

October 2025



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for the **FUTURE**

City of LaFayette

Comprehensive Planning Survey Results



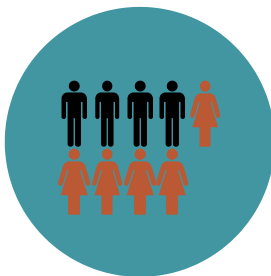
Response Stats



**Length: May to October
2025 (120 days)**



**Average Completion
Time: 14:55 minutes**

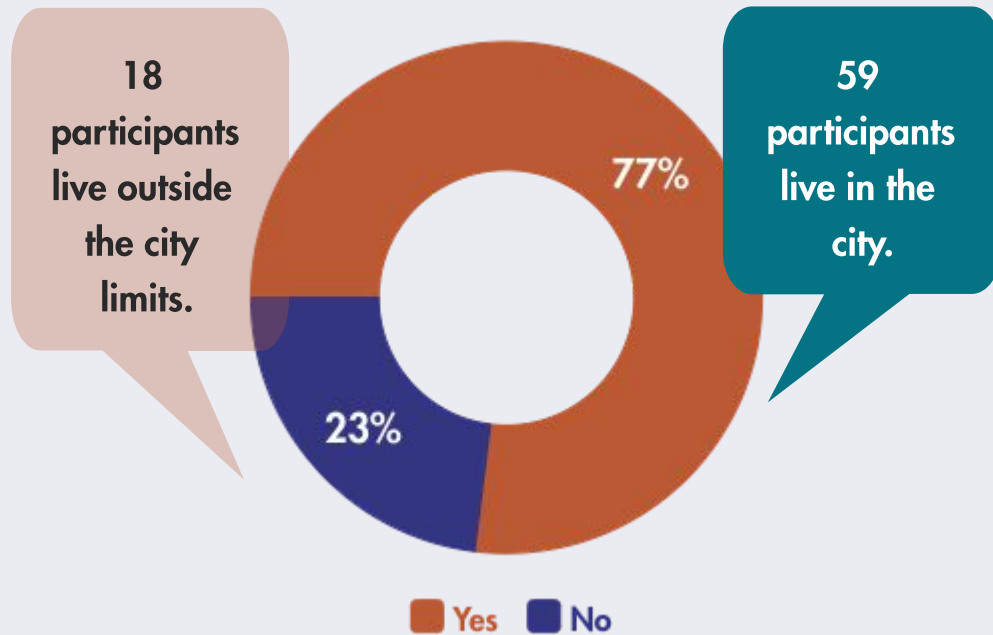


**Participants: 77 total
responses**

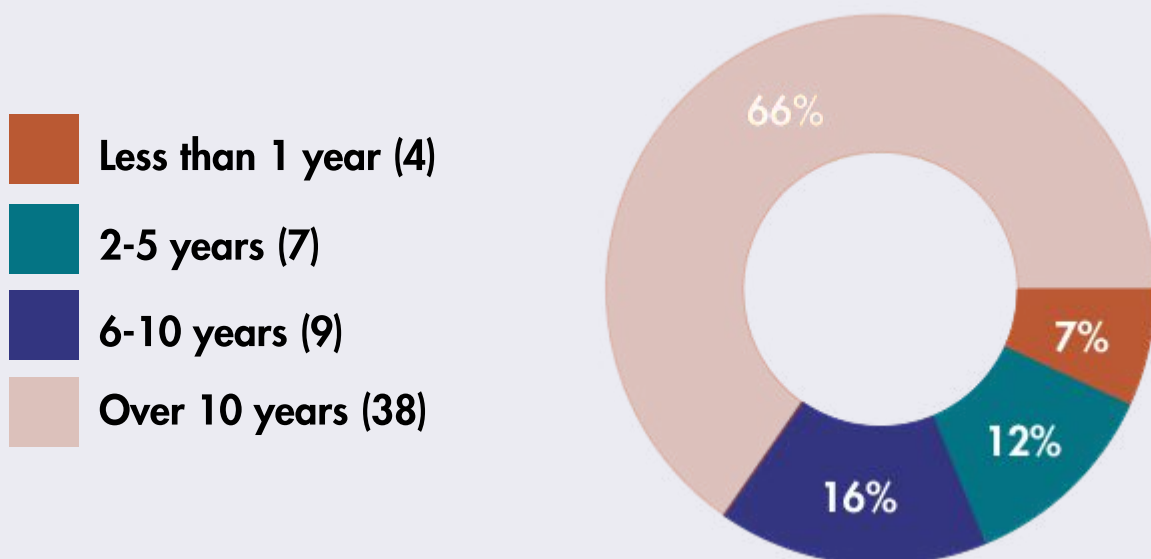


**Advertising: newspaper,
flyer, street signs,
website, and social
media**

Are you a resident of Lafayette?



