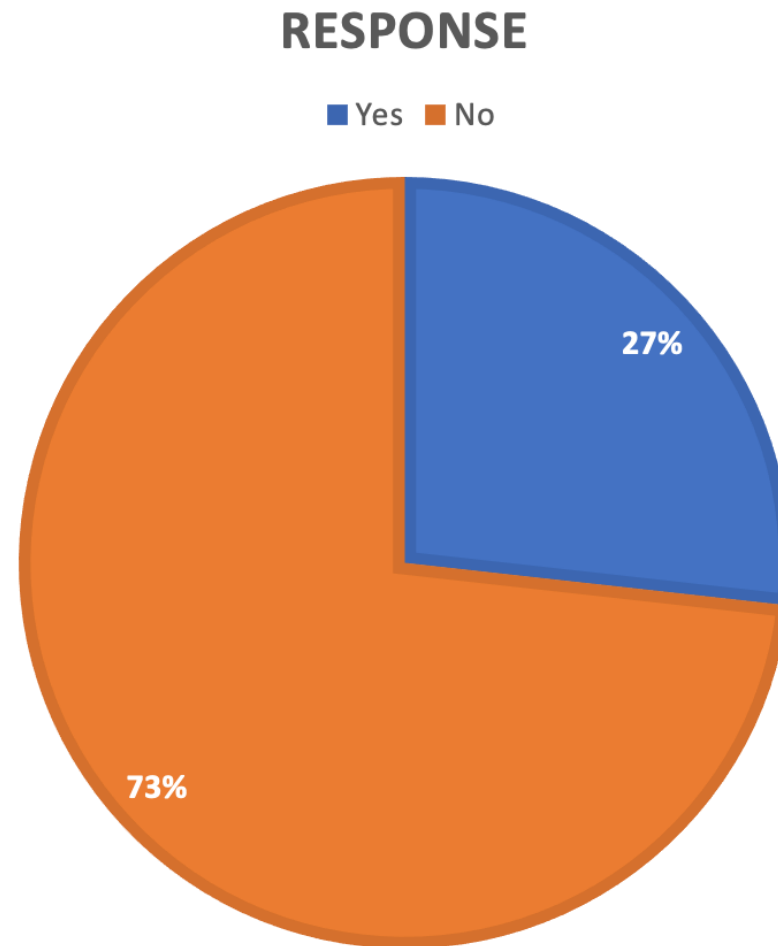
Where do you live?

RESPONSE

■ Response



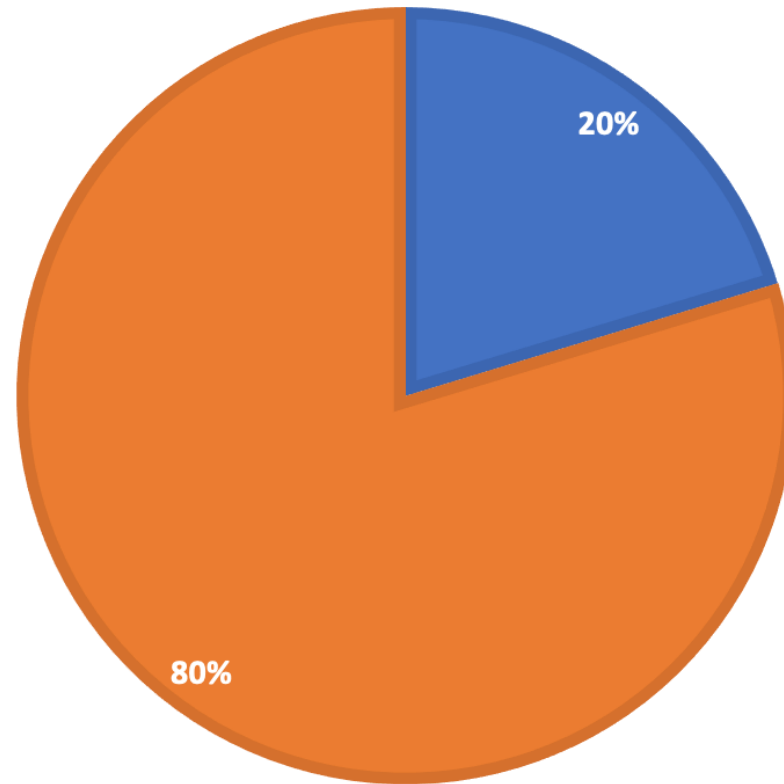
Do you work in or own a business in Rio Vista?



