



REGIONAL BUDGET DAY

Los Angeles Budget Challenge Results:
North Valley & South Valley

The 2013 Los Angeles Budget Challenge

Background

The Los Angeles Budget Challenge received over 5,000 visits and 2,100 comments.

The survey provided neighborhood councils and community stakeholders with the opportunity to share their priorities to balance the City's budget. The results will be reviewed for consideration in the development of the Mayor's FY 2013-14 Proposed Budget, which will be released in April.

Collection period

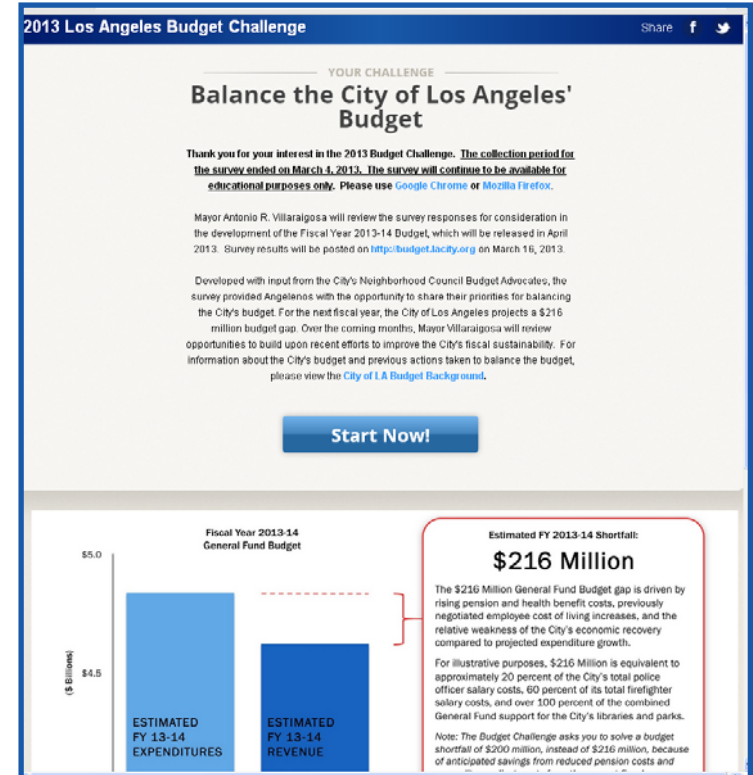
February 1, 2013 to March 4, 2013 (4 weeks).

Survey Content

The survey consisted of questions related to:

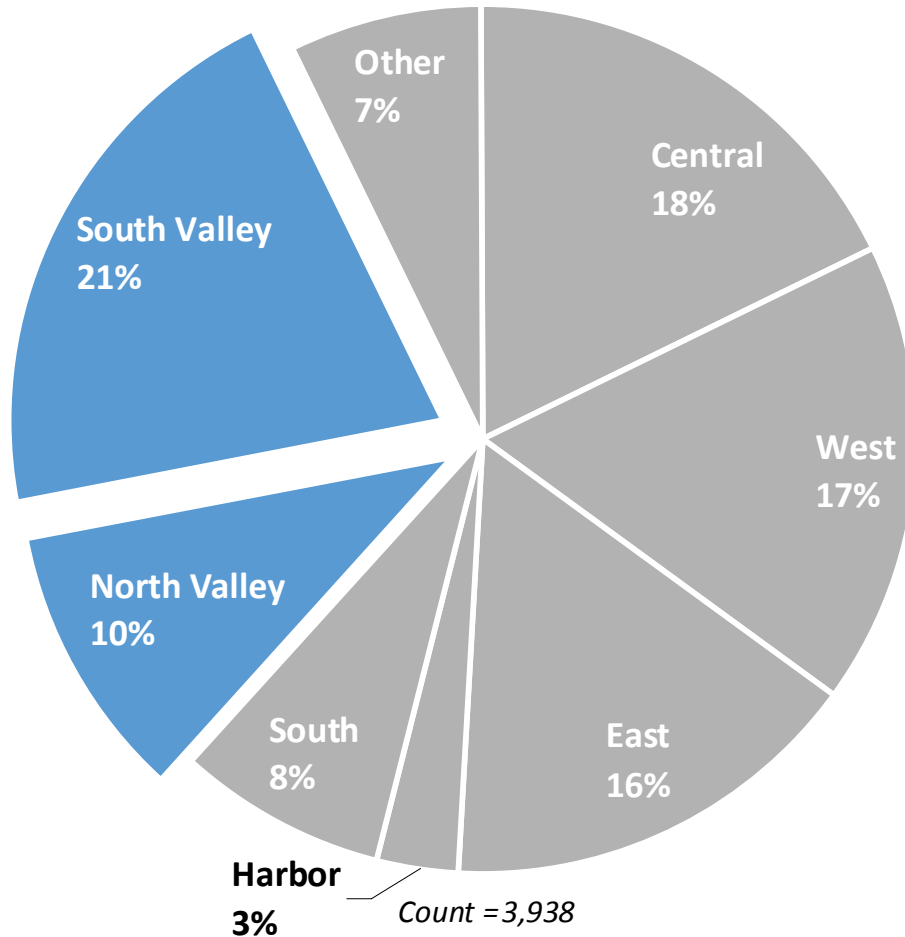
- Budget Priorities
- Long-Term Reforms
- Spending Options
- Revenue Generating Options
- Reserve Fund Options

Each question also included open-ended response fields to allow for additional budget input.



Survey Participation

A breakdown of completed surveys by region is below.



Neighborhood Council Board Member Responses:

North Valley: 68
South Valley: 129

Question 1 – Budget Priorities

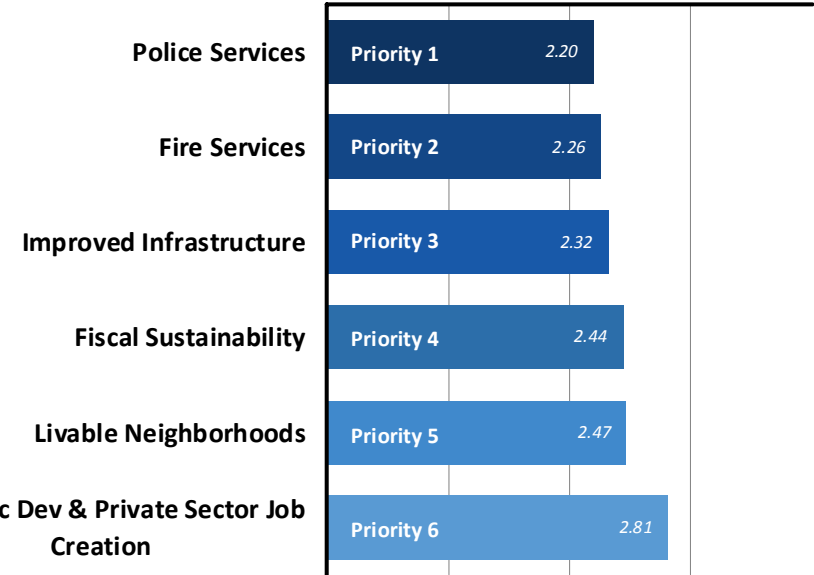
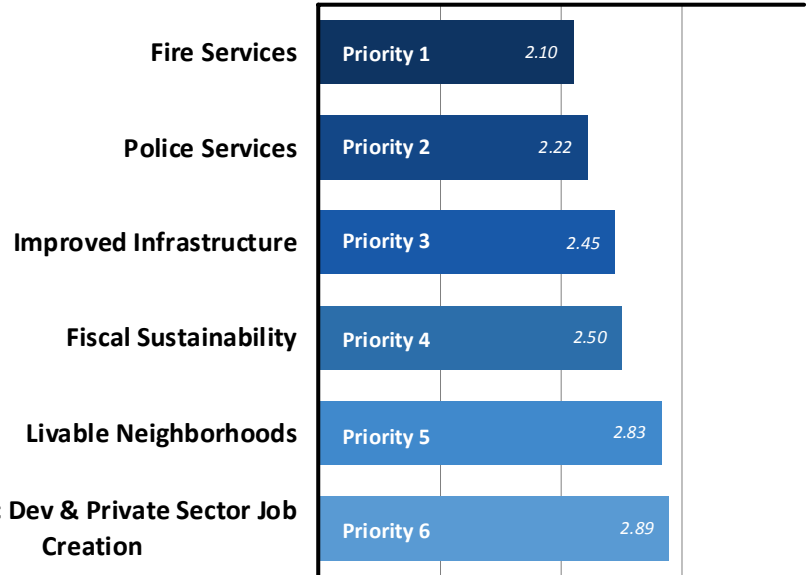
Respondents ranked priority areas on a scale of 1 to 6. On average, Fire Services, Police Services, and Improved Infrastructure ranked higher than other priorities.