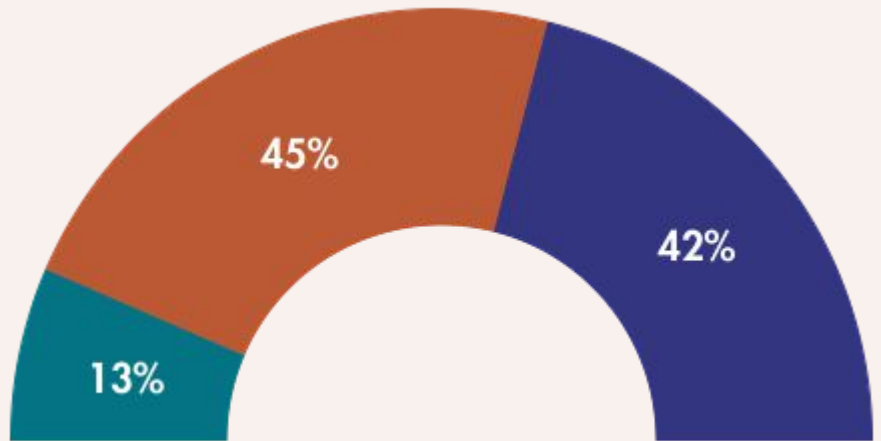
How long have you lived in LaFayette?



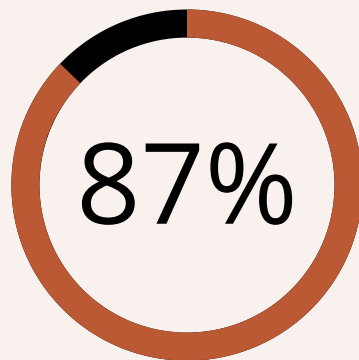


What is your age?

- 24 or under (10)
- 25-49 (35)
- 50+ (32)

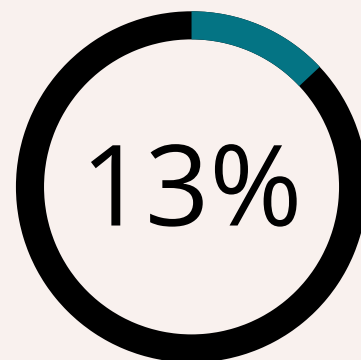


Do you own or rent your home?



Own

66 participants own their home.



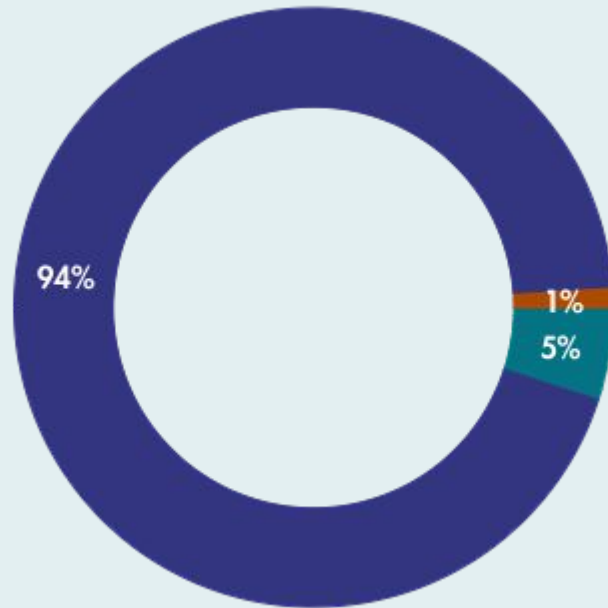
Rent

10 participants are renters.

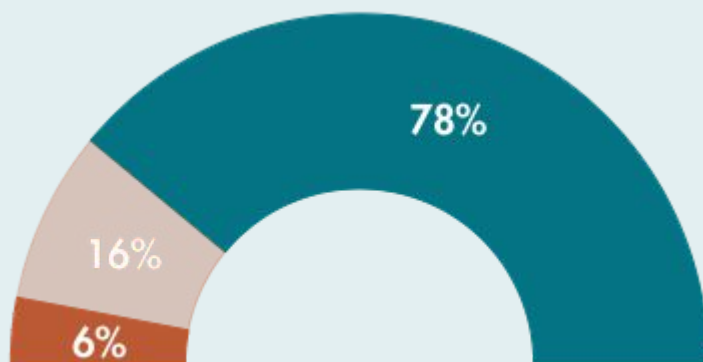


How do you typically get around the community?

- Walking (4)
- Driving (72)
- Other (1)



On average, how often did you use LaFayette parks in the past 12 months?

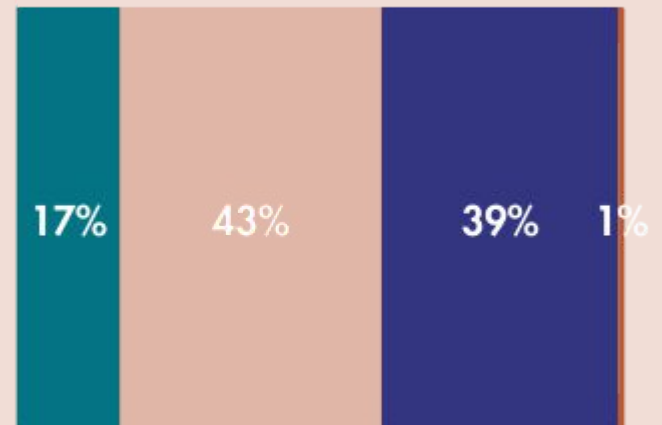


- 2-4 times a month (5)
- Once a month or less (12)
- Not at all (60)



How would you describe the current size of our community?