Do you own or rent a home?

RESPONSE

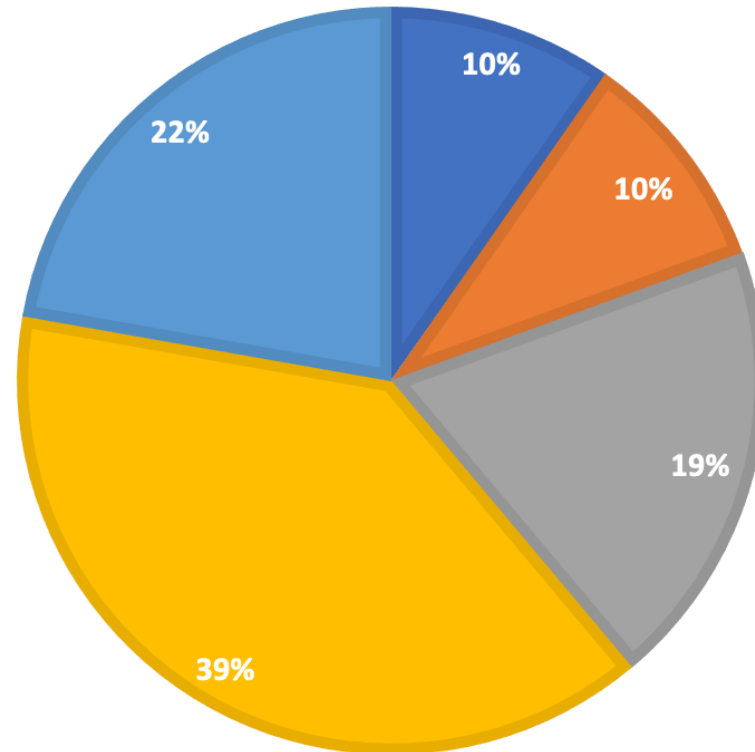
■ Rent ■ Own



What age range are you in?

RESPONSE

■ Under 20 years ■ 20-39 ■ 40-59 ■ 60-74 ■ 75 or older



KEY THEMES AND INITIATIVES FROM PUBLIC INPUT



KEY THEMES OF PUBLIC INPUT RECEIVED

1. Quality of Life
2. Growth and Development
3. Environment and Open Space
4. Community Character/Urban Form
5. Land Uses
6. Economy and Businesses
7. Accessibility and Mobility
8. Infrastructure
9. Recreation, Community Services, Art and Culture
10. Engagement and Governance

Quality of Life

- ➔ Peaceful living environment in a small town
- ➔ Community events (Bass Derby, Hog August Bites)
- ➔ Low crime and a safe place to live
- ➔ Friendly community
- ➔ Great place to raise a family
- ➔ Great standard of living

Growth and Development

- ➔ Better integration of waterfront with downtown is needed; consider new waterfront development
- ➔ Focus on compact development and infill development within existing built-up areas
- ➔ Make riverfront more of an attraction to attract visitors to Rio Vista
- ➔ Respond to growth around Rio Vista that will impact the community

Environment and Open Space

- ➔ Waterfront and river is a major asset to build upon
- ➔ More amenities oriented to the waterfront is needed
- ➔ Sea level rise and flooding near waterfront is a concern
- ➔ Concern over water quality and supply
- ➔ Maintain/preserve natural open spaces, open space corridors, and rural areas
- ➔ More green space – small benches or larger trees and grass