North

South

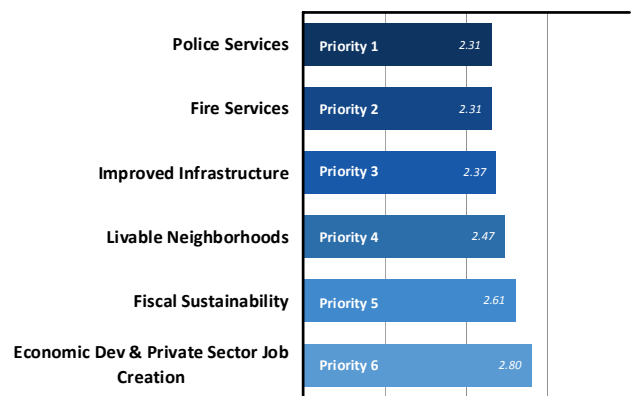
(High Ranking) 1 2 3 4 (Low Ranking)

(High Ranking) 1 2 3 4 (Low Ranking)



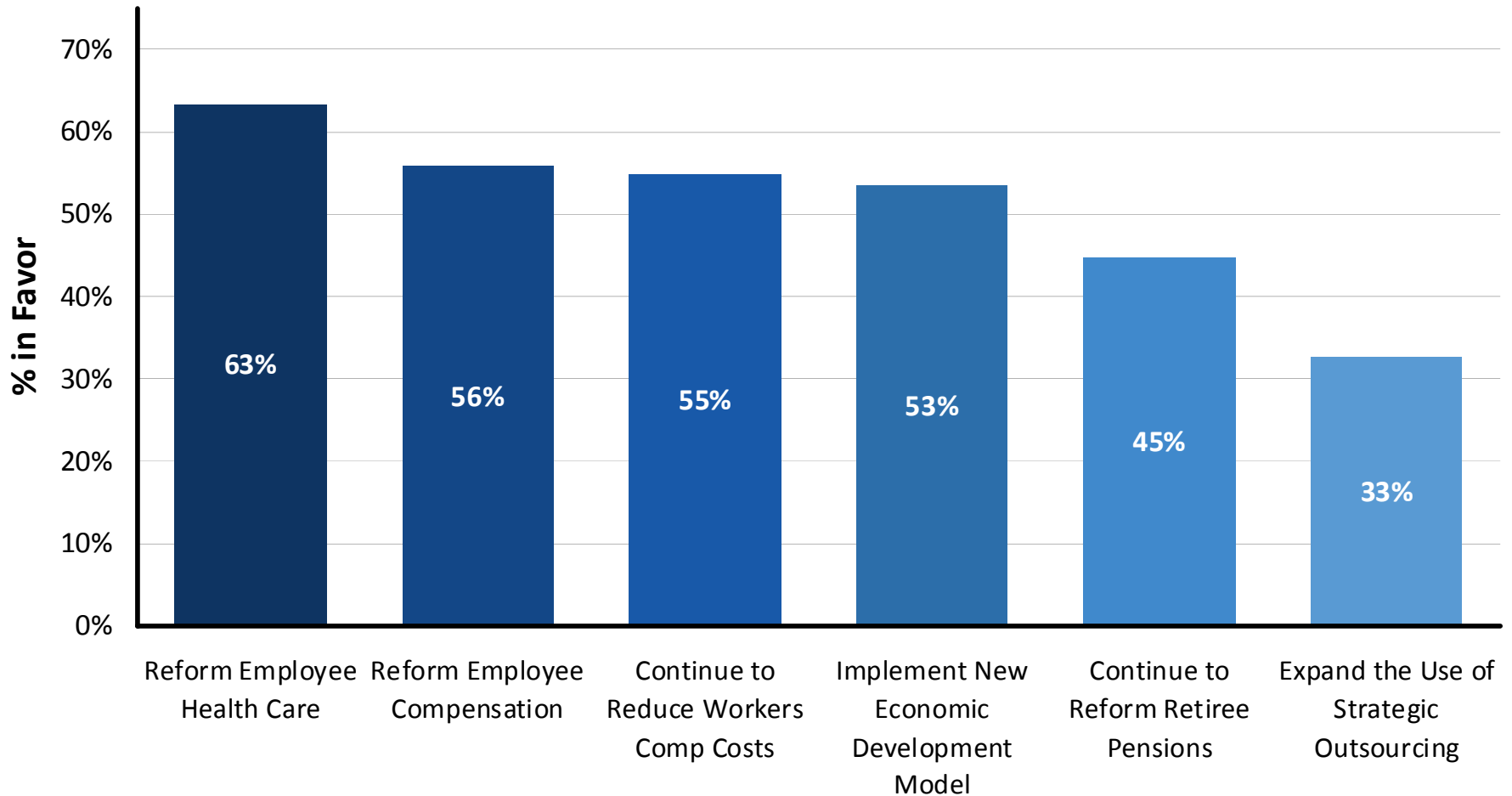
Overall

(High Ranking) 1 2 3 4 (Low Ranking)



Question 2 – Long-Term Reforms

Over 50% of Respondents favored Employee Health Care Reform, Employee Compensation Reform, continued Reductions to Workers Compensation Costs, and Implementation of a New Economic Development Model.

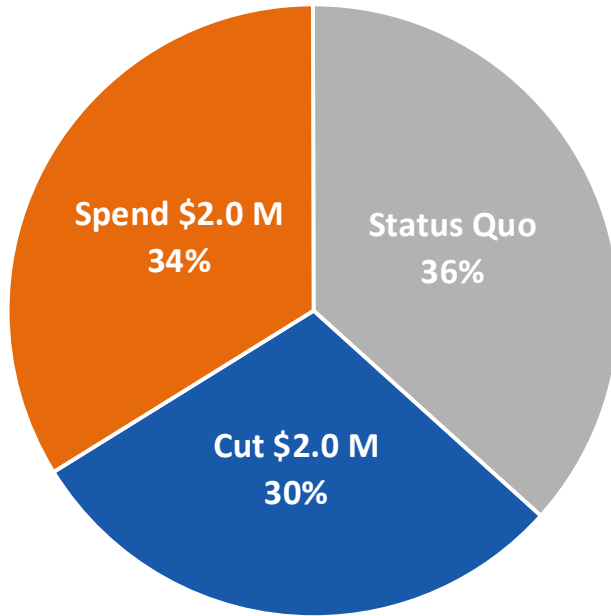


Count = 3,360

Question 3 – Animal Services

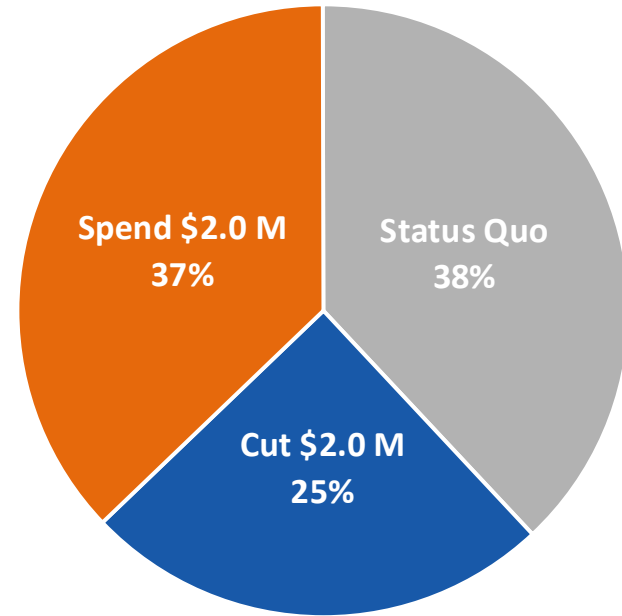
36% of respondents in the North Valley and 38% in the South Valley prefer to maintain the funding level for Animal Services.