- Much too small (13)
- Somewhat too small (33)
- About the right size (30)
- Somewhat too large (1)



Do you think our community should:

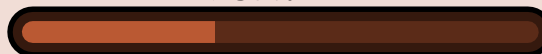
Grow faster (44)

▼ 58%



Maintain its current rate of growth (28)

▼ 37%



Not grow at all (4)

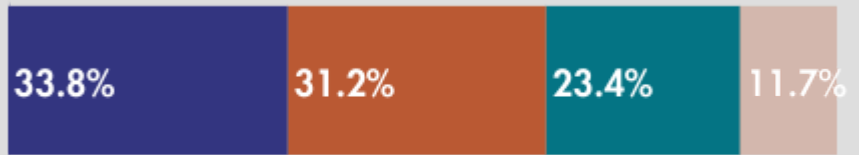
▼ 5%



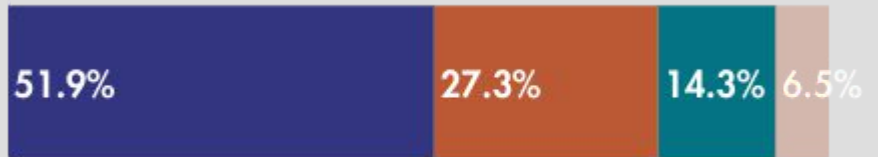
How likely are you to:

- Very Likely
- Pretty Likely
- Pretty Unlikely
- Very Unlikely

Recommend living in LaFayette to someone who asks

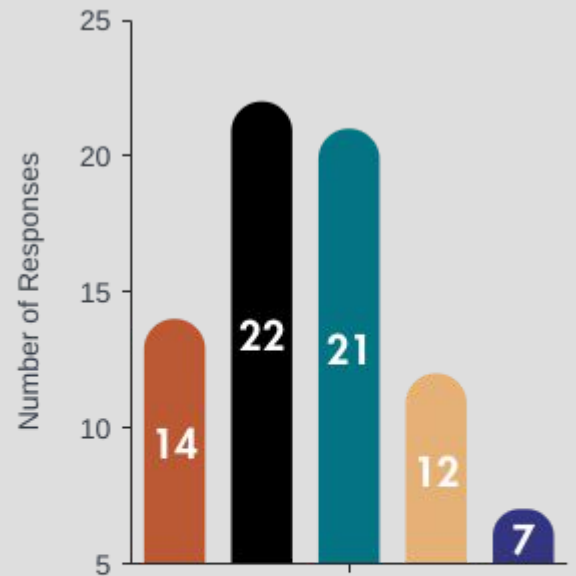


Remain in LaFayette for the next 5 years



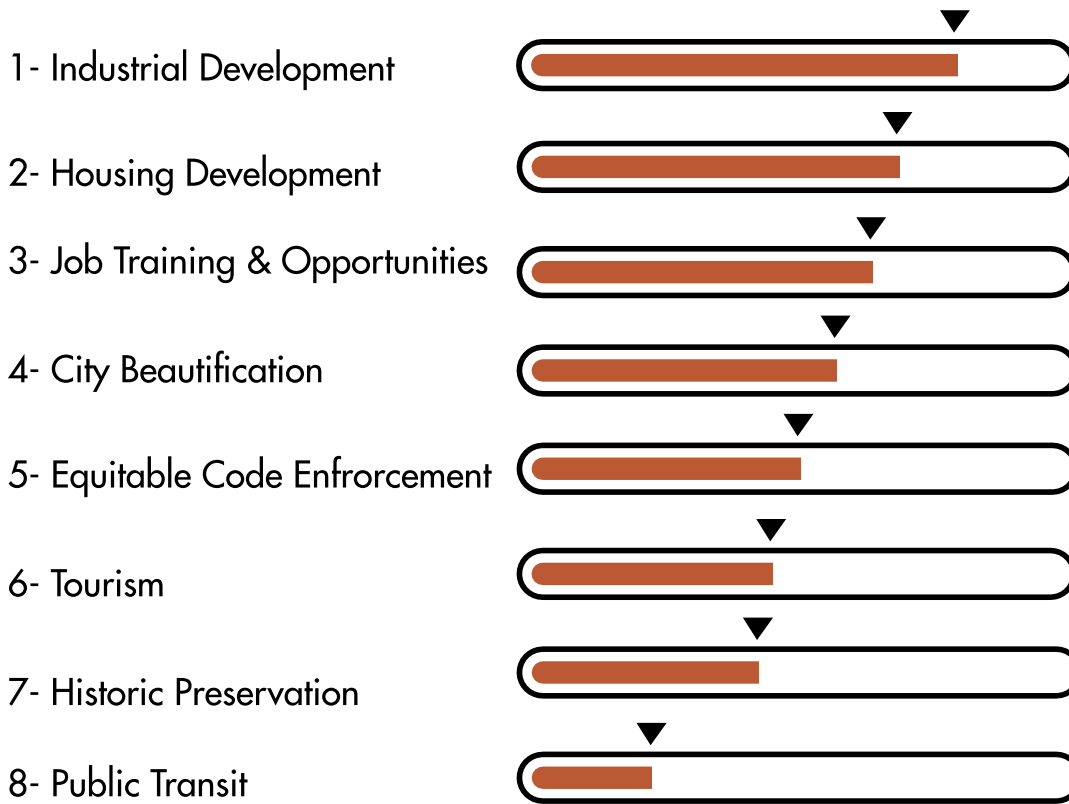
How many stars would you give the city's communication with residents?

