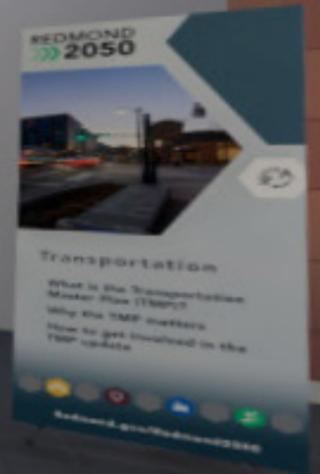


Redmond 2050

Visioning

Engagement Summary

PHASE 1: INVESTIGATE
OCT 12 TO NOV 9, 2020



VISIONING PROCESS - PHASE 1

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Our engagement process is using the **Redmond virtual lobby** in lieu of traditional community open houses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Help decide what Redmond will look like in 2050!



The regional plan, VISION 2050, was developed by the Puget Sound Regional Council (the regional planning authority) and directs employment and population growth to Urban Centers and areas served by high capacity transit.

Growth allocations are assigned to cities, but each community determines:

- How that growth will be accommodated,
- What it will look like, and
- How to meet community needs

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The work of the Visioning process will inform an update to the **Redmond Comprehensive Plan**.

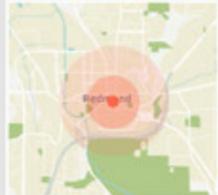


What will the Visioning process look like?



How much will the Region grow?

The Puget Sound Regional Council provides updated growth targets for the entire region, including a specific target for Redmond. This target will give a number of residents and jobs that the City is expected to accommodate by 2050.



Where will the growth go in Redmond?

Approximately 70% of this growth is expected to go into the urban centers and transit-oriented development in Overlake, Downtown, and Marymoor. Up to 30% of growth may go into targeted areas around the rest of Redmond.



What will growth look like?

The Visioning process will determine both how much growth goes in each area and what it looks like - i.e. what types of buildings will be used and their "look & feel".



What are the impacts and how can they be avoided or mitigated?

An environmental analysis and transportation plan will be studied alongside the Visioning process. All of this information will then be integrated into the Redmond Comprehensive Plan Update.

How can I be Involved?

Community engagement will be incorporated throughout the Redmond 2050 project, primarily within the virtual lobby platform.

Current opportunities to provide feedback can be found on the tablets by the stairs within this virtual lobby.

For the Visioning process, there are 3 identified engagement stages of the design process. Feedback results will be shared prior to the next engagement, as well as how this feedback has shaped our design process.

To be alerted when new engagement opportunities, please sign up for the Redmond 2050 newsletter at the Customer Service desk in the virtual lobby.



- Phase 1: Investigate**
Current and Future Issues, Needs, and Aspirations
- Phase 2: Distribute**
Apply trade-offs to allocate growth targets around Redmond
- Phase 3: Design**
Rank building types and design principles

Targeted Stakeholder Engagement
Connecting directly with communities to ensure diverse voices are heard.