Community Character/Urban Form

- ➔ Retain small-town charm and agricultural roots
- ➔ Historic Victorian homes provide unique character in downtown area
- ➔ City has great urban form/structure, just needs some enhancement and beautification
- ➔ Address blighted properties in City with better code enforcement
- ➔ More effort on maintaining landscaping along roads

Land Uses

- ➔ Move industrial uses out of downtown/waterfront
- ➔ Create community space/district near city hall
- ➔ More restaurants and bars in downtown area
- ➔ Encourage mixed use buildings in downtown
- ➔ Provide a range of housing that meets the community's needs
- ➔ Airport is underutilized and should be improved
- ➔ More medical services/doctors/medical offices are needed
- ➔ New community center is needed
- ➔ More childcare facilities and afterschool programs

Economy and Businesses

- ➔ Vacant storefronts and absentee landlords are an issue in downtown
- ➔ Create vitality in downtown area with more retail, restaurants, and entertainment
- ➔ Create a local economy that can attract jobs, reduce need for commuting
- ➔ Make Rio Vista a destination instead of a city to pass through
- ➔ Foster the growth of small, locally-owned businesses

Economy and Businesses

- ➔ Promote economic development – provide more access to jobs and encourage more local businesses
- ➔ Schools need improvements to attract people and talent to Rio Vista

Accessibility and Mobility

- ➔ Reduce traffic congestion on Hwy. 12 and improve traffic flow
- ➔ Grade separated pedestrian crossing over Highway 12 as needed
- ➔ Better traffic management as the City grows in the future
- ➔ Roads should be improved as new development occurs
- ➔ Improve safety of roadways for vehicles and non-vehicular movement
- ➔ Better access and circulation for pedestrians and bicyclists
- ➔ Improve ped/bike access from outer neighborhoods to downtown

Accessibility and Mobility

- ➔ Replace or repair uneven and broken sidewalks
- ➔ Safe paths to schools are needed
- ➔ Public transportation is limited and needs to be improved

Infrastructure

- ➔ Infrastructure to keep up with new development being built
- ➔ The City's water infrastructure needs to be improved in the future
- ➔ Improve broadband and fiberoptic communications
- ➔ School facilities need upgrading (at capacity)
- ➔ More funding for schools in general

Recreation, Community Services, Art and Culture

- ➔ Need more family-friendly activities
- ➔ More youth programs, activities, and amenities are needed
- ➔ More sports activities and athletic fields are needed
- ➔ Promote and offer community events to bring people together – community festivals
- ➔ Active participation of over a dozen non-profits in the City and many opportunities to volunteer
- ➔ Incentivize local artists/craftspeople

Engagement and Governance

- ➔ City government is open, inclusive, and accessible
- ➔ Better coverage/communication in local paper and online of current events
- ➔ Relocate City Hall to another location
- ➔ New police and fire substations
- ➔ Have a more business-friendly attitude at City Hall

Draft Vision Statement and Guiding Principles

- ➔ A draft Vision Statement was crafted to capture the key values and aspirations expressed by the community for the future of the City
- ➔ The vision statement is also a description of an ideal future for the community to work towards.



Draft Vision Statement

Rio Vista in 2045 is a virtually and physically connected community that has maintained its strong sense of community and small-town charm. The community provides a diverse, inclusive, equitable, sustainable, and safe place to live, work, and play for all generations. We place a high value on creating a great community for our younger members by supporting our schools and youth programs. Rio Vista supports and values local businesses, arts and community events and welcomes visitors from throughout the Bay Area, the Sacramento Valley and beyond. We are stewards of the environment and honor our agricultural and cultural heritage in the Sacramento River Delta region. We balance these values to maintain a high quality of life for our residents.