2.68 Average Rating



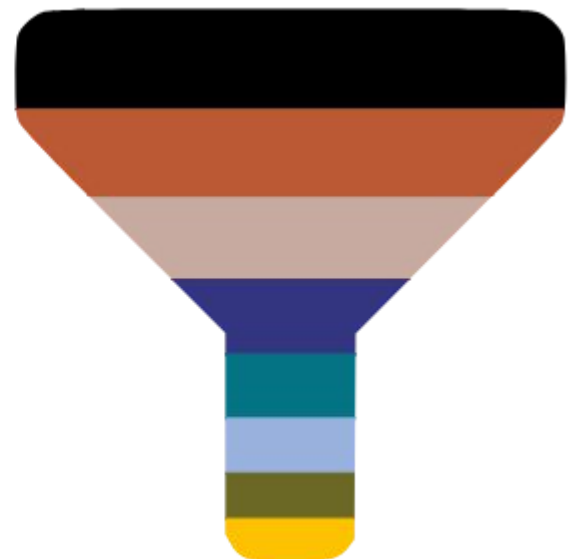
- Star Rating
- 1 star
 - 2 stars
 - 3 stars
 - 4 stars
 - 5 stars

Please rank community opportunities, from 1 (highest) to eight (lowest):



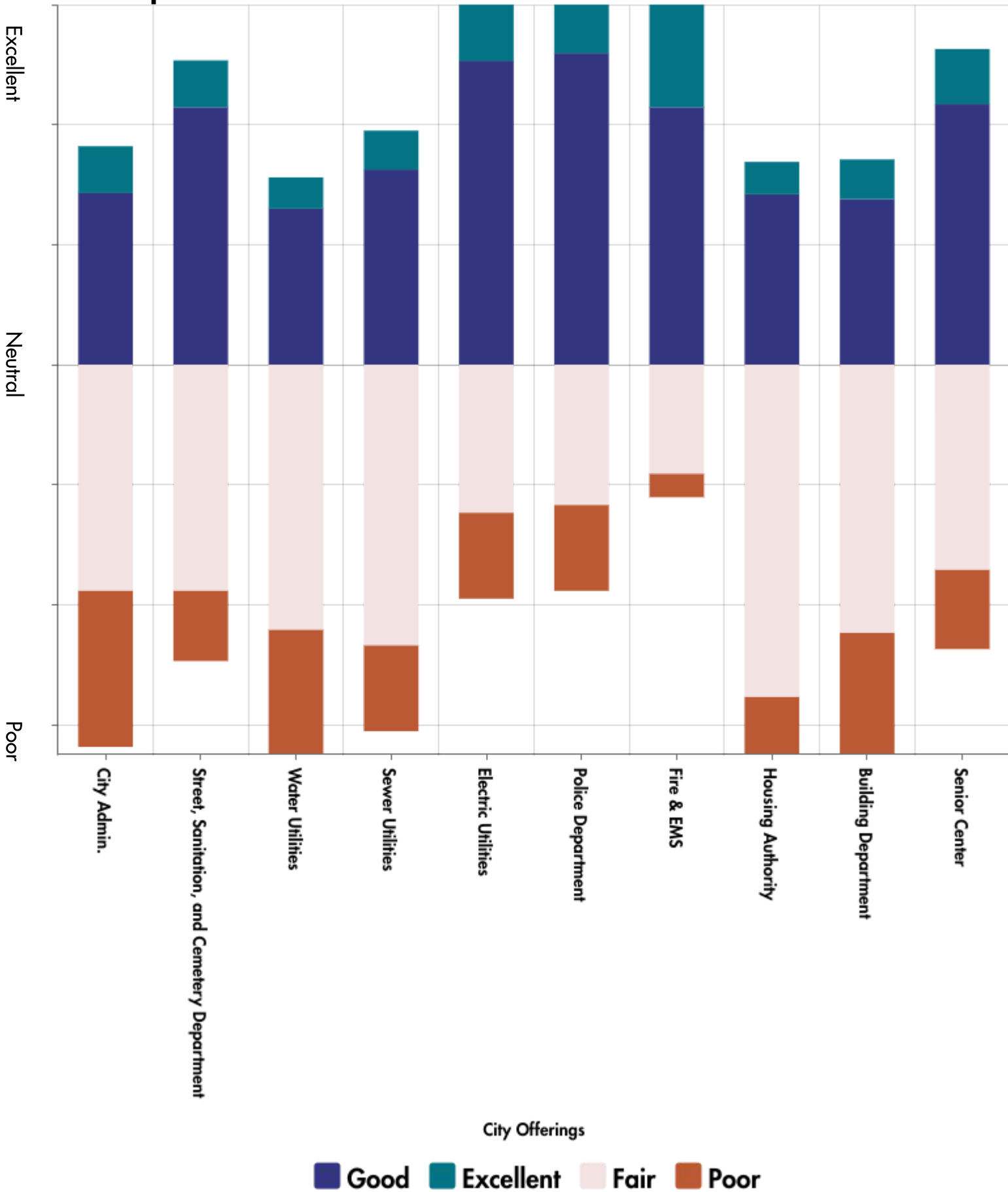
Please rank potential projects, from 1 (highest) to 8 (lowest):

- ▼ Establishing a Downtown Entertainment District 110
- ▼ Partnerships with schools to provide skilled workforce training 94
- ▼ Incentives for housing rehabilitation 92
- ▼ Parks & Recreation Expansion 82
- ▼ Redevelopment of depot/mill area 70
- ▼ Sidewalk expansion 60
- ▼ Rails-to- Trails development 50
- ▼ Historic Preservation zoning regulations 47



