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SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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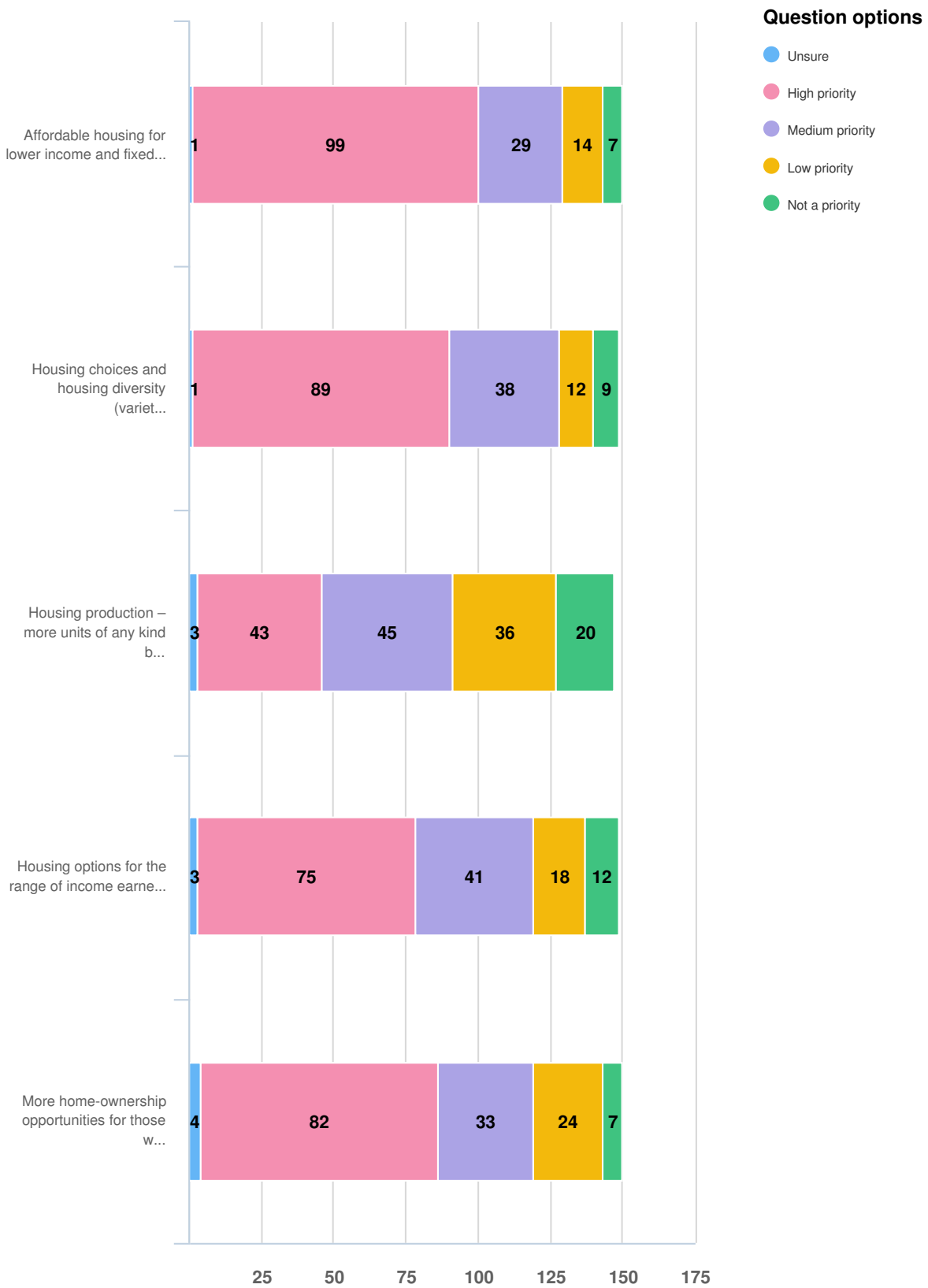
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Housing Action Plan



SURVEY QUESTIONS

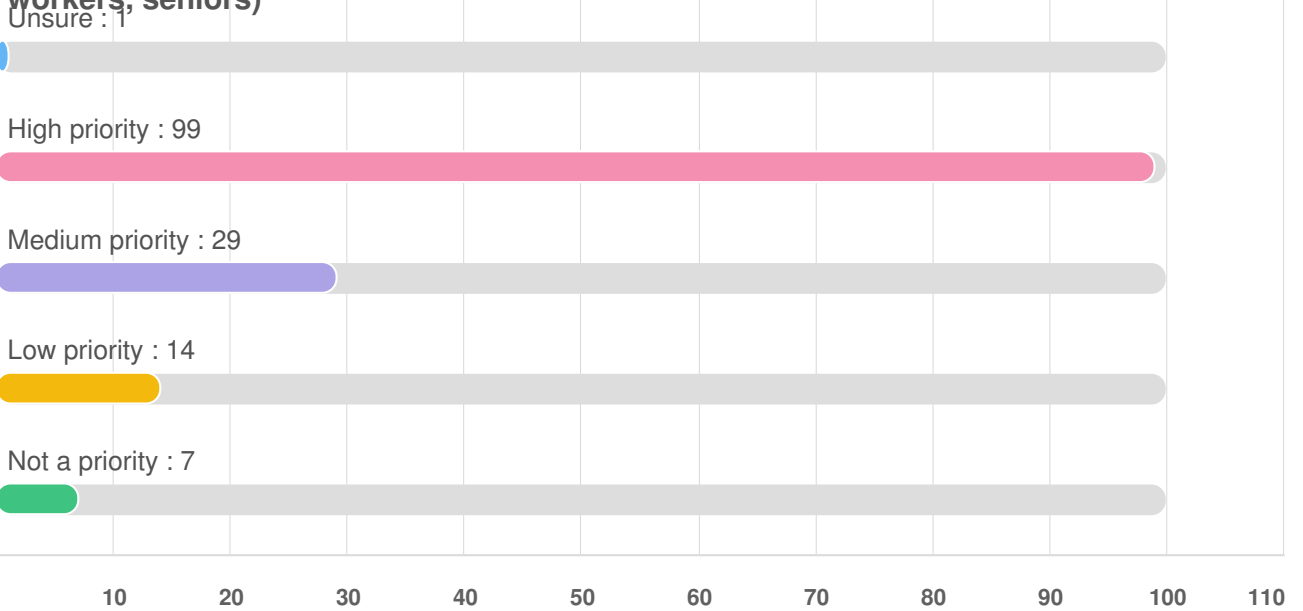
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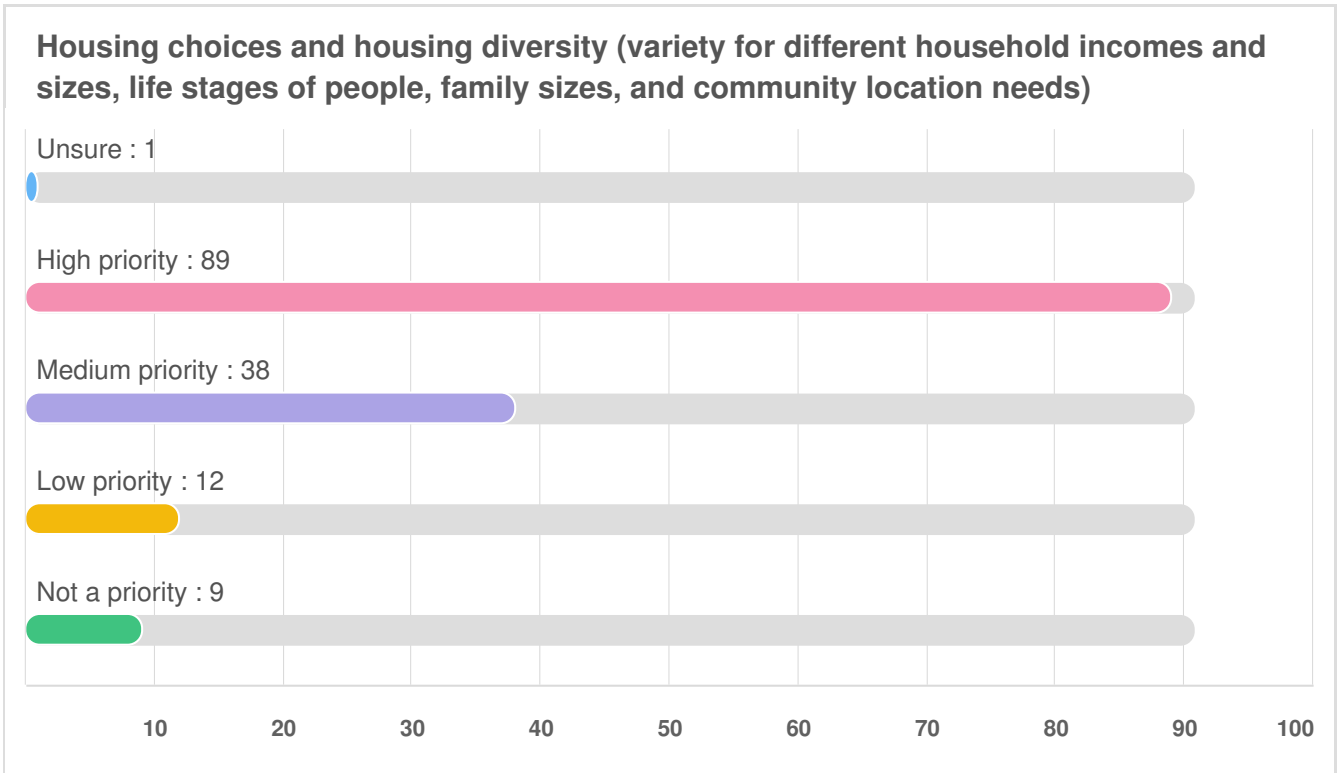


