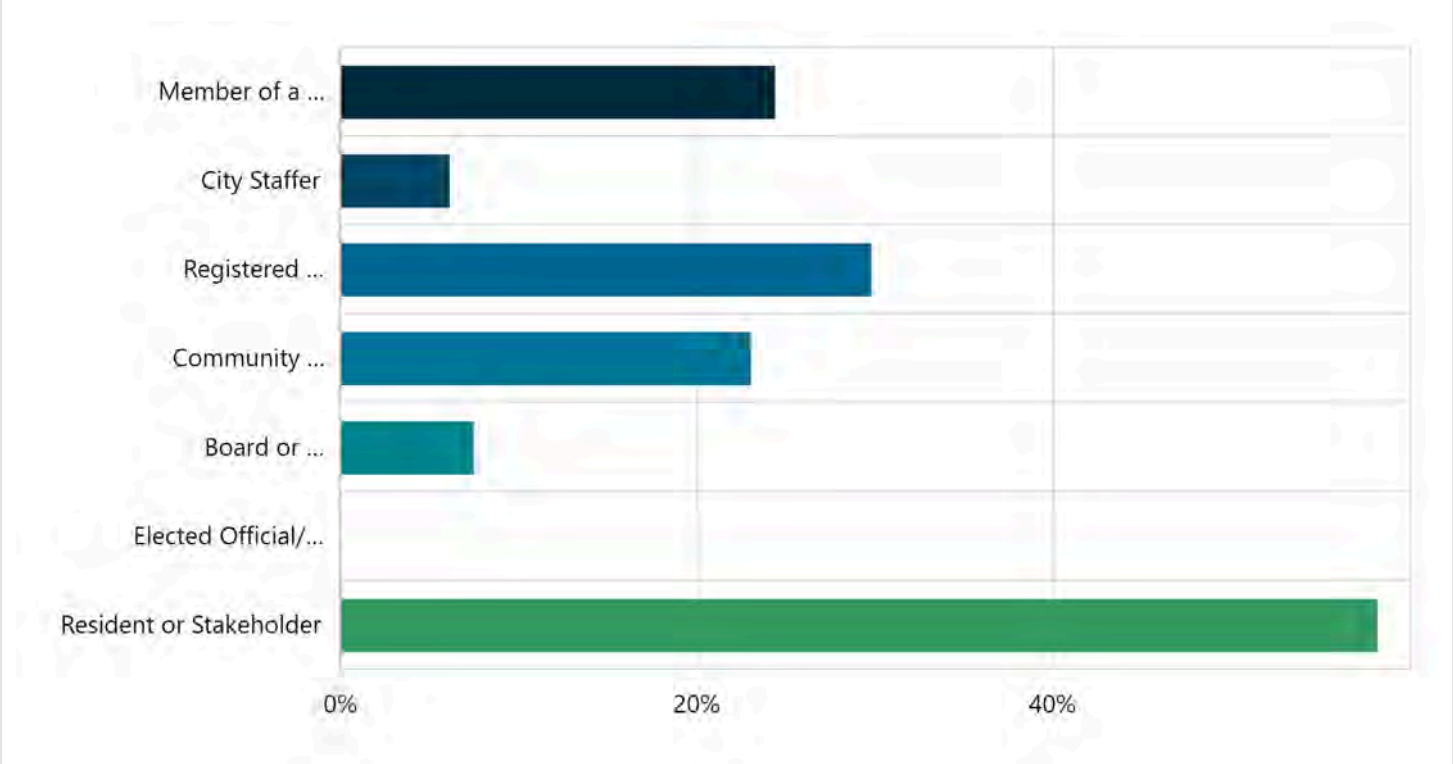Closed

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Survey Registered Community Organizations Program	**141** Contributors	**150** Contributions

Contribution Summary

1. What is your typical or most recent role when interacting with the RCO program? Select all that apply Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)

Answer choices	Percent	Count
Member of a Development Team (Developer / Applicant / Contractor / Consultant / Property Owner)	24.32%	36
City Staffer	6.08%	9
Registered Community Organization	29.73%	44
Community Organization (not a RCO)	22.97%	34
Board or Commission Member	7.43%	11
Elected Official/Council Representative	0%	0
Resident or Stakeholder	58.11%	86