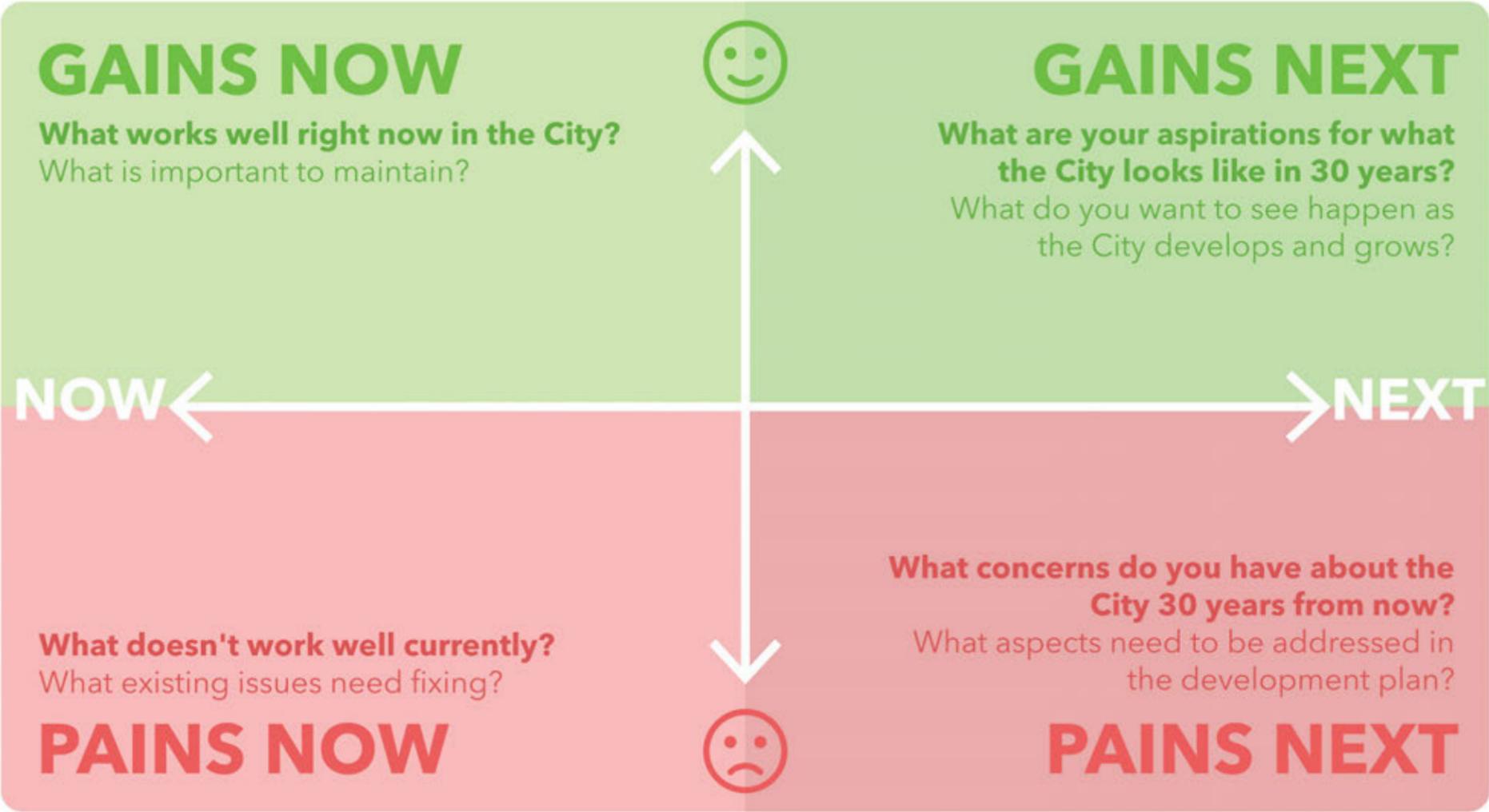


GAINS & PAINS **ROUND 1**



ROUND 1 - GAINS AND PAINS

We asked participants to answer the following questions in Round 1 of our Gains and Pains engagement: *Think about the future growth of Redmond by the year 2050. What are your aspirations for what the City looks like in 30 years? What are your concerns about how the City grows over this time? In this exercise, you will be asked to brainstorm what you want to see happen in the future growth of the City -- we will call these "Gains". You will then be asked to brainstorm things that concern you about this growth and that need to be addressed -- we will call these "Pains".*



