

Greensboro 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan

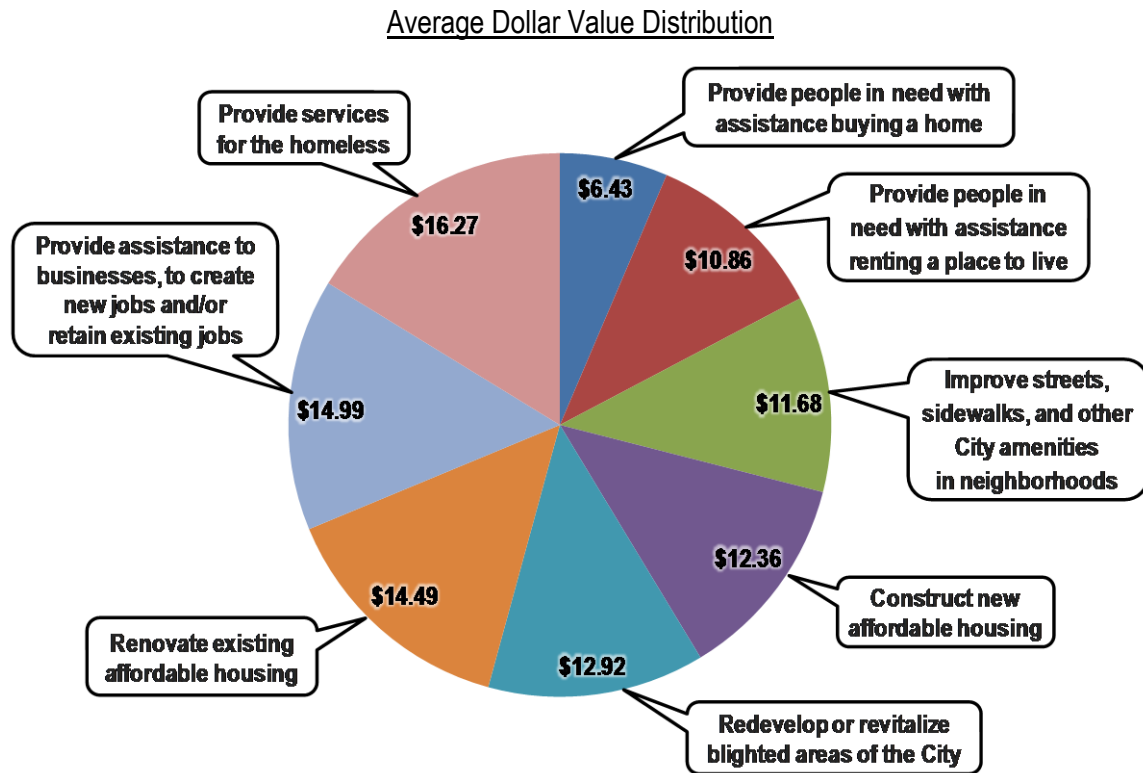
Survey Response Summary

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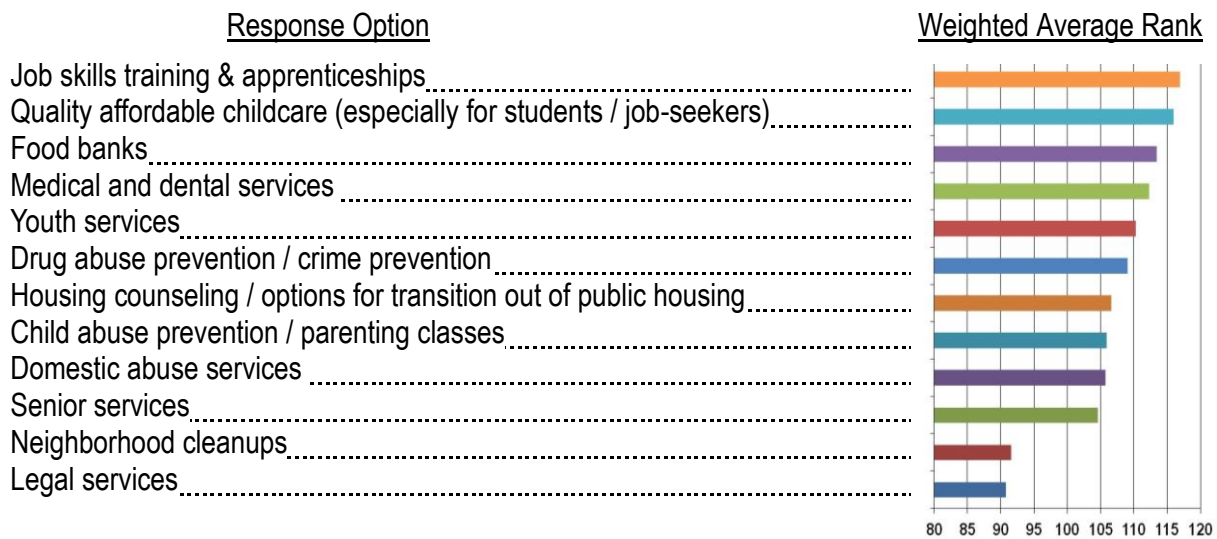
This survey was an invitation for stakeholders throughout the Greensboro area to help identify the need for affordable housing and other public services in the community, and to express their preferences and priorities regarding how those needs should be met. The survey was a key component of the public engagement process for development of the Greensboro 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015-2016 Annual Plan. Participants were asked to give their perspective and experience with issues related to housing and community development to aid in developing a successful plan for a more sustainable, healthy, prosperous and equitable community.

This survey was not administered to yield statistically significant results, nor do the respondents represent a valid random sample of the population in the area served by the ConPlan. Nevertheless, the survey results to provide useful insights for development of the ConPlan, in conjunction with analysis and interpretation of other available data. A total of 285 survey responses was received, over 30% of which included comments in the open-ended question “What additional comments would you like to provide?”

