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# **WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES July 8, 2024**

## **[Pre-Meeting](#)**

### **[Oath of Office for Councilor Bonnington](#)**

### **[Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance \[6:00 pm/5 min\]](#)**

#### **Council Present:**

Mayor Rory Bialostosky, Council President Mary Baumgardner, Councilor Carol Bryck, Councilor Kevin Bonnington, and Councilor Leo Groner.

#### **Staff Present:**

City Manager John Williams, City Attorney Ashley Wigod, City Recorder Kathy Mollusky, Administrative Assistant Kathy Connell, Police Chief Peter Mahuna, and Parks and Recreation Director Megan Big John.

### **[Approval of Agenda \[6:05 pm/5 min\]](#)**

Council President Mary Baumgardner moved to approve the agenda for the July 8, 2024, West Linn City Council Meeting. Councilor Leo Groner seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor Rory Bialostosky, Council President Mary Baumgardner, Councilor Carol Bryck, Councilor Kevin Bonnington, and Councilor Leo Groner.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

#### [Public Comment \[6:10 pm/10 min\]](#)

Alice Richmond, West Linn, expressed concerns about City employees entering her property and appropriating items.

Terence Shumaker, West Linn, spoke to the protection of the Willamette Wetlands and the proposed development by Bob Schultz.

[Public Comment - Alice Richmond](#)

#### [Mayor and Council Reports \[6:20 pm/15 min\]](#)

#### [Appoint Community Advisory Group and Police Review & Recommend Members](#)

Mayor Bialostosky placed before Council the following appointments:

- Brian Beedle, Budget Committee
- Sheri Harbour De Vos, Historic Review Board
- Derek Reinke, Police Review & Recommend Committee
- Jack Snook, alternate, Police Review and Recommend Committee

Council President Mary Baumgardner moved to approve the Mayor's appointments. Councilor Leo Groner seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor Rory Bialostosky, Council President Mary Baumgardner, Councilor Carol Bryck, Councilor Kevin Bonnington, and Councilor Leo Groner.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

#### [Reports from Community Advisory Groups](#)

Council President Baumgardner noted many members of the public in attendance tonight were concerned about the wetlands. She advocated for the wetlands and would potentially have the City investigate purchasing the property.

Councilor Bryck reported on the South Fork Water Board meeting on June 24 where a tech overview and a cybersecurity audit were presented. The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system (SCADA), which monitored water flow and amounts, was isolated from the rest of the system and was at very low risk for cyberattacks.

Councilor Bonnington stated many community members had expressed concerns about e-scooters and e-bikes and seemed to suggest the existing laws needed to be enforced, and parents needed to remind their kids not to speed on sidewalks and to be careful in shopping centers. He had concluded he would not recommend Council consider the issue now.

Mayor Bialostosky noted an e-mail blast had been sent reminding people of the regulations regarding e-bikes.

### **Proclamations and Recognitions [6:35 pm/10 min]**

#### **Portland General Electric (PGE) Green Future Enterprise Award**

Michael Sannikov, Key Customer Manager, PGE, gave an overview of the Green Future Impact program and presented a plaque representing the Portland General Electric Green Future Enterprise Award to the City of West Linn.

#### **National Farmers Market Week & Willamette Summer Steet Market Week**

##### **Proclamation**

Councilor Groner read the Proclamation, declaring August 4 to 10, 2024, National Farmers Market Week in conjunction with Wednesdays in Willamette Summer Street Market Week in the City of West Linn.

Rebecca Hollenbeck, Historic Willamette Main Street (HWMS) Executive Director, thanked Council for supporting the Farmers Market and introduced Christiana Killpatrick, Market Manager, and Jody Carson and Kim Bria as HWMS Board Members.

#### **Parks and Recreation Month**

##### **Proclamation**

Councilor Bonnington read the Proclamation, declaring July 2024, as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of West Linn.

#### **Ambassador Proclamations**

##### **Proclamations**

Council President Baumgardner read the Proclamation, honoring and congratulating Queen Hallie Jones and Princesses Sadie Jones, Aaliyah Rahman, Kaelynn Gracia, and Natalie Katko for their successful competition and appointment as 2024 West Linn Old Time Fair Ambassadors.

### **Scheduled Presentations to the Council [6:45 pm/20 min]**

#### **Water Environmental Services (WES) State of the District**

Greg Geist, Clackamas County WES Director, gave a presentation on WES, highlighting its services, infrastructure, future needs, projects, and community outreach. He explained that the

Willamette Pump Station Project pipe replacement would follow the pipe's existing route from the former Blue Heron Lagoon property to the I-205 bridge. He clarified T-shirts are available with the new, community-created "Clack-A-Mole" logo representing the Tri-City Outfall Project tunnel boring machine.

[Presentation](#)

[Consent Agenda \[7:05 pm/5 min\]](#)

**Agenda Bill 2024-07-08-01: Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2024**

[Draft Minutes Information](#)

Council President Mary Baumgardner moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the July 8, 2024, West Linn City Council Meeting which includes the June 3, 2024, meeting minutes. Councilor Leo Groner seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor Rory Bialostosky, Council President Mary Baumgardner, Councilor Carol Bryck, Councilor Kevin Bonnington, and Councilor Leo Groner.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

[Business Meeting \[7:10 pm/60 min\]](#)

**Agenda Bill 2024-07-08-02: ORD 1751, AMENDING WEST LINN MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6 RELATING TO VEHICLES AND PARKING**

[ORD 1751 Information](#)

City Manager Williams noted Council had discussed this Code amendment several times and had provided direction for Staff to prepare an ordinance, which would be presented tonight.

Police Chief Mahuna gave a report on the ordinance which changed the boat trailer parking time allowance from four hours to 24 hours. He noted data would be collected over a year and reported back to Council. He read the changes to the Ordinance as shown in the meeting materials.

Councilor Bryck appreciated that statistics on the impact of the ordinance would be available in a year. She was concerned about unintended consequences of the ordinance and welcomed the opportunity to revisit the issue.

Council President Mary Baumgardner moved to approve First Reading for Ordinance 1751, amending West Linn Municipal Code Chapter 6 relating to vehicles and parking, and set the matter for Second Reading. Councilor Leo Groner seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor Rory Bialostosky, Council President Mary Baumgardner, Councilor Carol Bryck, Councilor Kevin Bonnington, and Councilor Leo Groner.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

Council President Mary Baumgardner moved to approve Second Reading for Ordinance 1751, amending West Linn Municipal Code Chapter 6 relating to vehicles and parking, and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Leo Groner seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor Rory Bialostosky, Council President Mary Baumgardner, Councilor Carol Bryck, Councilor Kevin Bonnington, and Councilor Leo Groner.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

**[Agenda Bill 2024-07-08-03: Community Recreation Center Phase II Feasibility Study Next Steps](#)**

[Community Rec Center Information](#)

[Online Questionnaire Final Report](#)

Parks and Recreation Director Big John introduced the Agenda Bill, noting the material to be covered and that Council's direction was being sought on next steps.

[Public Comment](#)

Charles Seims, West Linn, spoke to the impacts of the cost of a new Community Recreation Center on city residents, and noted Lake Oswego is opening a similar facility in November. He asked Council to not approve the project.

Dale Fortuna, West Linn, spoke to the cost of the project on residents, businesses, and schools, and its poor timing after the COVID-19 pandemic. Increased taxes would be an additional burden. The City had other priorities that were more important.

Ryan Mottau, MIG Opsis, gave a report highlighting the community polling and questionnaire respondent demographics and responses in support or opposed to operational and capital funding amounts as shown in the meeting materials.

[Presentation](#)

Parks and Recreation Director Big John reported on the community-provided written comments on the questionnaire with the main themes being support of the project, desire for a pool, a gathering space for the community, cost concerns of taxes and user fees, a center was unneeded, and funds needed to be used elsewhere in the city. The comments were included in the meeting packet. She requested Council's input on the next steps.

Mr. Mottau noted that though the results did not show overwhelming support, they strongly indicated community interest in the project and reluctance due to the cost. Information still needed to be disseminated to the community about the project. He noted the cost was significantly more than the project proposed in 2015 and a lot of that was due to inflation. Time would increase the cost of the project. This meeting would be the last chance to vote to include on the November ballot, though not much evidence in the poll showed an advantage in doing so.

Responses to Council questions from Staff were as follows:

- During reviews of individual properties at the Open House, assessed values were around 50 percent to 70 percent of the respondents' perceived market value of their homes. The difference was large, and the amount would depend on when the house was built and various tax laws in place at the time. Also, attendees noted the sizeable differences in the tax amount based on the assessed value of their homes, as opposed to the sale price.
- No list of other funding sources currently existed as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and the Steering Committee were waiting for the feedback from this Council meeting to determine potential next steps in approaching the private sector or other sources for alternative funding.

Council expressed the following key opinions and concerns:

- Looking at grants and the private sector for alternative funding sources makes sense to help bring costs down for residents. The Recreation Center was a good project and would bring many benefits and a lot of value to the city.
- Lake Oswego's recreation center had its school district as a substantial funding partner, which is another option to explore.
- The community has a strong desire for a recreation center, and the performance of past ballot measures for swim centers will inform people's vote, so timing is critical.
- Construction costs had increased more than any consumer price index, which had a big impact on the project. Citizens noted other needs in the city and questioned committing so much money if the City could not take care of what it already has.
- Adding the recreation center to this November's ballot was not the best plan. One benefit of waiting was that interest rates could potentially decrease, resulting in a more financially viable project.
- The risk of a five-year renewable levy was that it might not pass a second time and imperil future funding for operating the new facility.

Parks and Recreation Director Big John and Mr. Mottau noted:

- Even more outreach was needed given the confusion around the questionnaire; who could use the center; the conceptual design being based on the community's dream, which created the current cost estimates; the City's working relationship and the options already explored with the School District and Lake Oswego, which had a different type of facility; and the limited facilities Parks had to program out of.
- Last year, the Parks and Recreation Department's revenue of \$675,000 had not yet been

added into operation of the new recreation center, which would also generate revenue. More time would allow more fine tuning of the new center's potential operational costs.

- The shared understanding of what the Recreation Center could be and what it could look like was a unifying point that had only come together in recent months and having that focus made the project sellable and marketable to the community, partners, and funders.

City Manager Williams confirmed Council's direction was to continue working with elected officials, staff, and community members, and to approach funders, state agencies, Metro, etc., to find alternative funding options to cut the taxpayers' share of the costs, and then approach the community with any available additional funding. The next step would be to determine who would lead that discussion and effort.

Mayor Bialostosky suggested Council hold a joint public meeting with the Steering Committee and PRAB to discuss next steps.

#### [City Manager Report \[8:10 pm/5 min\]](#)

City Manager Williams reported on the operating hours of several local cooling centers, as well as West Linn's splashpads, given the high temperatures, noting the City was coordinating with the County and PGE about the possibility of power outages, and advised against using artificial turf fields in temperatures above 95 degrees.

- He noted this month's art rotation featured art from Karen LaGrave Small which including a series on climate change.
- Council's special meeting agenda on July 15 would include a Planning Department update on the Climate-Friendly Equitable Communities Implementation, and possibly the Council stipend issue. The next Council meeting would be on August 5 followed by Council's August recess.
- Election information had been put together for the fall. The Mayor's and two Council positions would be open for the election on November 5. Those wishing to run had to file by August 27.

#### [City Attorney Report \[8:15 pm/5 min\]](#)

Mayor Bialostosky reported on the work he and the City Attorney had been doing on the Council stipend issue. The Budget Committee had researched Council stipends in other cities and based on the market and other councilors' job responsibilities, recommended \$15,000 per year per Councilor and \$30,000 per year for the Mayor. As per the City Charter, this change would have to go before voters for approval. At the Council meeting next week, a draft resolution would be presented to Council to make the filing deadline for the November ballot. City Attorney Wigod would send a memo to Council regarding the legal requirements around pay issues that impact the Councilors' own salaries.

City Attorney Wigod noted the Oregon Government Ethics Commission stated no conflict of interest existed for the sitting Councilors to vote to refer the stipend issue to the voters for a decision. She would send the memo tomorrow to Council.

Council President Baumgardner expressed condolences to the family and friends of Alfredo Vicario Venancio Hernandez, who had died at the boat dock. She cautioned people to be very careful in the heat.

[Adjourn \[8:20 pm\]](#)

Minutes approved 9-9-24.





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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, July 8, 2024

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5:30 p.m. – Pre-Meeting – Bolton Room & Virtual\*

6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting – Council Chambers & Virtual\*

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### Oath of Office for Councilor Bonnington

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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance [6:00 pm/5 min]
2. Approval of Agenda [6:05 pm/5 min]
3. Public Comment [6:10 pm/10 min]

The purpose of Public Comment is to allow the community to present information or raise an issue regarding items that do not include a public hearing. All remarks should be addressed to the Council as a body. This is a time for Council to listen, they will not typically engage in discussion on topics not on the agenda. Time limit for each participant is three minutes, unless the Mayor decides to allocate more or less time. Designated representatives of Neighborhood Associations and Community Advisory Groups are granted five minutes.

4. Mayor and Council Reports [6:20 pm/15 min]
  - a. Appoint Community Advisory Group and Police Review & Recommend Members
  - b. Reports from Community Advisory Groups
5. Proclamations and Recognitions [6:35 pm/10 min]
  - a. Portland General Electric (PGE) Green Future Enterprise Award
  - b. National Farmers Market Week & Willamette Summer Steet Market Week
  - c. Parks and Recreation Month
  - d. Ambassador Proclamations
6. Scheduled Presentations to the Council [6:45 pm/20 min]
  - a. Water Environmental Services (WES) State of the District

7. Consent Agenda

[7:05 pm/5 min]

The Consent Agenda allows Council to consider routine items that do not require a discussion. An item may only be discussed if it is removed from the Consent Agenda. Council makes one motion covering all items included on the Consent Agenda.

- a. Agenda Bill 2024-07-08-01: Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2024

8. Business Meeting

[7:10 pm/60 min]

Persons wishing to speak on agenda items shall complete the form provided in the foyer and hand them to staff prior to the item being called for discussion. A separate slip must be turned in for each item. The time limit for each participant is three minutes, unless the Mayor decides to allocate more or less time. Designated representatives of Neighborhood Associations and Community Advisory Groups are granted five minutes.

- a. Agenda Bill 2024-07-08-02: ORD 1751, AMENDING WEST LINN MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6 RELATING TO VEHICLES AND PARKING
- b. Agenda Bill 2024-07-08-03: Community Recreation Center Phase II Feasibility Study Next Steps

9. City Manager Report

[8:10 pm/5 min]

10. City Attorney Report

[8:15 pm/5 min]

11. Adjourn

[8:20 pm]

# PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

**WHEREAS**, farmer's markets are an integral part of Oregon's food system and agricultural economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the farmer's markets in Oregon are important sales outlets for farmers and food business owners, generating revenue that supports the sustainability of family farms and the revitalization of rural communities; and

**WHEREAS**, farmer's markets provide citizens of all income levels with access to healthful, locally produced foods through Oregon markets that accept supplemental nutritional assistance program benefits and other critical food access programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Power of Produce program offered by the Wednesdays in Willamette Summer Street Market offers children the opportunity to engage in the local food system through conversations directly with farmers and have exposure to new fruits and vegetables; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wednesdays in Willamette Summer Street Market is a cornerstone of our community, well-loved by customers, neighbors, and vendors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the importance of expanding agricultural marketing opportunities that assist and encourage the next generation of farmers and ranchers; generate farm income to help stimulate business development and job creation; build community connections through rural and urban linkages; provide access to fresh healthy food for all of Oregon's citizens; and more.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN**, that August 4 to 10, 2024 is National Farmers Market Week in conjunction with Wednesdays in Willamette Summer Street Market Week.

DATED THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY 2024

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RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

**PROCLAMATION**  
**West Linn, Oregon**

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of West Linn; and

**WHEREAS**, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Linn recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN** that July is recognized as:

**PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH**

DATED THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY, 2024

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RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Linn has a policy of recognizing excellence in achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, a *West Linn Old Time Fair Ambassador* must distinguish themselves by their service to the community, their skill to communicate before an audience, and their commitment to promoting the tradition of the Old Time Fair, and

**WHEREAS**, an Ambassador serves as a leader and role model for their peers, exemplifying the finest of West Linn's youth and the next generation of leaders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY WISH TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE**

***Queen Hallie Jones***

For her successful competition and appointment as a 2024 West Linn Old Time Fair Ambassador.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2024

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**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY WISH TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE**

***Princess Sadie Jones***

For her successful competition and appointment as a 2024 West Linn Old Time Fair Ambassador.

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RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

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**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY WISH TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE**

***Princess Aaliyah Rahman***

For her successful competition and appointment as a 2024 West Linn Old Time Fair Ambassador.

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RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

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KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

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**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY WISH TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE**

***Princess Kaelynn Garcia***

For her successful competition and appointment as a 2024 West Linn Old Time Fair Ambassador.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2024

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RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

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KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER



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**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY WISH TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE**

***Princess Natalie Katko***

For her successful competition and appointment as a 2024 West Linn Old Time Fair Ambassador.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2024

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RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

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KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER



CLACKAMAS  
WATER  
ENVIRONMENT  
SERVICES

# 2023 Annual Report

# Vision & Mission

## VISION

Be a collaborative partner in building a resilient clean water future where all people benefit, and rivers thrive.

## MISSION

Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES) produces clean water, protects water quality and recovers renewable resources. We do this by providing wastewater services, stormwater management, and environmental education.

It's our job to protect public health and support the vitality of our communities, natural environment, and economy.

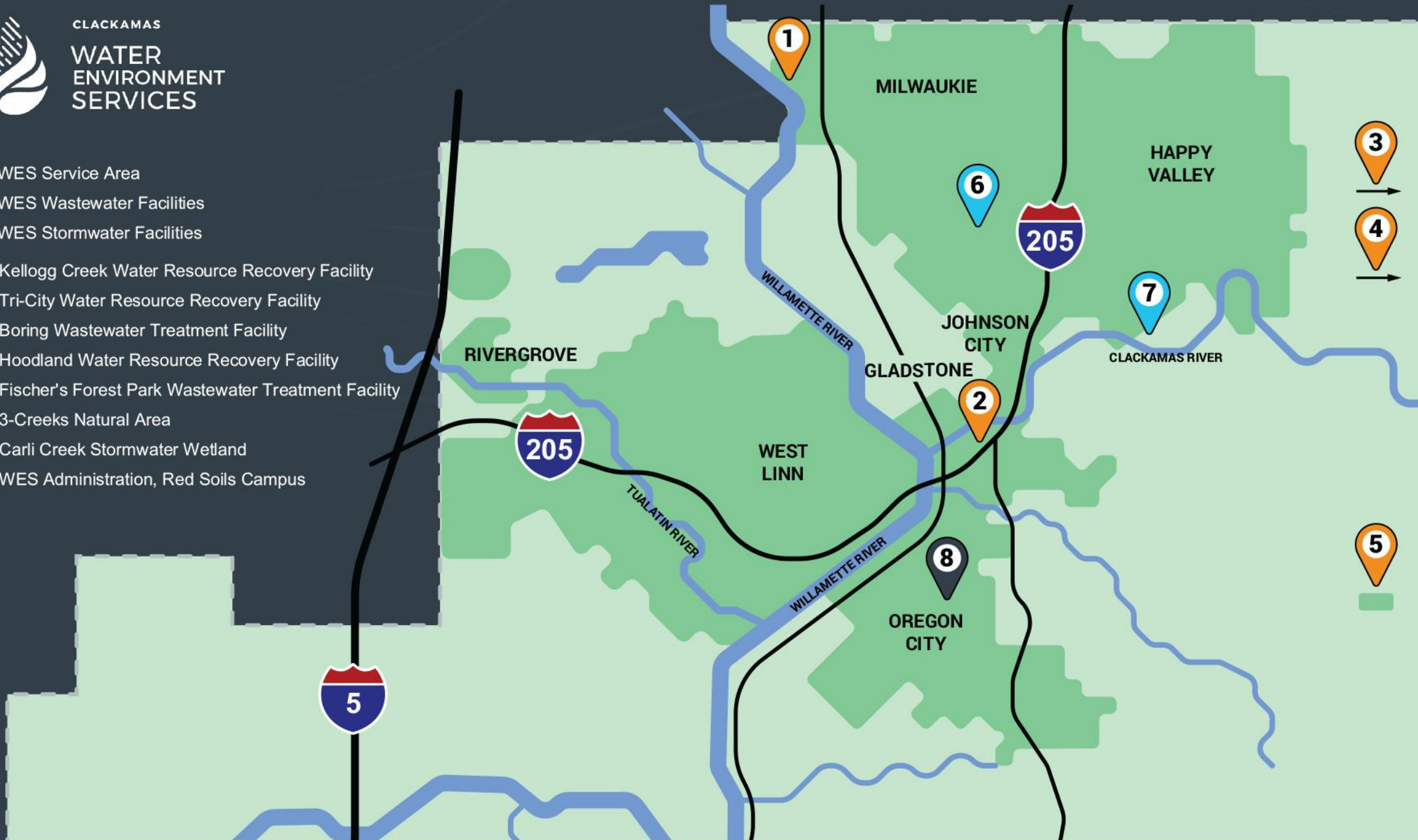




CLACKAMAS  
WATER  
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SERVICES

- WES Service Area
- WES Wastewater Facilities
- WES Stormwater Facilities

- 1 Kellogg Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility
- 2 Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility
- 3 Boring Wastewater Treatment Facility
- 4 Hoodland Water Resource Recovery Facility
- 5 Fischer's Forest Park Wastewater Treatment Facility
- 6 3-Creeks Natural Area
- 7 Carli Creek Stormwater Wetland
- 8 WES Administration, Red Soils Campus



# Who we are



**5** Water Resource Recovery Facilities



**7** Billion gallons per year cleaned



**194k** Estimated population served



**23** Pump Stations





# Who we are



**358 Miles** of sanitary sewer pipes



**\$288,905,817** budget



**19,001** Surface water catch basins/manholes



# Our Leaders

*Commissioners and Advisory Committee*



# Planning for the Future

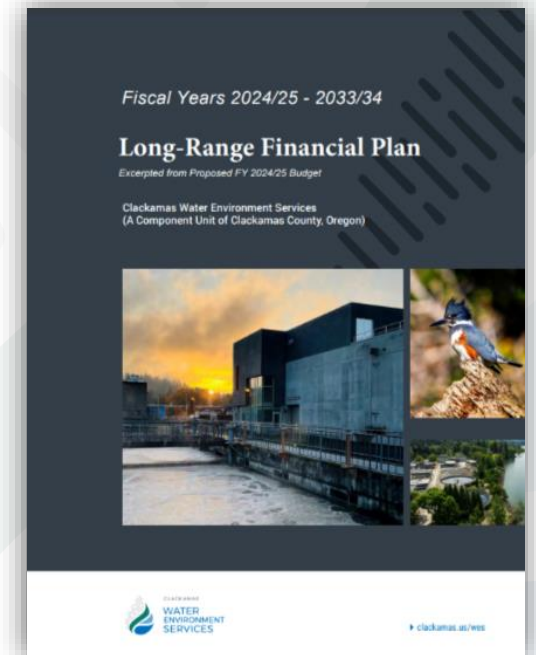
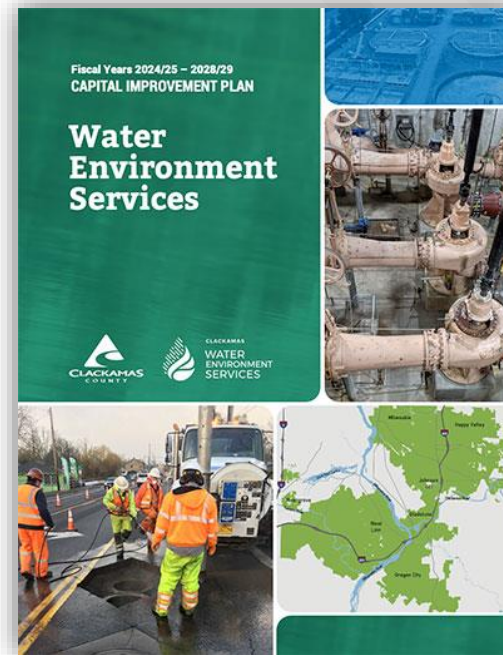
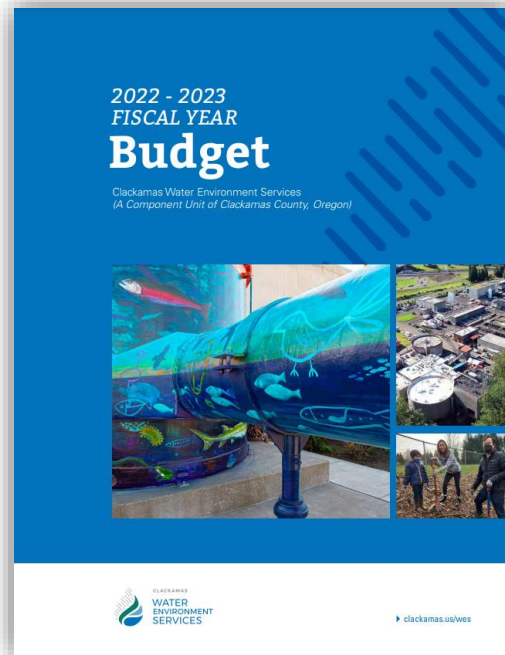
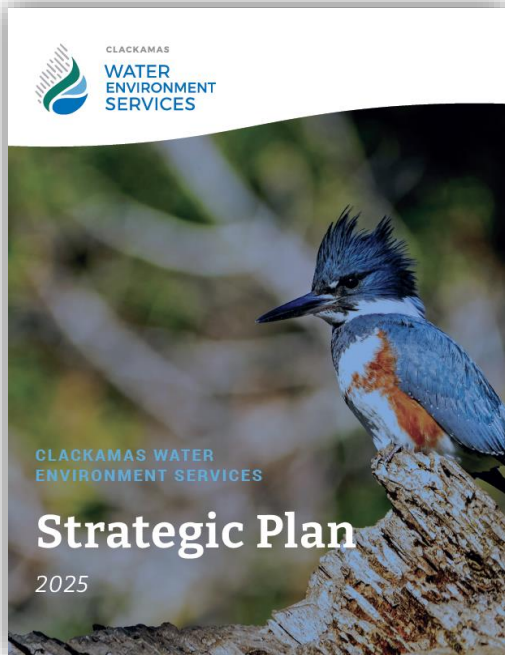
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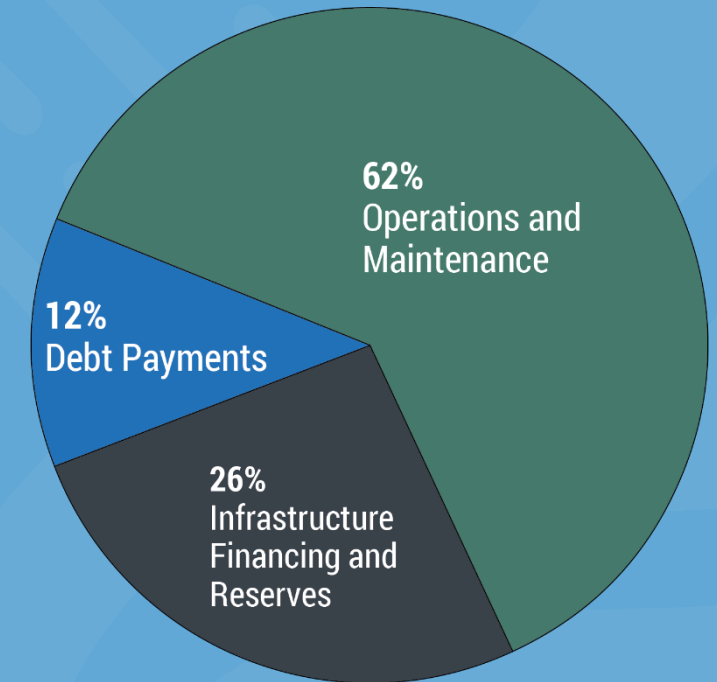
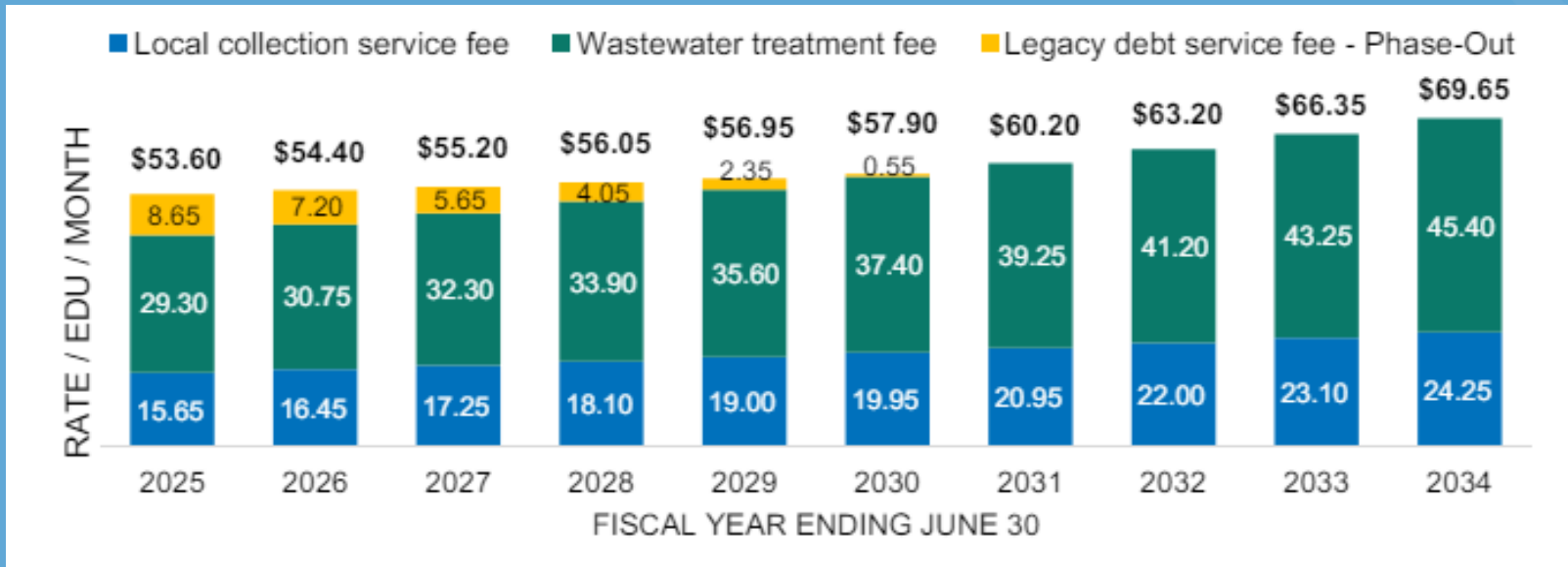
# Planning for the Future

## *Core Strategies*



# Financial Stewardship

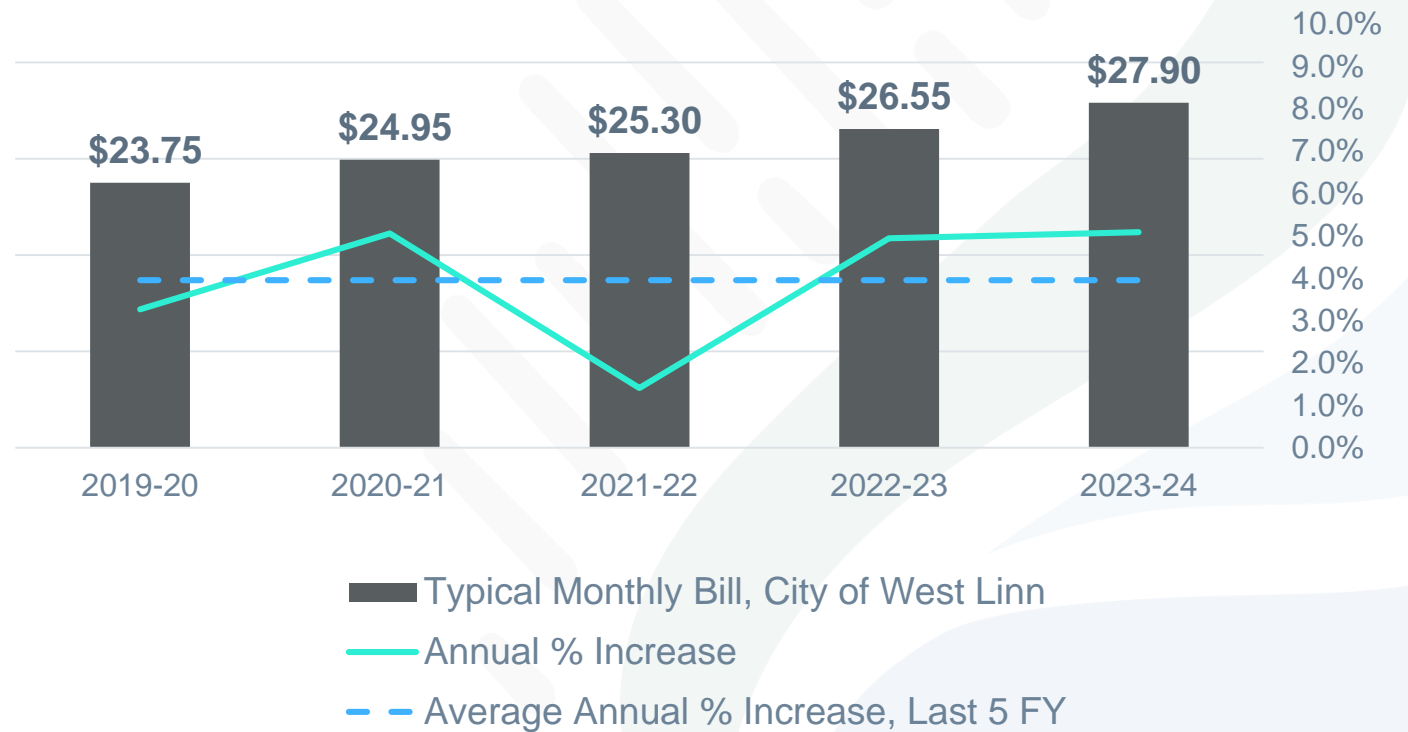
## *Managing your rate payer dollars*



# Commitment to reasonable and predictable rates

- The rate increase for customers in the City of West Linn in 2023/24 was 5.1% / \$1.35 per month.