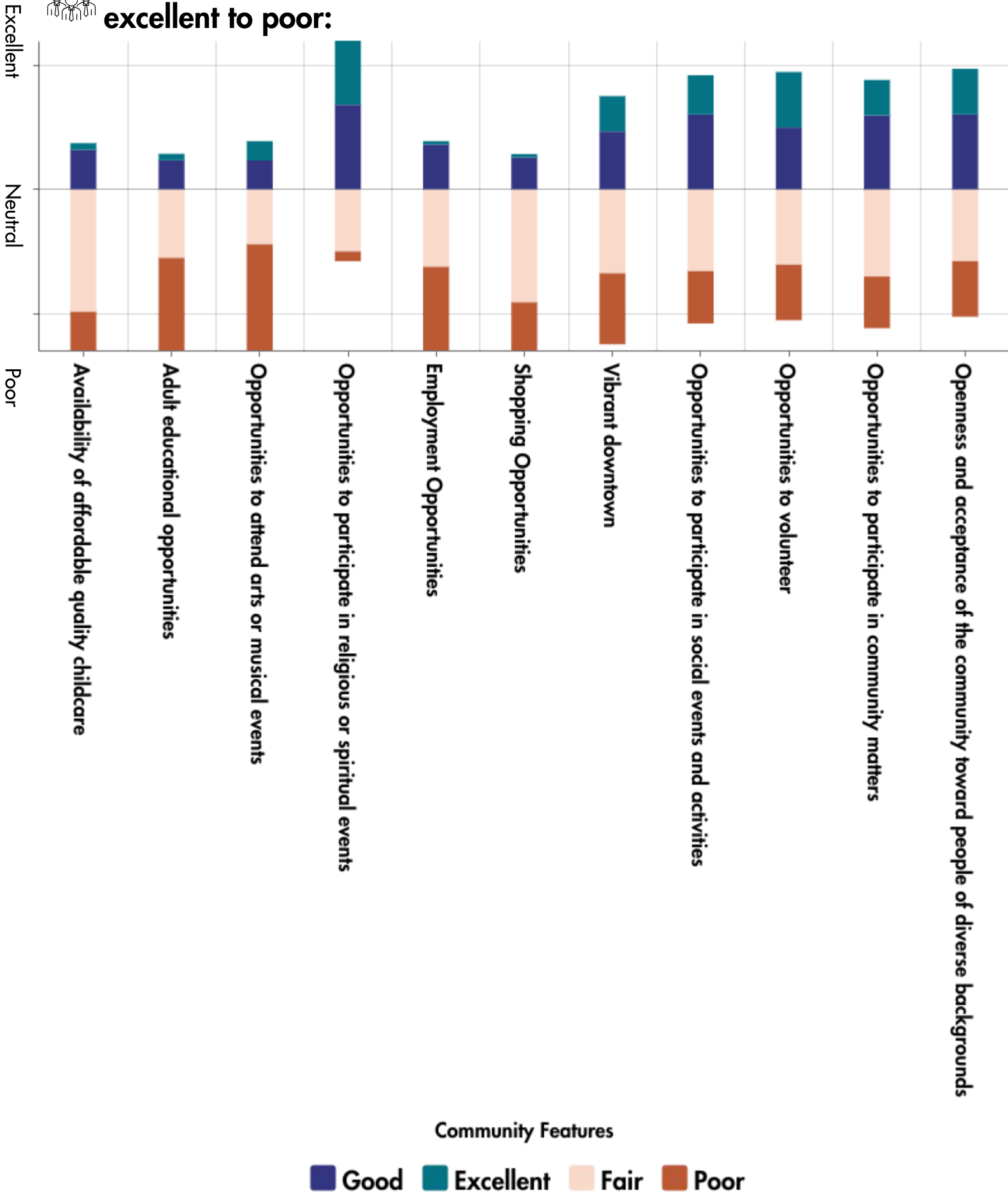


Please rate the following city offerings from excellent to poor:



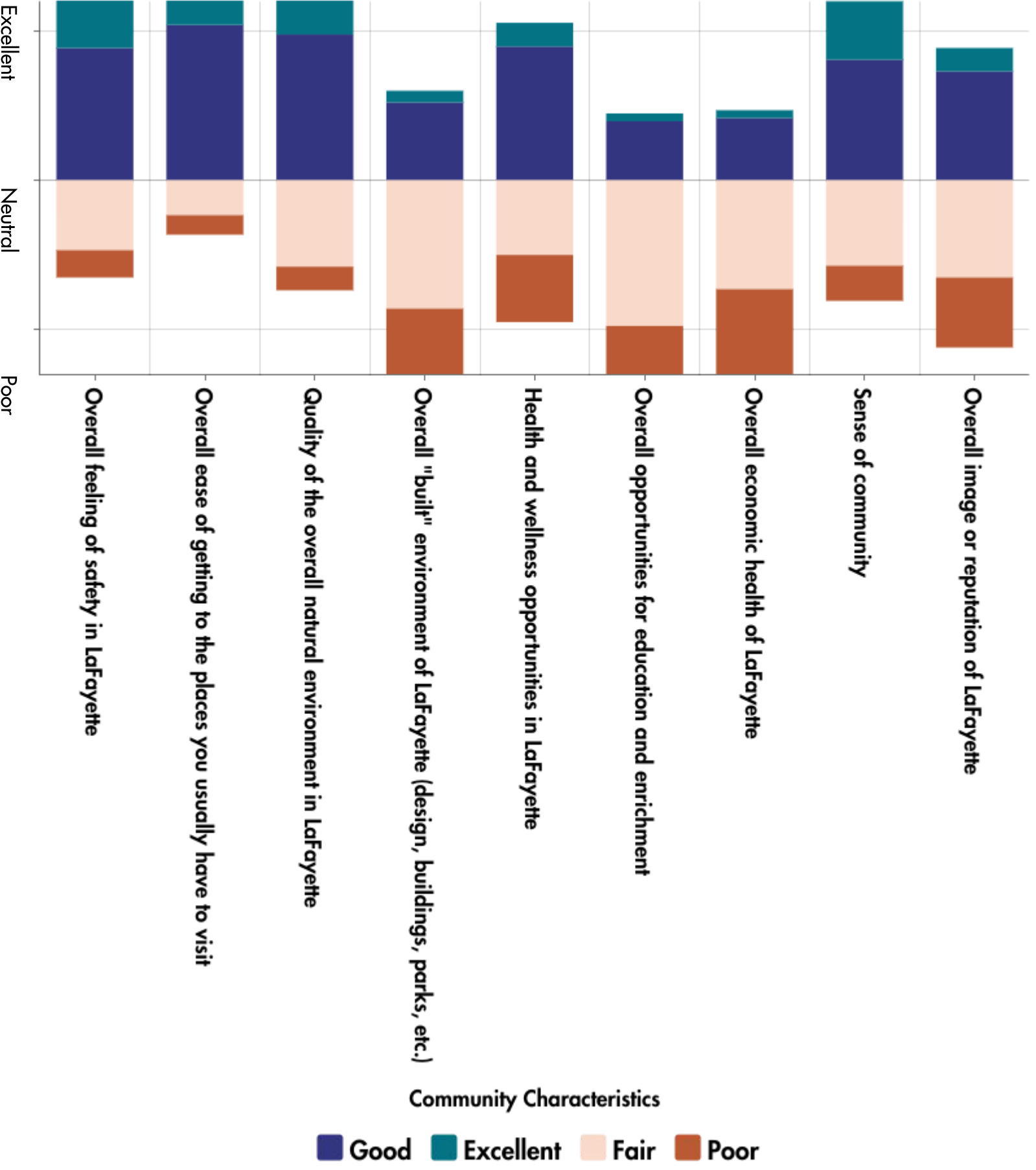


Please rate the following community features from excellent to poor:

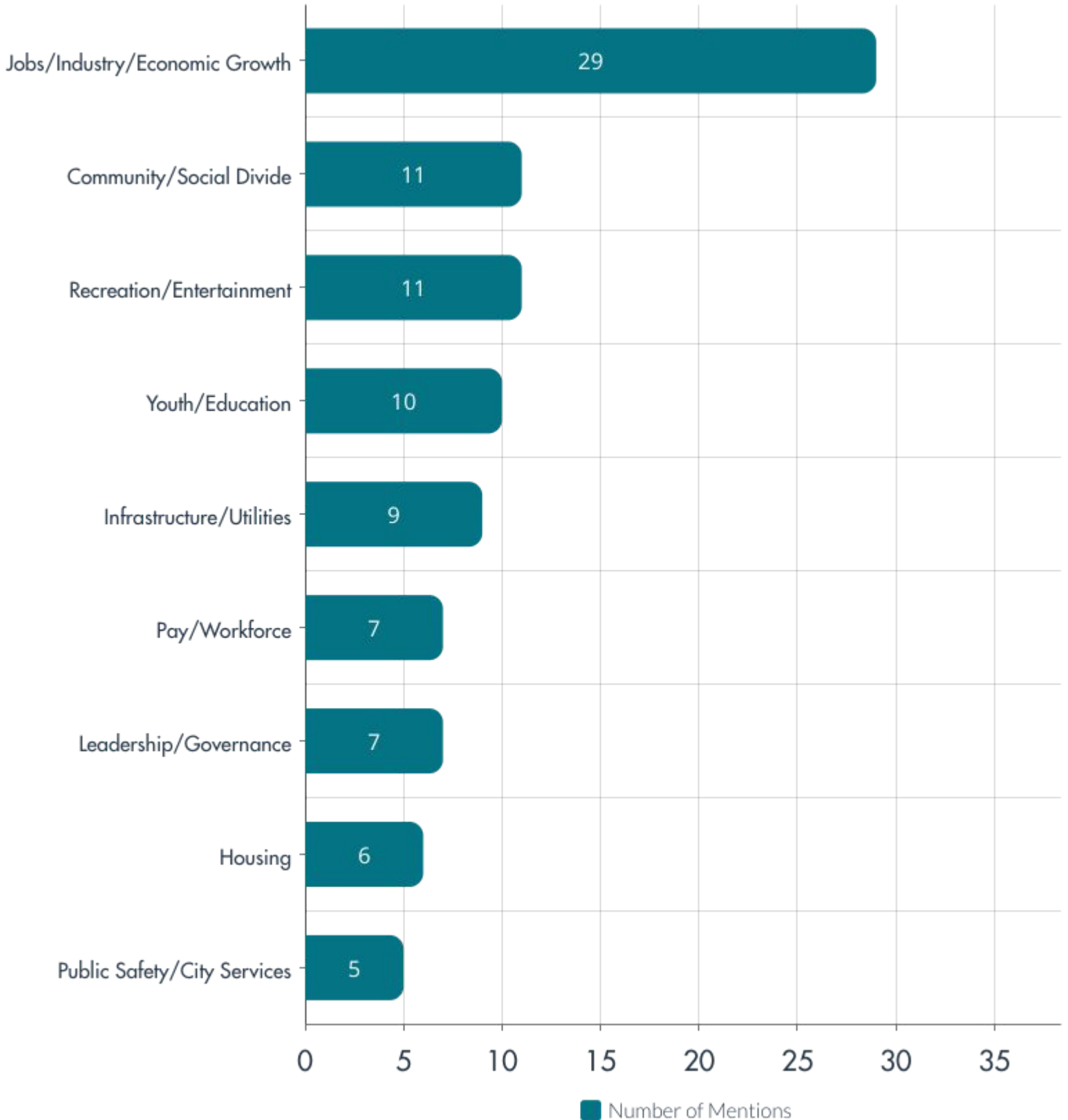




Please rate the following characteristics of living in our community, from excellent to poor:



What do you see as the most important issues or challenges facing LaFayette today or into the future?



What are your thoughts on the community and how quickly it is changing?

Frustration Over Slow or Uneven Change

- Many participants believe LaFayette isn't changing fast enough or that improvements are limited to certain areas.
- There is a sense that the city is stuck or stagnant, and that local government or city leadership aren't effectively driving progress.

Tone: Concerned & Impatient

Positive Perception of Change & Growth

- Residents appreciate recent improvements, especially Main Street LaFayette's downtown revitalization. Participants noted the community is "slowly improving," "making progress," and "growing for the better."
- Some highlighted renewed pride and leadership revitalizing the city.

Tone: Optimistic & Supportive

Leadership & Transparency

- Some respondents directly criticized city leadership for being ineffective, divided, or unresponsive.
- There was a call for more cooperation among city officials, clearer planning, and professional management.

Tone: Critical & Calling for Change

Economic & Housing Concerns

- Several emphasized the need for more jobs, industries, and affordable housing as essential to meaningful growth.
- There's frustration that businesses open and close too quickly, and that residents still have to travel elsewhere for work or shopping.

Tone: Pragmatic

Appreciative but Cautious/Mixed Feelings

- Some residents like new development, but worry about overdevelopment, duplication of businesses, or affordability.
- A few noted that growth should be strategic, seeking to preserve LaFayette's small-town feel while creating sustainable opportunities.

Tone: Hopeful but cautious

Social Division & Inclusion

- Respondents noted a persistent racial or social divide that hinders community progress.
- A few mentioned that business growth and public activities don't reflect the full diversity of the population.

Tone: Concerned, seeking unity

Faith & Culture

- A few responses reflected religious or cultural concerns over the direction of community programs and changes.
- These comments expressed a desire to maintain traditional values and independence.