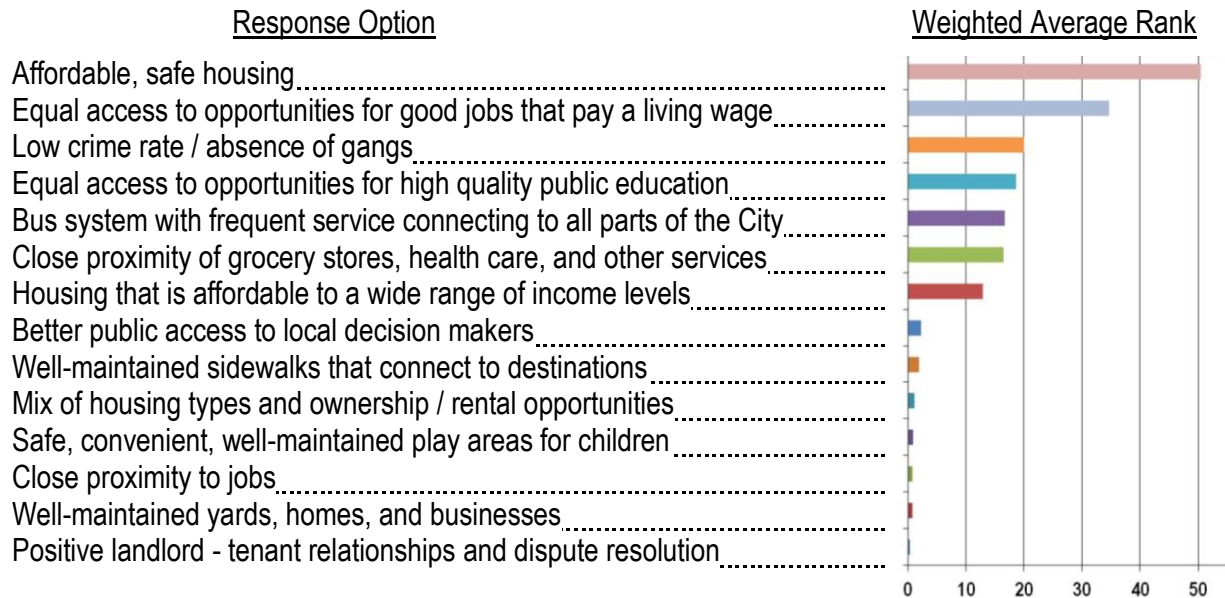
Question 1 – How would you allocate \$100 among the following eligible types of public investment in Greensboro? (total must add to \$100)



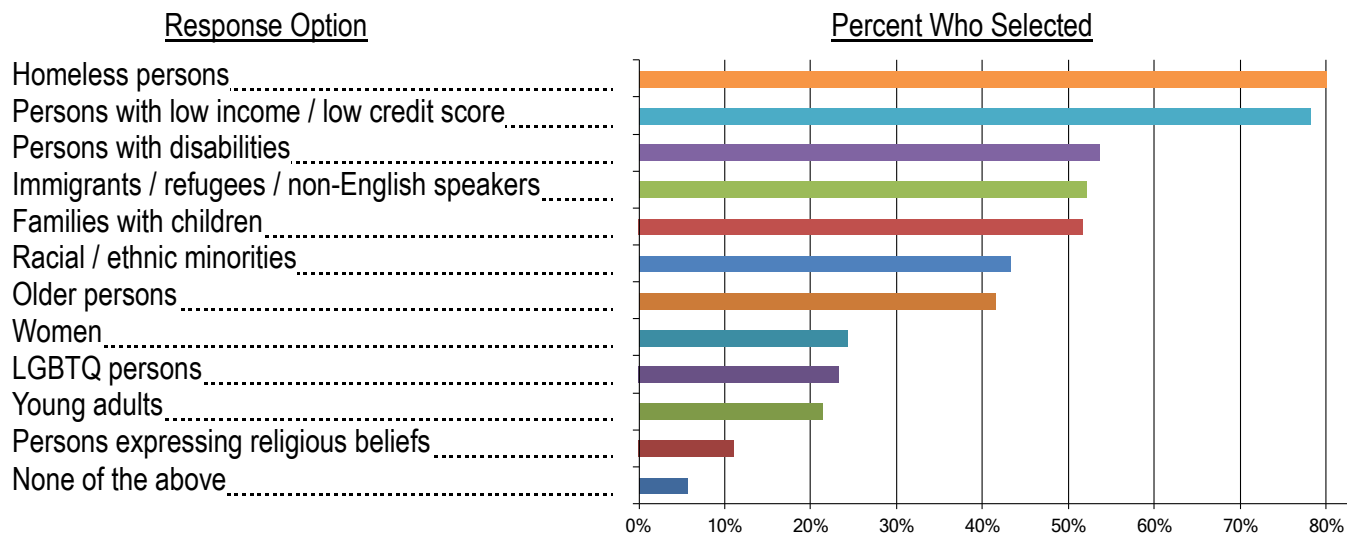
Question 2 – Please rank the level of need in Greensboro for the following types of Public Services, on a scale ranging from Low Need to High Need:



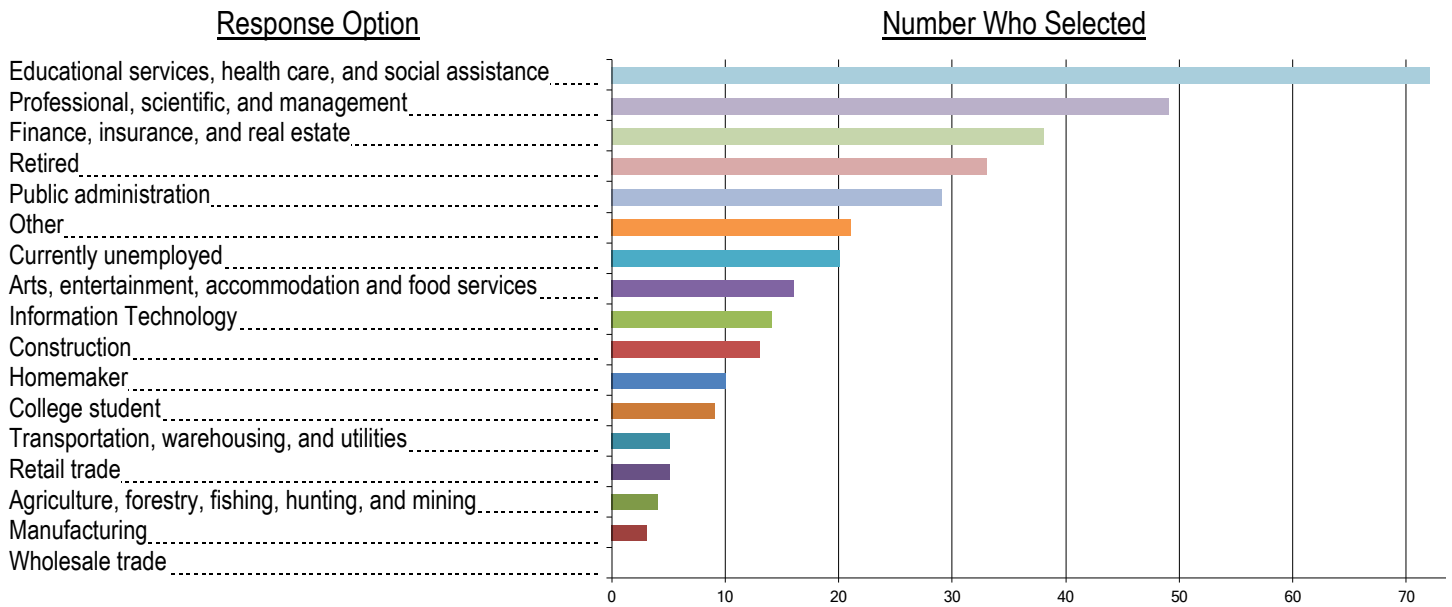
Question 3 – Which of the following do you think is most important for promoting quality of life in Greensboro's neighborhoods? (Select only the 3 most important items)