West Linn Monthly Rate History



# Major Sewer Capital Projects

Project	FY 2024-25 Budget	Estimated Total Cost	Current Status
Tri-City Outfall Project	\$ 30.0 M	\$ 66.5 M	Construction in progress; ongoing through December 2025.
Willamette Pump Station and Force Main	\$ 9.2 M	\$ 30.5 M	Construction of the portion of the Force Main on the I-205 bridge is anticipated to be completed in FY25. Design of the Pump Station and remaining Force Main to connect to the bridge is in progress
Intertie 2 Pump Station and Force Main	\$ 8.0 M	\$ 25.0 M	The Force Main will begin construction in Fall 2024 and the Pump Station will be out to bid in early 2025.
Tri-City WRRF Primary Clarifier Rehabilitation	\$ 5.0 M	\$ 16.8 M	Two of the six primary clarifier basins will be rehabilitated Summer 2024.
Clackamas Area Interceptor Improvement Project	\$ 3.4 M	\$ 46.1 M	Design of the entire CAIIP underway. Construction will be phased over several different construction projects, with the Middle Interceptor being the priority.
Multiple Pump Station Upgrades	\$ 2.4 M	\$ 9.6 M	Gladstone Pump Station is under construction now.
Boring Upgrades	\$ 2.0 M	\$ 10.0 M	Upgrades have been completed at 6 of our stations. Gladstone Pump Station upgrades are under construction now. We have completed design on 6 additional pump station upgrades and those will be constructed in 2025/2026





# Building a Clean Water Future

## *Willamette Pump Station Project*



# Bolton Force Main Pigging

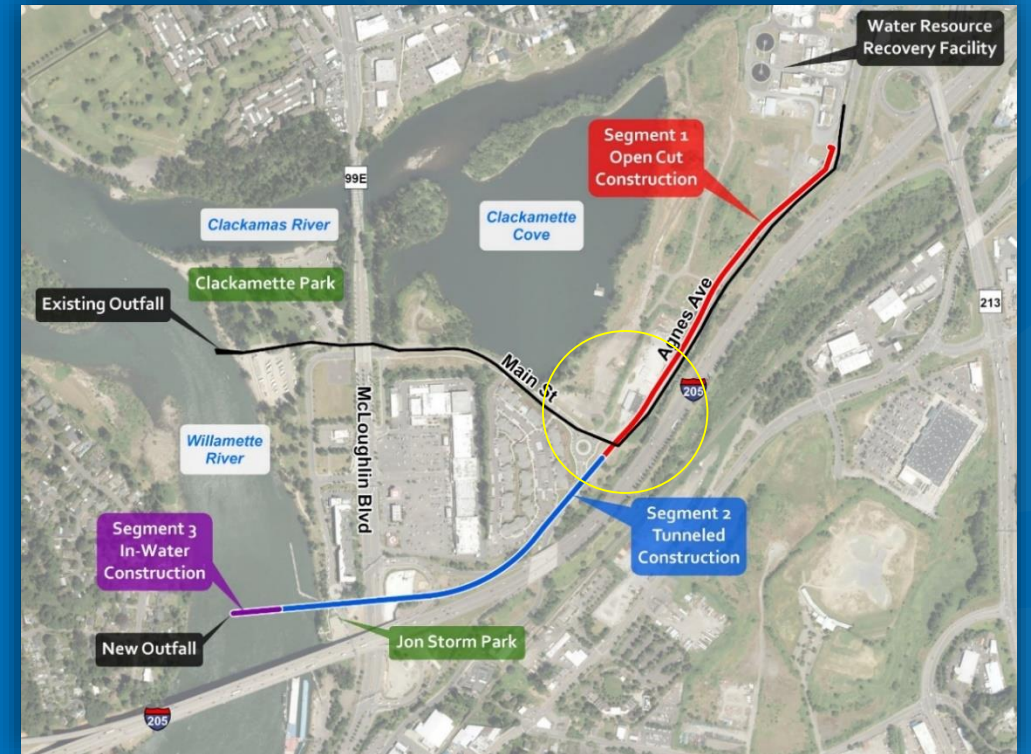
*Active Project with support from West Linn staff*





# Building a Clean Water Future

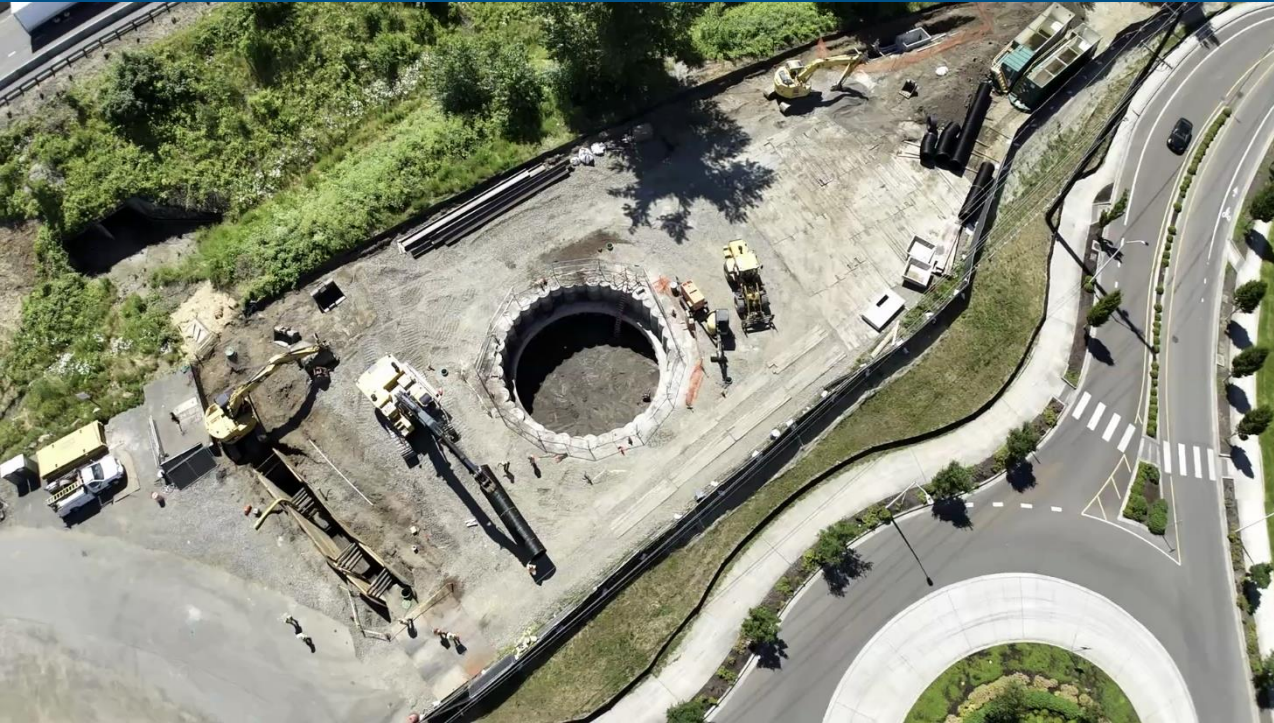
## *Tri-City Outfall Project*





# Building a Clean Water Future

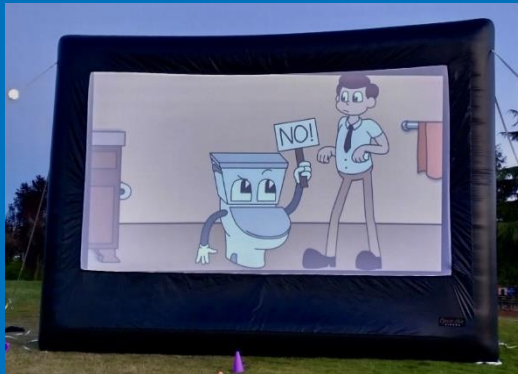
## *Tri-City Outfall Project*





# Partnering with West Linn

## *Clean Water Future for All*



**MOVIES IN THE PARK** ★  
SUMMER 2024

**VOTE NOW!**  
VOTING OPEN THROUGH MAY 31.  
WINNERS ANNOUNCED JUNE 7!

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## Agenda Bill 2024-07-08-01

Date: July 1, 2024

To: Rory Bialostosky, Mayor  
Members, West Linn City Council

From: Kathy Mollusky, City Recorder *KM*

Through: John Williams, City Manager *JRW*

Subject: Draft Meeting Minutes

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**Purpose:** Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Question(s) for Council:**

Does Council wish to approve the attached City Council Meeting Minutes?

**Public Hearing Required:** None required.

**Background & Discussion:**

The attached City Council Meeting Minutes are ready for Council approval.

**Budget Impact:** N/A

**Sustainability Impact:**

Council continues to present its meeting minutes online, reducing paper waste.

**Council Goal/Priority:**

Guiding Principle #0: Core Services of West Linn City Government. Continue to record and document the proceedings of the West Linn City Council. Guiding Principle #3: Sustainability. Incorporate environmentally sustainable practices in City activities and decision making, including reducing waste generation and energy consumption.

**Council Options:**

1. Approve the Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Revise and approve the Council Meeting Minutes.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Approve Council Meeting Minutes.

**Potential Motions:**

Approving the Consent Agenda will approve these minutes.

**Attachments:**

1. June 3, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes



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# **WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES June 3, 2024**

## **[Call to Order Special Meeting \[1:00 pm/5 min\]](#)**

### **Council Present:**

Mayor Rory Bialostosky, Council President Mary Baumgardner, Councilor Carol Bryck, and Councilor Leo Groner.

### **Staff Present:**

Interim Councilor Kevin Bonnington, City Manager John Williams, City Recorder Kathy Mollusky, City Attorney Bill Monahan, Assistant City Engineer Ide Clark, and Management Analyst Morgan Coffie.

## **[Approval of Agenda \[1:05 pm/5 min\]](#)**

Mayor Rory Bialostosky moved to approve the agenda for the June 3, 2024, West Linn City Council Meeting removing the Portland General Electric Green Future Enterprise Award and adding item 6d to the business meeting for City Attorney offer of employment. Council President Mary Baumgardner seconded the motion.

Mayor Bialostosky noted the Portland General Electric Green (PGE) Future Enterprise Award is being rescheduled to a different date to accommodate PGE's schedule.

**Ayes: Mayor Rory Bialostosky, Council President Mary Baumgardner, Councilor Carol Bryck, Councilor Leo Groner, and Interim Councilor Kevin Bonnington.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

**[Public Comments \[1:10 pm/10 min\]](#)**

Alice Richmond is happy Council is using the Adult Community Center.

**[Mayor and Council Reports \[1:20 pm/10 min\]](#)**

**[Reports from Community Advisory Groups](#)**

Council President Baumgardner reported the Committee for Community Involvement (CCI) met and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) had a special meeting on the consultant's presentation of the visioning of new community and recreation center to maybe put on the ballot in fall.

Councilor Bryck attended the South Fork Water Board Meeting (SFWB) along with the Mayor and Council President. There was a Vision 43 open house at the library that was directed towards renters in the community. Clackamas County's Water Environmental Services (WES) Budget Committee approved the budget and will put it forward to Clackamas County for adoption.

Councilor Groner stated the recreation center meeting was well attended and he heard a lot of positive comments. At the Library Advisory Board meeting he learned the library is getting a dog in residence.

Councilor Bonnington attended the Vision 43 open house and Sunset Neighborhood Association meeting. He only has one liaison appointment and now that he is elected, he would like to revisit that in the future to have more. Mayor Bialostosky responded that will happen on the 17th.

Mayor Bialostosky's State of the City and the presentation of the Robert Moore Award is tonight at 6:00 pm. There will be a staff panel presenting on the Vision 43, waterfront, and recreation center projects.

Council President Baumgardner attended the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians mid-year conference and listened to what government agencies can offer, what services they can provide to tribal members. This is through the Portland State University (PSU) course she is taking to receive her certification for tribal relations.

Mayor Bialostosky, Council President Baumgardner, and City Manager Williams attended a meeting with the Grand Rhonde Tribe to learn about Tumwater Village 2.0, the project across the river.

#### **Proclamations and Recognitions [1:30 pm/15 min]**

##### **a. ~~Portland General Electric Green Future Enterprise Award~~**

#### **Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation**

##### **Proclamation**

Councilor Groner read the Gun Violence Awareness Day proclamation declaring the first Friday in June, June 7, 2024, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

#### **Juneteenth Proclamation**

##### **Proclamation**

Council President Baumgardner read the Juneteenth proclamation recognizing June 19th.

#### **Pollinator Week Proclamation**

##### **Proclamation**

Councilor Bryck read the National Pollinator Week proclamation declaring June 17 through 23 as National Pollinator Week and declaring the City of West Linn an affiliate of Bee City USA®.

#### **Business Meeting [1:45 pm/30 min]**

#### **Agenda Bill 2024-06-03-01: 2024 Waterline Replacement Design Contract**

##### **Waterline Replacement Information**

City Manager Williams noted the water capital needs of the City is a Council priority. This part is making sure the City is taking care of our system and later on we will be talking about the future of the system.

Assistant City Engineer Ide stated they issued a request for qualifications (RFQ) back in December which is going to replace 7,300 linear feet of substandard waterline throughout the City. The City received four proposals. Consor North America was selected and the City has been in negotiations with them on the fee and scope of the project and have come to an agreement on \$339,984 for the design services for this project which will start immediately upon approval of award.

Council President Mary Baumgardner moved to approve proposed 2024 Water Line Replacement Design contract in the amount of \$339,984.00 and authorize the City Manager to proceed with contract signatures. Councilor Leo Groner seconded the motion.



**Ayes: Mayor Rory Bialostosky, Council President Mary Baumgardner, Councilor Carol Bryck, Councilor Leo Groner, and Interim Councilor Kevin Bonnington.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

**[Agenda Bill 2024-06-03-02: Oregon Department of Transportation Highway 43 Intergovernmental Agreement](#)**

City Manager Williams stated this project has been through several iterations as Council is aware, and the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the State of Oregon and the City needs to be modified to reflect the current project scope.

Management Analyst Coffie stated the amendment before Council addresses some changes to the scope of the design of this project. The City was awarded funding in 2018 through federal highway funds. This program is administered by the state and these improvements are on a state-owned facility. The City and State have been partnering to come up with a design to address multi-modal transportation safety and improve vehicular traffic flow through the corridor. To finalize the design, they had to address some changes within the original scope of work that was adopted and approved by Council in 2018. The significant change for consideration is there were supposed to be grade separated by facilities along the corridor for a certain portion. Due to budget restrictions and the length of time it has taken, that project has not been able to be fully realized. With negotiations with the state and adhering to state requirements for construction and project oversight required by the state, while also meeting the City's goal of approving safety along the corridor, the majority of the project will involve protected intersection changes at Marylhurst Drive. This will include improvement to the signaling, approve and address lacking ADA access ramps in that corridor, improve traffic flow, and pedestrian safety.

In response to Council questions, staff responded:

- State projects require project oversight above and beyond local projects so there is a cost to doing things on the state highway and they are in charge of managing the project. Both parties are trying to do what we can to facilitate and complete this project.
- The possibility of adding back in the projects in the future is a good hope. Staff is always working with the State to improve that corridor. As Council is aware, just getting potholes repaired along the corridor is always something we are striving to do. The County and Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) are always discussing how to improve that corridor and are always looking for additional funding.
- The City Engineer regularly attends the County regional meetings. Lobbying is very important for the Regional Flexible Funding Allocation (RFFA) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding that will help support this. Council was very vital in attending those meetings and advocating on the City's behalf.
- This corridor does not just serve West Linn residents, it is a thoroughfare from Portland to Oregon City and to important heritage sites like the Willamette Falls Locks area.

Mayor Bialostosky stated they will continue to advocate as we continue the Vision 43 work to identify the vision for the adjacent land use along the corridor and work to seek funding for improvements along the road and maybe someday do a jurisdictional transfer if the City can reach an agreement with ODOT to reduce the regulatory burden.

Council President Mary Baumgardner moved to approve amendment to the IGA and allow for public improvements to be completed. Councilor Leo Groner seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor Rory Bialostosky, Council President Mary Baumgardner, Councilor Carol Bryck, Councilor Leo Groner, and Interim Councilor Kevin Bonnington.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

#### [ODOT IGA Information](#)

#### [EV Charging Station Grant Letters \(\\*added 5/31\)](#)

#### [EV Charging Grant Memo](#)

City Manager Williams stated staff have been working to find grant opportunities for sustainability opportunities. This one is an Oregon Department of Energy grant for \$100,000 to fund Electrical Vehicle (EV) charging stations at the library. The Federal Government requires two technical letters of how the City would process the application and do the work. Council's approval is needed to submit the application and ensure that prevailing wage will be paid when the work is done. This is a limited pool of funds, the sooner the application is turned in, the higher the odds the City will receive the money - it is first come, first served on this grant.

Council President Mary Baumgardner moved to approve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant letters and authorize the Mayor to sign them. Councilor Leo Groner seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor Rory Bialostosky, Council President Mary Baumgardner, Councilor Carol Bryck, Councilor Leo Groner, and Interim Councilor Kevin Bonnington.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

#### [Offer of employment for City Attorney](#)

Mayor Bialostosky stated Council has gone through two extensive, rigorous searches since Council decided to transition to an in-house attorney model following review of the data regarding that versus the current model. The second time the City was fortunate to identify an outstanding candidate who is from our community. Having an attorney in the building will be great for the organization, the community, and staff.



Mayor Rory Bialostosky moved to Extend an offer of employment for the City Attorney position to Kaylie Kline and direct staff to prepare an employment agreement to be brought back for final approval upon acceptance of a written offer and the Mayor shall serve as Council's point of contact for terms of employment, keeping councilors informed as to status. Councilor Leo Groner seconded the motion.

**Ayes: Mayor Rory Bialostosky, Council President Mary Baumgardner, Councilor Carol Bryck, Councilor Leo Groner, and Interim Councilor Kevin Bonnington.**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion carried 5 - 0**

**[Adjourn to Work Session \[2:15 pm/5 min\]](#)**

Draft Minutes.

**Agenda Bill 2024-07-08-02**

Date Prepared: July 2, 2024

For Meeting Date: July 8, 2024

To: Rory Bialostosky, Mayor  
West Linn City Council

Through: John Williams, City Manager *JPW*

From: Peter Mahuna, Police Chief

Subject: Ordinance 1751, Amending West Linn Municipal Code Chapter 6 Relating To Vehicles And Parking

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**Purpose:**

Amend Municipal Code Chapter 6 relating to vehicles and parking to allow overnight parking of boats and boat trailers on City streets.

**Question(s) for Council:**

Does Council wish to amend Chapter 6 and allow overnight parking of boat trailers on City streets?

**Public Hearing Required:**

None Required.

**Background & Discussion:**

Community members are allowed to park their trailers, including boat trailers, on the street for four hours. When trailer parking exceeds four hours, it is a violation of city code and can be reported to the police department for the police to respond and ask people to move their boat trailers.

A couple of community members have asked that the four hours allowed for boat trailer parking be increased to 24, 48, or 72 hours.

Council discussed what is a reasonable amount of time at their November 6, 2023 and June 17, 2024, work sessions. The police department feels four hours is a short amount of time for adequate use of a boat. The police are hesitant to allow overnight boat storage at parks because of public safety risks that allowance could create.

The community member who would like this change testified at the November 6 work session and stated they would talk about it at neighborhood associations meetings, including the Willamette Neighborhood Meeting, research what other communities do, and email Council the results of this outreach and research. The Willamette Neighborhood Association informed Council they feel it is feasible to have on street boat parking for 24 to 48 hours. They asked Council to consider placing conditions on the size of the boat, the street width, and traffic issues due to safety concerns.

**Propose Ordinance Change**

It is proposed to revise 6.105 to add (5) to allow boats and boat trailers more than five feet in width and eight feet in length, to park for up to 24 hours on any public street that has a minimum 28' pavement width for the full length of the street where the boat or boat trailer is parked. The ordinance also prohibits boat or boat trailer parking in a manner which interferes with traffic or creates a hazard by obstructing the view of drivers.

**Other Considerations**

It is recommended to revise the code to allow boats and boat trailers to park on streets of a minimum width for up to 24 hours and re-evaluate it after 12 months to identify whether other revisions are needed to make it easier for boat owners to use their boats and not impact the public health and safety of residents. Some of the additional ordinance limitations to evaluate during this twelve-months are:

- A seasonal limit on the 24-hour boat / boat trailer parking
- A requirement that the boat / boat trailer be parked on the right of way in front of the owner's property.

**Budget Impact:**

\$ 0

**Council Options:**

- 1) Approve the ordinance.
- 2) Revise and approve the ordinance.
- 3) Do not approve the ordinance and direct staff to leave the Code as is.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Approve the ordinance.

**Potential Motion:**

Move to approve Ordinance 1751, Amending West Linn Municipal Code Chapter 6 Relating To Vehicles And Parking.

**Attachments:**

1. Ordinance 1751

## ORDINANCE 1751

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WEST LINN MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6 RELATING TO VEHICLES AND PARKING

Annotated to show <del>deletions</del> and <u>additions</u> to the code sections being modified. Deletions are <del><b>bold lined through</b></del> and additions are <b><u>bold underlined</u></b> .
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**WHEREAS**, Chapter II, Section 4, of the West Linn City Charter provides:

Powers of the City. The City shall have all powers which the Constitution, statutes and common law of the United States and of this State now or hereafter expressly or implied grant or allow the City, as fully as though this Charter specifically enumerated each of those powers;

**WHEREAS**, Council received emails from the community requesting Municipal Code Section 6.105, Prohibited Parking and Standing of Commercial Vehicles and Trailers, be amended to allow on-street parking for trailers, specifically boat trailers, to be longer than four hours;

**WHEREAS**, Council had a Work Session on November 6, 2023 and again on June 17, 2024, to discuss allowing boats and boat trailers to be parked on-street longer than four hours without a special permit; and

**WHEREAS**, Council is interested in modifying Municipal Code Section 6.105 allowing boat trailers to be parked on-street longer than four hours without a special permit; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff believe 24-hours is a reasonable time to allow parking of a boat on a boat trailer for use without unreasonably affecting the safety and use of the residential street;

**WHEREAS**, Council desires that the impacts of allowing boat trailers to be parked on-street for up to 24-hours shall be reviewed by Council after twelve months, with the intent to revisit the Municipal Code and either maintain, make modifications, or eliminate the allowance, as needed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WEST LINN ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Amendment.** West Linn Municipal Code Section 6.105, Prohibited Parking and Standing of Commercial Vehicles and Trailers is amended to read as follows:

6.105 Prohibited Parking and Standing of Commercial Vehicles and Trailers.

In addition to the state motor vehicle laws prohibiting parking, no person shall park or stand:

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(2) A trailer or semi-trailer with a bed or box in excess of five feet in width and eight feet in length upon any residential public street for a period longer than four hours unless it is loading

or unloading except with the express written permission of the Chief of Police or their designee. This prohibition shall not apply to trailers or semi-trailers owned or operated by governmental units or public or private utility companies or boat trailers;

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**(5) A boat, boat trailer, with a bed or box in excess of five feet in width and eight feet in length, or both, upon any public street with less than 28' pavement width for the full length of the street where the boat or boat trailer is parked, for a period longer than twenty-four (24) hours. In no event shall the boat or boat trailer be parked in a manner which interferes with traffic or creates a hazard by obstructing the view of drivers.**

**SECTION 2. Review.** The change to section 6.105 shall be reviewed by Council following a twelve-month period in order to determine whether allowing a boat or boat trailer to be parked on a street for up to 24-hours results in issues which the Council deems should result in either modification or elimination of the allowance. During the initial twelve-month period following the effective date of this Code change, the Chief of Police is charged with the responsibility to document citizen complaints received by the Police Department, or citations issued, related to boat trailer parking on city streets. A report of complaints and citations shall be submitted to Council at the end of the twelve-month period following the effective date of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3. Severability.** The sections, subsections, paragraphs and clauses of this ordinance are severable. The invalidity of one section, subsection, paragraph, or clause shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, paragraphs and clauses.

**SECTION 4. Savings.** Notwithstanding this amendment/repeal, the City ordinances in existence at the time any criminal or civil enforcement actions were commenced, shall remain valid and in full force and effect for purposes of all cases filed or commenced during the times said ordinance(s) or portions of the ordinance were operative. This section simply clarifies the existing situation that nothing in this Ordinance affects the validity of prosecutions commenced and continued under the laws in effect at the time the matters were originally filed.

**SECTION 5. Codification.** Provisions of this Ordinance shall be incorporated in the City Code and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "code", "article", "section", "chapter" or another word, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, or re-lettered, provided however that any Whereas clauses and boilerplate provisions need not be codified and the City Recorder or the designee is authorized to correct any cross-references and any typographical errors.

**SECTION 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after its passage.

The foregoing ordinance was first read by title only in accordance with Chapter VIII,

Section 33(c) of the City Charter on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and duly  
PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY

**Agenda Bill 2024-07-08-03**

Date Prepared: 7/1/2024

For Meeting Date: 7/8/2024

To: Rory Bialostosky, Mayor  
West Linn City Council

Through: John Williams, City Manager *JPM*

From: Megan Big John, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: Community Recreation Center Feasibility Next Steps

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**Purpose:**

To provide engagement outcomes of online questionnaire for the Community Recreation Center Feasibility Phase 2 and discussion of next steps.

**Question(s) for Council:**

Does the Council want to move forward with a Bond in November 2024 or further explore private funding options with the community?

**Public Hearing Required:**

None Required.

**Background & Discussion:**

The online questionnaire that replicated the statistically valid polling was completed on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The polling and online questionnaire results show similar feedback. Both show the community divided on support of the Center primarily due to cost. Compared to the 2013 Bond, which had 30% in favor and 70% opposed, this feasibility study showed that there was a more even divide. Both results showed there is concern about the cost of the center on the taxpayers, especially those with fixed incomes. Throughout this process the desire for active recreation opportunities (including a pool) and community spaces for youth and families was a common theme. The online questionnaire final report will be provided to the Council as soon as it is completed and will be presented at the meeting. Details of the statistically valid polling results are included.

**Budget Impact:**

Would require a 20-year Bond to build the facility for \$65 Million or \$45 Million with additional private funding. In addition, 5-year Levy for \$1,055,00 or increased Parks Utility Fees to pay for additional staff and materials to operate the facility. The details on the funding needs can be found at [Funding Information | City of West Linn Oregon Official Website](#)

**Sustainability Impact:**

The concept design of the building includes design features that promote the City's Sustainable Goals.

**Council Options:**

- 1) Direct staff to move forward with ballot measure and bring back to Council.
- 2) Direct staff to work with community on exploring private funding sources.
- 3) Direct staff to stop feasibility study and not put on a November ballot.

**Staff Recommendation:**

With the divided feedback for the center the likelihood of a successful November ballot measure seems unlikely. This study has shown that there is an increased interest for the Community Recreation Center, but the cost is the primary concern. There appears to be a desire to explore private funding opportunities and to not lose the momentum that this process has created. This will take community support and effort to pursue private funding options. Discussions with the Steering Committee and Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee are needed to verify that exploring alternative funding is still a desired action.

**Potential Motion:**

Council to decide if they want to put on the ballot in November or work with community on exploring private funding options.