Tone: Strong beliefs & local pride

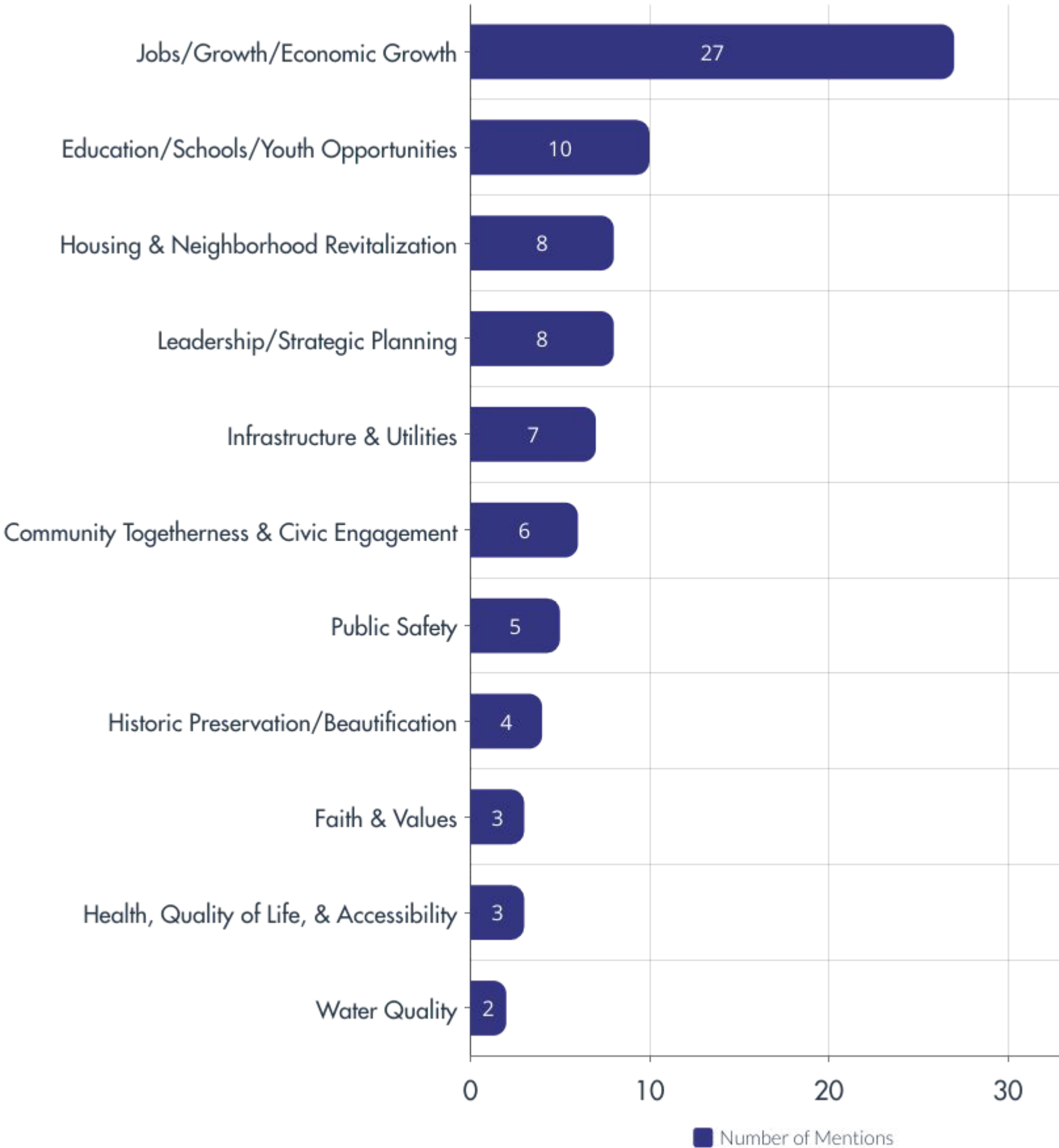
Infrastructure & Aesthetics

- Several mentioned downtown beautification and infrastructure improvements as priorities.
- Calls for improved roads, parks, signage, and city assets were common, often tied to attracting more residents and businesses.

Tone: Improvement focused

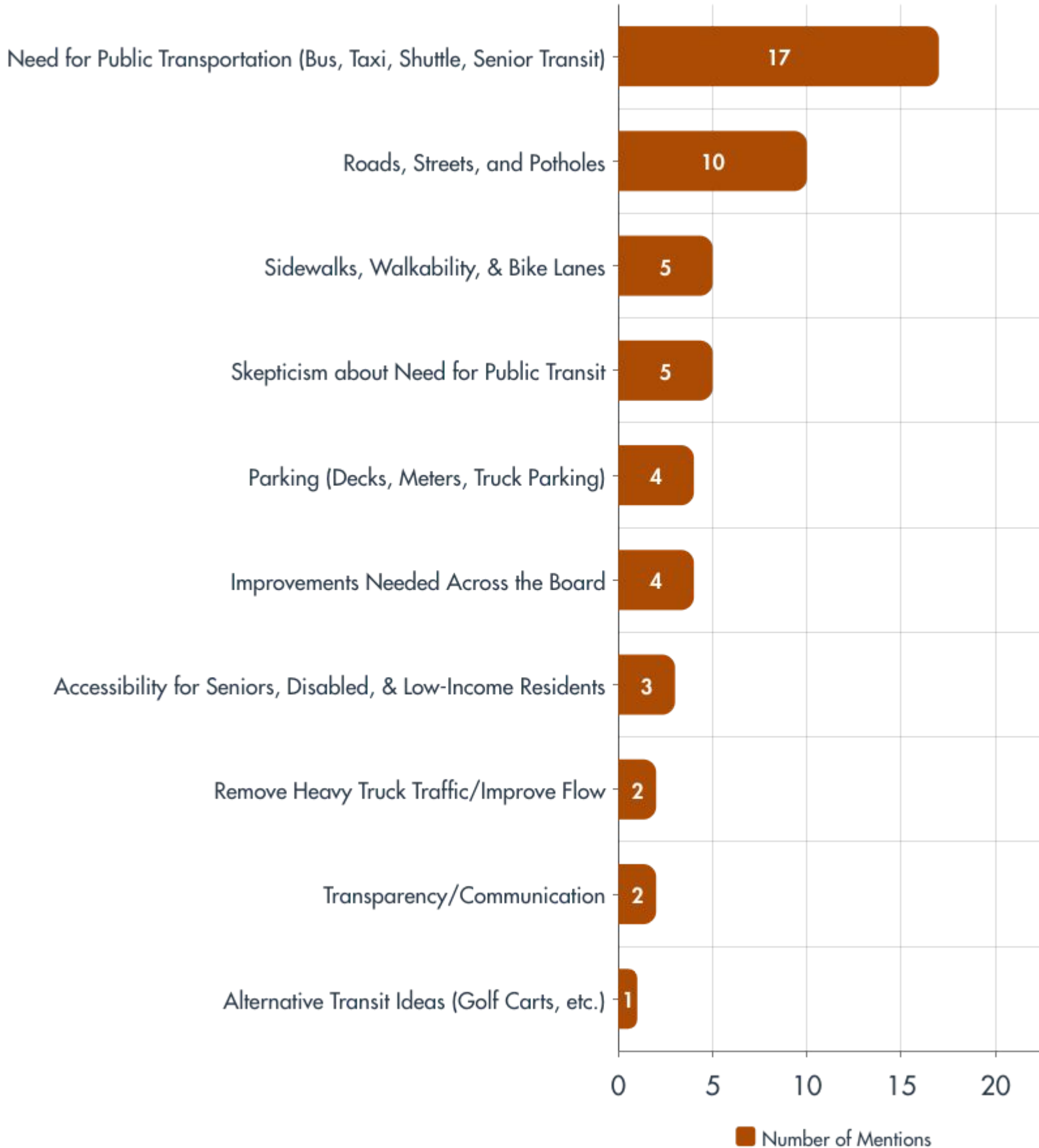


When you think about our community's future, what is important to you?





Are there improvements you would like to see for local transportation?





Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Comprehensive Plan?