Draft Guiding Principles

- ➔ Eight guiding principles were prepared for making the vision statement a reality
- ➔ Guiding principles will serve as guideposts for the creation of goals, policies, and implementation measures contained within the General Plan
- ➔ These principles expand on the main ideas contained in the vision statement, so that important concepts are given more weight

Eight Guiding Principles

1. Revitalize Downtown and the Waterfront District
2. Improve Mobility and Access for All Users
3. Support a Variety of Housing Options
4. Foster a Sustainable Community
5. Offer Recreational Opportunities
6. Balance Growth and Open Space
7. Foster Economic Growth
8. Promote Fiscal Strength



1. Revitalize Downtown and the Waterfront District

- ➔ Promote a downtown that is a vibrant destination with unique retail, entertainment, arts, and dining options.
- ➔ Support and attract businesses.
- ➔ Provide the infrastructure and amenities needed for the growth of Downtown and expansion of downtown retail uses into the waterfront area.
- ➔ Preserve the historic character of downtown while supporting new development, including commercial, housing, and mixed-use projects.

2. Improve Mobility and Access for All Users

- ➔ Provide a safe, efficient, and accessible roadway system that serves the mobility needs of all users.
- ➔ Improve the City's circulation network to provide safe travel for pedestrians, bicyclist, vehicles, and trucks.
- ➔ Efficiently move people and goods without compromising quality of life, safety, and smooth traffic flow for residents and businesses.

3. Support A Variety of Housing Options

- ➔ Encourage a mix of housing types to create diverse neighborhoods that meet the needs of all Rio Vista residents.
- ➔ Promote the building, retention, and renovation of quality housing for all incomes, ages, and abilities.

4. Foster a Sustainable Community

- ➔ Balance resource conservation with economic growth.
- ➔ Ensure today's needs are met without jeopardizing the community's ability to meet future needs.
- ➔ Promote high-quality, long-lasting development that allows residents to meet daily needs, such as shopping, employment, and recreation, in close proximity to their homes.

5. Offer Recreational Opportunities

- ➔ Ensure all residents to have easy access to high quality recreational opportunities, such as parks, River frontage, walking paths and trails.
- ➔ Expand parks and recreational programs to serve both residents and visitors.
- ➔ Provide a variety of sports and activities for Rio Vista residents of all ages.

6. Balance Growth and Open Space

- ➔ Focus growth in areas that are already serviced by roads, water, sewer, and infrastructure.
- ➔ Support a balanced growth management strategy that protects productive agricultural lands and natural resources while allowing for new economic opportunities.
- ➔ Ensure Rio Vista retains its "small-town feel."

7. Foster Economic Growth

- ➔ Promote a strong local economy by fostering the growth and expansion of a diversified business community.
- ➔ Support businesses that create good jobs for Rio Vista's resident workforce.

8. Promote Fiscal Strength

- ➔ Plan land uses, their intensities, and their locations to provide the right balance of revenues and costs to allow the City to deliver the high-quality services expected by the community.
- ➔ Manage fiscal resources in a responsible and efficient manner.

Schedule of Rio Vista GPU

TIMELINE AND MILESTONES



NEXT STEPS

- ➔ **Community Participation and Visioning**
 - ➔ Draft Vision Statement and Guiding Principles (June/July)
- ➔ **Development of Draft Elements**
 - ➔ Land Use and Mobility Elements (Sept./Oct.)
 - ➔ Economic Development and Public Facilities & Services (Nov./Dec.)
 - ➔ Recreation, Open Space and Conservation and Safety and Noise (Jan./Feb.)

Future GPWG Meetings

- ➔ September 2022 – Discuss Land Use; Circulation/Mobility
- ➔ November 2022– Discuss Economic Development; Public Facilities/Services
- ➔ December 2022 – Discuss Recreation, Open Space and Conservation; Safety and Noise
- ➔ January 2023 – Discuss Administration and Implementation

NEXT STEPS

- ➔ Finalize Vision Statement and Guiding Principles
- ➔ Preparation of Goals and Policies
- ➔ Economic Development Strategy Meetings
- ➔ Next GPWG meeting – September 1st, 2022



THANK YOU!

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