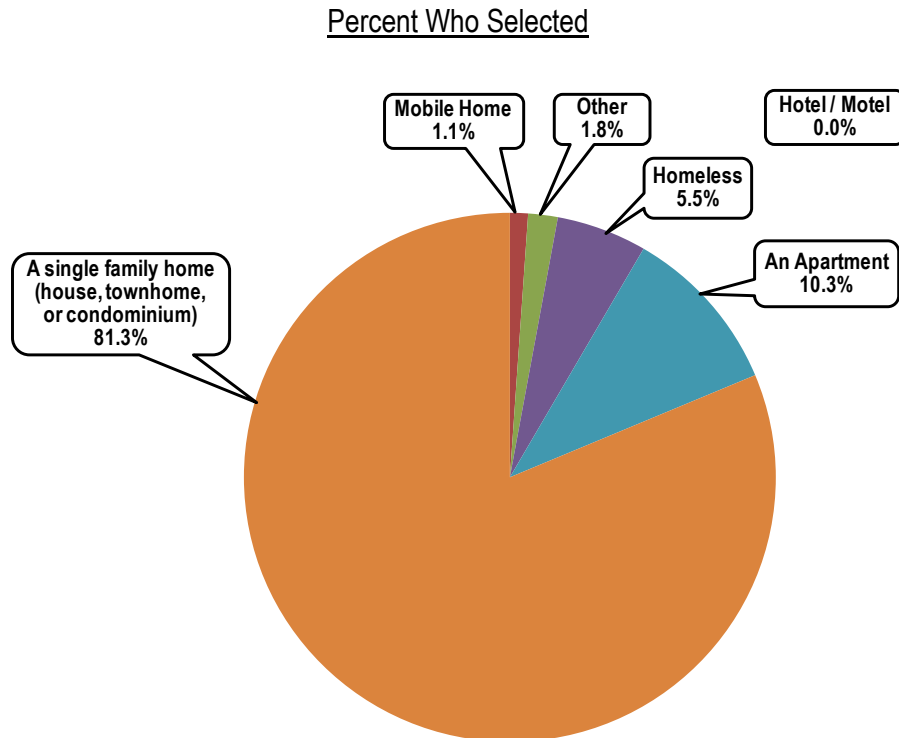
Question 4 – Do any of the following groups of people experience difficulty finding safe affordable housing in Greensboro? Select all that apply.



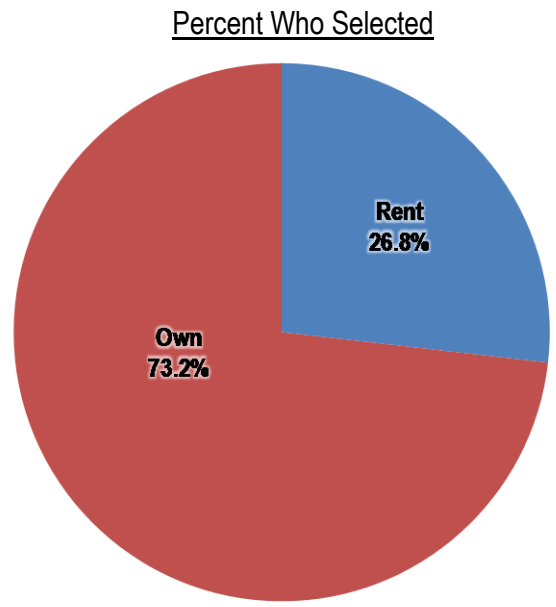
Question 5 – In which field(s) are you employed? Select all that apply.



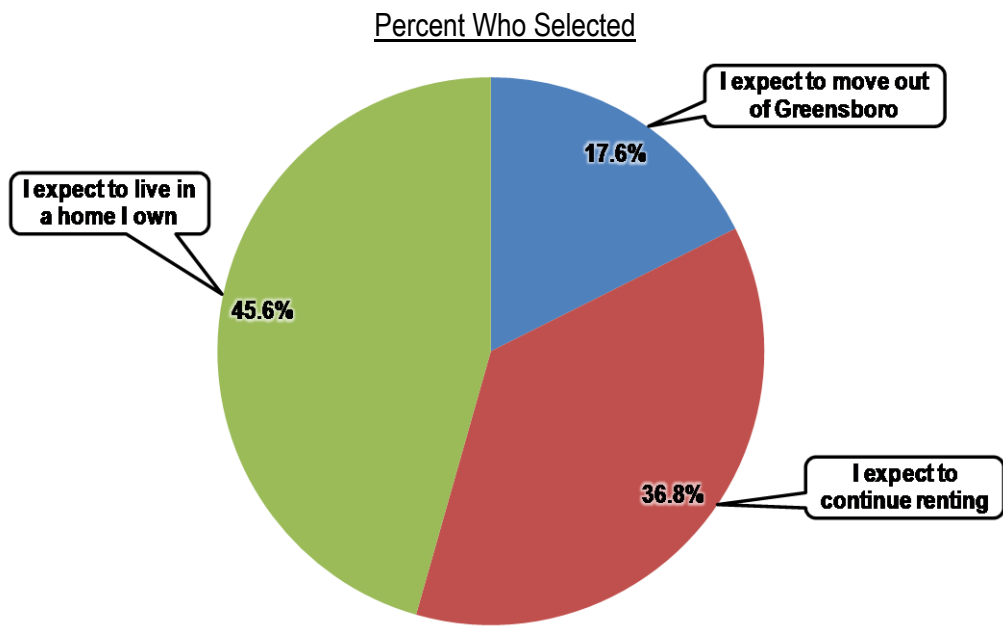
Question 6 – How would you describe where you live?