North



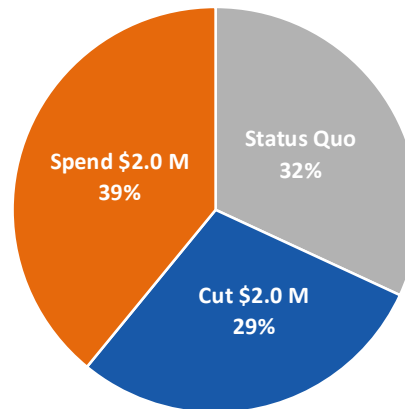
Count = 410

South



Count = 820

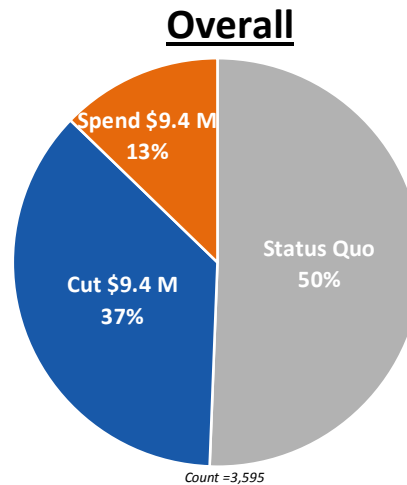
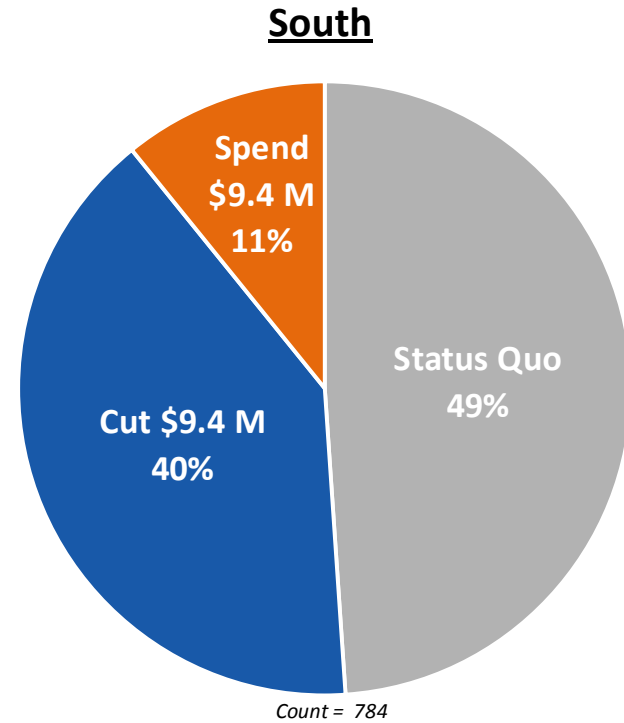
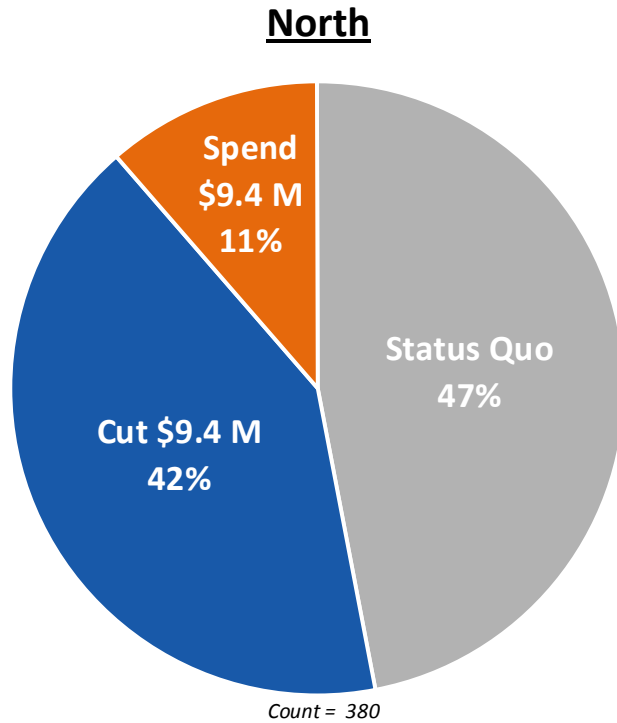
Overall



Count = 3,938

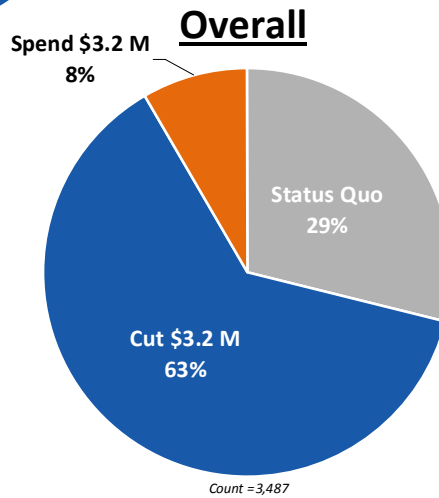
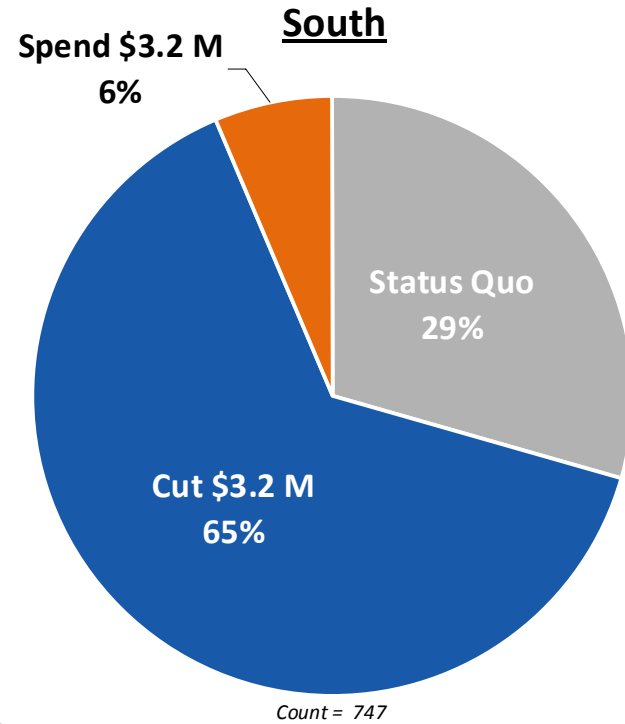
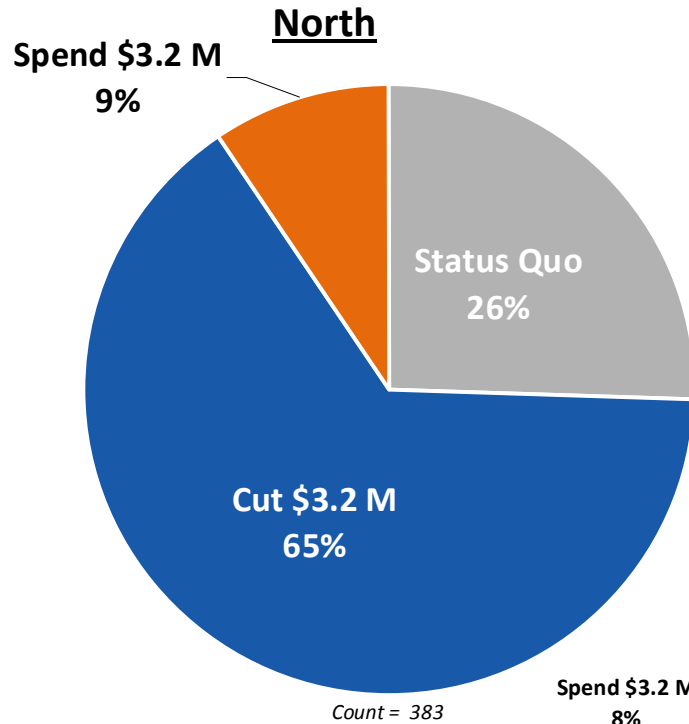
Question 4 – City Attorney

47% of North Valley respondents and 49% of South Valley respondents prefer to maintain the funding level levels for City Attorney.



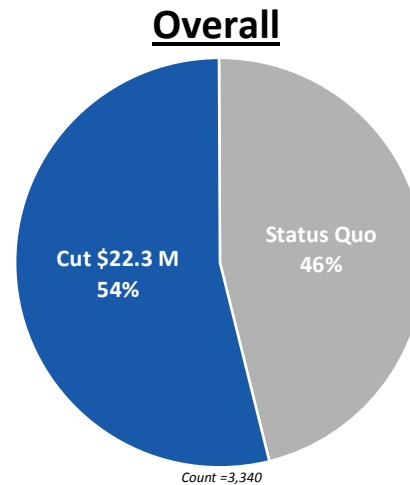
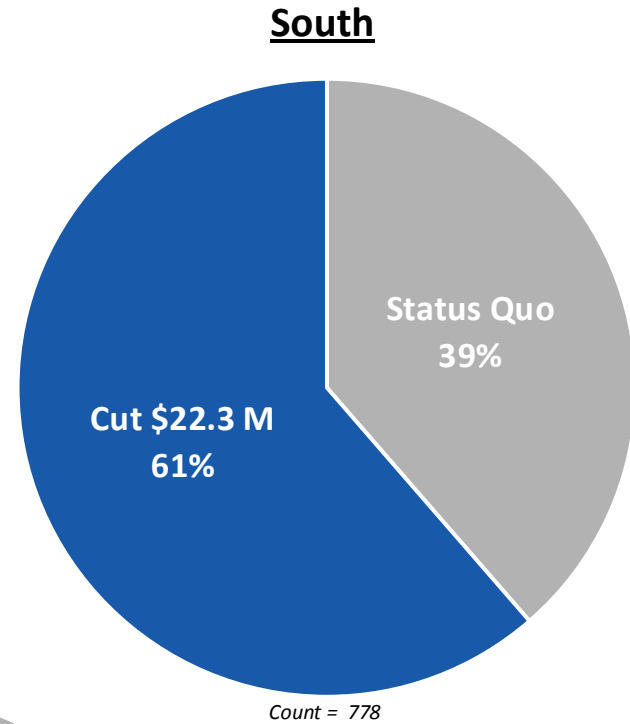
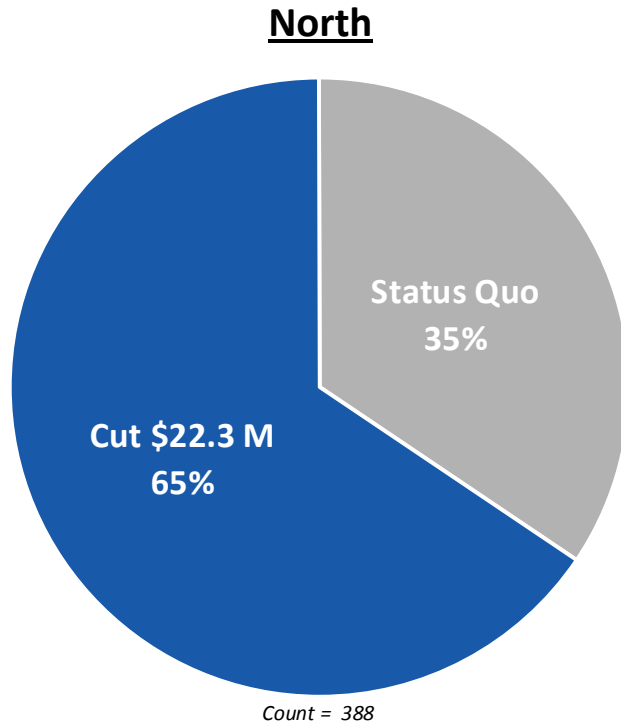
Question 5 – Constituent Services, Legislative Analysis & Policy Determination

65% of North Valley respondents and 65% of South Valley respondents prefer to reduce funding for Constituent Services, Legislative Analysis, and Policy Determination.



