



City of Avondale

City Council Meeting

Monday, April 22, 2024

Mayor and Council

Kenneth Weise, Mayor

Mike Pineda, Vice Mayor

Tina Conde, Council Member | Curtis Nielson, Council Member

Veronica Malone, Council Member | Gloria Solorio, Council Member

Max White, Council Member

Administration

Ron Corbin, City Manager

Cherlene Penilla, Assistant City Manager | Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager

Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager | Nicholle Harris, City Attorney

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City Council Chamber

11465 West Civic Center Drive

Avondale, AZ 85323

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City Council Meeting Notice & Agenda Monday, April 22, 2024

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER | 11465 WEST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE | AVONDALE AZ, 85323

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REGULAR MEETING

5:30 PM

Physical Access to the Council Chambers will be available 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF REFLECTION

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

The following employees will be presented to City Council. This item is for discussion only.

Information Technology

- Shawn Roshid, Sr. Network Engineer
- Matthew Hu, GIS Technician

Neighborhood & Family Services Department

- Stacy Arellano, Neighborhood & Family Services Coordinator
- Stacey Himes, Neighborhood & Family Services Specialist
- Sofia Lopez, Senior Programs Assistant

b. PROCLAMATION - BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

City Council will present a Proclamation recognizing the week of May 6-10, 2024, as Building Safety Week in the City of Avondale. This item is for discussion only.

c. PROCLAMATION - COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTEERISM

City Council will present a Proclamation recognizing April as National Volunteer Month. This item is for discussion only.

d. HOLIDAY SCHOOL SPIRIT FOOD DRIVE AWARDS PRESENTATION

City Council will recognize schools that participated in the 2023 Holiday School Spirit Food Drive and provide special recognition to the schools that generated the greatest amount of food to support the community. This item is for discussion only.

e. EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT OF AVONDALE RECOGNITION (AVI STAR STUDENT)

City Council will recognize Avondale students from schools located in Avondale for their character and achievement. This item is for discussion only.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES (Time is limited per person. Please state your name.)

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are of a routine nature or have been previously studied by the City Council at a work session. They are intended to be acted upon in one motion. Council members may pull items from consent if they would like them considered separately.

a. MINUTES

City Council will consider a request to approve the March 25, 2024 City Council meeting minutes. The Council will take appropriate action.

b. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

City Council will consider a request to appoint Julia Jewell as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

c. APPOINTMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

City Council will consider a request to promote Daniel Smith-Castillo from an Alternate Member to a Regular Member of the Sustainability Commission and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

d. RESOLUTION 1036-0424 - AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE CHILD AND ADVOCACY CENTERS (OPIOID FOCUS) GRANT

City Council will consider a request to: a) adopt Resolution 1036-0424, approving the acceptance of the Child and Family Advocacy Centers Grant through the Office of the Attorney General for \$62,689.71; b) authorize the necessary budget transfers associated with this grant; and c) authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

e. RESOLUTION 1037-0424 - AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PEORIA FOR THE TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF DECLARED FIRM LEASE CAPACITY IN THE NEW RIVER AGUA FRIA UNDERGROUND STORAGE PROJECT (NAUSP)

City Council will consider a request to adopt Resolution 1037-0424, approving an Agreement with the City of Peoria for the Temporary Assignment of Declared Firm Lease Capacity in the New River and Agua Fria Underground Storage Project (NAUSP) and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

f. RESOLUTION 1038-0424 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY TO EXTEND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR TERM FOR JURY SERVICES

City Council will consider a request to adopt Resolution 1038-0424, authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County to take the option to extend the IGA for an additional two-year term to provide jury services for the Avondale City Court and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

g. RESOLUTION 1039-0424 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GLENDALE FOR FIRE AND MEDICAL SERVICE STAFFING

City Council will consider a request to adopt Resolution 1039-0424 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Glendale for fire and medical service staffing and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

h. RESOLUTION 1040-0424 - 2024-2025 HUD ANNUAL ACTION

City Council will consider a request to adopt Resolution 1040-0424, approving the City's 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, identifying housing and community development needs and strategies and defining how Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds will be allocated next fiscal year and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

a. FISCAL YEAR 2025 CONTRIBUTIONS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Staff will provide an update to City Council regarding the Contributions Assistance Program, including an overview of eligibility requirements, funding levels, and evaluation criteria for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. This item is for discussion and feedback only; no Council action will be taken.

b. POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO LOUD NOISE CALLS FOR SERVICE

City Council will receive information regarding the Avondale Police Department's response to loud noise calls for service. This item is for discussion and feedback only; no Council action will be taken.

c. 2023 CITIZEN SURVEY

Staff, along with representatives from the National Community Survey, Inc. (NCS), will report on the results of the 2023 National Citizen Survey conducted this past winter in Avondale. This item is for discussion and feedback only; no Council action will be taken.

6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS FROM MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND COUNCIL MEMBER
(5 minutes)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Members of the City of Avondale will attend either in person or by telephone or video conference call. Individuals with special accessibility needs, including sight or hearing impaired, large print, or interpreter, should contact the City Clerk at 623-333-1200 or TDD 623-333-0010 at least two business days prior to the Council Meeting.

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ITEM NUMBER: 2.b.

SUBJECT: Proclamation - Building Safety Week

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Jodie Novak, Development Services Department Director

THROUGH: Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager, (623) 333-1014

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Creative and Sustainable Community Development

STRATEGIES: 1. Plan for development south of the Estrella Mountains

2. Develop diverse housing options, to include workforce housing

3. Utilize city assets to invest in the revitalization of Historic Avondale

4. Increase sustainability initiatives

5. Maintain and expand quality infrastructure and improve connectivity to city amenities

PURPOSE:

City Council will present a Proclamation recognizing the week of May 6-10, 2024, as Building Safety Week in the City of Avondale. This item is for discussion only.

BACKGROUND:

The International Code Council (ICC) promotes Building Safety Month and Week as an international campaign that takes place in May to raise awareness about building safety. This campaign reinforces the need for the adoption of regularly updated building codes to help understand what is necessary to develop safe and sustainable structures. All communities need building codes to protect their citizens from disasters like fires, weather-related events, and structural collapse. Building codes are the best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores, and entertainment venues to name a few. Building code officials and building plan reviewers work daily to keep the public safe by applying the adopted codes such as, but not limited to, mechanical, structural, plumbing, residential, energy, and electrical. Recognizing Building Safety Week in May presents an opportunity to spotlight the key role local government building professionals have in the City of Avondale's current and future growth.

DISCUSSION:

The ICC's 44th annual building safety campaign occurs in May 2024. Building Safety Week occurs in conjunction with Building Safety Month and National Construction Safety Week, all of which promote the importance of code compliance and safe work practices. From reviewing construction plans and various building code books to issuing building permits and building inspections to certificates of occupancy and project finalization, each step in the building process is intended to provide for safe buildings and structures.

The Development Services Department supports the ICC in observing Building Safety Week which is internationally recognized. ICC is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. This campaign provides awareness of building codes and the role they play in ensuring safety in the built environment.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Development Services Department recommends the City Council issue a proclamation recognizing the week of May 6-10, 2024, as Building Safety Week.

Contact person for document distribution: Jodie Novak



PROCLAMATION

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our City is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike, and;

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians, building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play, and;

WHEREAS, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as monsoon storms including microbursts, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, earthquakes, snowstorms, and hurricanes;

WHEREAS, Building Safety Week is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety, our local code officials, who assure us of safe, sustainable, energy efficient, and livable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

WHEREAS, Building Safety Week, encourages us all to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation; energy conservation; water safety; training the next generation; and new technologies in the construction industry, and;

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Week, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the week of May 6-10, 2024, is hereby designated as Building Safety Week in the City of Avondale in conjunction with the celebration of Building Safety Month by the International Code Council.

Proclaimed this 22nd day of April 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

ITEM NUMBER: 2.c.

SUBJECT: Proclamation - Commitment to Volunteerism

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Sandra Salas, Management Analyst

THROUGH: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome area:

- Innovative Program and Service Delivery - Avondale will continue to serve as a model of innovative, efficient, and responsive government.
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PURPOSE:

City Council will present a Proclamation recognizing April as National Volunteer Month. This item is for discussion only.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council will present a Proclamation recognizing April as National Volunteer Month.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Avondale firmly believes that the value of compassion, empathy, and community support are the foundation of a united and harmonious society, fostering connections that transcend differences and the strength and prosperity of our city is based on the selflessness of its residents to serve and uplift one another. We nurture a culture of giving within our cities, emphasizing that volunteerism is not just a duty but a source of personal fulfillment and community strength; and as we work side by side with and learn from each other, mutual understanding increases, misconceptions can be corrected, and new friendships are built. We encourage all citizens to care for one another, volunteer, and engage in acts of service and kindness that contribute to our city's betterment and its inhabitants' well-being, regardless of background or belief. The City of Avondale has joined a growing list of supporters, including the President of the National League of Cities and hundreds of leaders to date, in making a commitment to volunteerism. The City of Avondale recognizes the importance of volunteerism and a time for us to thank our City of Avondale volunteers.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This item does not have a budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for presentation only.

Contact person for document distribution: Aneyssa Romo & Sandra Salas



PROCLAMATION

COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTEERISM

Whereas, we firmly believe that the value of compassion, empathy, and community support are the foundation of a united and harmonious society, fostering connections that transcend differences; and

Whereas, the strength and prosperity of our city is based in the selflessness of its residents to serve and uplift one another; and

Whereas, we acknowledge the profound impact that can be achieved when we extend a helping hand to our neighbors, especially those of diverse backgrounds, lifting them up and collectively working to improve lives; and

Whereas, we nurture a culture of giving within our cities, emphasizing that volunteerism is not just a duty but a source of personal fulfillment and community strength; and as we work side by side with and learn from each other, mutual understanding increases, misconceptions can be corrected, and new friendships are built; and

Whereas, we encourage all citizens to care for one another, volunteer, and engage in acts of service and kindness that contribute to our city's betterment and its inhabitants' well-being, regardless of background or belief; and

Whereas, the City of Avondale has joined a growing list of supporters, including the President of the National League of Cities and hundreds of leaders to date, in making a commitment to volunteerism; and

Whereas, April is National Volunteer Month – a month dedicated to recognizing the importance of volunteering and a time for us to thank our City of Avondale volunteers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim the month of April as National Volunteer Month and affirm our City's Commitment to Volunteerism in the City of Avondale, Arizona.

Mayor

Councilmember Malone

ATTEST:

City Clerk

ITEM NUMBER: 2.d.

SUBJECT: Holiday School Spirit Food Drive Awards Presentation

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Christopher Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director

THROUGH: Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager, (623) 333-1017

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Area:

Creative and Sustainable Community Development - Avondale is committed to creating a sense of place, a community of residents and local businesses unified by pride and common values. The Annual Holiday School Spirit Food Drive and its participating schools help to create a sense of pride and community by caring for those in need.

PURPOSE:

City Council will recognize schools that participated in the 2023 Holiday School Spirit Food Drive and provide special recognition to the schools that generated the greatest amount of food to support the community. This item is for discussion only.

BACKGROUND:

The Holiday School Spirit Food Drive was created in 2008 to address the overwhelming demand that local food banks experience during the holidays. The concept was to establish a competition sponsored by the Avondale Youth Advisory Commission and challenge students to address a critical need. Since its inception in 2008, the food drive has generated over 154,351 lbs of food.

DISCUSSION:

The Neighborhood and Family Services Department - Youth and Community Engagement Division and Avondale Youth Advisory Commission partnered with 8 local schools in Avondale for the Annual School Spirit Holiday Food Drive. The food drive took place from November 20 - December 20, 2023, to benefit Avondale residents through St. Mary's Food Bank. The food drive generated 4,351 pounds of food, which equates to 3,628 meals provided to those in need. Avondale schools and students will be recognized for their kindness, generosity and school spirit.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for discussion only.

*Contact person for document distribution: Edith Baltierrez
Christopher Lopez*

ITEM NUMBER: 2.e.

SUBJECT: Exceptional Student of Avondale Recognition (Avi Star Student)

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Christopher Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director

THROUGH: Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager, (623) 333-1017

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Area:

- Creative and Sustainable Community Development - Avondale is committed to creating a sense of place, a community of residents and local businesses unified by pride and common values.
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PURPOSE:

City Council will recognize Avondale students from schools located in Avondale for their character and achievement. This item is for discussion only.

BACKGROUND:

The Avi Star Student recognition goes to an Avondale student(s) who are to be recognized for their achievements. The achievement may be academic, extracurricular, or personal and highlights the impact the student has made for themselves, their family, school, or community.

DISCUSSION:

Avondale students will be recognized for their character and achievement.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information and discussion only.

Contact person for document distribution: Christopher Lopez; Edith Baltierrez; Donna Gardner

ITEM NUMBER: 4.a.

SUBJECT: Minutes

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

THROUGH: Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager, (623) 333-1017

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Area: Connected Community - Avondale will work directly and closely with our communities to develop programs and infrastructure that connect residents to the city's resources, the region, and each other. The approval of this agenda item provides residents with access to a previous meeting's minutes. The meeting minutes provide another outlet for residents to connect with the City Council.

PURPOSE:

City Council will consider a request to approve the March 25, 2024 City Council meeting minutes. The Council will take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §§ 38-431.01(B), the City must provide written minutes of all City Council meetings.

DISCUSSION:

City Council held a meeting and the attached minutes have been prepared for approval.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This item has no budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve the March 25, 2024 City Council meeting minutes.

Contact person for document distribution: Chris Pierson

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
March 25, 2024

A **Regular Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona was convened at 11465 West Civic Center Drive in open and public session at 5:32 p.m.

Mayor Kenn Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent reflection.

Members Present: Mayor Kenn Weise; Vice Mayor Mike Pineda; Council Members Tina Conde, Veronica Malone, Curtis Nielson, Gloria Solorio, and Max White.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Ron Corbin, City Manager; Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager; Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager; Nicholle Harris, City Attorney; Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk; Edith Baltierrez, Neighborhood and Family Services Deputy Director; Liz Barker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Kirk Beaty, Public Works Director; Ken Chapa, Economic Development Services Director; Barbara Copping, City Auditor; Memo Espinoza, Police Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Bryan Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director; Julie Knoll, Deputy City Clerk; Craig Jennings, Judge; Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering Director; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Abril Ruiz-Ortega, Court Administrator; Larry Rooney, Fire Chief; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Two members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

City Council presented a Proclamation recognizing March 2024 as Women's History Month, which was read by Council Member Conde. This item was for discussion only.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Miguel Levario and John Eaton submitted Requests to Speak; however, they were not present for the meeting.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Weise asked if any Council Member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda. Having no requests from the Council, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Pineda, seconded by Council Member Conde, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Solorio	Aye
Council Member White	Aye
Vice Mayor Pineda	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

a. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

City Council approved appointments to the City's Boards and Commissions as recommended by the City Council Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

b. SERIES 12 (RESTAURANT) LIQUOR LICENSE — CAROLINA'S MEXICAN FOOD AVONDALE

City Council recommended approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License submitted by Juanita Alicia Esparza for the sale of alcohol at Carolina's Mexican Food Avondale located at 27 N. Dysart Road in Avondale and authorized the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

c. LAND PURCHASE BUDGET AND AWARD AUTHORITY FOR NORTHSIDE BOOSTER WELL SITE (U0090)

City Council (a) approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$100,000 from the Water Contingency line item to the Northside Booster Well Site (U0090) project for the purpose of purchasing land in FY2024 for a future water well site and beginning well site design; (b) authorized administrative award authority for the land purchase and related design expenditures; and (c) authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

d. RESOLUTION 1025-0324 — REPEALING RESOLUTION 1001-0124 AND ADOPTING THE 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION DATE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA NOMINATION FILING DATES, BALLOT PREPARATION DATES, AND STATE ELECTION PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR THE JULY 30, 2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

City Council adopted Resolution 1025-0324, repealing Resolution 1001-0124 and adopting the 2024 Primary Election date, the State of Arizona nomination petition filing dates and ballot preparation date for the July 30, 2024, election, and the Arizona Secretary of State Election Procedures Manual and declaring an emergency, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

e. RESOLUTION 1026-0324 — INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GLENDALE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING

City Council adopted Resolution 1026-0324, authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Glendale for the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

f. RESOLUTION 1027-0324 — INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARICOPA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND NEWTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF AVONDALE FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

City Council adopted Resolution 1027-0324, associated with a grant application submitted by Newtown Community Development Corporation to the Maricopa County HOME Consortium for HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funds, and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

g. RESOLUTION 1028-0324 — AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT

City Council adopted Resolution 1028-0324 to approve acceptance of a Healthy Forest Initiative Grant through the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management for an amount of up to \$140,000 and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

h. RESOLUTION 1029-0324 AND 1030-0324 ENTRADA PHASE 1 — MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 42 — APPLICATION PL-23-0152

City Council (a) approved a Petition for Formation; (b) adopted Resolution 1029-0324, declaring its intention to form the City of Avondale Maintenance Improvement District No. 42, Entrada Phase 1, providing for the assessment; (c) adopted Resolution 1030-0324, declaring its intention to order the improvements within the newly established maintenance improvement district, providing for the assessment and declaring an emergency; and (d) authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Entrada Phase 1 is located at the northwest corner of 107th Avenue and Broadway Road.

i. FINAL PLAT — ENTRADA PHASE 1 — APPLICATION PL-23-0152

City Council approved a request by Daniel Auxier, EPS Group Inc., on behalf of the property owner, Meritage Homes of Arizona Inc., for approval of the Entrada Phase 1 Final Plat and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The proposed Final Plat subdivides approximately 30.7 acres into 136 single-family residential lots (18.7 acres), with 5.2 acres of open space tracts and approximately 6.8 acres of dedicated right-of-way and associated public utility easements throughout the subdivision. The subject property is located at the northwest corner of 107th Avenue and Broadway Road.

**j. FINAL PLAT — VILLAS AT ASCEND RE-PLAT OF LOT 5 — APPLICATION
PL-22-0361**

City Council approved a request by Andie Hemmah, on behalf of property owner Nico Howard, Crescent Acquisitions LLC, for approval of the Re-Plat for Villas at Ascend Lot 5 and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The proposed Re-Plat intends to subdivide the approximately 12.5-acre site into 125 residential townhome lots with private streets, a community pool, and common areas to service the development.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member White moved to hold an Executive Session pursuant to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A)(7) for discussion or consultation with City representatives in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase of real property located at 190 N. Litchfield Road, Goodyear, Arizona 85338; Council Member Solorio seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Solorio	Aye
Council Member White	Aye
Vice Mayor Pineda	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

City Council recessed into Executive Session at 5:40 p.m.
City Council reconvened into the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

a. COUNCIL BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Staff presented an update on the City's finances and sought Council's feedback on the FY 2025 Budget. This item was for discussion only.

Rene Weatherless, Director of Finance and Budget presented the 2025 Draft City Manager's Budget. An overview shows the status of the FY 2024 Revenues. The Sales Tax Revenues were projected to decrease by 1.4%, and through February, they are up 1% over last year and 8% over budget. Property Tax and State Sales Tax are at budget, Charges for Service Licensing and Fines are down 24% compared to last year and 4% to budget, and Property Sales and Investment had significant increases both compared to last year and in budget because properties were sold that had not been budgeted for.

Ms. Weatherless provided detailed information related to Sales Tax Revenue and the categories within it, such as retail sales and auto dealers. Contracting Revenue is cyclical and something that is not always budgeted to the level of growth because we anticipate it to start slowing down, but it is doing so at a slower pace than expected. For example, we are conservative when we do the budget and only budgeted for \$5.6 million, but the actuals came in at \$7.6 million through February. Overall, Total Revenues are up a total of 2% compared to last year and 5% to the budget, and we are in a good place.

State Shared Revenues include a portion of State Income and Sales Tax as well as Vehicle License Tax and the HURF (Highway User Revenue Fund). The budgeting for this Urban Share Revenue is based on the forecast produced by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. Their revenue includes income tax reduction, or the flat tax, and it is affected by legislation.

Development-Related Revenues are based on the projected number of single-family homes and the average revenue raised per single-family home. For FY 2024, the assumption was based on 750 single-family homes, but the actuals came in slightly under that. For FY 2025 through 2029, the assumption has been reduced to 300 to 500 single-family homes. Commercial and multi-family homes are more difficult to project.

General Fund Expenses are up overall compared to last year but down to budget. However, not all negatives mean a savings; some of them are timing variances. Utilities Enterprise Funds year-to-date incorporate Capital Projects that are not yet completed, which accounts for the negative \$17.9 million budgeted for water. Overall, revenues are up due to increased customer accounts, and we have some unspent Capital Projects.

Moving on to the FY 2025 Budget and the priorities taken into consideration when building the budget, personnel was a high priority, with a focus on maintaining qualified and good employees, as well as maintaining current programs, looking at expanding or adding new programs, continuing or finishing current projects, and reviewing any new requests.

The assumptions related to revenues and expenses were reviewed, noting this is the first year they are budgeting to ensure vacancy savings. The overview of the FY 2025 Budget continued with additional changes incorporated into the process. Noting this will be the beginning of revenue loss due to the residential rental sales tax, they conducted a detailed look at the budget for potential savings. Overall, approximately \$40 million was found within operating line-item budget adjustments, CIPs moved to FY 2030, vacancy savings assumptions, identified project savings, and General Funds that could be reallocated. The second year of the utility rate increase will be implemented this year, with the water and sewer rate increase to follow in January 2025. New recommendations will be brought before the Council in Spring 2025. The development impact fees, the land-use assumptions, and the infrastructure improvement plan were established in 2022, with the fees being approved by the Council and becoming effective in June 2023. The Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion was \$79 million; today, the cost is estimated to be \$130 million. The fee development process will begin

again and be brought back before the Council with proposed adjustments to the development impact fee. It is anticipated some of the CIP will need to be financed, and the Council was made aware of the option of going out for a General Obligation Bond in 2025, but it will be brought back later for further discussion.

Continuing to the General Fund Ongoing Revenue and Expenses, the goal is to establish a structurally balanced budget where expenses do not exceed revenues. This is why some of the previously mentioned decisions were made and funds were moved to one-time expenditures, which will be conducted on a yearly basis. The revenue growth from FY 2024 to FY 2027 was explained based on the loss of the residential rental sales tax affecting part of FY 2025 and FY 2026. Ron Corbin, City Manager, noted that in FY 2027, there is an addition of fifteen firefighters in the budget. The one-time revenue and expenses show peaks and valleys, and we are trying to level it off, but it is based on what can be completed and when to better manage the cash flow for these projects. In the end, the balances that have been built up are being spent over time.

The General Fund forecasted fund balance after stabilization and the capital reserves are set aside was reviewed. Stabilization consists of an emergency reserve that is 25% of the prior year's budget and an additional rainy-day fund that is 10% of the prior year's adopted budget. The capital reserve is a flat \$5 million. Projected out to FY 2029, the forecasted fund balance is \$6.6 million, and based on many discussions, we believe the City is in a good place.

A revision of our financial policies will be brought before the Council in June along with the adopted budget. Proposed revisions to reserves and other funding sources to pay for operation expenses such as the Public Safety Sales Tax, Dedicated Sales Tax, and HURF. Any adjustments to water, sewer, and solid waste will depend on future rate increases.

It was noted that the Council was provided with handouts that included FTE, supplementals, and all the projects; therefore, a brief overview of departments was provided.

- The Personnel Department includes the NFS Homeless Services Coordinator, an existing position that is only changing funding sources. The position reclassifications involve existing employees who are receiving wage adjustments. The Parks Summer Camp Program is noted at 3.9 FTE, but it is really 1 FTE and many part-time employees. Mr. Corbin noted two detention officer positions have been authorized but will be paid from the salary savings and are not part of the reoccurring expenses.
- General Government Department highlights include election costs, consulting for payroll, a compensation study planned next year for Human Resources, Cyber Security, and Contracted Services for IT.
- Public Safety Department highlights include vehicles and additional overtime for Fire, increased training and software in public safety, and the take-home program for

Police, with some capital for the program budgeted in FY 2025. Mr. Corbin noted they plan to purchase four new apparatuses for the Fire Department.

- The Community Services Department has education support, homeless services, the homebuyer program, and temporary positions under NFS. Parks have added costs with the addition of summer camp and special events and sports programming. There is a \$1.2 million expense with the expansion of WeRide.
- Community and Economic Development has additional costs related to expanded modules in the permitting system for Engineering and \$400,000 in the opportunities fund for economic development, which does not include a suite at the Phoenix Raceway, but this can be added for \$41,000 at Council's request.
- Public Works shows increased costs for the recycling program and regulatory studies as well as the increased cost of water purchases. Mr. Corbin added these costs are built into the fees, and should they begin to cost more, they would come before the Council to discuss priorities.

In response to the Mayor and Council Member's questions, Ms. Weatherless explained the spikes in January are related to lack of additional revenue that comes in December, which is why there is a smoothing out for FY 2024. The General Fund One-Time Revenue Forecast is not showing an increase for FY 27–28 because we are not planning to fund \$130 million from the General Fund. Mr. Corbin added the Alamar Fire Station is also not in there because that will be bonded as well as use Development Impact Fees. Mr. Corbin discussed the steps he and Ms. Weatherless are taking to ensure the right amount of funds are available in the ending fund balance for FY 2029 as part of the five-year plan. Ms. Weatherless noted major projects that are not getting done are actually costing the City more down the road. The plan is to spend all the money now, and any kind of underspending will be reallocated and invested later.

Mr. Corbin explained the two positions for Development Services puts them in the right direction and will continue to be evaluated. He continued to discuss plans for staffing and reorganizing the department. Larry Rooney, Fire Chief, noted the four new apparatuses will come fully equipped and turnkey, with an estimated delivery of 24 months, and the replaced vehicles will go into a reserve fleet for two years before being surplus. Kirk Beaty, Public Works Director, explained the supply chain for vehicles is still fluid, and they order what they can; however, they do expect the take-home program to take up to three years to fill all requests. Mr. Corbin explained the scholarship fund previously used ARPA funds and has not been replenished this year, but they have not spent all the money they currently have either.

James Milanese, City Projects Administrator, presented the Capital Improvement Plan Update. The Distribution Pressure Improvements and Old Town Phase II projects have been completed. The Sam Garcia Library & Sernas Plaza Park Improvements, along with the City Hall Furniture projects, will be completed in April. The Aquatic Center is getting ready for the ribbon-cutting and State of the City. The Volleyball Courts, the Water Reclamation Facility Odor Control, and Well # 25B are on track to be completed by June 30th.

An overview of projects starting before June 30th include Civic Center Park, the Western Avenue Reconstruction, the BLVD Well and Transmission Line, DeConcini Park, which started a couple weeks ago, and five HAWK projects, with two of them guaranteed to start before June 30th and the other three still pending.

Projects with anticipated budget transfers were reviewed and will be presented at the April 8, 2024, City Council meeting.

- Western Avenue Reconstruction — The street was not built correctly; it requires more excavation and work than originally planned.
- DeConcini Park/Bridge Housing ARPA Swap — This will take the ARPA funds from the Bridge Housing and swap them over to the DeConcini Park to finish that project in exchange for the General Fund dollars. This will not affect the budget since it is just accounting transferring money from one line to another.
- Four Fire Apparatus Expedite — They are part of the five-year budget and just being moved forward.
- Friendship Park — The amenities design concept has been completed, and the ask is to move forward with constructing a dog park and pickleball court next year. This does not increase the budget because it is only accelerating the program.
- Aquatic Center — Bonds that were sold need to be closed out. They have also been earning interest that can be used for the Aquatic Center with Council's permission.

The next projects reviewed were the ones that are programmed but not in construction, many of them within Public Safety.

- Fire Station #171 Replacement — This project is presently in the design phase and will be coming forward with a rezone request.
- K-9 Facility — The projects design is underway and will be added once the detention center is done.
- Police Communications Bureau Remodel — They need more space and workspaces than initially anticipated as well as the replacement of a generator and some HVAC work. Additional funding will be requested through the budget cycle. Mr. Corbin noted the increased cost is estimated to be around \$4 million.
- Donatela Park — It is on schedule to start the following year.
- Pavement Management Program — \$33 million has been appropriated over the next five years for pavement management. Note, the City now has a Pavement Manager.
- Old Town Phases III, IV, and V — Phase III is next in the entire Cashion neighborhood, with all new streets, water lines, etc. Public relations will begin next month, and bidding will begin after a final review of the drawings.
- Water Reclamation Facility Phase II Expansion — This will need to be revisited.

James Milanese, City Projects Administrator, continued the presentation with an overview of Park projects, noting they are studying them and doing it right.

- Aqua Fria Trail — They are ready to move forward with construction at the Buckeye Road/MC85 Underpass and the Lower Buckeye Road Underpass
- Base and Meridian Wildlife Area Restoration and Master Plan — Parks and Recreation are working on an agreement with Game and Fish on the area

restoration and an IGA with various parties for a long-term Master Plan. The \$300,000 is Avondale's proposed share.

- Dysart and Western Avenue Pocket Park — This is a small parcel that is not appropriate for development and is being proposed as an entryway park into Western Avenue.
- Trail Improvement at BLVD area — This includes the trails around the Aquatic Center, and an agreement was reached to start the design around the Aquatic Center and across Van Buren.

Transportation Projects explained include:

- Avondale Boulevard from I-10 to Whyman will be micro-surfaced.
- The intersection of Western and Central Avenue will need to be touched up with patterned asphalt upon the completion of Central Avenue to 4th Street.
- Lower Buckeye Road Corridor Study — They are planning now for a possible bridge and road expansion with SR-30 and Southern Avenue growth.
- Intersection Improvements at Dysart Road and McDowell Road — Capacity improvements will rebuild the medians to allow more cars to turn left without impacting the through drivers.
- Cellular Comm and CCTV Intersection Cameras — This is a grant-funded project for continued improvements and safety on our streets.
- Van Buren Bridge Lighting Project — This is a granted-funded project that is being reviewed to determine if solar lights can be utilized.

New Facility Projects reviewed include:

- Operational Warehouse Study and Space Plan — There is a vacant lot across from the Municipal Operations Center that is used by all departments, and they need a place to store stuff. This will require a meeting with all departments to determine what space they need and perhaps consider constructing something in that location, which would be brought before the Council.
- Resource Center Expansion Study — They are trending to be out of room in several years, and this study will look at what they will need should this event happen.
- Performing Arts Center Study — There is a gap for performing arts in the southwest valley, and we have asked for questions about performing arts to be included in the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation.
- The Court Expansion Phase II — This phase will expand the Jury Room and add a new restroom.
- Lower Buckeye Yard Fence (Screen) — This involves installing a screen around the property and fixing the fence in the back to make sure it is safe and there is no illegal dumping.

New Public Safety Projects include:

- Regional Wireless Cooperative Tower — This would be located by the Raceway and be a partnership between Avondale, the Raceway, neighboring jurisdictions, the Sheriff's office, and other cities. The Deputy City Manager is negotiating this contract.

- Fire Training Tower — The current tower has been condemned, and new expenses have been identified, such as using concrete instead of asphalt to better withstand the weight of the trucks and other structures that can help them train. The actual ask is closer to \$4.1 million.

New Utilities Project reviewed include:

- Rancho Santa Fe Reservoir and Booster Electrical and Control Upgrades — The next phase is to make sure the electrical controls are up to date and meet current standards.
- Harrison Drive Sewer Reversal — It currently goes under the apartment complex and limits the opportunities to get to it. It will be reversed from East-West to West-East.
- 7th Street Sewer Replacement — The line will be upsized. This, like Harrison Drive, is related to the Dysart Sewer Project.
- Northside Booster Station Tank Rehab — It is going to be cleaned up just like the Rancho tanks.
- 10th Street Lift Station Electric Upgrades — This is part of investing in our water and sewer facilities.

Over the five years, a large part of the \$375 million budget is for the Water Treatment Facility, and we are working on ensuring the projects are done in the year they are asked for.

In response to the Mayor and Council Member's questions, Mr. Milanese stated there was a basic look into the Thomas Bridge, which is part of the MAG plan for 2040. Mr. Corbin stated there are no plans to do anything more until we can complete a study of Lower Buckeye Road. Regarding the pedestrian bridges in Tolleson, those were grant-funded to get students across the street to their schools, and we are not actively pursuing bridges until there is a need and state funding. The pathway under Fairway Drive Bridge connecting the southern part of I-10 to the northern area is budgeted for but unfunded while the designs are being finished and federal funding is sought. It was confirmed that the Avondale Bureau of Land Management, Game and Fish, the City of Phoenix, Gila River, Flood Control, and the Speedway make up the IGA partnership. The ARPA fund swap is an internal process, and no additional paperwork must be filed with ARPA. Mr. Milanese explained the team completing the Parks Master Plan will be including questions related to the performing arts in their survey, and based on the results, they will recommend a size and location for it. A discussion ensued. The three HAWK projects were not guaranteed to begin by June 30th, as they are reliant on the utility companies and obtaining land rights. Bryan Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the consultant was asked to look at extending the softball field at Friendship Park, but it might be cost prohibitive.

Mayor Weise recommended the City Council consider constructing a two- to three-story City Commercial Class A Office Building and leasing it out, particularly to the Phoenix Raceway, with the lower levels being restaurants and retail.

Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director, presented an overview of the FY 2025 compensation and benefits recommendations, noting they were developed in a collaborative effort between City Management and employees. Through these discussions, priorities were identified, and potential options were evaluated within the context of the City's proposed budget. These recommendations will continue to build upon the City's efforts to support retention of a qualified workforce, ensure competitiveness with competitor cities, support the continuous effort to be an employer of choice, and ensure fiscal responsibility of taxpayer funds to enhance services for our community.

The recommendation for Avondale Police Officers and Sergeants is an up to 8% pay increase, which is comprised of the 3% COLA and an up to 5% step increase. The Cadet and Step1 pay have been combined to support entry-level competitiveness, which also accelerates the step movement in the early part of their career. The City will match an employee's \$50-per-pay-period contribution to their 457 account, which is an increase from \$25. In addition, there are new retention, sick leave sell back, and compensation programs.

The current retention program for new police officers is a \$7,500 bonus that is paid over a five-year period. Whereas this is not designed for long-term retention, the recommended retention program is intended to incentivize eligible employees to stay for a 20-year career in Public Safety and sets Avondale apart from the competitors. The proposed program allows for up to \$36,000 in payments over a 20-year career, with maximum payouts of \$9,000 per every five-year cycle. Eligible employees in the five-year retention program can switch into this program with proper adjustments being made to ensure no double payments are made. Payout must be declared by January 1st, with the payment being made after July 1st. Continued employment is a prerequisite, and if termination occurs prior to the election of payout, it will be forfeited. The AFFA MOU will come before the Council for an amendment to allow for firefighters to participate in this program.

The Sick Leave Sell-Back Program is a pilot program with Avondale police officers and sergeants. They must have completed 20 years of continuous service with a minimum of 80 hours of accrued sick leave. They would submit a request to sell back a minimum of 8 hours and a maximum of 40 hours of sick leave, with payouts occurring in July of the new fiscal year. This is to incentivize tenured employees to sell back unused sick leave, like the vacation sell-back program. Once the program is evaluated, it might be considered for a citywide compensation recommendation for FY 2026.

The Sick Leave Compensation Program is exclusive to Avondale police officers and sergeants who retire with at least 20 years of continuous service with the City of Avondale. They would be eligible to receive 100% of accrued sick leave up to 500 hours at the employees' current hourly rate or 50% of the total balance of sick leave, whichever is greater. Each subsequent year of continuous service adds another 50 accrued hours not to exceed 1,000 hours.

Compensation for the remaining workforce includes an up to 8% increase with the 3% COLA and up to 5% merit increase, and a supplemental budget request was submitted for an FY 2025 compensation study specific to salary. The medical plan is currently at a two-tier option and is recommended to be moved to a four-tier option. With this move, some employees will see a slight decrease in premiums, while others may see a slight increase. There are no changes to the dental and vision premiums. The minimum out-of-pocket deductible limits for the high deductible health plan increased. The City will contribute to HSA accounts: \$28.85 per pay period for employee-only and \$57.69 for all other tiers. Benefit eligibility dates for new hires are currently the first of the month following 31 days of employment. The proposal is for new employees to be eligible for benefits on the first of the month following their hire date.

Paid parental leave is a significant recommendation and a high priority for employees. The recommendation is to provide up to 240 hours or 6 weeks of paid parental leave for the purpose of care for or bonding following the live birth of an employee's child, including the placement of a child under the age of 18 for adoption or foster care. The employee must be continuously employed with the City for at least 12 months, and leave must be taken within 12 months of the eligible event. Leave can only be used once during a 12-month period, and if both parents work for the City, each of them are entitled to their 6 weeks of leave, which can be taken continuously or intermittently.

The flexible hours bank was developed in response to most of the workforce that work four ten-hour shifts but only receive eight hours of holiday pay and must use two hours of their vacation leave to be made whole. There are also employees who work the traditional five days per week in eight-hour shifts. To be fair and consistent for everybody, they are providing 24 hours of flexible time that can be used to offset the holiday pay or be used as the employee wishes. The hours must be used by June 30th, and they will not carry over to next year.

The employee assistance program (EAP) visits per incident per family member will increase from six to twelve for confidential counseling. The increased cost to the city is \$15,000 annually, but we believe it is well worth spending this from the employee benefits trust fund on this option for our employees. Additional resources include an AI Chatbot for emotional support, a 24-hour crisis helpline, peer support groups, and other services, such as financial assistance and legal services.

In response to Mayor and Council Member's questions, Mr. Mesquita explained the eligibility requirements for the Sick Leave Sell-Back Program. Mr. Corbin discussed the Sick Leave Compensation Program, noting there is no cost to the City because the 500 hours is already a benefit and included in the liabilities. He also noted the City will be evaluating their sick leave, short-term disability, and long-term disability programs. Mr. Mesquita confirmed the City contributing \$28+ per pay period into the HSA offsets the high deductible health plan costs, and employees can contribute up to \$3,400 per year spread out over the pay periods. Mr. Corbin stated he believes elected officials would be the same as other employees but would investigate it and get back to the Council. Mr. Corbin explained although it is possible for two events to happen within a 12-month period, there is also FMLA and other leave processes available for use. Mr. Mesquita

noted working collaboratively with the employees and providing them with a space to share and be transparent about facts helps us to prioritize big-ticket items. The retention program required a lot of out-of-the-box thinking.

Ms. Weatherless noted next steps are to present the City Managers' recommended budget to City Council on April 8th. The tentative budget to adopt will be presented to City Council in May, with the Final Budget hearing and adoption of the Final Budget to occur in early June.

Mr. Corbin expressed his appreciation and gratitude for City Council's respect and acknowledgement of City staff and the collaboration, but it is only possible because of City Council's support.

Many Council Members expressed their gratitude for the hard work that went into the budget and the informative presentation.

A discussion ensued regarding revenue where Mr. Corbin clarified what the planning team, economic development, and related groups are doing to make a difference and bring revenue to the area. One important aspect is communicating with the residents about why decisions have been made and how they will benefit the City overall.

A discussion ensued regarding developing a relationship with NASCAR leadership and showing support while they are in Avondale. Mayor Weise suggested having a further conversation before committing to spending \$40,000 for a suite at the Raceway.

6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS FROM THE MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vice Mayor Pineda mentioned an encounter with a representative from BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) who shared information about the 501c3 organization if anyone would like more information. Additionally, the Owl Closet at the Aqua Fria High School will officially open on Friday, March 29th from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Donations serve the student body.

Council Member Conde noted she and Mayor Weise met with Mirabelle, who is seeking clothing and food box donations to her organization to assist farm workers in the west valley. She was invited to speak at Interfaith Council to share her needs with the faith-based communities.

Council Member Malone noted over the weekend she, along with Council Members Nielson and Conde, joined the Avondale Fire Burn Unit to distribute 700 smoke detectors to residents in Old Town.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Solorio moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; Council Member Nielson seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Council Member Conde	Aye
Council Member Malone	Aye
Council Member Nielson	Aye
Council Member Solorio	Aye
Council Member White	Aye
Vice Mayor Pineda	Aye
Mayor Weise	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Kenn Weise, Mayor

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 25th day of March 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

Date Approved by City Council

ITEM NUMBER: 4.b.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Vice Chair to the Planning Commission

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

THROUGH: Dale Nannenga, Assistant City Manager, (623) 333-1017

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the Connected Community Strategic Outcome Area. Avondale will work directly and closely with our communities to develop programs and infrastructure that connect residents to the city's resources, the region, and each other. The Board & Commission program was created to expand community engagement opportunities for residents.

PURPOSE:

City Council will consider a request to appoint Julia Jewell as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

On December 18, 2023, Alisha Meginnis was appointed as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission and on February 4, 2024, Ms. Meginnis resigned from the Planning Commission, leaving the Vice Chair position vacant.

DISCUSSION:

The Bylaws for the Planning Commission require that the Council appoint the Chair and Vice Chair for this body. Each year, staff recommends members to serve in these positions for the upcoming years. The member will serve in the position for the remainder of 2024.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This item has no budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending City Council appoint Julia Jewell as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year and authorize the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Contact person for document distribution: Catherine Lorbeer, AICP, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM NUMBER: 4.c.

SUBJECT: Appointment to Sustainability Commission

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

THROUGH: Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager, (623) 333-1017

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Area: Connected Community - Avondale will work directly and closely with our communities to develop programs and infrastructure that connect residents to the city's resources, the region, and each other. The approval of this agenda item will allow residents to serve Avondale as an appointed board member, increasing community engagement.

PURPOSE:

City Council will consider a request to promote Daniel Smith-Castillo from an Alternate Member to a Regular Member of the Sustainability Commission and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

On December 18, 2023, City Council appointed Daniel Smith-Castillo to serve as an Alternate Member on the Sustainability Commission for a partial term to expire on December 31, 2024. On March 27, 2024, Shaun Grimm resigned from his seat as a Regular Member on the Sustainability Commission, resulting in a vacant Regular Member seat.

DISCUSSION:

The Sustainability Commission recommends that Daniel Smith-Castillo be moved up from an Alternate Member to a Regular Member for a partial term to expire on 12/31/2025.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This item has no budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the Council approve the appointment of Daniel Smith-Castillo from Alternate Member to Regular Member of the Sustainability Commission.

Contact person for document distribution: n/a

ITEM NUMBER: 4.d.

SUBJECT: Resolution 1036-0424 - Authorizing Grant Acceptance from the Office of the Attorney General for the Child and Advocacy Centers (Opioid Focus) Grant

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director

THROUGH: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Area:

- Public Health and Safety - Avondale is a city where all people feel safe and secure, relying on trusted public and community-based resources.
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PURPOSE:

City Council will consider a request to: a) adopt Resolution 1036-0424, approving the acceptance of the Child and Family Advocacy Centers Grant through the Office of the Attorney General for \$62,689.71; b) authorize the necessary budget transfers associated with this grant; and c) authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

Staff applied for the Child and Advocacy Centers (Opioid Focus) Grant through the Office of the Attorney General. The grant provides funding for training and education for staff and collocated partners, as well as the advocacy center's overall operation. Funding will also be used for opioid education and diversion efforts. Advocacy centers across the State of Arizona are eligible to apply and receive funds to enhance services for victims and assist ongoing center operations.