**Attachments:**

1. EMC Polling 6.17.24 Presentation.pdf





**Survey of Likely  
November 2024 Voters  
West Linn, OR  
*June 2024***

- ▶ Survey of likely November 2024 voters in City of West Linn, OR
- ▶ Survey conducted June 3 – 13, 2024
- ▶ Mixed-mode (telephone, text- and email-to-web) methodology
  - Phone interviews conducted by trained, professional interviewers; landlines and mobile phones included
  - Voters were sent an invitation via email and text to complete the survey online
- ▶ 250 interviews; overall margin of error  $\pm 6.2$  percentage points

# Bonds to Construct New Community Recreation Center

## Initial Vote: \$65m Bond

Shall the City of West Linn issue \$65,400,000 in bonds to construct a recreation center? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

If passed, bond funds are expected to finance construction of a new recreation center for all ages that is anticipated to include, without limitation:

- Multipurpose community room
- Indoor courts for sports like pickleball and basketball
- Indoor walking/jogging track
- Group workout room with exercise facilities and equipment
- Administrative and support spaces including locker rooms, lobby, and office space
- An area designated for potential future indoor pool and aquatics facility

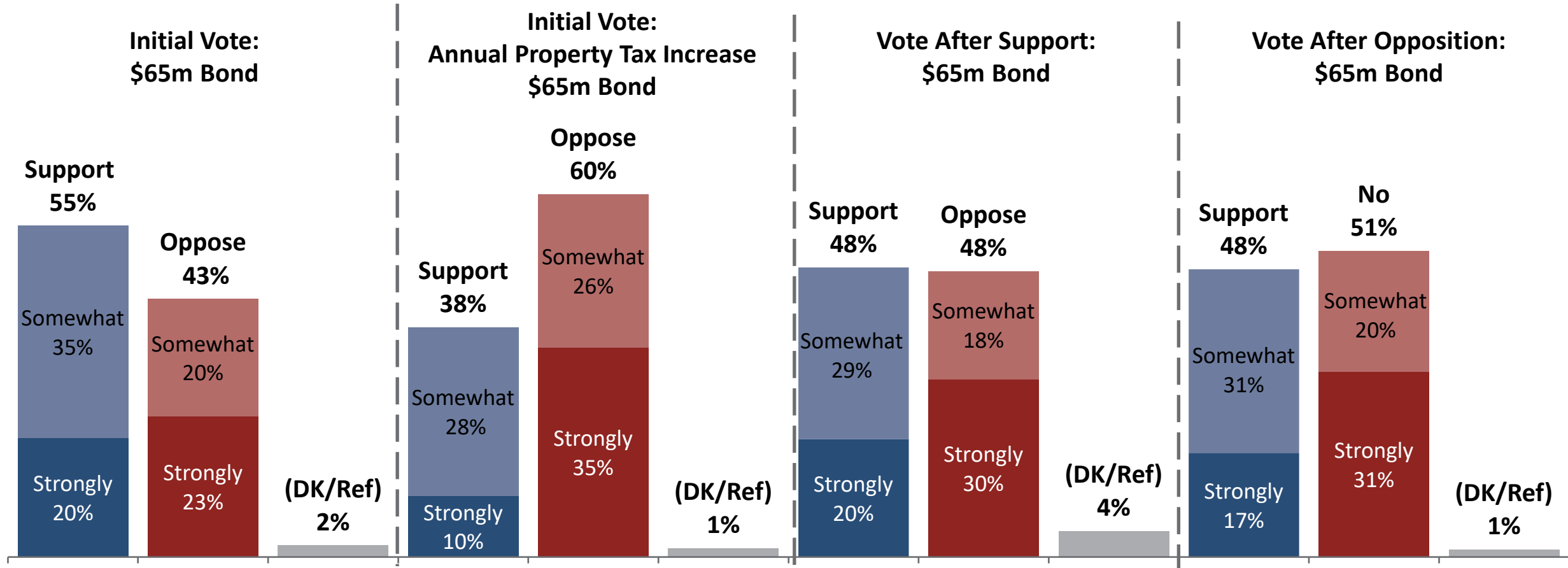
Bonds would mature in **not to exceed 21** years from issuance. Passage of this measure would result in an estimated increase in property taxes of **\$1.18 per \$1000** of assessed value.

## Initial Vote: \$65m Bond with Annual Property Tax Increase

For the average homeowner in the City of West Linn with a residence assessed at \$427,000, the annual property tax increase would be approximately **\$502 per year or \$42 per month**.

# Vote Progression

*Voters initially support a \$65 million bond for a new recreation center, however, hearing the per-household cost to homeowners has a strong impact on support for the measure. Support rebounds after voters hear a variety of reasons to support the measure, and opposition messaging does not significantly impact support.*



Q8/Q8B/Q23/Q25. Knowing all this, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this bond?



## FIVE-YEAR OPERATING LEVY FOR PARK AND RECREATION

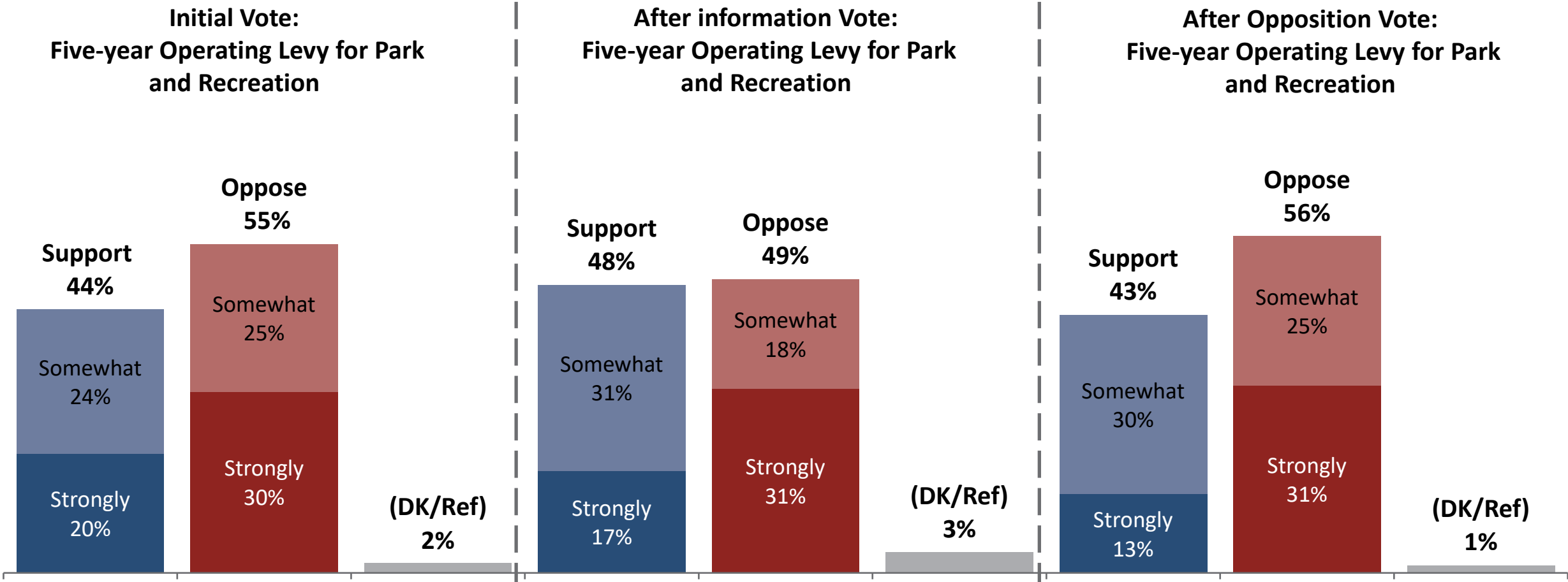
Shall the City of West Linn issue a five-year local option levy for parks and recreation beginning in 2025? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

This measure, if approved, would authorize the City of West Linn to levy taxes to support the annual operating costs of the West Linn Parks and Recreation Department including without limitation operating costs of a recreation center. The measure would provide for a local option operating levy at a rate not to exceed **\$0.25 per \$1000** of taxable assessed value within the Department for five years, beginning January, 2027. The proposed rate would cost the owner of a home assessed at \$427,000, the average assessed value of a home in West Linn, approximately **\$105 per year or \$8.75 per month** and will **raise approximately \$1,055,000 per year**.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY, based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate.

# Vote Progression

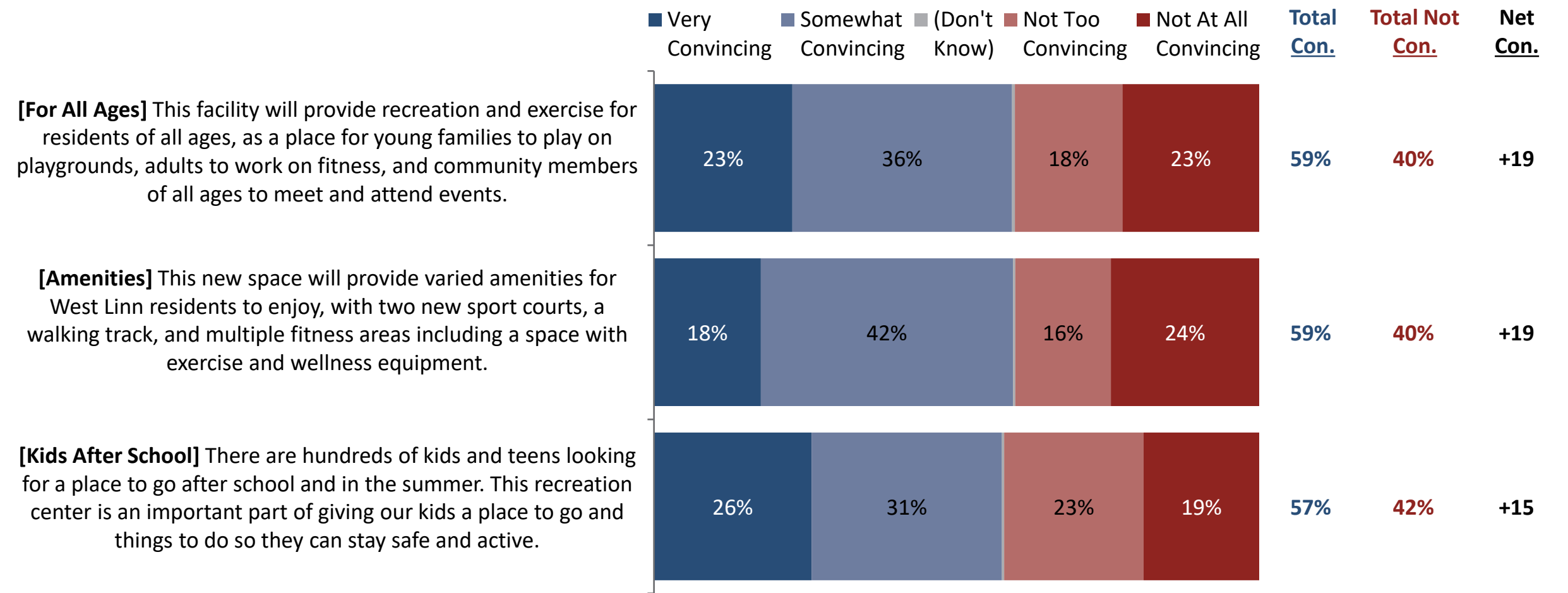
*Support for the operating levy moves modestly with more information – notably seeing a greater impact from opposition messaging than the recreation center bond.*





# Recreation Center Support Messaging

*Top supportive messages focus on the center’s provision of recreation opportunities for people of all ages, including teen youths and families. Sports courts and wellness equipment is also convincing.*

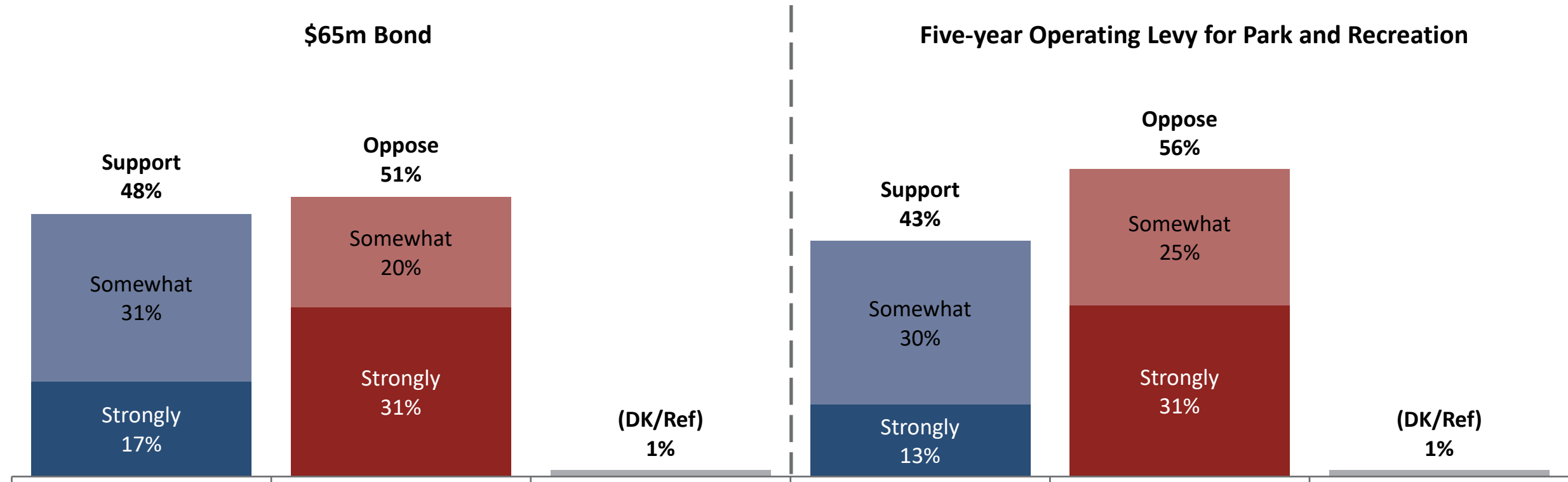


Q18-Q22. Next, I will read you some information from people who support funding a new community recreation center in West Linn. After each one, please tell me how convincing that statement is as a reason to support the community recreation center measures – very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not at all convincing.

# After Opposition Vote

*Hearing opposition statements that highlight close access to other recreation opportunities and competing priorities for the city has more of an impact on the operating levy than the bond measure.*

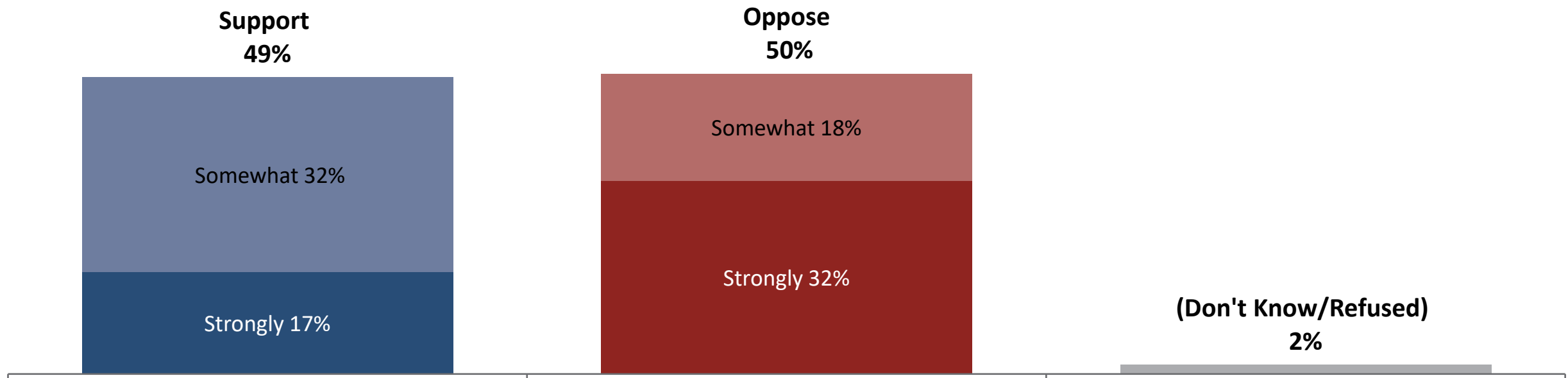
*Opponents of the bond say that taxes are already too high, and there are plenty of recreation options nearby including the new facility in Lake Oswego that already has a pool. Instead of raising taxes to pay for a brand-new recreation center, we should focus on improving existing parks and rec facilities or fund more important projects like maintaining our drinking water system.*



# Final Vote - Lower Bond Amount of \$45m

*Finally, when hearing about a compromise bond amount that includes making up the remainder of funding through a public/private partnership, voters are equally split in their support.*

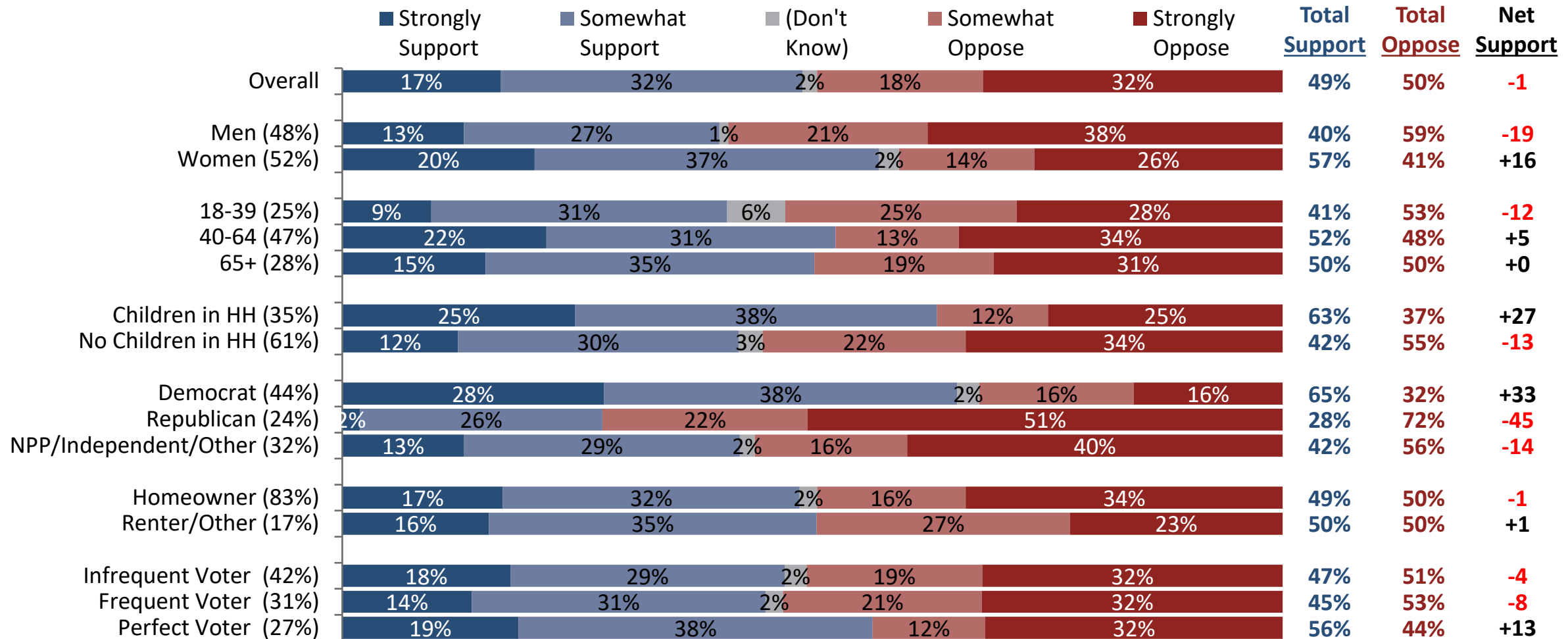
***Now, think back to the \$65 million bond amount. West Linn could pursue a lower bond amount of \$45 million to build the recreation center, and cover the gap in funds by raising money through a public/private partnership. The City would still need to form this partnership, so there is no guarantee it would actually happen. This version of the measure would result in an increase in property taxes of \$0.81 per \$1000 of assessed value costing the average homeowner \$345 per year or \$29 per month.***



Q27. Based on this, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this bond?

# Lower Bond Amount of \$45m by Subgroups

*Support for the lower bond amount is stronger among higher-propensity voters, women, voters over 40 years of age, and voters with children in the household.*



Q27. Based on this, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this bond?

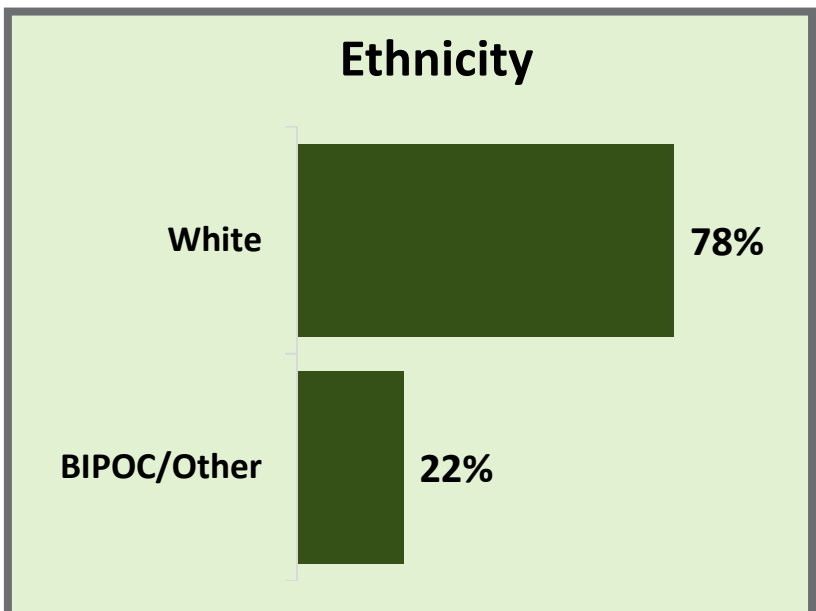
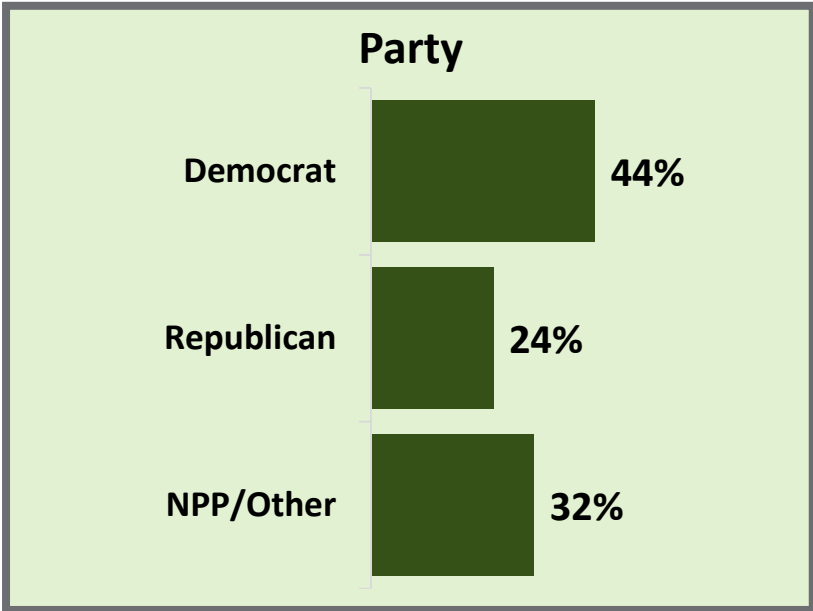
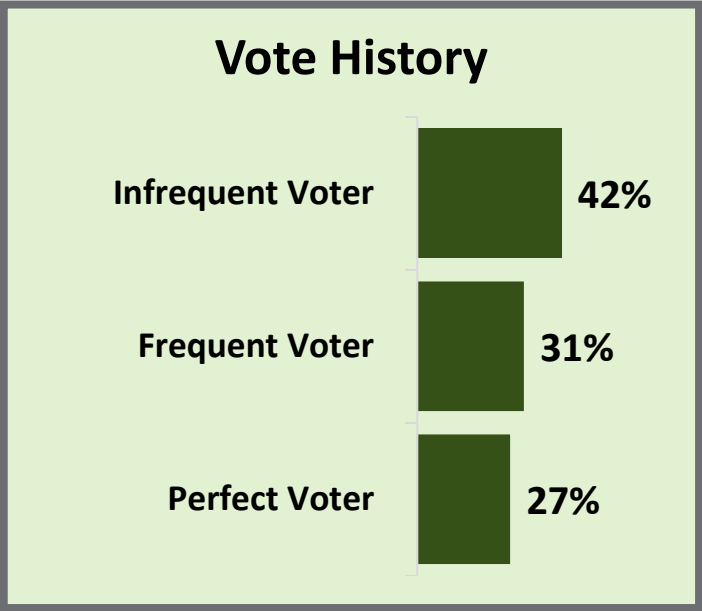
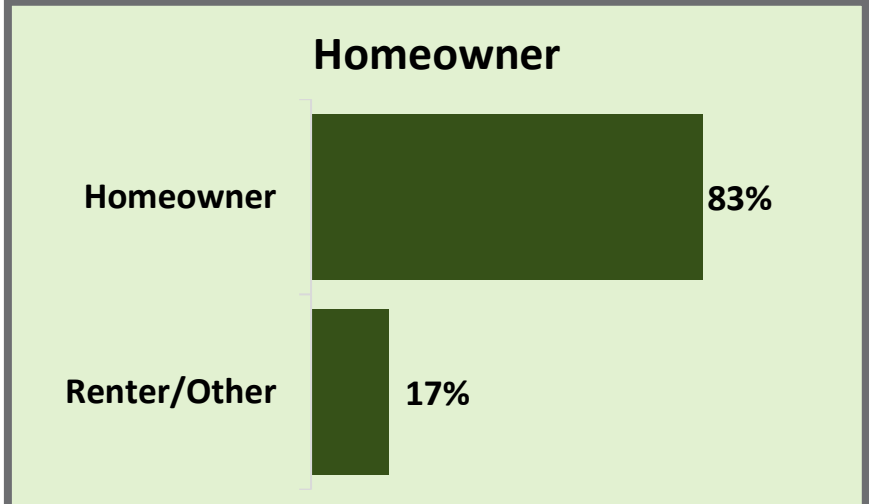
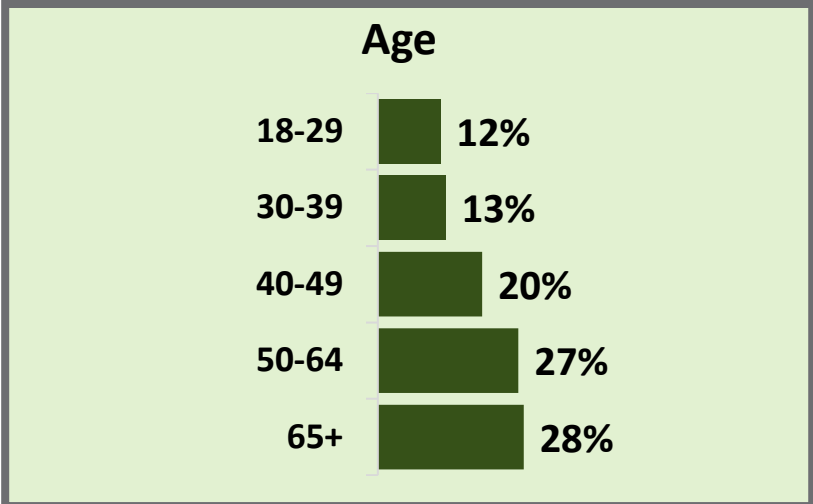
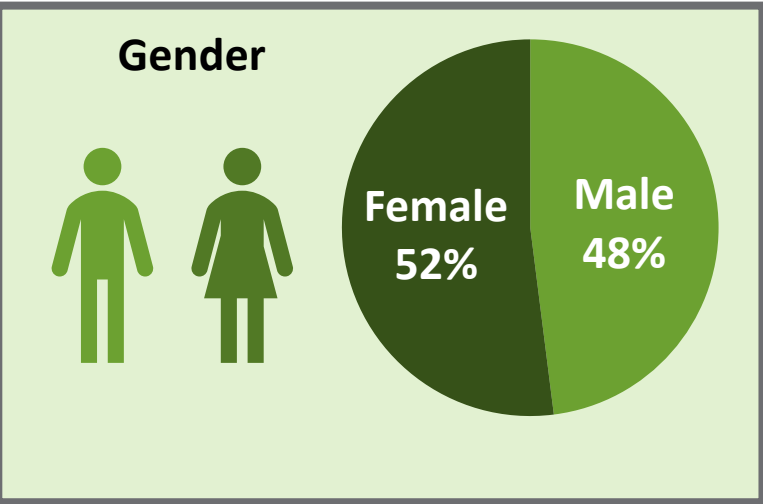


# Conclusions

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# Respondent Profile



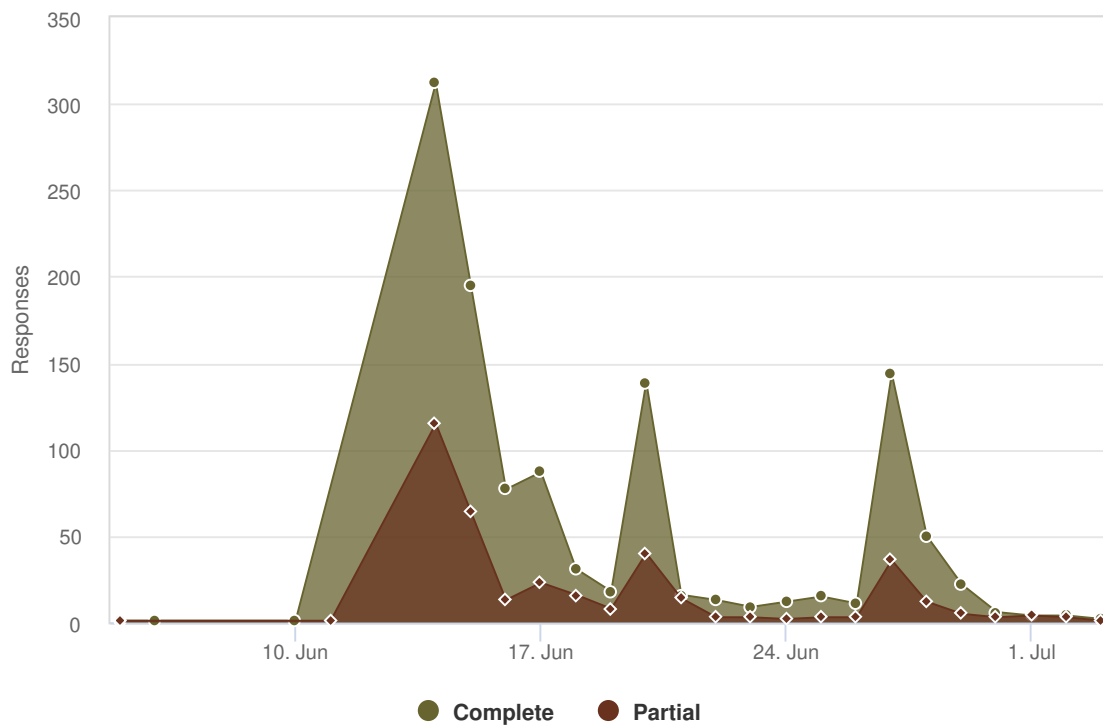


# Community Recreation Center



## Final Report for West Linn Community Recreation Center

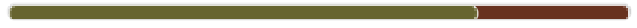
Timeline



## Response Counts

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Complete



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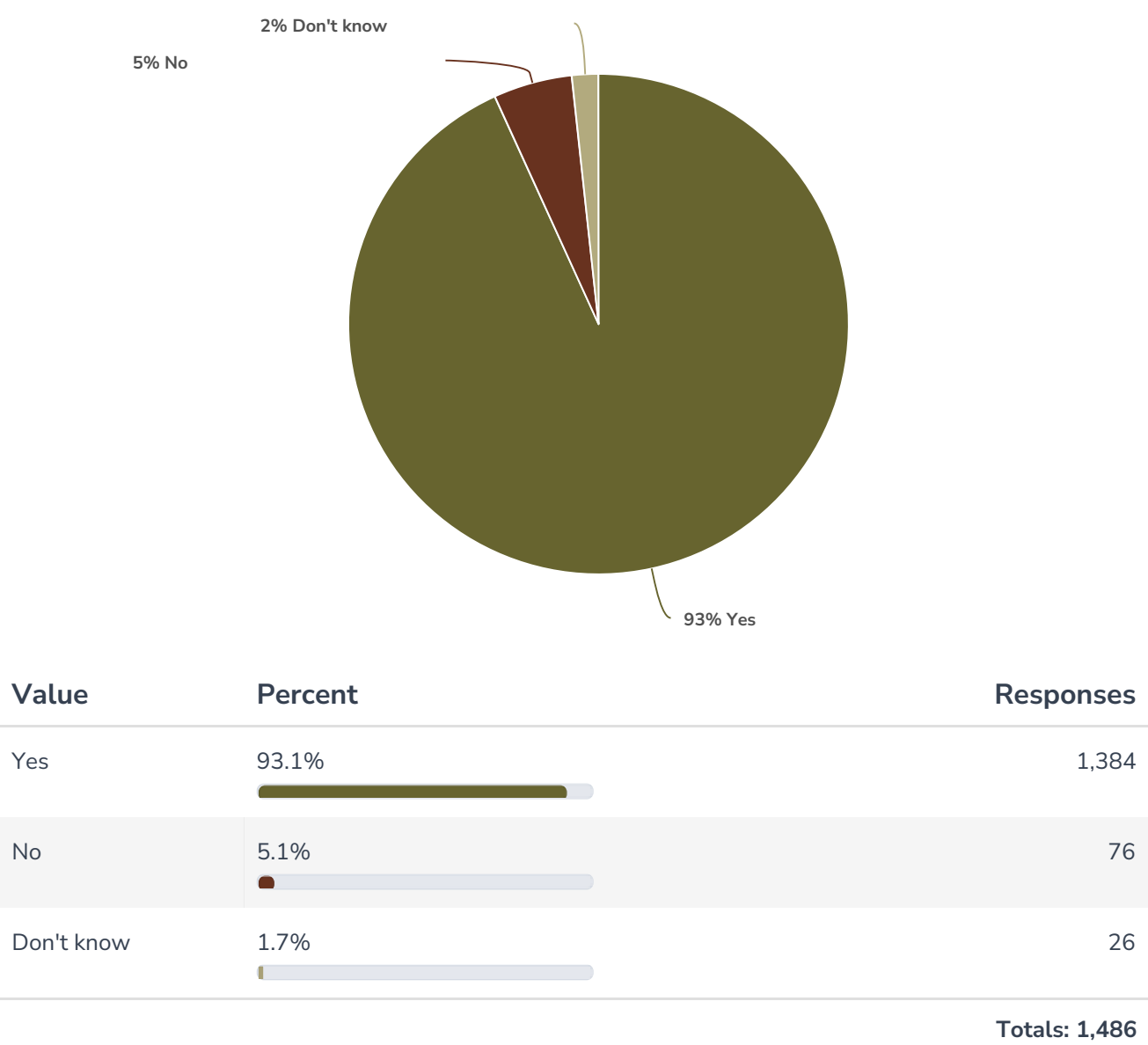