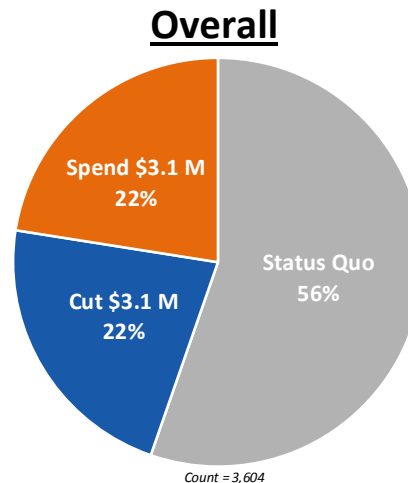
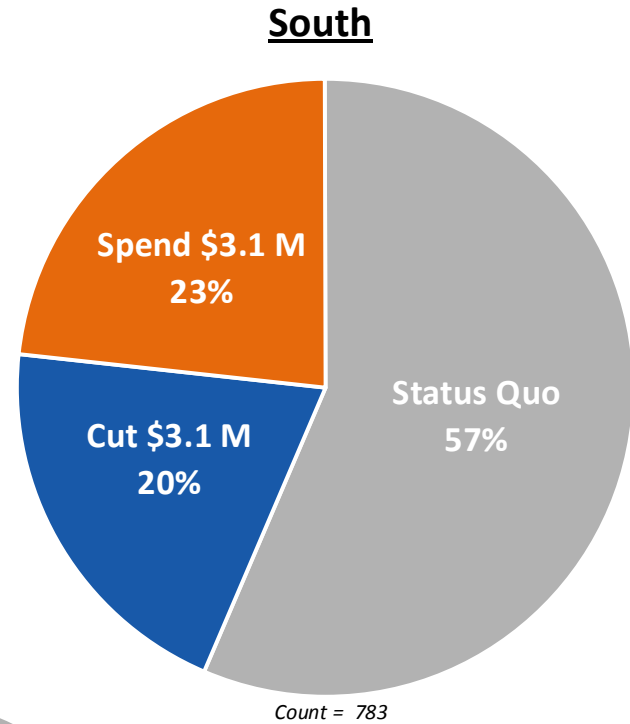
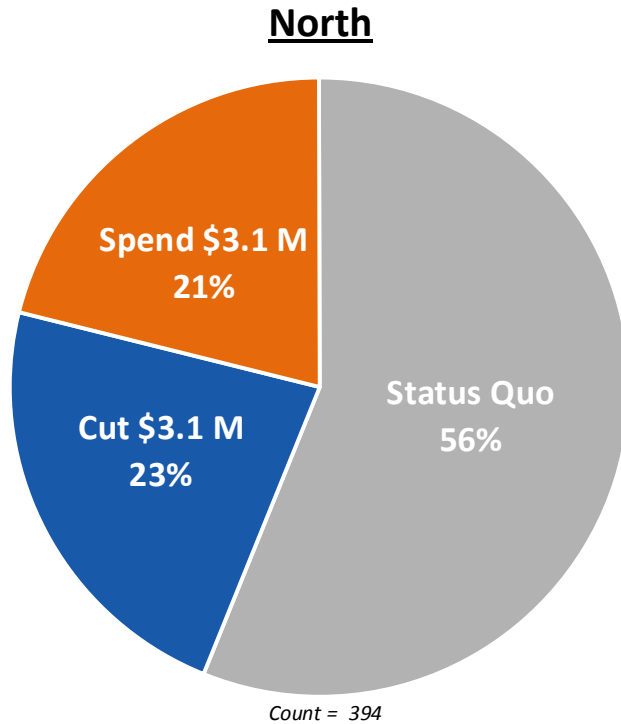
Question 6 – Employee Compensation & Benefits

65% of North Valley respondents and 61% of South Valley respondents prefer not funding scheduled COLAs for civilian employees.



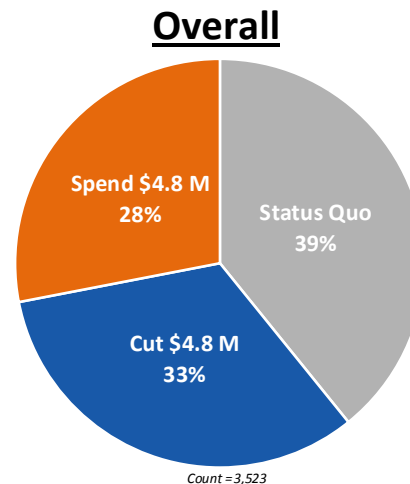
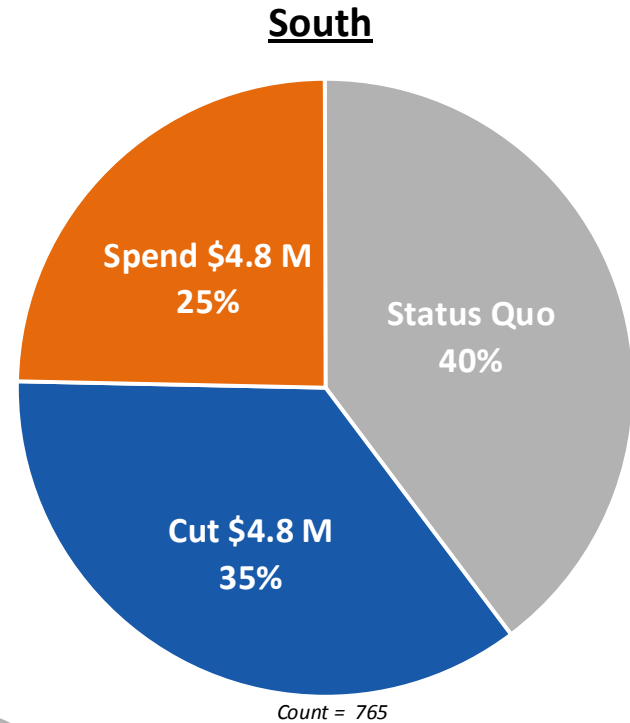
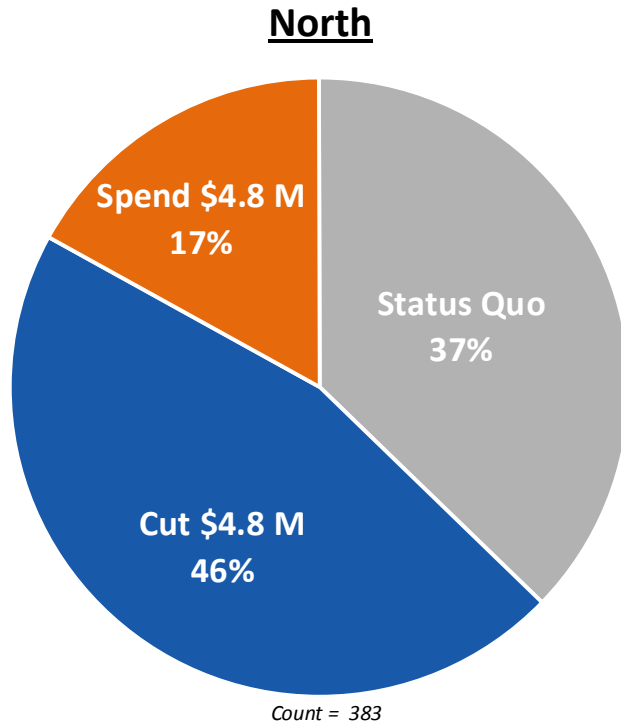
Question 7 – Fire Prevention & Suppression

56% of North Valley respondents and 57% of South Valley respondents prefer to maintain the funding level for Fire Prevention & Suppression.