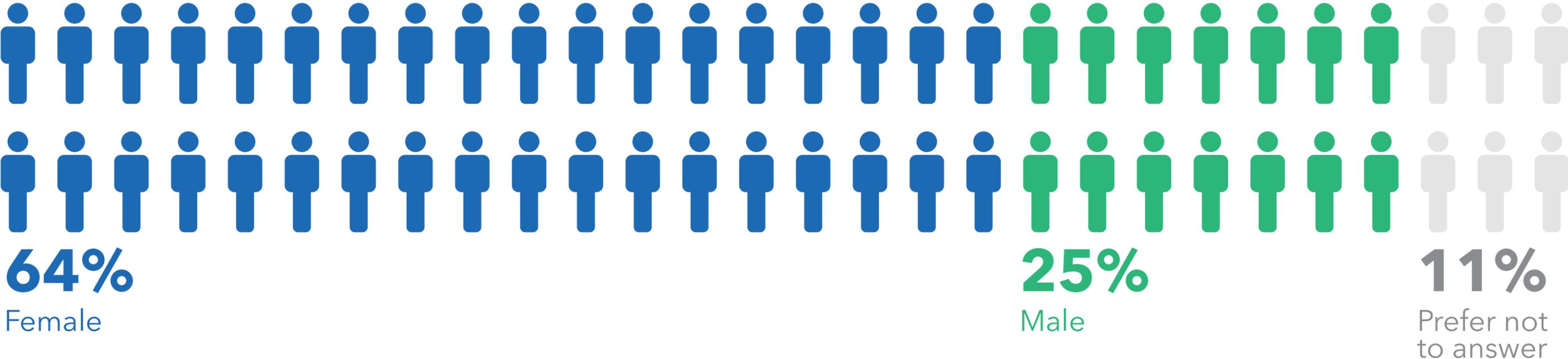
IN RESPONSE TO OUR GAINS AND PAINS ROUND 1 ENGAGEMENT, WE HAD

56 PARTICIPANTS

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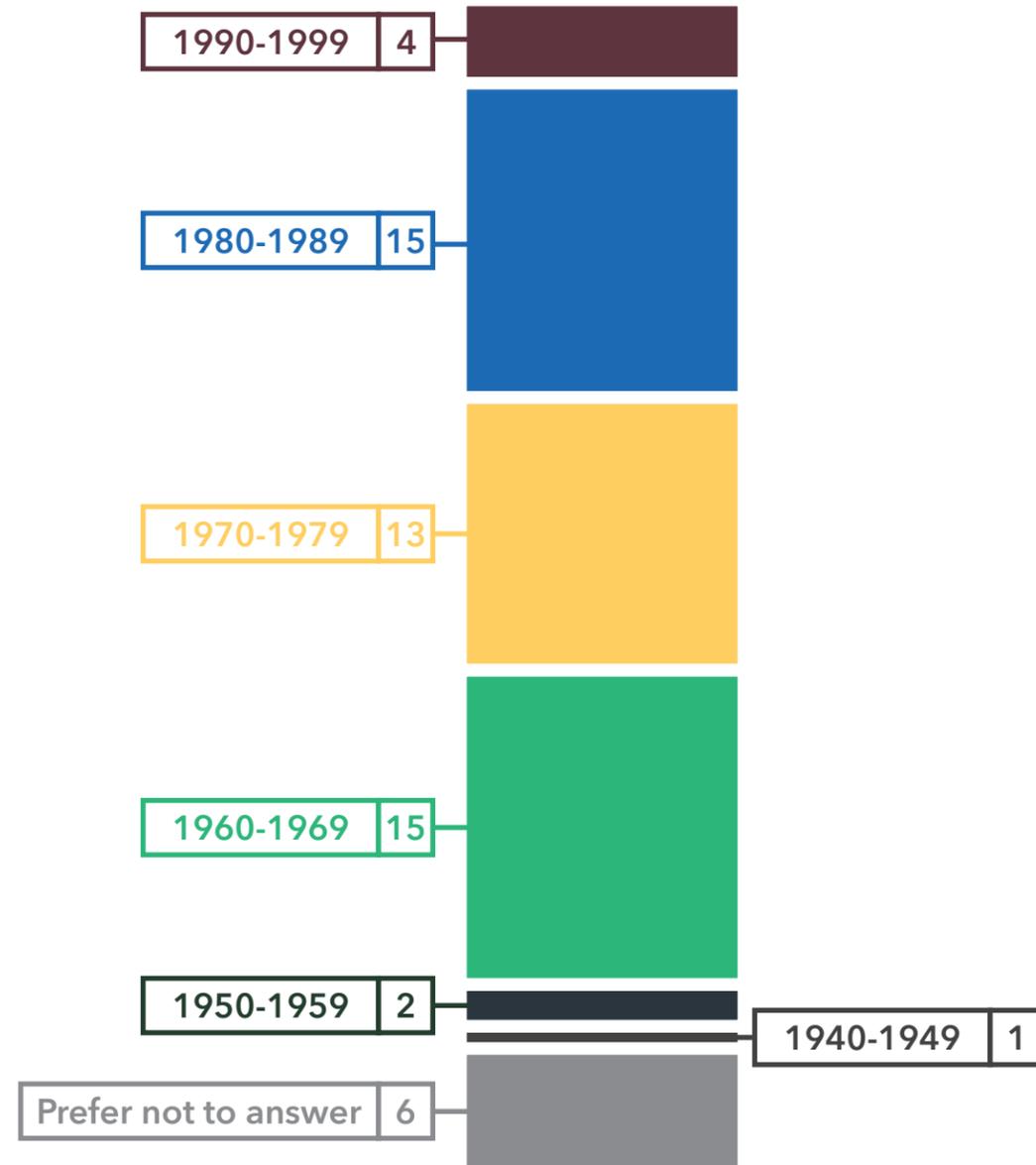
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GENDER



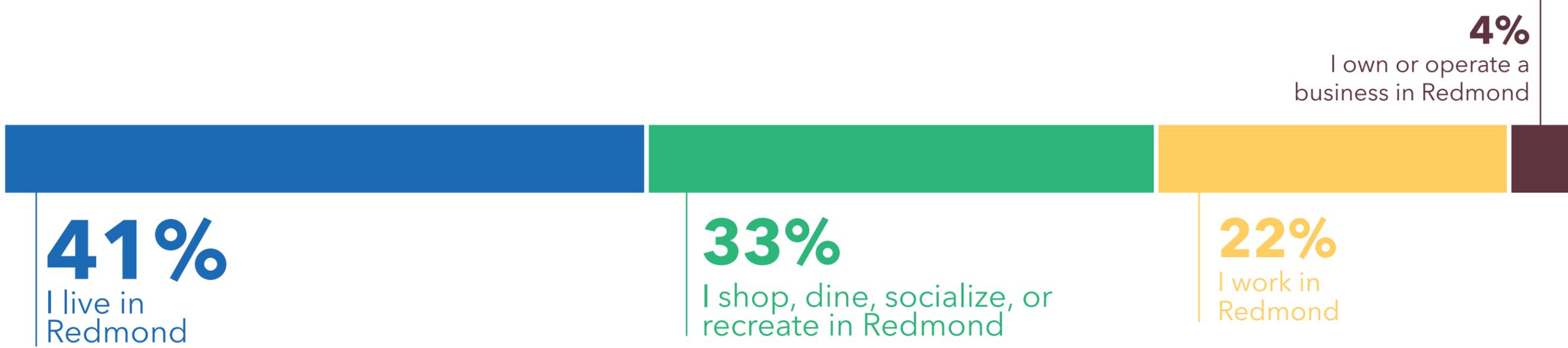
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AGE GROUP