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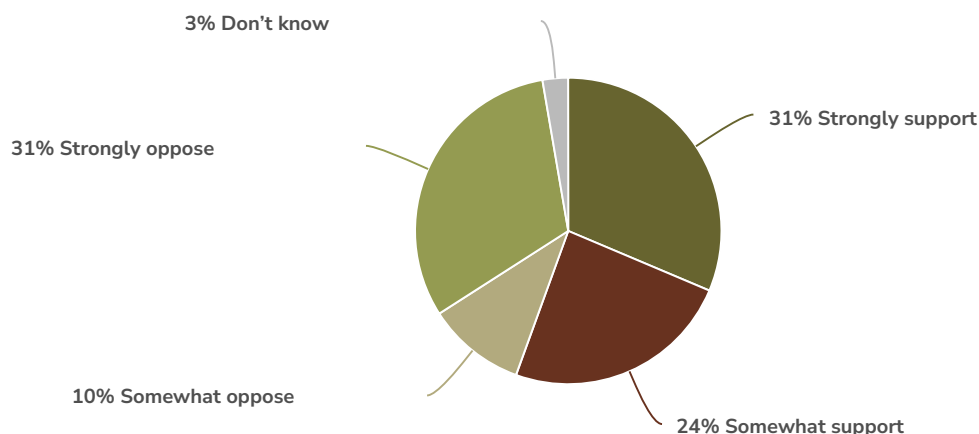
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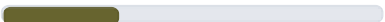
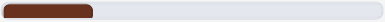
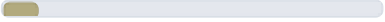
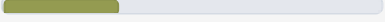
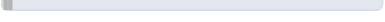


## 2. Please rate each of the following.

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	Don't know	Responses
The job the West Linn City government does overall Count Row %	166 12.2%	853 62.5%	216 15.8%	45 3.3%	85 6.2%	1,365
The job the West Linn City government does spending your tax dollars responsibly Count Row %	113 8.3%	644 47.2%	374 27.4%	95 7.0%	139 10.2%	1,365
The job the City of West Linn Parks and Recreation department does overall Count Row %	357 26.2%	736 54.0%	178 13.0%	42 3.1%	51 3.7%	1,364
The overall condition of West Linn City parks and recreation facilities Count Row %	382 28.1%	757 55.6%	166 12.2%	25 1.8%	31 2.3%	1,361
The availability of local public or private indoor spaces for recreation Count Row %	107 7.8%	360 26.4%	396 29.0%	393 28.8%	109 8.0%	1,365
Totals Total Responses						1365

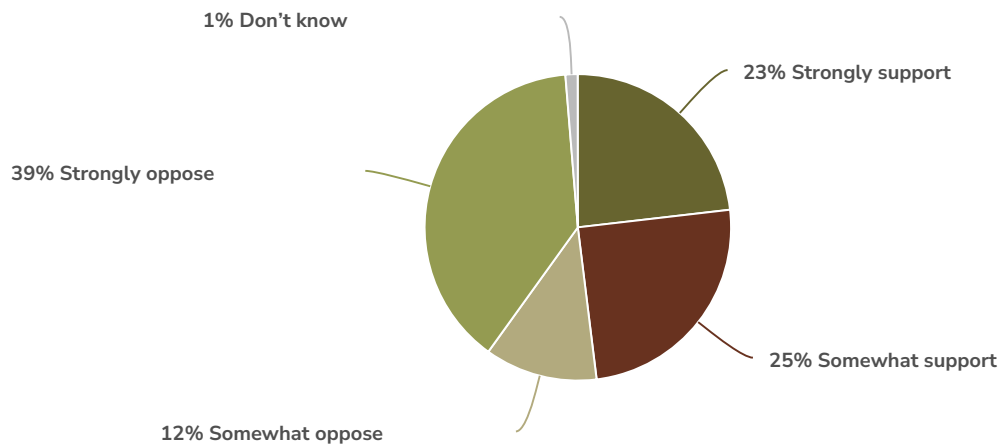
3. This November, there may be two measures on the ballot regarding a new parks and recreation center in West Linn. The first measure reads as follows: **BONDS TO CONSTRUCT NEW COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER** Shall the City of West Linn issue \$65,400,000 in bonds to construct a recreation center? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution. If passed, bond funds are expected to finance construction of a new recreation center for all ages that is anticipated to include, without limitation: - Multipurpose community room - Indoor courts for sports like pickleball and basketball - Indoor walking/jogging track - Group workout room with exercise facilities and equipment - Administrative and support spaces including locker rooms, lobby, and office space - An area designated for potential future indoor pool and aquatics facility Bonds would mature in not to exceed 21 years from issuance. Passage of this measure would result in an estimated increase in property taxes of \$1.18 per \$1000 of assessed value. Knowing all this, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this bond?



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly support	31.4% 	410
Somewhat support	24.2% 	315
Somewhat oppose	10.4% 	135
Strongly oppose	31.4% 	409
Don't know	2.7% 	35
		<b>Totals: 1,304</b>

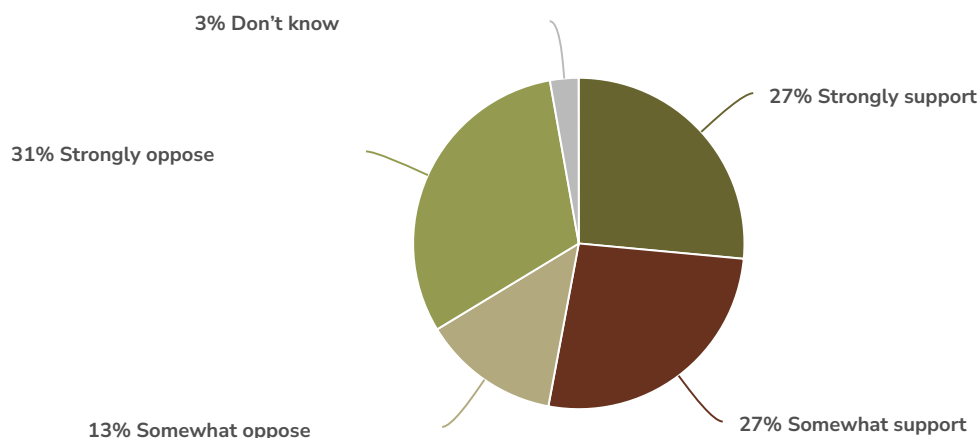


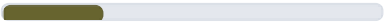
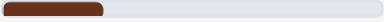

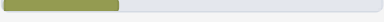
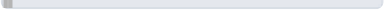
4. For the average homeowner in the City of West Linn with a residence assessed at \$427,000, the annual property tax increase would be approximately \$502 per year or \$42 per month. Knowing this, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this bond?



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly support	23.2%	299
Somewhat support	24.9%	321
Somewhat oppose	11.9%	153
Strongly oppose	38.8%	500
Don't know	1.3%	17
		Totals: 1,290

5. The second measure will read as follows: FIVE-YEAR OPERATING LEVY FOR PARK AND RECREATION Shall the City of West Linn issue a five-year local option levy for parks and recreation beginning in 2025? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent. This measure, if approved, would authorize the City of West Linn to levy taxes to support the annual operating costs of the West Linn Parks and Recreation Department including without limitation operating costs of a recreation center. The measure would provide for a local option operating levy at a rate not to exceed \$0.25 per \$1000 of taxable assessed value within the Department for five years, beginning January, 2027. The proposed rate would cost the owner of a home assessed at \$427,000, the average assessed value of a home in West Linn, approximately \$105 per year and will raise approximately \$1,055,000 per year. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY, based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate. Knowing all this, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this bond?



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly support	26.5% 	333
Somewhat support	26.5% 	333
Somewhat oppose	13.4% 	168
Strongly oppose	30.9% 	389
Don't know	2.8% 	35
		<b>Totals: 1,258</b>

6. Please rate how important it is to you that each of the following be included in a new indoor community recreation center.

	1. Not important at all	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7. Extremely important	Don't know	Responses
<b>Indoor courts that could be used for sports like basketball, volleyball, or pickleball</b> Count Row %	266 21.6%	63 5.1%	98 8.0%	119 9.7%	142 11.6%	188 15.3%	345 28.1%	8 0.7%	1,229
<b>An indoor walking/jogging track</b> Count Row %	366 29.8%	89 7.2%	115 9.4%	141 11.5%	150 12.2%	157 12.8%	207 16.8%	4 0.3%	1,229
<b>An indoor playground for children</b> Count Row %	300 24.4%	112 9.1%	134 10.9%	158 12.9%	145 11.8%	152 12.4%	220 17.9%	6 0.5%	1,227
<b>Gathering spaces for the community</b> Count Row %	266 21.7%	99 8.1%	116 9.5%	188 15.4%	189 15.4%	145 11.8%	215 17.6%	6 0.5%	1,224
<b>Building an indoor swimming pool</b> Count Row %	337 27.4%	52 4.2%	44 3.6%	77 6.3%	93 7.6%	123 10.0%	496 40.4%	7 0.6%	1,229
<b>Serving the needs of the youth in our community</b> Count Row %	173 14.1%	53 4.3%	80 6.5%	134 10.9%	129 10.5%	189 15.4%	460 37.6%	7 0.6%	1,225

	1. Not important at all	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7. Extremely important	Don't know	Responses
<b>Having fitness amenities and wellness programs for all ages</b> Count Row %	219 17.9%	58 4.7%	92 7.5%	121 9.9%	137 11.2%	198 16.2%	394 32.1%	7 0.6%	1,226
<b>Outdoor features such as seating areas and parking</b> Count Row %	255 21.0%	80 6.6%	102 8.4%	174 14.3%	166 13.6%	205 16.8%	228 18.7%	7 0.6%	1,217
<b>Totals</b> Total Responses									1229

7. How convincing is this statement as a reason to support the community recreation center measures?

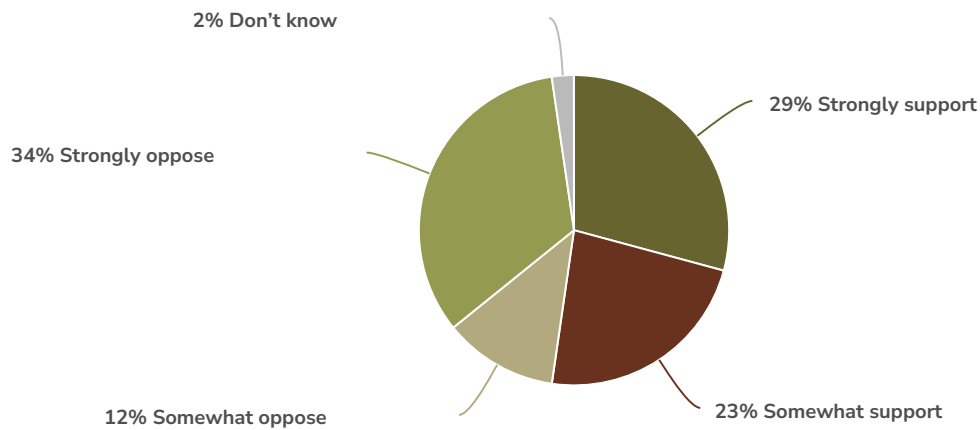
	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Not too convincing	Not at all convincing	Don't know	Responses
<p>It's not quite time for us to have our own swimming pool in West Linn, but this facility will be designed so that a pool can easily be added to it in the future. It's a smart design that gives us options for the future while meeting our needs for today, without excess cost.</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	<p>202 16.9%</p>	<p>313 26.2%</p>	<p>220 18.4%</p>	<p>438 36.7%</p>	<p>21 1.8%</p>	<p>1,194</p>
<p>There are hundreds of kids and teens looking for a place to go after school and in the summer. This recreation center is an important part of giving our kids a place to go and things to do so they can stay safe and active.</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	<p>375 31.4%</p>	<p>387 32.4%</p>	<p>169 14.1%</p>	<p>249 20.8%</p>	<p>16 1.3%</p>	<p>1,196</p>



	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Not too convincing	Not at all convincing	Don't know	Responses
<p>This new recreation center will give West Linn residents a community space of their own with sports courts, and programs so they don't have to buy expensive club memberships or go out of their way traveling to other towns to enjoy activities with friends and family.</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	<p>316 26.5%</p>	<p>367 30.7%</p>	<p>200 16.8%</p>	<p>299 25.0%</p>	<p>12 1.0%</p>	1,194
<p>This new space will provide varied amenities for West Linn residents to enjoy, with two new sport courts, a walking track, and multiple fitness areas including a space with exercise and wellness equipment.</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	<p>239 20.0%</p>	<p>437 36.6%</p>	<p>225 18.9%</p>	<p>277 23.2%</p>	<p>15 1.3%</p>	1,193

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Not too convincing	Not at all convincing	Don't know	Responses
This facility will provide recreation and exercise for residents of all ages, as a place for young families to play on playgrounds, adults to work on fitness, and community members of all age to meet and attend events. Count Row %	324 27.1%	428 35.8%	191 16.0%	238 19.9%	15 1.3%	1,196
<b>Totals</b> Total Responses						1196

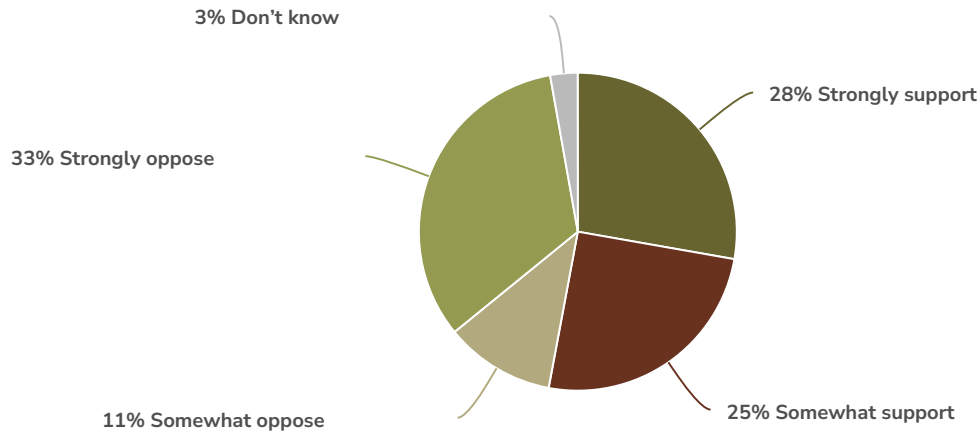
8. Now that you've read more, if the election were held today, would you support or oppose the bond measure to build a new indoor community recreation center?



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly support	29.2% <div><div></div></div>	352
Somewhat support	23.1% <div><div></div></div>	278
Somewhat oppose	11.9% <div><div></div></div>	143
Strongly oppose	33.5% <div><div></div></div>	403
Don't know	2.3% <div><div></div></div>	28

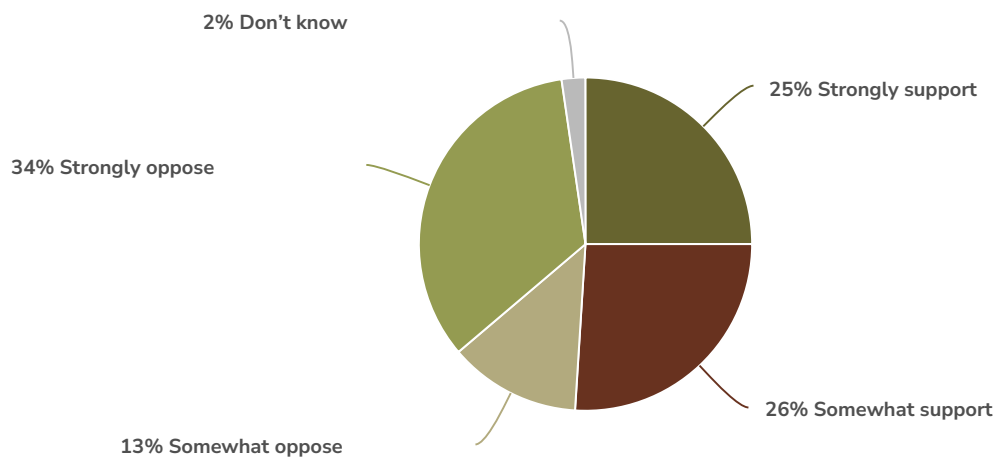
Totals: 1,204

9. And what about the operational levy measure to sustain a new indoor community recreation center?



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly support	27.8% <div><div></div></div>	332
Somewhat support	25.2% <div><div></div></div>	301
Somewhat oppose	11.2% <div><div></div></div>	134
Strongly oppose	33.1% <div><div></div></div>	395
Don't know	2.8% <div><div></div></div>	33
		Totals: 1,195

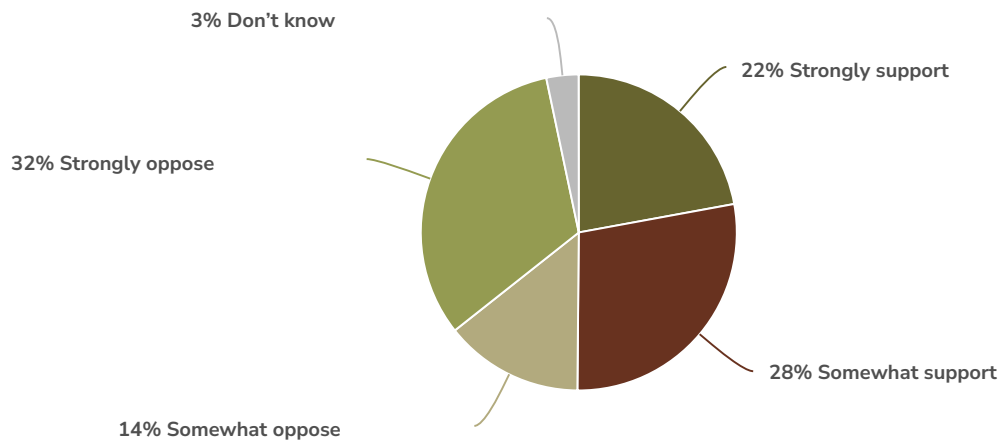
10. Opponents of the bond say that taxes are already too high, and there are plenty of recreation options nearby including the new facility in Lake Oswego that already has a pool. Instead of raising taxes to pay for a brand-new recreation center, we should focus on improving existing parks and rec facilities or fund more important projects like maintaining our drinking water system. Knowing all this, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the bond?



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly support	25.0%	300
Somewhat support	26.0%	312
Somewhat oppose	12.8%	153
Strongly oppose	33.9%	407
Don't know	2.3%	28

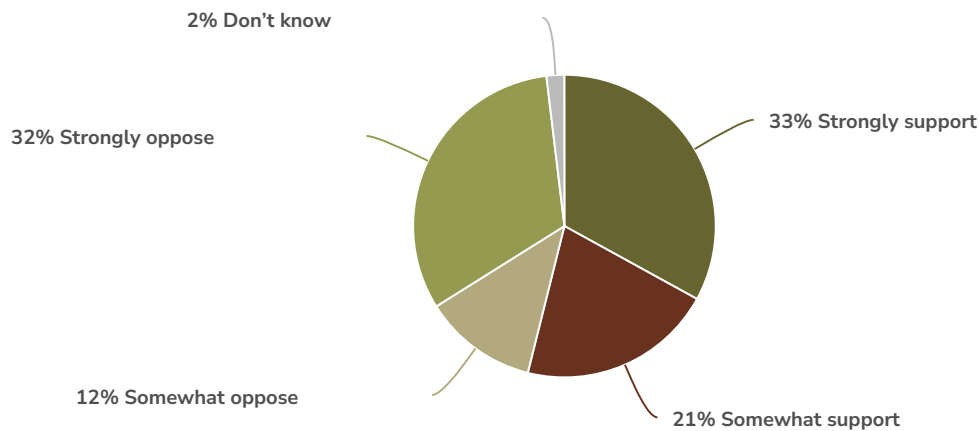
**Totals: 1,200**

11. And what about the operations levy? Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the operations levy?



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly support	22.1% <div><div></div></div>	264
Somewhat support	28.0% <div><div></div></div>	335
Somewhat oppose	14.2% <div><div></div></div>	170
Strongly oppose	32.3% <div><div></div></div>	386
Don't know	3.3% <div><div></div></div>	40
Totals: 1,195		

12. Now, think back to the \$65 million bond amount. West Linn could pursue a lower bond amount of \$45 million to build the recreation center, and cover the gap in funds by raising money through a public/private partnership. The City would still need to form this partnership, so there is no guarantee it would actually happen. This version of the measure would result in an increase in property taxes of \$0.81 per \$1000 of assessed value costing the average homeowner \$345 per year or \$29 per month. At this level, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the bond?



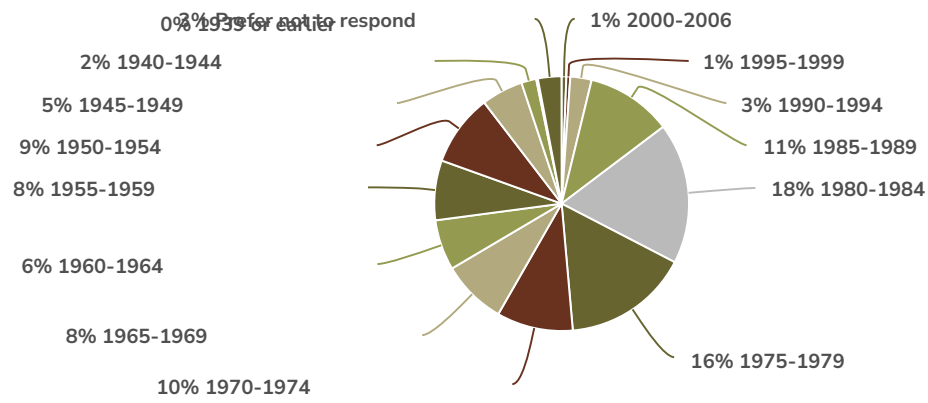
Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly support	33.0%	390
Somewhat support	20.9%	247
Somewhat oppose	12.2%	144
Strongly oppose	32.0%	378
Don't know	1.9%	23

Totals: 1,182



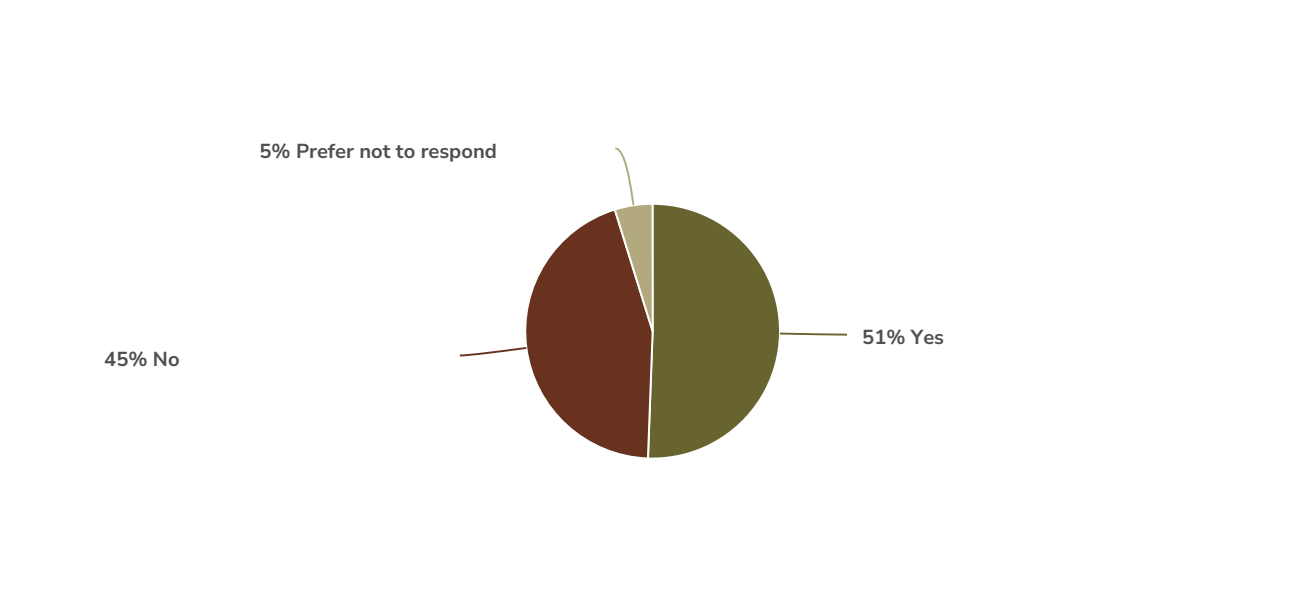


### 13. In what year were you born?



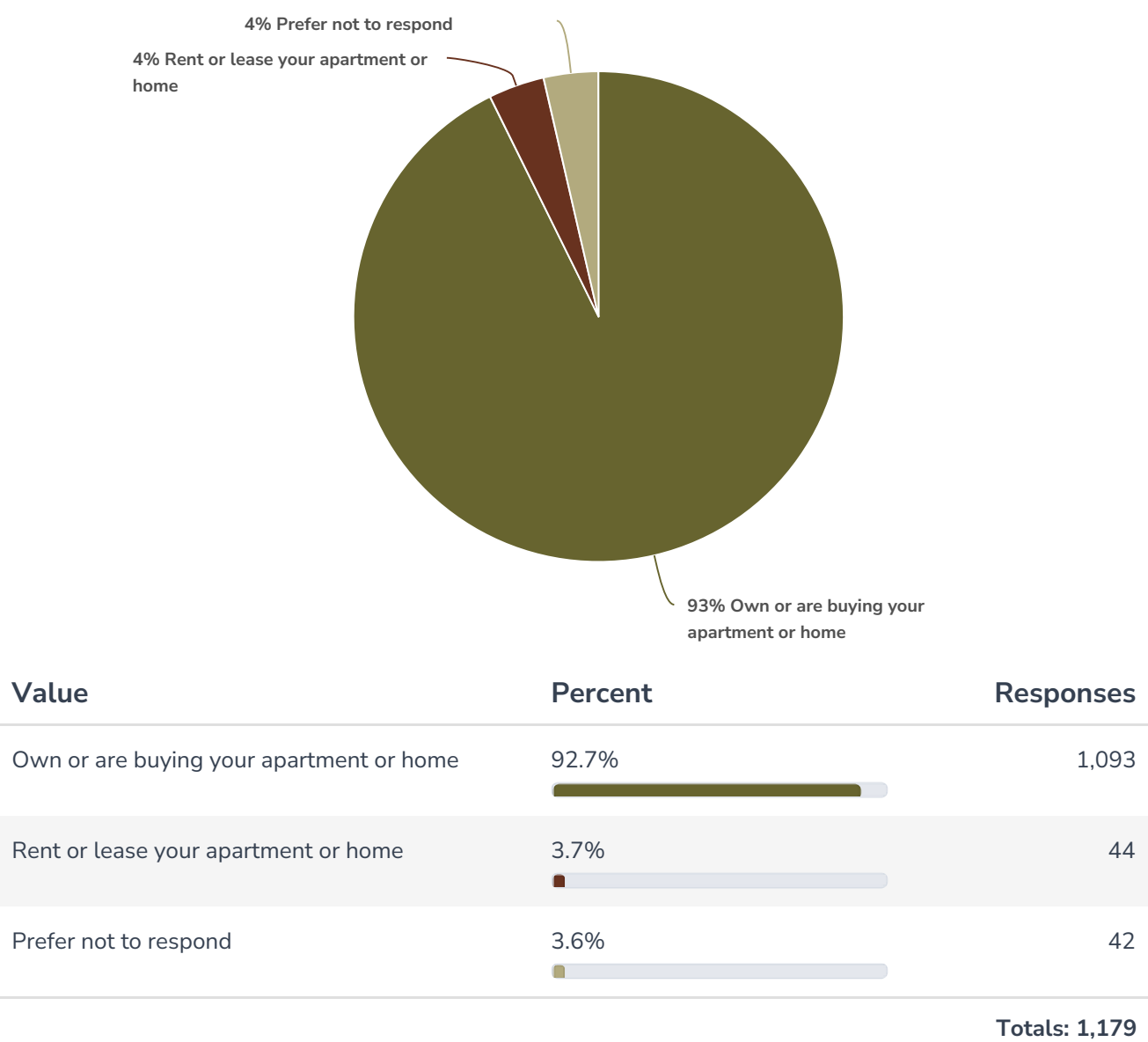
Value	Percent	Responses
2000-2006	0.6% 	6
1995-1999	0.5% 	5
1990-1994	2.7% 	28
1985-1989	10.9% 	113
1980-1984	17.9% 	186
1975-1979	16.0% 	166
1970-1974	9.7% 	101
1965-1969	8.2% 	85
1960-1964	6.4% 	67
1955-1959	7.6% 	79
1950-1954	9.1% 	95
1945-1949	5.3% 	55
1940-1944	1.9% 	20
1939 or earlier	0.2% 	2
Prefer not to respond	3.0% 	31
Totals: 1,039		

14. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living in your home?