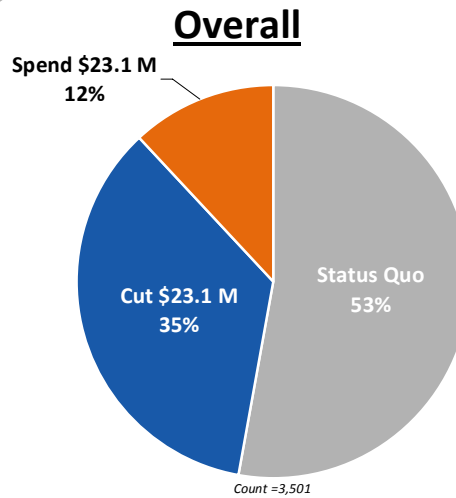
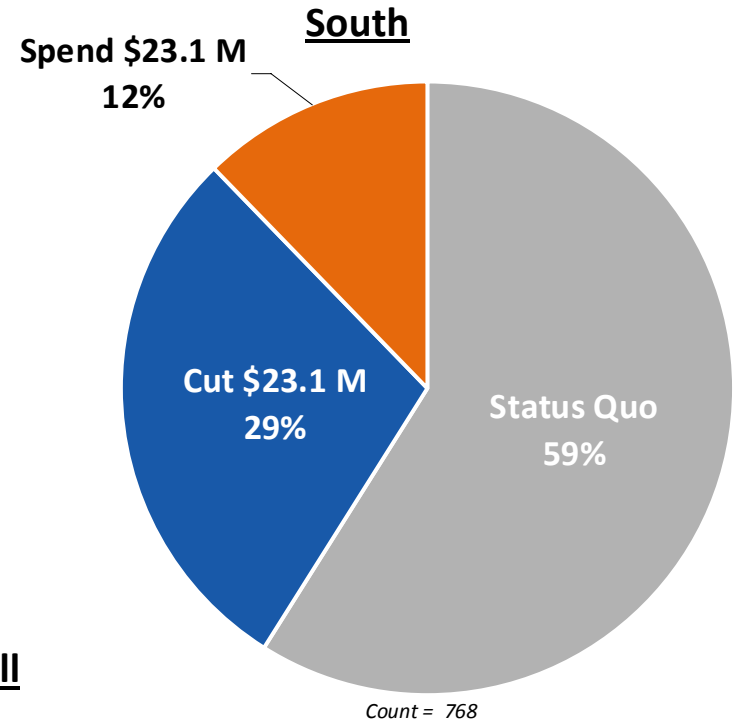
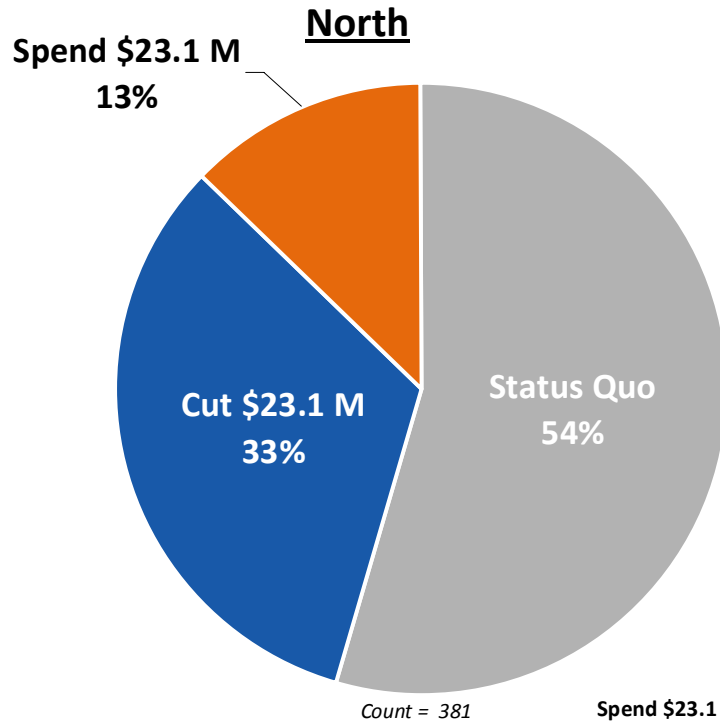
Question 8 – Human Welfare Services

46% of North Valley respondents prefer to reduce funding for Human Welfare Services and 40% of South Valley respondents prefer to maintain the funding level.



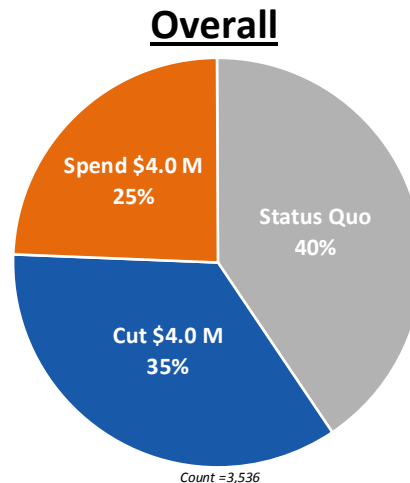
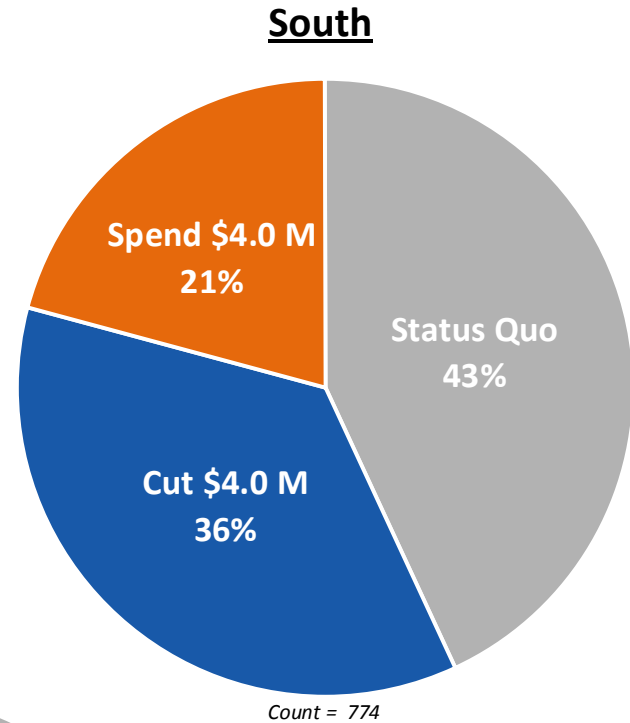
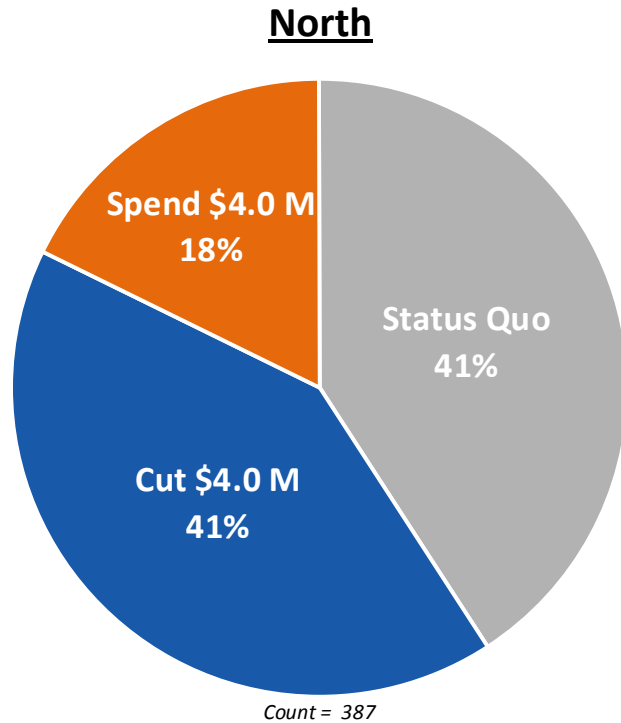
Question 9 – Police Services

54% of North Valley respondents and 59% of South Valley respondents prefer to maintain the funding level for Police Services.



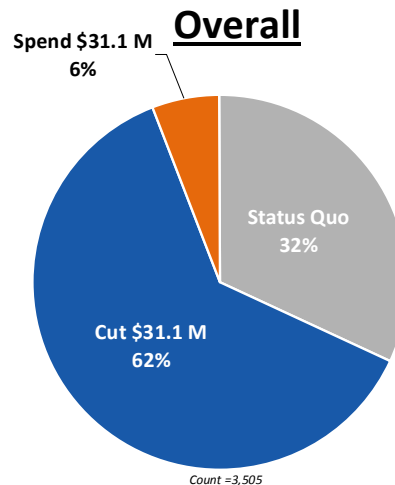
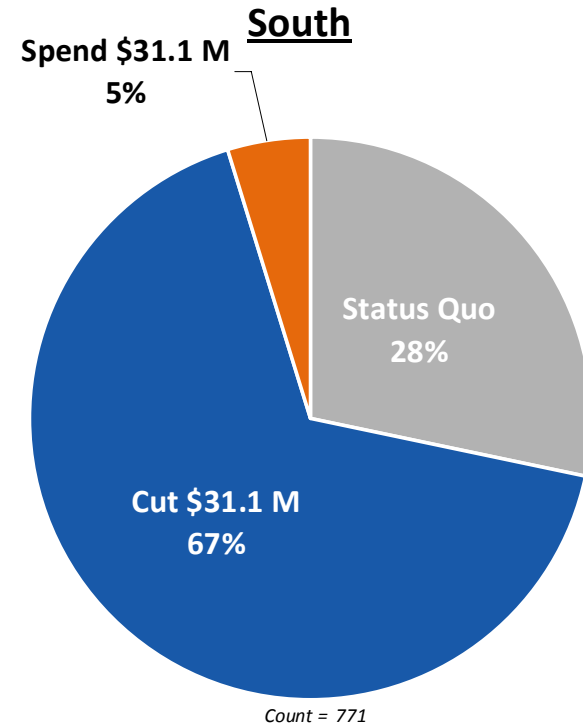
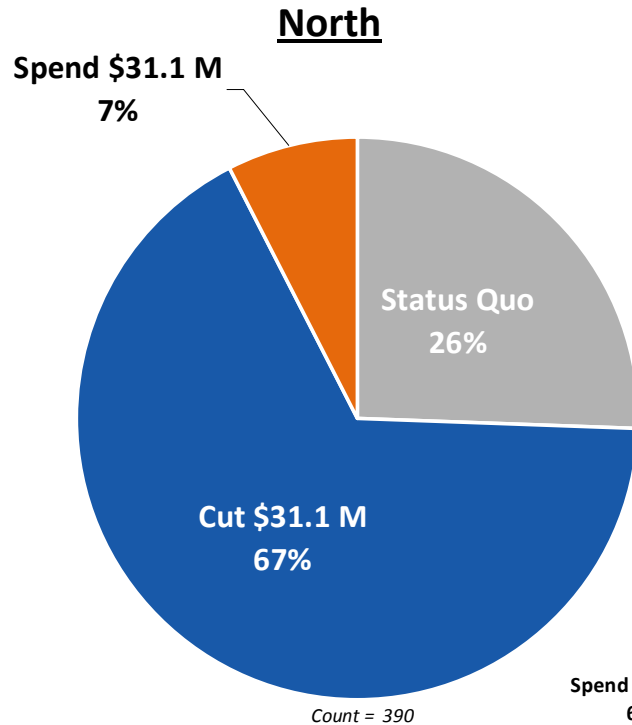
Question 10 – Recreational & Park Services