DISCUSSION:

Adoption of the Resolution will allow the City of Avondale to accept the grant award and apply it to provide training and education for collocated staff and detectives from the cities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The funding provided by the Office of the Attorney General requires an appropriation transfer from the grant contingency account to the Southwest Family Advocacy Center grant budget to provide expenditure authority for the grant. No matching funds are required to receive this grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt the Resolution approving the acceptance of the Child and Family Advocacy Centers Grant through the Office of the Attorney General for \$62,689.71 and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Additionally, staff recommends authorizing the necessary budget transfers associated with this grant.

Contact person for document distribution: Stephanie George, Reem George

RESOLUTION NO. 1036-0424

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA, APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ARIZONA, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND DISBURSEMENT FOR USE AT THE SOUTHWEST FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER.

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona, Office of the Attorney General, has awarded the City of Avondale (the “City”) an Opioid Settlement Fund Disbursement in the amount of \$62,689.71 (the “Grant”) for use at the Southwest Family Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Avondale (“City Council”) desire to accept the Grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2 The Grant Agreement with the State of Arizona, Office of the Attorney General, relating to acceptance and administration of \$62,689.71 of Opioid Settlement Funds (the “Agreement”) is hereby approved in substantially the form and substance attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 3. The Mayor, the City Manager, the City Clerk and the City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit the Agreement and any other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the Grant and to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

[Signatures on Following Page.]

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona,
April 22, 2024.

Kenneth N. Weise, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicholle Harris, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
TO
RESOLUTION NO. 1036-0424

[Agreement]

See following pages.



OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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PROCUREMENT MANAGER

February 14, 2024

Ms. Reem Nabil George
City of Avondale, Avondale Police Department
Southwest Family Advocacy Center
11485 W. Civic Center Drive
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RE: AG24-0005 Child and Family Advocacy Center Fund (Opioid Focus)

Dear Ms. George:

On the behalf of the Arizona Attorney General's Office, I am notifying you that our office has completed its evaluation of the grant applications received in response to RFGA # AG24-0005, Child and Family Advocacy Center Fund (Opioid Focus). The evaluation was done in accordance with A.R.S. § 41-2702, § 41-191.11 and the criteria established in the Request for Grant Application (RFGA).

I am pleased to announce that the City of Avondale has been awarded AGO grant funding to support your Child & Family Advocacy Center. The award is in the amount of \$62,689.71 with a program period of January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024 (project# AG24-0005-001). A kick-off meeting will be scheduled with your grant specialist to discuss next steps related to payments and financial reporting as described in the grant. Future reimbursements will be based on completion of your 2023 requirements.

Please forward a copy(s) of your Certificate of Insurance per the contract requirements to Cindy Palmer, Procurement Manager at Procurement@azag.gov. Additional questions may also be directed to Stephanie Parker, Grant Specialist at Stephanie.Parker@azag.gov or 602.542.3542.

On behalf of the Arizona Attorney General's Office, we appreciate the time and effort you have spent responding and submitting a proposal to this solicitation. Providing support services to our most vulnerable victims is important work and we look forward to continuing to work with your organization in the near future.

Sincerely,

Kris Mayes
Arizona Attorney General

	ATTACHMENT I OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE	State of Arizona Office of the Attorney General Procurement Section 2005 N. Central Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85004
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OFFER

TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA:

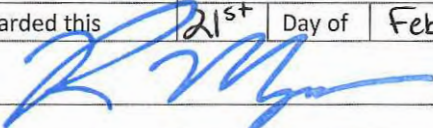
The Undersigned hereby offers and agrees to furnish the material, service or construction in compliance with all terms, conditions, specifications and amendments in the Solicitation and any written exceptions in the offer. Signature also certifies Small Business status.

City of Avondale, Avondale Police Department, Southwest Family Advocacy Center			<i>Reem George</i>	
Company Name			Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Offer	
11485 W Civic Center Drive (Main Avondale address)			Reem Nabil George	
Company Address			Printed Name	
Avondale	AZ	85323	Center Director	
City	State	Zip	Title	
rgeorge@avondaleaz.gov			623-333-7911	623-333-0790
Contact Email Address			Contact Phone Number	Contact Fax Number

By signature in the Offer section above, the Offeror certifies:

1. The submission of the Offer did not involve collusion or other anticompetitive practices.
2. The Offeror shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment in violation of Federal Executive Order 11246, State Executive Order 2009-9 or A.R.S. §§ 41-1461 through 1465.
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4. The Offeror certifies that the above referenced organization ☐ IS/ ☒ IS NOT a small business with less than 100 employees or has gross revenues of \$4 million or less.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

Your offer is hereby accepted:				
The Grantee is now bound to sell the materials, services or construction listed by the attached contract based upon the solicitation, including all terms, conditions, specifications, amendments, etc., and the Grantee's offer as accepted by the Office of the Attorney General.				
The Grantee is hereby cautioned not to commence any billable work or provide any material or service under this contract until the Contractor receives a purchase order, contract release document or written notice to proceed.				
This Contract shall henceforth be referred to as Contract No.:			AG24-0005-001	
The effective date of the Contract is:			January 1, 2024	
STATE OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	Awarded this	21 st	Day of	February
				
				Kris Mayes, Attorney General

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	Kris Mayes, Attorney General			

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Child and Family Advocacy Center / Statewide Organization Questionnaire

This section requests information about the contractor. Please follow the format outlined in this section when responding. Do not provide a standard boilerplate for this information or make reference to a brochure or report as part of your response.

Southwest Family Advocacy Center				
Child and Family Advocacy Center / Statewide Organization Name				
2333 N Pebble Creek Parkway, Ste A-200				
Company Address				
Goodyear	AZ	85395	623-333-7900	623-333-0790
City	State	Zip	Main Phone Number	Main Fax Number
June 2006				
Month and Year Child and Family Advocacy Center Name was Established				

Chief Program/Project Contact Information #1

Reem Nabil George		
Director/Coordinator Name		
Center Director		
Director/Coordinator Title		
rgeorge@avondaleaz.gov	623-333-7911	623-333-0790
Email	Contract Phone Number	Contact Fax Number

Financial Contact Information #2

This individual will be copied on all communication regarding deadlines, invoices and reports.

Veronica Martinez		
Director/Coordinator Name		
Senior Accountant		
Director/Coordinator Title		
vmartinez@avondaleaz.gov	623-333-2044	623-333-0790
Email	Contract Phone Number	Contact Fax Number

Grant Payable to (if different than above)

City of Avondale	Attn: Veronica Martinez/Southwest Family Advocacy Center
Child and Family Advocacy Center / Statewide Organization Name	Umbrella Organization, if applicable
11485 W Civic Center Drive	
Company Address	Umbrella Org, Mailing Address, if applicable
Avondale, AZ 85323	
City, State, Zip	Umbrella Org City, State, Zip, if applicable

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Please indicate the number of all victims served for each category.

For purposes of quantifying “all victims served,” a victim may only be counted once per suspected offense by a CFAC, and not necessarily based on how many individual or total services were provided to a single victim. Data provided should include reporting from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

2022 Calendar Year reporting for all victims served via Child and Family Advocacy Center.

Child abuse or neglect	1585
Abuse of an adult or a vulnerable adult	128
Sexual assault	127
Domestic violence	73
Juvenile sex trafficking	2
Homicide	0
Total victims served for 2022 calendar year	1915

Organization, Management, and Program Experience

Describe your organization, its leadership and management structure, current activities, and mission statement, including the target populations served and your organization’s connections to the community.



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CHILD AND FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER QUESTIONNAIRE

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Office of the Attorney General
Procurement Section
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The Southwest Family Advocacy Center is a nationally accredited child and family advocacy facility in Goodyear, Arizona. The center was formed in 2007 through an intergovernmental agreement and equal sharing of financial responsibilities for all four law enforcement agencies. The center utilizes a multidisciplinary approach to investigating child and adult sex and other crimes and provides comprehensive services to crime victims and their families. It operates as a one-stop model where a team of detectives, investigators from the Office of Children Welfare Investigations, the Maricopa County Attorney's office, dedicated forensic interviewers, victim advocates, sexual assault nurse examiners, a lay legal advocate, a prevention coordinator, and mental health professionals work together to provide services to crime victims. Center staff includes detectives, professionals, and Department of Child Safety investigators. The multidisciplinary team meets monthly to discuss trends, share challenges and successes involving case investigations, receive training on pertinent topics, and seek direction and clarification from the Maricopa County Attorney's Office on statutes and laws relevant to their cases. Part of the center's procedures is for all advocates to conduct intakes and mental health screeners for all victims and guardians. The intake includes questions about their family situations, including economic, social, and other issues affecting the family, including any historical or current known substance and drug abuse.

The collocated partners work together to conduct forensic interviews and make team decisions about the investigation, treatment, management, and prosecution of child abuse cases, sexual assault, domestic violence, and elder abuse. The center's core partners include Law Enforcement from the City of Goodyear, the City of Avondale, the City of Buckeye, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Child Safety, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Honor Health, and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. In addition, the center collaborates with various community organizations and agencies, including the Sojourner Center and the New Life Center. The Southwest Family Advocacy Center works closely with other advocacy centers throughout Arizona and meets quarterly through the Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Center Network (ACFAN). In addition, the center collaborates with the Federal Bureau of Investigations and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, other cities and counties, and other States and jurisdictions where a crime was committed in another County or State and where the child/family lives in the community.

The center is committed to coordinating and tracking investigative, prosecutorial, child protection, advocacy, and treatment efforts so that each case receives proper referrals and overall care. In addition, the center is dedicated to preventing abuse through comprehensive primary prevention approaches that reduce vulnerability to victimization, reduce offending behaviors, increase the positive influence of bystanders, and address societal conditions that perpetuate violence and abuse. The center was accredited by the National Children's Alliance in 2014 and is a member of The Arizona Child and Family Network (ACFAN). It is funded and administered by the municipalities and police departments of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office through the County of Maricopa.

The Southwest Family Advocacy Center assists all cities in Maricopa County and other counties in Arizona. The center works collaboratively to ensure that other agencies access the facility and utilize the center's resources to conduct investigations, using the family rooms and monitor rooms and scheduling forensic interviews with the center's dedicated forensic interviewer. The center is a 20,000-square-foot two-story facility with a large lobby, five family meeting rooms, three forensic interview rooms, three monitoring rooms, a medical suite comprising two medical rooms, a large playroom, and a mental health suite comprising two large offices and three therapy rooms. It also

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includes a large training room with a kitchen for conferences, meetings, training, and events, an evidence room, and a one-party consent/confrontation call room. In addition, the second floor consists of 35 detective and staff offices.

The center's core staff comprises a director, a prevention and training coordinator, a dedicated forensic interviewer, a victim advocate, a center coordinator, and two full-time trauma therapists. The director works under the direction of the steering committee consisting of the four respective agencies' Chiefs of Police. The City of Avondale handles all financial aspects of the center. Below are the center's co-located staff:

- Avondale Police Department – Special Victims Unit – one Sergeant and five detectives
- Goodyear Police Department – Special Victims Unit – one Sergeant, four detectives, and one Victim Advocate
- Buckeye Police Department – Special Victims Unit – one Sergeant, five detectives, and one Victim Advocate
- Maricopa County Sherriff's Office – Special Victims Unit West – one Sergeant and five detectives
- Office of Child Welfare Investigations – one Supervisor, seven investigators, and one case aide
- The Sojourner Center – one lay legal advocate
- One contract clinical supervisor
- Honor Health - ten sexual assault nurse examiners – rotating.
- Phoenix Children's Hospital – child pediatric SANEs - rotating
- One mental health intern

This past year, the center worked on STOP events that were designed to support persons in situations of prostitution and sex trafficking to exit the 'life'. The approach of the STOP team is to be led by survivor-leaders in offering a range of support services on-site after a police sting for prostitution. The clients contacted were not arrested for prostitution but offered services immediately after law enforcement contact. All participants were offered services by a survivor leader or trained professional in the human trafficking services field. Each participant was offered a myriad of support services, including case management, shelter services, HIV and STI testing, and drug and alcohol recovery program participation options, and asked about their life experiences and service needs.

The center is currently working on updating IGAs between the partner agencies and the partner agencies and the Department of Child Safety. The current IGA is included in the packet.

Certification

- ☒ To be considered for funding under this grant opportunity, the Child and Family Advocacy Center (CFAC) must be a governmental entity that received an allocation in state fiscal year 2023 under AGO project no. AG23-0016. Individual proposals will be evaluated and all grant awards are capped at \$65,000. Check to confirm that your organization meets this requirement.
- ☒ Applicants receiving funding under this RFGA are expected to use their grant disbursement to fit within at least one of the following qualifying/eligibility criteria from the One Arizona Agreement. Check to confirm that your organization meets this requirement.

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☒ As a condition to accepting funds from the Attorneys Generals Office, I agree to abide by the aforementioned conditions and to provide the AGO with Quarterly Financial Report Forms and Programmatic Reports as described in Paragraph 1.8 in the Scope of Work. I understand that all funds must be expended or encumbered no later than December 31, 2024.

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AGO Project # AG24-0005

DESCRIPTION: Child and Family Advocacy Centers (Opioid Focus)

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS: This Request for Grant Application (RFGA) is available through the State of Arizona Electronic Grant System, eCivis. The site is found at <https://portal.ecivis.com>.

ECIVIS OFFER, SUBMISSION, DUE DATE, AND TIME: Offers in response to this grant application shall be submitted within the State of Arizona Electronic Grant System, eCivis (<https://portal.ecivis.com>). Grant applications shall be received before the date and time listed in the solicitation's 'Due Date' field. Grant applications submitted outside eCivis, or those that are received on or after the date/time stated in the 'Due Date' field, shall be rejected. Questions regarding submitting your grant application into eCivis should be directed to the eCivis Help Desk at support@ecivis.com. Offeror should avoid responding in the final minutes before closing.

GENERAL INFORMATION: In accordance with ARS §41-2701 et seq. competitive sealed grant applications for the services specified will be received by the Arizona Office of the Attorney General Procurement Section at the specified location until the time and date cited above. Grant applications received by the correct date and time will be opened and the list of all Offerors will be available. Grant Applications must be in the actual possession of the Arizona Office of the Attorney General, Procurement Office, on or prior to the Solicitation Due Date and Time, and at the location indicated above. Late offers shall not be considered.

Offerors are Strongly Encouraged to Carefully Read the Entire Request for Grant Application

SOLICITATION CONTACT PERSON:

Procurement Officer:	Cindy Palmer
Phone Number:	(602) 542-7986
E-mail:	Cindy.Palmer@azag.gov
Mailing Address:	2005 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85004

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1. Scope of Work

1.1. Introduction – Background of One Arizona Agreement

As of August 2023, Attorney General Kris Mayes reports that her office has secured consent judgments finalizing multiple historic multistate settlements with pharmaceutical companies for their roles in the opioids crisis. The Attorney General’s Office (“AGO”) previously reached an agreement with 91 Arizona cities and towns and all 15 counties, providing the framework of the [One Arizona Distribution of Opioids Settlement Funds Agreement](#) (the “One Arizona Agreement”) to expeditiously distribute funds from future opioid settlements across Arizona. As part of the One Arizona Agreement, the Arizona Legislature appropriated a portion of the settlement funds to the AGO during the 2023 legislative session for the purposes of providing funding for grant programs to address and ameliorate opioid abuse across the state during FY2024 for Child and Family Advocacy Center’s (CFACs).

To achieve this goal, the AGO proposes \$500,000 be immediately available in grant funding to be distributed to governmental agencies who received funding in FY2023 under AGO project no. AG23-0016 – Child and Family Advocacy Center Fund. This grant will fund multiple, one-time grant awards for all victims served per governmental CFAC in calendar year 2022. This Request for Grant Application (“RFGA”) is funded by the State share of opioid settlement fund disbursements per the One Arizona Agreement.

1.2. Purpose

Funding is intended to prevent misuse of opioids or provide connections to care for people who have – or are at risk of developing – OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction through evidence based, evidence-informed, or promising programs or strategies.

1.3. Grant Category: Child and Family Advocacy Center (Opioid Focus)

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- 1.3.1.** Fifty percent (50%) equally per calendar year among the child and family advocacy centers that meet the qualifications prescribed in A.R.S. § 8-466 (CFAC must have been operational in the funding calendar year);
- 1.3.2.** Fifty percent (50%) to the child and family advocacy centers that meet the qualifications prescribed in A.R.S. § 8-466 based on each center’s proportion of all victims served in a calendar year.

For purposes of quantifying “all victims served,” a victim may only be counted once per suspected offense by a CFAC, and not necessarily based on how many individual services were provided to a single victim.

1.4. Program Description

Applicants receiving funding under this RFGA are expected to use their grant disbursement to fit within at least one of the following qualifying/eligibility criteria from the One Arizona Agreement:

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1.4.1. Connect People Who Need Help to the Help they Need (Connections to Care)

Provide connections to care for people who have – or are at risk of developing – OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction through evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising programs or strategies.

1.4.2. Prevent Misuse of Opioids

Support efforts to discourage or prevent misuse of opioids through evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising programs or strategies.

1.5. Post-Offer Budget Cost Sheets

As a condition to accepting funds from the AGO, grantee agrees to complete a post-offer budget cost sheet and narrative detailing the planned expenditure of the calculated award amount. Distributions will be on a quarterly reimbursement based on the approved cost sheet. Templates for the cost sheets and narrative descriptions will be provided upon notification of award.

1.6. Reimbursable Expenses and Costs

Ongoing administrative and program expenses, including salaries and ERE, will be paid by the AGO on a quarterly basis via an approved Quarterly Financial Report form (QFRR).

1.6.1. Entities may be eligible for reimbursements on a monthly basis or payment up front for a large purchase for certain extenuating circumstances.

1.6.2. Quarters will be based on the calendar year and reimbursements can be retroactive to January 1, 2024.

1.7. Allowable Expenses

Direct program and overhead costs: personnel, travel, outreach, material and supplies directly related to the programs and services, equipment/technology used by program staff, communications, and other costs associated with the provision of services. Indirect expenses cannot exceed ten percent (10%).

1.8. Reporting and Deliverables

As a condition to accepting funds from the AGO, grantee agrees to abide by the aforementioned conditions and to provide the AGO with Quarterly Financial Report Forms and Programmatic Reports. Reporting templates will be provided by the AGO with respective due dates.

1.8.1. Individual signed Quarterly Financial Report forms with supporting documentation are due not more than 30 days following the end of each quarter;

1.8.2. Resumes of all program staff funded under the contract, due within 30 days of hire;

1.8.3. Quarterly and Annual Reporting, to include:

- Narrative description of the project activities achieved toward the identified strategy or strategies, using the reporting template provided by the AGO;
- Statistical data, i.e., the actual numbers served based on the proposed numbers to serve or other relevant data for the reporting period and year to date;

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- Assessment of strategies and the budget;
- Monitoring to review supporting documentation in compliance with GAAP and/or 2 CFR 200.

1.9. Duration

Grantees shall propose to use the funds over a one-year contract. Grant recipients shall expend all grant monies on or before June 30, 2025.

1.10. No Supplanting Existing Funds

Funds awarded pursuant to this RFGA shall not replace existing or proposed fee-for-service arrangements between Grantees and governmental entities or other interested parties.

1.11. Agency Self-Assessment Survey

This survey will be used primarily for initial monitoring of your organization. This survey may also be used in evaluating the financial capability of the organization in the award process, and may be required annually. Deficiencies should be addressed for corrective action and the organization should consider procuring technical assistance in correcting identified problems.

1.12. Attribution Statements

Any credit given to the Arizona Attorney General's Office related to the use of grant funding in support of certain workshops or activities should include language such as:

This workshop/activity was supported by funding awarded through the Child and Family Advocacy Center Fund, administered by the Arizona Office of the Attorney General. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this workshop are those of the presenter(s) and do not necessarily represent those of the One Arizona Plan, the Arizona Office of the Attorney General, or the State of Arizona.

Any language that deviates from the above should be approved by the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

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2. Special Terms and Conditions

2.1. Grant

This grant opportunity is issued on behalf of the Arizona Attorney General's Office in accordance with A.R.S. § 41-2702.

2.2. Grant Type

Firm fixed cost.

2.3. Term of Grant

The term of the grant shall commence upon award and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2025 unless terminated, canceled or extended as otherwise provided herein.

If this grant is canceled the Grantee may only be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any nonrecurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the services delivered under the grant or which are otherwise not recoverable.

2.4. Changes

The Office of the Attorney General reserves the right to add or delete related services and materials and make other changes within the general scope of work as may be deemed necessary to best serve the interests of the State. Changes to the Grant shall be documented by formal written amendment(s).

2.5. Documents Incorporated by Reference

The State of Arizona's Uniform Instructions to Offerors and Uniform Terms and Conditions are incorporated into this grant as if fully set forth herein and are available for review on <https://spointra.az.gov/resources/standard-forms-and-documents>.

2.6. Estimated Usage

Any grant resulting from this Solicitation shall be used on an as needed, if needed basis. The State makes no guarantee as to the amount of work that may be performed under any resulting grant.

2.7. Non-Exclusive Grant

The Office of the Attorney General has the right to go outside the grant to obtain similar services or obtain materials from another source when necessary to meet the requirements of the State. Any off-grant procurement shall be made in accordance with the Arizona Procurement Code.

2.8. Multiple Award

The state has a large number and variety of potential using agencies at locations throughout Arizona. In order to assure that any ensuing grants will allow the state to fulfill current and further requirements, the state reserves the right to award grants to multiple organizations. The actual utilization of any grant will be at the sole discretion of the state. The fact that the state may make multiple awards should be taken into consideration by each potential Grantee.

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2.9. Ownership of Materials

All materials, documents, deliverables and/or other products of the grant (including but not limited to e.g., work plans, reports, etc.) shall be the sole, absolute and exclusive property of the State of Arizona and the Attorney General's Office, free from any claim or retention of right on the part of the Grantee, its agents, Sub-grantees, officers or employees.

2.10. Key Personnel

The Grantee agrees to utilize only experienced, responsible and capable people in the performance of this grant. The Grantee shall bear all transitional expenses incurred for any costs associated with removing or replacing key personnel who are performing work under this grant. The Grantee shall identify, at a minimum, the project director, project manager and any other personnel who will provide a key function on this project.

2.11. Skill and Knowledge of Grantee's Employees

Grantee represents and warrants to the State that Grantee has the skill and knowledge possessed by members of its trade or profession and that Grantee will apply skill and knowledge with care and diligence so Grantee and Grantee's employees and any authorized Sub-grantees shall perform the Services described in this Grant in accordance with the Statement of Work.

2.12. Background Check of Grantee's Employees

The Office of the Attorney General may require all personnel, Grantees, employees or Sub-grantees working with the Office of the Attorney General to submit to and successfully pass fingerprinting and background checks.

2.13. Removal of Grantee's Employees

The Office of the Attorney General may require the Grantee to remove from an assignment employees who endanger persons or property or whose continued employment under this grant is inconsistent with the interests of the Office of the Attorney General.

2.14. Availability of Grantee

The Grantee shall be available immediately upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed and remain available to the Office of the Attorney General throughout the period of performance as stated in the grant.

2.15. Licenses and Permits

The Grantee shall maintain in current status all federal, state and local licenses and permits required for the operation of the business and conducted by the Grantee and for the completion of the work specified in the Scope of Work.

2.16. Records Retention

Under A.R.S. § 35-214 and § 35-215, the Contractor shall retain and shall contractually require each Grantee to retain any and all Data and other "records" relating to the acquisition and performance of the Contract for a period of five (5) years after the completion of the Contract. All records shall be subject to inspection and audit by the State at reasonable times. Upon request, the Contractor shall produce a legible copy of any or all such records.

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2.17. Confidentiality of Records

The Grantee shall establish and maintain procedures and controls that are acceptable to the Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of assuring that no information contained in its records or obtained from the State or from others carrying out its functions under the grant shall be used by or disclosed by the Grantee, its agents, offices, employees or Sub-grantees, except as required to efficiently perform duties under the grant. Persons requesting such information shall be referred to the Office of the Attorney General. Grantee also agrees that any information pertaining to individual persons shall not be divulged other than to employees or officers of the Grantee as needed for the performance of duties under the grant, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Office of the Attorney General.

2.18. Treatment of Confidential Business Information

The Office of the Attorney General may turn over to the Grantee Confidential Business Information (CBI) necessary to carry out the work required under the Grant or the Grantee may be exposed to CBI while working with the AGO. The Grantee and the Grantee's employees agree to use the CBI only under the following conditions:

- 2.18.1.** Use the CBI only for the purposes of carrying out the work required by the Grant;
- 2.18.2.** Not disclose the information to anyone other than properly cleared employees; and
- 2.18.3.** Return the CBI to the Office of the Attorney General whenever the information is no longer required by the Grantee for performance of the work required by the Grant, or upon completion/termination of the Grant.

2.19. Laws and Regulations

The Grantee shall establish and maintain procedures and controls that comply with laws and regulations. The Grantee shall hold the State and the Attorney General harmless from loss, cost or damage by reason of any actual or alleged violation thereof arising out of the Grantee's employees or Sub-grantee's failure to so comply.

2.20. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

The Office of the Attorney General intends to comply with assurances given to components of the State covered under HIPAA and its accompanying Administrative Simplification Regulations ("Covered Components"). These written assurances certify that the Office will collect, receive, use and disclose the minimum necessary protected health information and related records solely for the purposes allowed under HIPAA. The Grantee warrants that it is familiar with the requirements of HIPAA and its accompanying regulations and will comply with any HIPAA requirement that may be applicable to the Office during the course of this agreement. In addition, the Grantee shall agree to cooperate to ensure compliance with assurances given to Covered Components, including signing a Business Associate Agreement in cases where the Grantee, Grantee's employees and any Sub-grantees may work with data that involves a Covered Component (e.g., CPS, DDD, State Hospital, BHS, AHCCCS, etc.) and these agencies receive protected health information from or on behalf of the HIPAA covered client. Counsel agrees to execute such further HIPAA assurances or agreements as the State may deem appropriate.

2.21. Pricing

2.21.1. Pricing

All Prices shall be on an all-inclusive basis and shall contain the labor rate, labor benefits, payroll burden,

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insurance, workman's compensation, all taxes, profit, overhead, general and administrative expenses, fees, travel expenses and all other related charges.

2.21.2. Price Reduction

A price reduction adjustment may be offered at any time during the term of the grant and shall become effective upon notice.

2.22. Shipping

Prices shall be FOB Destination Phoenix, Arizona.

2.23. Invoicing

2.23.1. Invoice Frequency

The Grantee shall submit an invoice during the performance of this grant. Payment shall only be accepted by the Office of the Attorney General, as detailed in the accepted cost proposal, for the amount stipulated in the grant. In no instance shall the amount(s) being invoiced differ from the price established in the grant award and any subsequently approved written Amendments.

2.23.2. Invoices and Payment

Payments shall comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Titles 35 and 41, Net 30 days. Upon receipt and acceptance of goods or services, the Grantee shall submit a complete and accurate invoice for quarterly payment from the State.

2.23.3. Invoice Format

Invoices, using the template provided by the Office of the Attorney General, shall clearly indicate the work intended to be accomplished. The total amount for the invoice shall correlate to the offer accepted by the Office of the Attorney General. Grant and/or Purchase Order numbers should be included. The Grantee shall submit invoices to the Office of the Attorney General, Attn: Stephanie Parker, 2005 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004 or via email to Grants@azag.gov.

2.24. Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Grantee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents and employees (hereinafter referred to as "Indemnatee") from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses or expenses (including court costs, attorneys' fees and costs of claim processing, investigation and litigation) (hereinafter referred to as "Claims") for bodily injury or personal injury (including death), or loss or damage to tangible or intangible property caused or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent or willful acts or omissions of Grantee or any of its owners, officers, directors, agents, employees or Sub-grantees. This indemnity includes any claim or amount arising out of, or recovered under, the Workers' Compensation Law or arising out of the failure of such Grantee to conform to any federal, state or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or court decree. It is the specific intention of the parties that the Indemnatee shall, in all instances, except for Claims arising solely from the negligent or willful acts or omissions of the Indemnatee, be indemnified by Grantee from and against any and all claims. It is agreed that Grantee will be responsible for primary loss investigation, defense and judgment costs where this indemnification is applicable. In consideration of the award of this grant, the Grantee agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its officers, officials,

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agents and employees for losses arising from the work performed by the Grantee for the State of Arizona.

This indemnity shall not apply if the Grantee or Sub-grantee(s) is/are an agency, board, commission or university of the State of Arizona.

2.25. Insurance Requirements:

2.25.1. Grantee and Sub-grantees shall procure and maintain, until all of their obligations have been discharged, including any warranty periods under this Grant, insurance against claims for injury to persons or damage to property arising from, or in connection with, the performance of the work hereunder by the Grantee, its agents, representatives, employees or Sub-grantees.

2.25.2. The Insurance Requirements herein are minimum requirements for this Grant and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Grant. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the minimum limits contained herein are sufficient to protect the Grantee from liabilities that arise out of the performance of the work under this Grant by the Grantee, its agents, representatives, employees or Sub-grantees, and the Grantee is free to purchase additional insurance.

2.25.3. Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance

Grantee shall provide coverage with limits of liability not less than those stated below

2.25.3.1. Commercial General Liability (CGL) – Occurrence Form

Policy shall include bodily injury, property damage, and broad form contractual liability coverage.

General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products – Completed Operations Aggregate	\$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
Damage to Rented Premises	\$50,000
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000

- a. The policy shall include coverage for Sexual Abuse and Molestation. This coverage may be sub-limited to no less than \$500,000. The limits may be included within the General Liability limit, provided by separate endorsement with its own limits, or provided as separate coverage included with the Professional Liability.
- b. Grantee must provide the following statement on their Certificate(s) of Insurance: “Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage is included” or “Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage is not excluded.”
- c. The policy shall be endorsed, as required by this written agreement, to include the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents and employees as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of the Grantee.
- d. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement, as required by this written agreement, in favor of the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Grantee.

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2.25.3.2. Business Automobile Liability

Bodily Injury and Property Damage for any owned, hired, and/or non-owned automobiles used in the performance of this Grant.

Combined Single Limit (CSL) \$1,000,000

- a. Policy shall be endorsed, as required by this written agreement, to include the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents and employees as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by, or on behalf of, the Grantee involving automobiles owned, hired and/or non-owned by the Grantee.
- b. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement as required by this written agreement in favor of the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Grantee.

2.25.3.3. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability

Workers' Compensation Statutory
Employers' Liability

Each Accident \$1,000,000
Disease – Each Employee \$1,000,000
Disease – Policy Limit \$1,000,000

- a. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement, as required by this written agreement, in favor of the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Grantee.
- b. This requirement shall not apply to each Grantee or Sub-grantee that is exempt under A.R.S. § 23-901, and when such Grantee or Sub-grantee executes the appropriate waiver form (Sole Proprietor or Independent Grantee).

2.25.3.4. Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions Liability)

Each Claim \$ 2,000,000
Annual Aggregate \$ 2,000,000

- a. If SAM coverage is being provided under this policy then Grantee must provide the following statement on their Certificate(s) of Insurance: "Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage is included" or "Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage is not excluded."
- b. In the event that the professional liability insurance required by this Grant is written on a claims-made basis, Grantee warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Grant; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of two (2) years beginning at the time work under this Grant is completed.
- c. Policy shall cover professional misconduct or wrongful acts for those positions defined in the Scope of Work of this grant.

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2.26. Additional Insurance Requirements

The policies shall include, or be endorsed to include, as required by this written agreement, the following provisions:

The Grantee's policies, as applicable, shall stipulate that the insurance afforded the Grantee shall be primary and that any insurance carried by the Department, its agents, officials, employees or the State of Arizona shall be excess and not contributory insurance, as provided by A.R.S. § 41-621 (E).

Insurance provided by the Grantee shall not limit the Grantee's liability assumed under the indemnification provisions of this Grant.

2.27. Notice of Cancellation

Applicable to all insurance policies required within the Insurance Requirements of this Grant, Grantee's insurance shall not be permitted to expire, be suspended, be canceled, or be materially changed for any reason without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the State of Arizona. Within two (2) business days of receipt, Grantee must provide notice to the State of Arizona if they receive notice of a policy that has been or will be suspended, canceled, materially changed for any reason, has expired or will be expiring. Such notice shall be sent directly to the Arizona Attorney General's Office and shall be mailed, emailed, hand delivered to Procurement Section, 2005 N Central Ave, Phoenix AZ 85004 or Procurement@azag.gov.

2.28. Acceptability of Insurers

Grantee's insurance shall be placed with companies licensed in the State of Arizona or hold approved non-admitted status on the Arizona Department of Insurance List of Qualified Unauthorized Insurers. Insurers shall have an "A.M. Best" rating of not less than A- VII. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the above-required minimum insurer rating is sufficient to protect the Grantee from potential insurer insolvency.

2.29. Verification of Coverage

Grantee shall furnish the State of Arizona with certificates of insurance (valid ACORD form or equivalent approved by the State of Arizona) as required by this Grant. An authorized representative of the insurer shall sign the certificates.

- a. All certificates and endorsements, as required by this written agreement, are to be received and approved by the State of Arizona before work commences. Each insurance policy required by this Grant must be in effect at, or prior to, commencement of work under this Grant. Failure to maintain the insurance policies as required by this Grant, or to provide evidence of renewal, is a material breach of grant.
- b. All certificates required by this Grant shall be sent directly to the Department. The State of Arizona project/grant number and project description shall be noted on the certificate of insurance. The State of Arizona reserves the right to require complete copies of all insurance policies required by this Grant at any time.

2.30. Sub-grantees

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Grantee's certificate(s) shall include all Sub-grantees as insureds under its policies or Grantee shall be responsible for ensuring and/or verifying that all Sub-grantees have valid and collectable insurance as evidenced by the certificates of insurance and endorsements for each Sub-grantee. All coverages for Sub-grantees shall be subject to the minimum Insurance Requirements identified above. The Department reserves the right to require, at any time throughout the life of the Grant, proof from the Grantee that its Sub-grantees have the required coverage.

2.31. Approval and Modifications

The Granting Agency, in consultation with State Risk, reserves the right to review or make modifications to the insurance limits, required coverages, or endorsements throughout the life of this grant, as deemed necessary. Such action will not require a formal Grant amendment but may be made by administrative action.

2.32. Exceptions

In the event the Grantee or Sub-grantee(s) is/are a public entity, then the Insurance Requirements shall not apply. Such public entity shall provide a certificate of self-insurance. If the Grantee or Sub-grantee(s) is/are a State of Arizona agency, board, commission or university, none of the above shall apply.

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3. Special Instructions to Offerors

3.1. Solicitation Inquiries

3.1.1. Issuing Office Solicitation Contact Person

The AGO Procurement Office Solicitation Contact Person identified on the cover page of this RFGA shall be the sole point of contact for purposes of the preparation and submittal of proposals to this Solicitation.

3.1.2. Solicitation Clarifications

No later than the Solicitation Questions 'due date', all questions or clarification requests regarding this solicitation should be directed to the attention of the Solicitation Contact Person on the cover page of the RFGA. If this results in a change to the Solicitation, a written Solicitation Amendment will be issued prior to the Solicitation due date.

3.1.3. Solicitation Amendments

The Offeror should acknowledge receipt of a Solicitation Amendment by signing and returning the Solicitation Amendment with their proposal by the specified 'due date'.

3.2. Solicitation Submission Guidelines

3.2.1. Late Grant Applications

All grant applications must be received before the solicitation's 'Due Date'. Any response received on or after the solicitation due date and time specified will not be considered.

3.2.2. Withdrawal of an Offer

At any time prior to a specified solicitation due date and time, an Offeror (or designated representative) may withdraw their offer. Any grant application which is not completed and properly submitted in ECivis by the Bid Opening Date/Time posted shall be considered as withdrawn by the Offeror.

3.2.3. Primary Grantee

Teaming Arrangements may be proposed but must designate a "Prime Grantee" and identify any other teaming entity as a Sub-grantee. The AGO will not accept a teaming arrangement that designates more than one entity as a cosigner of the proposal. The Prime Grantee shall be responsible for all grant obligations and the management of all Sub-grantees. The AGO will not become part of any negotiations between a Prime Grantee and a Sub-grantee or accept any invoices from Sub-grantees.

3.2.4. Familiarization of Scope of Work

The Offeror should carefully review the requirements of the Solicitation and familiarize itself with the Scope of Work, laws, regulations and other factors so to satisfy itself as to the expense and difficulties of the work to be performed. The signing of the Offer and Grant Award form will constitute a representation of compliance by the Offeror. There will be no subsequent financial adjustment, other than provided by the Grant, for lack of such familiarization.

3.2.5. Responsibility, Responsiveness and Susceptibility

In accordance with A.R.S. 41-2534(G), A.A.C. R2-7-C311, A.A.C. R2-7-C312 and R2-7-C316, the State shall consider, at a minimum, the following criteria when determining Offeror's responsibility, as well, as the proposal's responsiveness and susceptibility for grant award.

3.2.5.1. Whether the Offeror has had a grant within the last five (5) years that was terminated for

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cause due to breach or similar failure to comply with the terms of the grant;

- 3.2.5.2.** Whether the Offeror's record of performance includes factual evidence of failure to satisfy the terms of the Offeror's agreements with any party to a grant. Factual evidence may consist of documented vendor performance reports, customer complaints and/or negative references;
- 3.2.5.3.** Whether the Offeror is legally qualified to grant with the State and the Offeror's financial, business, personnel, or other resources, including Sub-grantees;
 - 3.2.5.3.1.** Legally qualified includes if the vendor or if key personnel have been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but not limited to, being disapproved as a Sub-grantee of any public procurement unit or other governmental body.
- 3.2.5.4.** Whether the Offeror promptly supplied all requested information concerning its responsibility;
- 3.2.5.5.** Whether the Offer was sufficient to permit evaluation by the State, in accordance with the evaluation criteria identified in this Solicitation or other necessary offer components. Necessary offer components include: attachments, documents or forms to be submitted with the offer, an indication of the intent to be bound, reasonable or acceptable approach to perform the Scope of Work, acknowledged Solicitation Amendments, references to include experience verification, adequacy of financial/business/personal or other resources to include a performance bond and stability including Sub-grantees and any other data specifically requested in the Solicitation;
- 3.2.5.6.** Whether the Offer was in conformance with the requirements contained in the Scope of Work, Terms and Conditions, and Instructions for the Solicitation including its Amendments and all documents incorporated by reference;
- 3.2.5.7.** Whether the Offer limits the rights of the State;
- 3.2.5.8.** Whether the Offer includes or is subject to unreasonable conditions, to include conditions upon the State necessary for successful Grant performance. The State shall be the sole determiner as to the reasonableness of a condition;
- 3.2.5.9.** Whether the Offer materially changes the contents set forth in the Solicitation, which includes the Scope of Work, Terms and Conditions, or Instructions; and,
- 3.2.5.10.** Whether the Offeror provides misleading or inaccurate information

3.3. Components of a Complete Proposal

3.3.1. Grant Application Submittal:

Grant applications in response to this solicitation shall be submitted within State of Arizona Electronic Grant System, eCivis (<https://portal.ecivis.com>). Offers shall be received before the date and time listed in the solicitation's 'Due Date' field. Offers submitted outside eCivis, or those that are received on or after the date/time stated in the 'Due Date' field, shall be rejected. Questions regarding submitting your proposal into eCivis should be directed to the eCivis Help Desk at support@ecivis.com. Offeror should avoid responding in the final minutes before closing. The State will not provide any reimbursement for the cost of developing or presenting proposals in response to this RFGA.

[Application Submission Process](#)

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3.3.2. Conformance to the RFGA

The Offeror should use the provided forms and formats or forms and formats substantially similar. Failure to include the requested information, providing incomplete information, adding irrelevant information or taking exception to terms and conditions may have a negative impact on the evaluation of the Offeror's proposal. Offerors should follow the format provided below.

3.3.3. Proposal Format

The following information should be submitted with the proposal and in this order. This format provides a section layout for the proposal and pricing section. Failure to include all of the requested information may result in a proposal being rejected:

3.3.3.1. Transmittal Letter

A transmittal letter should accompany all proposals. A corporate officer or a person who is authorized to represent your company should sign this letter. The letter of transmittal should:

- Identify the submitting organization.
- Identify the name and title of the person authorized by the organization to contractually obligate the organization.
- Identify the name, title, and telephone number of the person authorized to negotiate the grant on behalf of the organization.
- Identify the names, titles, and telephone numbers of persons to be contacted for clarification.
- Explicitly indicate acceptance of the requirements of this RFGA
- Be signed by the person authorized to contractually obligate the organization.

3.3.3.2. Attachment I

- Offeror shall complete the top half of the Offer and Grant Award form. The Offer and Grant Award form from within the Solicitation should be submitted with the Offer and should include the signature of a person authorized to bind the Offeror.
- Offeror shall complete the Child and Family Advocacy Center Questionnaire.
- Offeror shall provide the required documents as listed.

3.3.3.3. Attachment II – Participation of Boycott Israel

Offeror shall complete and should include the signature of a person authorized to bind the document.

3.3.3.4. Attachment III – Designation of Confidential, Trade Secret, and Proprietary Information

Offeror shall complete and should include the signature of a person authorized to bind the document.

3.3.3.5. Attachment IV - Forced Labor of Ethnic Uyghurs Ban

Offeror shall complete and should include the signature of a person authorized to bind the document.

3.3.3.6. Attachment V - Agency Self-Assessment Survey

Offeror shall complete and include the signature of a person authorized to bind the document.

3.3.3.7. Solicitation Amendments

Receipt of Solicitation Amendment(s) should be acknowledged by signing and returning the document with the proposal or prior to the Solicitation due date and time, to the Solicitation Contact Person listed on the cover page of this Solicitation.

3.3.3.8. Exceptions to the RFGA

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An Offeror who takes exception to any portion of the Solicitation must do so pursuant to the Uniform Instructions to Offeror. If the Offeror is taking exception to a section or sections of the Solicitation, the Offeror shall designate a section in the proposal titled "Exceptions". Any exceptions to the Solicitation not listed in this section or otherwise not submitted in the proper form shall not be considered a part of the Offeror's proposal and shall not be enforceable in any resulting Grant. Taking exception to the Terms and Conditions of the Solicitation may result in a proposal being determined not susceptible for award. Exceptions to the terms and conditions should provide sufficient justification to detail the reason the exception is advantageous to the State of Arizona.

3.3.3.9. Confidential Information

All Offers submitted and opened in response to this RFGA are public records and must be retained by the State. Offers shall be open to public inspection after Grant award, except for such Offers or specific information within such Offers deemed to be confidential by the State. If an Offeror believes that information in its Offer should remain confidential, the Offeror shall designate a special section labeled "Confidential Information" and include any information the Offeror indicates as confidential along with a statement detailing the reasons that the information should not be disclosed. Such reasons shall include the specific harm or prejudice which may arise. This special section should be uploaded as a separate file into the eCivis system and marked confidential. The State shall determine whether the identified information is confidential pursuant to the Arizona Procurement Code. Information not specifically identified as confidential by the Offeror in accordance with this paragraph or determined to be not confidential by the State will be open to public inspection.