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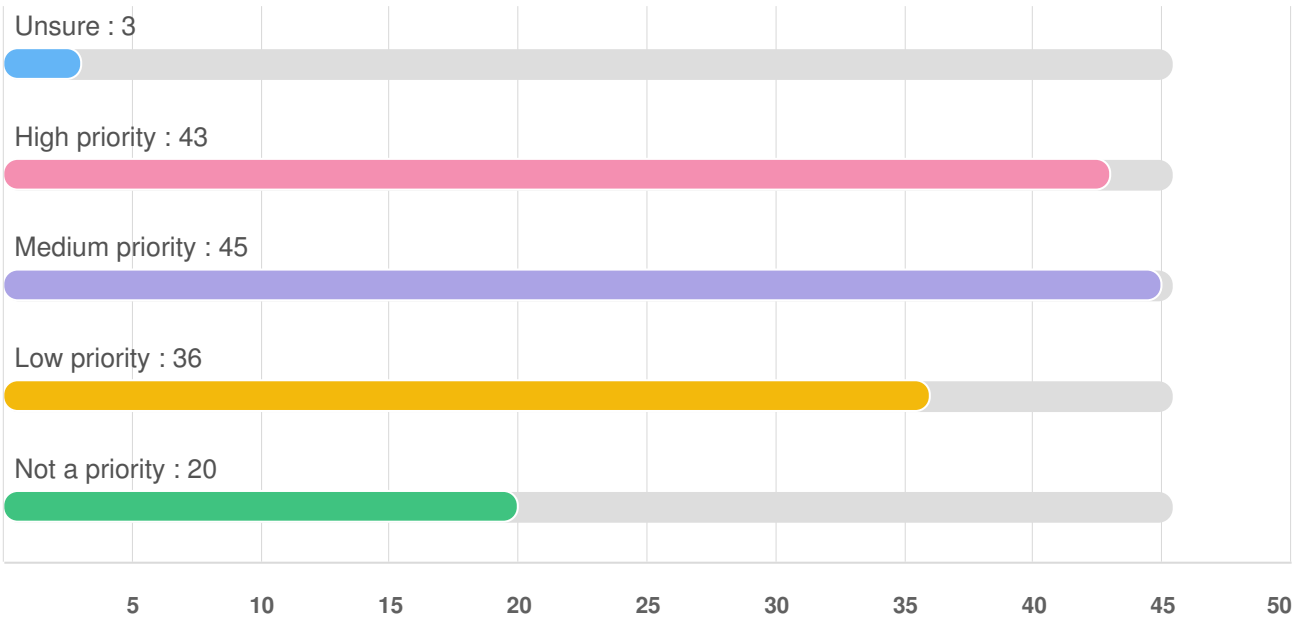
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Affordable housing for lower income and fixed income people (e.g. teachers, service workers, seniors)