DEMOGRAPHICS 3

RELATIONSHIP TO REDMOND

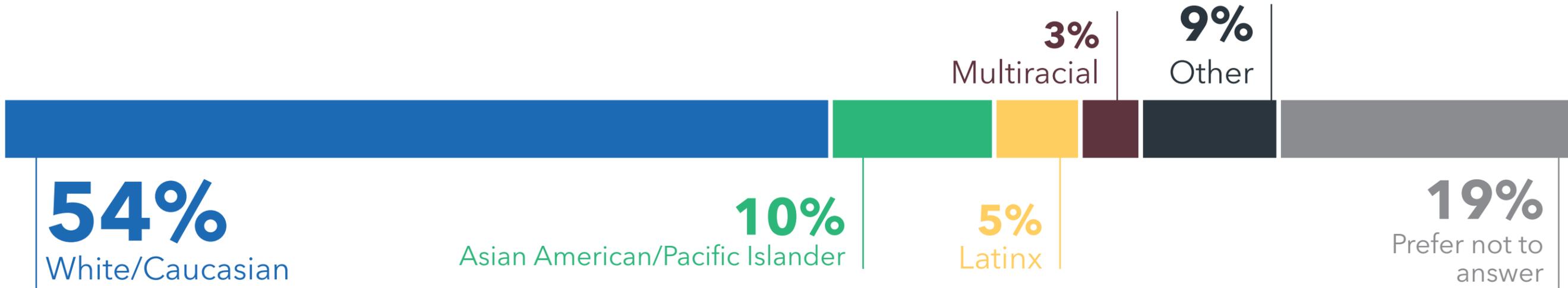


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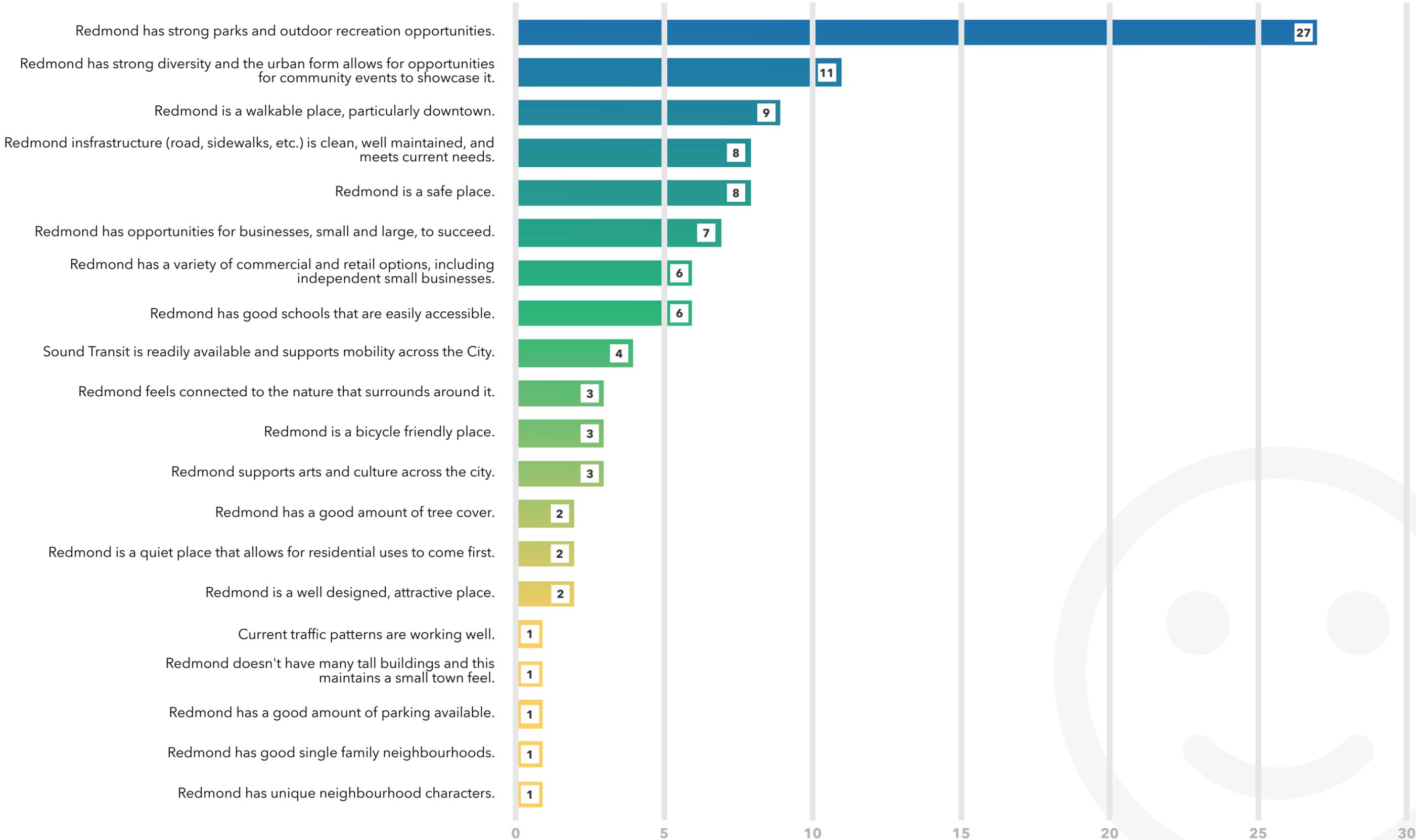
DEMOGRAPHICS 5 RACIAL DIVERSITY