3.3.3.10. Suspension or Debarment Status

If the firm, business or person submitting a proposal has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity with any Federal, State or local government, the Offeror should include a letter with its proposal setting forth the name and address of the governmental unit, the effective date of the suspension or debarment, the duration of the suspension or debarment and the relevant circumstances relating to the suspension or debarment. Failure to supply the letter or to disclose in the letter all pertinent information regarding a suspension or debarment will result in rejection of the proposal or cancellation of a Grant. The State also may exercise any other remedy available by law.

3.4. Proposal Opening

Proposals shall be opened at the Solicitation Due Date and Time cited on the cover page of the Solicitation. The name of each Offeror shall be publicly read and recorded in the presence of at least one witness. Prices shall not be read.

3.5. Offer and Acceptance Period

In order to allow for an adequate evaluation, AGO requires an Offer in response to this Solicitation to be valid and irrevocable for 120 days after the opening due date.

3.6. Evaluation Criteria

3.6.1. Evaluation Criteria

In accordance with A.R.S. § 41-2702, awards shall be made to the responsible Offeror(s) whose proposal is determined in writing to be the compliant with the statutory requirements in A.R.S. §8-466.

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3.7. Discussions

After the initial receipt and evaluation of proposals, the AGO may conduct discussions with Offerors whose proposals are deemed to be reasonably susceptible to award. Notwithstanding this section, proposals should be submitted initially complete and on most favorable terms. In the event discussions are conducted, the AGO shall issue a written request for Best and Final Offers.

3.8. Best and Final Offer

The request for Best and Final Offer shall inform Offerors, that if they do not submit a Best and Final Offer or a notice of withdrawal, their immediate previous Offer will be considered as their Best and Final Offer. The Offeror's "immediate previous Offer" will consist of the Offeror's original proposal submission and any documents submitted by the Offeror during discussions.

3.9. Definitions of Key Words Used in the RFGA

3.9.1. Shall, Must

Indicates something that is a mandatory requirement. Failure to meet these mandatory requirements may result in the rejection of a proposal as non-responsive.

3.9.2. Should, Will

Indicates something that is recommended but not mandatory.

3.9.3. May

Indicates something that is not mandatory but permissible.

ITEM NUMBER: 4.e.

SUBJECT: Resolution 1037-0424 - Agreement with the City of Peoria for the Temporary Assignment of Declared Firm Lease Capacity in the New River Agua Fria Underground Storage Project (NAUSP)

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Kirk Beaty, Public Works Director

THROUGH: Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager, (623) 333-1014

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Areas:

- Innovative Program and Service Delivery – Avondale will continue to serve as a model of innovative, efficient and responsive government.

The temporary assignment (lease) of Avondale's excess Storage Entitlements in the New River Agua Fria Underground Storage Project (NAUSP) is a cost-effective approach to reducing operation and maintenance costs for Avondale while the excess capacity is not needed in the short term.

PURPOSE:

City Council will consider a request to adopt Resolution 1037-0424, approving an Agreement with the City of Peoria for the Temporary Assignment of Declared Firm Lease Capacity in the New River and Agua Fria Underground Storage Project (NAUSP) and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

The New River Agua Fria Underground Storage Project (NAUSP) is a large constructed groundwater recharge facility located at 107th Avenue and the Bethany Home Road alignments. The NAUSP was constructed in 2004 in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with participation from the following parties: City of Avondale; City of Chandler; City of Glendale; and Salt River Valley Water Users Association (SRP). In 2008 the original Intergovernmental Agreement was amended to include the City of Peoria as a party to the NAUSP.

Recharge facilities like the NAUSP have physical limits on the amount of water that can be recharged through percolation. The NAUSP is managed and operated by SRP as the Operating Agent which monitors the physical recharge capacity of the facility. Currently, the NAUSP has demonstrated the capacity to recharge a total of 2,400 Acre-Feet of water each month.

To ensure an equitable division of water storage rights, interested parties purchased 'Storage Entitlements' to become participants at the facility. Participants may only recharge and store water up to the limit of their Storage Entitlement percentage.

On May 1, 2023, City Council approved the purchase of 18% of Storage Entitlements by the City of Avondale from the City of Chandler with Resolution 1023-0523. This purchase increased Avondale's Storage Entitlements from 10% up to 28% effective on July 1, 2023. This purchase of Storage Entitlements was advantageous to Avondale for several reasons. It provides additional water recharge and storage capacity and system flexibility as Avondale contemplates additional water sources including Flood Control Space Deviation water from SRP, stored water from the expansion of Bartlett Dam, spill water and increased volumes of reclaimed water from the future expansion of the Charles M. Wolf Water Reclamation Facility. Additionally, because the NAUSP is the closest recharge facility to the City, at two miles north of the Avondale city limits (the Avondale McDowell Recharge Facility is within Avondale's limits), the proximity will facilitate easier recovery of stored groundwater.

Avondale does not currently have the need to utilize the full Storage Entitlements acquired with the July 2023 purchase and Avondale has the ability to assign (lease) any un-utilized portion of capacity to other NAUSP IGA parties. To that point, Avondale and Peoria have negotiated that Avondale will lease 5.0% of NAUSP Storage Entitlements to Peoria for a limited term. This lease will be beneficial to Avondale (the lessor) as it ensures maximum utilization of Storage Entitlements and allocates annual operation and maintenance costs to the lessee until such time that Avondale needs the Storage Entitlements for its own use.

DISCUSSION:

The Agreement under consideration outlines the Declared Firm Lease Capacity of Storage Entitlements to Peoria. Avondale will lease 5.0% of its Storage Entitlements to Peoria through April 30, 2026, with options to extend for additional one-year terms as mutually agreed by both parties.

Peoria shall pay Avondale the percentage of its annual Operating Costs as determined under Section 12 of the 2004 IGA that is proportional to the share of Avondale's Firm Lease Capacity assigned to Peoria under this lease.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The temporary assignment (lease) of Avondale's excess Storage Entitlements in the New River Agua Fria Underground Storage Project (NAUSP) is a cost recovery approach to the operation and maintenance costs for Avondale's excess capacity that is not needed in the short term.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve the request to adopt Resolution 1037-0424 approving an Agreement with the City of Peoria for the Temporary Assignment of Declared Firm Lease Capacity in the New River and Agua Fria Underground Storage Project (NAUSP) and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Contact person for document distribution: Eric Bay, Cole Pihl

RESOLUTION NO. 1037-0424

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF DECLARED FIRM LEASE CAPACITY IN THE NEW RIVER AND AGUA FRIA RIVER UNDERGROUND STORAGE PROJECT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE as follows:

SECTION 1. The Lease Agreement between the City of Avondale (“Avondale”) and the City of Peoria (“Peoria”) for the Temporary Assignment of Declared Firm Lease Capacity in the New River and Agua Fria River Underground Storage Project (the “Lease”) is hereby approved in substantially the form and substance attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, the City Manager, the City Clerk, and the City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to cause the execution of the Agreement and to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona, April 22, 2024.

Kenneth N. Weise, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicholle Harris, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
TO
RESOLUTION NO. 1037-0424

[Agreement]

See following pages.

**NAUSP PARTIAL TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
AVONDALE AND THE CITY OF PEORIA FOR A PORTION OF AVONDALE'S
STORAGE ENTITLEMENT**

1. PARTIES:

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into the _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the CITY OF AVONDALE, an Arizona municipal corporation, ("Avondale"), and the CITY OF PEORIA, an Arizona municipal corporation ("Peoria"). Avondale and Peoria are referred to herein individually as "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

2. RECITALS:

- 2.1 Municipal participants, including Avondale, entered into an intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") with the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association and the Salt River Agricultural Improvement and Power District in August 2004 to establish each Participants' respective rights for use and costs pertaining to the New River and Agua Fria River Underground Storage Project ("NAUSP"). The IGA designates the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association ("SRP") as the operating agent ("Operating Agent") of NAUSP.
- 2.2 Through a November 2005 Agreement between Peoria and SRP conveying a portion of SRP's NAUSP Storage Entitlement to Peoria, Peoria became a Participant of the IGA.
- 2.3 As Participants, Avondale and Peoria have rights for storing waters within NAUSP. Since at least 2008, Avondale had a 10% annual Storage Entitlement. In 2023, Avondale purchased an additional 18% annual Storage Entitlement from the City of Chandler, therefore Avondale now owns 28% annual Storage Entitlement. Peoria holds a 20% annual Storage Entitlement.
- 2.4 The IGA contemplates in Sections 30.1 and 30.2 a temporary transfer by one Participant to another Participant of a portion of Storage Entitlement

within NAUSP. Such a transaction is deemed an assignment of Storage Entitlement.

- 2.5 The total monthly Operating Capacity available at NAUSP varies significantly from the permitted Storage Capacity. As an example, at the origination of this Agreement, the annual permitted Storage Capacity of NAUSP is 75,000 acre-feet per year ("AF/year") while the total monthly Operating Capacity based on the physical ability to recharge water at NAUSP has most consistently been 2,400 acre-feet ("AF") per month, or 28,800 AF per year.
- 2.6 Since 2013 and consistent with the IGA, Peoria has either been assigned a portion of other NAUSP Participants' Storage Entitlement or leased Declared Firm Lease Capacity for purposes of storing additional waters at NAUSP beyond the volume that Peoria's 20% Storage Entitlement accommodates.
- 2.7 Peoria desires to enter into a multi-year agreement for an assignment of a portion of Avondale's NAUSP Storage Entitlement.
- 2.8 Avondale is willing to assign a portion of its NAUSP Storage Entitlement to Peoria for the duration of the Agreement.

3. AGREEMENT:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and other good and valuable consideration, Avondale and Peoria agree as follows:

4. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS:

Section 1, PARTIES, and Section 2, RECITALS, above are hereby incorporated into and expressly made part of this Agreement.

5. DEFINITIONS:

Unless otherwise specified herein, all defined terms shall be consistent with those defined in Section 4 of the IGA, as amended.

6. PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT:

- 6.1 Avondale agrees to assign to Peoria a monthly amount of Storage Entitlement equivalent to 5%. This Agreement shall be deemed a partial temporary assignment consistent with the provisions contained within the IGA. Additionally, consistent with the terms of Section 30.1 of the IGA, this assignment shall be deemed a temporary transfer of Storage Entitlement.
- 6.2 The Parties acknowledge that the total monthly available Operating Capacity may vary month to month. Parties may convene and mutually agree in writing to temporarily alter the percent of Storage Entitlement being assigned, as stated in Section 6.1, on a month-to-month basis.
- 6.3 Consistent with Section 30.2 of the IGA, this Agreement is not subject to approval of the NAUSP Committee.

7. TERM OF AGREEMENT:

- 7.1 This Agreement shall become effective on May 1, 2024 and when executed by both Parties and shall remain in effect through April 30, 2026, unless the Parties elect to discontinue or suspend the Agreement prior to that date.
- 7.2 After the initial term, defined by Section 7.1, the Agreement shall automatically extend in one-year increments, beginning May 1, 2026, unless one Party formally notifies the other of its intent to not extend or to temporarily suspend this Agreement. To exercise the discontinuance or suspension, a party must notify the other Party at least sixty (60) days in advance.

8. PEORIA'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR COSTS:

- 8.1 In consideration of Avondale's assignment of a portion of its Storage Entitlement, and regardless of the volume of water that Peoria stores, Peoria agrees to pay to Avondale (a) 5% of the reconciled Operating Costs invoiced to Avondale by SRP; or, (b) that percentage agreed upon by the parties pursuant to Section 6.2 in the months it applies.
- 8.2 In the event the Parties mutually agree to temporarily alter the Storage Entitlement percentage being assigned per Section 6.2, payment owed by Peoria to Avondale will be adjusted based on the percentage of Storage Entitlement assigned and the number of months the alternative assignment percentage is in effect.
- 8.3 Costs in Sections 8.1 and 8.2 owed by Peoria will be in addition to the Operating Costs that are Peoria's responsibility due to its owned Storage Entitlement in NAUSP.
- 8.4 In the event the NAUSP Committee and Operating Agent agree that non-recurring, one-time extraordinary maintenance costs are necessary above and beyond normal year-to-year Operating Costs, these extraordinary costs will not be included in the payments detailed in Section 10 and will not be owed by Peoria.

9. CONDITIONS RELATING TO STORAGE:

Peoria shall coordinate with the Operating Agent concerning the methodology for the storage of its water.

10. BILLING AND PAYMENTS:

- 10.1 Consistent with Section 12 of the IGA, the Operating Agent shall invoice each participant in the IGA directly and in advance for its proportional share of Operating Costs. The Operating Agent does not invoice a participant for any Storage Entitlement assigned from another participant.

- 10.2 Upon receipt of the SRP Fiscal Year ("FY"; May 1 – April 30) invoice from the Operating Agent, in the following 60 days, or as mutually agreed, Avondale shall invoice Peoria using the SRP FY actual and budgeted Operating Costs as detailed in Section 10.3.
- 10.3 Peoria will pay Avondale 5% of the SRP FY budgeted Operating Costs, prorated to the percentage of months of the SRP FY this Agreement is in effect. Upon receipt of the Operating Agent invoice for the SRP FY, which includes the preceding SRP FY budget reconciliation, if the Agreement was in effect for the preceding SRP FY and actual Operating Costs exceeded budgeted costs, Avondale will invoice Peoria for the proportionate share associated with the assigned capacity from the preceding SRP FY, in addition to any adjustments necessitated by Section 6.2. If actual Operating Costs are less than budgeted costs, Avondale shall deduct Peoria's proportionate reconciliation share amount from the current FY amount associated with the assigned capacity, OR Peoria will invoice Avondale for the proportionate share associated with the assigned capacity, in addition to any adjustments necessitated by Section 6.2. Parties may mutually agree to include any amount owed under this section as part of a future invoice between the Parties.
- 10.4 Peoria and Avondale agree to pay any invoice received pursuant to this section within thirty (30) days of receipt. All invoices shall be paid in accordance with NAUSP IGA Section 13.
- 10.5 In the event this Agreement is discontinued, any credit Peoria has with Avondale for months Peoria was not able to utilize Avondale's Storage Entitlement due to the discontinuation will be reimbursed in a mutually agreeable manner after timely consultation between the Parties.

11. PROCEDURE FOR SCHEDULING STORAGE CAPACITY:

Peoria shall be responsible for notifying Avondale of its order to NAUSP for the following month, specifying the volume of water to be stored pursuant to this Agreement.

12. AUTHORIZATIONS AND APPROVALS:

Peoria shall be responsible for obtaining, at its own expense, any permits, authorizations and approvals required for the underground storage and recovery of water in the NAUSP or for Peoria's performance under this Agreement.

13. LIABILITY:

Each Party shall assume liability for its own negligence and shall indemnify the other against any damages the non-negligent Party incurs as a result of the negligent Party's action or inaction.

14. INSURANCE

The Parties are self-insured and will cover all requirements as provided in this Agreement.

15. DEFAULT:

15.1 Peoria agrees to pay all obligations due and owing pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. A failure by Peoria or Avondale to adhere to the covenants and obligations to be kept and performed by it shall be an act of default under this Agreement.

15.2 In the event of a default by Peoria or Avondale, then, within thirty (30) days following notice of such default either Party may cure the default either by advancing the necessary funds and/or rendering the necessary performance. Such notice shall specify the existence and nature of such default. If such default is not remedied within the time specified, the non-defaulting Party may terminate this Agreement upon 24 hours written notice.

16. UNCONTROLLABLE FORCES:

Neither Party to this Agreement shall be considered in default in the performance of any of its obligations under this Agreement (other than obligations of Peoria to pay costs and expenses) when a failure of performance is due to Uncontrollable

Forces. The term "uncontrollable forces"; shall mean any cause beyond the control of the Party unable to perform such obligation, including, but not limited to, failure of or threat of failure of facilities, flood, earthquake, storm, fire, lightning, and other natural catastrophes, epidemic, war, riot, civil disturbance or disobedience, strike, labor dispute, labor or material shortage, sabotage, government priorities and restraint by court order or public authority, and action or non-action by, or failure to obtain the necessary authorizations or approvals from any governmental agency or authority not a Party to this Agreement, which by exercise of due diligence, it shall be unable to overcome.

17. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES:

Resolution of disputes pertaining to this Agreement shall be done consistent with Section 22 of the IGA.

18. ACTION PENDING RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES:

Pending the resolution of a dispute, each Party shall proceed, to the extent legally permissible, in a manner consistent with this Agreement, and shall make payments required in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement. Any amount paid by a Party pursuant to this Section 18 during the course of such dispute shall be subject to refund and adjustment upon a final resolution of any dispute involving an amount due.

19. GOVERNING LAW:

The laws of the State of Arizona shall govern this Agreement.

20. BINDING OBLIGATIONS:

All of the obligations set forth in this Agreement shall bind Avondale and its successors and assigns. The Parties agree that this Agreement shall not be assigned without the written request and the written authorization by the other Party. In event of a violation of this Section 20, the other Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement.

21. NOTICES:

- 21.1 Notice, demand, or request provided for in this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed properly served, given, or made if delivered in person, sent by electronic mail with read receipt, or sent registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the persons specified below:

City of Avondale

c/o Water Resources Manager
399 E. Lower Buckeye Road
Avondale, AZ 85323

c/o City Attorney's Office
11465 W Civic Center Drive
Avondale, AZ 85323

City of Peoria

c/o Water Services Director
9875 N. 85th Avenue
Peoria, AZ 85345

c/o City Attorney's Office
8401 W. Monroe Street
Peoria, AZ 85345

- 21.2 A Party may, at any time, by notice to the other Party, designate different or additional persons or different addresses for the giving of notices.

22. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES:

This Agreement shall not be construed to create rights in, or to grant remedies to, any third party as a beneficiary of this Agreement or of any duty, obligation, or undertaking established herein.

23. WAIVER:

The waiver by either Party of a breach of any term, covenant, or condition in this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any other term, covenant, or condition or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement.

24. HEADINGS:

Title and paragraph headings are for reference only and are not part of this Agreement.

25. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

The terms, covenants, and conditions of this Agreement constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties relative to the lease, and no understandings or agreements not herein expressly set forth shall be binding upon them. This Agreement may not be modified or amended in any manner unless in writing and signed by the Parties.

26. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

This Contract is subject to cancellation pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 38-511 relating to conflict of interest.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed by the Parties hereto.

CITY OF AVONDALE

Acknowledged and approved:

Name: Ron Corbin
Title: City Manager, City of Avondale
Date: ____/____/____

Attest and Countersign:

Name: Marcella Sarmiento
Title: City Clerk, City of Avondale
Date: ____/____/____

Approved as to form and within the Power and Authority
granted under the laws of the State of Arizona to the City
of Avondale

Name: Nicholle Harris
Title: City Attorney, City of Avondale
Date: ____/____/____

CITY OF PEORIA

Acknowledged and approved:

Name: Henry Darwin
Title: City Manager, City of Peoria
Date: ____/____/____

Attest and Countersign:

Name: Agnes Goodwine
Title: City Clerk, City of Peoria
Date: ____/____/____

Approved as to form and within the Power and Authority
granted under the laws of the State of Arizona to the City
of Peoria

Name: Emily Jurmu
Title: City Attorney, City of Peoria
Date: ____/____/____

ITEM NUMBER: 4.f.

SUBJECT: Resolution 1038-0424 - Intergovernmental Agreement with the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County to extend the Intergovernmental Agreement for an additional two-year term for Jury Services

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Abril Ruiz-Ortega, Court Administrator

THROUGH: Craig Jennings, City Judge, (623) 333-5813

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Public Health and Safety - Avondale is a city where all people feel safe and secure, relying on trusted public and community-based resources.

PURPOSE:

City Council will consider a request to adopt Resolution 1038-0424, authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County to take the option to extend the IGA for an additional two-year term to provide jury services for the Avondale City Court and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

On June 2, 2014, Council approved a Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Avondale and the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County for Jury Services. The City currently pays a \$25 cost per compact disk "CD" for the creation of a source file of names taken from the General Election Voter Registration Lists and the Department of Transportation.

DISCUSSION:

Per the term of the IGA, the Agreement is renewable for two-year terms through June 2026. The current renewal expires on June 30, 2024. The Avondale City Court would like to exercise the renewal to continue the agreement for Jury Services from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. The agreement may be renewed in writing for four additional two-year terms, to expire no later than June 30, 2034.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The Avondale City Court may purchase an updated file every year and pay a \$25.00 cost for each 100 potential jurors listed on the compact disk "CD" as established in the agreement. Funding is available for the CD's and is provided in the court's operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is requesting that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental agreement between the City of Avondale and the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County to take the option to extend the IGA for an additional two-year term to provide jury services for the Avondale City Court, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Contact person for document distribution: Abril Ruiz-Ortega

RESOLUTION NO. 1038-0424

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY RELATING TO JURY SERVICES IN THE AVONDALE CITY COURT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE as follows:

SECTION 1. The Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Avondale and the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County, relating to jury services in the Avondale City Court (the “Agreement”) is hereby approved in substantially the form and substance attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, the City Manager, the City Clerk and the City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to cause the execution of the Agreement and to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona, April 22, 2024.

Kenneth N. Weise, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicholle Harris, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
TO
RESOLUTION NO. 1038-0424

[Agreement]

See following pages.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY
and
THE CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA

This Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA” or “Agreement”), is entered into between the State of Arizona on behalf of the Superior Court of Arizona, in and for the County of Maricopa (“Superior Court”), and the City of Avondale, Arizona on behalf of its municipal court (“Municipal Court”), for jury services. The Superior Court and the Municipal Court are sometimes collectively referred to, herein, as “parties” and sometimes individually as “party.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Superior Court has historically offered certain jury services to certain municipal courts in Maricopa County; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Court desires to use the jury services offered by the Superior Court;

THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreement expressed herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this IGA is to provide jury services as specified herein.

2. **AUTHORITY**

The Superior Court has the duty and authority to summon jurors. A.R.S. § 21-301 *et seq.* The Municipal Court has the duty and authority to summon jurors. A.R.S. §§ 21-301 *et seq.*, 22-401 *et seq.* The parties are authorized to enter into this IGA pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-952(J).

3. **TERM AND RENEWAL; TERMINATION**

- A. This IGA shall be effective July 1, 2024, and shall expire June 30, 2026. The parties may renew this IGA in writing for four additional two-year terms, to expire no later than June 30, 2034. If the Municipal Court wishes to renew this IGA, it must notify the Superior Court at least ninety (90) days in advance of its expiration. If City Council approval is required and has been obtained to enter into this IGA, renewal may be executed by the Municipal Presiding Judge or the City Manager. The Municipal Court understands and

agrees that the Superior Court may increase the cost per summons or cost per compact disc (“CD”) at the time of renewal to reflect an increase in actual costs.

- B. Either party may terminate this IGA for any reason upon thirty (30) days’ written notice. Either party may terminate this IGA immediately if the other party materially breaches the IGA. Either party may terminate this IGA due to non-availability of funds, as stated in paragraph 17. Upon termination, all property used in performance of this IGA shall be returned to the party owning the property or entitled to possession.
- C. This IGA supersedes all prior agreements between the parties for jury services. Any amendments to this IGA must be in writing and signed by both parties.

4. DUTIES OF SUPERIOR COURT

- A. If the Municipal Court in paragraph 6, below, elects to have the Superior Court print and mail summons, the Superior Court shall do the following on behalf of the Municipal Court:
 - i. The Superior Court will print and mail a summons to potential jurors on behalf of the Municipal Court. The potential jurors will be selected to receive a summons from a master jury list in accordance with state law. *See* A.R.S. § 21-301 *et seq.* In addition to printing and mailing the summonses, the Superior Court will field phone calls about postponements, excuses, and disqualifications.
 - ii. The Superior Court shall include the phone number provided by the Municipal Court on all summonses for potential jurors issued a summons to call and listen to a recording and/or to inquire about whether they must report at the date and time specified in the summons. The Superior Court is not responsible for maintaining or staffing this phone line or recording.
 - iii. The Superior Court shall process the payment of jury fees and mileage reimbursements.
 - iv. The Superior Court is not responsible for setting up the Remote Access Services (“RAS”) account or providing maintenance or services related to the RAS account. The RAS accounts and related maintenance or services are provided through the Office of Enterprise Technology (“OET”).
- B. If the Municipal Court in paragraph 6, below, elects to have the Superior Court provide a CD with the names and addresses of potential jurors to whom the Municipal Court may issue its own summonses, the Superior Court shall provide a CD within ten (10) business days with one-hundred (100) such names. If the Municipal Court elects to have the Superior Court provide a CD, the CD is the only product or service provided by the Superior Court, and the Superior Court will not: print and mail the summonses; field phone calls about postponements, excuses, disqualifications; or process payment of jury fees and mileage reimbursements.

- C. The Superior Court shall submit bills to the Municipal Court on a quarterly basis, except the Superior Court may bill for the CDs and RAS accounts at the time they are provided.

5. DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL COURT

- A. On or before the start of the term of this IGA and any renewal terms, the Municipal Court shall elect in writing to the Superior Court Jury Office whether the Municipal Court wants the Superior Court to print and mail summonses, wants a RAS account, and/or wants a CD with the names and addresses of potential jurors to whom the Municipal Court may print and issue its own summonses. The Municipal Court may make its election by checking one of the options below, or it may otherwise make this election in writing to the Superior Court Jury Office.

____ Print and Mail Summons ____ CD with Juror Names ____ Number of RAS accounts

- B. The Municipal Court agrees to pay the following fees, depending on the elections made by the Municipal Court:

- i. A fee of \$2.90 for each summons printed and mailed by the Superior Court on behalf of the Municipal Court.
- ii. The Municipal Court shall reimburse the Superior Court for the daily attendance fees and mileage reimbursements the Superior Court pays to jurors on behalf of the Municipal Court.
- iii. A \$50.00 activation fee and an \$8.00 monthly subscriber fee for each RAS account. Each person who enters data or has access through a RAS account must have his/her own account. The Municipal Court must notify the Superior Court and OET when the Municipal Court changes RAS account users. If the Superior Court incurs additional fees or costs from OET related to RAS accounts for the Municipal Court, the Municipal Court shall reimburse the Superior Court for such reasonable and justifiable fees or costs.
- iv. A fee of \$25.00 for each 100 potential jurors listed on the CD.
- v. A fee of \$150.00 if the Municipal Court fails to timely enter juror data, as set forth below.

- C. If the Municipal Court elects to have the Superior Court print and mail summons on its behalf, the Municipal Court is responsible for the following:

- i. By July 1 of each year, the Municipal Court shall provide the Superior Court with information on the number of jurors to be summoned and on which days they shall be summoned. The Municipal Court shall notify the Superior Court at least seven (7) weeks in advance of any changes in the number of summonses needed and the dates for which summonses shall be sent. Each year, by the first Friday in

November, the Municipal Court shall provide the Superior Court with blackout dates for the next year. Blackout dates are days on which the Municipal Court knows at the beginning of the year it will not need jurors to appear for service during that year.

- ii. The Municipal Court shall operate a phone line for jurors to call to inquire whether they must report on the date and time specified on their summons. The Municipal Court shall provide the Superior Court with the phone number and any changes to the phone number so the Superior Court can include it on the summons. The Municipal Court is solely responsible for the costs, maintenance and staffing associated with this phone line.
- iii. Within three (3) business days of the first day a juror reports for jury service in the Municipal Court, the Municipal Court shall provide the Superior Court with information regarding individuals who have reported for jury service in response to a summons sent by the Superior Court pursuant to this IGA as follows:
 - a. The Municipal Court may use the Superior Court's form. The Municipal Court shall type the information requested in the form in order to ensure accurate information is processed by the Maricopa County Superior Court; or
 - b. If the Municipal Court has elected to have RAS account card access and paid the associated fees for such access, the Municipal Court may enter the data into the program the Superior Court uses for juror management (currently, Clearview Jury). The Superior Court may provide general direction regarding how to enter the data in Clearview Jury (or any other program the Superior Court later decides to use for juror management). However, the Municipal Court is responsible for all technical support of its computer system and training of its employees.
 - c. If the Municipal Court fails to enter the data within the three (3) business days described, the Superior Court will charge the Municipal Court a fee of \$150.00 for each day for which juror information is not entered to cover additional costs for re-running billing data, analyzing billing data, and re-entry into billing spreadsheets.
- D. If the Municipal Court elects to have the Superior Court provide a CD of names and addresses, the Municipal Court is responsible for all of its own jury services, including but not limited to printing and mailing the summonses, fielding phone calls relating to jury service, and processing payment of jury fees and mileage reimbursements.
- E. The Municipal Court is responsible for enforcement of any juror summonses issued on behalf of its court, including contempt notices, hearings, proceedings, procedures, and/or other enforcement measures. The Superior Court is not obligated by this IGA to conduct any contempt or enforcement proceedings on behalf of the Municipal Court.

- F. The Municipal Court is not authorized and shall not permanently excuse any jurors. The Municipal Court shall refer any jurors seeking to be permanently excused to the Superior Court, regardless of whether the Superior Court printed and mailed the summons or the Municipal Court printed and mailed the summons.
- G. The identity of jurors or potential jurors is sensitive, confidential, and protected by statute and court rule. The Municipal Court agrees to restrict access to information provided under this agreement to individuals who are authorized to access such information for the completion of their official duties.
- H. The Municipal Court shall comply with the Minimum Accounting Standards and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles related to financial transactions involving jurors.
- I. The Municipal Court shall remit payment to the Superior Court within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving a bill from the Superior Court.

6. INDEMINIFICATION

Each party (as “Indemnitor”) agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party (as “Indemnitee”) from and against any and all claims, losses, liability, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Claims”) arising out of bodily injury of any person (including death) or property damage, but only to the extent that such Claims which result in vicarious/derivative liability to the Indemnitee are caused by the act, omission, negligence, misconduct, or other fault of the Indemnitor, its officers, officials, agents, employees, or volunteers.

In addition, each party shall cause its contractor(s) and subcontractor(s), if any, to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the other party, any jurisdiction or agency of that other party, and that other party’s respective directors, officers, officials, agents, and employees (hereinafter referred to as “Indemnitee”) from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses, or expenses (including court costs, attorneys’ fees, and costs of claim processing, investigation and litigation—hereinafter, referred to as “Claims”) for bodily injury, personal injury (including death), or loss or damage to tangible or intangible property caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent or willful acts or omissions of the contractor(s) and/or subcontractor(s), or any of the directors, officers, agents, or employees of contractor(s) and/or subcontractor(s) for any work arising out of this Agreement. This indemnity includes any claim or amount arising out of or recovered under the Workers’ Compensation Law or arising out of the failure of such contractor(s) and/or subcontractor(s) to conform to any federal, state or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or court decree. It is the specific intention of the parties that the Indemnitee shall, in all instances, except for Claims arising solely from the negligent or willful acts or omissions of the Indemnitee, be indemnified by such contractor(s) and/or subcontractor(s) from and against any and all claims. It is agreed that such contractor(s) and/or subcontractor(s) will be responsible for primary loss investigation, defense and judgment costs where this indemnification is applicable.

7. INSURANCE

Both parties are insured as governmental entities and therefore no insurance certificates are required by either party pursuant to this IGA. If the Municipal Court uses a contractor(s) to perform services in relation to this Agreement, the below insurance requirements shall apply, and shall apply to any subcontractor(s) of contractor(s).

Insurance Requirements for Any Contractors Used by Municipal Court:

The insurance requirements, herein, are minimum requirements and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained, herein. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the minimum limits below are sufficient to protect the Contractor from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work under this IGA by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors, and Contractor is free to purchase additional insurance.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMITS OF INSURANCE: Contractor shall provide coverage with limits of liability not less than those stated below.

1. Commercial General Liability – Occurrence Form

Policy shall include bodily injury, property damage, personal and advertising injury and broad form contractual liability.

- General Aggregate \$2,000,000
- Products – Completed Operations Aggregate \$1,000,000
- Personal and Advertising Injury \$1,000,000
- Blanket Contractual Liability – Written and Oral \$1,000,000
- Damage to Rented Premises \$ 50,000
- Each Occurrence \$1,000,000

- a. The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: **“The State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be named as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.”** Such additional insured shall be covered to the full limits of liability purchased by the Contractor, even if those limits of liability are in excess of those required by this Contract.
- b. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor of the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

2. Business Automobile Liability

Bodily Injury and Property Damage for any owned, hired, and/or non-owned vehicles used by Contractor in the performance of this IGA.

- Combined Single Limit (CSL) \$1,000,000
 - a. The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: **“The State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be named as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor, involving automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor.”** Such additional insured shall be covered to the full limits of liability purchased by the Contractor, even if those limits of liability are in excess of those required by this Contract.
 - b. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor of the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.
 - c. Policy shall contain a severability of interest provision.

3. Workers’ Compensation and Employers’ Liability

- Workers’ Compensation Statutory
- Employers' Liability

Each Accident	\$ 500,000
Disease – Each Employee	\$ 500,000
Disease – Policy Limit	\$ 1,000,000

 - a. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor of the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.
 - b. This requirement shall not apply to: Separately, EACH contractor or subcontractor exempt under A.R.S. § 23-901 *et. seq.*, AND when such contractor or subcontractor executes the appropriate waiver (Sole Proprietor/Independent Contractor) form.

B. ADDITIONAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. The Contractor’s policies shall stipulate that the insurance afforded the Contractor shall be primary insurance and that any insurance carried by the Department, its agents, officials, employees or the State of Arizona shall be excess and not contributory insurance, as provided by A.R.S § 41-621 (E).
2. The Contractor’s insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom a claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer’s liability. Coverage provided by the Contractor shall not be limited to the liability assumed under the indemnification provisions of its contract with the other governmental entity(ies) party to this IGA.

- C. NOTICE OF CANCELLATION: With the exception of ten (10) day notice of cancellation for non-payment of premium, any changes material to compliance with this IGA in relation to the insurance policies above shall require thirty (30) days written notice to the State of Arizona. Such notice shall be sent directly to the Department and shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- D. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS: Contractor's insurance shall be placed with companies duly licensed in the State of Arizona or hold approved non-admitted status on the Arizona Department of Insurance List of Qualified Unauthorized Insurers. Insurers shall have an "A.M. Best" rating of not less than A- VII or duly authorized to transact Workers' Compensation insurance in the State of Arizona. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the above-required minimum insurer rating is sufficient to protect the Contractor from potential insurer insolvency.
- E. VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE: Contractor shall furnish the State of Arizona with certificates of insurance (ACORD form or equivalent approved by the State of Arizona) as required by this Contract. The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by an authorized representative.

All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the State of Arizona before work commences. Each insurance policy required by this IGA must be in effect at or prior to Contractor's commencement of work under this IGA and remain in effect for the duration of Contractor's work under this IGA. Failure to maintain the insurance policies as required by this IGA, or to provide evidence of renewal, is a material breach of contract.

All certificates required by this IGA shall be sent directly to the Department. The State of Arizona project/contract number and project description are to be noted on each certificate of insurance. The State of Arizona reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all insurance policies required by this IGA at any time.

- F. SUBCONTRACTORS: Contractor's certificate(s) shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or Contractor shall furnish to the State of Arizona separate certificates for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to the minimum requirements identified above.
- G. APPROVAL: Any modification or variation from the *insurance requirements* in this IGA must have prior approval from the State of Arizona Department of Administration, Risk Management Division, whose decision shall be final. Such action will not require a formal contract amendment, but may be made by administrative action.
- H. EXCEPTIONS: In the event the Contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are a public entity, then the insurance requirements shall not apply. Such public entity shall provide a Certificate of Self-Insurance. If the Contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are a State of Arizona agency, board, commission, or university then none of the above shall apply.

8. AUDIT OF RECORDS

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 35-214 and 35-215, both parties shall retain all data, books and other records (“records”) relating to this Agreement for a period of five years after completion of the Agreement. All records of a party shall be subject to reasonable inspection and audit by the other party at reasonable times. Upon request, either party shall produce the original of any, or all such records.

9. CANCELLATION FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The requirements of A.R.S. § 38-511 apply to this Agreement. Either party may cancel this Agreement, without penalty or further obligation, if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating this Agreement on behalf of either party is, at any time while this Agreement or any extension is in effect, an employee or agent of the other party, or a consultant to any other party with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

10. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Both parties shall comply with Executive Orders 2009-09 and 2023-01, which mandate that all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or political affiliation, shall have equal access to employment opportunities, and all other applicable state and Federal employment laws, rules, and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act. Both parties shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants for employment and employees are not discriminated against due to race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability. The parties shall comply with Executive Order 2023-09 prohibiting race-based hair discrimination.

11. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS UNDER A.R.S. § 41-4401—IMMIGRATION LAWS AND E-VERIFY REQUIREMENT

A. Both parties warrant compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations relating to employees and warrant compliance with A.R.S. § 23-214, Subsection A, which reads: “After December 31, 2007, every employer, after hiring an employee, shall verify the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program.”

B. A breach of the warranty regarding compliance with immigration laws and regulations shall be deemed a material breach of the IGA and the other party may be subject to penalties up to and including termination of the Agreement.

C. Both parties retain the legal right to audit the documentation of any employee working in relation to this IGA to ensure that the other party, or any contractor or subcontractor are in compliance with the warranty under paragraph 12(A).

12. APPLICABLE LAW

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance the laws of the State of Arizona.

13. LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

This IGA does not relieve either party of any obligation or responsibility imposed upon it by law.

14. ARBITRATION

The parties agree to resolve all disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement through arbitration, after exhausting applicable administrative review, to the extent required by A.R.S. § 12-1518, except as may be required by other applicable statutes.

15. WAIVER AND MODIFICATION

None of the provisions of the Agreement may be waived, changed or altered except in writing signed by both parties.

16. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Every payment obligation of the parties under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of funds allocated for the payment of such obligation. If funds are not allocated and available for the continuance of this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by the parties or any other agency of the State of Arizona at the end of the period for which funds are available. No legal liability on the part of the parties or any other agency of the State of Arizona for any payment may arise under this Agreement as long as funds are made available for performance of this Agreement. If the necessary funds are not made available, then that party shall provide written notice to the other party and may cancel this Agreement without further obligation. No liability shall accrue to either of the parties or any other agency of the State of Arizona in the event this provision is exercised, and neither the parties, nor any other agency of the State of Arizona shall be obligated or liable for any future payments or for any damages as a result of termination of this Agreement under this paragraph, including payments or damages for purchases or subcontracts entered into in anticipation of funding.

17. NOTICES

All notices, claims, request, and demands under this IGA are to be in writing and served in person or via certified (return receipt requested) United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to the Superior Court: Superior Court in Maricopa County
Jury Administrator
175 W. Madison St.
Phoenix, AZ. 85003-2243
Attn: Jury Manager

If to Municipal Court: Avondale Municipal Court
 Attn: Court Administrator
 11325 W. Civic Center
 Avondale, Arizona 85383

or at such other address as shall be indicated in writing by each party, through an amendment to this IGA. Service by certified mail will be deemed to occur on the postmark date borne by the return receipt.

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SIGNATURES FOLLOW

In witness whereof, the parties, hereto, have executed this IGA on the date written below:

Honorable Joseph Welty DATE
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of Arizona
in Maricopa County

Honorable Craig Jennings DATE
Chief Presiding Judge
Avondale Municipal Court

Kenneth N. Weise, Mayor DATE

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.R.S. § 11-952 THIS CONTRACT HAS BEEN REVIEWED
BY THE UNDERSIGNED WHO HAVE DETERMINED THAT THIS CONTRACT IS IN
APPROPRIATE FORM AND WITHIN THE POWERS AND AUTHORITY GRANTED
TO EACH RESPECTIVE PUBLIC BODY.**

ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

By: _____
Assistant Attorney General DATE

By: _____
Assistant Chief Counsel DATE

CITY OF AVONDALE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By: _____
City Attorney DATE

ITEM NUMBER: 4.g.

SUBJECT: Resolution 1039-0424 - Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Glendale for Fire and Medical Service Staffing

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Larry Rooney, Fire Chief

THROUGH: Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager, (623) 333-1011

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Area:

- Public Health and Safety - Avondale is a city where all people feel safe and secure, relying on trusted public and community-based resources.
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PURPOSE:

City Council will consider a request to adopt Resolution 1039-0424 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Glendale for fire and medical service staffing and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

When the City of Glendale hosts key large-scale events, other area jurisdictions are often called upon for fire and medically trained staff to provide support. This often results in backfilling for overtime positions and specially trained personnel to assist with such events.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the means through which the agencies intend to provide fire and medical services to the City of Glendale by maximizing cooperation, integrating agencies' assets and addressing issues including command, control, personnel, planning and training.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no increase in budget needs from this agreement; however, this agreement provides coordinated effort for the planned events when our staff assists other cities, as well as provides the opportunity to be reimbursed for the cost of providing staff assistance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Glendale for fire and medical staffing and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Contact person for document distribution:

RESOLUTION NO. 1039-0424

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA, APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GLENDALE, ARIZONA FOR FIRE AND MEDICAL STAFFING SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE as follows:

SECTION 1. The Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Glendale, Arizona, relating to Fire and Medical staffing services for Special Events (the “Agreement”) is hereby approved in substantially the form and substance attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, the City Manager, the City Clerk and the City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to cause the execution of the Agreement and to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona, April 22, 2024.

Kenneth N. Weise, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicholle Harris, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
TO
RESOLUTION NO. 1039-0424

[Agreement]

See following pages.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF GLENDALE FOR FIRE AND MEDICAL SERVICE STAFFING**

This Intergovernmental Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2024, by and between the City of Glendale, for and on behalf of the Glendale Fire Department (GFD). This Intergovernmental Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the Cities, Towns, Fire Districts, and governmental jurisdictions (hereinafter collectively referred to either as “Participants,” or “Agencies,” and sometimes referred to individually as “Participant” or “Agency”), The initial Agencies are listed in Exhibit A of this Agreement, which shall be amended upon the addition of new members as set forth herein.

RECITALS

- A. Glendale has jurisdictional authority over and public safety interests for fire and medical services staffing which may be requested for Special Events (i.e. Stadium, Arena, Westgate, VAI Resort) located within Glendale’s corporate limits; and
- B. These Special Events need qualified personnel to provide fire and medical services at their facilities; and
- C. The Agencies desire to participate in providing fire and medical services to these Special Events by making available listed Agencies’ members in accordance with the terms set forth herein.
- D. The Agencies desire to enter into this Agreement to cooperatively provide the necessary fire and medical services while acknowledging Glendale’s primary responsibility for fire and medical services for Special Events at facilities within the City of Glendale City Limits.

AGREEMENT

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the covenants, promises, terms and conditions set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the Agencies hereby agree as follows:

- 1. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the means through which the Agencies intend to provide fire and medical services to the City of Glendale by maximizing cooperation, by integrating the Agencies’ assets, and by addressing issues including, command, control, personnel, planning, and training.
- 2. **Supervision and Staffing.**
 - 2.1 **The Agencies** acknowledge that command and control for all events worked for City of Glendale pursuant to this Agreement (individually “Event” and collectively “Events”) shall be the duty and responsibility of GFD.
 - 2.2 In carrying out this responsibility, GFD will in good faith assign Fire personnel to work events in accordance with the procedures adopted in consultation with the Chiefs of Fire for all of the member agencies providing personnel to events.
 - 2.3 **Agencies** agree and understand that entities other than Glendale and the GFD have input into the decisions regarding whether, and to what extent, fire and medical will provide service for events; however, Glendale will provide information regarding staffing decisions to all Agencies as soon as it becomes available.