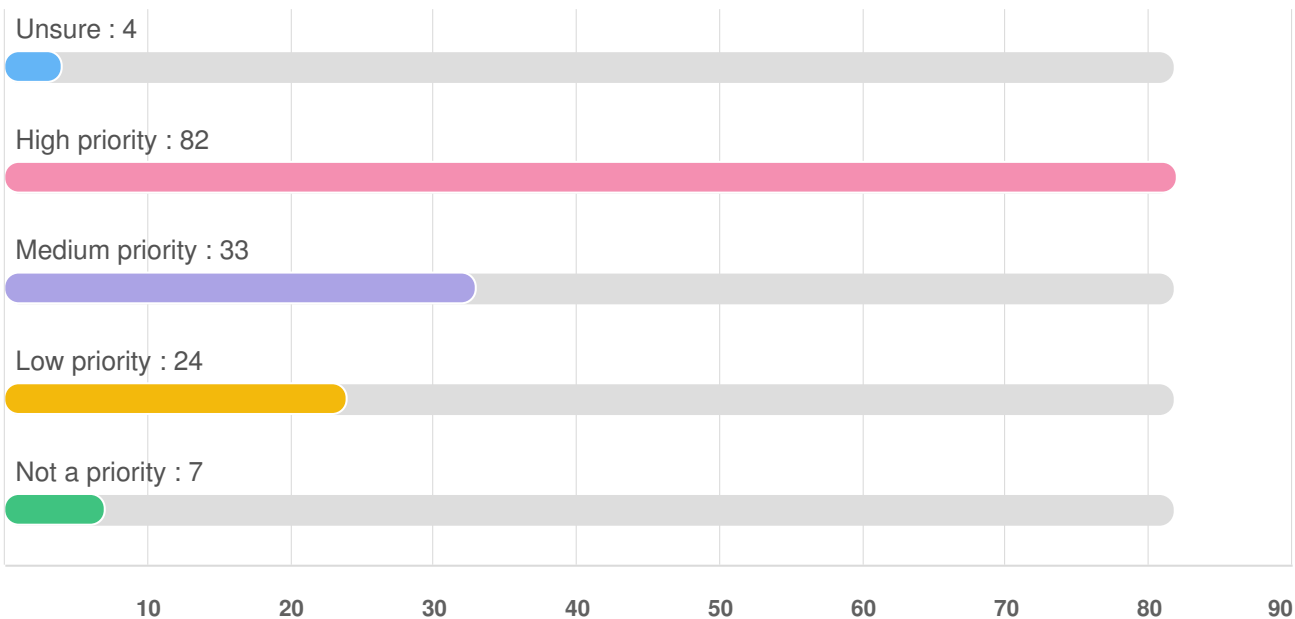


Housing production – more units of any kind built to better keep pace with the number of jobs in Redmond

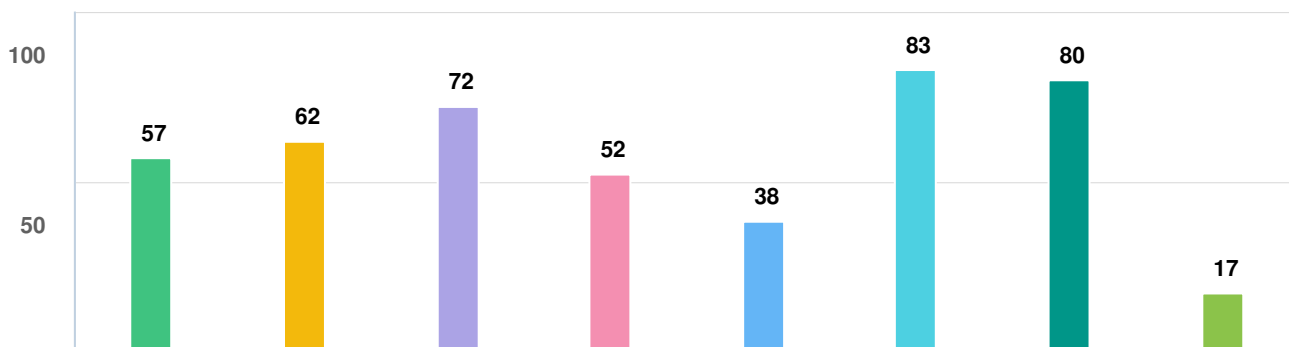




More home-ownership opportunities for those who are not high-income, including moderate to middle-income earners and those wanting to purchase affordable starter homes



Q2 Redmond community members expressed an interest in more and different types of housing. This is sometimes referred to as mi...

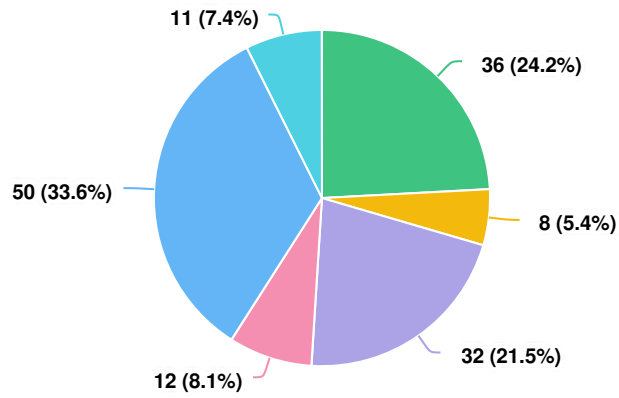


Question options

- Other (please specify)
- Low-maintenance housing, smaller in size, ideal for seniors wishing to downsize or ideal for smaller households
- Townhouses or row home ● Senior assisted living housing ● Accessory dwelling units (backyard accessory homes)
- Duplexes, triplexes, fourplex units (quad homes) ● Condominiums ● Cottages

Optional question (148 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q3 | One strategy some communities have used is a Housing Levy. A Housing Levy is a property tax that must be approved by a majo...