DEMOGRAPHICS 6 DISABILITY



GAINS: NOW



GAINS: NOW - Quotes

“ Quiet, safe, clean, beautiful, mixed-use zones with functional transportation with wonderful culture ”

“ I love Redmond events, like Redmond Lights, So Bazaar and Derby Days. The live performances are awesome, and I love how artsy and unconventional they can be. I like our multicultural community and the way Redmond embraces this multiculturalism. I feel safe and like I belong here. ”

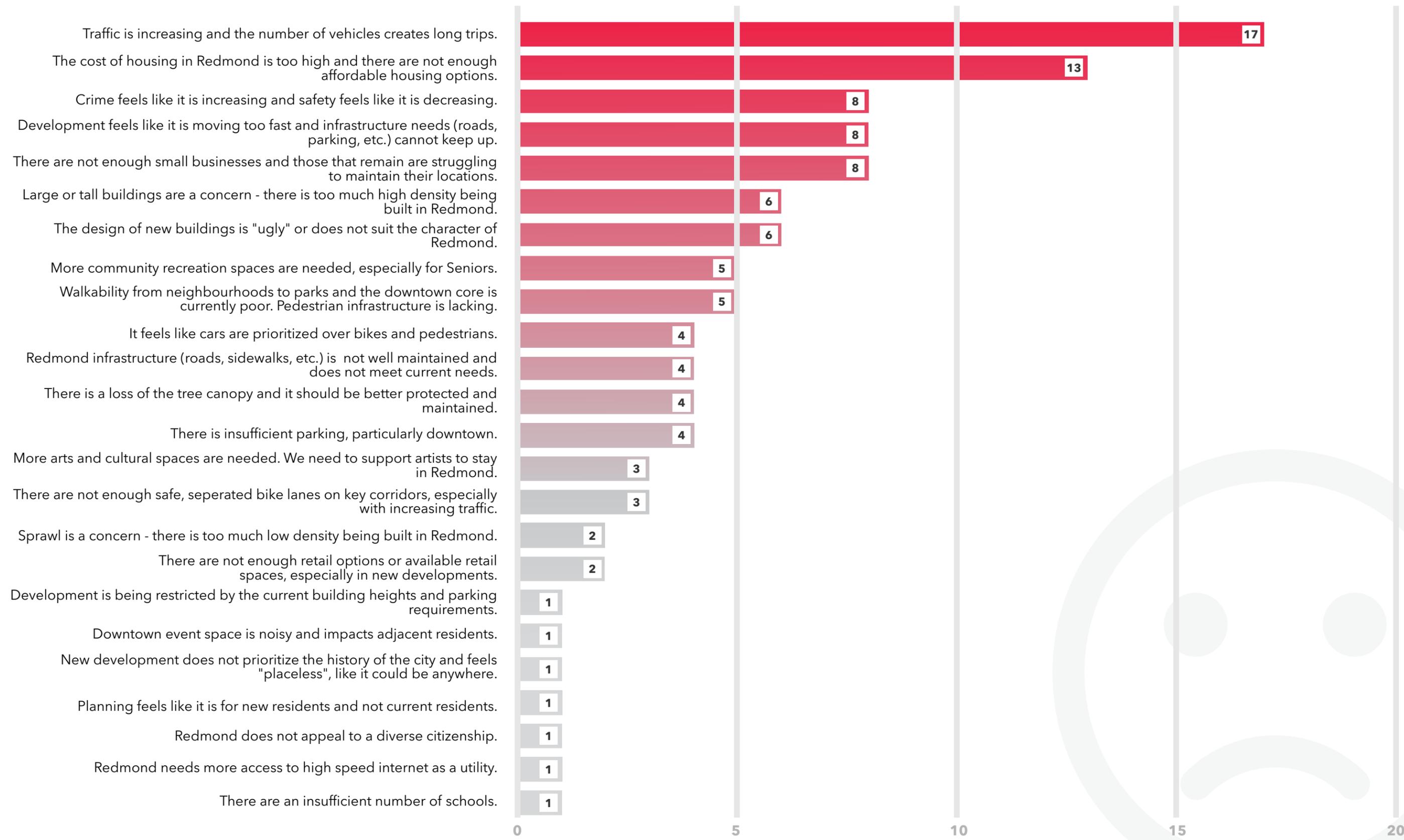
“ There are great shops, restaurants, and services. I like that there are a range of options (low, mid, high price point), for when you want a quick bite or a fancy dinner, for example. I especially love places like Stonehouse, Molly Moon’s... local faves and chains. The library is vibrant, and Redmond Town Center is a great place to hang out/shop/eat (during non-covid summers anyway) ”