North Valley respondents are split (41%) with reducing and maintain the funding level for Rec & Parks. 43% of South Valley respondents prefer to maintain the funding level.



Question 11 – Support Services

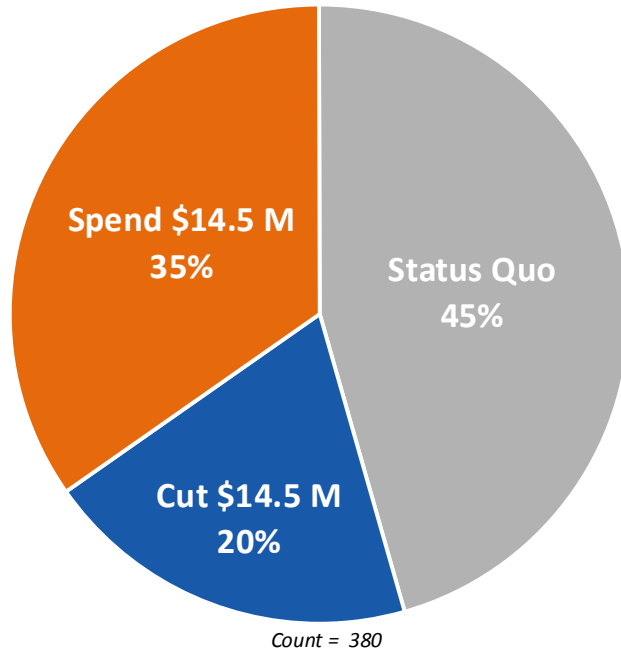
67% of North Valley and South Valley respondents prefer to reduce funding for support services (IT, fleet, custodial, personnel, accounting & administrative services).



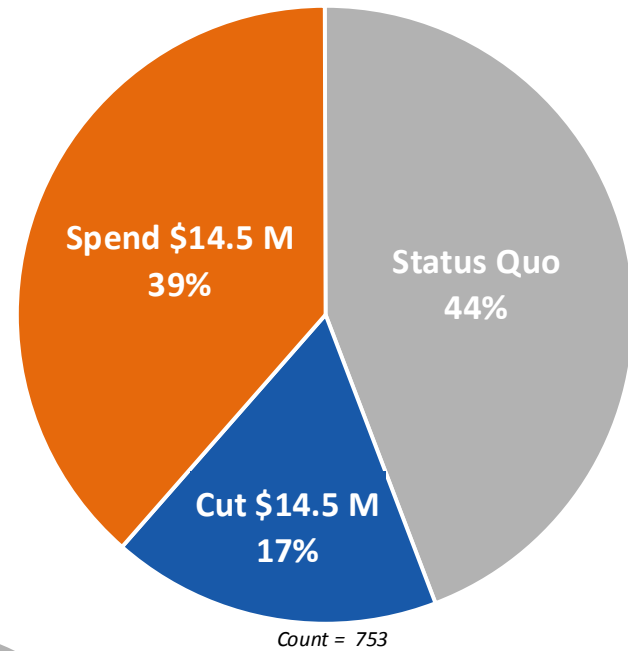
Question 12 – Transportation, Streets & Infrastructure

45% of North Valley respondents and 44% of South Valley respondents prefer to increase funding for Transportation, Streets & Infrastructure.

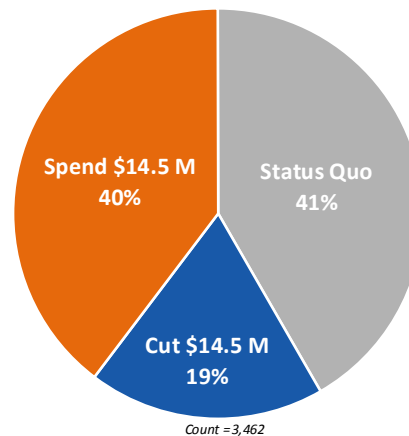
North



South



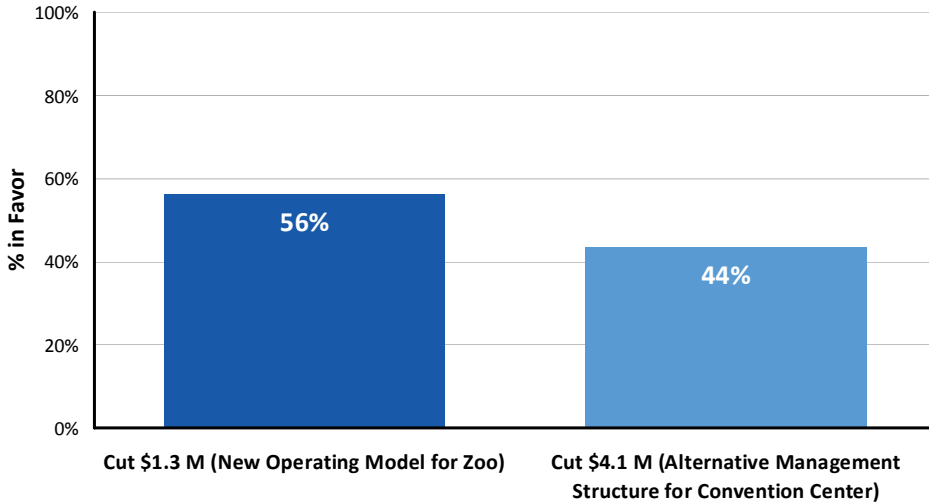
Overall



Question 13 – Other Spending Options

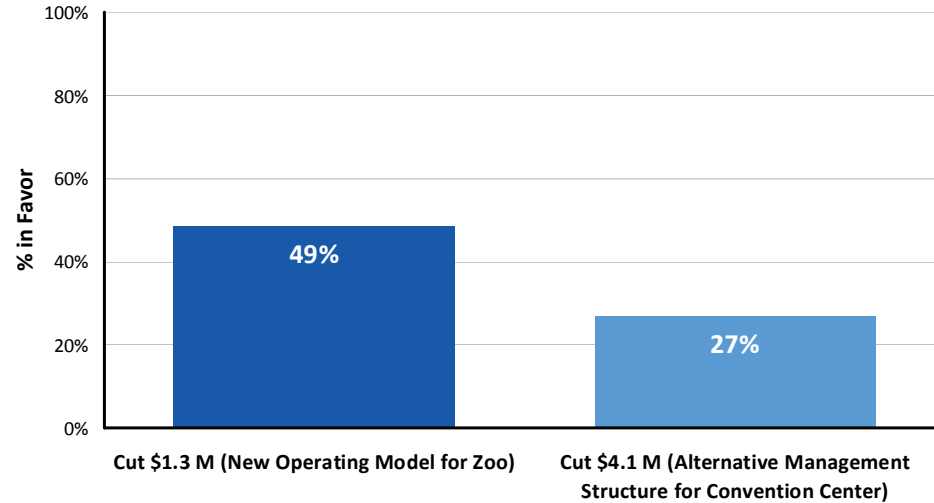
The majority of the North Valley respondents prefer a new operating model for the Zoo, while a slim majority South Valley respondents do not prefer a new operating model for the Zoo. Both groups do not prefer an alternative management structure for the Convention Center.