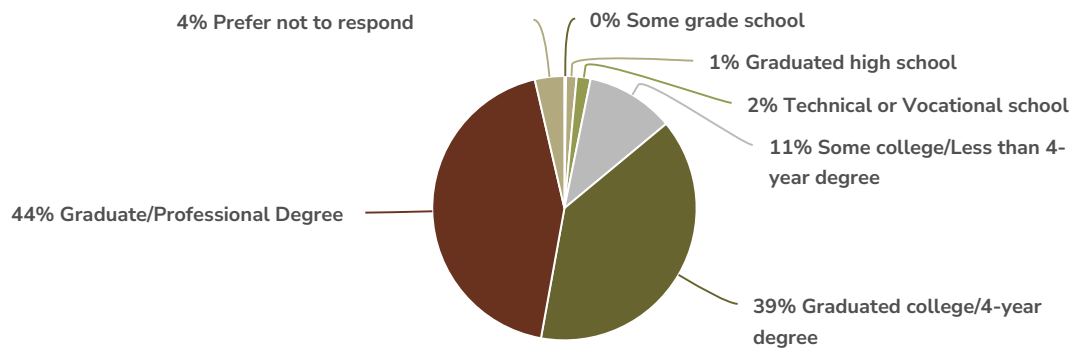


Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	50.6% <div><div></div></div>	594
No	44.6% <div><div></div></div>	524
Prefer not to respond	4.8% <div><div></div></div>	56
Totals: 1,174		

15. Do you currently own or rent your apartment or home?



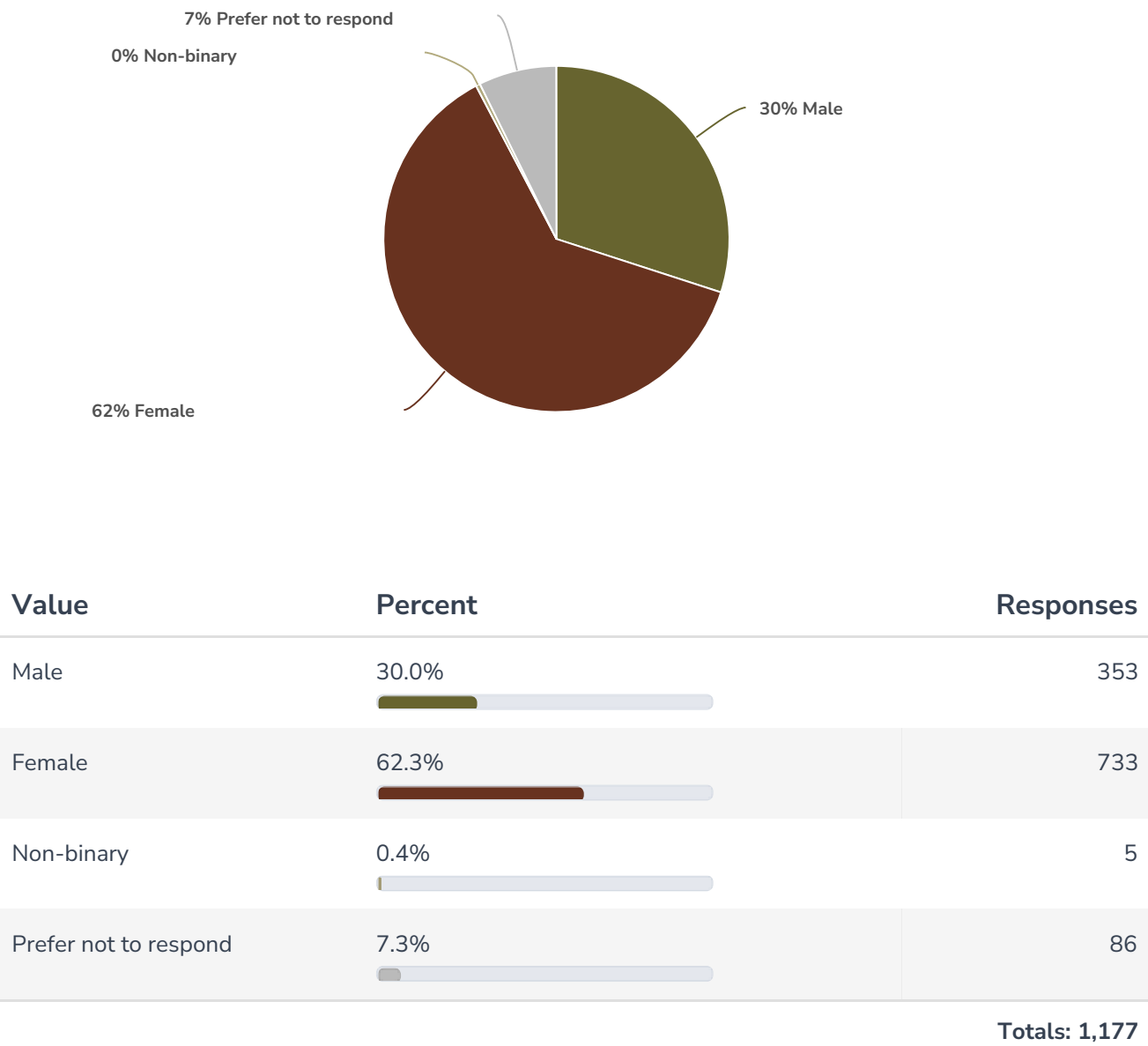
## 16. What is the last grade you completed in school?



Value	Percent	Responses
Some grade school	0.2%	2
Graduated high school	1.3%	15
Technical or Vocational school	1.7%	20
Some college/Less than 4-year degree	10.8%	127
Graduated college/4-year degree	38.9%	458
Graduate/Professional Degree	43.6%	514
Prefer not to respond	3.6%	42

Totals: 1,178

17. Do you consider yourself to be...





## 18. Do you have any other thoughts, comments, or questions about the Community Recreation Center concept?

ResponseID	Response
10	Demographics have shifted enough in West Linn since the previous failed attempts that I feel this is the right time to pursue this development endeavor.
12	Our city should be investing in public safety, public works projects, and maintenance of existing facilities. The community center is a luxury, not a necessity. Any bond measure will make housing LESS affordable to young families, seniors and those without extra dollars for luxuries due to property tax increases. I also believe that we will soon be asked to fund transportation and schools. Those are necessities I support. Not luxuries.
13	We could much better afford a rec center and other city improvements if we had a broader commercial/industrial/retail tax base. We need West Linn to "take over" the Stafford Rd/I-205 four corners.
19	Please don't cut sustainability designs such as solar panels. Those things are important!
22	Need a place for teens!
23	Please put in a high quality climbing wall, since there are none in this part of town (not just a kids playground type wall, but a high one with route setting options and auto belay)
26	I want the rec center and a pool. But I want them both so bad I get that we have to convince others the taxes are worth it. I think best path is pitching the "dry" rec center as something we need and something we aren't close to. And pool later (to counteract the argument that the lack of pool being built means we don't need this). It rains 9 months out of the year. Our kids need safe indoor place to exercise and parks aren't cutting it
27	Basketball courts and a pool would get my vote.
28	Strongly support the concept for the rec center and am very excited that it will be designed to accommodate a pool in the future -- West Linn kids need a safe, public area to learn how to swim!
29	On a fixed income and won't support higher property taxes
35	Indoor walking track is a waste of money. There are so many outdoor places people can walk in the city. It's insane to think that you can't build a pool with that amount of money allotted to this project. You should consider making that the priority and the other parts of this project secondary. I have visited towns far smaller than West Linn and they have pools. It's ridiculous that such a family oriented city doesn't have a pool.
43	Don't really see the need to prioritize pickleball courts in the center, as well as a walking/jogging indoor track.
45	indoor pool is a must

## ResponseID Response

46 Way too expensive and still would require fees to use. Property taxes are already sky high. After living here for 35 years and being a senior on a fixed income I could not afford the tax increase or afford to use the facility.

48 One of the reasons there can be a perceived lack of cohesion in this community is that we have nowhere accessible to gather. We are a disjointed community of members only pools and expensive gyms, but we lack the kind of important public facilities that Portland has. Why rely on Lake Oswego to provide this for our citizens? This facility will be so important for our community.

49 .

51 We need this

52 West Linn needs to slow down on building our own recreational center, especially since we don't yet know how the new Lake Oswego rec center will impact WL residents. It's entirely possible that anyone who wants to utilize a rec center will be able to do that at Lake Oswego's facility, which is located only 3.5 miles from Tanner Creek Park. For instance, if only half of West Linn's residents would actually use any rec center, and half of those residents could go to Lake Oswego, then it's a very expensive proposition to build our own rec center that would benefit a very small portion of WL's citizens.

56 In indoor playground with the ability to reserve an adjoining room for birthday parties would be excellent.

57 The pool is the most important part! Why are we delaying the pool?!? Also, \$42 per month is no issue if there is no cost for resident entry but it is a bit steep if the entry/usage fees are high.

61 A swimming pool is a must ahead of what adults would like. We need to focus on the kids who are too young or too old for the summer classes offered by the West Linn School District or the City of West Linn. The kids between ages 12 and 16 in our community need opportunities to do things they like. They are interested in a place where they can hang out to talk with friends and get stuff to eat and drink, of course, they would prefer a place with no adults around, which we all know can't happen. A facility that could support a boys and girls club, swimming pool and gym would be perfect; add in a place and plan for the adult amenities to be added later. West Linn has a lot of sports for kids during the year but no facilities for the kids who like different activities, one week camps are not enough and too limited in spaces and very expensive. So please reverse your recreational plan and start with a pool and early teen to mid teen kids needs and the sooner the better!

64 Giving the kids something to do is so important. Young adults in our city have nowhere to go and tend to negatively impose on local businesses and neighborhoods out of boredom. Having 'nearby' facilities doesn't help minors who can not drive and many of whom do not have access to public transportation. If we do not build this recreation center, we need to find a better way to serve and support the youth in our city with existing facilities. We pay a lot to live here and it's been disheartening to see how little we have to offer younger generations. As a parent, I may seem biased, but I would want to continue to support future youth and generations, as well.

## ResponseID Response

68	We desperately need exercise space for our youth including a pool
69	I really want a pool! With traffic even the new lake Oswego pool is out of range and competition for lessons is too annoying. Please can we have a West Linn pool!
71	Taxes already too high. Why not a ymca that people pay to belong, but at lower rates.
72	We don't need a new community center. Most HOAs have their own pool facilities. Taxes are already quite high for lesser services we already receive compared to other locations. West Linn should instead pursue funding for reduced membership rates for West Linn residents at the already constructed Lake Oswego community center.
74	Too much \$ and raising taxes with double programs. The adult community center offers exercise classes and other amenities so seems like money wasted. An indoor track and courts would be great. Project should be largely funded by sponsorship instead of hitting property owners when we're already dealing with inflation.
76	I have two kids that are highly involved in swimming. With no pool the recreation center doesn't meet our needs. I would run or walk outside with my dog instead of going to a rec center anytime of the year. Only in the rainy season would I consider using the rec center for the courts and that would be far and few times to make it seem worth it. I could see my kids using it occasionally but we are not within walking distance so that would limit their use.
77	If you build it, they will come.
81	We desperately need this! My children have gotten excited to participate in activities only to have them cancelled because there is no gym space. We have kids who want to participate but our lack of facilities means you either have to sign up within minutes of it opening or it gets cancelled. Our community is starting to thrive this will make it extremely attractive to families!
83	We don't need a pool. There is a very loud minority insisting on a pool but it serves a much narrower portion of the population, costs a lot, and may even compromise our community's support of the great recreational addition this facility will be to our city. Please stand strong insisting that a pool won't be considered as part of this project.
87	Get it built fast so that my kids are still young enough to enjoy it!
89	A community center that doesn't have a full gym and pool is a waste of money. The kids of West Linn do not need a place to go after school. They have plenty of parks in the area. But there is not a single full scale gym / pool in West Linn. That is what residents need. No one will use the indoor track. This, in its current form, is a pure waste of money.
95	Exempt low income and retirees from increases in property tax and maybe we'll consider. These bonds create an unaffordable and less diverse community. Users can take advantage of LOs facilities. Perhaps Parks and Rec can offer a shuttle service-that would be much cheaper and accessible for kids.

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97	This is a terrible idea as it's being talked about in its current form. 1. For the size and type of structure being proposed, 65M is way way too much money. 2. One reason to increase property taxes with an investment in our community like this one would be so the people who are paying this bill get some appreciation on their property by it becoming more desirable to live near this new attraction. Think bond measure to increase property taxes in LA to build a new stadium. There is no way a meeting space like this would result in my house appreciating in value in a meaningful way especially when I have to pay monthly to use it. The argument that this provides a good space for kids and community members to use is fair however at a cost of over a thousand dollars a year plus whatever the monthly membership fees might be there are far better options out there than this. Finally, we just voted on the debacle with Oppenlander and what a mess that created for what the city is paying for etc. the ink hasn't even dried on that deal and now we are throwing 65m into another project. How about we make an investment of this magnitude when economic conditions and credit markets become much more favorable? The savings from that strategic start time alone could be worth millions. I'm very much opposed to spending taxpayer money in this way at this time.
101	Capital cost is only the start.
103	City leaders flopped when they allowed the Police to get a new HQ instead of a pool - No Pool gets a no vote
104	I would only support the community center and tax increase if the pool is guaranteed
105	Pool, pool, pool
106	I really wished that the community pool was being incorporated now. That was my biggest wish for this project.
108	We do not need another gym. Consider an indoor lacrosse/soccer facility instead of this waste of money
110	I strongly support to give recreational activities for our youth year round as well as all ages.
112	As a member of the West Linn Community Chorus numbering 60 members, I am so pleased to have a community center which will provide a space for concerts and other Art forms.
114	More pickleball courts
115	Though I do not live in west Linn, I regularly utilize services in west Linn (post office, library, grocery, parks, restaurants) so a recreation center would be very welcome.
119	We are still recovering from the pandemic. Any increase in taxes, which go up 3% annually, will force us and our business to move or close. Most of our neighbors have swimming pools yet it seems that is the biggest request for a center. It is more prudent to wait for LO's pool to finish and see how well that works for the community before spending millions more. How about fixing all the potholes first?

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121	It has to benefit all or it's not worth it. I don't mind the increase in taxes because it will help the community and home values but spend the money wisely
125	This is a hefty tax increase for a facility I likely will not use. It is something West Linn has needed for years, however, so I probably will support it on the ballot. It's likely a tough sell because it is really difficult to create a facility to meet a broad range of needs and interests. There are at least three gyms, including one with a pool, that are relatively inexpensive and within 5-10 minutes of my house. I would think it might be more cost-effective to publicly fund vouchers for people who might need financial help to use those facilities.
133	Will not vote for the bond and will actively work to oppose it. You raised taxes for schools and can't manage the budget, why would we give more for anything
134	I think the concept is beautiful. However, there is a lot of surface space taken up by parking, which is an eyesore and not great for the planet. Would love to see a public space in West Linn without so much visible parking
135	I really appreciate an emphasis on "community". A Community Recreation Center would allow more authentic, in-person interactions among community members instead of making comments on West Linn Facebook pages. Even if I don't think I would use certain aspects of the center, I think that having a facility improves what the community has to offer.
136	Over \$50M is death to the bond. It's purely psychological, but I've seen people's surprise when \$50M is said as the cost.
137	Being non committal about having a pool creates too much uncertainty about if it will happen which mitigates the positives and creates more anxiety that we will raise taxes and not get the most requested component of this effort. Trust must be earned by the local government, and when the wording of the bill leaves room to not follow through you will get less support.
147	We do not need an expensive new rec center.
150	Love the idea of a rec center. Don't love the idea of the huge increase in taxes that it will require.
152	We think it would be an excellent addition to our community.
154	Our community needs a pool. WLHS swim team uses LO pool! Make this a priority.
155	I agree that this is a huge asset to our community and attractive to residents of all ages. I wish a pool could be added sooner. I currently travel 30 minutes 3 times a week to get to the pool in Canby for exercise classes. I wish we had a pool in our town.
157	If we are going to consider building a new Recreation Center, we have to include the building of a pool. It makes no sense to leave that up to a future date, when the work is being done now.

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163	This center is a great idea but it is now 20 Years too late as we were hoping for this as we raised our children. Now they are also grown. Timing is everything and sadly WL waited too long for us.
165	I believe the key to the success of such a facility is the necessity to improve the lives of West Linn-ians of all ages and walks of life, socially, financially, and ultimately psychologically. We should not hesitate in creating an environment to improve health of all citizens.
171	I would have been maybe ok with the cost to build but can't support a levy for continual maintenance. If the rec center doesn't break even after the build, then I have to strongly oppose it. What happens after 5 year levy ends? What if voters say not to continued levies for maintenance? Does it become just an empty building that ends up condemned? If maybe a public/private partnership could be found for maintenance where it didn't cost the taxpayer a monthly fee to maintain, then I could support the build. Most likely I would not use this facility except maybe a few times a year for a community function. This wouldn't replace my gym with the current facility options being proposed. Thus, I, like many people without kids, would be paying for a facility monthly for no reason.
175	I don't want West Linn to become like Lake Oswego or Tigard. The more the city develops the more it loses its original small town slightly rural aura. Any big developments like this will bring in people not only from West Linn, but surrounding areas and will increase congestion. I have lived here for about 25 years and it upsets me to no end that there is a push to build here when the infrastructure does not support it. If big new amenities are built here it will be extremely difficult to get into and out of my neighborhood because the hwy can't support the traffic it is already sporting every day. Building up is making some neighborhoods less livable...
176	I would support a community center built from private funds and a use/monthly fee for those wishing to use the center. Raising taxes on homeowners for something they may or may not use is regressive policy., especially for those with limited income.
178	Swimming pool and aquatic center ASAP!!!
181	I believe it is necessary as it is important to keep our community active and involved. Also, it would lessen the burden on schools for gym access.
186	The city needs to upgrade and maintain the parks we have. It is shocking that players and parents have to maintain and clean up the baseball/softball fields annually. Riverside has several fields that haven't been used in years. Turf those fields and have the city maintain them.
193	What about an outdoor pool like the one at Stafford Hills? I agree with using and improving on the beautiful properties that West Linn already has.
196	It should have a swimming pool!
197	Discuss this being a place to hold community classes such as postpartum support groups, craft classes, etc.

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198	I will only support when a community pool is included
201	I worry about congestion on ponderay drive Also, a new street/cut through at chelan to Parker must happen to give drivers another option to their neighborhood Our taxes are too high I support a rec center that is less expensive Also a pool. It needs that now Maybe an outdoor wading pool till large one inside is built
203	My #1 priority is getting a pool in west linn. It is just bizarre that this city doesn't have one. I consider it a public health and safety issue that we have generations of children struggling to find a safe location to learn how to swim. I'm disappointed that a pool isn't specifically included in this initial proposal.
204	The survey is misleading. You present the tax cost but fail to mention that using the facility will cost additional fees. Also, you should present the specific cost of using the Lake Oswego facility as an alternative. We do not need a public "health club."
208	Complete waste of money, taxes are already too high and money needs to be spent on maintaining current obligations.
209	As a retired person, we have watched our property taxes rise each year. We have also voted to approve several bonds we are still paying for. This proposal is estimated to raise my property taxes another \$1000 a year. As a retired person, at this rate it will become very difficult to afford to stay in my home. The ability to use the new community center will be moot. Let's fix our water supply, repave the many roads in disrepair throughout West Linn and perhaps keep home ownership affordable for our seniors and young families before adding a community center.
211	While I generally support the idea of a rec center, the tax bonds would negatively impact my desire to build it. Between homeowners insurance more than doubling in the last year, taxes always increasing, utilities skyrocketing, roughly 20% inflation on all necessities, etc., it's not something I want to spend more money on. It's a frivolity when times are getting harder and harder for everyone. If times weren't so tough economically I wouldn't mind paying for a rec center.
215	We live in a beautiful area. We feel the amenities we have now are much more than the average community in the US. Portland needs attention! Our taxes now are way too much. Only the wealthy can afford WL.
216	We need a pool. The rest is fluff
219	Stop wasting our money. And Juneteenth is not a holiday!! Celebrate White Hererosexual Month!!
222	The average family would need to pay an extra \$520 for the building, an extra \$105 for operating annually, and then another \$56 monthly x 12 = \$672 for family membership just to use this for an annual total cost of \$1,297, which the taxes would then increase by a minimum of 3% annually. Might need to sell my house before this insanity starts to degrade the selling price.



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227	Covid lock downs are not compatble with this type of investment.
230	A community rec center is critically important for WL. It would keep resources local not only for the members of a center, but also for peripheral/related commerce. When folks go to OC, Tualatin, LO for community center, they also stay there for shopping and eating in restaurants.
231	I would support all of this if it included a pool. We need an indoor pool!!!!
233	Without the pool, it's not worth the monthly costs since a gym membership is cheaper.
234	I wanted this the first time it was proposed, back when my kids were little. That feeling hasn't changed; I want it for the young families who live here now, and for the teenagers who have nowhere to go for healthy socializing and activities.
235	Besides the extra tax burden, I believe the center would be used by a very small proportion of the West Linn population and thus a bad investment. I strongly agree that the city should concentrate on maintaining and improving our current parks and public spaces instead of investing the tax paying citizens' money into a project that will be used by so few.
236	Most important to me, and many others, is a POOL!
239	I feel very strongly that I can't support this venture unless the pool is part of the initial building. I also believe the City should find ways to fund this project via other means, the burden of a bond is too much. Corporate sponsorships, grants or fund raising would be great alternatives. I do feel very strongly that the City has a responsibility to create a safe, affordable place for the youth of West Linn.
240	This is the wrong approach! Property taxes are at a breaking point. The housing situation is out of control. There is a strong need for a community center (has been for over 30 years) but it must be funded in other ways - fund raising, grants, company sponsorship, etc. Also, more priority needs to be given to building a pool for me to support any bond. There is none in West Linn - even at the High School - but there other gym facilities.
250	The concept is great but realistically it would only benefit a small amount of people.
251	None

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252                    West Linn does not need any such space. With large houses, yards, and many other private amenities close by, a fitness/rec center is a terrible waste of tax-payer dollars at a time when homeowners are on the hook for Metro Area Housing taxes. The youth are on the street as these youth are unsupervised by adults. All public schools have libraries after school, there is a public library in town and all of the youth roaming around Rosemont and High School doing drugs and drinking are doing that as there is no adult in charge of them. There is the Sunset Fire Hall for gatherings and many parks/gazebos for community meetups, celebrations. The City government needs to walk around town to see most homes have bikes/treadmills by windows and in the garage. No one from the northwest needs an indoor track, especially, a well-off community that already over-subscribes to neighborhood fitness facilities. This is going to be one more avenue of costly construction and potential lining of pockets for the city government and its contractors. These level of tax burden is going to drive away folks from West Linn -stop with the "let's build and they'll come" mentality and rather focus on basic needs such as water quality, infrastructure upkeep, and safety. West Linn taxpayers do not need to shell out more tax \$ for another houseless hangout, which will be a gross mismanagement of taxpayer \$. DROP SPENDING IDEAS, COME UP WITH BUDGET SAVINGS IDEAS

253                    Being retired on a fixed income the higher taxes are a very big concern. We probably would not have any use for this new Community Center. Too expensive and agree we can use Lake Oswegos new facility without having our taxes increase.

254                    West Linn needs a safe space for our kids to gather and hang out!

256                    If I'm paying for this center with taxes, then I expect to be able to use the facility for free or for a very low cost, such as \$20 per month.

259                    The cost of living is too high for the middle class. My husband and I are retirees and we are struggling to pay our high property taxes, high utility bills, gasoline, and food costs! I guess there are people in West Linn who have money to spare for every tax increase, but we do not! I do not need a new Recreation Center or pool. What I do need is a roof over my head, heating in the winter, healthy food etc. The cost of living is a real struggle! Please consider those of us who are on fixed incomes! Please be compassionate and considerate towards us! We do not have money to spare.

265                    If there is a membership fee to join the community Recreation Center it seems unfair to add additional taxes to homeowners as well. It will be \$1000 a year for an average WL home in additional taxes. Many community members will never utilize the the recreation center due to the additional cost for use.

270                    As I said in person at a prior meeting to look at the plans, I don't think this center should attempt to be everything for everyone. In particular, I don't think it makes sense to include a weight room. Seems like a nightmare to monitor use, especially among younger users, and liability concerns. What the city needs is more indoor court and exercise space for our club sports and city programs. Would like to see a reduction in costs/tax burden. Not realistic that this will replace people's memberships at fitness clubs. Focus on the meeting space and community space that can be used for a multitude of programs or a place to hang out indoors.

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272	Is there a cost for residents to use it after it passed? And if so why are we not taking that costs or are we saying it is free to go to as a resident?
274	West Linn never seems to do things in a first-class manner. The logos at both ends of 43 are funky and should be updated. The fact that we couldn't get it together to submit plans on time to improve hwy 43 is a tragedy—the improvement of one intersection. 43 and Marylhurst, is a joke given all that could've been done if we hadn't squandered our opportunity to receive funding. So, I would love a rec center but worry it would be low quality or poorly done. West Linn City needs to improve neighborhoods by enforcing no commercial businesses in residential areas. It is clearly happening and makes the neighborhoods junky. You would never see this in LO.
275	I will not support a recreation center without a pool now. I will vote against a levy that doesn't include a pool.
278	The pool is the most important part of a new facility
279	No
285	I will not support a community center without a pool
286	The costs are too high - especially without a pool. You want me to pay at least \$75-100 (or more?) per month in these additional taxes and then I need to buy a membership on top of that or somehow pay to use the amenities...?
290	West Linn has beautiful parks with plenty of paths to walk. The cost of the bond is more than the cost of a fitness membership. Our property taxes are a burden now at approximately \$12,000 a year. There are beautiful courts at many parks and a new multimodal trail down Salamo that is rarely used.
291	Now that there is going to be a pool in the old ace hardware there may be less pressure to include a community pool as part of the new community center - if in fact that pool can be used by the community.
294	I highly encourage the addition of a pool along with indoor recreation facilities.
295	There are other projects that should take precedent over a community center, for instance water and sewer infrastructure. How can we spend money on a community center when we have failing water lines and we haven't paid for the line over the bridge? It is irresponsible, in my opinion.
300	If you do as quality a job on a recreation center as you maintain your parks, we have only good thoughts aimed your way
304	West Linn has beautiful parks with plenty of walking paths, playgrounds, and sports courts. There are also many places that can be reserved for events. The cost of the proper tax increases are more expensive than a fitness center. Open up schools in the summer and evenings for indoor courts. We are struggling under the burden of a \$12,000 annual property tax bill, increased water, waste, and other bonds.

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305	Pool needs to be a priority. There is nowhere in west Linn for children and adults to learn to swim. Water safety should be a city priority given our access to rivers and streams.
311	We need a pool in West Linn !!!
312	I strongly support the community center but only if the pool is part of the construction. It would be helpful to know what the projected timeline and cost would be for that aspect of the build.
314	I would modify this rationale a bit to add a comment about the pool at the end. I find this very persuasive to both those that do not want a pool (requires a vote) and to people like me that hesitate to vote "yes" without a plan for a pool. "This facility will provide recreation and exercise for residents of all ages, as a place for young families to play on playgrounds, adults to work on fitness, and community members of all age to meet and attend events. In addition, space will be allocated to add an indoor pool at a later date, should it be approved by the voters."
316	Please DON'T do these things that increase property taxes here --- they're already dang-high and a serious issue in our lives already
317	Having a place for kids to go after school and in the summer would be a game changer for our community.
318	We really need the indoor walking path and indoor. We would use those on a regular basis!! Presently those do not exist here.
320	As far as a place for teens, there have been some attempts at this over the years, but they have not been utilized as anticipated and end up closing. I don't want to pay more property taxes for a facility that is really duplicating what we already have and what hasn't worked in the past.
326	Indoor court space in both West Linn and Lake Oswego is almost completely inaccessible. We regularly assist in planning martial arts events for local youth, but are forced to rent court space elsewhere because neither LO nor West Linn school districts allow rental of their facilities. We could vastly prefer this facility rental money stay local! And we are not the only club sport group facing this lack if facilities nearby.
327	We need a lot of pickle ball courts!
331	We need a pool!!!

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| 337 | The issue is with the overall cost of the rec center. I work with many clients in commercial development and the cost is grossly inflated for the size of project. My diverse commercial client base includes project managers and commercial property owners for properties larger than what is proposed, and their build costs for a much nicer facility are more in line with \$20 million for a very nice 120 room facility, or \$20-25 million for mixed use large facilities in and around Portland. Newer commercial facilities that some of my clients are currently purchasing in desirable areas of the tri-county are going for \$12-18 million. If one can build a Hilton level facility or better at these amounts, why does the proposed bond need to be at \$65 million? This is clearly excessive, and I say this on behalf of my family and friends who are homeowner residents and business people of West Linn that are strongly in favor of a rec center (just not at this price). |
| 340 | I would encourage having the varying sports courts and definitely include indoor pickleball courts.  |
| 343 | Originally thought this was to include a performance space and swimming pool ... the two things I'd actually use. Not sure that there is anything in this CRC that appeals to me ... so paying \$600 per year more on property taxes is not something I would pay for a gym membership either.   |
| 347 | No immediate pool = A no vote. In fact, I'd like to see a non-rec center proposal for ONLY an outdoor pool with changing rooms. Had tons of these in the mid west and a lot more cost effective. Like the Sellwood outdoor pool.   |
| 348 | Get the kids out of Safeway after school   |
| 349 | We would have to pay for it to be built and then we would have to pay to use it. I would rather pay a non-resident fee to use the OC pool facility or the new LO facility. It doesn't make sense to build this.  |
| 354 | We need a pool too!  |
| 355 | The center would be a valuable local resource for healthy activities for many years to come. Look to the future. We don't need to continue driving to other cities to find suitable recreational facilities.   |
| 357 | there are other needs in the city that I feel are a priority. We have several parks, and open spaces. I don't see a need to build something to satisfy a few. No one uses the \$\$\$ exercise center off of Rosemont. And to add to it that residents will have to pay makes it even more offensive. So you tax the resident and then they have to pay which once again will limit access and marginalize some of our residents.   |
| 358 | A pool is my TOP priority, but will still support with reservations a center without a pool.   |

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359	It is way too expensive, with additional fees to use the facility, which is not disclosed in this survey. With park fees already included in our water bill, you're out pricing the older & lower income residents. There are facilities and gym memberships in surrounding areas available. It actually makes me very angry to have foisted on us. We've voted it down before. West Linn is already becoming unlivable with all the changes to our downtown area and proposed changes to the waterfront. NO!
360	I'd like the pool asap!
372	Really feel a pool should be included initially
373	It simply doesn't pencil. I understand why families with kids would like the rec cen, but it's inherently unfair to subsidize their children's recreation in the backs of the entire community. Most households without kids in the home do not want to pay for this. Additionally, it's inherently unfair to pay for this via property taxes as households with higher valued homes will pay significantly more for the exact same facility, whether they want it or not.
374	It seems like the facility is not very flexible. for instance: no where in West Linn is there a large dance floor/meeting room. no where. There is a huge dance community looking for dance halls. Good social fun, no booze, no food just good plain old social dancing- a long term healthy exercise option no equipment needed. What is proposed is a facility with sport courts - cant these be retrofitted into other facilities. How about proposing something that becomes a hallmark of the city? in style? Flexibility is key. sport courts are not flexible. Large open spaces can be flexible with moveable walls making smaller meeting spaces. that kind of flexibility is not seen in the plan.... just the mention about a future pool. Please Please Please Drop the pool idea. We dont want it and keep voting it down - and don't try to sneak it in! this reflects bad on city leadership. LO is building a pool facility right next door - easy to access for west linn residents. By all means - TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY VIEWS!!! put in BIG WINDOWS and provide that space where people can see the vista! covered outdoor seating. etc.
375	We have not been very impressed with the current recreation center. Other cities of same size or smaller have better activities. I think West Linn has got to show more organization for recreational service etc. West Linn has the tendency to put most of its funding toward children's curriculum. There is not great diversity.
376	Get it done!
378	What's the timeline on the project completion? My daughter is 4.5. Will she get to use this new facility?
380	A pool would be nice!
383	Please build the community recreation center! And hey, this could be a great way to compete with Lake Oswego. We know what competition does, it makes both parties better! Please, please, please build the recreation center!