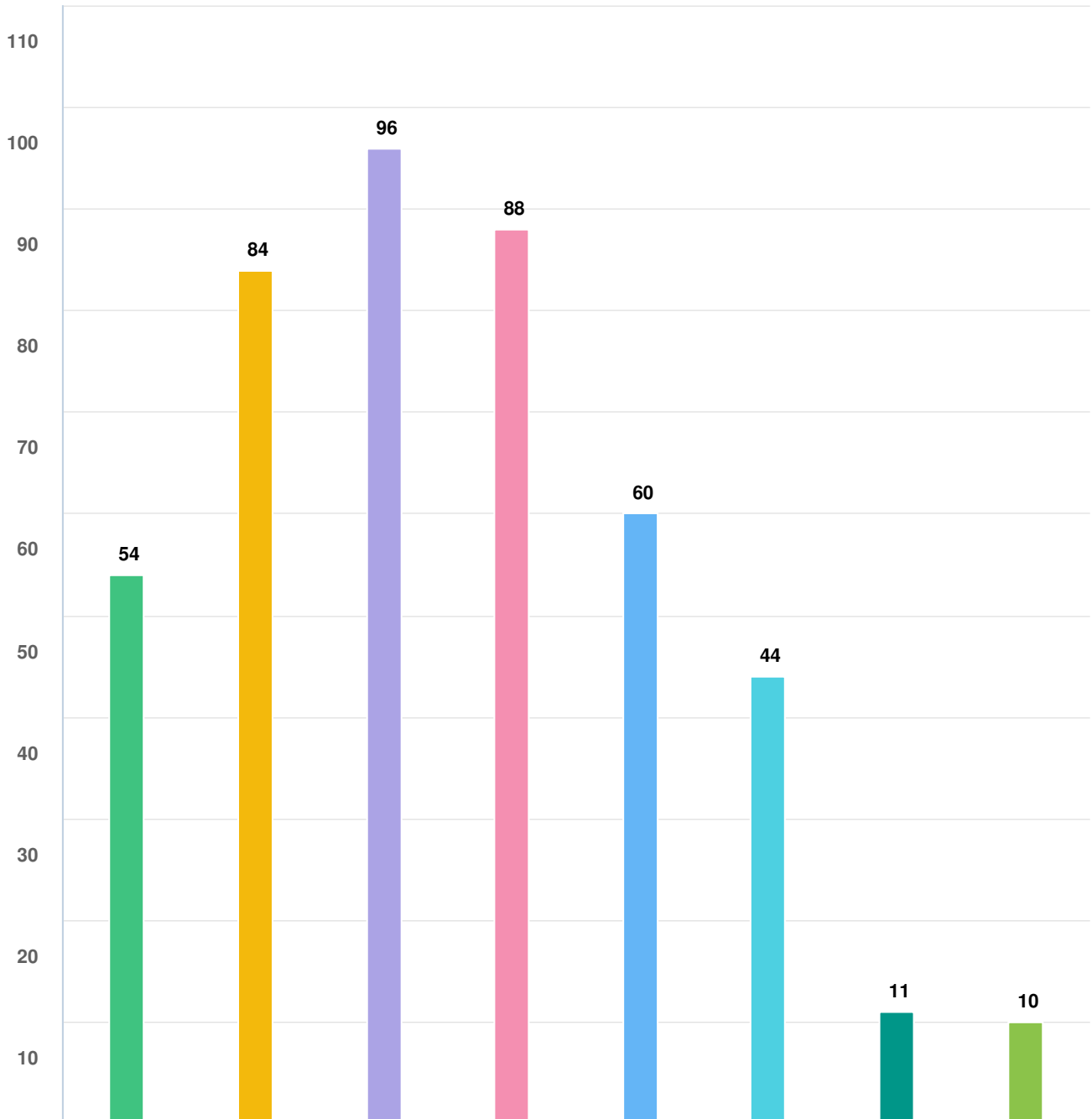


Question options

- Do not support at this time, but may consider in the future
- Strongly favor
- Somewhat favor
- Neutral (or need more information)
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose

Optional question (149 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 One strategy the City is considering is making it easier to introduce backyard homes, duplexes, triplexes, and accessory dwelling units in existing neighborhoods. These neighborhood types provide options for community members, create a more balance...

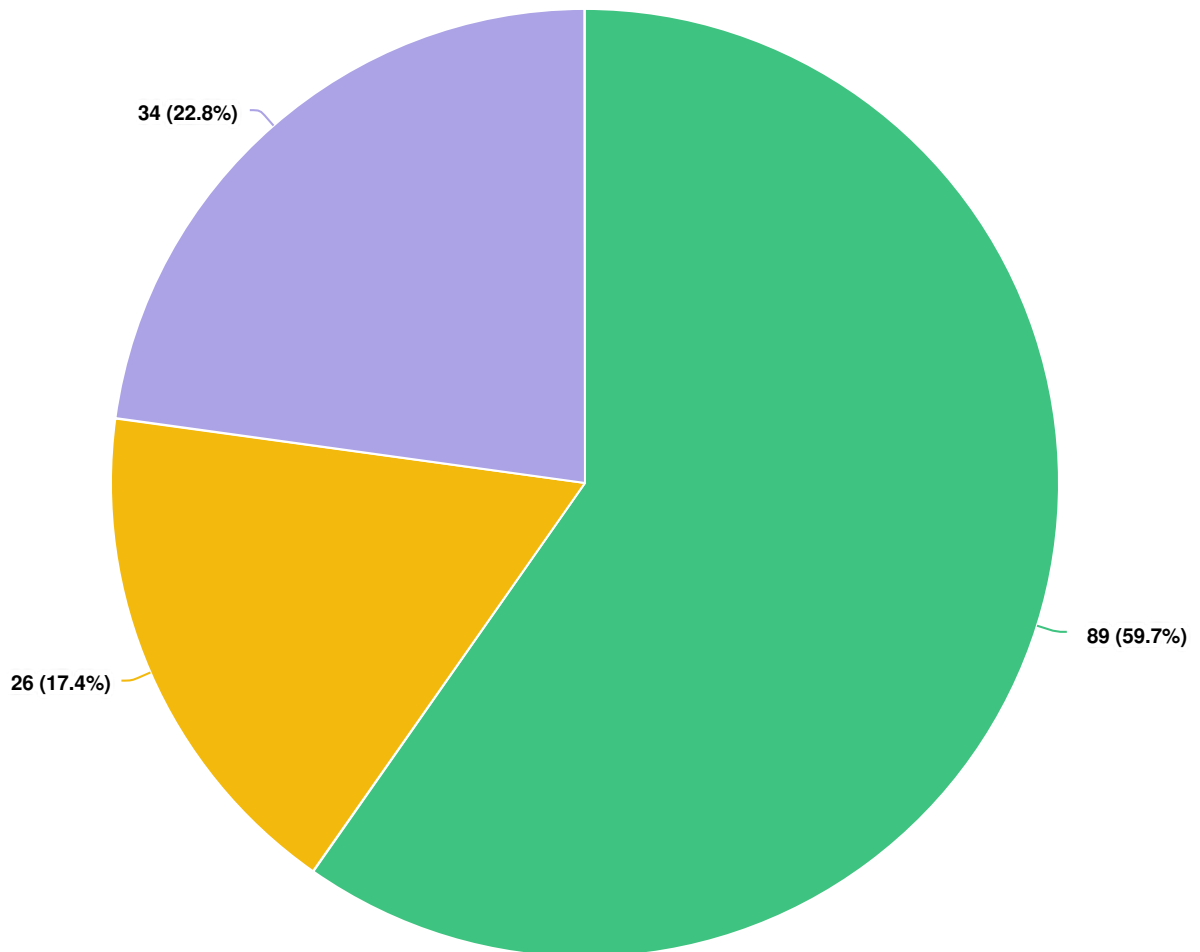


Question options

- Other (please specify)
- Not applicable
- Impacts to home values and property taxes
- Impacts to how the neighborhood looks and ensuring that the design of the new types of homes blend in with existing residences
- Use of such homes for short-term vacation rentals
- Parking along the street
- Traffic impacts to the neighborhoods
- Noise impacts to surrounding property owners

Optional question (148 response(s), 2 skipped)
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q5 Do you:

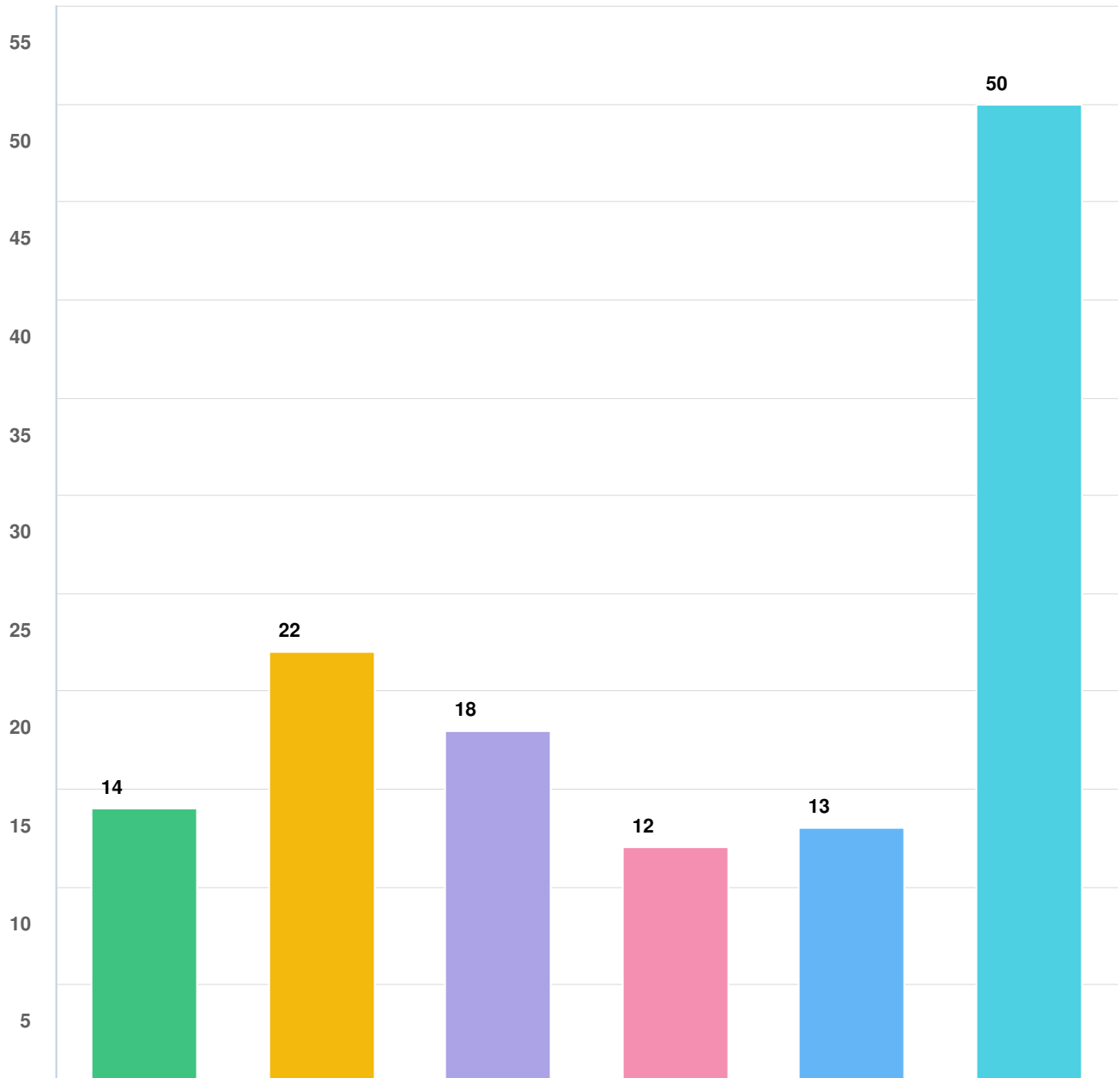


Question options

- I do not own or rent a home in Redmond
- Rent a home in Redmond (zip code 98052)
- Own a home in Redmond (zip code 98052)

*Optional question (149 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q6 Accessory dwelling units (ADUs), which is a secondary housing unit on your lot, are allowed in most neighborhoods in Redmond. Examples of an ADU are a guest house or a detached garage with a rented apartment above. I would consider building an ADU ...



Question options

- I would never consider building an ADU
- The City would provide me a payment plan option for utility connection and permitting fees
- I could secure financing for such a project
- I could gain more information on the benefits and challenges and details associated with building and owning an ADU
- I could gain professional help on ADU design options meeting the City's development rules
- Someone helped me understand the permitting process

Optional question (82 response(s), 68 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q7 | Is there anything else you would like to let us know, including any positives or negatives you see in the draft plan?

Anonymous

1/11/2021 09:08 AM

I have a neighbor, who bought the house next to theirs to make it a rental. It sits empty because of all the new rental laws, being unable to evict someone if they don't pay rent from Oct-Mar. they aren't going to rent it for free. as long as laws are one-sided, I believe others will not be willing to rent their properties, and it's a market I will not consider entering.

Anonymous

1/11/2021 09:35 AM

Home ownership is important- having ownership be accessible is key- such as condos, cottages, etc.

Anonymous

1/11/2021 09:42 AM

There is critical need for affordable, decent, convenient housing for seniors - active as well as those needing assistance in Redmond. The senior population is growing.

Anonymous

1/11/2021 10:22 AM

Requirements or incentives to build greener homes in Redmond.
And encourage existing structures to retrofit to be more sustainable.

Anonymous

1/11/2021 11:28 AM

very skeptical about ADUs

Anonymous

1/11/2021 12:07 PM

See comments above under 4 backyard homes etc in existing neighborhoods. Totally against this for reasons cited.

Anonymous

1/11/2021 07:14 PM

Downtown Redmond has too many large apartment complexes that all look the same. We need more diversity in how these developments look, a more pleasing look to housing that doesn't look like they all came out of the same box.

Anonymous

1/11/2021 11:46 PM

Too many hotels and apartments downtown, while an entire center of the city allowed landlords to raise rents so ridiculously that businesses moved out. Now, yet another developer buys the building previously occupied by Fed-Ex, Value Village, and several entrepreneur businesses forced to relocate or close down so that "luxury" condos can be built. Not everyone living in Redmond makes salaries equivalent to Microsoft and the other tech companies in the area. Having lived and owned in Redmond for over 20 years, I would like to buy a new place within walking distance of the city center and Sammamish Trail, however I see prices completely out of reach for single individuals. It's too bad the small town I feel that drew me to buy in Redmond, has been replaced with cold apartment buildings, and dying businesses throughout it, with hotels built to bring in dollars from visitors. Why visit Redmond? What does Redmond offer a visitor from another part of the country, or from a country other than the U.S., intriguing them to visit? How many rental rooms exist in the 1-mile radius of downtown Redmond, apartment or hotel, or either of those facilities that are currently under construction?

Anonymous

1/12/2021 02:30 PM

Too many apartments (ugly) in downtown Redmond.

Anonymous

1/12/2021 05:05 PM

Challenging problem. We need solutions without diminishing the quality of Redmond lifestyle. I like the idea of townhomes, cottages, etc. on vacant land with higher density to allow lower cost per unit.

Anonymous

1/13/2021 09:42 AM

I think we need denser housing and to raise the height limit for buildings downtown - we simply need more places to live.

Anonymous

1/14/2021 03:10 AM

I firmly believe that anyone working fulltime at a minimum wage job should be able to rent their own home. (Even in Redmond) anyone living on Social Security or SSI should be able to have their own residence. This can be done through subsidies or new development rules or whatever. The wait lists for such housing is horrific

Anonymous

1/14/2021 08:10 AM

Build more

Anonymous

1/14/2021 09:38 AM

Inclusion of greenery and green in space in planning. The new 5 story and higher apartment buildings are depressing. There are no trees on the sidewalks and the sky is blocked. If you want a walkable city it can't be depressing to walk in.