3. Assigned Personnel

- 3.1 **Agencies** shall have the discretion to determine which and how many of its personnel will be allowed to apply for assignments at events (hereinafter referred to as “Assigned Personnel”).
- 3.2 While working an event, the Assigned Fire Personnel must wear uniforms approved by their Department, and the Assigned Fire Personnel may carry other equipment authorized by their Department.
- 3.3 When working an event, GFD will make available to Assigned Fire Personnel forms and other supplies that are necessary to work the event.
- 3.4 Upon termination of this Agreement and conclusion of any assignments, all personal property, assets, equipment, and supplies used by the Agencies and Assigned Fire Personnel in performance of their responsibilities shall remain with or be returned to the owner of such property.

4. Compensation, Insurance and Reporting

- 4.1 The Agencies agree that during events the Assigned Fire Personnel shall remain an employee of their own “Agency” at all times and nothing in this Agreement is intended to contradict or otherwise modify the provisions of A.R.S. § 23-1022 (D).
- 4.2 Each Assigned Fire Personnel who works an event will be paid their regular or overtime rates directly by their own “Agency” and applied to the cost of providing worker’s compensation insurance as set forth below.
 - a. Assigned Fire Personnel’ compensation shall be subject to all applicable federal and state taxes, which shall be deducted prior to payment, and which shall be evidenced by a W-2 statement issued by their own “Agency”.
 - b. Each “Agency” shall provide the workers’ compensation coverage and liability coverage in such amounts and under the same terms and conditions as other sworn, full-time employees of their own “Agency”.
 - c. Assigned Fire Personnel are not entitled to any employee benefits or compensation from Glendale.
- 4.3 Glendale shall make available to the “Agencies” information about the hours worked by Assigned Fire Personnel not later than seven days following each event to enable each “Agency” to properly monitor and regulate the hours worked by all of their Assigned Fire Personnel.
- 4.4 “Agencies” will provide Glendale an actual cost detail every two weeks of any hours and expenses paid to Assigned Fire Personnel. Glendale will reimburse the “Agencies” for actual costs incurred.
- 4.5 The Agencies affirms that it has complied with the provisions of A.R.S. § 23-1022 (E) with respect to activities addressed by the Agreement.

5. Indemnification

- 5.1 Glendale shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the Agencies, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, Fire Personnel, officials, agents, and employees (hereinafter referred to as "Indemnatee") for, from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses, or expenses (including court costs, attorneys' fees, and costs of claim processing, investigation and litigation) (hereinafter referred to as "Claims") for bodily injury or personal injury (including death), or loss or damage to tangible or intangible property caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent acts or willful misconduct of the Assigned Fire Personnel.
- 5.2 Glendale's indemnity includes any claim or amount arising out of or recovered under the Workers' Compensation Law or arising out of the failure of such Indemnatee to conform to any federal, state, or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, or court decree.
- 5.3 It is agreed that Glendale will be responsible for primary loss investigation, defense, and judgment costs where this indemnification is applicable and in consideration of the covenants and promises set forth in this Agreement, Glendale agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the Agencies, its Fire Personnel, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from the work performed by Agencies Assigned Fire Personnel under this Agreement.

6. Media Releases and Relations

- 6.1 Any release of information to the media, other than a public records release, regarding an event or any activities carried out under this agreement will be coordinated by Glendale in cooperation with Agencies but, except as provided below, no unilateral media releases will be distributed by Agencies without the prior approval of Glendale.
- 6.2 A copy of all public record and media releases regarding an event or any activities carrying out this agreement shall be forwarded to Glendale prior to release; provided however, if an incident is primarily focused upon or concerned with the actions of Agency's Assigned Officer, Agency will be responsible for the release of information to the media relative to the incident.
- 6.3 The Agencies will not reveal any investigative information or operational procedures except as required by law.

7. General Provisions

- 7.1 Entire Agreement. This Agreement embodies the entire understanding of the Agencies and supersedes any other agreement or understanding between the Agencies relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.
- 7.2 Term. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date referenced above and shall continue in force for five (5) years.
- 7.3 Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable to the extent that any provision or application held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect any other provision or application of the Agreement which may remain in effect without the invalid provision or application.

- 7.4 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona.
- 7.5 Conflict of Interest. This Agreement may be canceled by any of the Agencies pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 38-511.
- 7.6 Termination. **Agency** may, at any time, terminate this Agreement by giving Glendale not less than sixty (60) days prior written notice. Glendale may at any time terminate this Agreement by giving **Agency** not less than sixty (60) days prior written notice.
- 7.7 Dispute Resolution. In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from or relating to this Agreement or the breach thereof, the Agencies hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question, or disagreement. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests, attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both Agencies. In the event the Agencies cannot settle the dispute, the GFD Fire Chief shall have the final authority to decide the dispute, claim, question, or disagreement.
- 7.8 Waiver. The waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed to amend this Agreement and shall not constitute a waiver of any other subsequent breach.
- 7.9 Headings. Headings of this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.
- 7.10 Further Acts. Each Agency shall execute and deliver all such documents and perform all such acts as reasonably necessary, from time to time, to carry out the matters contemplated by this Agreement.
- 7.11 Nondiscrimination. No Agency shall illegally discriminate in either the provision of services, or in employment, against any person because of sex, race, disability, national origin, veteran's status, sexual preference, or religion. Each agency agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders relating to non-discrimination, affirmative action, and equal employment opportunity.

8. **E-Verify**

- 8.1 The Agencies acknowledge that immigration laws require them to register and participate with the E-Verify program (employment verification program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration or any successor program) as they both employ one or more employees in this state.
- 8.2 The Agencies warrant that they have registered with and participate with E-Verify.
- 8.3 If either agency later determines that the other non-compliant Agency has not complied with E-Verify, it will notify the non-compliant Agency by certified mail of the determination and of the right to appeal the determination. The Agencies retain the legal right to inspect the papers of any employee who works pursuant to this agreement or any related subcontract to ensure compliance with the warranty given above. Any agency listed may conduct a random verification of the employment records of the other Agency to ensure compliance with this warranty.

8.4 Failure to comply shall be deemed a material breach of the Agreement that is subject to penalties up to and including termination of the Agreement.

9. Sudan and Iran

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§35-391.06 and 35-393.06, the Agencies hereby warrant, and represent that they do not have, and their subcontractors do not have, and during the term hereof will not have a scrutinized business operation in either Sudan or Iran.

[signatures appear on the following pages]

CITY OF GLENDALE

Kevin R. Phelps, City Manager

ATTEST:

Julie K. Bower, City Clerk (SEAL)

CERTIFICATION BY LEGAL COUNSEL

The foregoing Intergovernmental Agreement between City of Glendale and the listed Agencies is in proper form and is within the powers and authority of the City of Glendale granted under the laws of the State of Arizona.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND AUTHORITY:

Michael Bailey, City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed as provided below. Further, in signing this Agreement, the signatories below affirm and attest that they are authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of their respective Agency.

CITY OF AVONDALE, a municipal corporation

By: _____
Ron Corbin, City Manager

ATTEST:

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicholle Harris, City Attorney

In accordance with A.R.S. §11-952 (D), this Agreement has been reviewed by each of the undersigned attorneys who have determined that, as to their respective clients only, it is in proper form and is within the powers and authority granted under the laws of the State of Arizona.

Date: _____

CITY OF AVONDALE

By: _____
Nicholle Harris, City Attorney

Date: _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed as provided below. Further, in signing this Agreement, the signatories below affirm and attest that they are authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of their respective Agency.

CITY OF GOODYEAR, a municipal corporation

By: _____

Wynette Reed, City Manager

ATTEST:

Darcie McCracken, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

In accordance with A.R.S. §11-952 (D), this Agreement has been reviewed by each of the undersigned attorneys who have determined that, as to their respective clients only, it is in proper form and is within the powers and authority granted under the laws of the State of Arizona.

Date: _____

CITY OF GOODYEAR

By: _____

City Attorney

Date: _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed as provided below. Further, in signing this Agreement, the signatories below affirm and attest that they are authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of their respective Agency.

CITY OF PEORIA, a municipal corporation

By: _____
Jeff Tyne, City Manager

ATTEST:

Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Emily Jurmu, City Attorney

In accordance with A.R.S. §11-952 (D), this Agreement has been reviewed by each of the undersigned attorneys who have determined that, as to their respective clients only, it is in proper form and is within the powers and authority granted under the laws of the State of Arizona.

Date: _____

CITY OF PEORIA

By: _____

Emily Jurmu, City Attorney

Date: _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed as provided below. Further, in signing this Agreement, the signatories below affirm and attest that they are authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of their respective Agency.

CITY OF SURPRISE, a municipal corporation

By: _____
Bob Wingenroth, City Manager

ATTEST:

Kristi Passarelli, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert Wingo, City Attorney

In accordance with A.R.S. §11-952 (D), this Agreement has been reviewed by each of the undersigned attorneys who have determined that, as to their respective clients only, it is in proper form and is within the powers and authority granted under the laws of the State of Arizona.

Date: _____

CITY OF SURPRISE

By: _____

Robert Wingo, City Attorney

Date: _____

**EXHIBIT A
AGENCIES**

The following agencies will be participating in this intergovernmental agreement:
City of Avondale, City of Goodyear, City of Peoria, and City of Surprise

AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION	
Avondale Fire and Medical 125 S. Avondale Blvd. Suite 100 Avondale, AZ 85323	Attn: Larry Rooney, Fire Chief Phone: 623.333.6101 Fax: None
Goodyear Fire Department 14455 W Van Buren St. E-102 (P.O. Box 5100) Goodyear, AZ 85338	Attn: Paul Luizzi, Fire Chief Phone: 623.882.7109 Fax: None
Peoria Fire-Medical Department 8401 West Monroe Street Peoria, AZ 85345	Attn: Gary Bernard, Fire Chief Phone: 602.354.6420 Fax: 602.773.7294
Surprise Fire-Medical Department 14250 W. Statler Plaza Ste. 101 Surprise, AZ 85374	Attn: Brenden Espie, Fire Chief Phone: 623.222.5027 Fax: 623.222.5001

ITEM NUMBER: 4.h.

SUBJECT: Resolution 1040-0424 - 2024-2025 HUD Annual Action

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Chris Lopez, Neighborhood & Family Services Director

THROUGH: Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager, (623) 333-1017

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Areas:

- Creative and Sustainable Community Development - Avondale is committed to creating a sense of place, a community of residents and local businesses unified by pride and common values. This strategic outcome is accomplished by preserving Avondale's stock of affordable housing and funding, necessary public facilities and supporting vital community services.
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PURPOSE:

City Council will consider a request to adopt Resolution 1040-0424, approving the City's 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, identifying housing and community development needs and strategies and defining how Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds will be allocated next fiscal year and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

As an entitlement grantee, the City of Avondale receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from HUD and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds as a member of the Maricopa County HOME Consortium. Staff is estimating level-funding of approximately \$650,000 in CDBG funds and \$215,000 in HOME funds through Maricopa County for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The Federal objective of the CDBG program is to "develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities for low-moderate income persons." The objective of the HOME Program is to "create affordable housing opportunities for low-income persons." City of Avondale goals and objectives with respect to CDBG and HOME are defined in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan which was approved by City Council in May 2020.

DISCUSSION:

The Consolidated Plan has identified housing, economic, and social development needs of low-income and special-needs persons as areas of opportunity and has prescribed strategies to address them. The Annual Action Plan serves as an update to the Consolidated Plan and identifies the goals, strategies and expected

outcomes for the program year.

HUD requires that local governments engage the public in completing the Annual Action Plan. The Neighborhood and Family Services (NFS) has sought input as part of the public participation process for the FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. The first public hearing was held during the Neighborhood & Family Services's External Partners Meeting on February 14, 2024, and a second public hearing was held during the Neighborhood & Family Services Commission meeting on March 27, 2024. The draft Annual Action Plan was made available to the public on the NFS website, both city libraries and City Hall during the public comment period, which began March 6, 2024, and was extended through April 12, 2024. A Council Meeting was held on April 8, 2024, that served as a third public hearing.

Data gathered from the public participation process supports the community priorities, which remain as follows: Preserve and expand affordable housing inventory, fund necessary public infrastructure and facility renovations, support vital community services, encourage business development and growth, promote fair housing in Avondale, and reduce residential lead-based hazards in low-income, economically challenged neighborhoods.

To advance these goals, staff recommend the following activities and estimated funding allocations for FY 2024-2025:

CDBG Allocations (totaling \$650,000)

Public Improvements - \$215,000
Youth Services (Summer Youth Employment) - \$40,000
Workforce Development - \$50,000
Home Repair Program - \$215,000
Administration and Planning- \$130,000

HOME Allocations (totaling \$215,000)

Security and Utility Deposit Program - \$204,250
Administration - \$10,750
(This grant requires a 25% non-federal match totaling \$51,000 that will support the Security and Utility Deposit Program.)

These allocations are based on funding estimates and subject to change pending final allocations from HUD. If the amount of funding approved by HUD is more or less than the total of estimates set forth above, City Council authorizes the City Manager or his designee to make necessary adjustments to the activity allocations to ensure that the funds allocated are distributed proportionally to the listed activities outlined above.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The use of \$215,000 in HOME funds will require a 25% non-federal match, or \$51,000 from the City of Avondale, which is included in the proposed budget for next fiscal year. CDBG funds do not require match.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution approving the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

Contact person for document distribution: Regina Marette

RESOLUTION NO. 1040-0424

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE 2024/2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR RECEIPT OF FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND ACCEPTANCE OF HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS FROM THE MARICOPA COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM.

WHEREAS, Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, establishes a Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) program for the purpose of developing viable urban communities by (i) providing decent housing and suitable living environments, (ii) expanding economic opportunities and (iii) preventing and/or eliminating conditions of slum and blight, principally for persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avondale (the “City”) desires to receive CDBG funds and to continue to carry out CDBG-funded programs; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) is providing approximately \$650,000 in CDBG funds to the City for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations, 24 CFR Part 91 requires the submission to HUD and subsequent approval by HUD of an Annual Action Plan as a condition of receiving CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Avondale (the “City Council”) approved the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan (the “Consolidated Plan”), as amended, and subsequently approved by HUD; and

WHEREAS, the City prepared an updated 2024/2025 Annual Action Plan element of the Consolidated Plan listing activities to be funded in the 2024/2025 program year (the “2024/2025 Annual Action Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Maricopa County HOME Consortium is providing the City \$215,000 in HOME Investment Partnership (“HOME”) funds, which will require the City to contribute a matching amount equal to 25% from non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed public participation requirements in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91, including (i) public hearings held on February 14 and March 27, 2024, at which opportunities for public comment were available, (ii) a minimum 30-day comment period beginning March 6, 2024 and extending through April 12, 2024, during which time comments were able to be received from City residents for incorporation into the 2024/2025 Annual Action Plan and (iii) an additional public hearing held by the City Council on April 8, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby approves and authorizes the submission to HUD of the following: (i) the 2024/2025 Annual Action Plan and (ii) the allocation of CDBG and HOME funding to the activities to be undertaken as described below.

CDBG Activities and Funding		
Activity	Amount Proposed*	Expected Outcomes
Administration	\$130,000	General administration (20% of total allocation)
Public Improvements	\$215,000	Area-wide community Benefit
Home Repair Program	\$215,000	8 home repairs
Youth Job Training	\$40,000	± 20 Internships
Workforce Development	\$50,000	+ 300 individuals job skills/search
Total CDBG:	\$650,000	

*Funding estimates based on level funding amounts from current year.

HOME Activities and Funding		
Activity	Amount Proposed*	Expected Outcomes
Administration	\$10,750	General administration (5%)
TBRA Security and Utility Deposit Program	\$204,250	70 Households
County HOME Allocation	\$215,000	Estimated allocation
25% Required Match	\$51,000	General Fund
Total Available (Allocation & Match)	\$266,000	Match to be used for Security and Utility Deposit Program

*Funding estimates based on level funding amounts from current year.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby finds that expenditures as set forth in the 2024/2025 Annual Action Plan are necessary and appropriate and further, that said expenditures for the CDBG program will serve to assist low- and moderate-income individuals/families (no less than 70 percent as described in federal regulations) and/or serve to prevent or eliminate conditions of slum or blight in the community.

SECTION 4. If the amount of funding approved by HUD is more or less than the total of estimates set forth in Section 2 above, the City Manager or designee is hereby authorized and directed to make adjustments as necessary to the activity allocations to ensure that the funds allocated are distributed to the listed activities in the proportions set forth in Section 2 above.

SECTION 5. The City Council hereby approves and authorizes (i) acceptance of the HOME funds in the amount of \$215,000 from Maricopa County HOME Consortium, (ii) expenditure of the 25% match in the amount of \$50,296; and (iii) expenditure of the HOME funds in the manner set forth in the 2024/2025 Annual Action Plan.

SECTION 6. The Mayor, the City Manager or authorized designee, the City Clerk and the City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona,
April 22, 2024.

Kenneth N. Weise, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicholle Harris, City Attorney

ITEM NUMBER: 5.a.

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2025 Contributions Assistance Program

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Christopher Lopez, Neighborhood & Family Services Director

THROUGH: Dale Nannenga, Deputy City Manager, (623) 333-1017

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This particular item addresses multiple strategic outcome areas, including:

Community-Oriented Lifelong Learning Opportunities

- Work with community partners to expand employment opportunities for residents through job training and placement programs
- Strengthen education-based partnerships

Connected Community

- Expand community engagement opportunities through volunteerism, civic education and service Public Health and Safety
 - Partner with key stakeholders to implement integrated community health and wellness programs
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PURPOSE:

Staff will provide an update to City Council regarding the Contributions Assistance Program, including an overview of eligibility requirements, funding levels, and evaluation criteria for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. This item is for discussion and feedback only; no Council action will be taken.

BACKGROUND:

The Contributions Assistance Program was established to provide a supplemental funding source for organizations providing services to residents of the City of Avondale. This program has evolved over time to reflect Council priorities and the financial constraints of the budget. Since 2003, City Council has limited funding to organizations providing health and human services. Organizations must be a designated 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Council Member Malone, Council Member Conde, and Council Member Nielson serve on the Contributions Assistance Program Subcommittee.

In June of 2021, funding was approved by the Avondale City Council for distribution through the U.S. Department of Treasury as a sub-award of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). ARPA funds are meant to help communities address public health and economic recovery needs related to the COVID-19 crisis, especially non-profits providing direct services to improve the health and welfare of our Avondale residents. As a result, ARPA funds were used to fund the Contributions Assistance Program for the grant period of four (4) years and have been allocated as follows:

- FY2022 \$113,300
- FY2023 \$200,000
- FY2024 \$200,000
- FY2025 \$200,000

In April of 2022, the Avondale City Council also approved increasing the maximum award amount up to \$20,000 per proposal.

DISCUSSION:

A staff committee will conduct an initial review of all applications and will forward eligible applications to the Council Subcommittee for their evaluation, selection and determination of funding levels. The following criteria will be used to evaluate and prioritize applications.

1. Provision of direct services which improve the health and welfare of Avondale residents.
2. Current, timely and accurate reports from current recipients.
3. Ability to generate revenue from other sources.
4. Priority will be given to special projects. However, requests for operating support toward direct and measurable services will be considered.
5. Priority will be given to services and initiatives that support and address City Council's goals.
6. Services provided at the Arizona Complete Health Avondale Resource Center will be given priority.
7. Organizations that received funding in the previous fiscal year will participate in quarterly reviews and demonstrate satisfactory progress towards stated goals and objectives.
8. All awards should be at or above the minimum amount requested by the organization. The minimum amount is established to provide the organization with adequate funding to effectively complete the project as proposed.
9. Services and initiatives responding to the needs of vulnerable populations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Funding for the Contributions Assistance Program is included in the Neighborhood and Family Services department budget. In FY2025, the City is proposing to fund this program, once again, using funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for discussion and feedback only; no Council action will be taken.

Contact person for document distribution: n/a

ITEM NUMBER: 5.b.

SUBJECT: Police Department's Response to Loud Noise Calls for Service

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Memo Espinoza, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Area:

- Public Health and Safety - Avondale is a city where all people feel safe and secure, relying on trusted public and community-based resources.
 - To provide police response to loud noise calls for service.
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PURPOSE:

City Council will receive information regarding the Avondale Police Department's response to loud noise calls for service. This item is for discussion and feedback only; no Council action will be taken.

BACKGROUND:

The Avondale Police Department responds to reports of loud noise calls for service all hours of the day, on any day of the week. The Avondale Police Department enforces loud noise calls under Arizona Revised Statute 13-2904 and/or Avondale City Ordinance 15-11. The Avondale Police Department's response to reports of loud noise is outlined in Avondale Police Department Operational Order 31.203.

DISCUSSION:

It is the policy of the Avondale Police Department to respond to loud noise complaints generated by residents, businesses, and visitors to our city. Upon being dispatched for a loud noise complaint, officers assess the history of the address in question. Based on the history and the overall circumstances of that call for service, officers either document the encounter and give a warning or issue a criminal citation. Most noise complaint calls for service are resolved by residents turning down/off the source of the noise and receiving a warning. Chronic offenders and those who refuse to mitigate the sources of the noise are cited.

In 2023, the Avondale Police Department responded to 1,749 loud noise calls for service. Of the 1,749 calls, 907 reports were generated (16 of the 907 reports resulted in a criminal citation being issued). The remaining 842 calls for service resulted in the officers not being able to locate the source of the noise. The call was

referred to another agency, or the officer contacted the party being accused of the noise. However, the officer did not identify a problem.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information and discussion only.

Contact person for document distribution: Memo Espinoza, Chief of Police

ITEM NUMBER: 5.c.

SUBJECT: 2023 Citizen Survey

MEETING DATE: 4/22/2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations

THROUGH: Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager, (623) 333-1014

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Area:

- Creative and Sustainable Community Development - Avondale is committed to creating a sense of place, a community of residents and local businesses unified by pride and common values.
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PURPOSE:

Staff, along with representatives from the National Community Survey, Inc. (NCS), will report on the results of the 2023 National Citizen Survey conducted this past winter in Avondale. This item is for discussion and feedback only; no Council action will be taken.

BACKGROUND:

The National Citizen Survey is administered through the National Community Survey, Inc. (NCS). This is the third time that the City of Avondale has enlisted the services of NCS to conduct this survey to provide Council with a report about the "livability" of Avondale and to measure residents' satisfaction with city services.

DISCUSSION:

Avondale first participated in the National Community Survey in 2016 and in 2018. The survey captures residents' opinions within the three pillars of a community -- Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation -- across eight central facets of a community: Safety, Mobility, Natural Environment, Built Environment, Economy, Recreation/Wellness, Education, and Community Engagement. The results are benchmarked among 500 communities around the country representing over 50 million American citizens.

In November 2023, NCS mailed our surveys to a probability-based sample of 3,000 randomly selected households across Avondale. One hundred and eighty-four (184) households responded to the mail-based survey conducted from November 6 - December 31, 2023. The survey was also offered to all Avondale residents via an online option in a non-probability, open-participation format from December 1 - 31, 2023 to which 44 responses were received. The survey was available in English and Spanish, and featured a geographic comparison.

In January 2024, NCS analyzed the results, and prepared the results for presentation to Council.

Some of the survey findings are as follows:

- About three quarters of residents (69%) rated the quality of life in Avondale as excellent or good.
- Seven in 10 residents recommended Avondale as a place to live and planned to remain in Avondale for the next five years.
- Positive ratings were given to Avondale as a place to live, the quality of neighborhoods and as a place to raise children.
- Overall confidence in Avondale governance increased significantly from the 2016 and 2018 surveys to the 2023 survey.
- Avondale's employment opportunities and economic development indicators were positive and on the rise from 2018.
- Avondale residents reported no change in their overall feeling of safety in the community, with rates of feeling safe in their neighborhoods and commercial areas during the day increasing from 2018 to the 2023 survey.
- Strong ratings were given to Avondale's availability of paths, walking trails, fitness and recreational opportunities.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The cost for the study was included in the fiscal year 2024 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

A representative from the NCS will provide a presentation on the findings of the survey to the City Council. This item is for discussion only.

Contact person for document distribution: Torin Sadow, Pier Simeri

Avondale, AZ

The National Community Survey

Report of Results
2023

Report by:



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About The NCS™

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) report is about the “livability” of Avondale. A livable community is a place that is not simply habitable, but that is desirable. It is not only where people do live, but where they want to live. The survey was developed by the experts from National Research Center at Polco.

Great communities are partnerships of the government, private sector, community-based organizations and residents, all geographically connected. The NCS captures residents’ opinions considering ten central facets of a community:

- Economy
- Mobility
- Community Design
- Utilities
- Safety
- Natural Environment
- Parks and Recreation
- Health and Wellness
- Education, Arts, and Culture
- Inclusivity and Engagement



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The report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 184 residents of the City of Avondale collected from November 6th, 2023 to December 31st, 2023. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 7% for all respondents and the response rate for the 2023 survey was 7%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Avondale.



How the results are reported

For the most part, the percentages presented in the following tabs represent the “percent positive.” Most commonly, the percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., excellent/good, very safe/somewhat safe, etc.). On many of the questions in the survey respondents may answer “don’t know.” The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in the tab “Complete data.” However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in most of the tabs. In other words, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.

Comparisons to benchmarks

NRC’s database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 500 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on The National Community Survey. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each community in the last five years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range. In each tab, Avondale’s results are noted as being “higher” than the benchmark, “lower” than the benchmark, or “similar” to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Avondale residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as “higher” or “lower” than the benchmark means that Avondale’s average rating for a particular item was more than 10 points different than the benchmark. If a rating was “much higher” or “much lower,” then Avondale’s average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

The survey was administered after the COVID-19 pandemic, a time of challenge for many local governments. While we provide comparisons to national benchmarks, it is important to note that much of the benchmark data was collected prior to or during the pandemic. This may impact how your City’s 2023 ratings compare to other communities’ ratings from the past five years.

Trends over time

Trend data for Avondale represent important comparison data and should be examined for improvements or declines.¹ Deviations from stable trends over time represent opportunities for understanding how local policies, programs, or public information may have affected residents’ opinions. Changes between survey years have been noted with an arrow and the percent difference. If the difference is greater than 10 percentage points between the 2018 and 2023 surveys, the change is statistically significant.

1. In 2020, The NCS survey was updated to include new and refreshed items. Consequently, some of the trends may be impacted due to wording modifications that could have potentially altered the meaning of the item for the respondent.

Methods

Selecting survey recipients

All households within the City of Avondale were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Avondale was purchased from Polco's mailing vendor, Go-Dog Direct, based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve the City of Avondale households may also serve addresses that lie outside of the community, the exact geographic location of each housing unit was compared to community boundaries using the most current municipal boundary file. Addresses located outside of the City of Avondale boundaries were removed from the list of potential households to survey. Each address identified as being within city boundaries was further identified as being within one of the 4 areas. From that list, addresses were randomly selected as survey recipients, with multi-family housing units (defined as those with a unit number) sampled at a rate of 5:3 compared to single family housing units.

An individual within each household was randomly selected using the "birthday method". The birthday method selects a person within the household by asking the "person who most recently had a birthday" to complete the questionnaire. The underlying assumption in this method is that day of birth has no relationship to the way people respond to surveys. This instruction was contained in the introduction of the survey.

Conducting the survey

The 3,000 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on November 6th, 2023 and data collection for the survey remained open for 8 weeks. The first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate in the survey. The next mailing contained a cover letter with instructions, the survey questionnaire, and a postage-paid return envelope. The final mailing was a reminder postcard inviting the household one final time to participate in the survey. All mailings included a web link to give residents the opportunity to respond to the survey online, as well as QR codes to further encourage participation. All follow-up mailings asked those who had not completed the survey to do so, and those who had already done so to refrain from completing the survey again.

The survey was available in English and Spanish. All mailings contained paragraphs in both languages instructing participants on how to complete the survey in their preferred language.

About 9% of the 3,000 mailed invitations or surveys were returned because the household address was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the remaining 2,723 households that received the invitations to participate, 184 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 6%. Of the 184 responses, 182 were completed in English and 2 were completed in Spanish. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR's response rate #2 for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.¹

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a "level of confidence" and accompanying "confidence interval" (or margin of error). A traditional level of confidence, and the one used here, is 95%. The 95% confidence interval can be any size and quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results because some residents' opinions are relied on to estimate all residents' opinions. The margin of error for the City of Avondale survey is no greater than plus or minus 7.2 percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (184 completed surveys).

In addition to the randomly selected "probability sample" of households, a link to an online open-participation survey was publicized by the City of Avondale. The open-participation survey was identical to the random sample survey, with two small updates; it asked a question to confirm the respondent was a resident of Avondale and also a question about where they heard about the survey. The open-participation survey was open to all city residents and became available on December 1st, 2023. The survey remained open for 2 weeks. The data presented in the following tabs exclude the open participation survey data, but a tab at the end provides the complete frequency of responses to questions by the open-participation respondents.

Analyzing the data

Responses from mailed surveys were entered into an electronic dataset using a “key and verify” method, where all responses are entered twice and compared to each other. Any discrepancies were resolved in comparison to the original survey form. Range checks as well as other forms of quality control were also performed. Responses from surveys completed on Polco were downloaded and merged with the mailed survey responses.

The demographics of the survey respondents were compared to those found in the 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Avondale. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey respondents reflective of the larger population of the community. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and area. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.³ The results of the weighting scheme for the probability sample are presented in the following table.

NRC aligns demographic labels with those used by the U.S. Census for reporting purposes, when possible. Some categories (e.g., age, race/Hispanic origin, housing type, and length of residency) are combined into smaller subgroups.

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target ⁴
Age	18-34	6%	31%	37%
	35-54	32%	40%	37%
	55+	62%	29%	26%
Area	Area 1	3%	10%	9%
	Area 2	24%	27%	27%
	Area 3	55%	49%	49%
	Area 4	18%	14%	15%
Hispanic origin	No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish or..	67%	49%	49%
	Yes, I consider myself to be of Hispanic, Lati..	33%	51%	51%
Housing tenure	Own	85%	60%	60%
	Rent	15%	40%	40%
Housing type	Attached	9%	24%	24%
	Detached	91%	76%	76%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	46%	68%	69%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	54%	32%	31%
Sex	Man	41%	45%	50%
	Woman	59%	55%	50%
Sex/age	Man 18-34	2%	11%	19%
	Man 35-54	11%	20%	18%
	Man 55+	28%	14%	12%
	Woman 18-34	4%	20%	18%
	Woman 35-54	21%	20%	18%
	Woman 55+	34%	15%	13%

The survey datasets were analyzed using all or some of a combination of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), R, Python and Tableau. For the most part, the percentages presented in the reports represent the “percent positive.” The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., excellent/good, very safe/somewhat safe, essential/very important, etc.), or, in the case of resident behaviors/participation, the percent positive represents the proportion of respondents indicating “yes” or participating in an activity at least once a month.

On many of the questions in the survey respondents may answer “don’t know.” The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in the tab “Complete data”. However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in the reports. In other words, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.

Contact

The City of Avondale funded this research. Please contact Torin Sadow of the City of Avondale at tsadow@avondaleaz.gov if you have any questions about the survey.

Study Limitations

All public opinion research is subject to unmeasured error. While the methodologies employed for this survey were designed to minimize this error as much as possible, these other sources of potential error should be acknowledged, and can include non-response error, coverage error, recall bias and social desirability bias. Non-response error arises when those who were selected to participate in the survey did not do so, and may have different opinions or experiences than survey responders. For general resident surveys, where the results are meant to be generalized to the entire adult population living in households, the mailing lists based on the Delivery Sequence File from the United States Post Office may exclude certain types of housing units, such as those in multi-family buildings where mail is addressed to a named resident at the address rather than to a specific unit or where residents only receive their mail at a post office box and the geographic location of a residence cannot be determined, there may be a coverage error, although for most locations, this is minimal. Respondents may not perfectly remember their experiences in the past year (such as participation in social or civic events), and for some survey items they may answer in ways they think cast their responses in a more favorable light (recall bias and social desirability bias).

Survey Validity

See the Polco Knowledge Base article on survey validity at <https://info.polco.us/knowledge/statistical-vali>

2. See AAPOR's Standard Definitions for more information at <https://aapor.org/standards-and-ethics/standard-definitions/>

3. Pasek, J. (2014). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from <https://surveyinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Full-anesrake-paper.pdf>

4. Targets come from the 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey

Key Findings

Avondale residents experience a high quality of life and appreciate many aspects of the City's leadership and governance.

Overall, residents gave positive ratings to the quality of life in Avondale. Around 7 in 10 favorably evaluated the city as a place to live, their neighborhood as a place to live, and their overall quality of life. Additionally, more than half of the respondents positively evaluated Avondale's overall image and reputation and the sense of community within the city. Finally, over three-quarters of residents reported that they planned to remain in Avondale for the next five years (77%) and said they would recommend living in Avondale to others (77%). Each of these items scored in line with comparison communities across the nation.

These relatively strong results for quality-of-life measures are likely correlated with the positive ratings provided for governance within Avondale. Around 7 in 10 residents offered excellent or good marks to their overall confidence in Avondale government, higher than national benchmarks and the City's previous survey iteration. A similar number positively evaluated the job that Avondale government does at welcoming resident involvement, a statistically significant increase from the 2018 survey results. Many other aspects of Avondale's local governance received favorable marks, including public information services (72% excellent or good) and the overall customer service by Avondale employees (75%). Finally, around two-thirds of respondents gave positive marks to the overall direction that Avondale is taking and to local governance for generally acting in the best interest of the community.

The economy is a top priority and residents show concern about general affordability and their own economic outlook.

Residents offered high ratings of importance (97% essential or very important) to Avondale's overall economic health when asked to assess priorities for the coming two years. Over half of residents positively rated the quality of the city's overall economic health (57% excellent or good), in line with benchmark comparisons. Around two-thirds of respondents praised the overall quality of business and service establishments, as well as the variety of business and service establishments in Avondale. Overall economic development and Avondale as a place to work both received positive evaluations from around 6 in 10 residents.

While most evaluations related to Avondale's economy were similar to the national benchmarks, results indicated that residents were less optimistic about their own personal economic outlook and the affordability of resources within the city. When asked what impact the economy would likely have on their family income in the next six months, only 19% anticipated that it would be very or somewhat positive, a statistically significant decline from 2018. The cost of living in Avondale saw similarly steep declines, earning favorable marks from just 36% of respondents. Other measures of affordability also showed signs of resident concern, with around 4 in 10 residents positively evaluating the availability of affordable quality health care and the availability of affordable quality mental health care. Finally, approximately 3 in 10 respondents felt favorably about the availability of affordable quality food and the availability of affordable quality housing, both exhibiting a roughly 30% drop from 2018 results.

While residents generally feel safe in Avondale, declining ratings in this area may indicate an opportunity for growth.

Overall feelings of safety continue to be a top priority for residents, with nearly all (99%) indicating that this was an essential or very important area of focus for the City. Around 8 in 10 residents felt very or somewhat safe in their neighborhood during the day, in line with comparison communities. Additionally, around 6 in 10 positively evaluated their overall feelings of safety within the city and provided excellent or good scores to Avondale's crime prevention efforts.

While many of the individual ratings within this facet were similar to national benchmarks, some specific items may merit additional attention. Residents' feelings of safety in Avondale's downtown/commercial area during the day (76% very or somewhat safe), from property crime (54%), and from violent crime (63%) each came in lower than benchmark comparisons. Additionally, some safety services provided by the City saw statistically significant declines from 2018, including police/sheriff services (61% excellent or good), ambulance or emergency medical services (77%), fire services (80%), and emergency preparedness (48%). Together, the high rankings for importance and downward trends for safety services suggest that this is an area warranting the City's continued focus.

Facets of livability

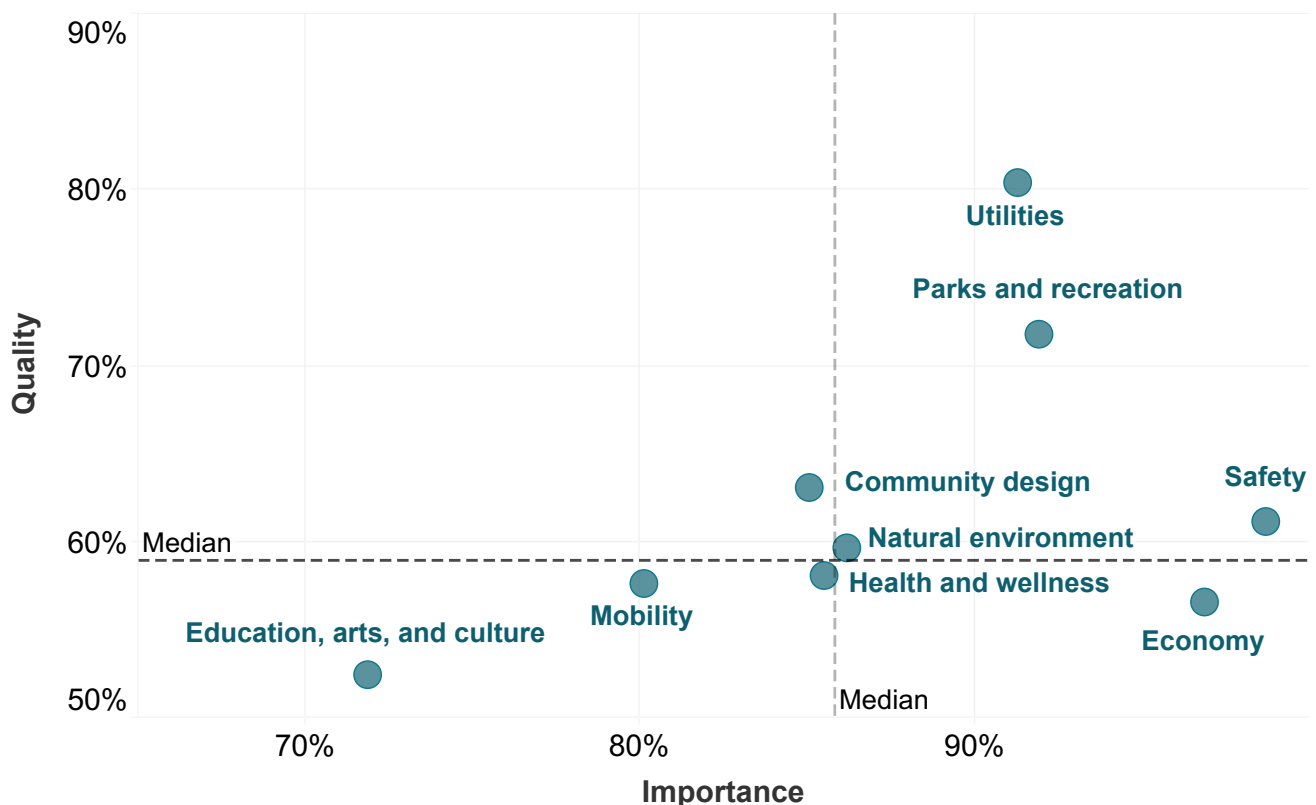
Every jurisdiction must balance limited resources while meeting resident needs and striving to optimize community livability. To this end, it is helpful to know what aspects of the community are most important to residents and which they perceive as being of higher or lower quality. It is especially helpful to know when a facet of livability is considered of high importance but rated as lower quality, as this should be a top priority to address.

Quality-Importance Matrix

To help guide City staff and officials with decisions on future resource allocation, resident ratings of the *importance* of facets were compared to their ratings of the *quality* of these facets. To identify the services perceived by residents to have relatively lower quality at the same time as relatively higher importance, all facets were ranked from highest perceived quality to lowest perceived quality and from highest perceived importance to lowest perceived importance. Some facets were in the top half of both lists (higher quality and higher importance); some were in the top half of one list but the bottom half of the other (higher quality and lower importance or lower quality and higher importance); and some facets were in the bottom half of both lists.

59% or more of respondents were considered of “higher quality” and those with ratings lower than 59% were considered to be of “lower quality.” Services were classified as “more important” if they were rated as essential or very important by 86% or more of respondents. Services were rated as “less important” if they received a rating of less than 86%. This classification uses the median ratings for quality and importance to divide the services in half.

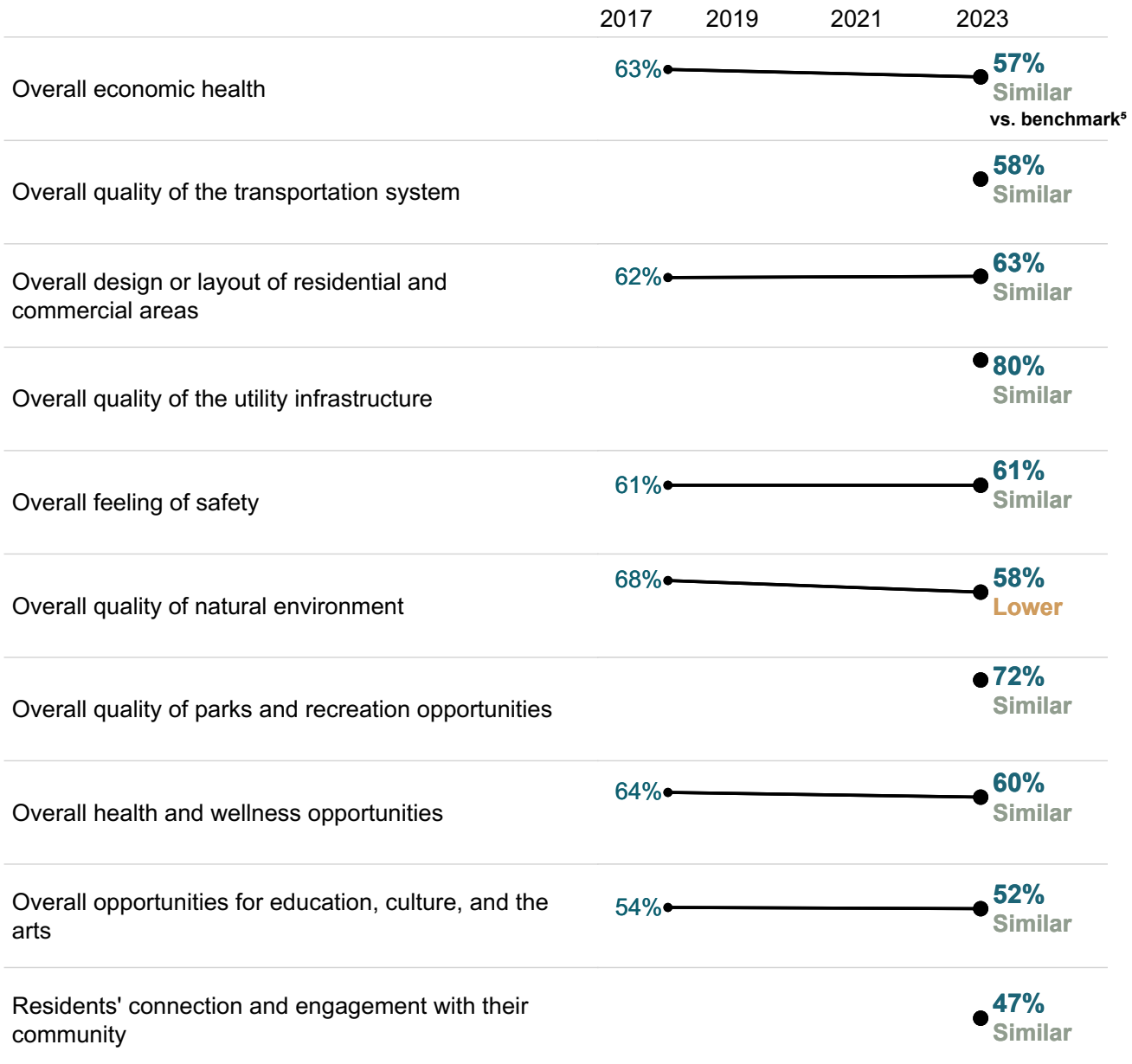
The quadrants in the figure below show which community facets were given higher or lower importance ratings (right-left) and which had higher or lower quality ratings (up-down). Facets of livability falling closer to a diagonal line from the lower left to the upper right are those where performance ratings are more commensurate with resident priorities. Facets scoring closest to the lower right hand corner of the matrix (higher in importance and lower in quality) are those that may warrant further investigation to see if changes to their delivery are necessary to improve their performance. This is the key part of this chart on which to focus. Facets falling in the top left hand corner of the chart (lower in importance but higher in quality) are areas where performance may outscore resident priorities, and may be a consideration for lower resource allocation.