North



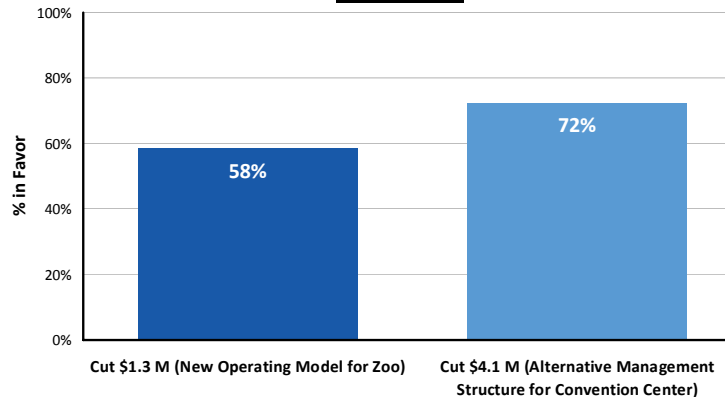
Count = 351

South



Count = 724

Overall

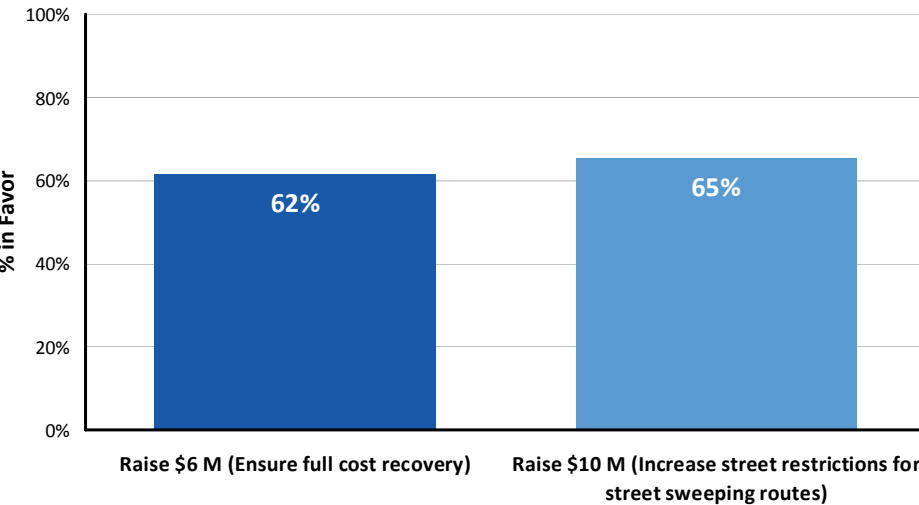


Count = 3,490

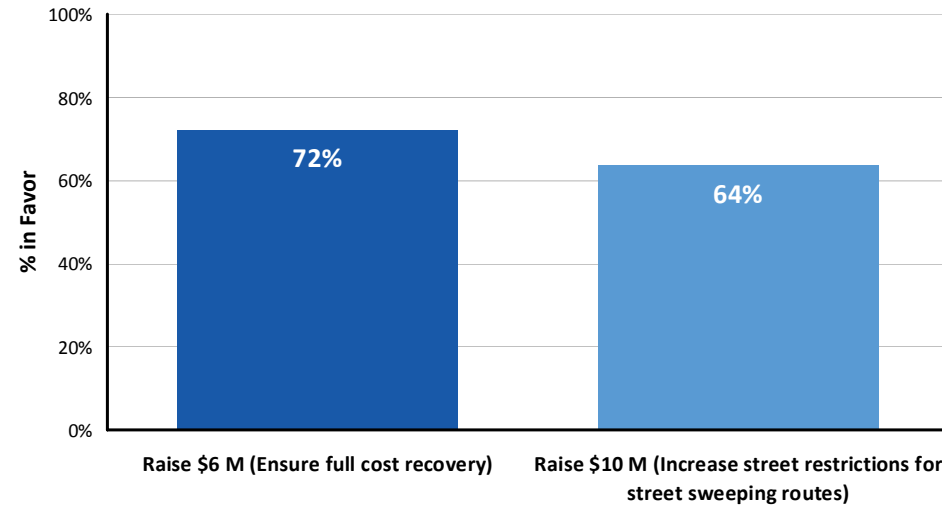
Question 14 – Licenses, Permits, Fees & Fines (LPFF)

The majority of North Valley respondents and South Valley respondents prefer to raise LPFF to ensure full cost recovery and to expand parking restrictions for street sweeping routes.

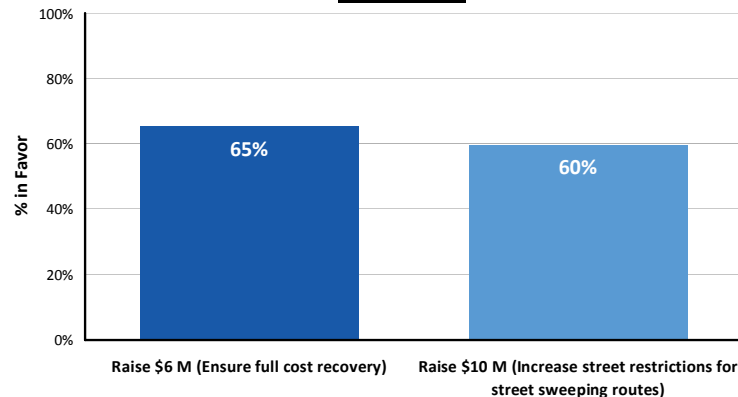
North



South



Overall



Count = 291

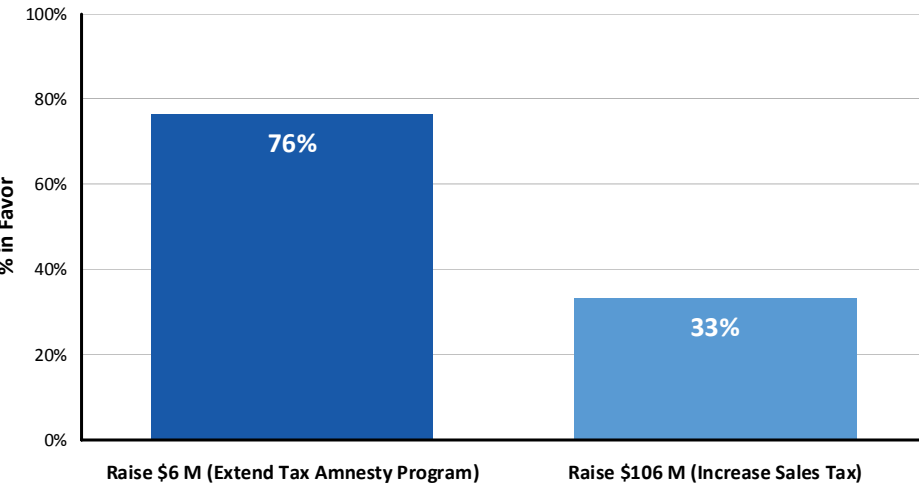
Count = 621

Count = 3,178

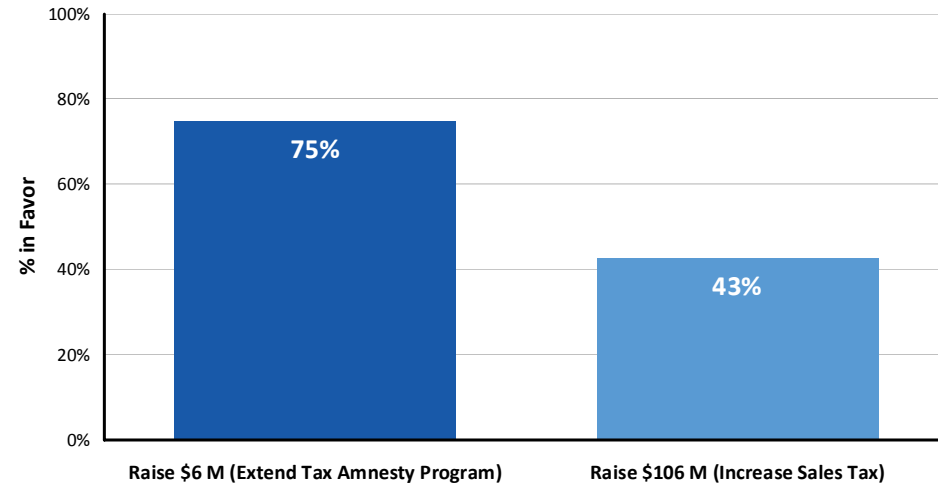
Question 15 – Tax Revenue

The majority of the North Valley and South Valley respondents prefer to extend the Tax Amnesty Program. A large majority do not prefer to increase the sales tax by a half cent.