Anonymous

1/14/2021 11:10 AM

Redmond is almost unrecognizable from when i was growing up. It has become completely catered to Microsoft, Google and Amazon. If i wasn't born and raised in Redmond, where all my family lives i would have left and not looked back. It has pushed many other farther south or north due to such a high priced living costs. Regular folks can no longer live here and have to commute to their jobs causing more traffic and chaos.

Anonymous

1/14/2021 11:18 AM

Stop building apartments!!!!

Anonymous

1/14/2021 12:18 PM

We don't need any more apartments or condos. Just make it less expensive to live here.

Anonymous

1/14/2021 01:24 PM

I believe condominium production is very unpopular with developers due to current state legal challenges from class-action status. Fee simple options are a far more practical approach.

Anonymous

1/14/2021 02:39 PM

I'm glad to see the emphasis on the obvious need for more affordable housing in the draft. Since I began working in Redmond nearly 20 years ago, this issue has been raised in a variety of ways

but has not been addressed adequately. Thank you for the strategic work on this. What appears to be lacking in the draft is consideration for building in a sustainable, environmentally-conscious manner. Parts of the plan, along with the above statement/question, "Housing production – more units of any kind built to better keep pace with the number of jobs in Redmond" seem to communicate that the environmental impact of some of the plan's proposals is an afterthought.

Anonymous

1/14/2021 05:05 PM

What's we need is less government intervention. We need more developable land with fewer restrictions on density to encourage private development that is affordable. Only more housing across housing types

Anonymous

1/14/2021 05:09 PM

I would build an ADU is the City of Redmond paid me for doing so. The huge increase of apartments and condos in Redmond has destroyed the character of the community. Downtown is a ghastly nightmare of sprawl. Please STOP.

Anonymous

1/14/2021 07:07 PM

The building of more housing has greatly overloaded the LWSD and our roads. We aren't even able to visit a restaurant in town due to the lack of adequate parking.

Anonymous

1/14/2021 09:57 PM

Worried about people complaining about issues that are less important than the ultimate outcome of different types of housing at different incomes. Parking and traffic concerns are not a reason to not push for these changes, "character" of the neighborhood. There is not going to be 1000's of ADUs or a noticeable impact if we have a few more townhouses/duplexes and ADUs

Anonymous

1/15/2021 03:32 AM

Significant Solar power, vehicle charging stations, 2 off street parking spaces per residential unit + 1 off street guest parking spot per 2 residential units, minimum 10 designated spots per business unit, and rooftop gardens MUST be required going forward. NO MORE apartments - we NEED Condominiums! And tiny homes. A places for people to garden. And STOP taking away street & business shopping, or those who live in houses are going to shop elsewhere. We need to get a coffee shop & corner store ON North English Hill (not in the valleys) so we have somewhere walkable for coffee & basics.

Anonymous

1/15/2021 08:20 AM

Don't forget parks and green spaces please.

Anonymous

1/15/2021 03:16 PM

You need to find a way to engage the private sector to help address this need. There is not enough public money available to meet the demand for affordable housing. Modify building codes and create incentives to make building affordable housing attractive to developers.

Anonymous

1/16/2021 04:59 PM

don't turn redmond into seattle! ADUs and ugly low quality townhomes without adequate off street parking are not welcome! All accessory units and multiple unit residences need at least two guaranteed off street parking spaces per unit with guest parking off street as well. That means at least 4 or more off street spaces per lot! Units should have to not reduce the value of single family homes next door. (the ugly cheap dominating three townhome clusters that completely block open space near their single family neighbors should be banned)

Anonymous

1/16/2021 05:13 PM

When is the city government going to help renters who have fallen behind in rent due to Covid. I worked in the school district and had to homeschool my job. I had to resign to teach my own son. We exhausted our savings and got to December. We are now two months behind. The city is doing nothing. We were already in overpriced affordable housing through Arch and we have a disable adult with Autism. Since moving here in 2013, we have seen this town do nothing to stop the increases in rent. Within one year of moving here housing prices went from \$350,000 to over \$735,000. We are also a blended family of African-American and white. This town has never welcomed diversity of blacks or disabled. If you had well its been 8 years and this city has done nothing but treat our family with racism. You have no concern obviously. I guess I should not expect it coming from a town that once let a lodge of hate to be built in its city. Where do you think those individuals went? Into our local government, schools, medical and police.

Anonymous

1/16/2021 08:17 PM

Increase supply to better meet demand, while ensuring the impact that additional housing has on services like schools, parking, traffic etc. is mitigated as much as possible. Building an ADU is probably not something we would consider at our current life stage and our current home. However, it also is not something we would rule out in the distant future.

Anonymous

1/17/2021 09:04 AM

Don't destroy the type of community I want to live in. Please use our zoning laws wisely so we don't become another Renton or Kent where I moved from.

Anonymous

1/17/2021 11:43 AM

Impact fees for building new units should be lowered for multi family housing to incentivize developers The city of Redmond should buy property to rent to low and middle income, i.e. Vancouver Housing First, the homeless in Redmond deserve a place to live off the streets

Anonymous

1/17/2021 10:37 PM

I agree with all but one section of the draft Housing Action Plan. The proposal to reduce parking requirements concerns me greatly, because I think it will result in some very negative unintended consequences. Currently, parking is already somewhat constrained in downtown Redmond, particularly for residents. If parking ratios are reduced, the parking supply will be insufficient to match demand. I foresee multiple effects: 1) increased unit cost of parking to residents, either directly through parking charges or indirectly through rental costs, 2) increased violation of parking rules and abuse of parking in the neighbourhood, 3) changing character of the neighbourhood based on systematic disincentive to live in Redmond because of the parking situation. The consequences of (1) would be dire for our lower-income residents, who can barely afford to live in Redmond anyway. You could claim that they could take public transit to their Redmond jobs (since the idea would be to replace parking with transit-oriented development), but a) jobs are dynamic, and those who may work in Redmond during some periods may need to work in other parts of the region during other periods, and b) even if their jobs were in Redmond, transportation modes other than private automobile may not be convenient or practical for their commute - we are not a New York or Chicago which offer comprehensive accessible and mobility throughout our city, since we simply don't have the density to support convenient travel beyond hubs (e.g., downtown Redmond to downtown Seattle). In our area, public transit alleviates traffic congestion, not the need for individual households to own cars. (2) would also be an extremely unpleasant state in which to live, with constant anxiety about where residents or their visitors would park, and constant irritation at the violations all around. I have enough stress at work, I don't want to experience additional stress from insufficient parking for my visitors or the toxic behaviour of rule-breakers. (3) is more ambiguous, but any time there are systematic incentives at play, there will be systematic biases in the dynamics of the city. I'm not sure what kind of households would form and settle in Redmond, and which would move out with decreased

parking ratios, but I'm sure that they would be unanticipated and unintended. I understand that the rationale behind decreasing the parking ratios is that they drive up the cost of building housing. However, please consider the economics of housing prices - what determines housing prices is not the cost of building (which, in this area of severely imbalanced supply and demand is likely to be far below the market-clearing price), but rather the demand for housing relative to supply. By many metrics, we are clearly well under-supplied with housing, but the answer is not to line the pockets of real estate developers with even fatter profits. The answer is to encourage building housing which will guide Redmond to scale in a sustainable, livable and pleasant way. Please reconsider this parking proposal, and give thought to the unintended consequences of this policy.