Question 7 – Do you rent or own the place where you live?

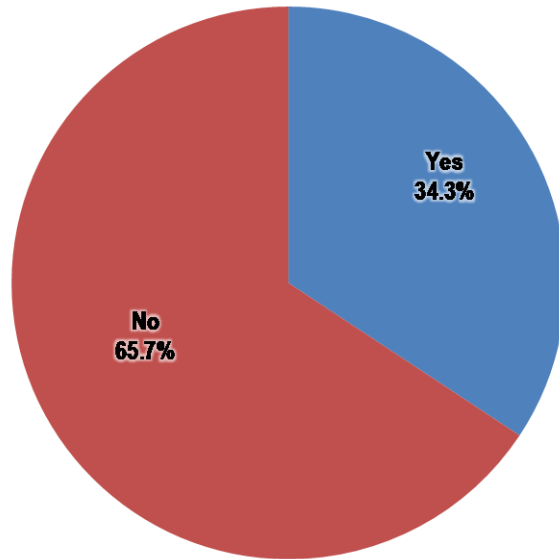


Question 8 – If you answered “Rent” in Question 7, then what do you expect your situation will be in the next 5 years?



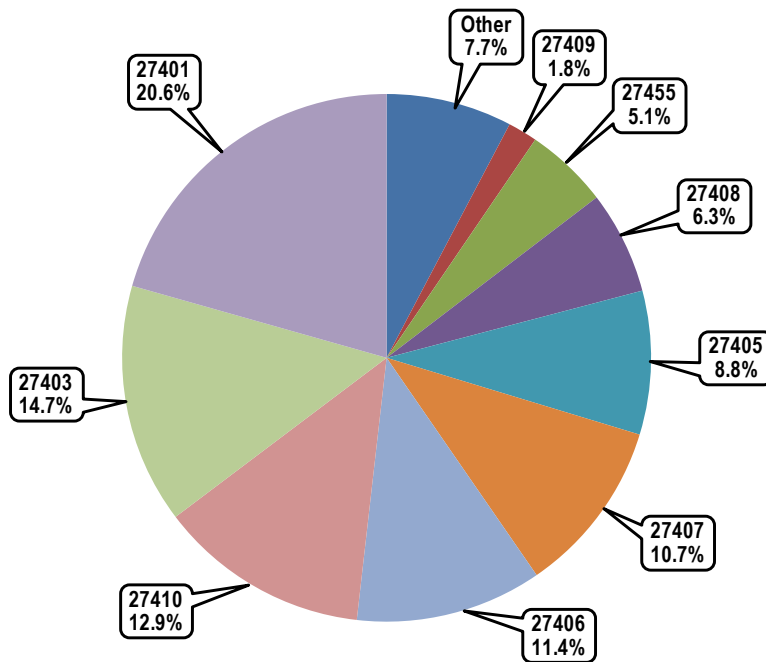
Question 9 – Do you live in a household with anyone other than yourself, your partner, or children (yours or your partner's)?

Percent Who Selected

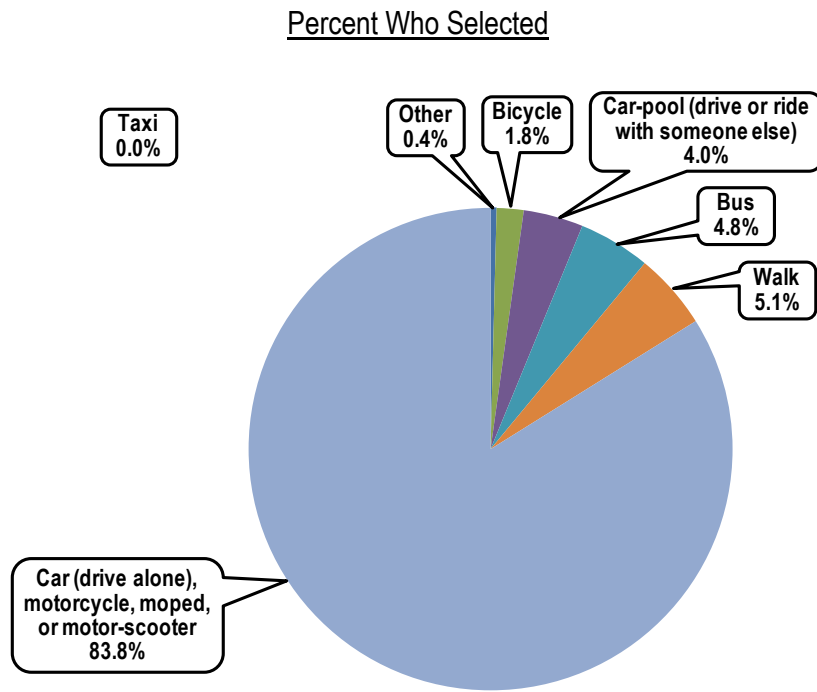


Question 10 – Please indicate the ZIP code in which you live.