Quality and Importance by the Numbers

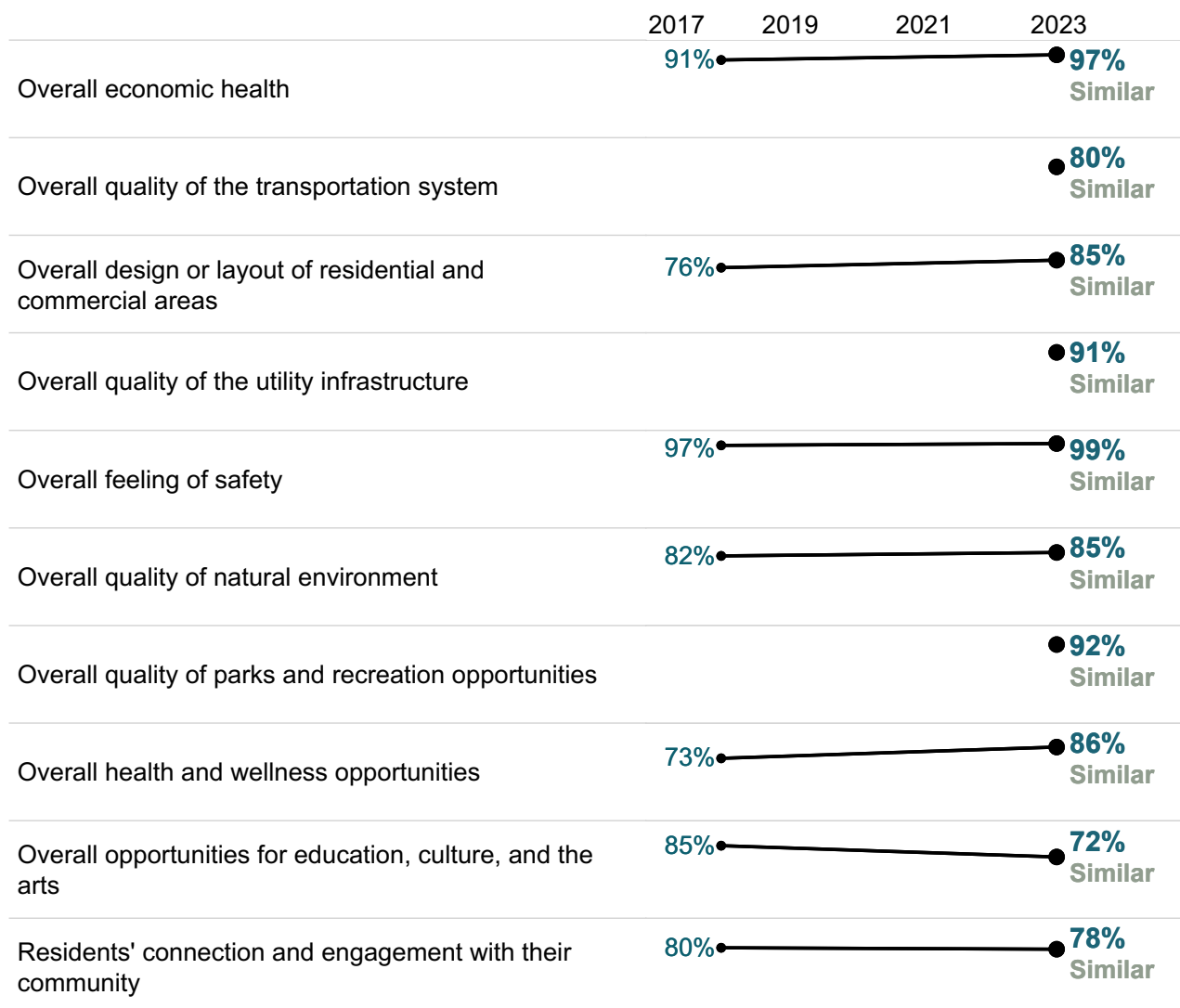
The charts below show the proportion of residents who rated the community facets positively for quality and the priority (importance) placed on each. Also displayed is whether local ratings were lower, similar, or higher than communities across the country (the national benchmark).

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.

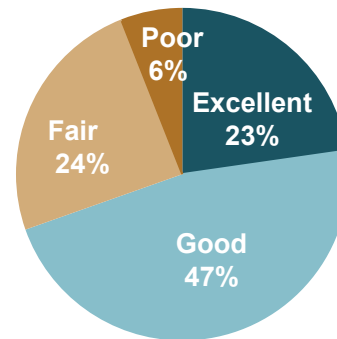
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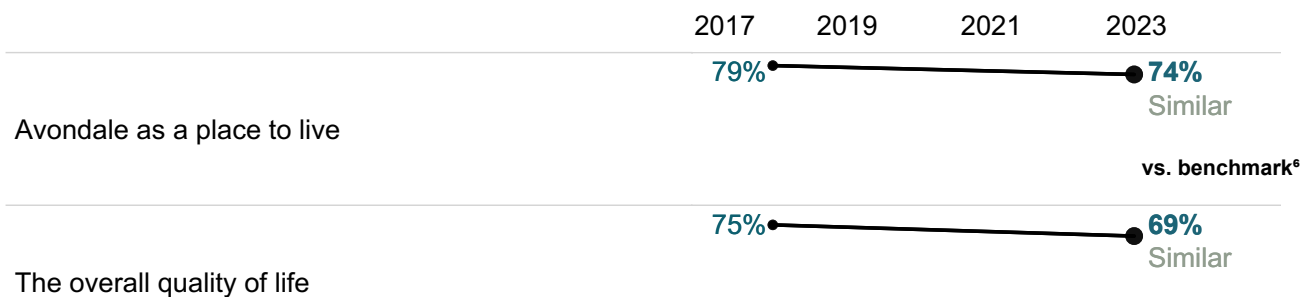
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Quality of Life

Measuring community livability starts with assessing the quality of life of those who live there, and ensuring that the community is attractive, accessible, and welcoming to all.



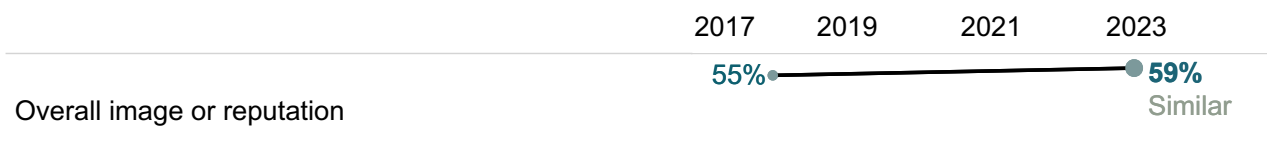
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.
(% excellent or good)



Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.
(% very or somewhat likely)



Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.
(% excellent or good)

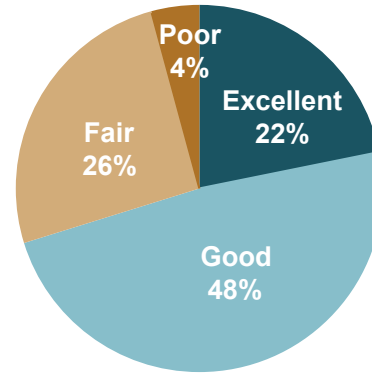


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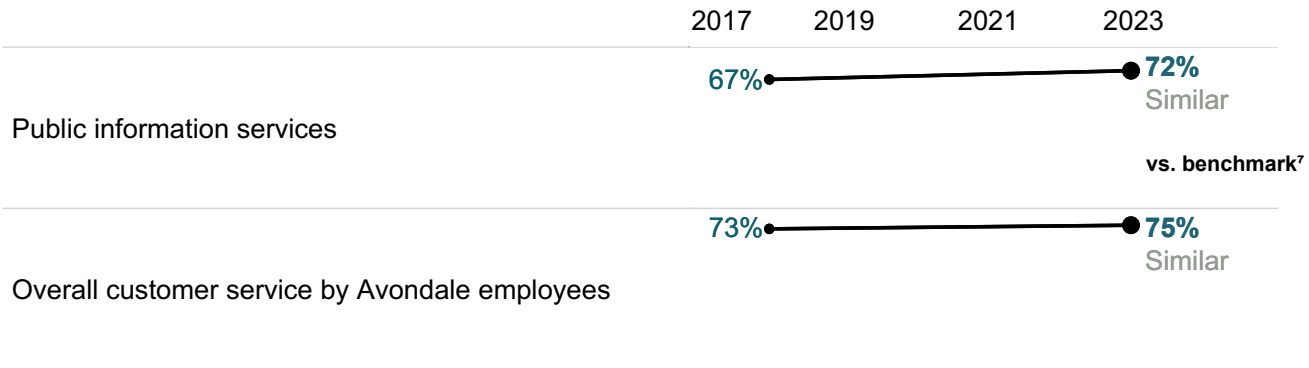
Governance

Strong local governments produce results that meet the needs of residents while making the best use of available resources, and are responsive to the present and future needs of the community as a whole.

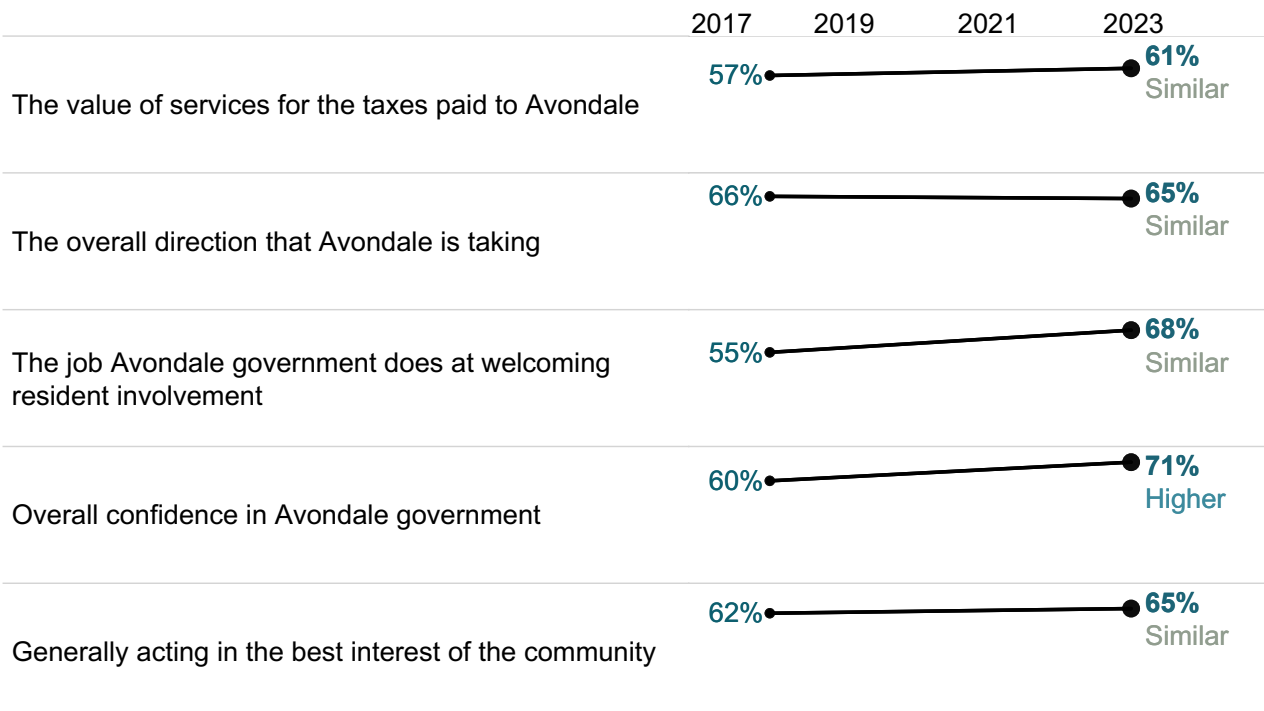
Overall confidence in Avondale government, 2023

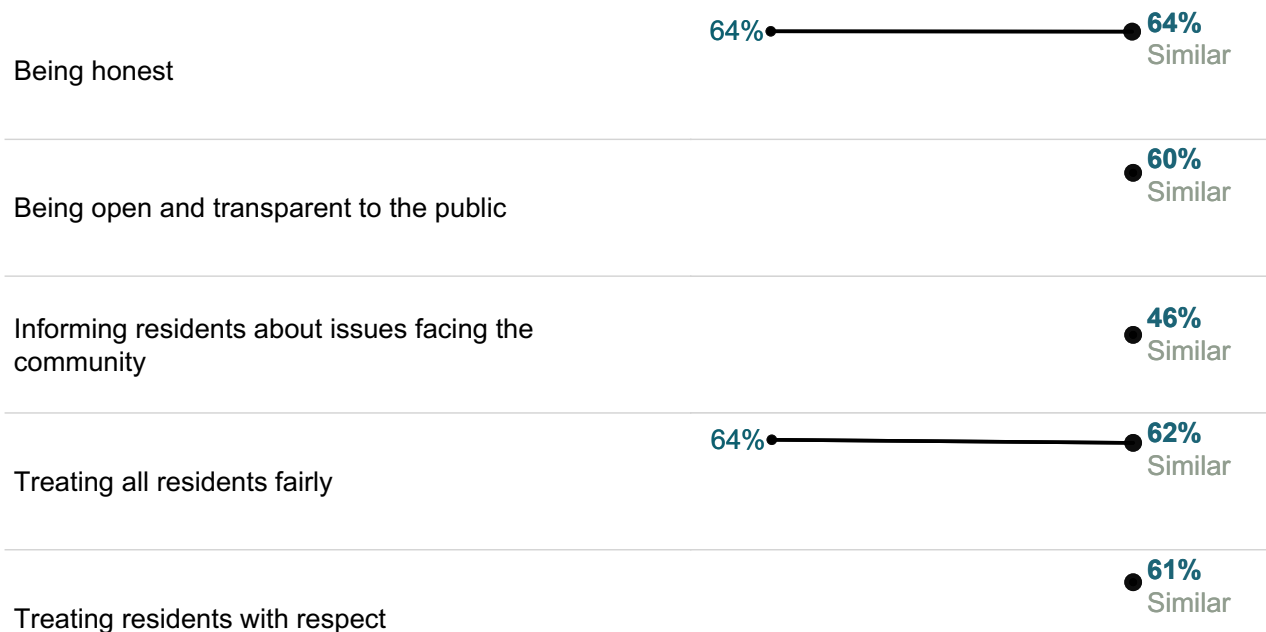


Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate the following categories of Avondale government performance.
(% excellent or good)





Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?
 (% excellent or good)



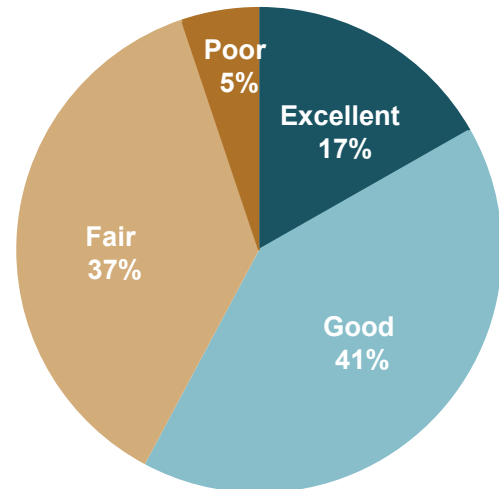
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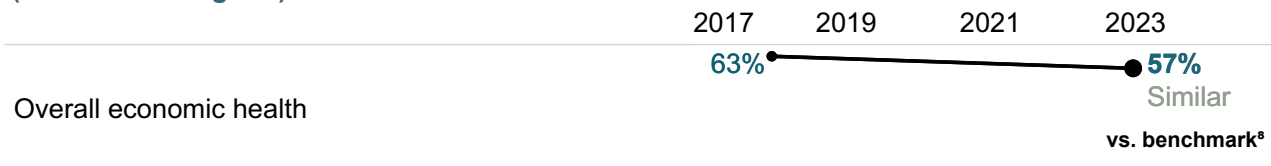
Overall economic health of Avondale, 2023

Economy

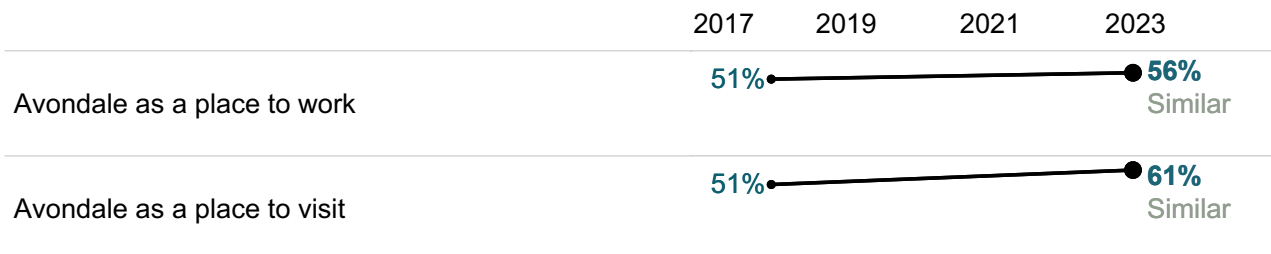
Local governments work together with private and nonprofit businesses, and with the community at large, to foster sustainable growth, create jobs, and promote a thriving local economy.



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(% excellent or good)



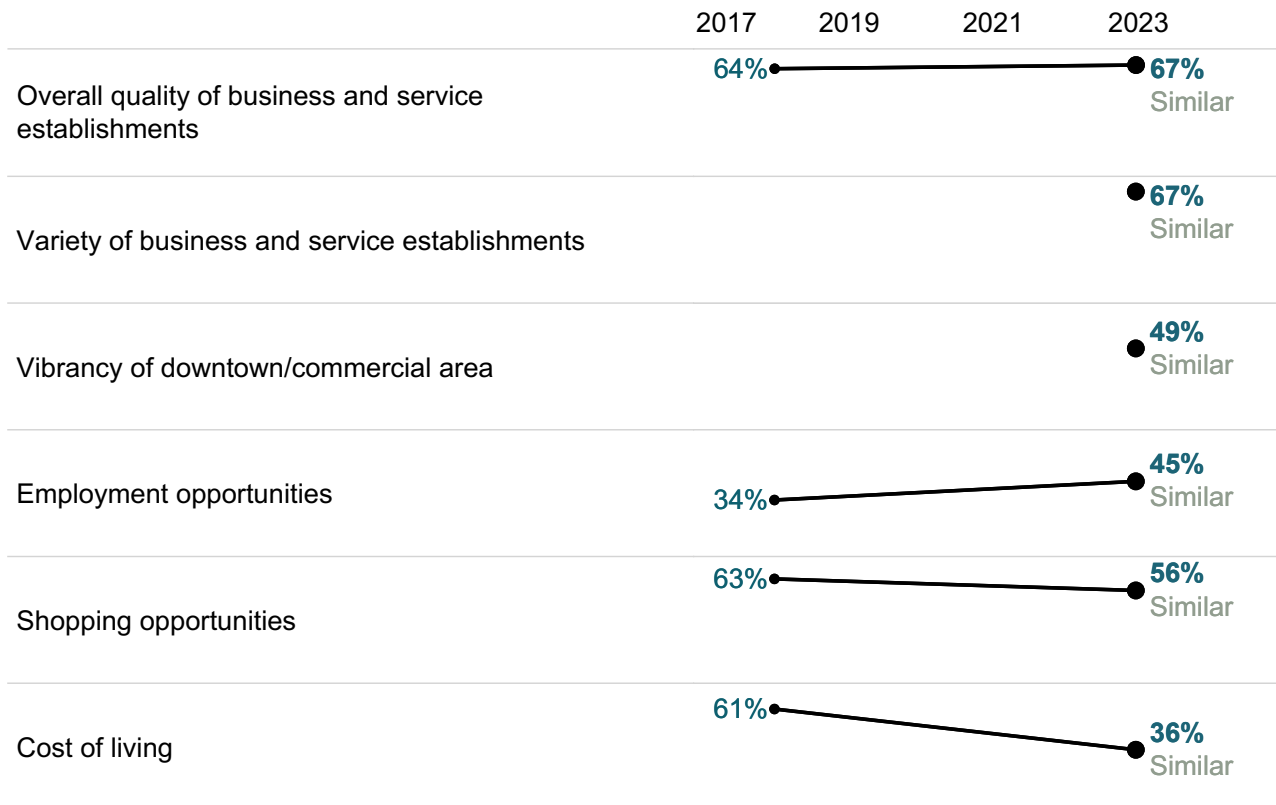
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(% excellent or good)



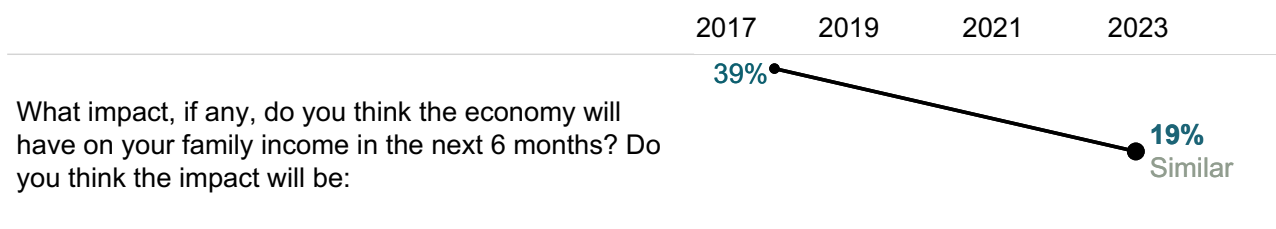
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.
 (% excellent or good)



What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:
 (% very or somewhat positive)

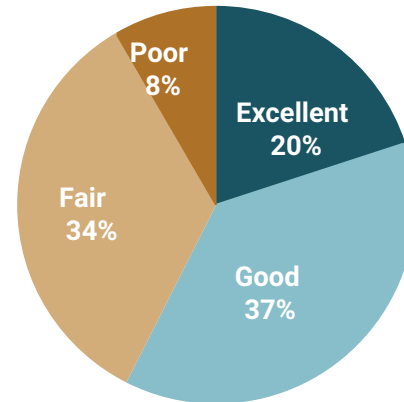


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Overall quality of the transportation system in Avondale, 2023

Mobility

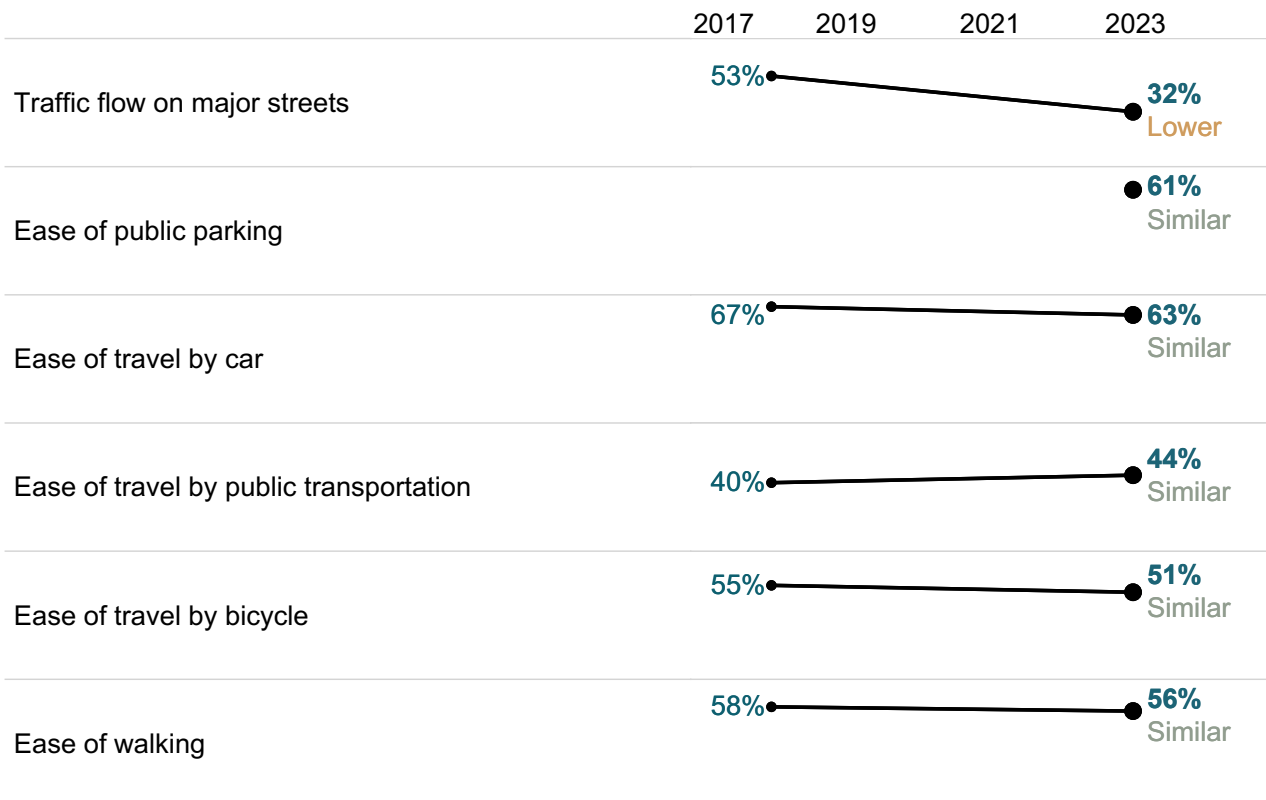
The ease with which residents can move about their communities, whether for commuting, leisure, or recreation, plays a major role in the quality of life for all who live, work, and play in the community.



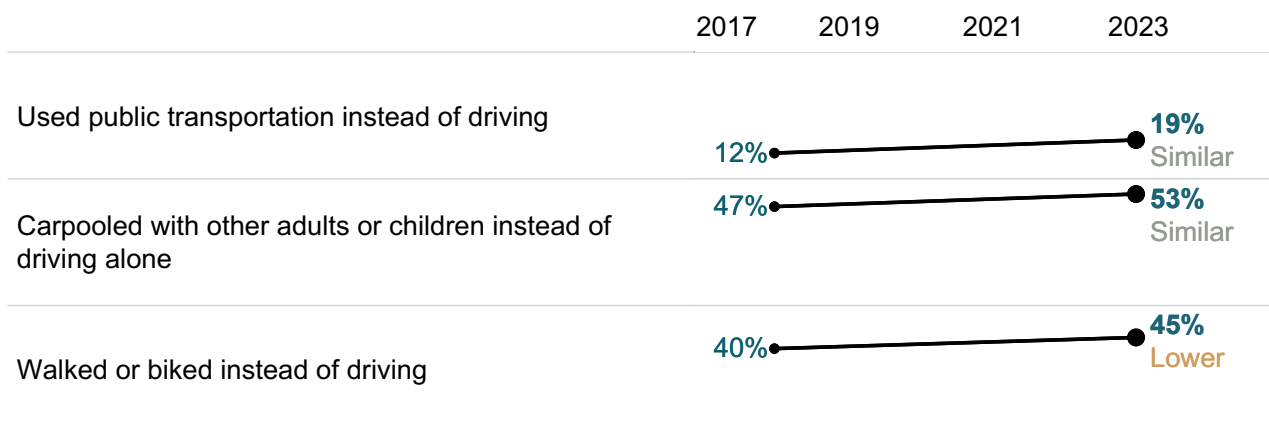
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(% excellent or good)



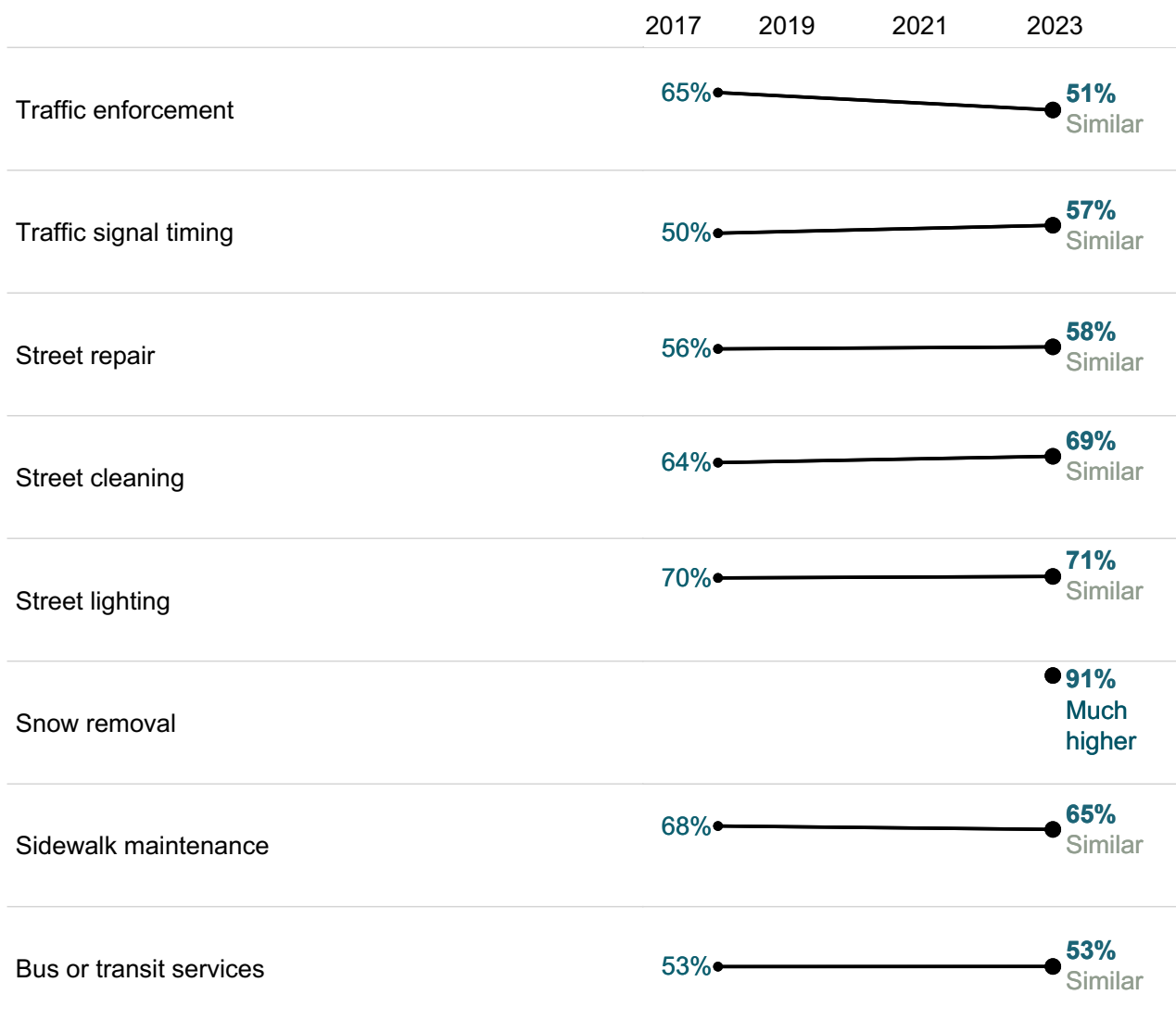
Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.
(% excellent or good)



Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.
(% yes)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.
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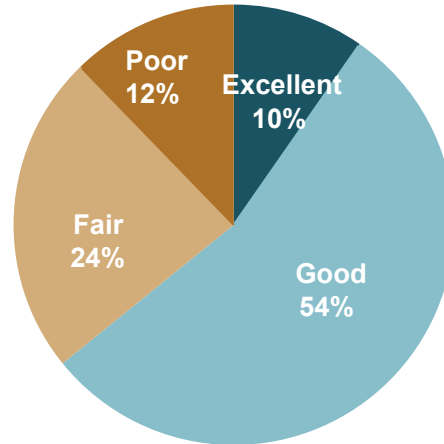


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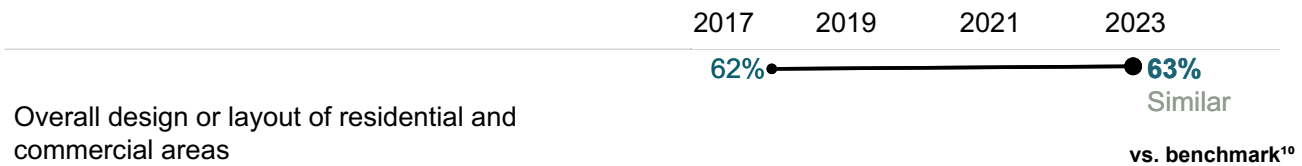
Overall design or layout of Avondale's residential and commercial areas, 2023

Community Design

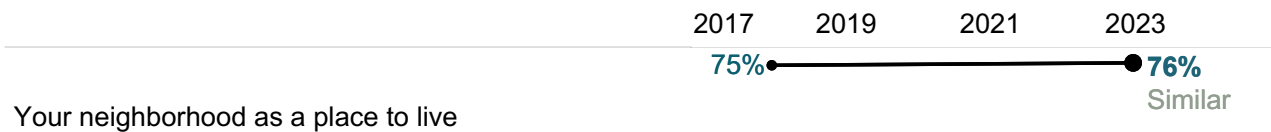
A well-designed community enhances the quality of life for its residents by encouraging smart land use and zoning, ensuring that affordable housing is accessible to all, and providing access to parks and other green spaces.



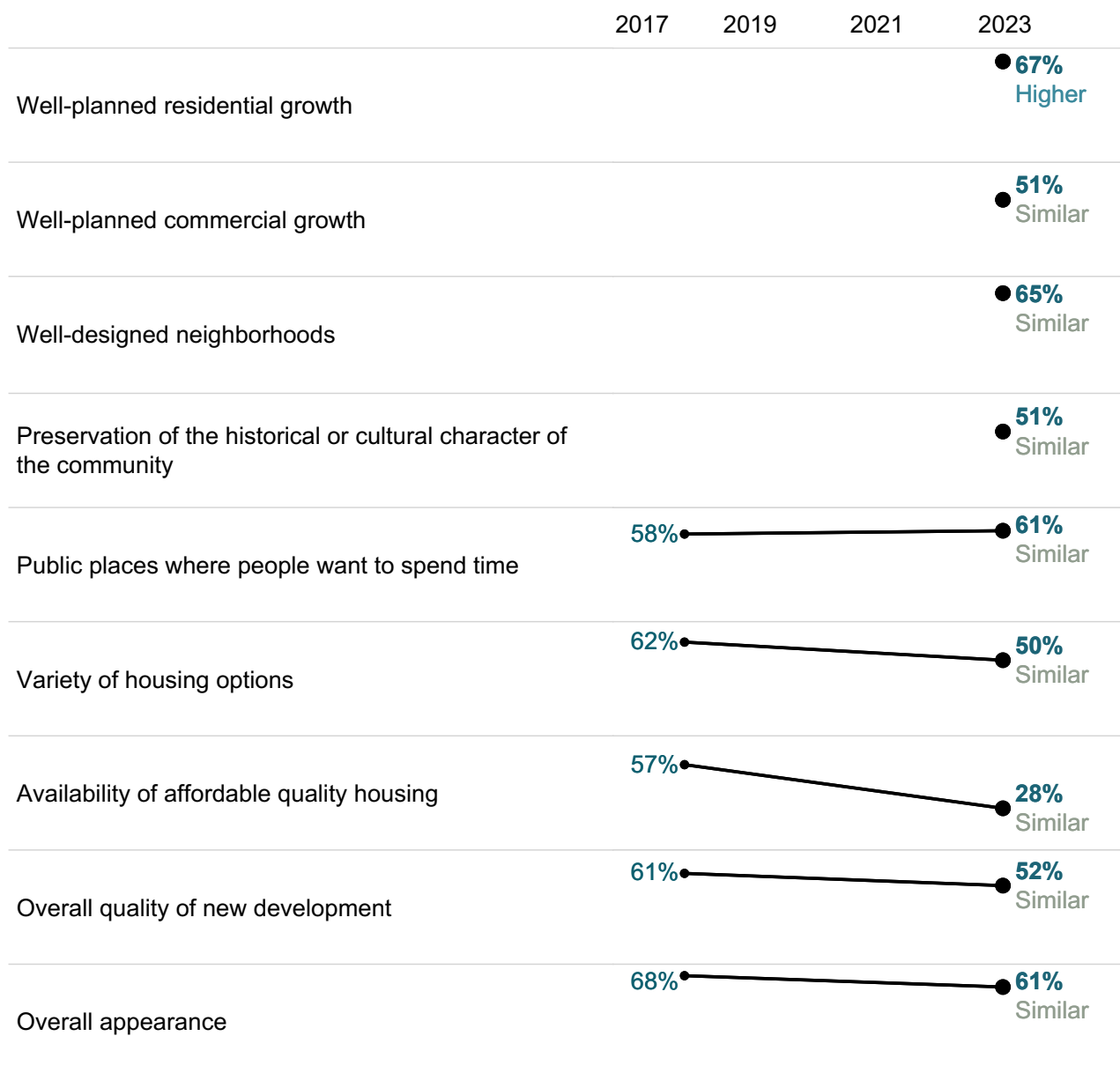
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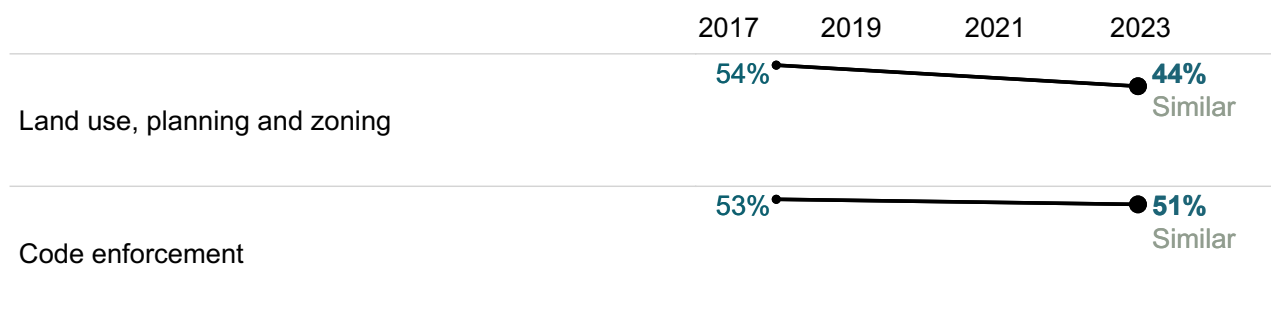
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.
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Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.
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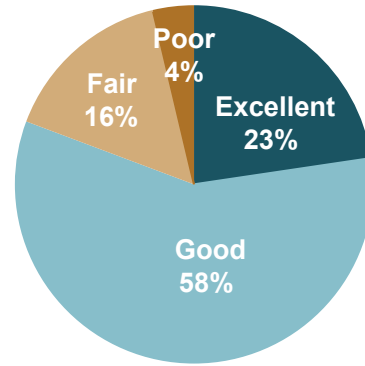


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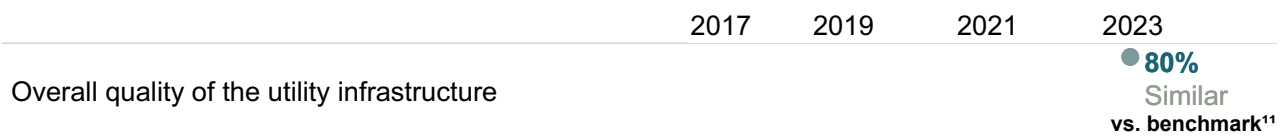
Utilities

Services such as water, gas, electricity, and internet access play a vital role in ensuring the physical and economic health and well-being of the communities they serve.

Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Avondale, 2023



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(% excellent or good)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.
(% excellent or good)

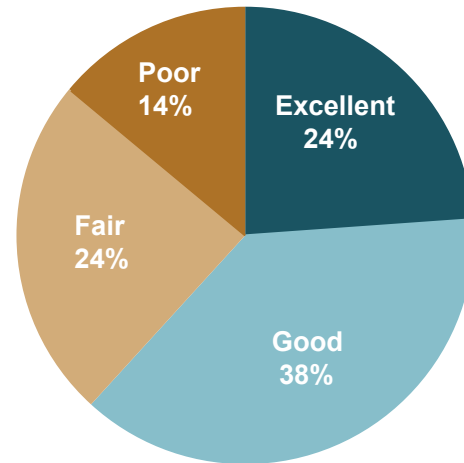


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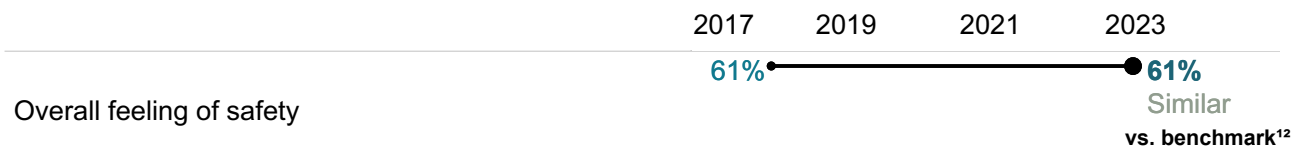
Overall feeling of safety in Avondale, 2023

Safety

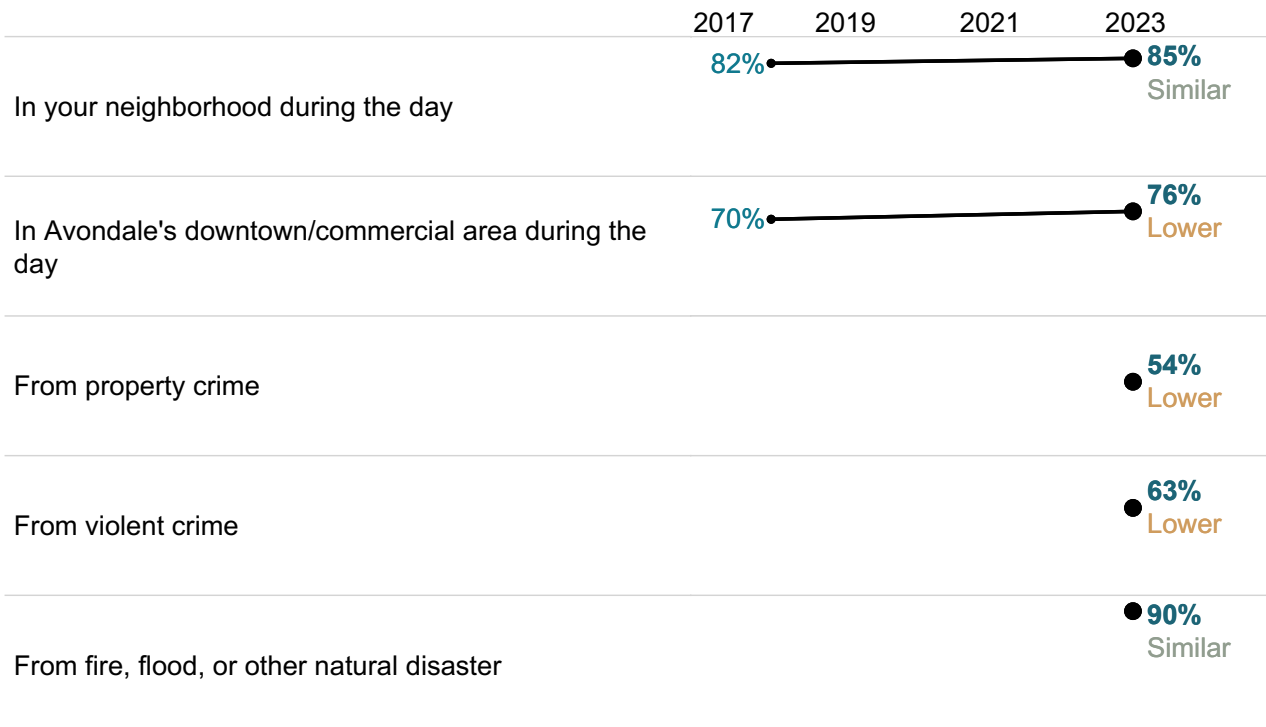
Public safety is often the most important task facing local governments. All residents should feel safe and secure in their neighborhoods and in the greater community, and providing robust safety-related services is essential to residents' quality of life.



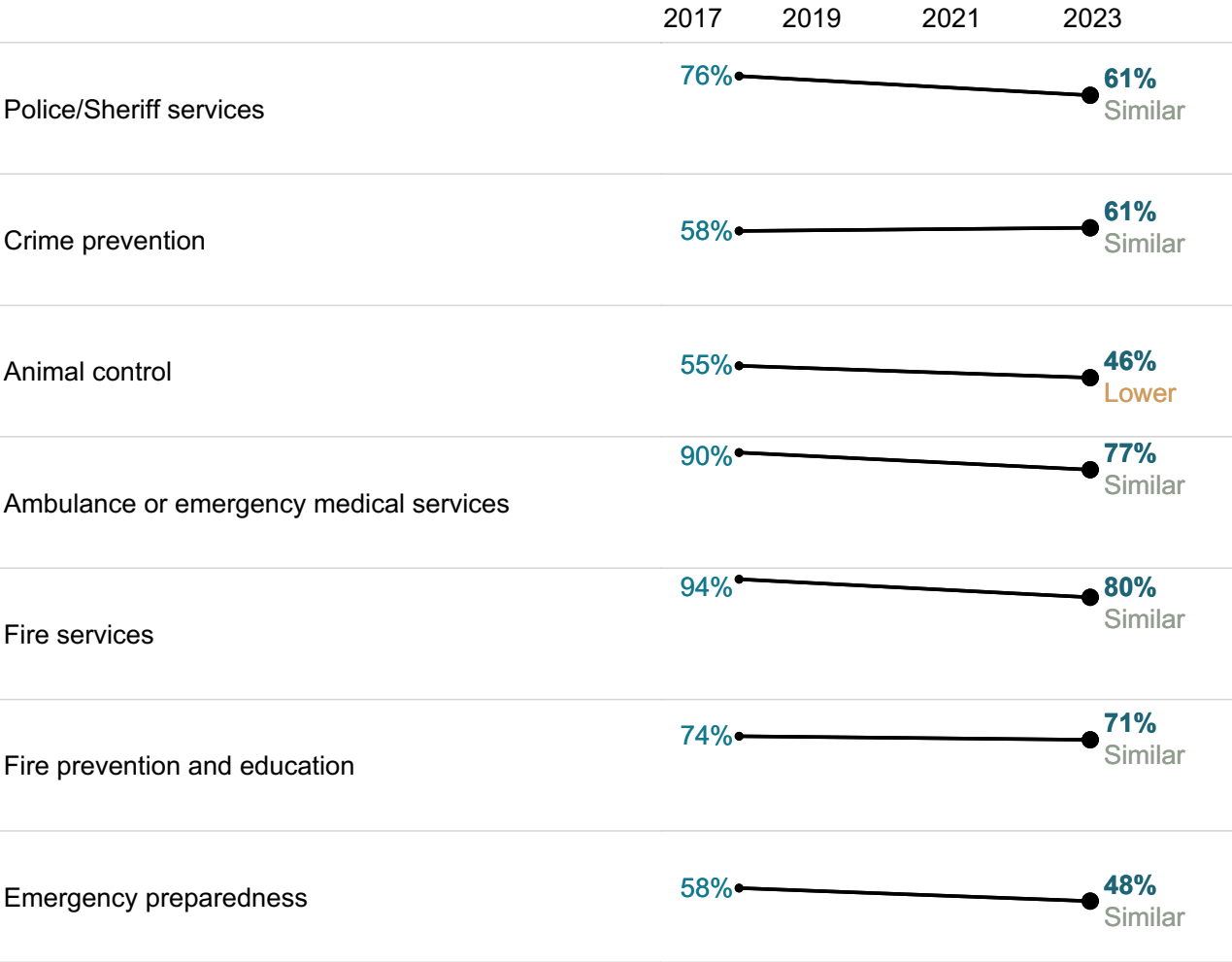
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:
(% very or somewhat safe)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.
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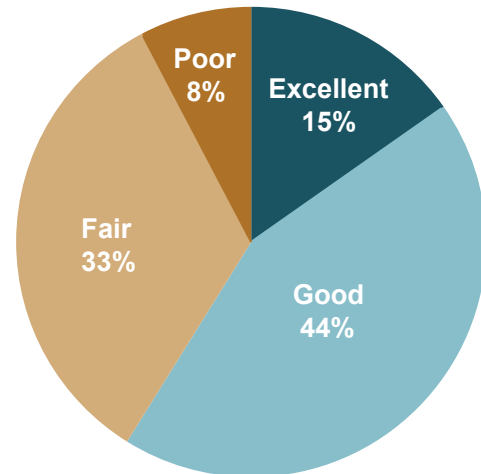


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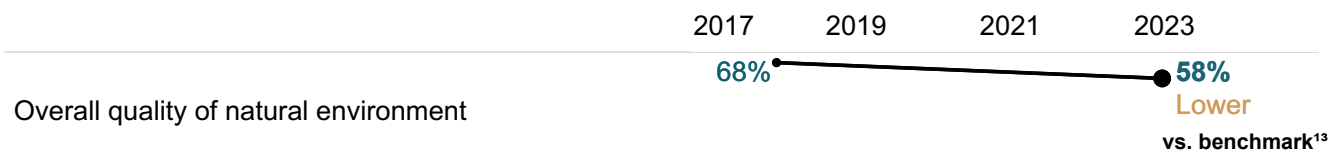
Overall quality of natural environment in Avondale, 2023

Natural Environment

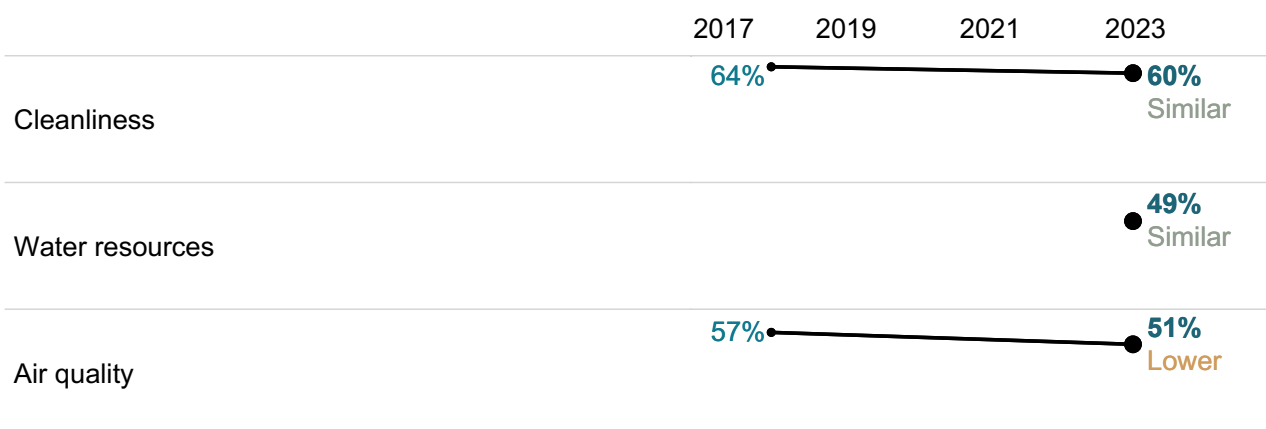
The natural environment plays a vital role in the health and well-being of residents. The natural spaces in which residents live and experience their communities has a direct and profound effect on quality of life.



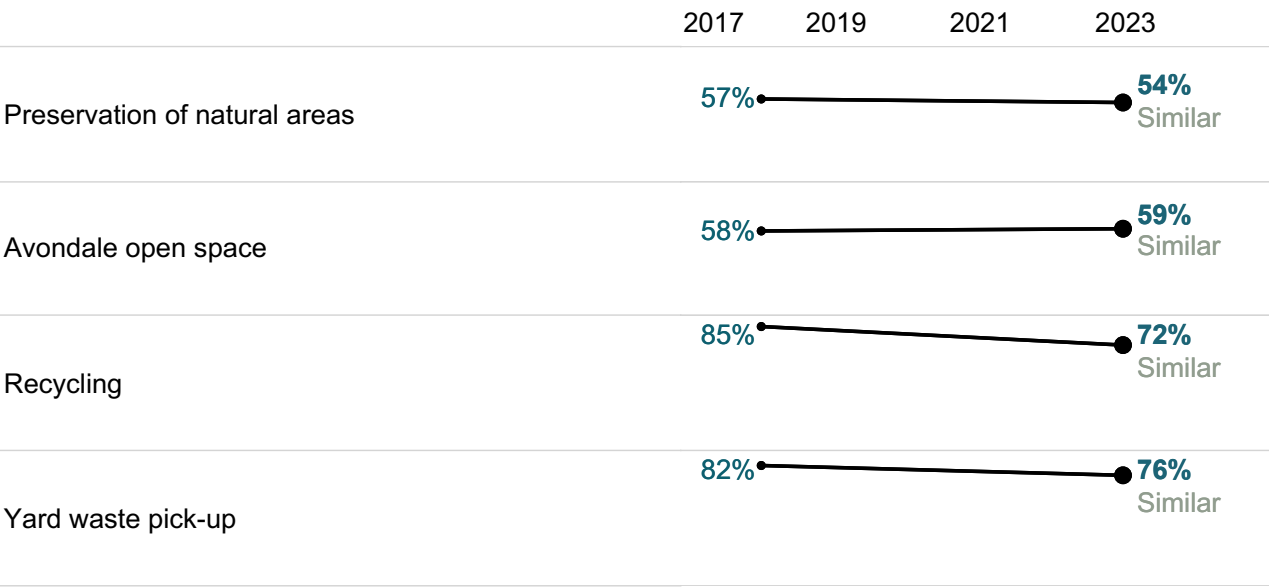
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.
(% excellent or good)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.
(% excellent or good)



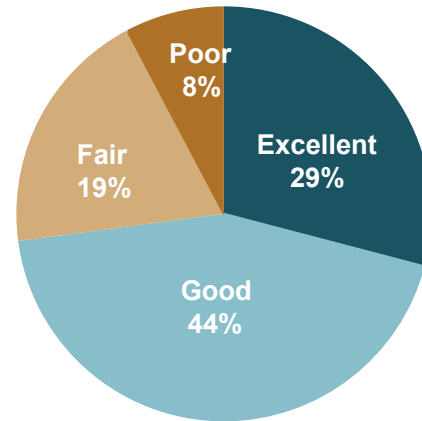
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Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2023

Parks and Recreation

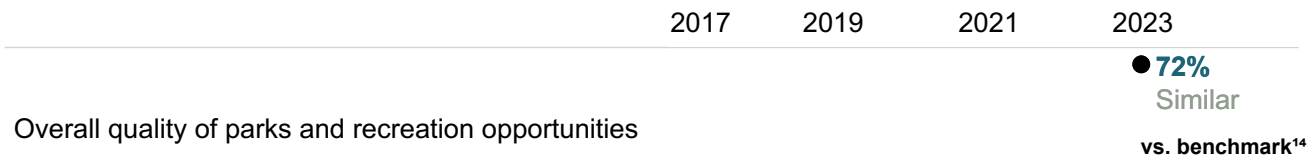
"There are no communities that pride themselves on their quality of life, promote themselves as a desirable location for businesses to relocate, or maintain that they are environmental stewards of their natural resources, without such communities having a robust, active system of parks and recreation programs for public use and enjoyment."

- National Recreation and Park Association



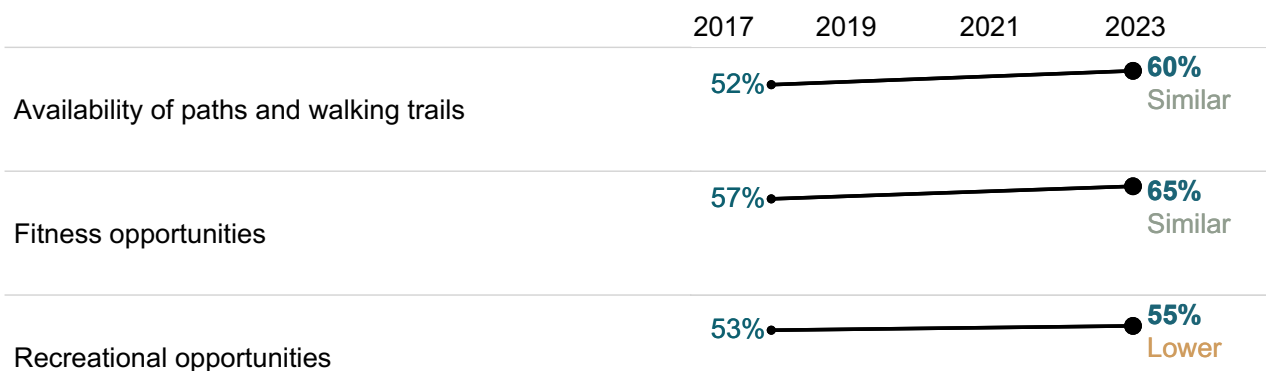
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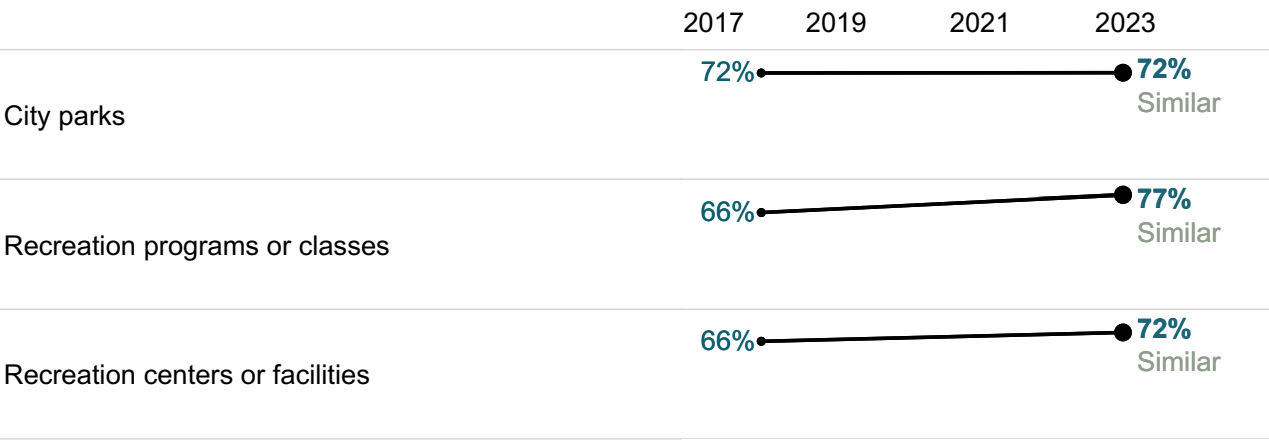


Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.

(% excellent or good)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.
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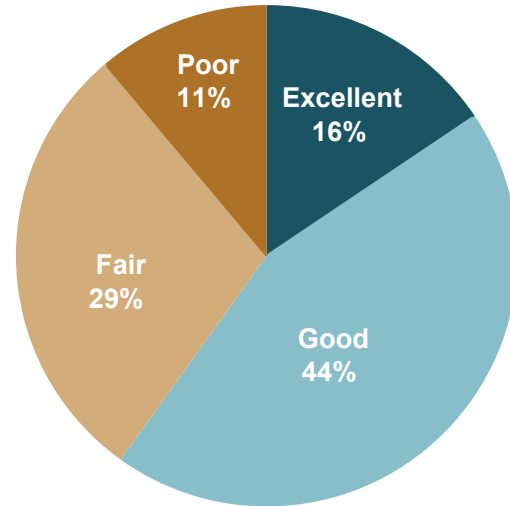
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Overall health and wellness opportunities in Avondale, 2023

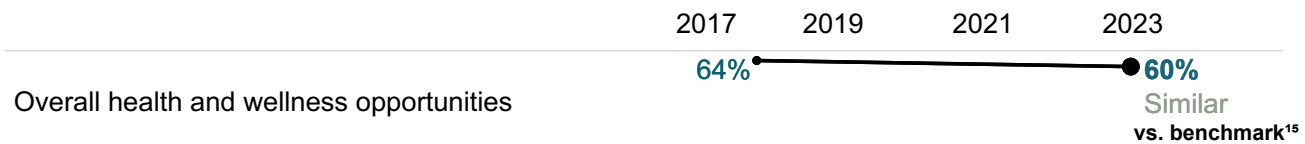


Health and Wellness

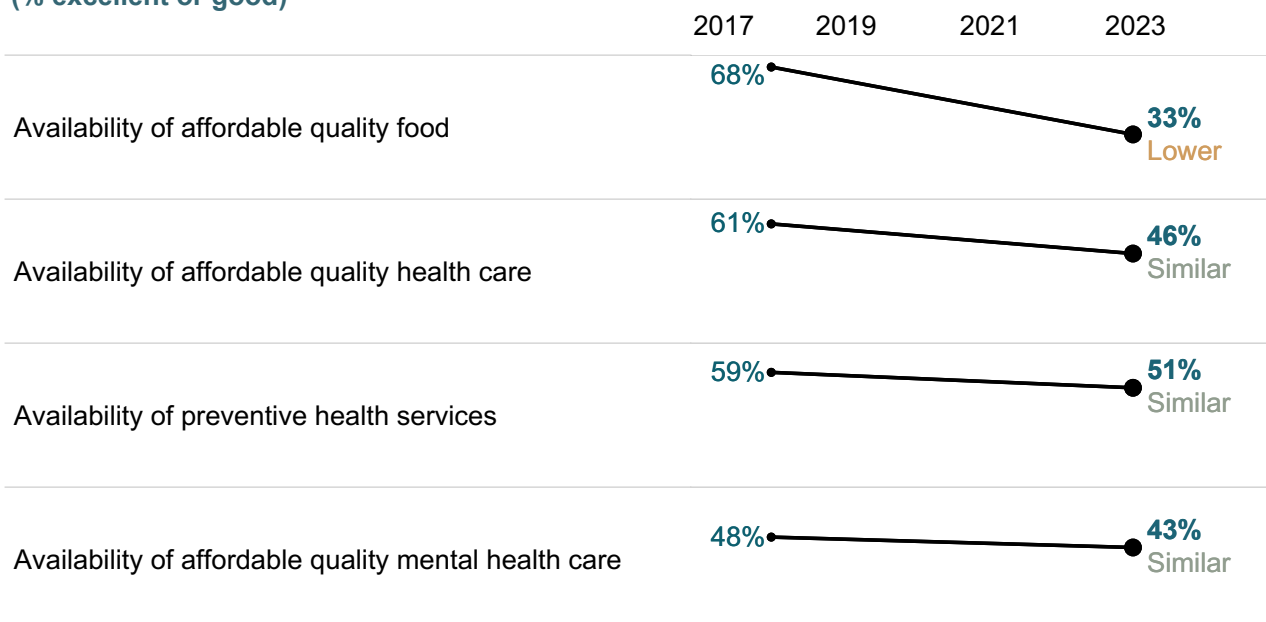
The characteristics of and amenities available in the communities in which people live has a direct impact on the health and wellness of residents, and thus, on their quality of life overall.



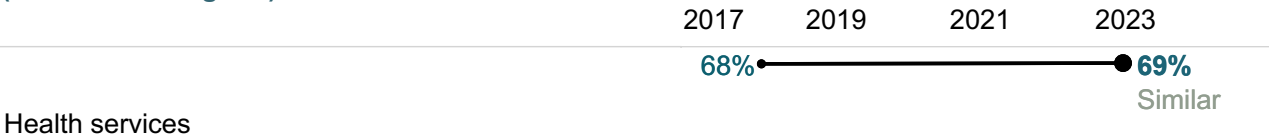
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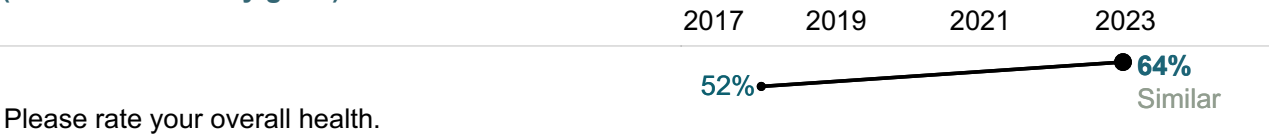
Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.
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Please rate your overall health.
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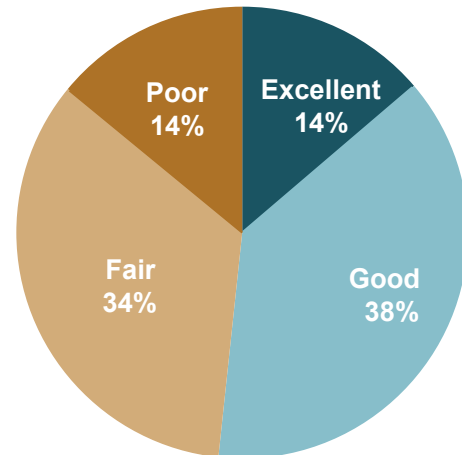


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Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2023

Education, Arts, and Culture

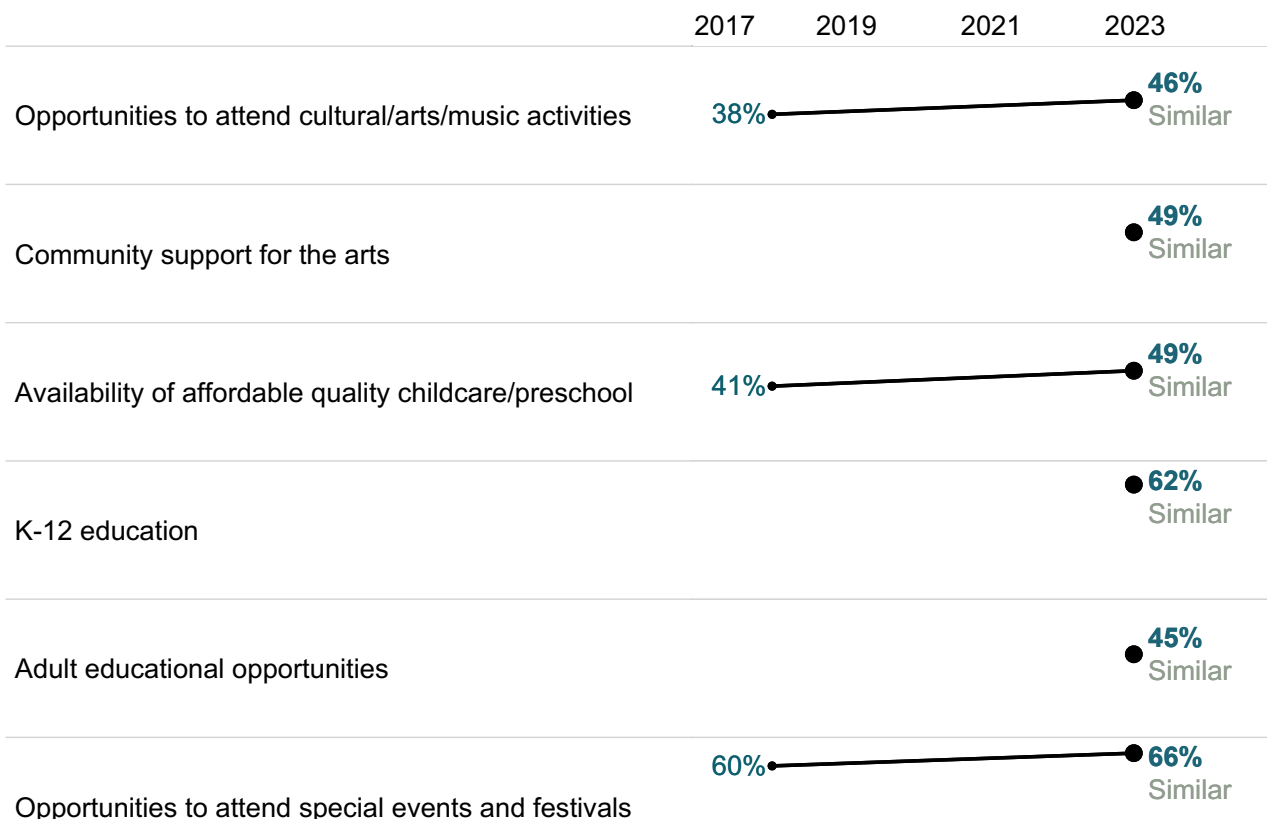
Participation in the arts, in educational opportunities, and in cultural activities is linked to increased civic engagement, greater social tolerance, and enhanced enjoyment of the local community.



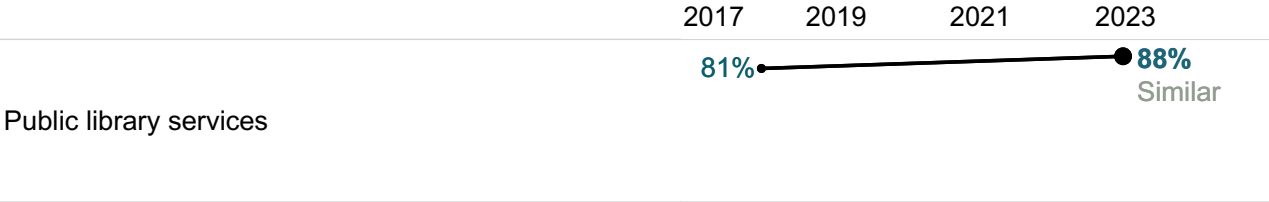
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.
(% excellent or good)



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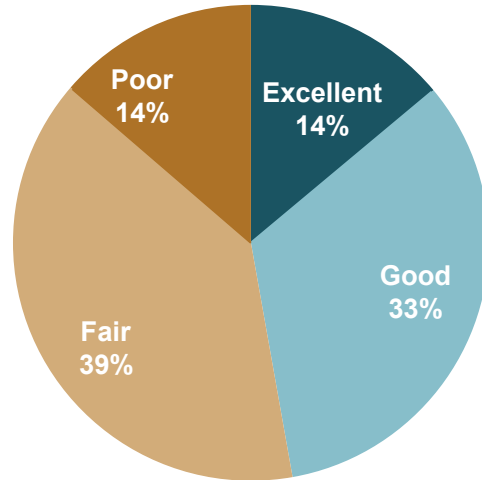


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Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2023

Inclusivity and Engagement

Inclusivity refers to a cultural and environmental feeling of belonging; residents who feel invited to participate within their communities feel more included, involved, and engaged than those who do not.



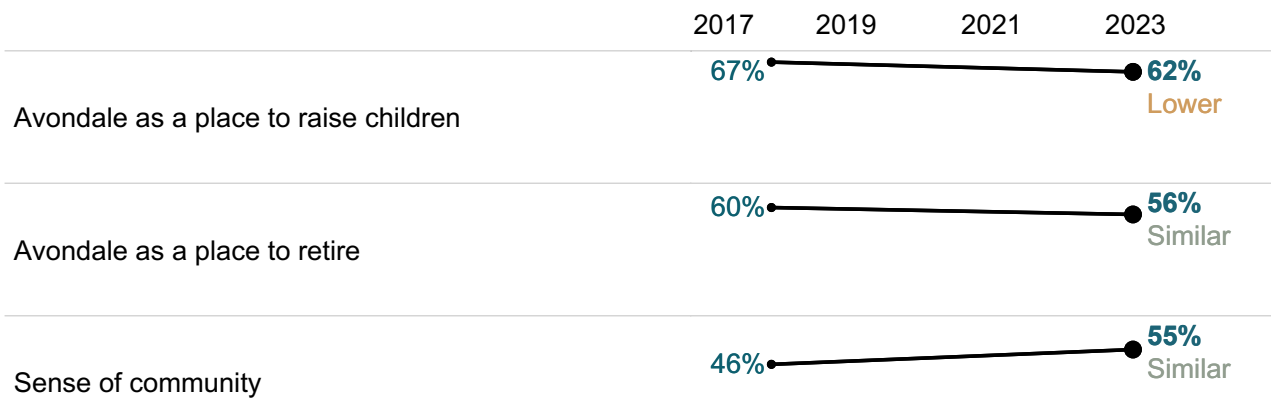
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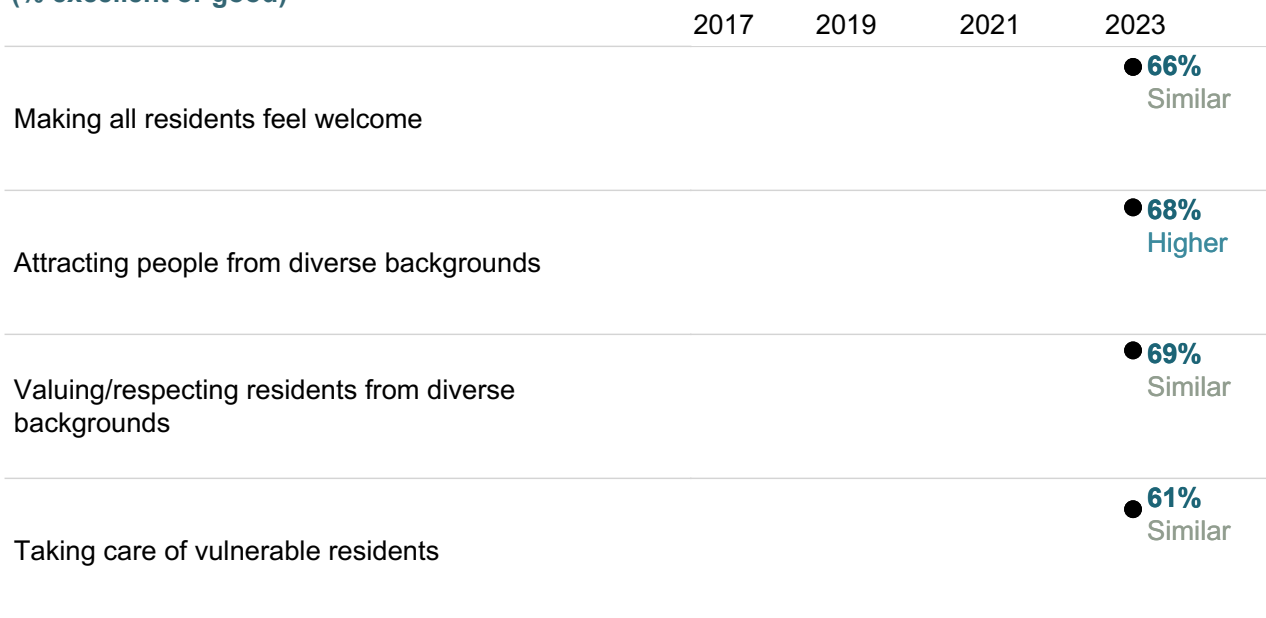
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.

(% excellent or good)



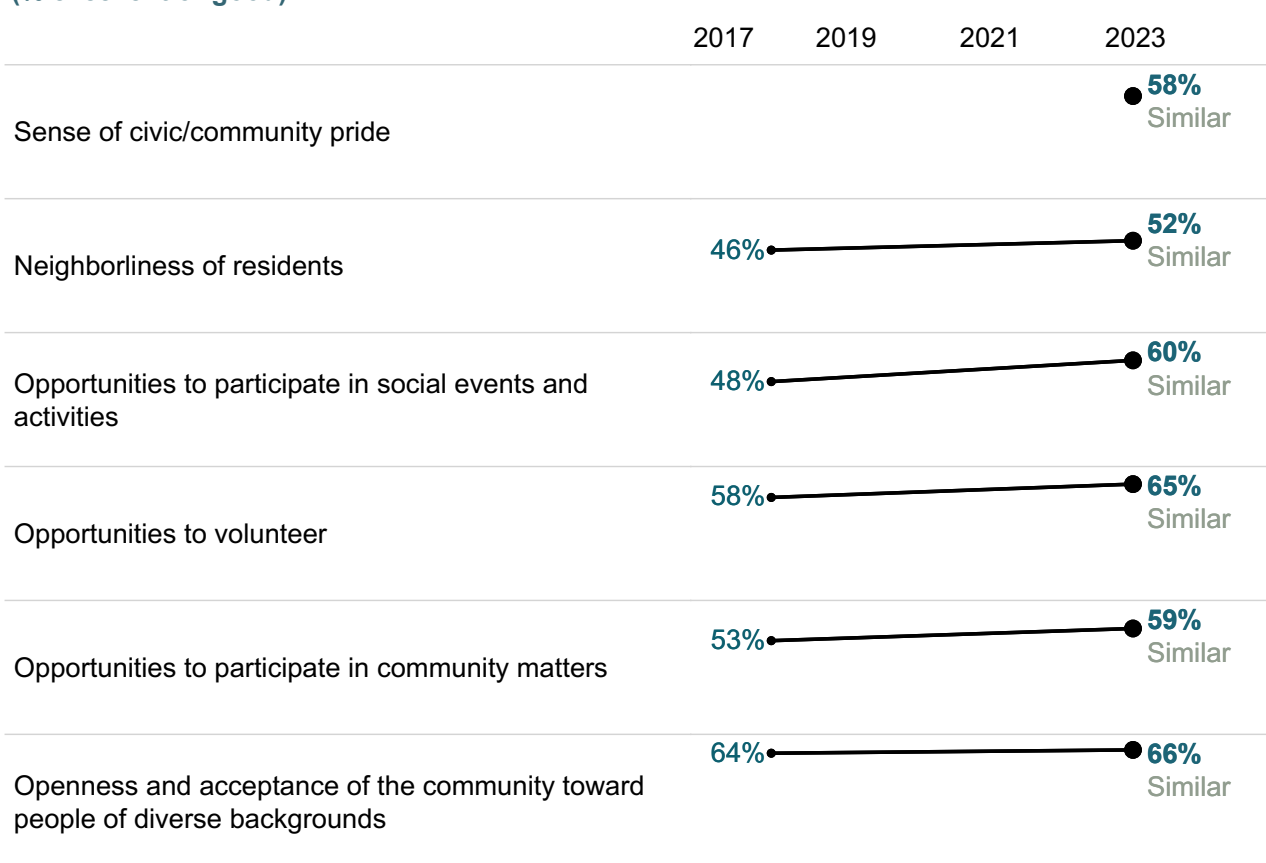
Please rate the job you feel the Avondale community does at each of the following.

(% excellent or good)



Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.

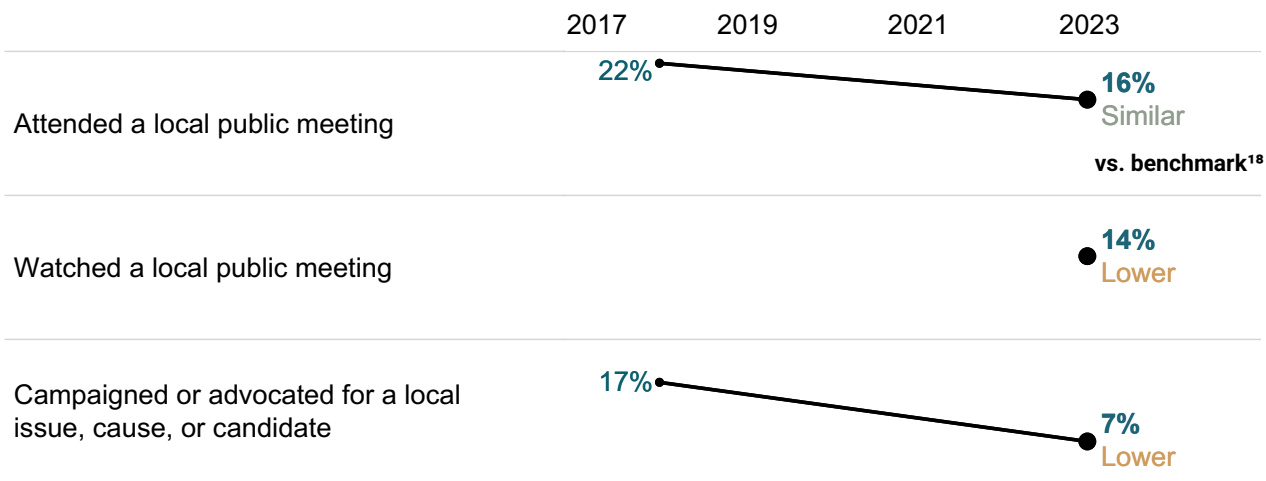
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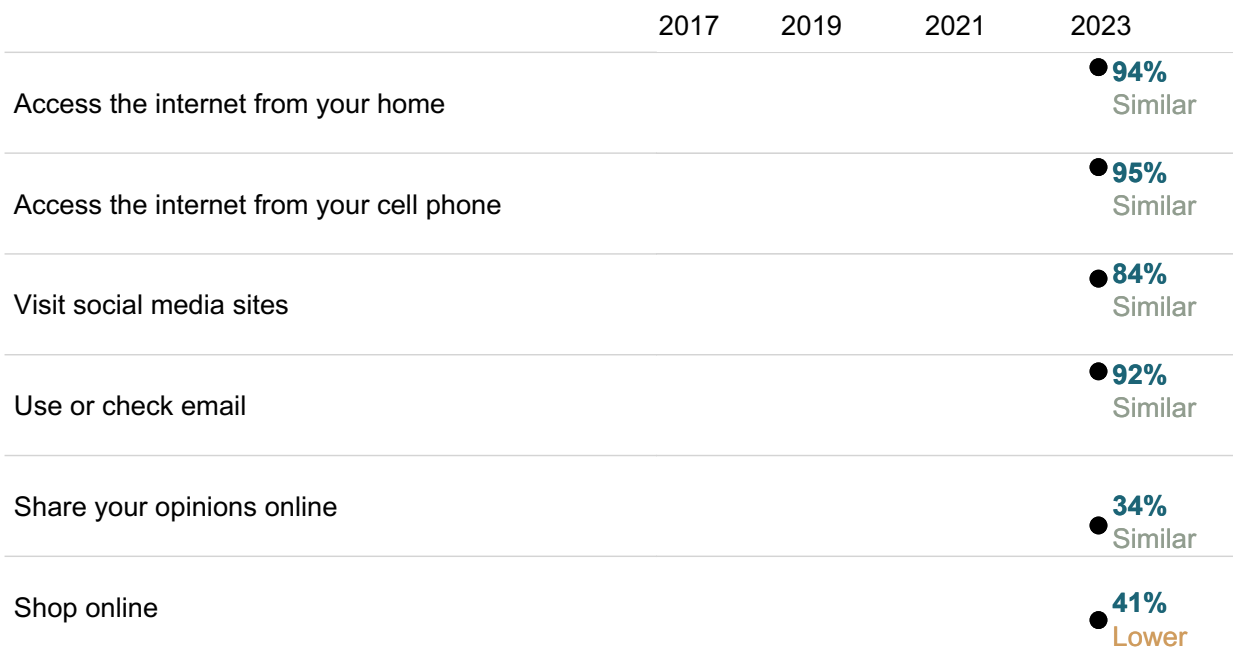
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Residents' Participation Levels

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.
(% yes)



In general, how many times do you:
(% a few times a week or more)



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National Benchmark Tables

This table contains the comparisons of Avondale's results to those from other communities. The first column shows the comparison of Avondale's rating to the benchmark. Avondale's results are noted as being "higher", "lower" or "similar" to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Avondale residents is statistically similar to or different than the benchmark. The second column is Avondale's "percent positive." Most commonly, the percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., excellent/good). The third column is the rank assigned to Avondale's rating among communities where a similar question was asked. The fourth column is the number of communities that asked a similar question. The fifth column shows the percentile for Avondale's result -- that is what percent of surveyed communities had a lower rating than Avondale.