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388	The adult Community Center is a great place for senior citizens. It more than meets my needs with yoga, mah jong and other times to come together. We are retirees so we are on fixed incomes and I pay to row on the Willamette and would not want to spend more on taxes. But, a boys and girls club could be an asset for the community.
390	West Linn has more pressing matters than a boondoggle rec center. A waste of money when we haven't figured out how to pay for delivery of our drinking water. Doesn't matter what some special interests advocate for. Deal with immediate basic needs first!!!!
391	We have many spaces in the community that are under utilized, sunset fire hall for example. Has anyone looked at the LO teen center? It's very popular for after school time and doesn't require the kind of resources WL is talking about. Beef up parks and rec offerings at a much lower cost. Your tax estimates are misleading as most homes are appraised at over \$400k. Double the estimate for many families and it becomes a bigger hurdle.
394	Support funding by allowing and taxing Marijuana sales in west linn!
397	This is too expensive for me to support. I can pay for a private sport club for this amount of money
399	No
400	Not at this time
401	West Linn is a champion on parks and play structures, there is so many great options for young kids Rain or shine I always had my kids at the many parks. Likewise there are tons of walking paths and trails, There is virtually nothing for teens and pre teens. We need indoor golf, swimming pools, maybe a climbing wall, and places for them to gather safely- as well as adults. Teens could get jobs working at the pool, maybe bring back the swim team at West Linn High school! I will not support indoor walking track and little kids play structure, that is just not needed. The adult community center has classes an events, I would expect any new community center would also. That would connect the community and provide revenue as well.
402	In theory it sounds like a good idea - there is no place like this in West Linn today. In practice, it's difficult to envision myself or my family getting use out of it - there's an awful lot of "maybe" and "could do" in the discussion and it would be a lot easier to support this with a stronger commitment to and better illustration of what kind of activities would be available for both kids and adults
403	Whatever happened to not spending money that you do have? Obviously people like West Linn the way it is or so many folks would not be buying homes here.
404	The number one goal of any indoor space should focus on having multiple indoor courts. That is what we are really lacking. There are plenty of playgrounds, walking tracks, fitness opportunities. But even private gym memberships frequently don't have adequate court space for basketball, tennis, pickleball, volleyball. Focus on courts instead of trying to be everything to everyone.



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406	Based on the projected costs funding this center is a very poor and expensive use of a bond that could be used for much more important improvements to our city. The projected costs would be more than the cost of a West Linn resident to use the new Lake Oswego facility. And being a member of the Lake Oswego facility does NOT commit a household to 21 years of increased property tax payments ..it makes much more sense for people to choose what they desire and can start and stop a membership in Lake Oswego.. Even the \$250k plus fees for the MIG consultation could have been used to identify infrastructure projects within West Linn that would improve all residents experience within our City. Also another alternative would be to look for a private investor to fund a community center so that residents are not committed to the costs as well as being able to choose their level of involvement....being a senior the cost to me on a fixed income is prohibitive and I'm sure there are many seniors in West Linn in this same position. Please do not put this on a ballot. Thank you for the opportunity to share some of my thoughts.
409	West linn government has a history of being run poorly and unable to stay on budget. So trying to manage this luxury will be a disaster
412	This is long overdue
416	If any bond is put on the ballot, I hope that the writers would include honest transparency about how much it will increase taxes every year and make it very clear what the cost would be to use the center (ie Will there still be a charge to use the center?).
418	Additionally, bring back the lost pickleball courts at Tanner Creek Park. The facilities at Hammerle aren't enough. There are hundreds of enthusiasts in West Linn.
419	I sure hope you people don't ruin a perfectly good park the kids in the neighborhood already have phones they can look at all day
420	West Linn has a lot to work on and to continue to ignore the roads and parks while asking for more funds is frustrating. Having residents pay for it and then pay to use it is ridiculous. I don't see anything about the impact to the neighborhood or roads around the area. I was on the fence about this until I saw the virtual plan. Money grab with so much wasted space. The lobby is all unused space. Terrible, West Linn. I voted for almost all the current council. Never again- wasting my hard earned money.
423	Another waste of money to West Linn tax payers. You {meaning the govt.} have enough money. Look at the vehicles the city uses, look at the public works equipment, all you want is more \$. I've been a resident for this house for 34 years and the old house for 7 years. Government waste in WL is immense. Joe Beelart here, 3412 Ponderosa Loop 503.557.7569
424	Could there be a cost to use facility to help fund the project instead of just increasing taxes ?
425	We just had a potential large raise in property taxes for the fire department on the last election. This one is coming too close on the heels of that. Yes, it would be nice to have a community center, but if WL residents can use the new one in LO, then do that and try again in a few years.

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426	Would prefer to have solar panels and green roof remain part of the design rather than eliminating these as a cost-cutting strategy.
431	An extra \$42/mo (or \$39/mo) .... no way I can support that right now. Everything is more expensive and this is not a "need"....sure it would be nice, but so would a new car and I don't need one. This isn't the right time for this IMO. The economy sucks atm and building costs are sky high. This is NOT the time to be increasing the community taxes when people are just barely getting by.
435	Taxes are too high. Too many school bonds. Even though renters don't pay for these bonds, they pass them. They need to know that their rent will increase. There are plenty of places to go for families. We don't need this expensive endeavor.
437	It would be amazing if the rec center had a sauna and hot tubs (preferably outdoor hot tubs in my opinion). Those would add a lot of value in the winter. In the summer, there's so much to do outdoors around West Linn, so I believe that the rec center will have more value in the winter for many residents. In the winter, hot tubs and sauna will be a huge hit.
438	Where will be the exact location of the proposed new community building? That would be the most important detail in determining my support for the proposal.
440	NO MORE TAXES
444	Love the rec center concept for youth in West Linn. They literally have no where to hang out so our building poor habits going to Safeway and Starbucks for sugar snacks. All neighboring cities have options for their youth. West Linn is behind in that respect. So we'd like to have this option for our kids, yes! But we already pay some of the highest taxes and continue to have high numbers of kids in the classroom, and the city is horribly cared for in respect to sidewalks and city spaces full of weeds and moss. It's a bummer.
451	This needs to be focused towards our children in the community
452	I would like to see some kind of security system for the recreation center and for the parking lot
453	Passing these bonds would absolutely cost a lot of people on it fixing them to lose their homes or move. It seems West Linn does not want to have a senior community. And what about the West Linn adult community center what happens to that? This is not a well thought out idea at all. Use Lake As we go facilities.
456	We need an indoor space to play Mahjong, Bridge, Chess, Canasta, etc.
460	Yeah, don't waste tax dollars on it. Period.

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- 461 Community and activity centers are not a bad ideas per se, but taxes are already high, and I don't intend to use said facilities. I should not have to shoulder the burden of costs. I moved to West Linn because there are already SO MANY beautiful sights and activities in the area. Do we really need an INDOOR walking track? What's wrong with walking along historic avenues or one of the many lovely parks? Do kids really lack the imagination for finding things to do these days? Who is to say they would not simply get bored or tired of a new facility too? The cost to build such places should be funded by those want to use it, not by homeowners that may not even need or want it.
- 465 To ask taxpayers, who count even if they non-register voters, to pay ANYTHING is outrageous. Going after a \$45,000,000 to \$65,000,000 project all in one shot is insane. The reality is, in all likelihood... it will cost another 30% or more when all is said and done. And who pays for it. Taxpayers, yea right. Be smart! Create smaller focused specialized fitness facilities. Less cost to launch and complete. Easier on the infrastructure to support, less need for foundational building lowering the cost. And, easier on the surrounding areas to support. Not to mention, greater distribution of economic dollars. Meaning, spreading out the facilities means surrounding businesses profit due to increased traffic in outlying areas instead of centralized traffic patterns. However, all that said... I am a realist. I've seen West Linn government go after projects, in the past and they take too long to launch. By then a new government is elected and they start all over, why... the new government always has a better idea. That's how they get elected by pointing out the government in power has no idea how to run a government. Funny thing is, when the new government gets in power they discover... they don't either and everyone will point it out... so they can get elected in the next election. Pretty pessimistic, huh. Well, you still get my tax dollars, don't you.
- 473 This is very much needed. It will help keep the kids out of the stores and other areas they are gathering where there isn't anything for them to do. This will promote a safe environment for kids that the going home to empty homes until parents get off work.
- 474 I like the idea, but I don't know how much I would use it. Maybe the indoor playground for my grandson, and the walking track if it is open at a time I could use it. But the cost of it would increase my rent and will probably be more than a gym membership. The cost of living in the Portland area is already too high that I cannot buy a house and cannot move to a better place. I don't even know how long I will be living in West Linn to take advantage of a community center.
- 476 Many households are struggling and don't have \$30-45 extra a month to put towards these bonds.
- 478 Residents are burdened with high inflation and the idea of bonding a recreation facility is the height of financial irresponsibility. Families that want such recreational amenities can pay for it and join a private club. Stick to your knitting, fixing roads, schools and fund public safety. Too bad financial illiterates spend time thinking these ideas up. Who wants another \$1,000 dollars a year for a big pool to urinate in? \$30,000 over the lifetime ownership of home assesesed at \$850,000. Ridiculous.
- 481 The city should partner with Lake Oswego for the rec center, otherwise spend our dollars more wisely and come up with funds without increasing our taxes.

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487 As a senior, I do not see benefits relative to the cost. There are plenty of outdoor places to walk. I would like to see more thoughts going toward more community meeting places. This concept works for families, but not for seniors. I think a better use of monies would be to fix our roads and not just patch the huge holes.

488 Increasing taxes could impose a financial burden on residents who are already struggling to make ends meet. Construction and operation of the center could have negative environmental effects, such as increased traffic, noise pollution, habitat disruption, reduction in space for concerts in the park and open spaces. In my opinion there are more pressing needs than a community center. The proposed benefits of the community center might not justify the long-term costs associated with higher taxes. Implementing higher taxes for a community center would mean that even those who may not use it or benefit directly from it would still be required to pay. This raises questions about equitable distribution of financial responsibilities among residents. There are concerns about transparency. I haven't seen details about whether there will be additional costs to actually use the facility, on top of the increased taxes. This lack of clarity raises questions about the overall fairness and affordability of the proposal. Adding a community center at a time when inflation and construction costs are high raises serious financial concerns. It's unclear how these elevated costs will impact taxpayers already dealing with economic challenges. There is a risk that funds allocated for the community center could be mismanaged or misappropriated, leading to inefficiencies or even financial losses. Uncertainty exists about the center's ability to sustain itself financially over the long term, potentially requiring continuous subsidies from taxpayers. Higher taxes could potentially lower property values in the area, affecting homeowners' investments.

490 While I like the idea of a rec center in West Linn, I think our city needs to spend our tax dollars on more crucial things like the school district. I think that bringing music, art, library and higher learning classes to the primary schools would be more beneficial to our children than a rec center would be.

493 The West Linn City staff cannot manage the current facilities and buildings they already have. We DO NOT need another facility. There are plenty of sports facilities nearby that are cheaper than the additional taxes. I feel like this would also lead to further increased fees on our already ridiculously high water bill. NO to more facilities. Fix the ones you have...don't add to the burden.

494 Swinging pool is essential.

496 While I support the rec center idea, there has got to be a more creative way to fund this work besides more taxes. We could raise a third of the full sum through a community giving campaign, creation of a foundation, grant, or maybe a partnership with another local community to split the costs. I don't believe that my high tax burden is being spent well as it is to want to add more expense for this center. With the wealth and population of this community, there's got to be another source of funding besides tax burden.

497 No

498 The Lake Oswego Recreation & Aquatics Center is just down the road. We do t need one in West Linn.

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499	It isn't as easy to just go elsewhere to take classes like swim lessons as people make it seem. The non-resident registration restrictions often make it impossible to get a spot.
500	We seriously need a community center for youth and people of all ages. There are sooo many benefits.
506	I would like to see this recreation center free to use with no cost for ALL children under the age of 18.
508	I am for paying taxes to support public projects but this seems very expensive. I also can not vote for it until there is public transit from all neighborhoods to city hall and this potential facility. The facility is useless if kids can't get to it and home from on it on their own.
509	Must have pool
513	Support community recreation center for youth.
516	I am really hoping for a pool. Our families deserve it!
518	My taxes were \$11000 last year. Absolutely ridiculous. And to be honest, I'm tired of the fees that come with my water bill.
519	We need people in our community who can handle the current funding better. 65 million for a building that doesn't add value to the community (no pool). Just like the school funding, it got passed and the schools are laying off the teachers anyway...so where is all the money going? Strongly oppose this project until community leaders can handle funding more appropriately.
520	The concept is good, however as one drives through West Linn there are more important issues such as infrastructure, roads, current conditions of existing parks that need to be addressed
524	A pool is necessary. Otherwise a waste of time.
526	I'd be even more in support if it included a pool.
527	Teens are historically underserved in most communities. I will support the center as long as it is cost effective and avialable to youth. I can walk a mile in any direction and find a play structure for children but nothing for when this kids reach 8 years old and up. I look forward to what the center will provide.
529	Just build an aquatic center. I don't hear anyone asking for anything other than a pool.
534	Basketball would get more use than pickleball in my opinion
538	I would fully and enthusiastically support the bond measure and operational funding with a large 25m multi-lane fitness pool included in the initial design. Without the pool included in the initial construction I will vigorously oppose the bond and operational funding.

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539	"It's not our time in West Linn for a pool" is just disappointing to read. It rains 9 months out of the year here and it's confusing why we don't have more indoor, family friendly facilities. Event spaces aren't going to solve this problem. A pool and facility that is welcoming to families with an indoor playpark or atleast covered park would be so nice.
541	I would support a measure that included a pool.
542	If there is opposition to the added cost of a swimming facility, and considering LO is just about to finish an indoor aquatics center nearby, it could be wise to omit that portion for now and allow for it to be a future addition to reduce initial bond costs
544	We would support a community recreation center
546	Absolutely include an indoor children's playground/play space! We need this in the community for so many families with young children and limited options during the fall and winter for play and community. Check out local "Playstreet Museum" for the concept. The play area can rented for birthday parties on the weekends. Many places charge between \$300-\$500 for 1.5 hours. This is a way to help with costs and there would be high demand! Also, please consider an outdoor covered area with food carts.
547	I would prefer a pool/aquatic center before this facility. This plan seems to overlap too much with the existing adult community center.
548	Please make the pool a priority!!
553	Building a rec center is long overdue. But if it is presented that it could affect funding for clean water or any basic city infrastructure I doubt it will pass. West Linn needs to build it tax base by creating spaces for businesses to call West Linn their home. City should focus on buying houses that come up for sale all along the 43 corridor so that a "City center" can be developed.
557	I'm not interested if it doesn't have a pool. Also our taxes are already insanely high. Not going to vote for higher taxes for an indoor walking track.
560	I think a swimming pool would be great to include in the new center
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565	I think this would be a nice amenity to have in West Linn. One of my family's favorite things to do is spend time at the library and parks. We appreciate community gathering places that bring us together and elevate life for everyone in our city. It's in these places we make friends, stay healthy, and grow as humans. A recreation center that adds to these opportunities in our community is well worth the investment.
568	Should poll the residents to see if "Who" would actually use the rec center?

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570	Our family would prefer the pool facility to be built first. This recreation center, as proposed, is not something we see ourselves using and we feel the levy would cost us quite a bit of money. For a pool, we'd be all for it. This recreation center is far less exciting for us. Our tax footprint is enormous in West Linn; it's hard pill to swallow. And should the pool ever come to fruition in many/several years from now, we assume it will be another levy AND by then our children will be long gone. While it feels selfish to oppose this levy and the CRC we are just not sold on it.
572	Having a pool should be the priority. Hard to support increased taxes just to maybe have a spot for a pool at some point.
573	Give West Linn more sidewalks so that we can go on walks safely in the rain like good Oregonians. Spend money on sidewalks and paths. A lot more people walk in West Linn than would ever ever use any recreation center.
576	Lake Oswego is building a pool 4 miles away
584	Pool and pickleball would be awesome
590	Well, there is 24 hour fitness center, there is also docks and rivers. I believe that a community center for sports again confines people to indoor spaces rather than enjoy the outdoor. However, I still strongly support a fitness center for the other reasons given
598	With the rising costs of everything, it's difficult to support an increase in taxes. It would be wonderful to have the facility but WL already has a lot to offer and it's not worth the additional expense.
602	So excited for this to happen. Please keep the pool option open. I think that is essential for the long term plans. Thank you!
606	Funding the community center solely from homeowners should NOT even be considered - the tax only on homeowners is ridiculously high even with the second proposal to seek partnerships, when all the renters in West Linn will have no responsibility but gain all of the benefits. Please get more creative with finding grants, county and state support, and corporate buy-in. It is necessary to have a pool here, and an indoor facility to gather and have health related activities, but avoid pitting homeowners against renters. No one will win.
607	Forget it you tried too many times already. It's not the right thing for our community
611	No questions. I oppose this because of the increase in taxes and my lack of interest in a rec center. My neighborhood has a public space for use and I believe it's mismanaged. West Linn has three distinct areas and. Rec Cemter wint serve all three.
612	Could the city work with the schools to provide better access to existing courts/fields? WLWV has many of the assets desired in a rec center but won't staff/allow access to the community to use them.
613	Taxes are too high. Reallocate monies to finance the rec center. Stay within budget.

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614	I would be more likely to support a bond if the TV F&R bond hadn't just been on the ballot, as that one is going to raise property taxes in West Linn substantially. I would much rather see a bond just for a swimming pool than another one with a rec center with too many expensive amenities.
616	If the city cannot effectively support and maintain the existing parks and facilities, throwing money at a new facility will exacerbate this deficiency. Young people already have access to plenty of facilities via the existing parks, schools, etc. Why not ask the schools to open for them during summer and after hours?
617	No way, no how
619	I wish this survey included the fact that residents would need to pay a high monthly fee to use the facilities. The increase in taxes is too high for my family and I'm worried the costs will push people out of their homes.
622	I believe we need a dedicated space for tweens and teens that is open 7 days a week. If the new rec center specifically included that, I would support the bond.
626	We have access to all of the things proposed except a pool. That would be priority for West Linn to have a public pool. Those who want a fitness club can pay for any of the many options nearby. We also already have community gathering places.
628	If it is built on the hill it would be hard to get to in the winter. My support would largely depend on where it is. There was no mention of location options. Are there any proposed sites?
630	We need this. It makes no sense for West Linn residents to spend their money on other towns recreation centers when we could have our own right here.
631	West Linn only needs a community pool that everyone can access not only certain neighborhoods. Taxes should not go up so much.
633	Please please please include supports and programs for children and adults with disabilities. This is very much lacking in our community and we have children and adults with disabilities intellectually and physically and they need programs and activities to do, and should not be excluded from the community but an important part of it. We all have value and need to feel part of our community so if we build a community center please include them in designing it and the programs. Thank you
636	I like the idea of a community center but don't want to fit the bill for all of it. Could the city partner with the schools to help pay for the center like LO did?
637	We should have taken the offer from Lake Oswego to join them in the community center. Yet again the west linn government made a huge decision without asking residents what they thought.



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640	I grew up in Lake Oswego and moved to West Linn 5 yrs ago. This city is fantastic! I love the sidewalks, walking paths and cul de sacs (non through streets). A community center would add to the many benefits of living in West Linn. We are retired so the cost of the project is a strong consideration to us.
641	Most important piece is the pool so I'm disappointed that a pool isn't a higher option. The adult community center and other buildings provide meeting places, but having a place kids, especially teens, to hang out is sorely missing in the city.
643	I will not be using the facility enough to warrant paying the taxes
644	It would be nice if the community center included some teaching spaces and I also wonder if it would be beneficial to have to have a library attached in order to increase activity both for the community center and for the library system.
647	I recognize the need for public recreation spaces, especially for children, but our family just can't afford it. Through my insurance I can get a \$25/mo gym membership but I had to cancel it. I even cancelled a \$10/mo Apple fitness. I would be very annoyed to be forced to pay \$42/mo for a facility that I probably wouldn't even be able to use. If you do build it, please make sure it is FULLY accessible to people with disabilities including sensory and behavioral disabilities. Use some of those millions to hire a good consultant on disability needs so that our most vulnerable citizens don't have to pay for something they can't use.
648	Would be more inclined to support the bond if the monthly membership to the center was more cost effective. Would also like for the money to be used efficiently for stuff lots of folks would actually use- not like that ridiculous walking path down Salamo or the too small roundabout at 10th
650	My wife and I have lived in West Linn for 20 years and raised two kids here. A community center w/out a pool is ridiculous. West Linn continues to add houses at untenable rate, w/out many useful capital improvements. Where do those tax \$ go? Certainly not to any traffic designs that make sense, or sidewalks.
651	I would support this if it included a pool. I think the cost is ridiculous though. 500 bucks per household? that is going to raise ALOT of money. I don't feel like West Linn is managing the money wisely. Also, city government is doing a terrible job with the traffic.
653	Property taxes are already VERY high, and adding another \$1K to our particular bill is a bit steep. Is there no less expensive option available?
655	Have no interest in paying more taxes. Period.

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656	I don't think it is fair to generate the majority of development funds via bonds funded through property taxes as the main source. Each household varies greatly from siingles, couples with no kids & couple with a range of kids. Thus, renters & property owner households with many members would benefit would inportionately benefit versus single or couples without kids. This would have an overall adverse impact especially on retired empty nesters on a fixed income as our current property tax already exceeds \$10,000 / year. Thus, a funding system needs to be considered lowers the cost of the initial funding bond with a supplemental membership fee based on the number of residents in the household that want access to the recreation center & the portion of annual accessed processed property tax already being accessed to paid to support this project.
658	Does not make sense to approve bond, raising taxes and still need to pay for a membership. There are plenty of options available nearby.
661	Pool or bust. If no pool I dont know why you are doing this tbh. If you have a gym it better have Olympic platform.
663	I liked the small town feel of west linn and all the green spaces it offered. My concern is the cost and the space where it will be built. West linn is quickly losing a lot of green spaces to overpriced housing developments. Once they are gone, you cant get them back. I dont want west linn to turn into mikwaukie or clackamas. There are plenty of other rec. centers around to serve everyone.
665	Although the proposed rec center is a beautiful design, we are taxed out, particularly at the estimated cost, which is almost certainly under-estimated relative to the final price for the facility.
666	First, invest in affordable housing and fix the roads. But definitely HOUSING FIRST. I think the City of West Linn should be smart enough to figure out ways to accomplish that. If property taxes go up as much as stated in the questionnaire, I'll be priced out. The landlord passes on everything to the renter, so I'm sunk. I'm already paying more than a third of my income in rent. When I retire in the coming months (I will be 69), it will be more than half my income. Also, I didn't see any questions (unless I missed it) about costs to enjoy the community center once it's built. Add that on top of the higher rent increase I'll most certainly receive because of this and it ends up I'll be paying for a community center I won't be able to afford to use. That's not being very inclusive, is it?
672	THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.
682	Many people who live in West Linn always say "why can't we have what Lake Oswego has" but they aren't willing to fork out the funds to create those spaces. Need to convince people why facilities like these are good for our community

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688	I am hearing that in addition to property tax increases, WL residents would still have to pay a monthly or annual membership in order to utilize most of the offerings there. Please publish public information about what, if any additional fees will be required to use the center. Also, the neighborhoods of Willamette, Sunset, and Bolton have been badly neglected for road maintenance and sidewalk installation on dangerous roads in these neighborhoods. I'd vote for a bond that would be targeted towards these and other infrastructure improvements.
691	There are higher priorities for our community and better uses for our tax dollars.
693	The gender question is absurd, either male or female is adequate.
698	Our community is long overdue to have such a facility. While it would be desirable to have a pool, so that our middle and high schools could have local swim meets as well, having a facility for our community to gather that is non-denominational and allow for safe indoor play (especially for families with children under the age of 3 years old or those who are neurodivergent/persons with disabilities) is of the utmost importance. Our community struggles to come together in a meaningful way, especially for young families, and this is a great facility to bring them all together.
701	Children should get outside mostly when away from home. Also, we live in a rain area and shouldn't be afraid to be outside, it's healthy and invigorating to recreate outside even in the rain... we are developing too much...we must keep more trees and green space not more clear cut ,cement and development
702	Concerned about what cost would be to use it after paying around \$600/year to have it built and maintain it. Will there be membership costs as well? How will community members access it in a fair and equitable way?
703	We need a pool. This should be priority. As a parent of small children, finding a pool for my children is difficult.
706	West Linn needs to fund necessary projects in the city before luxury spending at the taxpayers expense. Such as the blaring HWY 43 chopped up road and potholes that run the entire length.
708	There are plenty of options for West Linn residents to access recreational facilities
710	Waste of my tax dollars. There are planet of resources both private and public to fulfill family exercise etc.
711	New Parks director is no good
713	West Linn badly needs a community pool. But a community center with a price tag of 65 million is never going to pass, with property taxes already sky high. Why not scale it down to just a pool without all the bells and whistles? I'm afraid the bond will fail at such a high cost to residents. How was the 65 million calculated in the first place? More transparency please.

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717	Pool should be priority.
720	While the new center is needed, the city is going to have to find ways to reduce the cost to homeowners and landlords. Corporate sponsorships should be pursued. For my home, using assessed value, I would pay over \$20,000 over the life of the bond, for construction, and several thousand more for operating costs. On top of that, I would have to pay to use the workout facilities or rent an event space. It is simply not worth it. If the full cost goes on the ballot, you will get little support from those on fixed incomes, some of whom are long-time residents of West Linn.
722	Please also consider including a "teen lounge," as well as more organized sports for after school kids that can't afford big leagues (martial arts, etc) and classes like art, music etc. Those would be selling points for us.
724	I feel like I might re-access some of the wording on the financial portion in the beginning of the survey. It seemed to lean in opposition. Also, the question re: maintaining parks and water quality seemed a little baiting. Is there a way for them to be reworded to remain more neutral?
727	We moved here because the city supports schools and parks. Although expensive, a rec center would support the idea of building community for all.
728	If there are budget cuts, please do the best thing for our shared environment. Do not cut the solar panels, the green roof, the parking pavers, or any of the other aspects that would make this building stand out as an example of sustainability.
732	At this price we should have an ice rink in our rec center. Would add a major revenue stream and make the facility unique and comprehensive
733	The main problem is that the City doesn't have enough commercial revenue coming in so everything is funded by homeowners taxes and there are many people here living paychecks paycheck. A Rec Center is "nice" but in reality would probably be unattainable for those barely managing mortgages. No where have I heard about subsidies for families who can't afford a likely entrance fee and no where have I heard about reduced taxes for those who many lose their homes simply because they are taxed out. These levys and bonds put too much pressure on new home owners, and those barely hanging on. If this is to be done the City MUST understand the income effects. This would be more viable if we partnered with Nike, or one of the many wealthy athletes that live here. Create an endowment, raise funds and build partnerships FIRST that include options for undeserved and BIPOC families. PROVE that West Linn can support more than just wealthy white families. Then once you've raised matching funds come back to us and we can vote again. This doesn't at all address the maintenance costs this will create and how THAT will be funded. Put together a REAL fiscal plan and try again.
735	Has traffic impact on the Tanner Creek neighborhood been considered in the design?
736	Taxes are to high and get raised every year for what ?! Teachers are laid off, roads are terrible, brush needs trimming and you want more money for something new when you can't take care of what you already have .

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737	It seems very very expensive when WL property taxes are already so high and our water/sewer bills are mostly taxes. It would be a nice amenity but find another way.
738	Recreation facilities are great and agree that West Linn needs one separate from Lake Oswego to avoid over crowding. Before supporting however it would also be important to know where this build would happen, if it is not centralized in West Linn then that could cause issues with roads already becoming more congested and not as easily assessable during commute times.
739	This is too expensive and unfairly taxes individuals and families who would never use it. I would prefer to let the private sector build indoor recreation spaces, which are then "paid for" by the people who use them. The Kids Club in Vancouver and bowling alleys are examples.
740	Find more Offsets!
742	There are quite a few of our roads that need repair/resurfacing and many of our trails are overgrown (I bring my own clippers when I walk). I would like to see our current infrastructure better maintained on a regular basis than spend more money on something new. Additionally, our property taxes are pricing people out of their homes. My husband and I have been making a plan to relocate because the levies and bonds are far higher than the property taxes themselves. It is not sustainable. I can't imagine how people living on a fixed income can sustain their homes in West Linn. I strongly urge you to reconsider this community center and this way of funding.
743	I like the idea of the recreation center in theory but the cost in increased property taxes is too high for my household. Also, I do not support a recreation center without a pool.
747	A venue for youth and children sports and recreation is very important to me. I don't see much value in the fitness equipment or the track given the climate here is very conducive to outdoor exercise. I'm disappointed a pool is not going to be included up front as that is a major activity for children and pool access is so limited and the school swim team has to practice outside of the city limits; but I'm glad there is the option for one in the future. Moving the youth sports into this facility would be great instead of relying on the schools so much. I'm glad there are other spaces being made available for the nonathletic activities as well and I hope we see some of those develop for the less athletically minded youth.
748	How would all the renters who live in West Linn contribute this? It has to be beyond just property owners raising rents. Too much pressure on homeowners! Plus ... it's too little, too late in my book. Without a pool it's a waste. We need to take care of highway 43 before anything else!
750	This is simply too expensive. I always vote in favor of levies - my no vote will be a first. And I supported a community center when it was proposed 10-15 years ago. However, I really don't think the ROI is there. It will cost too much for what will be provided. I really wanted to support this, but unfortunately I strongly oppose this for the current cost.
753	65 million without a pool seems incredibly expensive

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754	Location for those living off 43 and Willamette not Salamo May find winter inaccessible while those up the hill will have access
756	According to the Finance Director and City Manager, the city has a long term general fund financial shortfall due to the low permanent tax rate. I think the city should take a more comprehensive approach to a local option levy that would address the rec center as well as the general fund finances. The city should not be increasing "fees" that are tacked on to our water bill in order to address financial shortfalls because these are passed without a vote of the people.
759	West Linn has no need for a community rec center right now. Building this facility is overly costly and not worth the effort and resources when we have ample parks and open spaces throughout the city, the adult center, the robinwood station, private gyms and other recreational facilities nearby, walking trails, and the Lake Oswego rec center and pool that are under construction. We should instead be spending tax dollars and resources to improve our vital drinking water system, maintaining our existing widespread parks, and lowering the costs to residents - not increasing them.
760	The comment of having these facilities for all WL is specious. You outline the costs of the bond and operating levy but fail to mention that use will require a monthly fee with a probable limit on how many memberships will be available. This is the same limit in the new LO facility.
761	I would be more in support of these measures if there was a structured tax break for senior citizens in Clackamas County and state wide.
765	I think the facility design is overly ambitious and too upscale for our community. If it is meant to displace after school programs and gym memberships elsewhere, then I think there should be a membership fee to supplement the operating costs of the facility. Fees could be targeted for specific activities. I don't think members of the public not using the facility should bear the full cost of operating the facility.
766	There's rec centers that aren't used. Courts that aren't used. There's no pool. For a city of our size, that's ridiculous. Invite in some light industrial to the city so you aren't always relying on broke grandmas and rich tech dads to pay for infrastructure.
769	I do not support a community center without a pool/aquatic center. I also expect that if our taxes are raised to do this, residents do not have costs associated with attending. I'm very disappointed in how our water is unhealthy to drink, we lack sidewalks on common roads students use to commute to school and with the rise in crime. I understand we need a community facility, but not just a glorified gym. It's also getting to be too much in taxes to not be able to drink from the tap and worry about the crime influx. I pay over 1k/month in property tax, have lived here 35 years and feel some large responsibilities are falling through the cracks.
770	Freeze property taxes on seniors. Then go for this type of thing.
772	I am a teacher in the WLWV school district and a resident of West Linn. Our children would greatly benefit from a Community Recreation Center.