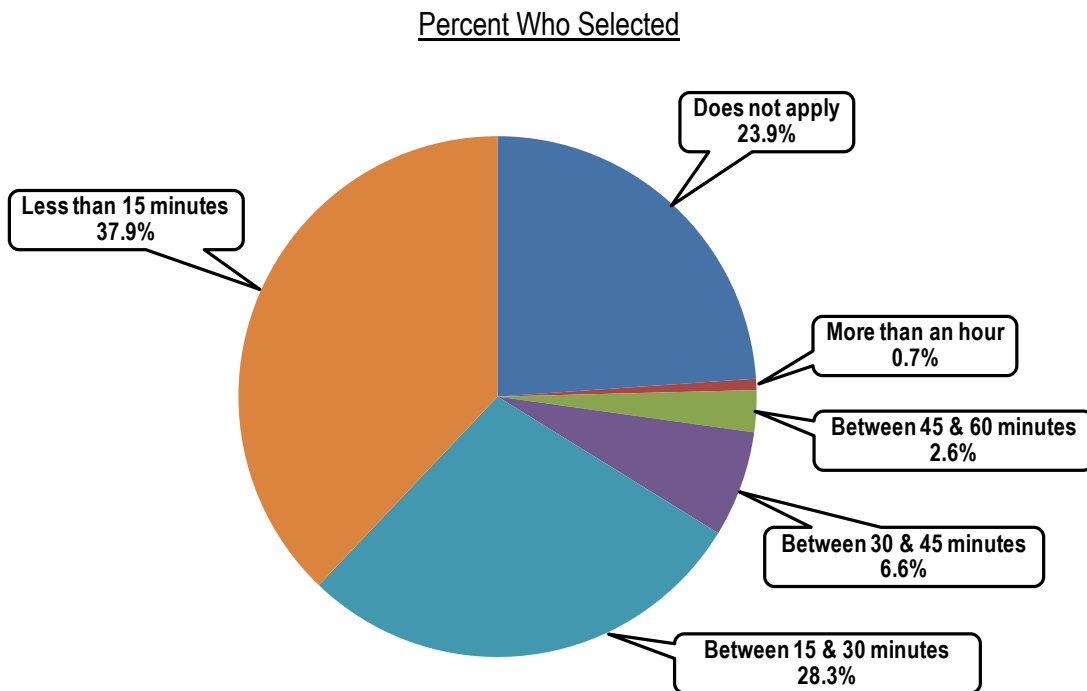
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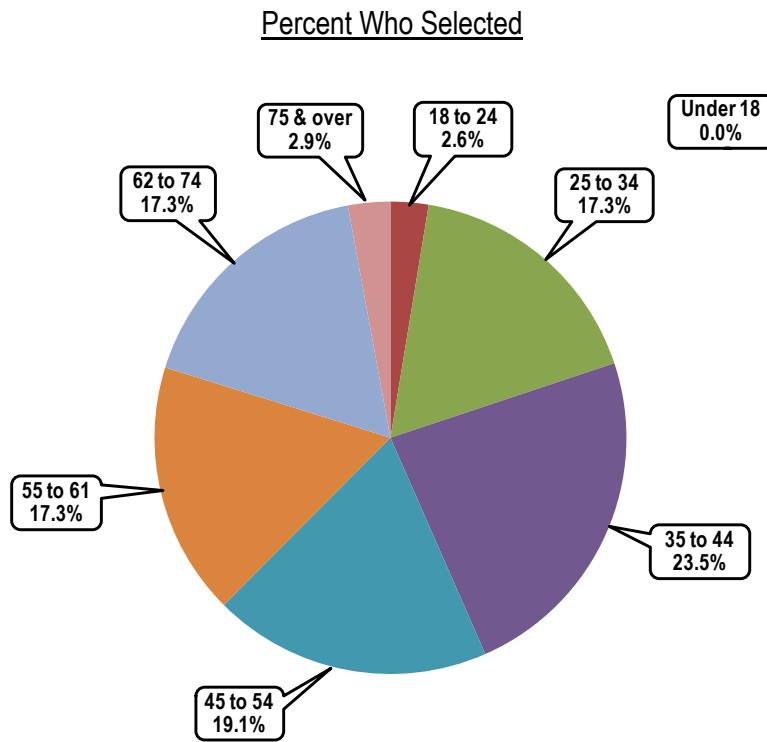
Question 11 – Which of the following is your primary mode of transportation?



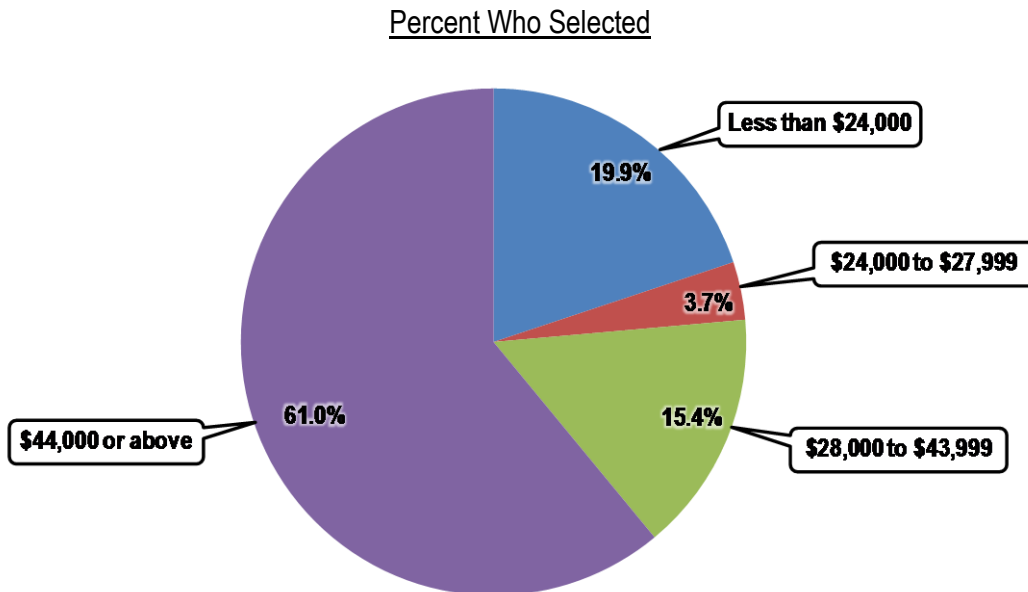
Question 12 – What is your average one-way commute time to work?



Question 13 – Which is your age group?



Question 14 – Please select the income range that most accurately reflects your total household income.