“ Infrastructure maintenance is good. Home prices are strong. The downtown core continues to develop well. I’m proud to have been a homeowner in the city for a long time. I plan to stay. ”

“ We have nice parks. We have great employers. We are starting to have a nice trail network. ”

“ There seems to be plenty of parks and recreation opportunities in the community. ”

PAINS: NOW



PAINS: NOW - Quotes

“ Concerned about small businesses that have been here a long time are forced to close because landlord is selling property for new buildings. ”

“ I don't like how tall buildings are getting built in Redmond, it covers the landscape and beautiful views of the mountains. It is taking its beauty away by having these really tall buildings covering the mountains and trees. ”

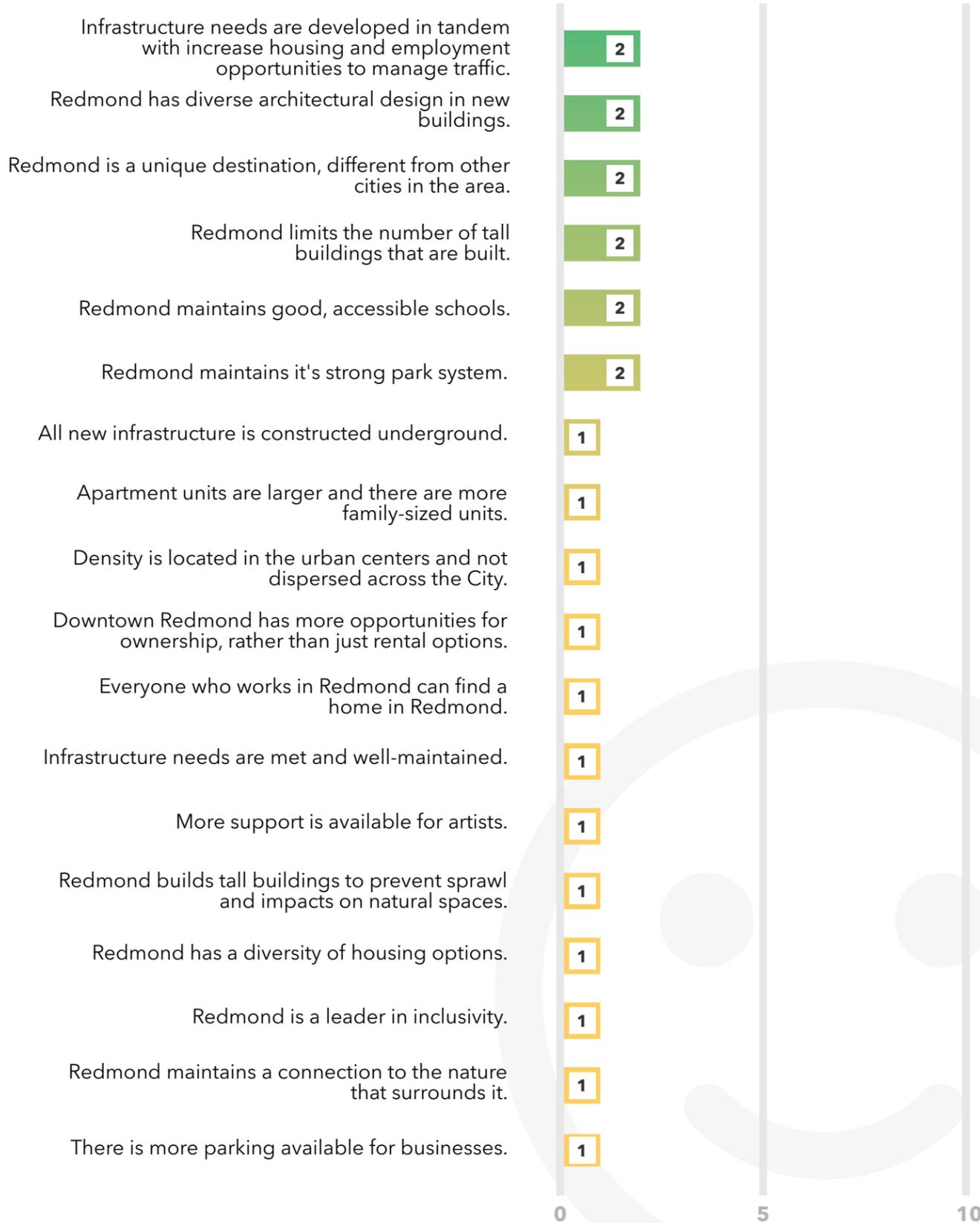
“ Walkability from neighborhoods to downtown is not that great. Pedestrian corridors are not connected with stairs and access points to the neighborhoods they pass through. ”