			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile	
Quality of Life	Please rate each of the following aspects of Avondale as a place to live	Similar	74%	281	376	22	
		The overall quality of life	Similar	69%	281	392	26
	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Avondale to someone who asks	Similar	77%	235	324	27
		Remain in Avondale for the next five years	Similar	77%	260	322	19
	Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Overall image or reputation	Similar	59%	256	370	28
Governance	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Public information services	Similar	72%	120	324	62
		Overall customer service by Avondale employees	Similar	75%	190	372	47
	Please rate the following categories of Avondale government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Avondale	Similar	61%	112	377	69
		The overall direction that Avondale is taking	Similar	65%	86	352	75
		The job Avondale government does at welcoming resident involvement	Similar	68%	57	344	83
		Overall confidence in Avondale government	Higher	71%	17	316	94
		Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	65%	51	320	84
		Being honest	Similar	64%	81	311	74
		Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	60%	63	266	76
		Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	46%	116	270	57
		Treating all residents fairly	Similar	62%	115	317	64
		Treating residents with respect	Similar	61%	118	263	55

Governance	Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Avondale	Similar	69%	135	371	62
		The Federal Government	Similar	41%	144	304	52
Economy	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Avondale as a place to work	Similar	56%	270	370	24
		Avondale as a place to visit	Similar	61%	208	329	36
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall economic health	Similar	57%	177	323	45
		Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	67%	191	323	40
	Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Variety of business and service establishments	Similar	67%	90	261	65
		Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	49%	171	303	43
		Employment opportunities	Similar	45%	204	336	38
		Shopping opportunities	Similar	56%	134	326	58
		Cost of living	Similar	36%	146	313	53
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Economic development	Similar	61%	122	318	61
		Overall economic health	Similar	97%	11	297	96
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the comi..	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Similar	19%	156	306	49
Mobility	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	58%	69	269	74
		Traffic flow on major streets	Lower	32%	279	344	16
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Ease of public parking	Similar	61%	136	303	55
		Ease of travel by car	Similar	63%	204	334	38
		Ease of travel by public transportation	Similar	44%	88	306	71
		Ease of travel by bicycle	Similar	51%	164	334	50
		Ease of walking	Similar	56%	230	338	31
	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Used public transportation instead of driving	Similar	19%	114	288	60

Mobility	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	Similar	53%	53	305	82
		Walked or biked instead of driving	Lower	45%	246	307	20
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Traffic enforcement	Similar	51%	273	365	23
		Traffic signal timing	Similar	57%	149	316	53
		Street repair	Similar	58%	85	357	76
		Street cleaning	Similar	69%	149	327	54
		Street lighting	Similar	71%	110	355	68
		Snow removal	Much higher	91%	4	280	98
		Sidewalk maintenance	Similar	65%	109	327	66
		Bus or transit services	Similar	53%	80	295	73
		Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	80%	84	259	67
		Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	80%	84	259	67
Community Design	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	76%	260	330	20
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	63%	170	314	46
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Well-planned residential growth	Higher	67%	48	263	82
		Well-planned commercial growth	Similar	51%	108	262	59
		Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	65%	87	263	66
		Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Similar	51%	161	259	38
		Public places where people want to spend time	Similar	61%	185	308	40
		Variety of housing options	Similar	50%	111	321	65
		Availability of affordable quality housing	Similar	28%	149	343	56
		Overall quality of new development	Similar	52%	126	332	62
		Overall appearance	Similar	61%	212	346	37
		Overall appearance	Similar	61%	212	346	37

Community Design	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Land use, planning and zoning	Similar	44%	171	327	47
		Code enforcement	Similar	51%	151	357	56
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the commi..	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	85%	31	297	89
Utilities	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	80%	60	260	77
		Affordable high-speed internet access	Similar	60%	62	257	76
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Garbage collection	Similar	84%	30	337	91
		Drinking water	Lower	56%	273	325	15
		Sewer services	Similar	85%	103	322	68
		Storm water management	Similar	78%	68	337	79
		Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	76%	101	280	64
		Utility billing	Similar	71%	69	301	77
		Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	91%	90	259	65
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the commi..	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	91%	90	259	65
		Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	91%	90	259	65
Safety	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	61%	269	362	24
		Overall feeling of safety	Similar	61%	269	362	24
	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	85%	303	341	10
		In Avondale's downtown/commercial area during the day	Lower	76%	299	329	8
		From property crime	Lower	54%	229	271	15
		From violent crime	Lower	63%	228	271	15
		From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	90%	85	261	67
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Police/Sheriff services	Similar	61%	309	389	17
		Crime prevention	Similar	61%	230	366	35
		Animal control	Lower	46%	297	338	10
		Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	77%	221	334	32
		Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	77%	221	334	32

Safety	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Fire services	Similar	80%	262	353	23
		Fire prevention and education	Similar	71%	206	322	35
		Emergency preparedness	Similar	48%	268	323	16
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the commi..	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	99%	27	297	91
Natural environment	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of natural environment	Lower	58%	282	323	12
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Cleanliness	Similar	60%	233	337	30
		Water resources	Similar	49%	180	242	26
		Air quality	Lower	51%	289	310	7
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Preservation of natural areas	Similar	54%	221	308	28
		Avondale open space	Similar	59%	182	306	40
		Recycling	Similar	72%	150	341	55
		Yard waste pick-up	Similar	76%	86	303	71
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the commi..	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	85%	123	297	58
Parks and Recreation	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	72%	178	266	33
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Availability of paths and walking trails	Similar	60%	241	338	27
		Fitness opportunities	Similar	65%	231	310	25
		Recreational opportunities	Lower	55%	269	328	17
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	City parks	Similar	72%	176	334	47
		Recreation programs or classes	Similar	77%	146	331	55
		Recreation centers or facilities	Similar	72%	137	318	57
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the commi..	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	92%	1	260	100
Health and wellness	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	60%	235	316	25

Health and wellness	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Availability of affordable quality food	Lower	33%	292	308	5
		Availability of affordable quality health care	Similar	46%	203	315	35
		Availability of preventive health services	Similar	51%	202	302	33
		Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Similar	43%	154	306	50
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Health services	Similar	69%	107	298	64
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the commi..	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	86%	53	297	82
		Please rate your overall health.	Similar	64%	210	303	31
Education, Arts and Culture	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	52%	230	319	28
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	46%	242	324	25
		Community support for the arts	Similar	49%	183	259	29
		Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Similar	49%	180	316	43
		K-12 education	Similar	62%	214	320	33
		Adult educational opportunities	Similar	45%	214	310	31
		Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	66%	123	314	60
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Public library services	Similar	88%	147	333	55
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the commi..	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	72%	157	297	47
Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Avondale as a place to raise children	Lower	62%	289	380	21
		Avondale as a place to retire	Similar	56%	276	375	24
		Sense of community	Similar	55%	248	341	26
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	47%	173	263	34
	Please rate the job you feel the Avondale community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	66%	67	265	75
		Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Higher	68%	40	262	85

Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate the job you feel the Avondale community does at each of the following.	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Similar	69%	80	263	69
		Taking care of vulnerable residents	Similar	61%	72	259	72
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	58%	157	259	39
		Neighborliness of residents	Similar	52%	259	309	16
		Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	60%	150	319	52
		Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	65%	214	314	31
		Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	59%	200	314	36
		Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Similar	66%	70	332	79
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the commi..	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	78%	15	297	95
Participation	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Avondale for help or information	Similar	40%	264	336	21
		Contacted Avondale elected officials to express your opinion	Similar	8%	298	307	3
		Attended a local public meeting	Similar	16%	208	310	33
		Watched a local public meeting	Lower	14%	269	300	10
		Volunteered your time to some group/activity	Lower	16%	300	313	4
		Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Lower	7%	295	303	2
		Voted in your most recent local election	Much lower	51%	256	259	1
	In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Similar	94%	135	258	48
		Access the internet from your cell phone	Similar	95%	82	260	68
		Visit social media sites	Similar	84%	37	260	86
		Use or check email	Similar	92%	242	261	7
		Share your opinions online	Similar	34%	35	259	86
		Shop online	Lower	41%	246	258	5

Full Trends

This table contains the trends over time for the City of Avondale. The combined "percent positive" responses for each survey year are presented (e.g., excellent/good or yes). If an item was not included during an administration of the survey, no percentage will be shown in the table. If the difference between the 2018 and 2023 surveys is greater than 10 percentage points, the change is statistically significant.

It is important to note that in 2020, The NCS survey was updated to include new and refreshed items. Consequently, some of the trends may be impacted due to wording modifications that could have potentially altered the meaning of the item for the respondent.

			2006	2016	2018	2023
Quality of Life	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Avondale as a place to live	76%	79%	74%	
		The overall quality of life	68%	75%	69%	
	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Avondale to someone who asks	75%	82%	77%	
		Remain in Avondale for the next five years	76%	79%	77%	
	Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Overall image or reputation	51%	55%	59%	
Governance	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Public information services	61%	67%	72%	
		Overall customer service by Avondale employees	70%	73%	75%	
	Please rate the following categories of Avondale government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Avondale	52%	57%	61%	
		The overall direction that Avondale is taking	61%	66%	65%	
		The job Avondale government does at welcoming resident involvement	50%	55%	68%	
		Overall confidence in Avondale government	59%	60%	71%	
		Generally acting in the best interest of the community	58%	62%	65%	

Governance	Please rate the following categories of Avondale government performance.	Being honest	58%	64%	64%
		Being open and transparent to the public			60%
		Informing residents about issues facing the community			46%
		Treating all residents fairly	54%	64%	62%
		Treating residents with respect			61%
	Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Avondale	72%	74%	69%
		The Federal Government	42%	40%	41%
	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Avondale as a place to work	43%	51%	56%
		Avondale as a place to visit	51%	51%	61%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall economic health	52%	63%	57%
Economy	Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	59%	64%	67%
		Variety of business and service establishments			67%
		Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area			49%
		Employment opportunities	24%	34%	45%
		Shopping opportunities	56%	63%	56%

Economy	Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Cost of living	53%	61%	36%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Economic development	56%	55%	61%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	92%	91%	97%	
		What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	38%	39%	19%	
Mobility	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of the transportation system			58%	
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Traffic flow on major streets	52%	53%	32%	
		Ease of public parking			61%	
		Ease of travel by car	62%	67%	63%	
		Ease of travel by public transportation	37%	40%	44%	
		Ease of travel by bicycle	48%	55%	51%	
		Ease of walking	54%	58%	56%	
	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Used public transportation instead of driving	14%	12%	19%	
		Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	51%	47%	53%	
		Walked or biked instead of driving	45%	40%	45%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Traffic enforcement	66%	54%	65%	51%

Mobility	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Traffic signal timing	51%	50%	57%
		Street repair	69%	50%	56% 58%
		Street cleaning	58%	64%	69%
		Street lighting	61%	70%	71%
		Snow removal			91%
		Sidewalk maintenance	66%	68%	65%
		Bus or transit services	55%	54%	53% 53%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the transportation system			80%
Community Design	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	70%	75%	76%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	58%	62%	63%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Well-planned residential growth			67%
		Well-planned commercial growth			51%
		Well-designed neighborhoods			65%
		Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community			51%
		Public places where people want to spend time	52%	58%	61%

Community Design	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Variety of housing options	55%	62%	50%	
		Availability of affordable quality housing	55%	57%	28%	
		Overall quality of new development	57%	61%	52%	
		Overall appearance	66%	68%	61%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Land use, planning and zoning	56%	54%	44%	
		Code enforcement	51%	53%	51%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	77%	76%	85%	
	Utilities	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure			80%
		Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Affordable high-speed internet access			60%
Garbage collection			88%	82%	87%	84%
Drinking water			48%	44%	56%	
Sewer services			82%	74%	78%	85%
Storm water management			69%	75%	78%	
Power (electric and/or gas) utility			73%	76%	76%	
Utility billing			66%	63%	71%	

Utilities	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	91%			
Safety	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall feeling of safety	59%	61%	61%	
	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	82%	82%	85%	
		In Avondale's downtown/commercial area during the day	69%	70%	76%	
		From property crime			54%	
		From violent crime			63%	
		From fire, flood, or other natural disaster			90%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Police/Sheriff services	78%	73%	76%	61%
		Crime prevention	51%	58%	61%	
		Animal control	55%	55%	46%	
		Ambulance or emergency medical services	85%	89%	90%	77%
		Fire services	89%	94%	80%	
		Fire prevention and education	69%	74%	71%	
		Emergency preparedness	47%	58%	48%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall feeling of safety	97%	97%	99%	

Natural environment	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of natural environment	65%	68%	58%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Cleanliness	58%	64%	60%
		Water resources			49%
		Air quality	62%	57%	51%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Preservation of natural areas	59%	57%	54%
		Avondale open space	56%	58%	59%
		Recycling	78%	85%	72%
		Yard waste pick-up	77%	82%	76%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of natural environment	81%	82%	85%
Parks and Recreation	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities			72%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Availability of paths and walking trails	46%	52%	60%
		Fitness opportunities	47%	57%	65%
		Recreational opportunities	45%	53%	55%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	City parks	74%	72%	72%
		Recreation programs or classes	57%	66%	77%

Parks and Recreation	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Recreation centers or facilities	61%	66%	72%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities			92%
Health and wellness	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	54%	64%	60%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Availability of affordable quality food	62%	68%	33%
		Availability of affordable quality health care	51%	61%	46%
		Availability of preventive health services	52%	59%	51%
		Availability of affordable quality mental health care	37%	48%	43%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Health services	60%	68%	69%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	76%	73%	86%
		Please rate your overall health.	56%	52%	64%
Education, Arts and Culture	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	50%	54%	52%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	30%	38%	46%
		Community support for the arts			49%
		Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	41%	41%	49%
		K-12 education			62%

Education, Arts and Culture	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Adult educational opportunities	45%		
		Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	55%	60%	66%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Public library services	75%	77%	81% 88%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	86%	85%	72%
Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Avondale as a place to raise children	67%	67%	62%
		Avondale as a place to retire	53%	60%	56%
		Sense of community	45%	46%	55%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	47%		
	Please rate the job you feel the Avondale community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	66%		
		Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	68%		
		Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	69%		
		Taking care of vulnerable residents	61%		
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Sense of civic/community pride	58%		
		Neighborliness of residents	41%	46%	52%
		Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	43%	48%	60%

Inclusivity and Engagement	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Opportunities to volunteer	47%	58%	65%
		Opportunities to participate in community matters	47%	53%	59%
		Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	62%	64%	66%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	85%	80%	78%
Participation	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Avondale for help or information	50%	48%	40%
		Contacted Avondale elected officials to express your opinion	14%	11%	8%
		Attended a local public meeting	20%	22%	16%
		Watched a local public meeting			14%
		Volunteered your time to some group/activity	27%	21%	16%
		Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	15%	17%	7%
		Voted in your most recent local election			51%
	In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home			94%
		Access the internet from your cell phone			95%
		Visit social media sites			84%
		Use or check email			92%

Participation	In general, how many times do you:	
	Share your opinions online	34%
	Shop online	41%

Complete Set of Frequencies

This dashboard contains a complete set of responses to each question on the survey. By default, "don't know" responses are excluded, but may be added to the table using the response filter to the right. In some tables, the percentages may not sum to 100%; this is either because the question permitted the respondent to "choose all that apply", or for a question that asked the respondent to select one answer, it is due to the customary practice of rounding values to the nearest whole number.

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Avondale as a place to live	Excellent		26% N=47
		Good		48% N=88
		Fair		23% N=41
		Poor		3% N=5
Your neighborhood as a place to live		Excellent		28% N=50
		Good		49% N=90
		Fair		19% N=34
		Poor		5% N=9
Avondale as a place to raise children		Excellent		22% N=37
		Good		40% N=64
		Fair		30% N=49
		Poor		8% N=12
Avondale as a place to work		Excellent		11% N=14
		Good		45% N=56
		Fair		28% N=34
		Poor		16% N=20
Avondale as a place to visit		Excellent		10% N=17
		Good		51% N=89
		Fair		29% N=51
		Poor		10% N=17
Avondale as a place to retire		Excellent		19% N=31
		Good		37% N=61

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Avondale as a place to retire	Fair		24% N=39
		Poor		20% N=33
	The overall quality of life	Excellent		23% N=42
		Good		47% N=86
		Fair		24% N=45
		Poor		6% N=11
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Sense of community	Excellent		13% N=23
		Good		42% N=74
		Fair		34% N=59
		Poor		11% N=19
	Overall economic health	Excellent		17% N=28
		Good		41% N=69
		Fair		37% N=63
		Poor		5% N=9
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Excellent		20% N=33
		Good		37% N=61
		Fair		34% N=56
		Poor		8% N=14
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent		10% N=18
		Good		54% N=99
		Fair		24% N=43
		Poor		12% N=22
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent		23% N=41
		Good		58% N=106

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Fair		16% N=28
		Poor		4% N=7
	Overall feeling of safety	Excellent		24% N=43
		Good		38% N=69
		Fair		24% N=44
		Poor		14% N=25
	Overall quality of natural environment	Excellent		15% N=27
		Good		44% N=76
		Fair		33% N=59
		Poor		8% N=13
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent		29% N=51
		Good		44% N=77
		Fair		19% N=34
		Poor		8% N=13
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Excellent		16% N=26
		Good		44% N=75
		Fair		29% N=49
		Poor		11% N=19
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent		14% N=21
		Good		38% N=59
		Fair		34% N=53
		Poor		14% N=22
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent		14% N=23
		Good		33% N=54

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Fair		39% N=64
		Poor		14% N=22
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Avondale to someone who asks	Very likely		45% N=82
		Somewhat likely		33% N=61
		Somewhat unlikely		14% N=25
		Very unlikely		9% N=16
	Remain in Avondale for the next five years	Very likely		56% N=99
		Somewhat likely		21% N=37
		Somewhat unlikely		10% N=18
		Very unlikely		12% N=21
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe		52% N=95
		Somewhat safe		34% N=62
		Neither safe nor unsafe		6% N=11
		Somewhat unsafe		5% N=10
		Very unsafe		3% N=5
	In Avondale's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe		31% N=49
		Somewhat safe		45% N=73
		Neither safe nor unsafe		13% N=20
		Somewhat unsafe		5% N=8
		Very unsafe		7% N=10
	From property crime	Very safe		22% N=37
		Somewhat safe		33% N=57
		Neither safe nor unsafe		17% N=28
		Somewhat unsafe		27% N=46

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From property crime	Very unsafe		1% N=2
	From violent crime	Very safe		33% N=56
		Somewhat safe		31% N=52
		Neither safe nor unsafe		20% N=33
		Somewhat unsafe		10% N=18
		Very unsafe		6% N=10
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe		50% N=85
		Somewhat safe		39% N=66
		Neither safe nor unsafe		7% N=11
		Somewhat unsafe		1% N=1
		Very unsafe		3% N=5
Please rate the job you feel the Avondale community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		35% N=53
		Good		32% N=50
		Fair		33% N=51
		Poor		0% N=
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		39% N=58
		Good		29% N=43
		Fair		19% N=29
		Poor		13% N=20
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		27% N=41
		Good		43% N=66
		Fair		23% N=36
		Poor		8% N=12
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Excellent		31% N=43

Please rate the job you feel the Avondale community does at each of the following.	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Good		30% N=42
		Fair		25% N=35
		Poor		15% N=21
Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Excellent		16% N=29
		Good		51% N=91
		Fair		25% N=45
		Poor		8% N=15
	Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent		21% N=38
		Good		46% N=83
		Fair		24% N=44
		Poor		9% N=16
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent		7% N=11
		Good		43% N=70
		Fair		38% N=61
		Poor		12% N=20
	Employment opportunities	Excellent		10% N=14
		Good		36% N=51
		Fair		28% N=40
		Poor		26% N=38
	Shopping opportunities	Excellent		20% N=36
		Good		36% N=66
		Fair		29% N=52
		Poor		15% N=27
	Cost of living	Excellent		9% N=16

Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Cost of living	Good		28% N=51
		Fair		45% N=81
		Poor		18% N=32
	Overall image or reputation	Excellent		17% N=31
		Good		42% N=76
		Fair		26% N=47
		Poor		14% N=26
Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent		10% N=18
		Good		23% N=42
		Fair		33% N=60
		Poor		34% N=62
	Ease of public parking	Excellent		14% N=25
		Good		48% N=81
		Fair		32% N=54
		Poor		6% N=10
	Ease of travel by car	Excellent		24% N=44
		Good		39% N=71
		Fair		29% N=53
		Poor		8% N=14
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Excellent		10% N=8
		Good		33% N=27
		Fair		35% N=28
		Poor		22% N=18
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Excellent		14% N=16

Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.

Ease of travel by bicycle	Good		37% N=43
	Fair		33% N=39
	Poor		16% N=18
Ease of walking	Excellent		13% N=20
	Good		43% N=66
	Fair		30% N=46
	Poor		15% N=22
Well-planned residential growth	Excellent		17% N=28
	Good		50% N=84
	Fair		18% N=29
	Poor		15% N=25
Well-planned commercial growth	Excellent		6% N=11
	Good		45% N=79
	Fair		29% N=51
	Poor		20% N=34
Well-designed neighborhoods	Excellent		12% N=20
	Good		54% N=91
	Fair		30% N=50
	Poor		5% N=8
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Excellent		17% N=24
	Good		36% N=52
	Fair		42% N=61
	Poor		5% N=8
Public places where people want to spend time	Excellent		16% N=27

Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.

Public places where people want to spend time	Good		45% N=78
	Fair		23% N=39
	Poor		16% N=28
Variety of housing options	Excellent		15% N=26
	Good		36% N=63
	Fair		32% N=55
	Poor		17% N=29
Availability of affordable quality housing	Excellent		2% N=3
	Good		26% N=44
	Fair		47% N=79
	Poor		24% N=41
Overall quality of new development	Excellent		12% N=21
	Good		41% N=72
	Fair		38% N=65
	Poor		9% N=16
Overall appearance	Excellent		24% N=43
	Good		38% N=68
	Fair		30% N=54
	Poor		8% N=14
Cleanliness	Excellent		23% N=42
	Good		37% N=68
	Fair		28% N=51
	Poor		11% N=20
Water resources	Excellent		14% N=23

Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.

Water resources	Good		36% N=60
	Fair		31% N=51
	Poor		20% N=33
Air quality	Excellent		9% N=16
	Good		42% N=73
	Fair		35% N=60
	Poor		14% N=24
Availability of paths and walking trails	Excellent		17% N=28
	Good		44% N=74
	Fair		27% N=45
	Poor		13% N=22
Fitness opportunities	Excellent		14% N=21
	Good		51% N=81
	Fair		24% N=38
	Poor		12% N=18
Recreational opportunities	Excellent		7% N=12
	Good		49% N=85
	Fair		32% N=56
	Poor		12% N=21
Availability of affordable quality food	Excellent		4% N=7
	Good		30% N=55
	Fair		47% N=84
	Poor		19% N=34
Availability of affordable quality health care	Excellent		13% N=19

Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.

Availability of affordable quality health care	Good		34% N=52
	Fair		41% N=63
	Poor		12% N=18
Availability of preventive health services	Excellent		12% N=19
	Good		40% N=64
	Fair		35% N=56
	Poor		13% N=21
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Excellent		7% N=8
	Good		38% N=42
	Fair		29% N=32
	Poor		27% N=30
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Excellent		7% N=13
	Good		39% N=66
	Fair		35% N=60
	Poor		19% N=32
Community support for the arts	Excellent		10% N=15
	Good		38% N=54
	Fair		35% N=49
	Poor		16% N=22
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent		8% N=7
	Good		42% N=41
	Fair		19% N=19
	Poor		31% N=30
K-12 education	Excellent		17% N=21

Please also rate each of K-12 education the following in the Avondale community.

	Good		46% N=58
	Fair		23% N=29
	Poor		14% N=18
Adult educational opportunities	Excellent		12% N=15
	Good		34% N=43
	Fair		36% N=45
	Poor		19% N=24
Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent		15% N=24
	Good		43% N=67
	Fair		28% N=44
	Poor		14% N=21
Neighborliness of residents	Excellent		13% N=22
	Good		39% N=64
	Fair		30% N=50
	Poor		18% N=29
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent		20% N=31
	Good		40% N=60
	Fair		33% N=50
	Poor		7% N=10
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent		25% N=40
	Good		41% N=65
	Fair		29% N=46
	Poor		4% N=7
Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent		14% N=18

Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.

Opportunities to volunteer	Good		50% N=65
	Fair		26% N=34
	Poor		9% N=12
Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent		13% N=18
	Good		46% N=62
	Fair		30% N=40
	Poor		12% N=16
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent		20% N=28
	Good		46% N=65
	Fair		29% N=40
	Poor		6% N=8
Contacted the City of Avondale for help or information	No		60% N=107
	Yes		40% N=73
Contacted Avondale elected officials to express your opinion	No		92% N=165
	Yes		8% N=15
Attended a local public meeting	No		85% N=154
	Yes		15% N=28
Watched a local public meeting	No		86% N=153
	Yes		14% N=24
Volunteered your time to some group/activity	No		85% N=153
	Yes		15% N=28
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No		92% N=166
	Yes		8% N=14
Voted in your most recent local election	No		47% N=85

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Voted in your most recent local election	Yes		53% N=96
	Used public transportation instead of driving	No		81% N=148
		Yes		19% N=34
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	No		48% N=88
		Yes		52% N=94
	Walked or biked instead of driving	No		56% N=101
		Yes		44% N=81
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Public information services	Excellent		16% N=24
		Good		56% N=85
		Fair		25% N=38
		Poor		4% N=6
	Economic development	Excellent		5% N=7
		Good		57% N=81
		Fair		34% N=49
		Poor		5% N=7
	Traffic enforcement	Excellent		13% N=22
		Good		38% N=64
		Fair		27% N=45
		Poor		22% N=36
	Traffic signal timing	Excellent		9% N=15
		Good		48% N=84
		Fair		28% N=49
		Poor		16% N=28
	Street repair	Excellent		16% N=29

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.

Street repair	Good		41% N=74
	Fair		31% N=56
	Poor		12% N=22
Street cleaning	Excellent		14% N=25
	Good		55% N=98
	Fair		26% N=47
	Poor		5% N=8
Street lighting	Excellent		21% N=37
	Good		50% N=89
	Fair		17% N=30
	Poor		12% N=21
Snow removal	Excellent		58% N=15
	Good		33% N=8
	Fair		4% N=1
	Poor		5% N=1
Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent		16% N=25
	Good		48% N=75
	Fair		25% N=39
	Poor		10% N=15
Bus or transit services	Excellent		9% N=7
	Good		45% N=39
	Fair		41% N=35
	Poor		5% N=4
Land use, planning and zoning	Excellent		11% N=16

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.

Land use, planning and zoning	Good		35% N=48
	Fair		29% N=40
	Poor		25% N=35
Code enforcement	Excellent		10% N=14
	Good		41% N=62
	Fair		29% N=43
	Poor		20% N=30
Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		20% N=33
	Good		39% N=64
	Fair		29% N=47
	Poor		12% N=20
Garbage collection	Excellent		57% N=95
	Good		27% N=45
	Fair		12% N=19
	Poor		4% N=7
Drinking water	Excellent		23% N=37
	Good		34% N=55
	Fair		22% N=35
	Poor		22% N=35
Sewer services	Excellent		35% N=58
	Good		50% N=84
	Fair		12% N=20
	Poor		3% N=6
Storm water management	Excellent		31% N=50

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.

Storm water management	Good		48% N=77
	Fair		21% N=33
	Poor		1% N=1
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Excellent		33% N=58
	Good		44% N=78
	Fair		22% N=39
	Poor		1% N=2
Utility billing	Excellent		29% N=51
	Good		42% N=76
	Fair		27% N=47
	Poor		2% N=4
Police/Sheriff services	Excellent		35% N=58
	Good		27% N=45
	Fair		21% N=35
	Poor		17% N=27
Crime prevention	Excellent		24% N=39
	Good		38% N=62
	Fair		24% N=39
	Poor		15% N=24
Animal control	Excellent		18% N=26
	Good		30% N=44
	Fair		31% N=46
	Poor		21% N=30
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent		41% N=54

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.

Ambulance or emergency medical services	Good		37% N=49
	Fair		21% N=28
	Poor		2% N=2
Fire services	Excellent		43% N=60
	Good		37% N=52
	Fair		19% N=27
	Poor		0% N=1
Fire prevention and education	Excellent		33% N=38
	Good		39% N=45
	Fair		20% N=24
	Poor		8% N=10
Emergency preparedness	Excellent		19% N=19
	Good		30% N=31
	Fair		35% N=36
	Poor		17% N=17
Preservation of natural areas	Excellent		9% N=12
	Good		46% N=64
	Fair		37% N=52
	Poor		8% N=12
Avondale open space	Excellent		15% N=22
	Good		44% N=64
	Fair		31% N=45
	Poor		10% N=15
Recycling	Excellent		36% N=57

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.

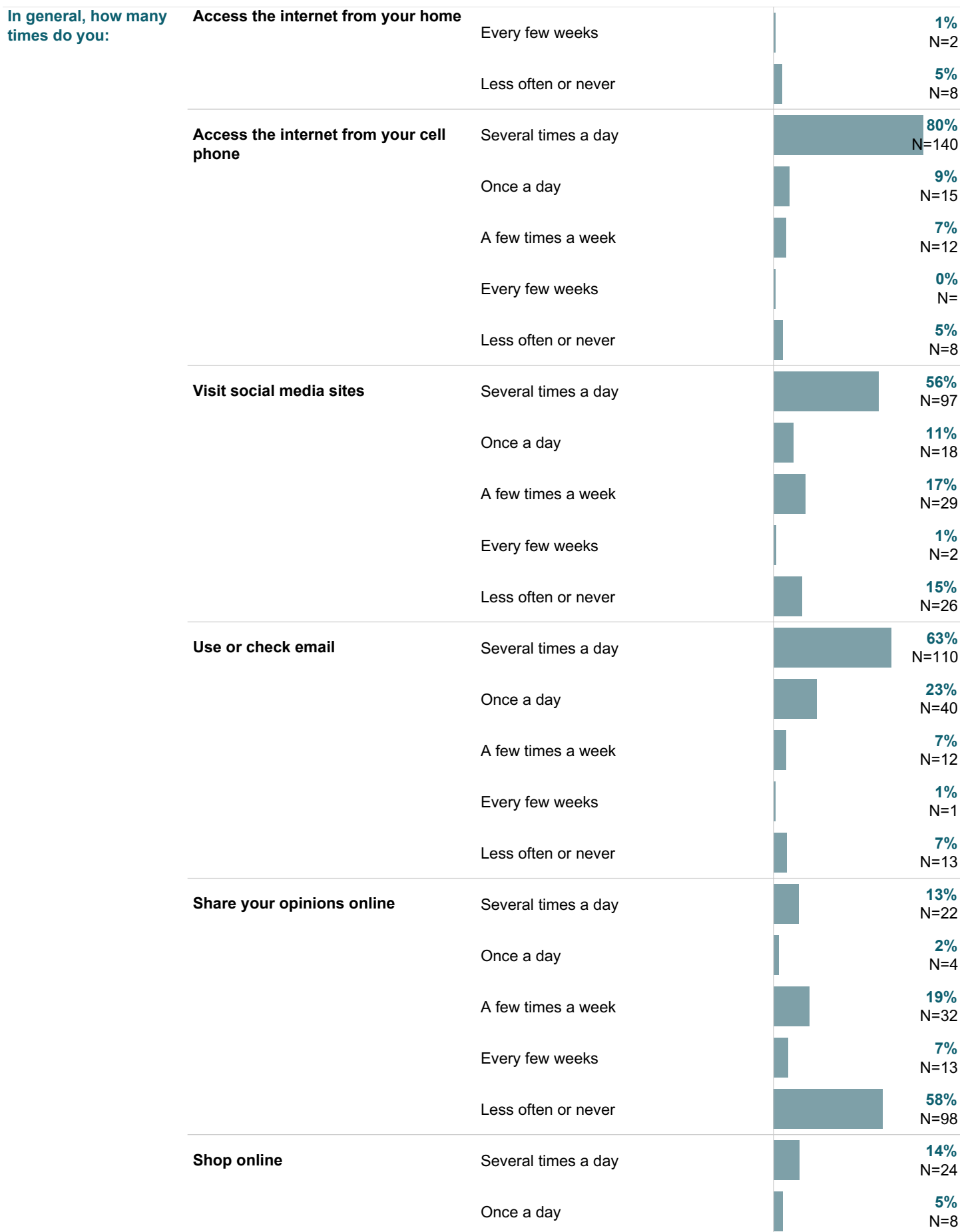
Recycling	Good		37% N=60
	Fair		13% N=21
	Poor		14% N=23
Yard waste pick-up	Excellent		44% N=67
	Good		32% N=47
	Fair		16% N=24
	Poor		8% N=12
City parks	Excellent		41% N=72
	Good		33% N=58
	Fair		23% N=40
	Poor		4% N=7
Recreation programs or classes	Excellent		16% N=20
	Good		61% N=76
	Fair		20% N=25
	Poor		2% N=3
Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		27% N=32
	Good		45% N=54
	Fair		16% N=19
	Poor		11% N=13
Health services	Excellent		22% N=30
	Good		46% N=61
	Fair		28% N=37
	Poor		3% N=4
Public library services	Excellent		44% N=69

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Public library services	Good		44% N=68
		Fair		11% N=18
		Poor		0% N=
	Overall customer service by Avondale employees	Excellent		34% N=53
		Good		41% N=64
		Fair		19% N=29
		Poor		6% N=9
Please rate the following categories of Avondale government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Avondale	Excellent		10% N=15
		Good		52% N=76
		Fair		31% N=46
		Poor		7% N=10
	The overall direction that Avondale is taking	Excellent		20% N=30
		Good		45% N=67
		Fair		25% N=38
		Poor		10% N=15
	The job Avondale government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent		15% N=21
		Good		52% N=71
		Fair		23% N=31
		Poor		10% N=14
	Overall confidence in Avondale government	Excellent		22% N=32
		Good		48% N=72
		Fair		26% N=38
		Poor		4% N=6
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent		22% N=32

Please rate the following categories of Avondale government performance.	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Good		44% N=64
		Fair		28% N=41
		Poor		6% N=9
	Being honest	Excellent		22% N=25
		Good		43% N=47
		Fair		30% N=33
		Poor		5% N=6
	Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent		20% N=24
		Good		40% N=47
		Fair		33% N=39
		Poor		6% N=7
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent		21% N=28
		Good		26% N=34
		Fair		38% N=51
		Poor		15% N=21
	Treating all residents fairly	Excellent		23% N=29
		Good		40% N=49
		Fair		24% N=29
		Poor		13% N=17
	Treating residents with respect	Excellent		24% N=34
		Good		37% N=52
		Fair		35% N=48
		Poor		4% N=5
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Avondale	Excellent		32% N=52

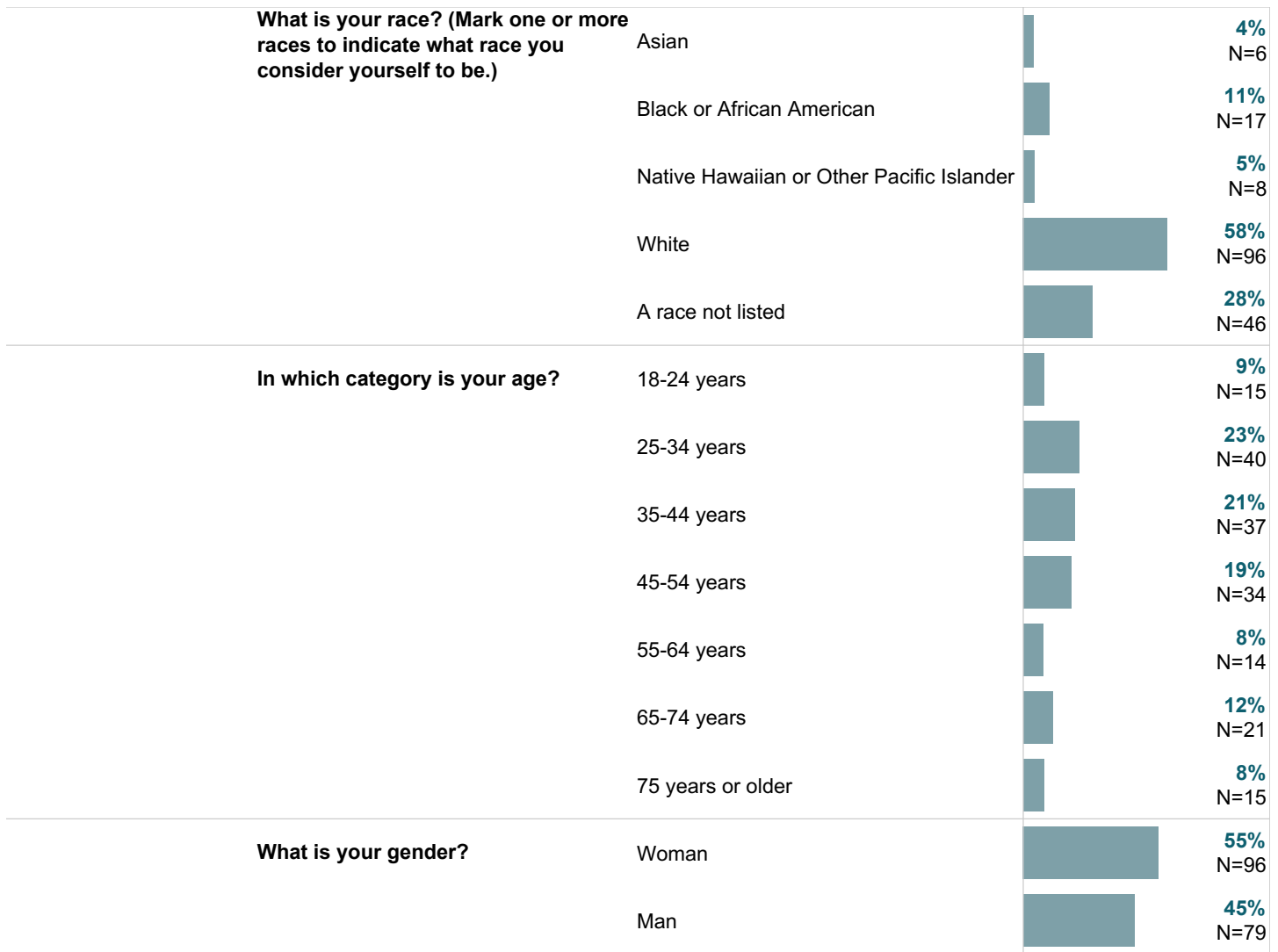
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Avondale	Good		37% N=60
		Fair		24% N=39
		Poor		7% N=10
	The Federal Government	Excellent		9% N=15
		Good		33% N=51
		Fair		27% N=42
		Poor		31% N=49
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	Essential		54% N=96
		Very important		43% N=78
		Somewhat important		3% N=5
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential		33% N=58
		Very important		48% N=86
		Somewhat important		16% N=28
		Not at all important		4% N=7
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential		43% N=77
		Very important		42% N=76
		Somewhat important		15% N=27
		Not at all important		0% N=1
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential		51% N=93
		Very important		40% N=73
		Somewhat important		8% N=15
		Not at all important		0% N=
	Overall feeling of safety	Essential		61% N=109
		Very important		38% N=68

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall feeling of safety	Somewhat important		1% N=2
	Overall quality of natural environment	Essential		40% N=72
		Very important		45% N=80
		Somewhat important		12% N=22
		Not at all important		3% N=5
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		46% N=82
		Very important		46% N=82
		Somewhat important		8% N=15
		Not at all important		0% N=
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Essential		34% N=61
		Very important		53% N=95
		Somewhat important		12% N=22
		Not at all important		1% N=2
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential		33% N=59
		Very important		39% N=70
		Somewhat important		24% N=43
		Not at all important		4% N=7
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential		36% N=64
		Very important		43% N=77
		Somewhat important		20% N=36
		Not at all important		1% N=2
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Several times a day		71% N=124
		Once a day		11% N=19
		A few times a week		12% N=21



In general, how many times do you:	Shop online	A few times a week		23% N=40
		Every few weeks		40% N=69
		Less often or never		19% N=33
Please rate your overall health.	Excellent		26% N=45	
	Very good		38% N=65	
	Good		25% N=42	
	Fair		7% N=13	
	Poor		4% N=6	
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Very positive		4% N=7	
	Somewhat positive		16% N=27	
	Neutral		49% N=83	
	Somewhat negative		25% N=43	
	Very negative		6% N=11	
How many years have you lived in Avondale?	Less than 2 years		12% N=21	
	2-5 years		32% N=57	
	6-10 years		13% N=23	
	11-20 years		24% N=42	
	More than 20 years		18% N=32	
Which best describes the building you live in?	Single-family detached home		73% N=127	
	Townhouse or duplex (may share walls but no units above or below you)		2% N=4	
	Condominium or apartment (have units above or below you)		21% N=37	
	Mobile home		0% N=	
	Other		3% N=5	
Do you rent or own your home?	Rent		40% N=70	

Do you rent or own your home?	Own		60% N=104
About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Less than \$300		2% N=3
	\$300 to \$599		5% N=8
	\$600 to \$999		2% N=4
	\$1,000 to \$1,499		15% N=25
	\$1,500 to \$2,499		56% N=92
	\$2,500 to \$3,999		16% N=26
	\$4,000 to \$6,999		3% N=5
	\$10,000 or more		1% N=1
Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No		66% N=115
	Yes		34% N=60
Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No		73% N=128
	Yes		27% N=48
How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Less than \$25,000		8% N=12
	\$25,000 to \$49,999		19% N=30
	\$50,000 to \$74,999		24% N=37
	\$75,000 to \$99,999		10% N=15
	\$100,000 to \$149,999		28% N=42
	\$150,000 to \$199,999		9% N=14
	\$200,000 to \$299,999		2% N=3
	\$300,000 or more		0% N=1
Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin?	No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin		49% N=84
	Yes, I consider myself to be of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin		51% N=89
What is your race?	American Indian or Alaska Native		5% N=9



Methods (Open Participation)



As part of its participation in The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™), the City of Avondale conducted a survey of 184 residents. Survey invitations were mailed to randomly selected households and data were collected from November 6th, 2023 to December 18th, 2023. The results from this main survey effort represent the most robust estimate of your residents' opinions.

After the above data collection period was underway, a link to an online open participation survey was publicized by the City of Avondale. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates; it included a map at the beginning asking where the respondent lives and also a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all Avondale residents and became available on December 1st, 2023. The survey remained open for 2 weeks and there were 44 responses.

The open participation survey data were not collected through a random sample and it is unknown who in the community was aware of the survey; therefore, a level of confidence in the representativeness of the sample cannot be estimated. However, to reduce bias where possible, these data were statistically weighted to match the demographic characteristics of the 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Avondale. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and area. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.¹⁸ The results of the weighting scheme for the open participation survey are presented in the following table.

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target ¹⁹
Age	18-34	19%	29%	37%
	35-54	35%	37%	37%
	55+	47%	34%	26%
Area	Area 1	5%	11%	9%
	Area 2	20%	31%	27%
	Area 3	41%	41%	49%
	Area 4	34%	17%	15%
Hispanic	No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin	71%	48%	49%
	Yes, I consider myself to be of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin	29%	52%	51%
Housing type	Attached	5%	19%	24%
	Detached	95%	81%	76%
Race/ethnic..	Not white alone	39%	67%	69%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	61%	33%	31%
Sex	Man	32%	48%	50%
	Woman	68%	52%	50%
Sex/age	Man 18-34	2%	12%	19%
	Man 35-54	10%	18%	18%
	Man 55+	20%	17%	12%
	Woman 18-34	17%	18%	18%
	Woman 35-54	27%	20%	18%
	Woman 55+	24%	14%	13%
Tenure	Own	88%	65%	60%
	Rent	12%	35%	40%

18. Pasek, J. (2014). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from <https://surveyinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Full-anesrake-paper.pdf>

19. Targets come from the 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey.

Open Participation Survey Results

This dashboard contains a complete set of responses to each question on the open participation survey. By default, "don't know" responses are excluded, but may be added to the table using the response filter to the right. In some tables, the percentages may not sum to 100%; this is either because the question permitted the respondent to "choose all that apply", or for a question that asked the respondent to select one answer, it is due to the customary practice of rounding values to the nearest whole number.