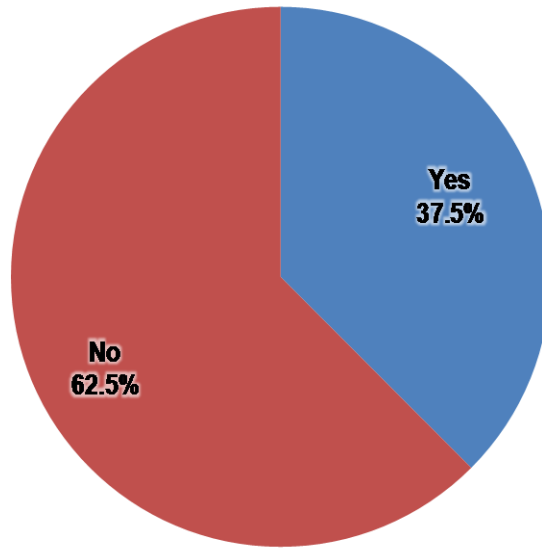


Question 15 – The U.S. Census Bureau considers the following to be minority groups:

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| Alaska Native | Hispanic or Latino |
| American Indian | Native Hawaiian |
| Asian Black | Pacific Islander |

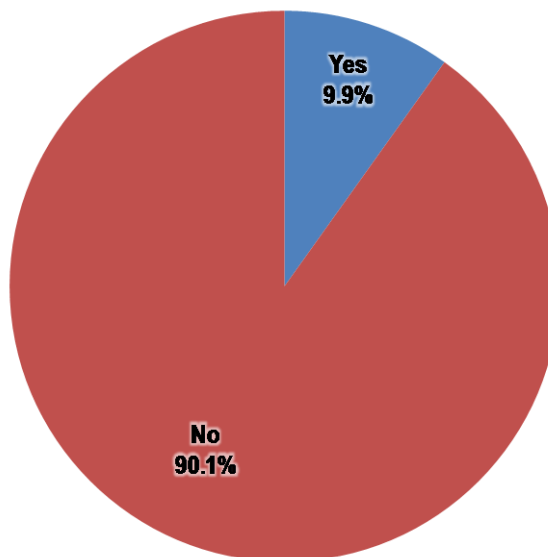
Are you a member of any of the groups listed above?

Percent Who Selected



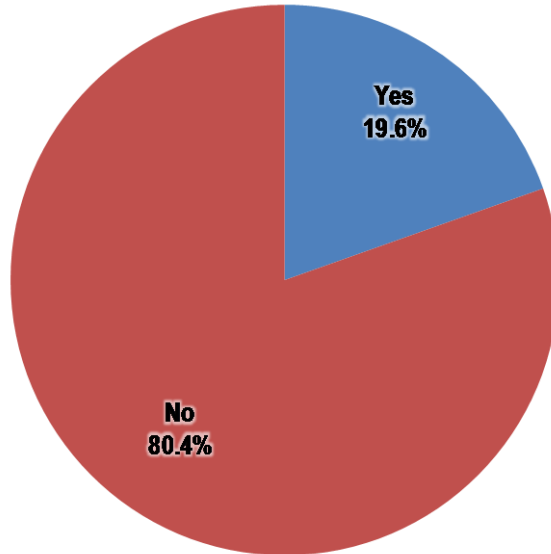
Question 16 – Is a language other than English spoken regularly in your household?

Percent Who Selected



Question 17 – Does anyone in your household have a disability? According to the Census Bureau, disability exists where an individual has limitations of activities that restrict full participation at school, at work, at home, or in the community.

Percent Who Selected



Question 18 – What additional comments would you like to provide?

Responses

I've lived in the Jonesboro Scott Community for 65 yrs. Most people on my street have lived in their homes for over 50 yrs. We need to improve cleanup and drug & crime rate.

Jonesboro Scott Park area is a real nasty neighborhood. Needs much improvement.

Long Term Shelter for one who have no where else to go

IT WOULD BE GREAT IF MORE INFLUENTIAL INDIVIDUALS IN THE GREENSBORO POLITICAL ARENA SHOWED MORE INTEREST IN THE LESS FORTUNATE AND DISADVANTAGE. THEY INVEST MORE IN SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND NON-FACTORIAL THINGS THAN THEY DO IN THE PEOPLE. THE BEST INVESTMENT ANYONE CAN MAKE IS IN PEOPLE. WE ARE GREENSBORO, AND WE REPRESENT IT'S INFRASTRUCTURE. THEY SPEND MILLIONS ON A JAIL AND SEEM TO CARE NOTHING ABOUT DOING WHAT IS SO VITALLY NECESSARY TO PUSH PEOPLE INTO PROSPERITY RATHER THAN PRISON.

most important affordable Housing

help homeless people they need help.

City should require PEH to allocate more of the City ESG dollars to emergency homeless family shelter. Singular emphasis on Rapid Rehousing has caused us to be dismissive of need for additional emergency shelter. The Rapid Rehousing "evangelists" have even suggested that emergency shelter is an impediment to successfully moving from homelessness, such idiocy..

City should provide more funds to build affordable rental housing and that would help all populations including homeless families and persons

as recent reports indicate, the City needs to fund more affordable rental properties as that will alleviate many of the problems in the City.

The City needs to put more money into building affordable rental housing. That would help address one of the most critical needs in the City and by providing modern, safe, affordable rentals would assist directly with the homeless persons and families.

The city needs more streetlights. We recently moved here from out of state and we are amazed at the lack of streetlights and how dark the streets are

Would like to have a classification of older working professional classified as a "minority".

Thank you for asking!

We have waited 10 years for you to pave our messed up street. But you can provide police for stupid ball games all summer. Get it together, Greensboro.

Don't forget to fund City Arts. People suggest moving to different cities and my question is always "Do they have an orchestra?" Greensboro's City Arts programs have kept me here for 22 years.

More effort needs to be put into rehabilitating older homes and making them available to people with limited incomes. Absentee landlords need to take more responsibility for maintaining buildings.

I entered "Does Not Apply" on the commute question because I telecommute/work from home using the internet (for an org in RTP). An additional factor that I consider very important to the quality of life in Greensboro is quality, affordable broadband connectivity, which allows folks like me many additional job and educational opportunities without having to move away.

Greensboro needs to have a much better economic development program as the last 20 years it has been lacking.

I'd like to see the city limit urban sprawl, and instead, fix up existing housing and business related buildings.

We need to do all we can so others may have dignity + hope.

Its very hard for a single mother with one job to be able to find a good place to stay that is not way out of your price range. And if you do find something with a bad background they still wont accept you so it leaves you with no place to turn but the cold streets.

More funding for mental health is needed.