Anonymous

1/19/2021 03:11 AM

I'm not an expert in this area, but after reading the document it all seems like a good start, except for point 6. "reach out to..." "advance partnerships..." it's pretty non-specific. Also, I don't think we should put the burden on non-profits and faith-based organizations to *give* their land away to build affordable housing. This is a problem the city of redmond needs to solve, not outsource to non-profits. What about a vacancy tax? Rents are obscene here, and with a 9% - 11% vacancy rate, where a healthy one should be closer to 7%-8%...seems like these large apartment complexes are charging more rent than they should given normal supply and demand rules. Speculative investing, and whatnot. I know there are a lot of objections to vacancy taxes, but what about limiting it to only buildings with more than X number of units? We don't need to be punishing the person who owns a triplex and rents it out when he wants to keep it vacant for a year for whatever reason. But these large apartment complexes that increase rents by some outrageous amount every year need to stop.

Anonymous

1/19/2021 08:51 AM

Building more housing of ALL kinds will help add affordable housing to our area, because the law of supply and demand is eternal. I support allowing builders to build more housing of all kinds, and I also support reducing the cost of fees and permitting to make it as affordable as possible to build in Redmond. We don't need extra taxes to make housing affordable! We need more housing!

Anonymous

1/19/2021 09:41 AM

Please concentrate density downtown

Anonymous

1/19/2021 09:49 AM

Affordable attractive cottages, du-tri or four plexes, one story smaller homes with design that works for seniors are badly needed in Redmond.

Anonymous

1/19/2021 12:20 PM

I like the idea of a housing levy, but think the example above is too costly for homeowners since our property taxes are already quite high.

Anonymous

1/19/2021 12:23 PM

NEED AFFORDABLE ASSISTED SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES IN REDMOND WITH TRANSPORTATION TO HEALTHCARE, ESSENTIAL DAILY NEEDS, SUCH AS FOOD & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES.

Anonymous

1/19/2021 01:18 PM

Way too many high priced apartments. We need condominiums in place of apartments, available for purchase. Rent is too high on most apartments for any of my adult children to afford.

Anonymous

1/19/2021 04:34 PM

PLEASE UPDATE BUILDING CODES SO WE DON'T HAVE MORE OF THE HORRIBLE BOXES. I hate how dark it is in the triangle area. Require more setbacks, better community spaces, especially around corners (fountains, art, sitting areas), light requirements so sun hits the street at times other than just high noon. PLEASE PUT TOGETHER A RESIDENTS GROUP TO ADVISE.

Anonymous

1/19/2021 06:15 PM

reduce traffic before expanding housing, bring back one-directional streets near the town center

Anonymous

1/19/2021 08:45 PM

More housing needed for nurses, police, teachers, city employees please. More Condos so younger folks can make 1st home purchases or retirees can live in the city without losing home equity. NO Houses behind houses on lots smaller than 3/4 acre. Maybe another mobile home park?

Anonymous

1/20/2021 03:39 PM

Redmond should be looking to maximize density in the areas surrounding transit hubs, including but not exclusive to, light rail stations. Reduced (or eliminated) parking minimums, especially near transit, can reduce building costs and support more sustainable lifestyles.

Anonymous

1/20/2021 07:28 PM

I would like us to think about apartments that could easier serve to be shared with different people as co-housing. Have rooms with individual bathrooms attached that then allow sharing the kitchen and living room only. Many other countries actually already do this in urban cities.

Anonymous

1/21/2021 12:26 PM

Redmonds long term plan needs to change. Redmond "live, work, play" is not attainable for most any in the diverse group of person I have asked. Any who I know who grew up in Redmond and would love to live here, simply cannot afford to. Grocery workers, servers, small business workers these people may work in Redmond, but they cannot afford to live there. Its sad to see the priority of Redmond is to cater to tech companies and the wealthy who work for them. You no longer care about preserving the historical value of what was a charming town. The apt / condo buildings being built all over redmond are ugly and do not provide adequate parking, and as mentioned they are not affordable. People who haven't been to Redmond for awhile do not recognize it, and its sad. Its unfortunate that a small group of people can change the town so vastly so quickly. There is very little senior housing and its disgustingly expensive, seniors on fixed income are not allowed to stay in the area, because you like many many others see only the top bidder. The old group health site once camouflaged by trees, sold to the highest bidder, trees mostly gone. bear creek pkwy/ leary once a tavern nestled among trees inhabited by great blue herons, replaced with ugly apt buildings named for the birds that once lived there. Redmond 2050? What will it look like? It will be ugly and its sad.

Anonymous

1/22/2021 04:14 PM

Excessive apartment rentals and not enough condo/private homes for purchase

Anonymous

1/23/2021 12:58 PM

I want high density dwellings to stop. They are destroying Redmond. Focus on building more infrastructure support of roads and freeways and maintaining the existing roads.

Anonymous

1/24/2021 02:41 PM

Please consider greenhouse gas emission effects of draft plan. New dwellings should be LEED compliant and all-electric (no gas) if we're serious about addressing global warming.

Anonymous

The only way I'm able to live in Redmond and work in Bellevue is

1/24/2021 09:56 PM

because I live at my parent's home (who work in Seattle in the medical profession) and I'm 30 as of December 2020. I have been paying a low rent to help with bills and groceries of \$200 every month to my mother, who I trust more than my father, (who was a raging Trump supporting conspiracist) I make roughly \$2,200 every month, sometimes less due to cut hours and lessened demand. It's too much money to receive welfare, but it would be poverty wages if I lived on my own, even with roommates. Millennials need starter homes or starter condos, to pay off to OWN and build wealth with, not to be the cash cow renting bitch of some giant LUXURY condo development chain, for the rest of our lives, and then have no retirement savings when we're old, living hand to mouth in other people's closets. The Talisman near Redmond town center was the kind of place I dreamed of living when I was a kid. Look at the prices of the smallest unit there. It would be stupid for me to consider living there now. All these pla was have cultish toxic positivity branding on their Instagram pages. I almost feel like I'm being mocked when I look at those accounts. All it tells me about these places is I'm too poor to actually live there. Maybe a married couple with a pomeranian who both work at Microsoft or Google can afford to live there, or Amazon, since they've moved right next door in the old Macy's building. And yes, I mean amazon corporate. I dont think a warehouse associate would ever be able to afford to live in the smallest unit at The Talisman either, but maybe at a moldy, water damaged, high turnover room in Shadowbrook instead, if they can manage to get in among the other 15-50 applicants for anywhere that's remotely affordable.