Quality of Life	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Avondale as a place to live	Excellent	 9% N=4
			Good	 52% N=22
			Fair	 39% N=17
			Poor	 0% N=
	The overall quality of life		Excellent	 0% N=
			Good	 60% N=26
			Fair	 32% N=14
			Poor	 8% N=4
	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Avondale to someone who asks	Very likely	 17% N=7
			Somewhat likely	 58% N=25
			Somewhat unlikely	 4% N=2
			Very unlikely	 21% N=9
	Remain in Avondale for the next five years		Very likely	 39% N=16
			Somewhat likely	 9% N=4

Quality of Life	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Remain in Avondale for the next five years	Somewhat unlikely		12% N=5
			Very unlikely		39% N=16
	Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Overall image or reputation	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		54% N=22
			Fair		25% N=10
			Poor		21% N=9
Governance	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Public information services	Excellent		16% N=6
			Good		33% N=12
			Fair		27% N=10
			Poor		23% N=8
		Overall customer service by Avondale employees	Excellent		26% N=9
			Good		74% N=27
			Fair		0% N=
			Poor		0% N=
	Please rate the following categories of Avondale government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Avondale	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		49% N=17

Governance	Please rate the following categories of Avondale government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Avondale	Fair		51% N=18
			Poor		0% N=
		The overall direction that Avondale is taking	Excellent		24% N=10
			Good		41% N=17
			Fair		15% N=6
			Poor		20% N=8
		The job Avondale government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent		24% N=7
			Good		18% N=6
			Fair		38% N=11
			Poor		20% N=6
		Overall confidence in Avondale government	Excellent		18% N=7
			Good		46% N=19
			Fair		23% N=10
			Poor		13% N=6
		Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent		18% N=7
			Good		46% N=19

Governance	Please rate the following categories of Avondale government performance.	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Fair		29% N=12
			Poor		7% N=3
		Being honest	Excellent		10% N=3
			Good		75% N=24
			Fair		15% N=5
			Poor		0% N=
		Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent		9% N=3
			Good		58% N=21
			Fair		33% N=12
			Poor		0% N=
		Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent		11% N=4
			Good		27% N=10
			Fair		45% N=17
			Poor		17% N=6
		Treating all residents fairly	Excellent		20% N=6
			Good		53% N=16

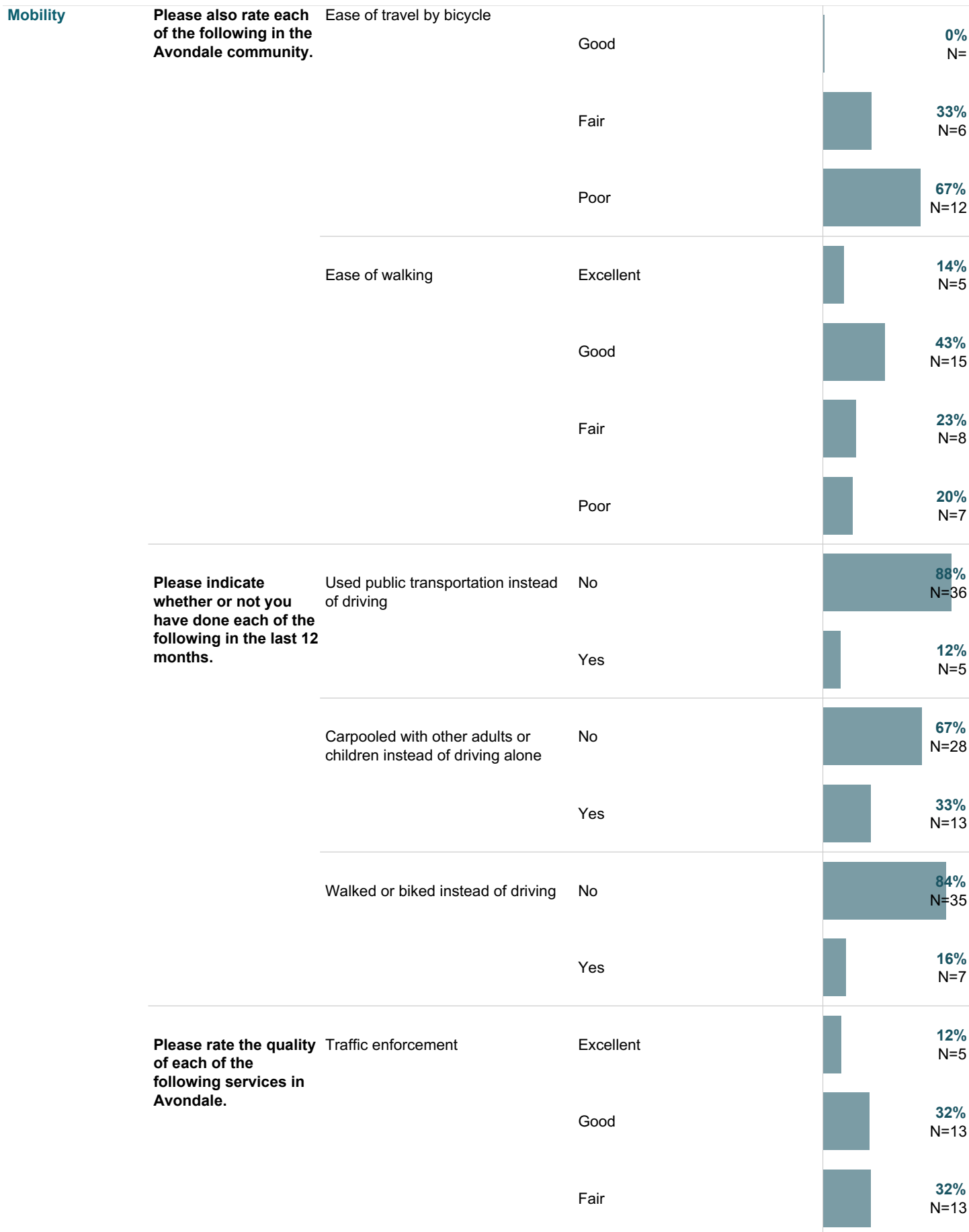
Governance	Please rate the following categories of Avondale government performance.	Treating all residents fairly	Fair		8% N=3
			Poor		19% N=6
		Treating residents with respect	Excellent		21% N=6
			Good		56% N=16
			Fair		9% N=3
			Poor		13% N=4
	Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Avondale	Excellent		17% N=7
			Good		65% N=27
			Fair		18% N=7
			Poor		0% N=
		The Federal Government	Good		22% N=7
			Fair		27% N=9
			Poor		51% N=17
Economy	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Avondale as a place to work	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		44% N=12
			Fair		27% N=7

Economy	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Avondale as a place to work	Poor		29% N=8
		Avondale as a place to visit	Excellent		3% N=1
			Good		37% N=15
			Fair		36% N=15
			Poor		24% N=10
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall economic health	Excellent		8% N=3
			Good		52% N=22
			Fair		41% N=17
			Poor		0% N=
	Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Excellent		9% N=4
			Good		53% N=23
			Fair		38% N=16
			Poor		0% N=
		Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent		10% N=4
			Good		61% N=25
			Fair		15% N=6

Economy	Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Variety of business and service establishments	Poor		15% N=6
		Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		59% N=25
			Fair		18% N=8
			Poor		23% N=10
		Employment opportunities	Good		48% N=14
			Fair		26% N=7
			Poor		27% N=8
		Shopping opportunities	Excellent		18% N=7
			Good		35% N=15
			Fair		24% N=10
			Poor		23% N=10
		Cost of living	Good		47% N=20
			Fair		52% N=21
			Poor		1% N=1
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Economic development	Excellent		14% N=4

Economy	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Economic development	Good		52% N=15
			Fair		34% N=10
			Poor		0% N=
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	Essential		61% N=25
			Very important		27% N=11
			Somewhat important		12% N=5
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:		Very positive		5% N=2
			Somewhat positive		26% N=11
			Neutral		37% N=15
			Somewhat negative		17% N=7
			Very negative		14% N=6
Mobility	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of the transportation system	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		22% N=10
			Fair		41% N=18
			Poor		37% N=16
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent		0% N=

Mobility	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Good		34% N=14
			Fair		34% N=14
			Poor		33% N=14
		Ease of public parking	Excellent		17% N=7
			Good		34% N=14
			Fair		19% N=8
			Poor		29% N=12
		Ease of travel by car	Excellent		12% N=5
			Good		26% N=11
			Fair		36% N=15
			Poor		25% N=11
		Ease of travel by public transportation	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		7% N=1
			Fair		0% N=
			Poor		92% N=14
		Ease of travel by bicycle	Excellent		0% N=



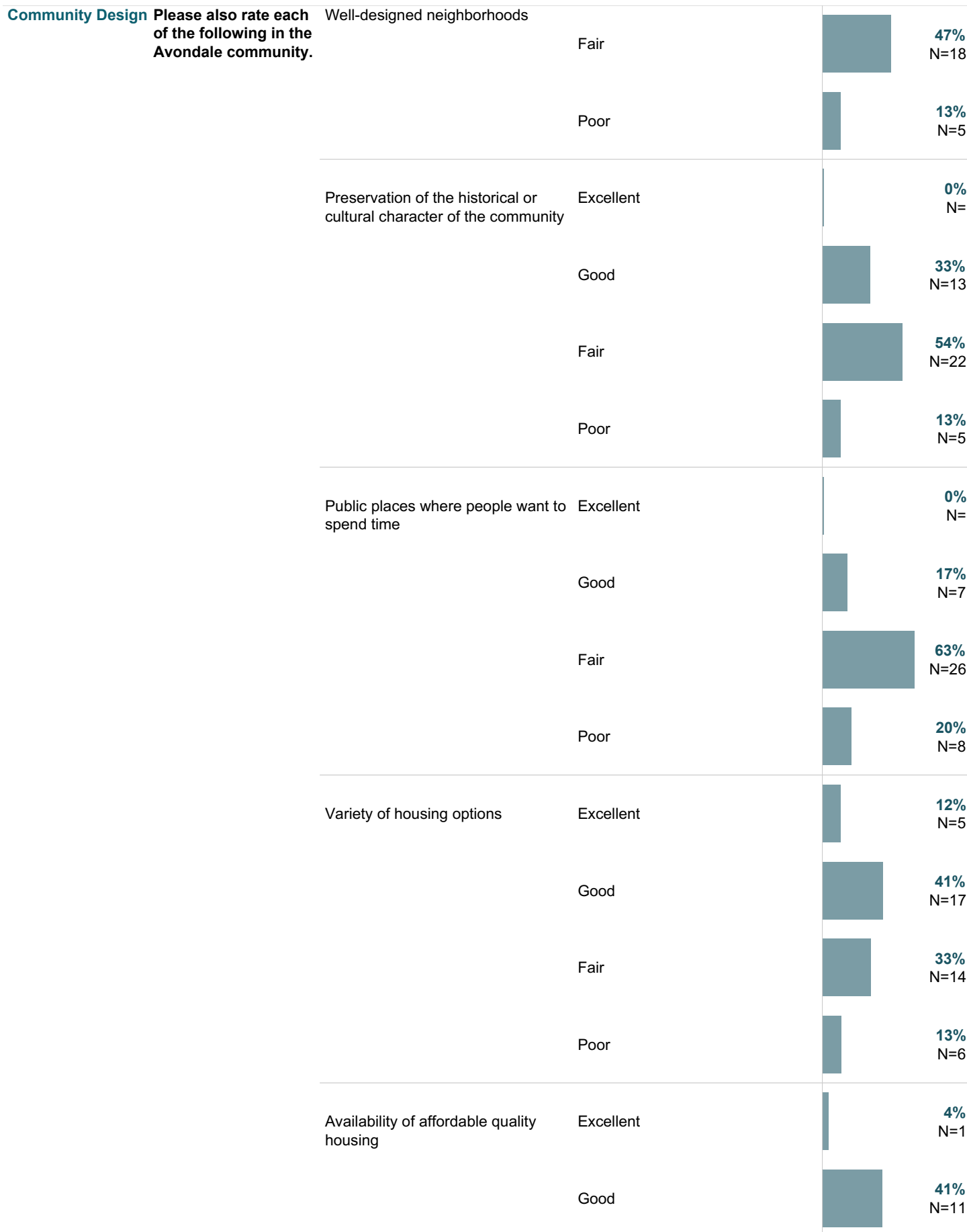
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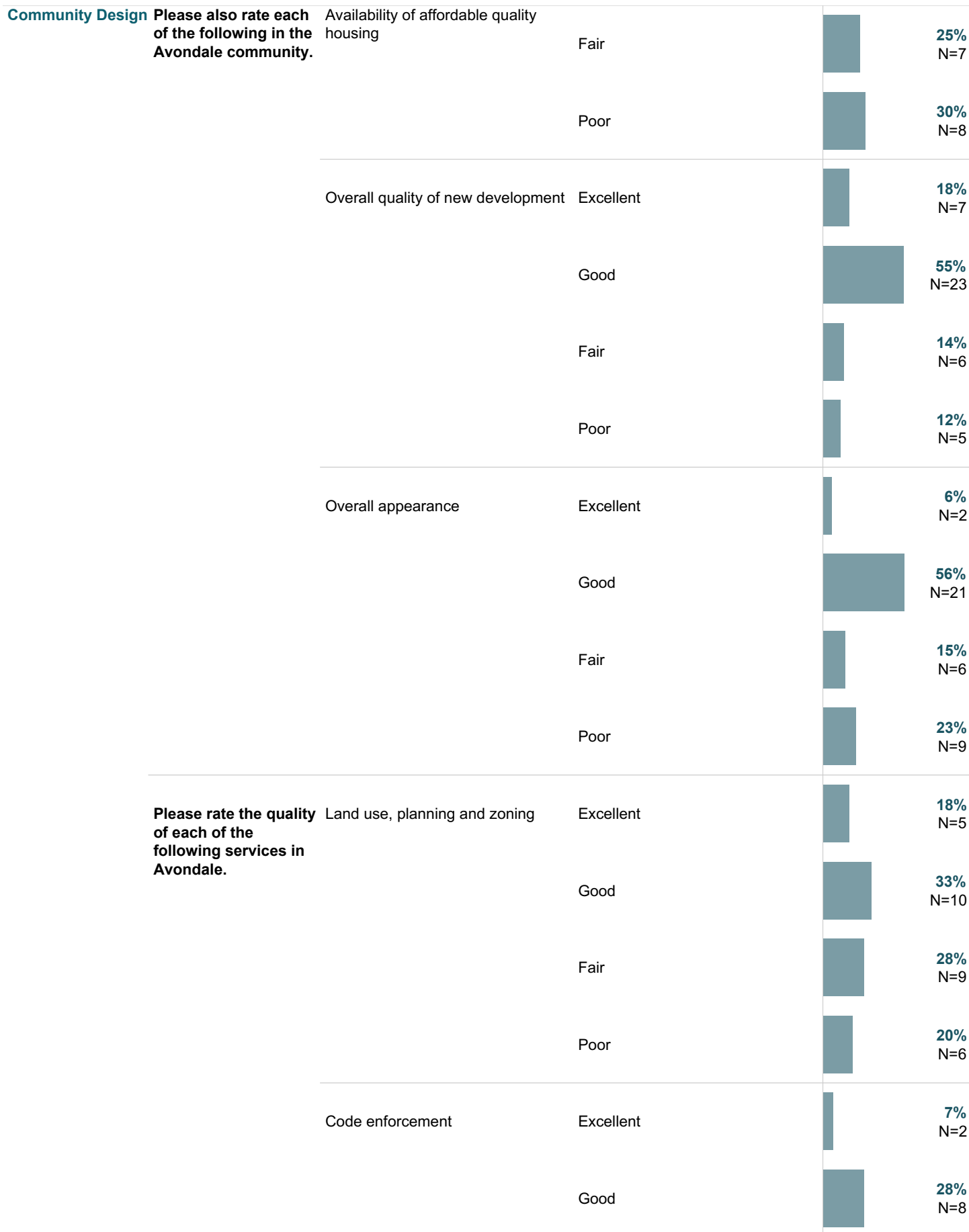
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.

Traffic enforcement	Poor		23% N=9
Traffic signal timing	Excellent		10% N=4
	Good		32% N=12
	Fair		36% N=14
	Poor		21% N=8
Street repair	Excellent		0% N=
	Good		30% N=12
	Fair		36% N=15
	Poor		35% N=14
Street cleaning	Excellent		19% N=7
	Good		32% N=12
	Fair		26% N=10
	Poor		23% N=9
Street lighting	Excellent		0% N=
	Good		61% N=25
	Fair		15% N=6

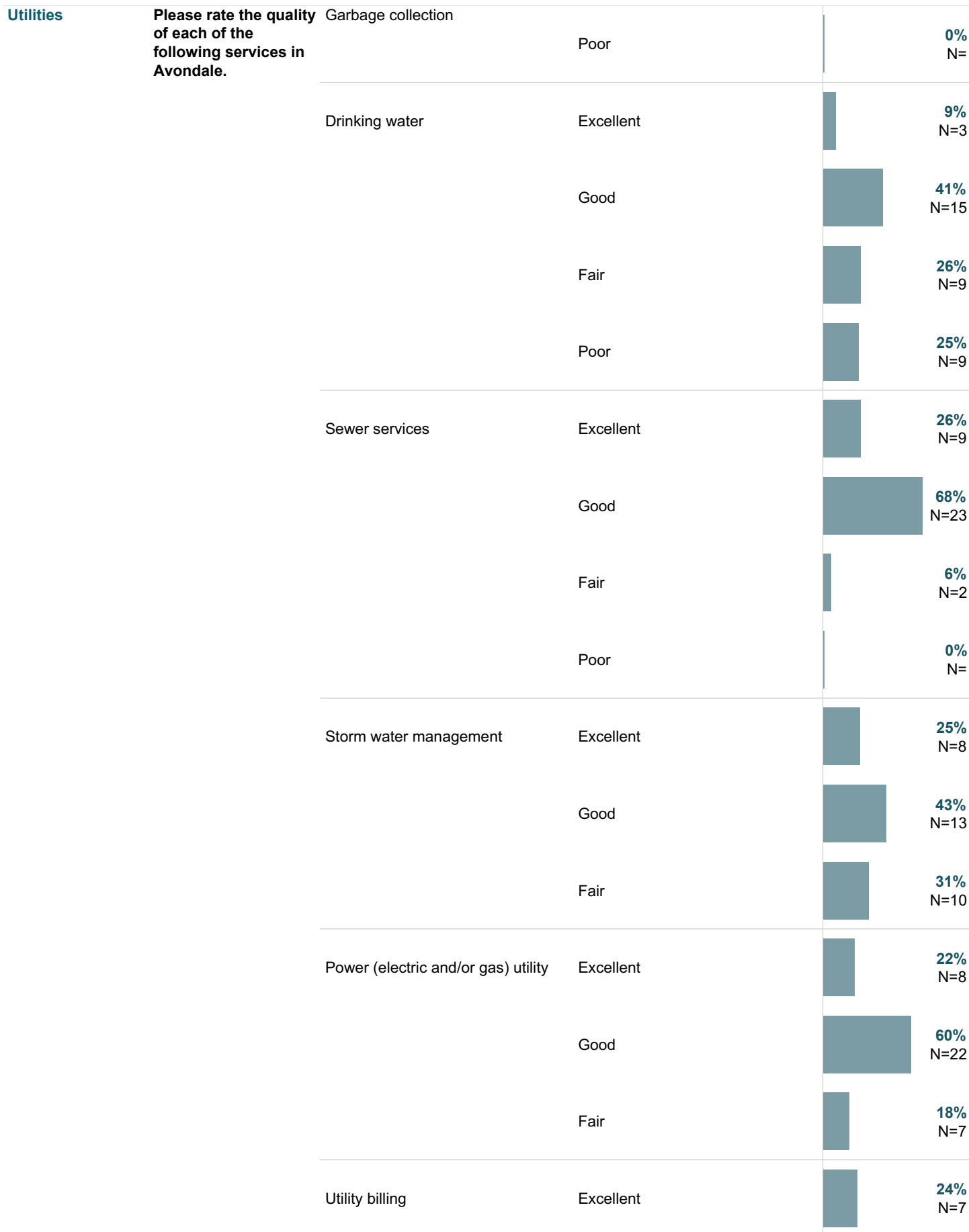
Mobility	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Street lighting	Poor		23% N=10
		Snow removal	Excellent		100% N=1
		Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent		11% N=4
			Good		55% N=23
			Fair		30% N=12
			Poor		5% N=2
	Bus or transit services	Excellent		0% N=	
		Good		41% N=8	
		Fair		25% N=5	
		Poor		34% N=7	
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential		48% N=20	
		Very important		46% N=19	
		Somewhat important		6% N=3	
		Not at all important		0% N=	
Community Design	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent		27% N=11
			Good		46% N=18

Community Design	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Fair		17% N=7
			Poor		10% N=4
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent		9% N=4
			Good		22% N=10
			Fair		48% N=21
			Poor		21% N=9
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Well-planned residential growth	Excellent		11% N=4
			Good		11% N=4
			Fair		39% N=14
			Poor		38% N=13
		Well-planned commercial growth	Excellent		11% N=4
			Good		28% N=10
			Fair		33% N=11
			Poor		27% N=10
		Well-designed neighborhoods	Excellent		10% N=4
			Good		30% N=12

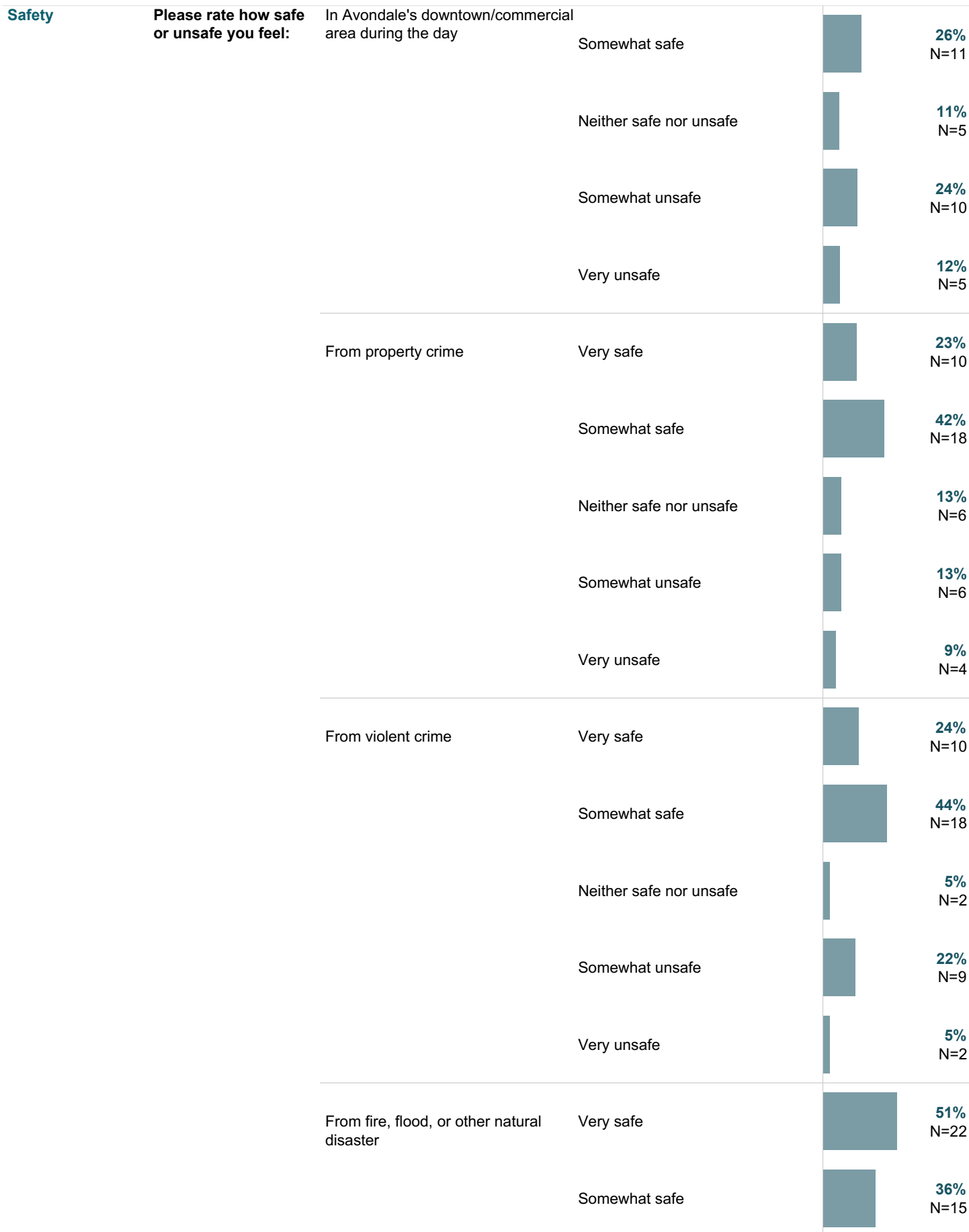




Community Design	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Code enforcement	Fair		29% N=9
			Poor		36% N=11
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential		52% N=22
			Very important		15% N=6
			Somewhat important		33% N=14
Utilities	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent		10% N=4
			Good		60% N=26
			Fair		26% N=11
			Poor		4% N=2
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		18% N=6
			Good		47% N=16
			Fair		18% N=6
			Poor		17% N=6
		Garbage collection	Excellent		33% N=14
			Good		45% N=19
			Fair		22% N=9



Utilities	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Utility billing	Good		22% N=7
			Fair		54% N=17
			Poor		0% N=
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential		47% N=19
			Very important		41% N=17
			Somewhat important		12% N=5
Safety	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall feeling of safety	Excellent		2% N=1
			Good		33% N=14
			Fair		47% N=20
			Poor		17% N=7
	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe		46% N=20
			Somewhat safe		25% N=11
			Neither safe nor unsafe		12% N=5
			Somewhat unsafe		8% N=4
			Very unsafe		9% N=4
		In Avondale's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe		27% N=12



Safety	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Neither safe nor unsafe		8% N=4
			Somewhat unsafe		5% N=2
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Police/Sheriff services	Excellent		45% N=17
			Good		40% N=15
			Fair		5% N=2
			Poor		10% N=4
	Crime prevention	Excellent	Excellent		6% N=2
			Good		34% N=13
			Fair		45% N=17
			Poor		16% N=6
	Animal control	Excellent	Excellent		19% N=5
			Good		17% N=5
			Fair		38% N=11
			Poor		27% N=8
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent	Excellent		59% N=13
			Good		41% N=9

Safety	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Ambulance or emergency medical services	Fair		0% N=
		Fire services	Excellent		55% N=20
			Good		45% N=16
			Fair		0% N=
		Fire prevention and education	Excellent		4% N=1
			Good		76% N=19
			Fair		0% N=
			Poor		20% N=5
		Emergency preparedness	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		67% N=12
	Fair			33% N=6	
	Poor			0% N=	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall feeling of safety	Essential		89% N=37
			Very important		11% N=4
			Somewhat important		0% N=
Natural environment	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of natural environment	Excellent		0% N=

Natural environment	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a	Overall quality of natural environment	Good		47% N=20
			Fair		52% N=22
			Poor		1% N=1
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Cleanliness	Excellent		12% N=4
			Good		31% N=11
			Fair		43% N=16
			Poor		15% N=6
		Water resources	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		35% N=12
			Fair		36% N=13
			Poor		29% N=10
		Air quality	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		57% N=24
			Fair		43% N=18
			Poor		0% N=
		Preservation of natural areas	Excellent		0% N=

Natural environment	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Preservation of natural areas	Good		34% N=9
			Fair		24% N=6
			Poor		42% N=11
		Avondale open space	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		38% N=14
			Fair		57% N=20
			Poor		5% N=2
		Recycling	Excellent		18% N=6
			Good		46% N=16
			Fair		12% N=4
			Poor		25% N=8
		Yard waste pick-up	Excellent		48% N=18
			Good		32% N=12
			Fair		11% N=4
			Poor		9% N=3
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	Overall quality of natural environment	Essential		38% N=15

Natural environment	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of natural environment	Very important		15% N=6
			Somewhat important		47% N=19
Parks and Recreation	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent		23% N=9
			Good		50% N=20
			Fair		27% N=11
			Poor		0% N=
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Availability of paths and walking trails	Excellent		3% N=1
			Good		27% N=10
			Fair		32% N=11
			Poor		37% N=13
		Fitness opportunities	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		59% N=19
			Fair		19% N=6
			Poor		22% N=7
		Recreational opportunities	Excellent		13% N=5
			Good		37% N=15

Parks and Recreation	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Recreational opportunities	Fair		37% N=14
			Poor		13% N=5
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.	City parks	Excellent		34% N=14
			Good		62% N=25
			Fair		5% N=2
			Poor		0% N=
		Recreation programs or classes	Excellent		23% N=5
			Good		61% N=13
			Fair		15% N=3
			Poor		0% N=
		Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		5% N=1
			Good		76% N=18
			Fair		19% N=5
			Poor		0% N=
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		43% N=18
			Very important		33% N=14

Parks and Recreation	Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Somewhat important		24% N=10
Health and wellness	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Excellent		9% N=4
			Good		44% N=19
			Fair		47% N=20
			Poor		0% N=
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Availability of affordable quality food	Excellent		12% N=5
			Good		52% N=21
			Fair		23% N=9
			Poor		13% N=6
		Availability of affordable quality health care	Excellent		41% N=13
			Good		15% N=5
			Fair		29% N=9
			Poor		15% N=5
		Availability of preventive health services	Excellent		44% N=13
			Good		0% N=
			Fair		40% N=12

Health and wellness

Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.

Availability of preventive health services

Poor



16%
N=5

Availability of affordable quality mental health care

Good



59%
N=9

Fair



7%
N=1

Poor



34%
N=5

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.

Health services

Excellent



35%
N=10

Good



65%
N=19

Fair



0%
N=

Poor



0%
N=

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.

Overall health and wellness opportunities

Essential



40%
N=16

Very important



54%
N=22

Somewhat important



6%
N=3

Please rate your overall health.

Excellent



17%
N=7

Very good



40%
N=17

Good



27%
N=11

Fair



11%
N=4

Poor



5%
N=2

Education, Arts and Culture	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		42% N=18
			Fair		37% N=16
			Poor		21% N=9
	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Excellent		6% N=2
			Good		16% N=6
			Fair		62% N=23
			Poor		16% N=6
	Community support for the arts	Excellent		0% N=	
		Good		12% N=4	
		Fair		50% N=18	
		Poor		38% N=14	
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Good		0% N=	
		Fair		30% N=3	
		Poor		70% N=7	
	K-12 education	Excellent		8% N=2	

Education, Arts and Culture

Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.

K-12 education

Good



28%
N=8

Fair



20%
N=6

Poor



44%
N=12

Adult educational opportunities

Excellent



0%
N=

Good



28%
N=8

Fair



38%
N=11

Poor



34%
N=10

Opportunities to attend special events and festivals

Excellent



38%
N=15

Good



29%
N=11

Fair



20%
N=8

Poor



13%
N=5

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.

Public library services

Excellent



24%
N=7

Good



59%
N=17

Fair



18%
N=5

Poor



0%
N=

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.

Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts

Essential



43%
N=18

Education, Arts and Culture	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Very important		27% N=11
			Somewhat important		30% N=12
Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.	Avondale as a place to raise children	Excellent		4% N=2
			Good		43% N=16
			Fair		24% N=9
			Poor		29% N=11
		Avondale as a place to retire	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		45% N=16
			Fair		39% N=13
			Poor		15% N=5
		Sense of community	Excellent		3% N=1
			Good		19% N=8
			Fair		66% N=28
			Poor		12% N=5
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent		0% N=
			Good		31% N=12

Inclusivity and Engagement

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Fair		26% N=10
		Poor		44% N=17
Please rate the job you feel the Avondale community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		17% N=7
		Good		66% N=29
		Fair		13% N=6
		Poor		4% N=2
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		28% N=11
		Good		54% N=21
		Fair		18% N=7
		Poor		0% N=
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		27% N=11
		Good		68% N=27
		Fair		5% N=2
		Poor		0% N=
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Excellent		8% N=3
		Good		30% N=12

Inclusivity and Engagement

Please rate the job you feel the Avondale community does at each of the following.

Taking care of vulnerable residents

Fair



43%
N=17

Poor



19%
N=7

Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.

Sense of civic/community pride

Excellent



19%
N=7

Good



37%
N=14

Fair



13%
N=5

Poor



31%
N=12

Neighborliness of residents

Excellent



6%
N=2

Good



53%
N=21

Fair



9%
N=4

Poor



32%
N=12

Opportunities to participate in social events and activities

Excellent



31%
N=12

Good



33%
N=13

Fair



23%
N=9

Poor



13%
N=5

Opportunities to volunteer

Excellent



12%
N=4

Good



53%
N=17

Inclusivity and Engagement	Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.	Opportunities to volunteer	Fair		20% N=7
			Poor		15% N=5
		Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent		11% N=4
			Good		47% N=17
			Fair		28% N=10
			Poor		14% N=5
		Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent		15% N=6
			Good		41% N=17
			Fair		38% N=16
			Poor		5% N=2
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential		36% N=15
			Very important		33% N=14
			Somewhat important		30% N=13
Participation	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Avondale for help or information	No		46% N=19
			Yes		54% N=22
		Contacted Avondale elected officials to express your opinion	No		97% N=40

Participation	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted Avondale elected officials to express your opinion		Yes		3% N=1
		Attended a local public meeting	No	No		50% N=21
				Yes		50% N=21
		Watched a local public meeting	No	No		63% N=26
				Yes		37% N=15
		Volunteered your time to some group/activity	No	No		58% N=22
				Yes		42% N=16
		Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No	No		97% N=40
				Yes		3% N=1
		Voted in your most recent local election	No	No		39% N=16
				Yes		61% N=25
	In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Several times a day	Several times a day		88% N=36
				Once a day		12% N=5
				Every few weeks		0% N=
		Access the internet from your cell phone	Several times a day	Several times a day		95% N=39
				Once a day		5% N=2

Participation	In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your cell phone	A few times a week		0% N=
		Visit social media sites	Several times a day		92% N=36
			Once a day		8% N=3
			Less often or never		0% N=
		Use or check email	Several times a day		100% N=41
			Once a day		0% N=
		Share your opinions online	Several times a day		27% N=11
			Once a day		20% N=8
			A few times a week		24% N=10
			Every few weeks		1% N=1
			Less often or never		27% N=11
		Shop online	Several times a day		18% N=7
			Once a day		24% N=10
			A few times a week		20% N=8
			Every few weeks		31% N=13
			Less often or never		6% N=3

Demographic

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)

American Indian or Alaska Native

20%
N=8

Asian

0%
N=

White

57%
N=23

A race not listed

23%
N=10

How many years have you lived in Avondale?

Less than 2 years

26%
N=10

2-5 years

14%
N=5

6-10 years

19%
N=7

11-20 years

21%
N=8

More than 20 years

20%
N=8

Which best describes the building you live in?

Single-family detached home

81%
N=30

Condominium or apartment (have units above or below you)

13%
N=5

Mobile home

6%
N=2

Do you rent or own your home?

Rent

35%
N=14

Own

65%
N=27

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?

Less than \$300

0%
N=

\$300 to \$599

10%
N=4

Demographic

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?

\$600 to \$999

9%
N=4

\$1,000 to \$1,499

23%
N=9

\$1,500 to \$2,499

39%
N=16

\$2,500 to \$3,999

8%
N=3

\$4,000 to \$6,999

11%
N=5

\$10,000 or more

0%
N=

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?

No

51%
N=19

Yes

49%
N=18

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?

No

88%
N=36

Yes

12%
N=5

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)

\$25,000 to \$49,999

16%
N=6

\$50,000 to \$74,999

17%
N=6

\$75,000 to \$99,999

10%
N=4

\$100,000 to \$149,999

25%
N=9

\$150,000 to \$199,999

26%
N=9

\$200,000 to \$299,999

7%
N=3

Demographic

Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin?	No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin		48% N=20
	Yes, I consider myself to be of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin		52% N=22
In which category is your age?	25-34 years		33% N=12
	35-44 years		33% N=12
	45-54 years		10% N=4
	55-64 years		21% N=8
	65-74 years		3% N=1
What is your gender?	Woman		52% N=22
	Man		48% N=20

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Please complete this survey if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had a birthday (the year of birth does not matter). Your responses are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

1. Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Avondale.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Avondale as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Your neighborhood as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Avondale as a place to raise children	1	2	3	4	5
Avondale as a place to work.....	1	2	3	4	5
Avondale as a place to visit.....	1	2	3	4	5
Avondale as a place to retire	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in Avondale	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of community	1	2	3	4	5

2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Avondale as a whole.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall economic health of Avondale.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Avondale.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall design or layout of Avondale's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Avondale (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband).....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall feeling of safety in Avondale	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of natural environment in Avondale.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Avondale.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	1	2	3	4	5

3. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Somewhat unlikely</u>	<u>Very unlikely</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Recommend living in Avondale to someone who asks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Remain in Avondale for the next five years.....	1	2	3	4	5

4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

	<u>Very safe</u>	<u>Somewhat safe</u>	<u>Neither safe nor unsafe</u>	<u>Somewhat unsafe</u>	<u>Very unsafe</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
In your neighborhood during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In Avondale's downtown/commercial area during the day	1	2	3	4	5	6
From property crime.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From violent crime.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	1	2	3	4	5	6

5. Please rate the job you feel the Avondale community does at each of the following.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Making all residents feel welcome	1	2	3	4	5
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5
Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5

6. Please rate each of the following in the Avondale community.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Avondale.....	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of business and service establishments in Avondale	1	2	3	4	5
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	1	2	3	4	5
Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Shopping opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cost of living in Avondale	1	2	3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of Avondale	1	2	3	4	5

7. Please also rate each of the following in the Avondale community.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Traffic flow on major streets.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of public parking.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by car in Avondale	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by public transportation in Avondale	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by bicycle in Avondale	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of walking in Avondale.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-planned residential growth	1	2	3	4	5
Well-planned commercial growth	1	2	3	4	5
Well-designed neighborhoods	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	1	2	3	4	5
Public places where people want to spend time	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of housing options.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality housing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of new development in Avondale.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall appearance of Avondale.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness of Avondale	1	2	3	4	5
Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Air quality.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of paths and walking trails.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.) ...	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality food	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality health care.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of preventive health services	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	1	2	3	4	5
Community support for the arts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool.....	1	2	3	4	5
K-12 education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Adult educational opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of civic/community pride.....	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborliness of residents in Avondale	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to volunteer	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in community matters	1	2	3	4	5
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5

8. Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.

	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Contacted the City of Avondale (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information.....	1	2
Contacted Avondale elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion.....	1	2
Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.)	1	2
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting.....	1	2
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Avondale	1	2
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate.....	1	2
Voted in your most recent local election	1	2
Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving.....	1	2
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone.....	1	2
Walked or biked instead of driving	1	2

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9. Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Avondale.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Public information services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Economic development.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic enforcement	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic signal timing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street repair.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street cleaning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street lighting.....	1	2	3	4	5
Snow removal.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalk maintenance.....	1	2	3	4	5
Bus or transit services	1	2	3	4	5
Land use, planning, and zoning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Affordable high-speed internet access	1	2	3	4	5
Garbage collection	1	2	3	4	5
Drinking water.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sewer services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Power (electric and/or gas) utility.....	1	2	3	4	5
Utility billing	1	2	3	4	5
Police/Sheriff services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Crime prevention	1	2	3	4	5
Animal control.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ambulance or emergency medical services	1	2	3	4	5
Fire services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire prevention and education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	1	2	3	4	5
Avondale open space.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling.....	1	2	3	4	5
Yard waste pick-up.....	1	2	3	4	5
City parks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation programs or classes	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation centers or facilities	1	2	3	4	5
Health services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public library services	1	2	3	4	5
Overall customer service by Avondale employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5

10. Please rate the following categories of Avondale government performance.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The value of services for the taxes paid to Avondale	1	2	3	4	5
The overall direction that Avondale is taking.....	1	2	3	4	5
The job Avondale government does at welcoming resident involvement.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall confidence in Avondale government.....	1	2	3	4	5
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	1	2	3	4	5
Being honest.....	1	2	3	4	5
Being open and transparent to the public.....	1	2	3	4	5
Informing residents about issues facing the community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Treating all residents fairly	1	2	3	4	5
Treating residents with respect	1	2	3	4	5

11. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The City of Avondale.....	1	2	3	4	5
The Federal Government.....	1	2	3	4	5

12. Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Avondale community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.

	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>
Overall economic health of Avondale.....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Avondale.....	1	2	3	4
Overall design or layout of Avondale's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.).....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Avondale (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband).....	1	2	3	4
Overall feeling of safety in Avondale	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of natural environment in Avondale	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Avondale	1	2	3	4
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts.....	1	2	3	4
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	1	2	3	4

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Our last questions are about you and your household.

Again, all of your responses to this survey are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

D1. In general, how many times do you:

	Several times a day	Once a day	A few times a week	Every few weeks	Less often or never	Don't know
Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop, or tablet computer	1	2	3	4	5	6
Access the internet from your cell phone	1	2	3	4	5	6
Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Use or check email	1	2	3	4	5	6
Share your opinions online	1	2	3	4	5	6
Shop online	1	2	3	4	5	6

D2. Please rate your overall health.

☐ Excellent ☐ Very good ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

D3. What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?

Do you think the impact will be:

☐ Very positive ☐ Somewhat positive ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat negative ☐ Very negative

D4. How many years have you lived in Avondale?

- ☐ Less than 2 years
☐ 2-5 years
☐ 6-10 years
☐ 11-20 years
☐ More than 20 years

D5. Which best describes the building you live in?

- ☐ Single-family detached home
☐ Townhouse or duplex (may share walls but
no units above or below you)
☐ Condominium or apartment (have units
above or below you)
☐ Mobile home
☐ Other

D6. Do you rent or own your home?

- ☐ Rent
☐ Own

D7. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?

- ☐ Less than \$300 ☐ \$2,500 to \$3,999
☐ \$300 to \$599 ☐ \$4,000 to \$6,999
☐ \$600 to \$999 ☐ \$7,000 to \$9,999
☐ \$1,000 to \$1,499 ☐ \$10,000 or more
☐ \$1,500 to \$2,499

D8. Do any children 17 or under live in your household?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

D9. Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

D10. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)

- ☐ Less than \$25,000 ☐ \$100,000 to \$149,999
☐ \$25,000 to \$49,999 ☐ \$150,000 to \$199,999
☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999 ☐ \$200,000 to \$299,999
☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999 ☐ \$300,000 or more

D11. Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

D12. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
☐ Asian
☐ Black or African American
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
☐ White
☐ A race not listed

D13. In which category is your age?

- ☐ 18-24 years ☐ 55-64 years
☐ 25-34 years ☐ 65-74 years
☐ 35-44 years ☐ 75 years or older
☐ 45-54 years

D14. What is your gender?

- ☐ Woman
☐ Man
☐ Identify in another way → go to D14a

D14a. If you identify in another way, how would you describe your gender?

- ☐ Agender/I don't identify with any gender
☐ Genderqueer/gender fluid
☐ Non-binary
☐ Transgender man
☐ Transgender woman
☐ Two-spirit
☐ Identify in another way

Thank you!

Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid envelope to:
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