“ Car are prioritized over bikes and pedestrians - resulting in too many cars. We limit growth with restricted building heights and parking requirements. ”

“ I am constantly stuck in downtown Redmond traffic and the routes coming into the city during morning rush hour are very slow. Homelessness and crime have become a bigger and bigger problem in the community. ”

Development. I think we should slow it down ”

GAINS: FUTURE



GAINS: FUTURE - Quotes

“Vibrant downtown core with lots of options for activities, shopping, dining.

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“Preservation of neighborhood character

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“Grow up not out: Redmond buildings, particularly commercial ones, should have multiple stories so that we are not sprawling into beautiful green spaces.

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“I like the new building that have little restaurants and stuff at the bottom. it makes the city more walkable and 'alive' which I love.

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“A completed biking network that takes residents and visitors to any place within the city. Safe pedestrian facilities throughout the city, even within the industrial areas.

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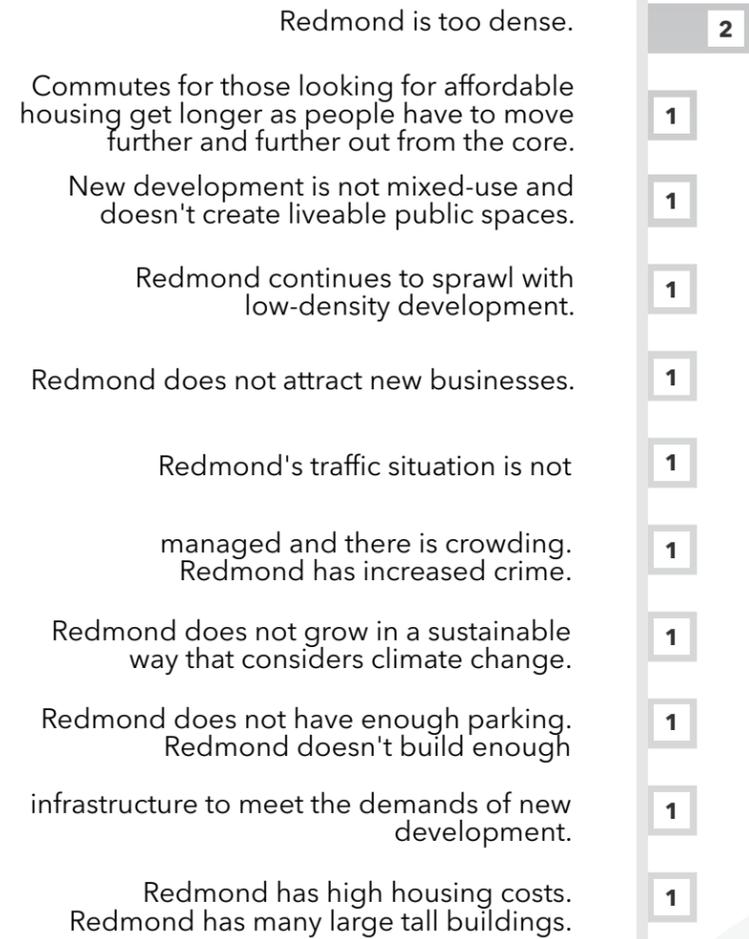
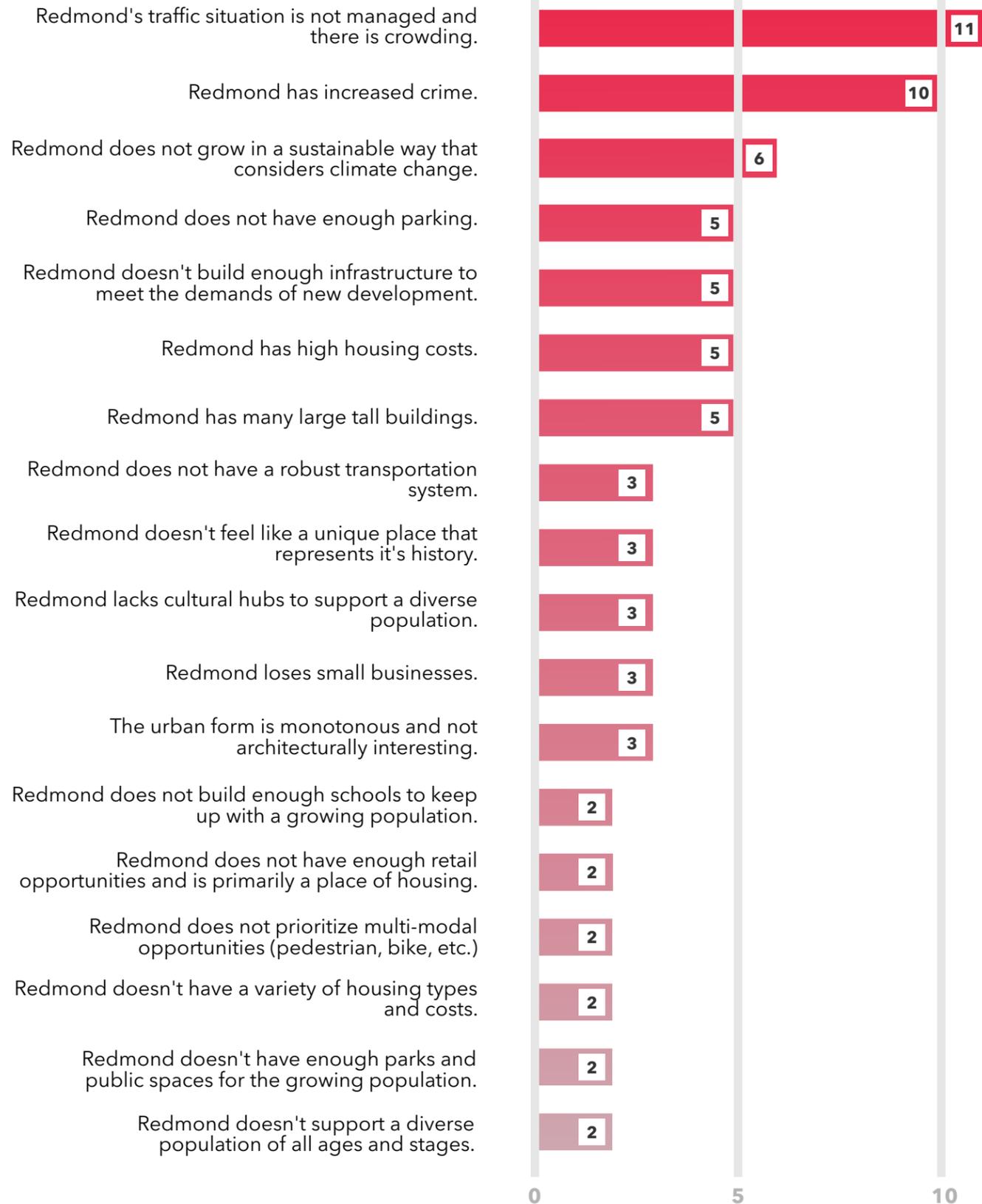
“I hope this city is inclusive of all (new and old residents), has a strong parks department that offers lots of options for families and residents, we have a good budding business community that supports small and large businesses and that the city makes it easier to do business here.

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“More community events, more sidewalks, better public schools

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PAINS: FUTURE



PAINS: FUTURE- Quotes

“ Getting to big too fast, losing its personality thru destruction of older buildings and loss of long existing businesses ”

“ Not enough parking for downtown, a fractured community of haves and have-nots, too many blocky buildings that won't age well, terrible traffic getting to and through the City. Increased crime. ”

“ I'm sure many residents from before 2000 feel that the character of the city they grew up in has already been lost, and change is indeed inevitable. So maybe the better question is, which parts of the character are essential and don't want to be lost? ”

“ Being conscious of the environmental impacts of growth, availability of clean water and air, protection to local wildlife, correct waste management, social diversity and inclusion, opportunities for all (not only those earning more than \$100k annually). ”



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