Anonymous

1/25/2021 09:56 AM

I'd like to see more of a commitment to construction of public housing. The market will not provide the units fast enough for low and moderate income families. High quality public housing should be constructed throughout the city in multiple forms. Alternatively, actually make the market provide affordable housing. 80% AMI is not affordable to many households.

Anonymous

1/25/2021 12:11 PM

i think its important to emphasize building and construction that is affordable for educators and district employees, who may or may not qualify under federal regulations as low income.

Anonymous

1/25/2021 08:52 PM

I would like to know if the ADU off of 180th and NE 27th St is permitted.

Anonymous

Redmond has a very dark history of racism - those people that

1/26/2021 01:17 PM

allowed that to form in Redmond years ago, alot stayed in Redmond. Alot went into our local governments, education, medical and police. This town only wants the diversity it picks and chooses. Not blacks - not disabled.

Anonymous

1/26/2021 01:59 PM

Running a bond campaign during covid and covid recovery seems to be a bad idea optically. Folks are tapped out--if not financially then emotionally and psychologically. Not only is it likely not to pass (must pass with 60% approval) it make it look like the city is unaware of the current concerns. Main concern with adding more housing in suburbs (ADUs and du-, tri- and quad plexes) is that it will contribute to more on street parking which decreases visibility of pedestrians. Already with stay at home orders, our streets in our neighborhood are lined with cars. Also, I think the city REALLY needs to think through the idea of apartments with only one or no car spaces in the lots as people will be looking in many cases to park their 2nd car elsewhere, whether it is surrounding neighborhoods, retail parking lots or street.

Anonymous

1/26/2021 03:29 PM

Mitigating cost is the most important means to more affordable housing, regardless of demographic targeted. The multifamily tax credit is the most important tool. Shortening permit time, reducing regulations are also important.

Anonymous

1/26/2021 03:57 PM

The "missing middle" made up of individuals or families making 65-90% of median income are being priced out of the "for sale" and the "for rent" market. This level of income earner has no other opportunities for housing support. Tools such as the Multifamily Tax Exemption Program are being structured increasingly toward lower income which does not work in market rate cohort of the multi-family industry given current financing standards and return requirements for market rate projects. Different tools needs to address different levels of affordability.

Anonymous

1/26/2021 05:01 PM

Density is the only tool we have to keep housing affordable. At the pace single family home prices are increasing in the region, not everyone is going to be able to afford one. If you want an economically diverse community we need real zoning for rowhomes, townhomes, etc. and not just satisfy NIMBY's by allowing backyard cottages and accessory dwelling units.

Anonymous

More developer incentives are needed to produce workforce

1/26/2021 07:37 PM

housing (average of 80% AMI and above). This would include more liberal MFTE programs that overlap such incentives. Lower income level housing (<80% AMI) need direct financial support and cannot viably be created in quantity/scale under current MFTE programs due to the depth of the required subsidy. Nor should they be. Other programs must be created to serve this space (While we are so fortunate to have Microsoft and Amazon direct funding, it won't last, and it is simply not enough). For new production, Redmond would benefit from better balancing its lengthy, risky, and unpredictable entitlement process against improving the developer's ability to engage and utilize new workforce housing incentives. Move from a penalty based to a reward-based system. Carrots are always better than the stick. Redmond has a growing stock of naturally occurring affordable (workforce) housing and could be a leader in the region in creating incentives for owners to improve and enhance these assets in exchange for incentives or let's hope, for future state MFTE legislation for existing apartment housing. For low-income housing, support national legislation to expand the LIHTC program. It is the key to the entire lower-income housing paradigm. As you well know, edge cities face strong opposition to change in zoning, but we must find a way to create more, quality entry-level medium density ownership housing at the edges of our traditional single-family neighborhoods, transit, and commercial cores.

Anonymous

1/26/2021 09:50 PM

do not tax homeowners for other peoples homes.

Anonymous

1/27/2021 04:06 AM

Discontinue ADU dwellings

Anonymous

1/27/2021 07:51 AM

I'm not a fan of increased government involvement in the free market. I have a friend who lives in Pasadena and he really likes the Del Mar station.

Anonymous

1/27/2021 07:53 AM

The property taxes are already high. Many people are struggling to pay those - it is not fair to make these people to pay for someone else's housing through increased taxes. It's not communism.

Anonymous

1/27/2021 08:57 AM

Traffic congestion is becoming a problem with all the new condos being developed. More police at the elementary schools needed during drop off and pick up times! Audubon never had any police there because of budgets and it's needed!!

Anonymous

1/27/2021 11:42 AM

must address high utility connection costs (need to lower), impact fees on overall affordability, more flexibility and speed for building permit submittal/approval. Reduce parking requirements.

Anonymous

1/27/2021 02:11 PM

Regulatory reform to increase predictability and efficiency in the entitlement and building permit process

Anonymous

1/27/2021 06:57 PM

Unless we get more affordable homes for lower and middle income population, we will continue to struggle finding employees in Redmond service industry.

Anonymous

1/27/2021 08:31 PM

Stop ruining Redmond.

Anonymous

1/28/2021 08:55 AM

My overall comment is that the housing density within the town of Redmond is rising too quickly with apartment-style multiple-floor buildings. This is going to cause traffic problems and, I think, ruin the feel of Redmond unless these buildings must include retail street-level opportunities for providing services such as food and restaurants. There should be more walkable sidewalks that have room for covered outdoor dining. We need to encourage small businesses to stay in/come to Redmond so we aren't simply a short-term housing town for itinerant employees of Microsoft.

Anonymous

1/28/2021 08:57 AM

There needs to be a both/ and approach. Build very dense housing close to transit, including lots of affordable units and family sized units. Then also increase density in the single family zones so there are more types of housing available for people.

Anonymous

1/28/2021 05:39 PM

Consider partnering with nonprofits that are land trusts including Community Land Trusts and Shared Equity Homeownership Programs to preserve affordable housing.

Anonymous

1/29/2021 08:00 AM

please emphasize the equity options ; I didn't see that the plan addressed what shelter and housing options would be needed to support those community members experiencing homelessness - housing such as permanent supportive housing

Anonymous

1/29/2021 09:03 PM

Property taxes for senior residents who have been here for decades should be capped and offset by removing tax breaks for billionaire tech companies that have ruined our city.

Anonymous

1/29/2021 11:46 PM

I like for Redmond to keep its current lifestyle.

Anonymous

1/30/2021 12:52 AM

East King County lacks low-income affordable housing. We cannot solve our increasing number of people experiencing homelessness, unless cities like Redmond build 0-40% AMI housing.

Anonymous

1/31/2021 10:30 PM

I agree with the goal to make housing easier to build. The city of Redmond has a reputation for making building of any kind more difficult (thus taking more time) and expensive (due to onerous requirements). The city should to work to streamline the building process and eliminate/reduce onerous requirements.

Anonymous

2/01/2021 08:19 AM

Please build public housing, the market will not magically providing affordable housing.

Optional question (76 response(s), 74 skipped)

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