North



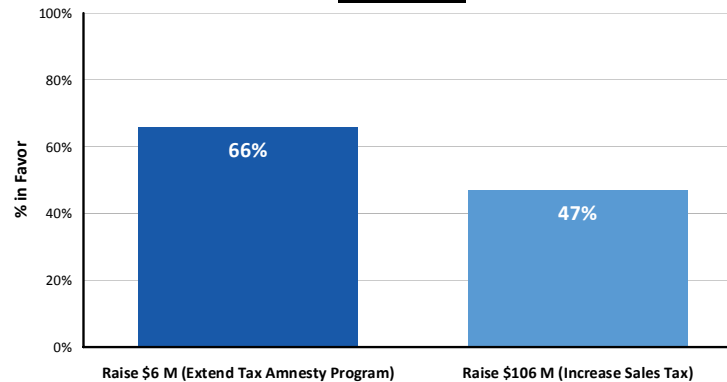
South



Count = 299

Count = 624

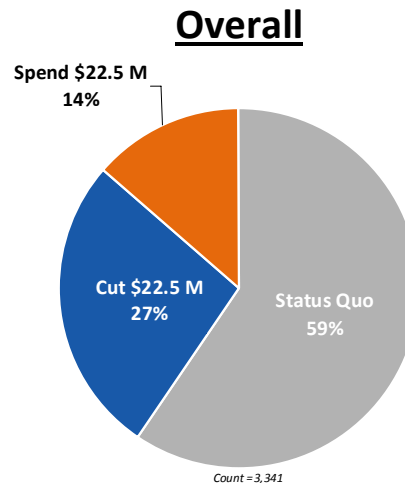
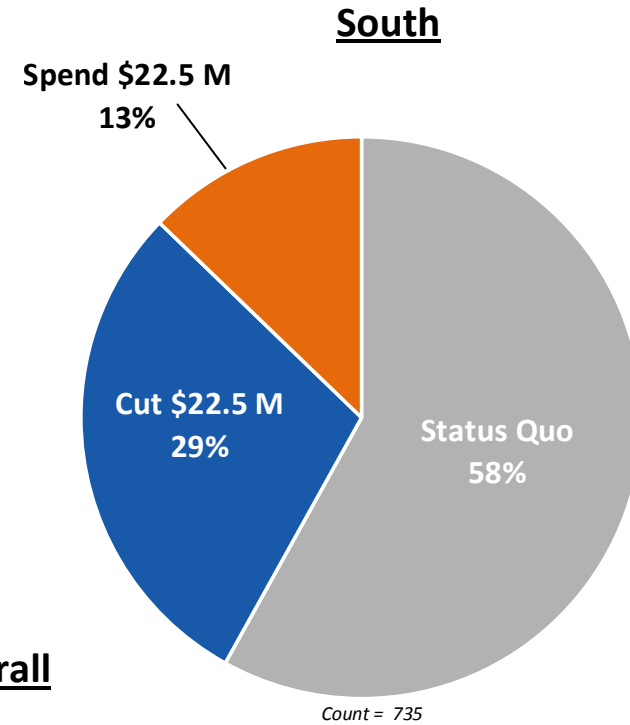
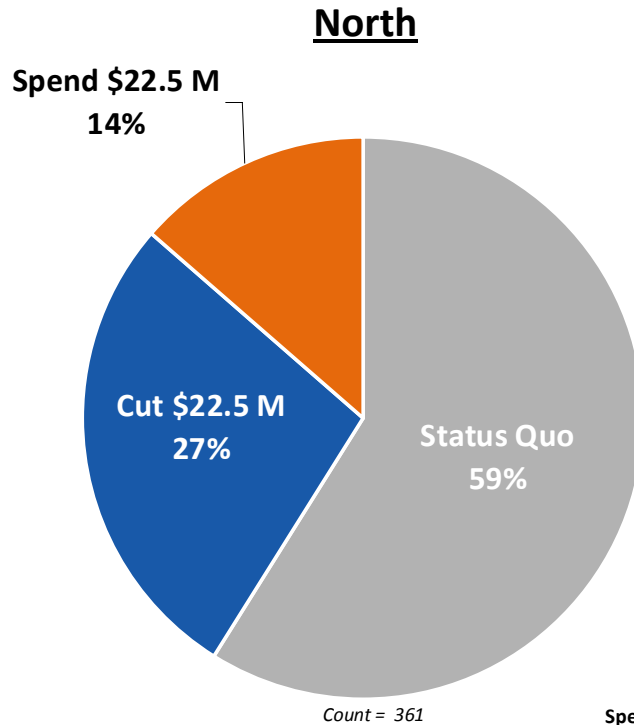
Overall



Count = 3,213

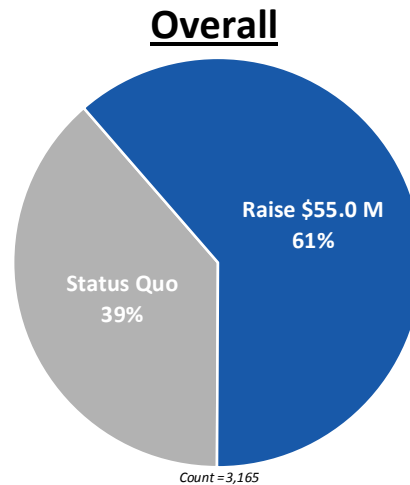
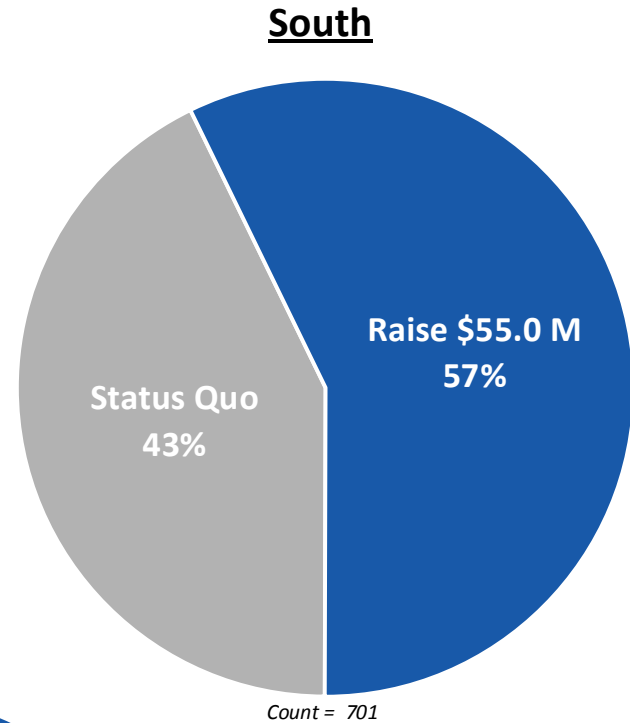
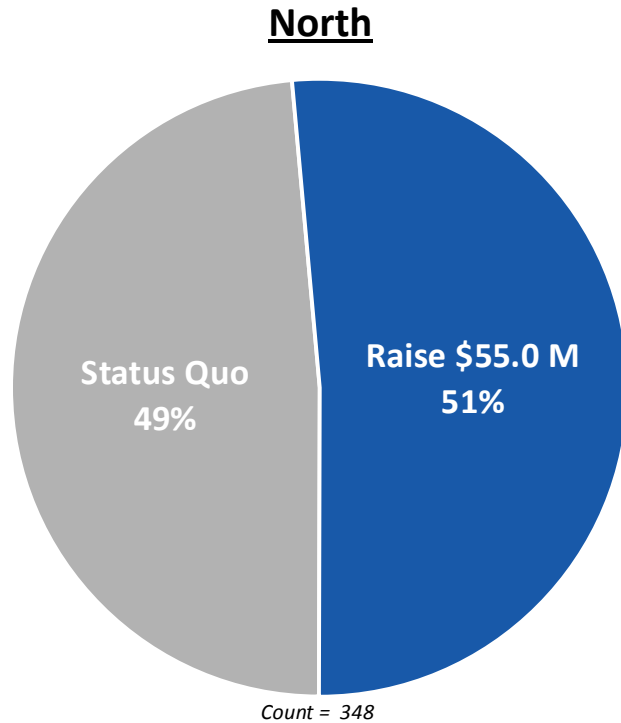
Question 16 – Reserve Fund

59% of North Valley respondents and 58% of South Valley respondents prefer to maintain the funding level of the Reserve Fund.



Question 17 – Budget Stabilization Fund

51% of North Valley respondents and 57% of South Valley respondents prefer to grow the Budget Stabilization Fund.



Summary of Responses Across All Regions

TOP PRIORITIES:

1. Police Services
2. Fire Services
3. Improved Infrastructure

LONG TERM REFORMS – Respondents Support:

- Implementing a New Economic Development Model
- Reforming Employee Health Care
- Reforming Employee Compensation
- Continuing to Reduce Workers Compensation Costs

Summary – Spending Options

Overall, respondents prefer to increase funding for Animal Services; maintain funding levels for direct services such as public safety; and reduce funding for employee compensation, constituent & legislative services, and general administration.

SPENDING OPTIONS -- Respondents Support:



Increasing funding for:

Animal Services



Maintaining funding for:

City Attorney

Fire Suppression & Prevention

Human Welfare Programs

Police Services

Recreation & Parks

Transportation, Streets & Infrastructure



Reducing funding for:

Employee Compensation & Benefits

Constituent Services, Legislative Analysis & Policy Determination

Support Services (IT, fleet, custodial, personnel, accounting, etc.)

Zoo (by implementing a new operating model)

Convention Center (by implementing an alternative management structure)

Summary – Revenue & Reserve Fund Options

With the exception of the sales tax increase, respondents support opportunities to increase revenue. In addition, they support maintaining the Reserve Fund balance and growing the Budget Stabilization Fund.

REVENUE OPTIONS -- Respondents Support:

- Ensuring full cost recovery of Licenses, Permits, Fees and Fines
- Expanding parking restrictions on currently swept streets
- Extending the Tax Amnesty Program

RESERVE FUND OPTIONS -- Respondents Support:

- Maintaining the Reserve Fund level
- Growing the Budget Stabilization Fund

Budget Development Calendar