The constitution, The Bill of Rights, and the Federalist Papers make no mention of equality of outcomes. The education gap is a product of the immediate family not the quality of the schools and teachers. The top ten percent of income earners pay forty percent of taxes. the bottom fifty percent pay zero taxes. Socialism does not work

Would like to see more financial capability in community.

We need real affordable homes and we need them in good neighborhoods

All of the services in greensboro are so territorial and divided, the people in need cannot access them

People with felonies on their back ground should be given an equal chance to be hired for a job. Pending charges should not decide whether you are uneligibile to work.

I do not live in Greensboro.

Economic development is essential.

Greensboro has long been thought of as a low class city, and I for one, would like to see that change. The city layout is confusing with streets that wander from a downtown filled with bars and low class establishments (and lined with prostitutes at night) to run down buildings and lower class businesses littered with trash. The outlying neighborhoods also leave a lot to be desired. There seem to be few rules or regulations in place or that are enforced. Greensboro is losing a great deal of business to Burlington and now High Point because of this.

Better, higher paying jobs are needed, as well as expanded bus routes.

Bus Transportation is very limiting to provide economic growth --- Greensboro provides Flintstones Public Transportation in a Jetsons World --- an hour bus ride plus transfer for a 5 minute car ride ...

Helping mother-in-law in 27407 recovering from serious illness.

Oppose bill 36 / Trudy Wade. Streetscape downtown Elm St.

Totally disagree w/ efforts of Trudy Wade to re-district for white privilege. Am grateful for improvements/reduction in drugs/prostitution in our neighborhood.

Thank you for let us play a part in this survey!!

I Need Housing My Name Is [name redacted] a I am Homeless Please Help Me if You Cant Dental.

to hire people with crimalence wreck

More homeless shelters are needed with less or no time limits. Everyone should be able to stay Dec 1 - March 31 regardless of any other stay during the year. Also Dec 1 - March 31 should not be counted as a stayed time.

Alcoholism should be more addressed as an disability

Target funds to create more housing choices within walking distance of bus routes, jobs and schools.

Although I am retired, I have gone through all the answers I have given. In addition, although I am retired I worked with refugees for 25 years and just closed my office last year. To this date I am still receiving calls from refugees asking for help. Some of them I know and a few that call me and have received my phone number through word of mouth. Everyone needs help in some fashion/ Last as far as redevelopment is concerned... I hope that monies are not used to tear down neighborhoods and destroy what could have been saved.

Although I don't think it ranks as a "top 3" issue, "continuous sidewalks leading to a destination" and/or bike lanes leading to a destination should be given a higher priority. Greensboro is a really pedestrian / bike unfriendly city.

City of Greensboro needs to stop wasting money on special interest projects that will loose money and increase spending on helping people to go from living in homeless shelters or on the street to living in an affordable dwelling. Become a compassionate city instead of money hungry. Truly start community gardens that are sustainable year round.

I only found out about this process by accident through a flyer at the library. It seems important, and should probably be advertised better through Public Service Announcements on local radio and TV stations. One month to collect input from the survey does not seem like long enough to get a representative sample.

Prior to relocating to Greensboro from larger urban cities both in and outside of North Carolina, I thought "Where the Sidewalk Ends" was just a funny book title. However, the lack of a continuous sidewalk system often impacts my decision to walk the dog or go to the grocery store, library, etc. as I was able to do when living in other cities, and it makes it impossible for me to walk with my daughter who is wheelchair-bound, unless we drive to Country Park. Driving to another part of the city in order to walk is a ridiculous conundrum for a resident in a 21st-century urban area. A former co-worker who had relocated from Denmark was appalled that he could not simply walk his daughter to school as he had been accustomed to doing. The lack of sidewalks also greatly impacts the capacity of public transportation as they are mutually dependent parts of urban infrastructure.

The City of Greensboro need to explore avenues to better integrate the refugee and immigrant communities. There are potentials in these communities but they are marginalized.

The hardest part for our family is that while we make a relatively decent income, we have a lot of student loan debt. When I look at other cities, I feel like we are not getting a lot for what we are paying for. Greensboro is just as expensive as Charleston or other tourist destinations. We pay almost as much in PART TIME daycare as we do in rent. Fulltime daycare cost more than our rent. If you want to live in a safe neighborhood, you pay a ridiculous amount of rent. We are strongly considering leaving Greensboro and possibly North Carolina in order to find somewhere more affordable to live. However, we do love Greensboro and we would hate to leave.

Affordable necessities (child care, transportation, access to quality food, medical/mental health care and safe housing) and living wage jobs and job training for low income residents must be provided for the health of Greensboro. A city is only as good as it treats its most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of Greensboro.

None for now. I liked giving input for your use.

Create more opportunities for immigrants.

The inequality levels in the City of Greensboro have been rising and continue to do so. It is of utmost importance to adress this issue in an equitable way, meeting the needs of the residents of low income areas in order to develop these neighborhoods. Equal access to jobs, healthcare services, and food are a MUST!

this survey is terrible, making people rank 100 things that are all important is senseless! atleast select a few and rank those individually. this survey did represent the city needs and as always was skewed towards one department's goal, not to what would make this city better overall.

Thank you!

I know several families with proven history of paying rent between \$750 to \$1,000 without any issue of late or failure of payment. Yet, due to layoffs, bad credit or some emergency that happen in there life, there credit will not allow them to get a loan for a home that would be in the same monthly price range as the rent they are paying. Even with FHA, VA or other programs, their credit prevent them from getting a loan (example) of \$825 monthly, when they have been paying \$850 in rent for the last five years.

The city will benefit from assisting people in obtaining the basics of life: food, clothing, shelter. The focus of the programs should be on developing self-reliance and skills that will help people earn a living wage. Additionally, youth programs that are accessible & affordable are greatly needed, as well. The city must make steps to bridge gaps between communities to come up with creative solutions to stem the tide of the poverty that is taking over some parts of our city. It troubles me that the poverty rate is growing at such a fast rate that it's made national news.

Community based services for adults with disabilities are minimal and difficult to access/navigate; many aging parents have aging adult children with disabilities at home and cannot find support; mental health services for children, teens, adults and families are minimal and difficult to access, esp. for families on Medicaid- some doctors practices in Greensboro refuse to see Medicaid patients - such as Eagle Physicians in Lake Jeanette

Greensboro has an opportunity to be a city that attempts to lessen the road blocks for the most vulnerable in our city. We absolutely have a problem with widespread generational poverty. It will take those with power to change that story.