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774	These are all great if residents can afford it, but our property taxes have already far exceeded the expected 3% annual increase cap (Measure 50?) year after year. Please remember that this measure is in place to make sure people are not taxed out of their homes, and these levy loopholes circumvent the spirit of the measure. I understand the notion that the more features we add to our city, the more it benefits property values, but there has to remain some realistic balance between what people can afford and the risk/pressure of getting taxed out of the area due to continuous increases. It is also likely that most West Linn residents are perfectly content belonging to an existing gym etc. We are more than happy with what we already have, and this would be too much to take on financially. Please use our money more efficiently and focus on infrastructure.
780	If there isn't a pool what is the point? We live with water all around us and we struggled and had to travel far to get our kids swimming lessons. Our property taxes are already pricing us out of this great community, spend what you have wiser and stop taking more from us.
783	The pool is critical, we have lots of gyms but no public pools here.
784	Why don't we put the focus on keeping Oppenlander as a park and dive into fixing our streets and roads? Last thing we need to do is raise taxes for something that is not pertinent. Fix the current issues!
786	I believe that with the Senior Center already established on Rosemont, the new center should focus on the needs of kids and teens. Along with a gym and multipurpose rooms, I think there should be activities to attract kids and teens.
789	You're using a home value significantly lower than the average home value in West Linn. When was the last time you saw a house in West Linn appraised at anything under 500k? Let's be real with all the million plus dollar homes here those tax increases which are already choking out citizens are going to make West Linn a ghost town. West Linn citizens already pay incredibly high property tax, perhaps budgeting what you're already receiving would provide the funds needed for a community center?
791	I like the idea of focusing on current parks, structures and buildings. We don't need to spend our money for this. Historic district, Hwy 43, need the attention.
793	IF there was NO cost to use the facilities - EVER, then I would consider supporting the bond and such with taxes...but, if there is a cost to use the facilities, I would NEVER support it - since i already would have paid for it with my taxes.
794	Memberships are all i would support, those that use is need to pay for it, taxes are too high and we need to learn to be fiscally responsible and not continue to spend. We need more business to fund our tax base like Lake Oswego seems to benefit from..
797	Things are tuff enough for the elderly. They won't benefit and can't afford to spend more of their income which is tight already.lets let the retired people enjoy life
798	Waste of money and protecting our drinking water and fixing our roads is way more important.

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800	I worry it will be taken over by community sports who would control it
801	Strongly oppose any bond or levy now that I've seen the City Council wasting our money on Salamo bike path and too small roundabouts. Poor planning while our roads and other necessary services (water line) need to be funded. For home owners to foot the bill and then have to pay to use along with those who don't pay taxes in West Linn is insulting. I don't mind higher West Linn taxes for good parks and good schools, but City Council keeps making very poor decisions with our money.
803	Would love an indoor pool and playground!!
807	A community center without a pool does not seem worth the money for my family. I would be in full support if there was an indoor pool.
811	The pool is a must if the center is built not a possibility in the future. I would rather see just a pool go in than a whole center.
813	It's a great idea but we don't want more taxes. Every project I've followed has gone over budget and was poorly designed. Do you really think you'll be able to stick to \$65m budget? I don't think so.
815	Accessible for individuals of all ages experiencing disability. Pickleball for all ability & experience. Strength training classes for all ages with focus on healthspan to equal lifespan
820	Too expensive, not needed
821	Without the pool it is not worth the cost
822	I already pay for an HOA that helps with these items mention in this survey. Why would I want to pay extra for something I will never use. This isn't fair . We pay for the taxes that are already to high and we don't for the my kids and schools. Not pools and indoor tracks
825	Water seems more important than recreation.
829	I strongly believe West Linn needs a public pool. We are a growing community and can afford it. Investing in infrastructure promoting a wholesome, active and social lifestyle is a benefit for our citizens. If Oregon City can support a pool, we surely can also. Why do West Linn residents need to clog the roads to drive to a pool in another city. Having a plan to add a pool is my number one priority. Thanks to all of you putting in the effort to make a recreation center a reality.
830	The proposed community center is far, far too expensive and places a excessive burden on already overtaxed residents. If residents knew how expensive each individual visit to this center will actually be, they would not support it. This idea is not a priority for our community at this time, at this price.



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831 There are plenty of gyms close by for those who choose indoor exercise. Membership is considerably lower than this proposed tax increase. In addition, the many school facilities in West Linn are underutilized in my opinion and could provide recreation options if operation funding were in place. I would support a levy to provide operations for added programming in an existing facility. I am also very concerned about increasing traffic in the vicinity of this proposed project. If successful, it would draw traffic from all corners of West Linn and local roads are already congested many times of the day with existing traffic. I would guess that even if LO charges a premium for non residents to use the new rec center being built, it will cost much less per household than building a redundant facility in West Linn.

832 If thinking of indoor amenities for children AND teens, you should really consider an indoor rock climbing space. Bouldering would be the easiest, but this is a great option for a center like this. And there aren't competing spaces nearby.

841 Love the idea for the community center! I would really love to have this amenity for my kids and their friends to use.

842 I'd like to see the development of community programs/community projects which give back to our own community. I.e: pool: a member of our community runs a business for a pool program out of her home within our community. Why not go to her and offer to give her time at the newly built pool where she could give lessons and be part owner at the new community center for a fee? Or create a day program for people with special needs. Allow the teens who are in programs through the high school (like a nursing program) to open a clinic to get experience and run it through a DHS or with a DHS!

843 Stop raising property taxes! The city of West Linn attempts to squeeze in 3 homes into existing lots/properties while creating roundabouts that are too tight for anything longer than 16 feet. Meanwhile, the high school softball team has to play its games at a middle school because they are not enough fields in the city. Property taxes are starting to rival that of Portland, and the funds seem to go to figuring out how to park on Willamette Falls Dr. Has anyone run a business that sits on the council? maximizing a budget doesn't seem like a top priority. I don't want to assume personal pockets are getting filled, but after hearing about the funds spent on the lawsuit the school district is attempting to spend on Oppenlander, I'm starting to feel the government is all about maximizing personal gain rather than that for its people.

845 I think this is extremely important for West Linn. I think our older residents would benefit greatly from a facility like this, I think young teens really need a place to hang out, and I think West Linn needs a "heart" - a gathering space for everyone. Thank you!

846 I live on Chelan Dr, which I imagine will be quite impacted by both the construction of this rec center (given the proposed location) and the likely dramatic increase of traffic on our now relatively quiet street. I also have two young children (ages 3 and almost 6) and we are firmly rooted in our neighborhood/ home and invested in a future here in West Linn. That being said, I don't fully understand having this project go through (given all of the inconveniences, increased taxes which are worth it to young families, etc) without the thing that is needed most in our area; an indoor pool. Why go through all of this when we have schools with gyms and beautiful paths and playgrounds to play in already? I would say I only support this project if a pool is included in the preliminary plans, even if it means an increase in monthly tax payments.

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847	Please don't keep raising taxes. We cannot afford to stay in the community.
848	Just can't afford any new taxes. i live on SS and am struggling to make it with that.
850	Pool accessibility is an important issue to me. With the amount of rivers and lakes in OR, we have a shockingly small number of accessible pools for swim lessons to teach water safety. Parents who want their kids to learn to swim have to bend over backwards to make it happen. There need to be more community pools and lessons available.
853	It needs to be built but 65 million sure seems expensive! Can we simplify the design? are the opportunities to get a state or federal grant?
859	I didn't know the City was self-employed what happens if we get Cobra again the recreation center will go bankrupt who's going to go and they're saying we're going to get another virus I think we need to investigate this better we need to spend more money on our water system we need better roads money's tight right now they just passed bonds for fire and the zoo and the schools are cutting back they are going to come out with ask for more money not the right time to do this Recreation Center
862	The West Linn community would greatly benefit from a recreation center and swimming pool. Relying on neighboring communities and cities to provide those amenities to our community is not viable in the short or long term. In order to grow and support our community, a recreation center (and preferably a swimming pool) should be viewed as a requirement.
864	No.
868	We do not need this and do not want to pay more in already high property taxes. Strongly opposed!
869	I would be more moved by the inclusion of a pool. I understand the reasons that's not feasible at this time, but those same reasons push me into the... use the LO recourses instead camp, and spare the tax increase.
870	Now is NOT the time to raise taxes for non-necessary things.
871	Involve younger people in any talk of taxes
876	We need a pool and fitness only, not pickleball courts.

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877	1) \$600/year is too much to pay for a facility that we will rarely if ever use (If there were a pool, and half the cost, then I would reconsider). This is more than a gym membership. With our current gym membership there are excellent machines, helpful staff, and it is maintained in a clean and orderly manner. A city-run facility would charge even more for its use (above the tax that we all would have to pay), and would it be well kept up and not end up with broken, dirty machines? West Linn has a poor record of oversight in my opinion. The police force is the obvious example. Parks and rec is another (I live near to a park and have watched the bungled and hap-hazard maintenance). If you want this to succeed, you need to find a cheaper way to build it and include a pool and more options for seniors to get exercise. I hate to keep harping on the issue of the roads, but there are a lot of poorly maintained roads in the city (I'm not referring to the mess of 43 and Rosemont). A third need for funds is the upgrading of the water supply because of the new Abernathy bridge. I think, especially in these times of increased inflation, you should focus on getting your house in order and focusing on your previous commitments before jumping into a project that is far too expensive for too little gain.
879	Don't include things that already exist outdoors like pickle ball and playgrounds.
880	OUR TAXES ARE TOO HIGH ALREADY!!! While a rec center would undoubtedly be "nice," I prefer to be able to pay for groceries and health care more.
882	It doesn't sound like a bond if it is "assessed" to every property. That's a tax increase.
883	I have 11 grandchildren living in West Linn who would use this.
884	I'm excited!
890	Taxes and cost of living already too high...this proposal is a luxury the community cannot afford. Already you are failing to repave roads and trim vegetation from edge of roads (Sunset and Parker Roads) and now you propose a new expense!? Not sensible stewardship.
895	I've lived in West Linn for nearly 30 yrs. It's a real shame that a community with this much wealth can't figure out how to fund a swimming pool & rec center for it's citizens. There is nothing for young people to do here in our city. Many much smaller, less affluent towns support their population with much better facilities.
898	I would strongly support this project if a pool were being built today. Delaying a pool is the big reason I do not support this project--- I don't trust that a pool would ever be built.
909	Our tax dollars are not used wisely as it is so adding more to pay out to only see it squandered is upsetting.
915	I support this because we do have a growing community and strongly believe youth need somewhere with in the community to be active, socialize in positive and healthy ways, which in turn fosters greater community and health. It does concern me those in the community on fixed incomes and the ever increasing taxes and living expenses as well as the inflated home buying market which makes it financially straining.

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921	I'm disabled. It is extremely unfair to make me sacrifice medicine and other necessities to pay for able bodied people's recreation center. No!
922	West Linn needs this Comm/Rec Center.
925	Poor use of a bond that is outrageously priced for a "want" vs needs in our City. I'd never vote for this community center but would be happy to vote for an infrastructure bond to improve the vast NEEDS in our City. Our staff and Council are not being realistic and are just trying to satisfy the wants of a small percentage of our City. If this passes it will be a rope around our financial necks for many years that will only get more expensive. Please do not put this on the ballot and do put a bond measure that addresses the needs of our City.
927	Why wait to build the pool? With the rivers nearby there needs to be a place in West Linn for kids and adults to learn the swim. Drowning is a very common preventable cause of death! Also swimming is the best form of exercise for older adults! Tired of driving multiple towns away to access a pool and frustrated about the lack of pools for the high school to have a swim team and water polo team! Tigard and Tualatin have one, but we do not.
930	There are plenty of local gyms nearby. Taxes are already incredibly high and tax dollars are not always managed well (ie - Willamette bike path - What a joke).
932	I will not support a new community rec center unless there are firm plans to build a pool. The money is wasted unless it includes a pool.
933	The city provides basic services for quality of life-police, fire and infrastructure. Rec center should be a paid for amenity paid for those who use it.
940	It will be located too close to the newest facilities in Lake Oswego.
942	Our family would appreciate the opportunities offered by a new community center, but the cost feels substantial for us.
943	Taxes are too high in West Linn! I currently have to set aside the same amount of money per month too cover taxes in November that I used to pay in total for my mortgage taxes. I'm being taxed out of my home!!!
947	I like the idea of a rec center but most houses in West Linn are over 700,000 and would have exceedingly more taxes as a result of the center and the levy for operations.
954	Without pool being added in the beginning, the plan is very unappealing. Should be indoor and outdoor. The community has everything else besides pools for swimming lessons, water safety, water rehab, etc.
955	We fully support a community rec center but it should include a pool!! The kids need more things to do in this town, besides loitering in grocery stores and parking lots.
958	No new taxes. We already turned a pool down by a vote if 70 percent. The economy sucks now. You have to be joking about more taxes.

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963 I like the concept of having space to work out, and for kids to play - but having on-site childcare (much like private gyms) would be incredibly compelling if you are looking for support from those who want to bring their families. Otherwise some areas of the facility will not be used by those families and they will continue to pay for private club access. But planned events, classes or childcare so parents can utilize the facility would definitely be a great offering.

965 Having a rec center to go hang out at with my family or my kids to use when they get bigger would increase the value of living here.

969 I love the idea of a community recreation center; but not an indoor pool. So expensive to staff and maintain - not worth the cost.

970 Given that it rains 6 months out of the year, having an indoor facility would be a good idea.

971 I think busy working families don't all have the time to take their children to Lake Oswego's rec center. They won't or can't. Yet the kids still need a place. Give them a healthy place to be. Heck, some of us may pay \$1200 a year, but I am glad to do it. Kids come first! Also, refreshing for us seniors to meet exercise, walk, play, and just socialize. Hey put a Starbucks in it and it will pay for its self.

972 It "sounds" good, but inevitably be used by a very small proportion of WL residents. I would be more in favor of paying usage fees for access to LO facilities and letting folks requiring weights, ex equipment, etc. join a club (of which there are many). I think it is the WL library that should be expanded with a satellite building that could primarily (?) focus on pre-/teens. My opposition to funding this Rec Center is due to the very small proportion of residents that will use it. A large pool would be of far more use to the general community. (I am not a swimmer.)

973 The proposed center is too far away and too hard to access for most people of WL. It might be heavily used by a very few people (probably much less then 1% of the population). Children and non-driving young adults will be unable to use it. The vast majority of young people who might use it will be from the local neighborhood (less than 1/2 mile). How will young adult areas (rooms) be supervised; other than for space to hang out in, what is really being offered....Internet? Library? Gaming? Computer graphics? AV? AI? Are you planning a police presence at all times? As designed this is NOT a go to place. It is not large enough nor are the facilities diverse enough to attract most people. Only a very few people will use it (most people do not play pickle ball and what happens when that fad is over). WL should be cooperating with Lake Oswego and the WL Schools. It would be much more cost effective to participate in improving and maintaining facilities at schools (both recreational and meetings). Also, check out successful centers such as Gabriel Park (Portland) which draws people from the whole area.

976 The downtown Willamette area revision-and the Salamo Rd bike path are a complete disaster. Nobody I know thinks these projects were done correctly. That being said, why would anyone think a recreation center could be done correctly?

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- 979 Seniors in the community don't want the expense of a community meeting place when they already have the Adult Community Center. They may support pickleball courts. Keep the project small. The pool and indoor track are too expensive. People can use Oregon City or Lake O pool for less than it would cost in taxes per West Linn household.
- 981 I have lived in West Linn since 1980. During this 44 years I have voted for an indoor swimming pool numerous time. Each time there has been a study. I am truly SICK of studies about this topic. In fact, I'm tired of the whole thing. Money gets spent to "study" it and then it doesn't happen. Don't look for support from me at this point. It's been w-a-y t-o-o long already. I belong to a sports club across the river. I've given up on West Linn.
- 982 The price is way too high. Have ymca or a privately owned company create a center and charge those who want to use it. We already pay for schools despite not having kids in them. We don't want to pay for a center we won't use.
- 983 Our taxes are already too high. You want to increase our property tax and also charge a fee to use this and s special bond to maintain it. These taxes will just increase over time
- 985 Taxes are too high now. Economy is bad right now. Poor timing to ask for money right now
- 986 How do you plan to staff this center so as to maintain order?
- 988 We desperately need a place for the community, particularly for our youth. West Linn needs more indoor courts for sports. Programs that teens could participate in after school instead of going to Safeway would be most welcome. We would love to cancel our membership at Stafford Hills. A rec center in our own community cuts down on the need to access other facilities further away which will lessen car pollution and road congestion. We look forward to seeing this on the ballot.
- 989 Focusing on areas that seniors want is a huge waste. We have so many young families that do not have time to go to these meetings and have their voice heard.
- 990 Traffic is already getting out of hand. No interest in adding to it. The facility would, like always happens, end up being utilized by a small number of repeat users that grab court times.
- 991 A closer City/WLWV (PUBLIC) School District relationship could result in the District's many recreational facilities and meeting places being more available to city residents, without fee or with the same fees the proposed building's programs would charge. I also see some duplication of services, possibly undercutting and definitely competing with the current Senior Community Center.
- 995 We want this Rec Center but the cost seems to outweigh the desire and since we have other financial priorities it seems like we should be spending our funds on those sadly.
- 996 I think there are more important things to address in West Linn like maintaining and improving existing parks and recreation, drinking water system and roads. If a bond was suggested for these items, I would support it.

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997	We need a community center that supports families & people of all ages. A community center " should have been built long time ago" & included the Adult Retirement Center instead of a stand alone center as we have today.
998	Taxes are way to high in this city and I don't trust the city council to make good use of the money raised. Also, you used the number of an average house being \$450k, what a joke, can't buy a motor home for that price. All your numbers for tax increases should be doubled. I'm paying the money for my family to use LO new facility.
1005	I am trying to be a supportive community member, however with this bond, the operating levy and the recently approved TVF&R operating levy, which was an increase over the previous levy, my property taxes will increase by about \$1000 per year to a total of \$14,000 a year. That written if we are to keep up with Lake Oswego and keep the value of our property up we probably need to vote for this. I think we made a mistake I. Not going in with LO on their facility.
1008	Oregon / West Linn taxes are ridiculous. I expect more from the State and City elected officials. To be more judicious about taxing its citizens. This path is not sustainable - look no farther then the demise of Portland where the mentality is "we can tax ourselves out if any problem." Really!
1013	Nope
1014	West Linn needs a rec center! Our kids deserve a better option than Safeway after school.
1018	Taxes too high already.
1023	Not at this time
1024	Without an indoor pool / indoor aquatic center from the start, I strongly oppose this initiative. For the cost indicated, it absolutely needs a pool above all other exercise facilities.
1026	I would want to know the location before I would think of changing from oppose to support.
1027	Please consult with the Juniper Community Recreation Center Leadership in Bend to get some ideas.
1029	Property taxes are already too high.
1030	West Linn can join Lake Oswego in utilizing what they are building by McVey, even though it may cost us more PER USE of the facility. We can instead allocate our resources to work on more important things like updating our drinking water system and utility protection against natural disaster.

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1032	The bond measures to build and operate a recreation center with or without aquatic facilities will encourage low and middle income residents, who can barely afford to live in West Linn, to consider moving to another city where it is more affordable. This center will benefit a minority population at the expense of the majority. Infrastructure is far more important than recreation. The City needs to focus on roadways as well as water and sewer infrastructure.
1034	I think it is very important to have our own indoor pool in West Linn. It should be included in any plan to build a facility. Just making space for a later addition will guarantee it will never happen. I would be less inclined to vote for a facility that doesn't include a pool.
1035	I would not support any recreation center that does NOT have a pool as an option.
1037	I believe a large expenditure of this size is not needed in West Linn. I raised my child here and there are plenty of activities and other avenues for people of all ages to enjoy without charging honest, hard working tax payers who, speaking for myself have been hit hard financially with rising prices and huge and rate hikes for all energy thanks to the big scam of climate change/global warming. Please do not burden us with higher bills. Thank you.
1040	The city overwhelmingly rejected this proposal a while back. These facilities bankrupt communities. Our taxes and fees are too high. There are plenty of private & church options for people with extra cash to recreate. Stop imposing new taxes for luxury items.
1041	No
1042	I would more likely use the Senior center
1043	Our property taxes are so high as it is. Can't you pull funding from our already high property taxes WITHOUT raising our taxes???
1044	After paying hundreds of dollars in taxes each year, would we still need to pay more in order to use the courts and exercise rooms at the community center?
1050	I would like there to be a place for dance lessons and art workshops, and plenty of activities for adults and seniors as well as for children. If this facility Had spaces for all ages and not just children. I would highly recommend and support.
1051	Swimming pools and Rec Centers are extremely expensive to operate. When I was on the Planning Commission this was brought up and it was amazing how many existing centers in adjoining communities were considered a money pit and there was a regret for them ever being built.
1052	I want a swimming pool in west linn
1053	I'm impressed with Lake Oswego's athletic fields, dog parks and neighborhood parks, as well as their emphasis supporting a community art center that is used for classes and as an event venue. I'd like City of West Linn to develop those same concepts for public use. I would hope WL would "spread out" community rec resources to encourage a feeling of inclusion.



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1054 Use the buildings we have in the community. Open the doors to the school's gyms and swimming pools.

1055 OWN SUBSTANTIAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN WEST LINN. HALF-ASSED, SPECIAL INTEREST PLANNING. BASEBALL GROUP HAS TAKEN OVER AND TOTALLY DESPOILED FIELDS BRIDGE PARK., FORMERLY A NATURAL RIVERTINE HABITAT. SPORTS GROUPS SHOULD PAY FOR USE OF THE PARKS. NOT THE TAX PAYER. WILLAMETTE DISTRICT CENTER NOW A BIG PARKING LOT. RATHER THAN A NEW COMMUNITY CENTER,THE CITY SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER.... AT THE VERY LEAST....A BOMB-PROOF LARGE EVACUATION EMERGENCY CARE CENTER....SUGGEST THE FORMER HEAVILY RE-INFORCED FORMER KNIFE FACTORY ON WILLAMETTE FALLS DRIVE. DEPENDING ON THE CHARACTER OF AN ATOMIC EXPLOSION, MOST LIKELY AT BONNEVILLE DAM...THE FALL OUT, DESPITE PREVAILING WINDS FROM THE SOUTH WEST, WEST LINN WOULD STILL BE VULNERABLE TO TOXIC WINDFALL/PARTICLES. FURTHER, WEST LINN DOES NOT, NOR WILL EVER HAVE A WELL-BALANCED TAX BASE. NOT SUFFICIENT LEVEL GROUND HERE. CURRENTLY EVEN ONE OF THE CITY'S LARGEST OFFICE BUILDINGS, SUMMERLIN CORPORATE CENTER...HAS BEEN FOR SOME MONTHS ..FOR SALE WITH NO TAKERS. AND THE OFFICE VACANCY RATES ARE ALARMING. RATHER THAN ADDITIONAL RESIDENTAL NICETIES,..THE CITY ADMINISTRATION SHOULD ENGAGE IN INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CITY'S ANNEXATION BY THE CITIES OF TUALATIN OR OREGON CITY. THE PARKS DEPT...AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. BOTH SERIOUSLY IN NEED OF AN OVERHAUL...ALSO THE PLANNING DEPT. SALAMO ROAD...!!! WHAT PRESUMPTION!! I WOULD FIRE THE ENTIRE PLANNING STAFF!.

1059 I love the idea of a community rec center!

1063 We should focus our attention on completing the Oppenlander property purchase first, and utilizing the bond money passed for that property purchase before attempting any other endeavors or asking for any additional funding.

1065 Join a gym. Planet Fitness is \$10 for adults and free for students in the summer. Clackamas Aquatic Center is very affordable too. All schools have gyms that could be utilized more. Churches have free recreational spaces and meeting facilities. Etc etc etc

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1068	<p>We would normally be 100% behind something like this. However, what is being proposed sounds like it would be very expensive for what we'd be getting. The indoor courts are great, but what this community really needs is an investment in outdoor spaces. We are so limited in our fields, and it's frustrating to see our neighbors in LO continuing to create first class outdoor spaces for soccer, lacrosse, football, softball, baseball, etc. If I were being consulted on this project and you told me I had \$40M to \$60M to potentially spend, we absolutely should focus on adding to our inventory of fields (ideally including lights), with Tanner Creek and Oppenlander being perfect places to start. I would then use the remainder of the money to create indoor athletic spaces, again to fill the gap we have for sports like Basketball and Volleyball. The school district can only handle so much, and it seems like the fields and gyms are always full (not to mention getting totally beat up...that West Linn stadium field is a mess). I would definitely think about the pool as a "nice to have". It always sounds good, but then they don't get used all that often. It's a catch-22 as far as they type of pool to build, as no one likes to swim inside during good weather, and no one wants to swim outside during bad weather. That leaves people who like to swim indoors during the off-season or perhaps do laps...it's just not that practical in Oregon, and is really expensive to build and maintain for what we get. I would also examine closely the need for a walking track (we have plenty of sidewalks and existing tracks. Maybe if it can be done efficiently at a pretty low added cost it would be OK. That being said, community fitness is cool. It would be nice to see WL really focus on getting people healthy. As far as community spaces, has there been an ask for that? We've lived here nearly 20 years, and I can't think of more than a couple of times where we've needed one. Perhaps for some sports banquets or other things like that it might make sense. It would have to be a nice space that was an improvement over the high school gym or cafeteria, but maybe a step down from the Oregon Club in terms of costs (Oregon Club is very reasonable, though). Bottom line, if we're going to go this route, let's really assess the holes in our community offering, and direct the money toward that. Let's not build a facility that ends up with a bunch of things that don't get used. I think about the fitness park down at Tanner Creek, as well as the bike paths along Rosemont, neither of which ever get much use, and just want to focus us on really getting this right if we're going to ask for this much investment from the community.</p>
1069	<p>We need a dog park in West Linn Proper. An indoor dog park would be acceptable.</p>
1071	<p>There are far more appropriate ways to spend this kind of money in West Linn that would benefit all citizens.</p>
1073	<p>For many of our families, even \$29 a month is too much to add right now. I suggest you table this idea until our economy improves for all.</p>
1074	<p>I would like to know the projected percentage of youth that would actually use the facilities routinely.</p>
1081	<p>I would oppose the building unless it had an Olympic size pool. West Linn needs an indoor pool more than anything else.</p>
1083	<p>we should have a pool</p>
1087	<p>A pool seems to be the consensus top need...why is that option not being considered?</p>

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1096	Fix our streets!!!!
1097	Lived in West Linn for about 50 years. We've talked about a pool the entire time. It's time to do it.
1098	would support more if underserved children in area were focused/targeted
1099	Can we please stop with this swimming pool nonsense? I chose to live in West Linn because it is NOT Lake Oswego. Taxes are already high enough!
1105	West Linn is falling behind Lake Oswego in providing citizens with recreational facilities.
1107	This idea keeps coming up and always fails to get approved by voters. It is time to stop wasting time and money on things people want.
1109	There are many existing courts available in West Linn at parks and schools. We also have many places to run (high school, walking running paths etc). West Linn has said they were going to build a center such as the one presented in this survey over the last 40 years, but once again a swimming pool is put on the back burner. Swimming is a great way to manage weight, work on cardio, tone and increase muscle, while limiting joint injuries. Swimming lessons are also critical for children's safety in addition to their well being. We will not support duplicating what already exists. I don't know where you are planning to put this center, although I suspect it will be on top of the hill near neighborhoods that more likely have memberships at the Multnomah Club, area golf clubs, or have existing gym memberships.
1111	Tax would be too high.
1114	I think it will increase the value of our homes and encourage people to buy in the city. I think the LO Rec Center will be too crowded.
1121	Measure 2 is poorly constructed. Instead of using "maximum three percent" just calculate the 2 possibilities so they can be compared. You run the risk of folks not understand how you did the example calculation and multiplying that number 0.25 by 3. It took my husband and myself too much effort to figure out what you were trying to say and we are both highly educated.
1123	I would rather just join the Lake Oswego one and pay the NON-RESIDENT membership fee to join. That increased amount will be way way less than the increase to my property taxes to build a much lesser facility a few minutes closer to my house. I will still have to pay membership fee to belong to the West Linn one in addition to the large increase to my already exceedingly high property tax bill. NO THANKS. The monthly/annual membership fee should build in and cover much if not all of the cost to build this facility if the project can't stand on its own it shouldn't be built. I don't have to pay higher property taxes to belong to Stafford Hills Swimming Pool/club, I just have to pay membership fees since I use the facility. This project in its current proposed form should be scuttled it's way too costly for what it is.

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1126	I am a 82 yo. My property taxes are already over \$14,000/year. I do not live in a mansion. There are plenty of parks in WL now; it is a desirable place to live because of safe streets and excellent schools. The Rec center will do nothing to enhance the value of our home, it's an idiotic expensive idea.
1128	We do not need this facility. There is a brand new one going in in Lake Oswego, only about 3 miles away. Furthermore, this new rec center wouldn't be free to use. Wouldn't we still have to pay fees to use it, so it wouldn't be saving us from having to pay for a gym. Also, will it be open for use by anyone outside of West Linn? That would mean we in West Linn pay for the construction and maintenance but non residents can use it for only the fee. Taxes are already ridiculously high. Coupled with inflation on food, and everything else that many can barely afford, how can you think this is a needed additional expense on our backs? If the wealthy want a place for their kids to hang out, let them pay for one themselves.
1130	Taxes already too high, along with utilities and food. Instead of highly taxing all taxpayers, offset it by charging user fees for those using the rec facility. Paying taxes for police, fire, and schools are a necessity. A rec facility isn't necessary. It would be okay to have, but not at the extremely high cost to taxpayers who can't afford it.
1131	Why are we spending money on this when our schools (TCPS) can not even afford a full-time librarian? With the new LO facility, I assume a lot of people will just join there to have their needs met. Feels like WL missed the boat a bit and is now scrambling to be competitive with other areas. It would be nice for WL to build something but I am just concerned with the ability of the government to plan properly and think through future needs. People have been disappointed with the struggles in other construction and road projects.
1132	Is there no limit to the government's addiction to taxes? Our taxes are so outrageous already. Please stop looking for more ways to tax the residents. You have many streets in need of repair, but instead you look for additional tax and spend opportunities. Think how much you could gain by finding ways to reduce taxes and not raising them again and again. If you were a senior citizen on a fixed income you might look at the world a little differently.
1135	It's important to provide space for all residents of west linn, but specifically we need more opportunities for people to move their bodies in the cold and wet season. Opportunities for community engagement = strong bodies and strong community bonds.
1136	We NEED a pool!
1137	Would really suggest that the city pursue community partnerships or donations/sponsorships to pursue this. Most health insurance plans provide gym memberships for a nominal fee already. Our taxes are astronomical. Need to re-evaluate how we are spending our money and to prioritize.
1140	I agree the community center would be a nice addition but the added cost per household is too high.

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1141	I think that first you need to solve the problem with the school district's Oppenlander property. Pay the district what the property is worth to a developer!
1145	I would have an issue with the noise of indoor pickleball in a rec center and feel like there are plenty of opportunities to play at racquet clubs and pickleball exclusive facilities in the surrounding areas for those interested in the sport.
1146	I can't afford to support this measure. Additionally, I would need to pay additional fees to use the facility. I understand the desire for the community to support the rec center, but not at my expense.
1147	No pool, no recreation center!
1149	West Linn voters are tired of tax increases and new measures. The cost of living in this city is high and increasing. Adding to the tax bill by constructing a very expensive facility does not make financial sense at this time, unless other tax measures were reduced/eliminated to pay for it. I strongly urge the Council to reconsider the efforts on this project and save taxpayers money and time. We should be improving other areas of West Linn, it's utility and water infrastructure, and looking for ways to reduce costs for residents, rather than contributing the escalating cycle of costs in this city.
1150	I would love to have a rec center, but increasing my taxes by almost \$2000 per year is just not feasible for someone on a fixed income with an adult child and 3 grandchildren living with me.
1151	The existing green space provides much-needed relief from the surrounding densely developed parcels. Outdoor recreation is Oregon's pride. Those who wish to join indoor health clubs have many commercial options that don't require further burdening the property tax payers. Plus whatever happens with the nearby Lake Oswego center. Sorry - this needs to not happen.
1153	(1) if the community rec center bond passes, it had better be free to West Linn residents. \$42 per month competes directly with major fitness centers. (2) Will staff include certified trainers for strength training so people do not get hurt when lifting weights? (3) What about non-West Linnians? They should definitely pay at least \$42 per month to use the rec center. (4) The pool is essential as is the walking and jogging track. Will lifeguards be on duty. (5) If you want for this bond to pass, you will have to have a HEAVY marketing presence as you will likely have a steep, uphill climb. You ought showcase other rec centers around the area. Get word out in the paper. Put up signs around West Linn. You have a lot of work to put in to make this GREAT IDEA pass!
1156	The only thing WL needs is a swimming pool. WL has plenty of the others resources if you look at all the parks and schools. Consider a pool facility only.
1159	Stop all new construction in West Linn, other than the waterfront.