Greensboro needs better public transportation that comes more frequently and is not in a hub-and-spoke layout.

Greensboro also needs to support businesses coming here that will pay people who live here living wage, especially people who do not have more than a high school diploma. You should not need a college education to have what a basic living wage affords you. Instead of seeking businesses that will create a lot of low-paying jobs that do not contribute to the tax base or pay our residents what they need, we should focus on supporting the growth of businesses that support Greensboro's residents."

I do not fall into a disadvantaged category and I still find it difficult to locate affordable housing when taking into consideration student loan debt. It seems to me that Greensboro can retain young professionals who have large student debt and other financial obligations by increasing affordable, safe housing options. I have already started to look for positions in other states so I can have a decent livelihood while I pay off my student loans. Greensboro is a great city and I hope it can be a place for young people and new professionals to settle down but that happens not to be the case for me.

How can one see the results of this survey?

Greensboro needs to put more priority on completing long-term neighborhood projects, such as Willow Oaks, Phillips Avenue, and Ole Asheboro. If the City can put together community partnerships for entertainment venues, they should put equal priority on creating the incentives necessary to complete these neighborhood reinvestment projects that were promised to residents decades ago.

You asked more questions about me than about what I think Greensboro needs to focus on. First, get all realtors off City Council- obvious conflict of interest especially when rezoning requests end up there. Stop giving money to the International Civil a Rights Museum. Pay more attention to East Greensboro which has been languishing for decades. Get bus shelters and buy smaller busses as they are always half empty. We need affordable Heath and dental services.

Housing, jobs, transit, food and education should be the city's top priorities. Other cities in NC growing at similar rates such as Durham and Charlotte spent much more on their police forces, which led to blighted and over-policed community. If we, in Greensboro, focus on ending poverty, housing issues and food insecurity specifically, the need for bloated police budgets will lessened and the city more wholesome.

I would like to see the city focus economic development activities and funding on building up local cooperative businesses. The Renaissance Community Co-op is a perfect example of the kind of economic development that will revitalize communities by putting them in control of their own development. I also know that worker cooperatives are being used in other areas of the country to build more resilient local economies. Instead of using tax-payer dollars to lure outside companies to Greensboro, we should use these funds to help grow local cooperatively-owned businesses.

My answers to a number of the questions on this survey could be misinterpreted to mean that i don't feel there is a community problem with, for example, low income housing here. There IS a problem for low income folks to find good inexpensive housing. I believe however that the solutions that work most inadequately are those provided by public resources For example low income housing like Ray Warren Homes in Greensboro does NOT hold a candle to the clean, inexpensive, well-maintained homes provided in the hundreds in recent years by Habitat for Humanity.

Services for the homeless should focus on permanent housing and services to help support households reach stability.

please finish the greenway!

The city does not need to provide direct services for all of the needs. Non-profits and other agencies do some of this. The city's role is to bring grants and other resources to the city and develop a fair process for distribution to agencies who have good systems, best practices, capacity to deliver some of the services identified to meet human needs.

City needs to focus on infrastructure, environment, systems that increase capacity, quality of life, access, and promote good will, safety, and wellbeing for all of residents."

I believe this survey, if used properly, to be a much needed aspect to build and/or maintain the upward economic, educational, and stability for all citizens in the City of Greensboro.

Greensboro has so much to offer the citizens of the community. It is heartening to see so many families, people out walking and riding the bike paths on a sunny Sunday afternoon. It is energizing to see so many people walking around downtown, enjoying the POTENTIAL of a place to gather and socialize. It is evident that the biggest hurdle for Greensboro is the need to ""spread the wealth""--focus on building MORE opportunities for SAFE places to eat, gather, walk, ride, shop. Move away from the Friendly shopping center --focus on all the empty storefronts downtown, build more lighting in neighborhoods, sidewalks in neighborhoods, SOLVE the home break in crimes, put more money into centers/spaces where people gather like the Public Library.

Thank you Greensboro! So much to offer---and so fortunate to live here!"

This wonderful City has an abundance of resources to help our neighbors in need but what is most helpful is having a place to go and map out a plan for your family's success. Rent assistance is great, but knowing how to avoid that need in the future is better. Personal responsibility is also important- The work at the Women's Resource Center is based on empowering women to lead their families through difficult times.

All of the needs in the city could be improved. there will never be enough money to achieve excellence in all arrears. However, people need to take more responsibility for themselves. Lack of responsibility for ones self and family is the biggest problem in our community and the Country.

Greensboro needs a master development plan. The current method of development will lead to a city with growth problems like Charlotte/Atlanta.

We need lots more better paying jobs.

A demographic was missed on the question asking about types of people who have a hard time finding affordable housing. Single adults with children (particularly female headed), are the largest demographic in Greensboro who have problems, such as affordable/quality child care, rental options, and just generally have a hard time all around.

The city needs to get a handle on sprawl. Council members who often happen to be business people, cave to poorly thought out neighborhoods, new developments.

Can't stress enough the importance of preserving historical buildings and eliminating the influence of developers on the city council and groups such as Downtown inc. Improve the parks and get going on the rail to trail now that chandler is gone.

Do less for illegal mexicans.

Greensboro has so many needs it is difficult to identify which of them is the most important. We used to have an excellent educational system but this is no longer the case. It is time to be willing to raise some taxes and spend some money to bring us back to be the great community that we once were.

I do believe that when people are safely housed and well educated, and when population increase is modest, then many other social concerns are more easily managed by communities. Thank you.

The City of Greensboro needs to stop depending on the Greensboro Housing Authority for providing housing and supportive services. The have failed in their mission !!! They are a private company that is contradicting in purpose and actual production. There are other organizations that should be given the opportunity to to receive funding from the City of Greensboro and provide services.

I think the City needs to have programs that offer resources to repair and preserve older homes rather than demolishing them. The Glenwood Neighborhood, one of the oldest in the City is being demolished and there needs to be a community solution and a moratorium on demolitions. Creating vacant lots does not build community. Allowing junk houses on vacant lots lowers the value of the homes currently owned and occupied. Condemnations on homes are a mark against a neighborhood and prevents people from wanting to rent or buy in that area.