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1160	There are plenty of courts, walking paths and places to exercise without raising already high taxes. The timing for having our own WL facilities should wait 10 years before being considered again. And be built with a pool included, or a pool only. Look at the costs already being borne by the community for public parks - e.g. field park for example. With flooding more and more likely, think of the costs of replacing the ball parks, in addition to new taxes for a recreation facility.
1163	Use the one in LO.
1168	Either bond would be detrimental to low and middle income residents who are already finding it difficult to afford to live in West Linn. Advocates for this Rec Center care nothing for low and middle income residents. The City has other priorities such as the Abernathy pipeline funding, roadways that need attention, water mains that need replacing. And year after year, all the extra expenses that are applied to our monthly utility bills increase - such as the Parks & Rec fees that go up 16% annually. One cannot help but feel that advocates for either bond measure hope that residents who can barely afford to live in West Linn move elsewhere. And furthermore, the residents who will live adjacent to the Rec Center will be quite territorial and possessive, and will create an environment to discourage residents who live in older, more modest neighborhoods in West Linn from accessing the facility.
1171	Do not build it!
1173	Your taxes already make it hard for ends to meet. Can't afford to live here and can't afford to move. You are ignoring the vulnerable segment of the city.
1176	I like the idea of an indoor track because everyone can use it to walk, jog or run safely.
1178	I strongly feel that we should not be talking about building our own center until we find that joint agreements with Lake Oswego or other nearby communities are not feasible.
1180	I appreciate all the work that has been done on this project! I have young children, and would love to have a community center that meets our family's needs. I don't think the current proposal quite gets us there for two reasons: (1) West Linn DESPERATELY needs its own pool, and (2) workout facilities are useless to parents of young children without childcare available. The children/teens of West Linn deserve a dedicated swim facility. The local swim teams have to drive out to pools in different cities at odd hours to complete their practices and meets. Children wanting to participate in swim lessons either have to pay premium prices for private instructors in West Linn, or try their luck at other city's pools. Oregon City's pool is incredibly old and crowded, and the North Clackamas Aquatic Park gives priority registration to residents, so no spots are remaining when registration is opened up to non-residents. Workout facilities are a great resource to the community IF they meet the needs of the community members. Unfortunately, many facilities make it difficult for parents of young children to participate in activities because there are not childcare options available. Parents are forced to workout in the wee hours of the morning or late at night, and this mostly means parents are unable to utilize this "community" resource because it excludes a significant portion of the population. A true multi-generational community center would include a childcare option, at least for several hours each day, to be more inclusive of young parents.

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1181	Open space is preferable to more parking lots/structures
1183	Completely unnecessary. Please refocus your efforts on fiscal sustainability and core functions. Between the feds, state, Metro, and the county we are tapped as taxpayers and we don't need West Linn crying poverty as a tactic to dig even deeper into our pockets.
1184	Great to continue this process and proceed with what the community votes for. Good Luck! I hope it happens. I use our currant facility for classes. Have met wonderful people and teachers alike.
1185	Keep making WL a wonderful place to live.
1187	Curious - is it compliant with applicable code to, as a part of the cost/payback modeling, to consider using a portion of rec center use fees to payback the loan ? If so - has that been done ? If so, what portion of the costs/payback are being earmarked to be funded by said fees ? Example: resident pays \$5 to use a racquetball quart for one-hour - could a portion of the \$5 be built into the payback/funding (or the parks rec operational levy) modeling ? Lastly - for me, what I'd first want to commit \$40-\$50 per month to, would be the highway 43 streetscape endeavor and/or the Willamette River waterfront project. Maybe those are being funded by different mechanisms - and are not impacted by this ask. But if they have not been funded by other mechanisms, I'd first want to know that - to give my best answer. "We have \$50 to spend on dinner - would you prefer Mexican, burgers, or pizza" kind of thing.
1188	The cost of living has risen dramatically due to Biden administration policies and inflation. There are plenty of outdoor recreational opportunities and gyms in the area, whose memberships could be subsidized for lower income residents as an alternative to this excessive spending on a new facility.
1192	West Linn does not have much income coming from industry. City roads are in terrible shape (not speaking about 43) and parks are in need of maintenance. We need to address these issues before building a recreation center which will hurt local fitness clubs' income.
1193	This would be really great for our community. The children especially. They need a space. And a pool!!
1197	We have schools with sports courts and exercise facilities. These schools have meeting areas and playgrounds. We have the adult community center too! Use that space fully along with partnering with the churches that again already have these spaces
1198	No
1199	I think the swimming pool would be very necessary for our community and would strongly support the increase in taxes to accomplish this.

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1200	We should improve and create smaller recreational spaces on the neighborhood level that tie neighborhood communities together more strongly, with the goal of walking or biking to your local rec amenities. We should have better outdoor playgrounds and kid-friendly outdoor parks and larger play areas than we currently do. Bike paths and walking paths around local neighborhoods. We should add a pool to one of the school facilities and use the school facilities for the community more -- we already have these multimillion dollar facilities; we don't need another, especially one that will be designed to draw in more cars and drivers, and need massive parking. If we are going to spend millions on a community space it should be a mixed-use gathering plaza, walkable "main street" or "commons" area, complete with community use buildings or spaces. Not a huge centralized rec center in an "out-of-way" area, in a community where everyone has many recreational options to begin with and that will just create more car traffic. Sorry to repeat myself; but walkable, family friendly, largely outdoor community spaces are what people want -- complete with nature and food/drink (including bar/cafe) and play options.
1201	Opposed to sponsoring the full cost via bonds. Would support lower bond amounts with outside funding sources. Outside funding partners should be option 1 and then decisions made once that has been vetted. We should also ensure all other necessary projects (water infrastructure, road maintenance, etc.) are funded prior to this effort.
1205	There are plenty of options already and our taxes are too high. Would recommend more fiscal accountability before considering raising taxes for non-essential services.
1207	I did not like the tone of this survey. It seems skewed in favor and somewhat manipulative.
1208	Current economic conditions have caused us to "tighten our belts" and only spend on things that are absolutely necessary. Since we do not have children and rarely use other city recreational facilities, we can't support the additional property tax burden at this time.
1209	I believe the most important feature of a community center is the swimming pool. Thank you for sending out this survey. Our family appreciates your efforts.
1213	No
1214	My concern with the operational levy is the wording on how the money is to be used is not specific enough. I highly support a community center and swimming pool. I had to spend a lot of money and travel so that my children could learn to swim. Now the problem is that they are forgetting their lessons because swimming options are too far away, too busy, or don't have many open hours.
1215	It was recently announced that there will be increases in the additional fees and charges assessed on our monthly utility bills. This, in addition to the millions of dollars needed to pay for the replacement of the Abernethy/I-205 bridge, ever-increasing energy costs (NW Natural/PGE), property-tax increases, insurance costs, etc. And now advocates, City Councilors, and the Parks & Rec Director want homeowners (not renters ?) to pay a minimum \$502/year-plus for a Recreation Center that half of the city's population will use. Contemplating a move from WL...



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- 1216      As opposed to spending money for a rec center, perhaps the streets could be repaired, street sweepers could come back through the neighborhoods again??? We have lived here for 26 years and the maintenance has gotten worse and worse. We had to spend over \$8000 to take out the trees that the city planted - would have been less had we been allowed to take them out years earlier. The "wait" for finally getting approval caused the roots to lift the sidewalk to the point where it needed to be replaced - had we been allowed sooner, at least we wouldn't have had to pay for the new sidewalk in front of our home. There are so many holes in the road, a neighbor got pulled over because the police officer thought they were impaired, just trying not to hit every pothole. The bike/pedestrian path that was just installed, I have yet to see anyone even use it.
- 1217      With high inflation, this is the wrong time to consider raising taxes for an amenity. Tangentially, the city should ensure hard-earned tax dollars are well spent, prioritizing public safety and infrastructure.
- 1219      I already have formed relationship that I enjoy to meet my needs for fitness, pool access and social needs!
- 1224      How are they going to pay for things if we get Cobra again a lot of sports clubs went bankrupt the city of West Linn shouldn't be a private Enterprise business
- 1225      I would prefer the city to preserve and maintain its open spaces. I am in Oregon to enjoy its natural beauty—and there are very few times that the weather does not allow this. Indoor rec rooms and walking tracks are not appealing to me. I would support West Linn's proposal to expand the public park areas down toward Willamette Falls as that project goes forward.
- 1227      If the swimming pool was in the sections and have of the rec center, what is the timing of the completion of that phase?
- 1231      Not including a pool is a waste of time. People would still pay expensive club fees for the pool alone.
- 1232      I really want an outdoor saline, temperature controlled swimming pool open all year long for swimming laps and a place to go in the summer and hang out after swimming laps. Children need to learn how to swim and to learn early it will help save lives. An outdoor swimming pool is a very important recreational activity
- 1233      Projects like this only become more expensive over time and our communities only get more crowded. The only better time to build this sort of infrastructure is yesterday.
- 1238      The actual costs will be much higher. The average home in West Linn is much higher and the taxes will cost homeowners too much!!!
- 1239      First, why can we use the Adult Community Center for youth programs. Secondly, why aren't the dollars we already provide on our water bill being used to create a better trail system. I would also like to see more accountability. I see a ton of city employees constantly driving around in new vehicles.

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1241 West Linn needs its own community pool--within a few years of the center's opening, if not as part of the initial project.

1244 I already submitted a survey, but would like to say that I thought this was about a community center—we need affordable meeting spaces (plural), a performing space, etc. Also I doubt that the activities described would end up being free of charge. In which case those who can afford it already have options. I do think a pool would be good. (FYI: the taxes would be much more than what I paid for a gym pre-pandemic.)

1245 Please do not spend more city funds pursuing this...it's been brought up via city councils many times and has never had enough traction of approval from residents. Just the fact that you are planning meetings, questionnaires, diagrams, figuring monetary costs proves you are spending city \$ right now. It isn't something the citizens want to pay for now or in the future (decades).

1247 The City needs to prioritize operational funding for maintenance and upkeep of its existing park facilities. Play structures at many existing parks are in poor condition/need maintenance, and there is still deferred clean-up of city-owned open space/parks needed from the 2021 ice storm (eg Marylhurst Heights). While this is a nice to have, City needs to prioritize existing facilities and planning for increased costs for essential services (water/sewer). Lastly, if the City is interested in taking care of youth how about dropping the lawsuit against the school district so that there are funds available for education and tax dollars aren't being spent on lawyers for both sides?

1248 The community recreation center would be great for low income households and young families with school age children, but for the typical middle and upper income West Linn household I don't think the center is needed. Retired tax payers and those without children are less likely to use this facility yet would be footing the bill to benefit the users. It all comes down to cost to the taxpayer versus the benefits received. I'm in a category that would not get much benefit for the cost.

1255 We paid for the parks,schools for 59 years. Husband was an educated for 32 years in West Linn and served on planning commission. I live on social security alone as a widow and pay property tax on house. I've paid taxes here for 60 years. Highway 43 is a disgrace and the culture here is slowly being eroded and too much liberal influence. No more taxes please

1259 Until all of the school buildings and fields are being used at 100%, replicating what should be already available is a non starter. Rather than collaborate with the private sector, collaborate with the school district to maximize building snd facility use with city staff. That kind of bond might be appealing. I believe this was the strategy in Lake Oswego.

1261 Lets concentrate our efforts on a bond measure for the water piping under the Abernathy Bridge. How can we bond a Rec Center when we won't pursue a bond for a safe water supply?

1263 We supported this option 20 years ago and since then it seems to come up every 5-10 years. West Linn has shown that it cannot get it together and make this an attractive idea/offer to the community. The way our local politicians present and operate, I never see this as an option in this very well to do community. Shame on you West Linn!!!!

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1270	There are already facilities in the surrounding cities that provide the same items the proposed recreational center will have. No point increasing taxes to build what is already easily accessible elsewhere
1271	At least you admit that you are planing for a pool. Go ask Joe for the money but do not raise my taxes anymore
1275	In terms of ways I would be extremely supportive is if this included the aquatic center. Having a plan for it is somewhat reassuring, but I'm not seeing a huge benefit to justify the costs. Without a pool, what is next most appealing for a rec center to have a full size fitness center (not a hotel-sized gym).
1276	Building at this time and spending dollars at this time and raising money by bonds and taxes and rates in this economy is wrong, you couldn't even pay for the Abernathy Bridge and you think everyone is rich in West Linn, NOT, slow down, and fyi was this in the Master Plan!
1277	I feel strongly that we need to focus on improving and maintaining what we have, not adding newfacilities.
1278	DO NOT build a new recreation/community center in the City of West Linn. The fees & taxes are already high, especially for those on fixed income. West Linn residents already pay franchise fees on electricity to PGE and on natural gas to Northwest Natural. Fees in West Linn are set to increase July 1, 2024 with little notice, 5% on multiple items. The City of West Linn needs to be better stewards of the money received from the residents.
1279	I would support a pool/rec facility. Forget the indoor track and courts without a pool.
1284	Stop spending money that you do not have.
1285	Utility infrastructure way more important than rec center
1287	Wasteful! People can't afford food because they have to pay extremely high property taxes. Only renters will benefit from this. Our schools have the latest and best athletic facilities. Kids and adults should be able to use them.
1294	I will not be able to remain in west Linn if my taxes continue to rise with these additional bonds. The 3% per year is too much. We need to help the middle class to not be taxed out of west Linn—not force them out with a new ref center and what ever else the rich want.
1300	Build the pool first. Plenty of other fitness opportunities

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1304	West Linn is so far behind where we should be in terms of recreation and sports for the community. We have relied upon smaller private pools and have to this point completely failed our community in some basic recreational opportunities because a fair amount of our community wants nothing to ever change. This is a tragedy. I would support this project fully if the pool were more forward in the project planning. For now, I simply don't see the vision and am disappointed. But, probably more disappointed that this didn't happen 10 years ago when it would have been significantly cheaper and there was a better overall design.
1306	It sounds nice in theory, but as a waitress, we are already just getting by with our property taxes. Too bad there isn't a sliding scale option; people who make more and want to pay a bit more. But we are already close to our limits.
1309	Your questionnaire focuses strongly on athletic activities and hardly mentions cultural activities such as choirs or theater groups. I would like to see more emphasis on making sure that facilities are available for performances and practices. I know that the community room can be used for up to 300 people, but your questionnaire barely mentions the varied uses of this room and focuses almost completely on fitness and athletic activities. This shows a real lack of balance. I hope that in future you can show more interest in cultural activities, since it is extremely difficult for organizations such as choirs to find performance facilities in West Linn. (The schools will not guarantee availability of their auditoriums for outside groups.)
1310	This is way too expensive. My cost would be equal to about \$100 a month for 5 years. I could spend a fraction of that for a family gym membership and have money to rent a place. Pay for it through dues from those that want it.
1313	Why can't the city pursue an agreement with the City of Lake Oswego for a discounted rate to use their facility?
1318	West Linn needs to finish water and sewer upgrades, fix the mine field called Hwy 43 before considering a rec center!!!!!!
1320	Volleyball is important to us.
1321	The infrastructure and highway 43 need to be brought up to good condition before we need an expensive recreation facility.
1324	Do not build the rec center. Dumbest idea ever.
1325	I think the addition of the pool is strongly encouraged, at least to include the verbiage that there will be plans for a pool in the future. Having an exercise and rec facility within West Linn would be very helpful, especially with the potential tolls on the 205.
1327	Build it. The lack of such a place is a glaring shortcoming for West Linn as a city.

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1329	If the city is to move forward with an approved measure- why can't we include the pool with the initial build phase? What would parking look like and how do we minimize impact to those who live in the immediate vicinity? Will there be day use/monthly costs for using the facilities?
1330	I can only support the rec center if it has a pool. That is really the main thing that's lacking in West Linn. We have plenty of parks but nowhere for the kids to learn to swim and we live with a major river in our town. Get rid of the indoor playground and meeting areas that will likely go unused. Sports courts, fitness rooms and a pool is what we need. Without a pool I'm sure most will go to the new rec center in LO and if that's the case won't want our taxes increased more.
1332	I think it's important to maintain green spaces in our community
1334	Stay away from private sector and focus on being better at managing governing public sector business.
1335	Would there be a fee to go to the community center? Where would it be built?
1336	It would be really great to have a pool. Why is that not an option now? That seems more important than indoor walking spaces
1339	Just bite the bullet and get the pool
1340	Property taxes are going to price out your retired and middle class!
1346	The kids/teens desperately need a year round place where they can spend time
1349	Thank you to the COWL for considering a Rec Center!
1351	Wrong time! With high inflation and a struggling economy I think we should focus on maintaining the many amazing parks and recreation areas we are so fortunate to have in our beautiful city!
1352	Lake Oswego is a few miles away and is building a rec center. Use there.
1356	Stop raising taxes.
1359	Please consider voc tech skills such as auto repair, auto body, woodworking, welding etc.
1360	We need to repave ( not just patch or repair) just about all of the roads in West Linn before we put money into a recreation center
1362	No
1365	I strongly oppose building any type of Community Recreation Center...period.

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1378	I'd rather a bond go to road improvements and sidewalks and bathrooms at parks that don't have them.
1379	We should have jointly funded the pool with Lake Oswego on the new project to be prioritized for access and cost reduction
1382	Worry that this will take kids away from enjoying nature. Would there be trail systems outdoors at the rec center? Or climbing wall?
1385	Needs to also support the arts via a small performance stage/venue/multi use room. Would support fully if this were part of the plan.
1386	Our children grew up with a community rec center with in walking distance, it was the focal point of their 4-10 grade years. They were able to have fun with friends while being somewhat supervised. A fantastic resource for families during the dreary winter months.
1387	A center that includes multi-purpose spaces for scheduling classes and activities for the arts, music, dance is important for this community. Strictly fitness rooms are equipment heavy, not multipurpose and inexpensive fitness options are available many places, whereas opportunities to experience creative arts is not. Let's give this community a place to grow culturally as well as physically. School gyms could be made available for those afterschool and evening games if a partnership was secured for this, giving more variety of spaces to the public recreation center.
1390	The cities annual perpetual 5% increases in fees (i.e. hidden taxes) makes me reject any bond measures. Will the annual cost of maintaining a rec center to tax payers also have the annual 5% (fee?) increases? The mismanagement of the oppenlander fields purchase shows the incompetency in city government and management. I don't trust the city to operate such a facility.
1391	Inflation is killing a lot of us, it is a stretch to make ends meet in today's environment and taking on an additional tax at this time is not reasonable. There are options for everything mentioned, an example Planet Fitness allows all students to attend for free during the summer, and if there is a monthly fee it's \$10. and paid for only for those who use it not a tax on everyone whether the use it or not. There are many jr. high and elementary schools whose gyms could be used for activities. It's not only a VERY large tax on everyone it really not that needed.
1393	Property tax increase to residents who would never use a center of this magnitude is unfair. WL already has excellent parks and recreation opportunities. Funding is needed for better transportation within city limits.
1394	The amount that the average tax payer will pay is way to high for the need, There are options for those who explore those options, Planet Fitness is free to all students in the summer, the track and field's are available almost anytime( I know this because I live by one) there are pools available for a little effort. Way to high of a Tax for the benefit of a few..

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1396	The virtual video was so impressive! I hope the Rec Center entry fee will be discounted for people living at the poverty line. An indoor playground and all the germs and constantly sick young kids and families sounds unappealing to me, but an outdoor covered fun playground under a cantilever or close to building under a large clear roofed shelter with access to bathrooms and warm spaces for young families would be great. Every single time I took my kids to an indoor playground there were obviously very sick kids playing, and mine would then be sick, and have weird rashes or fevers within 2-3 days. The air flow and UV germ killing benefits outdoors while protected from rain and winter wind would be nice. A primo natural playground with logs, boulders, trickle stream, etc would be a big draw. Warm benches for adults watching their kids close to the building would be a perk. Last comment: I'd love fun affordable Zumba classes for myself!
1399	Some of the wording is confusing-if that is the text going on the ballot, I would put it into language that can be clearly understood. I am for a new facility-but it wasn't until almost at the end that I read that there could be a partnership that would lower the burden of cost. Also, all of this money ONLY goes to parks and rec and I know the city needs money for everything else-infrastructure and will be asking for that money. I am on Social Security and essentially a \$600 a year increase in taxes hurts when my SS benefit is only \$1600 a month! I would prefer that the partnership option be aggressively explored to bring down the cost of this venture. I am not the only person living in our city that has a very limited monthly income that is being strained by inflation and increasing taxes.
1403	Space for adults to be active is also important. My family has frequently traveled to other cities to access their rec facilities-especially with pools—, we cannot afford an expensive club membership.
1408	Waste of money. Taxes are already way too high.
1409	Between the city and school district our taxes are already too high. You are making it less affordable/ more difficult for new people to move in.
1410	The concept seems beneficial, but the amount being taxed is really hard to wrap my head around. The \$45m option seems more realistic in terms of taxing households. Also, could an existing space be redone to house these facilities? For example, the adult community center could be redone or have some of these facilities added, making construction of a new center cheaper and faster as they would not have to include all facilities in one construction job. Also, why is a pool in West Linn not a priority? As someone who was on the swim team at WLHS, not having a pool in town was incredibly inconvenient as we had to swim in half of the lanes in a pool in Tualatin for our practices, since the high school also does not have a pool. The Rosemont track and WLHS track seem like preexisting tracks or walking areas, so the indoor one seems a little redundant when compared to our complete lack of an indoor public pool. Again, these things would all be nice, but the taxes being raised that much would seriously put a strain on my family and would be hard on us.
1413	I'm not convinced that there will be enough things to draw the teens there. I feel like they are the ones that need this the most, and in order to accomplish that, there needs to be an area really designed for them. For example: an area that has air hockey, ping pong, foosball, a few arcade games, etc.
1414	Where would it be?

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1417	City staff and elected officials are not trusted after losses incurred by the Alma Magnamet embezzlement , Lt. Gable theft, double payment of City Hall costs to Herb Koss and the failure of this council and previous councils to prosecute Police Chief T. Timeus and allowing the extortion of a female city manager by retiring or fired police officers to whom she gave tax payer dollars they did not deserve. This council needs to provide a systems audit before they ask the tax payers for another dime.
1418	Way too expensive. Ongoing O&M will be a huge and growing expense.
1421	Taxis are high enough right now!!! I appose more!!! We should be building up our infrastructure and fixing Hwy 43 before we consider other projects. Stop this nonsense!!!!
1424	All concepts go too far and are too expensive. I want to see flower baskets on lamp poles before this rec center is built.
1426	We have voted the pool concept down several times over the past 12 years. Don't beat a dead horse. Dealing with our water system upgrade is far more important to our community's well-being than building a new sports center that will always been in need of operational funds that we cannot sustain.
1428	Too costly and will benefit limited number of residents. Also, it seems these concepts are avoiding add-on costs such as admission costs to enter and use facilities,etc. We do not need a pool. There are also numerous under utilized facilities throughout town already, such as neighborhood meeting spots, fireballs, City Hall, school facilities, etc.
1429	This needs to happen and should have been done a long time ago to give families and kids a central place to be that's not a grocery store. My thoughts on the pool is that it needs to be just a pool, possibly even partly outdoors, but not a full blown aquatic center. The new aquatic center in Lake Oswego covers the need for a larger facility with more options than swimming or diving while our local pool would be more for everyday swimming that many of our kids could walk or bike too.
1433	Taxes are too high already. Can't afford any higher taxes.
1434	Where is the site?
1438	I have grandchildren in the city. They range in age from 5- 16. I would love to see a recreation area for them in their own city!
1441	Live within the city's means. People are living paycheck to paycheck right now - this is NOT necessary and we do not want to spend our money on this.
1445	Really need the pool.
1450	Can we partner with Lake Oswego to have their new facility be a joint west Linn/ lake Oswego rec center? It is right on the border and would lower costs for both cities. I don't like the idea of spending about \$500 more in taxes and then spending even more to use the facility. It would be cheaper for us just to use private options for the things we would actually use.



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1452	Please stop wasting money on promoting frivolous projects like this when it is painfully clear that our City's leadership is too dysfunctional to meet the City's basic municipal needs for competent public safety, planning staff and engineers.
1460	The impact on taxes is the only deterrent for people I'd imagine. West Linn would benefit so much from a community center. Maybe it can charge a monthly amount (for something like unlimited use or certain hours or access to it or something) to offset the cost so those who use it and want it most pay a little more than those who don't want it or use it.
1463	I could definitely support this if there was a pool. Learning to swim is a life skill and kids that have ready access to safe swimming areas learn to swim much faster than with an weekly class.
1471	I vote for school taxes but with an \$11,000 property tax bill already I do not support adding another \$1,000 annually.
1474	There is a vast opportunity to develop our parks system here in the community and something needs to be done to support the active/sports environment this town has.
1476	As much as this new center can be a community space that differentiates itself from a gym or other sport facility, I think it will be more likely to succeed. There also needs to be adequate outdoor covered spaces for teens to gather during the warmer winter days and play games/ hang out.
1479	I would like the City of West Linn to spend their tax dollars more responsibly before asking homeowners for even more funds. The City of West Linn does a poor fiscal job of ensuring the raised funds are spent responsibly and in this economy, I can't imagine asking homeowners to provide additional funds.
1481	In my opinion, there is a greater need for outdoor facilities for our youth and activities. I would prefer exploring outdoor opportunities more than indoor. There aren't enough fields and parks for our kids.
1485	The taxes in West Linn (both city and school district) have taxed us and our adult children out of West Linn. These bond measures would make things less affordable. We don't need "extracurricular" items when we have such dire issues as our antiquated water system, and more. Take care of necessary items (needs) first before talking/exploring "wish list" items (wants). Most of us were taught that needs come before wants.
1488	Currently programs through the Parks & Rec are using other facilities (IE schools) as locations for programming. Something that is in a constant state of competition with private groups & scheduling. A city ran recreation center would allow both internal & external programs to run with more ease with less conflict.
1490	I hesitate to strongly support a new rec center as taxes and living expenses for people living in our community already seem burdensome
1494	I am only interested in an indoor community pool. there are lots of other city centers for other activities

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1495	We need a pool in WL.... don't shortcut this !
1497	65 MILLION DOLLARS FOR AN UNNEEDED FACILITY THAT WILL BLEED RED INK IS RIDICULOUS. FOR THE CITY TO ADVOCATE FOR THIS PROJECT IS NEGLIGENCE. A SMALL TOWN OF 24,000 SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD A PER CAPITA INDEBTEDNESS OF 2,700 FOR EACH MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD.
1498	We need a public pool for our community's children to have access to; not just to those who can buy into/who live in particular neighborhoods with access, if/when an opening ever comes available. It's a safety issue, given we're adjacent to water. This should not be a back-burner item.
1499	Still hoping we'll have an eight lane pool for the recreational & competitive swimmers of West Linn to enjoy! I'm getting closer to death (72 yrs old) and have grown tired of swimming at 24 Hour Fitness Clackamas/Lake Grove and now Gladstone (not to mention NCAP & OC Pools). Let's Go WL!
1501	West Linn has a number of buildings that can be used for community meetings and activities.
1507	It would be nice to have Rec Center, but it's way too expensive. Property taxes are already extremely high. For most homes in WL it would mean \$1000 extra per year for forever, for a facility you may not even use, plus you would still need to pay for classes/ lessons etc offered at the Rec Center .
1510	We need a pool
1511	Taxes are already too high!
1514	1) By swimming facilities, it makes a difference to me if we're talking about a swimming pool which everyone can use, or a "water park" swimming pool with slides, noisy fountains, etc. I want to take my grandkiddos swimming, not to the amusement park, and there are plenty of amusement parks around. A place to swim in the winter when the river's too cold would be great. 2) What makes West Linn amazing is our wooded parks. We do have a few rec facilities which have done well for many years, and there are others in nearby places. We also already have high taxes which put a strain on especially our senior citizens and youngest families. In an era of financial unrest, it seems like maximizing our current facilities and offerings would be better for our struggling citizens than something new and flashy.
1515	As a life-long resident of West Linn, I'm finding it increasingly difficult to afford to live here. Property taxes increase every year, PGE & NWN utility rates increase every year, the monthly municipal utility rates increase every year, West Linn homeowners are still on the hook for millions of dollars to pay for the replacement of the Abernathy Bridge water line, and now advocates and the City want homeowners to be subject to an pronounced increase in their property taxes to pay for a facility that less than one-half of the population will take advantage of. THIS IS INSANITY. More-rural areas of our state has become a more and more attractive place to live than the city I grew up in and have lived in for decades. IT IS TOO EXPENSIVE TO LIVE IN WEST LINN.

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1517	I am torn because a West Linn sounds good and needed. But I am tired of having to pay higher property tax every time there is a new idea to improve upon West Linn that costs a lot of money! The citizens always have to pay higher tax to execute any plan to build something.
1518	West Linn already has sufficient parks and recreation spaces. Our schools are equipped with the latest and greatest equipment. I don't see this as a good use of property tax dollars. our local streets are in need of repair even though we are taxed on our water bill for this. there are more pressing needs than a rec center.
1519	I will only vote for this bond if a pool is included or can be added! Enough talk, get a pool in west linn!!
1521	It seems that partnering with the school district to use school facilities that already exist would be a much more cost effective way to meet multiple goals. Also we HAVE to take care of drinking water, roads, parks, increasing costs for general operations.
1524	The proposed Recreation Center will benefit the few at the expense of the many (who will not use the facility). It's already too expensive to live here. There are already facilities throughout the Metro area that provide the resources the advocates of this proposal seek - both private and public. If the bond(s) are approved, homeowners will pay more in taxation for the facility than for more important matters, such as infrastructure (roads, water, sewer). Furthermore, if the Recreation Center is approved, the City of West Linn cannot complain about not having enough funds to maintain existing parks and facilities.
1527	I completely agree with the opposition points regarding putting current tax funds into enhancing what we have and need (like good water) etc rather than adding extremely high taxes to fund something that can already be found close by. Many, many families are struggling right now because the economy is in the shitter, it's very unfair to force more taxes on them because rich people vote for it. I would possibly support a private enterprise or partial as mentioned depending on exactly how it's done. People should not HAVE to pay for something they don't vote for and/or don't use.
1530	Start with the pool and build out from there. Why not pursue the modular plan in reverse? A pool with plans to expand. Test the communities' tolerance from there. \$65M is an extraordinary price tag for the current proposal. Parking plans seem farcical (see concept photo early in the survey). People can be outside throughout the year - welcome to Oregon.
1539	Don't forget to include dogs! An indoor swimming pool is the must have for all. And a bathroom close to the pool for quick relief. Dont want to walk far to a toilet! Ha! Late day swim for the adults also. Provide towels. Will there be hired lifeguards? Don't forget to install Ping pong Tables!! Hire Retired people to work there and young adults for evenings. First Aid unit and shock monitor for heart attack victims.
1543	From everything I hear there would still be a monthly dues, even for West Linn residents. If true, this entire survey is misleading.
1544	None

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1546	I think a West Linn Community Rec Center is an important project. Too few community spaces are available these days for people to come together to build community in a meaningful way and Center's like this can be a great spot to do so. Not only are larger community rooms with inexpensive rentals a must, but smaller meeting rooms for community members to schedule can be of great use to all.
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