**2. How do you currently interact with the RCO Program? Select all that apply** Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
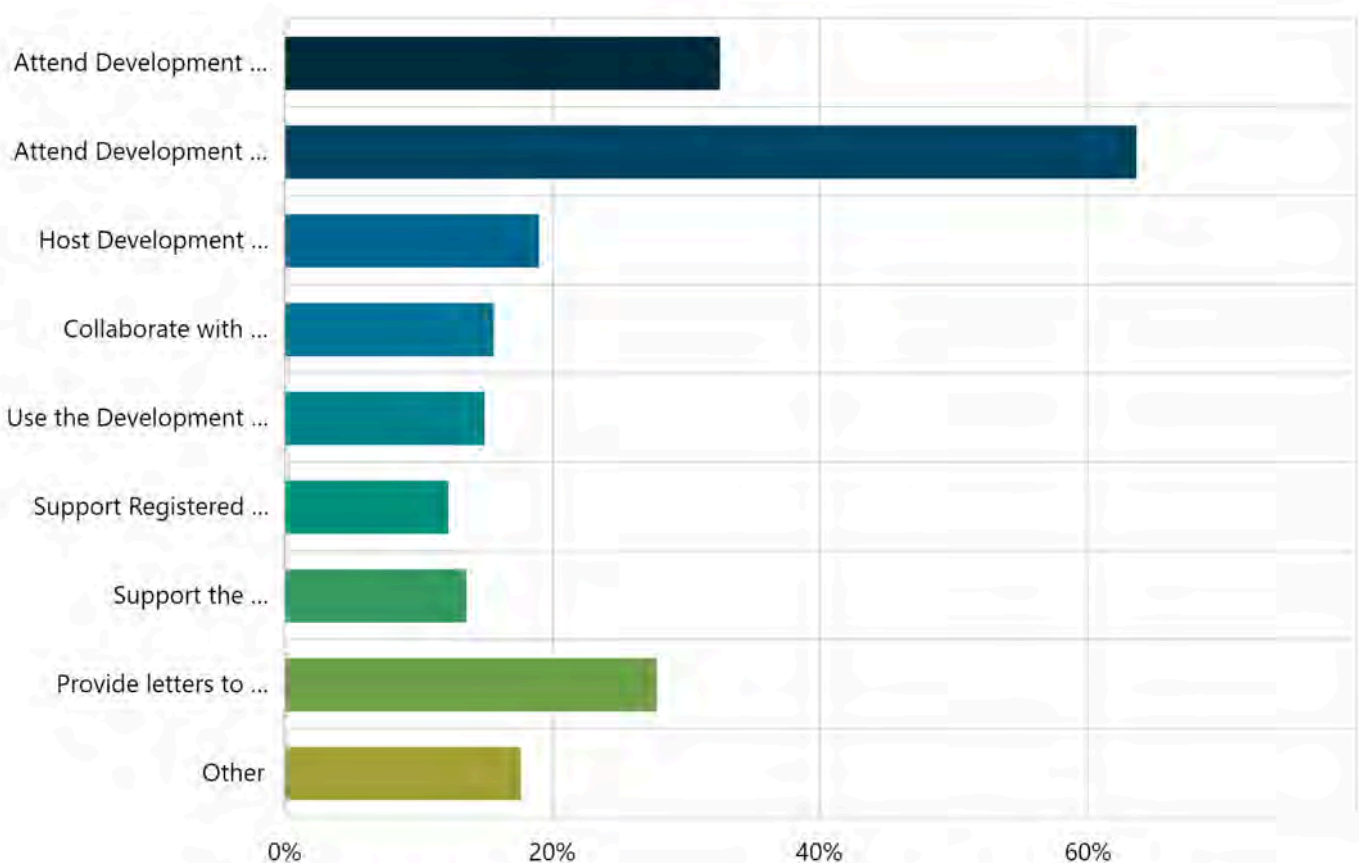
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Attend Development Activities Meetings as a presenter	32.43%	48
Attend Development Activities Meetings as a resident or stakeholder	63.51%	94
Host Development Activities Meetings as the only RCO for a geography	18.92%	28
Collaborate with DCP to administer Development Activities Meetings as an RCO where multiple RCOs operate in the same geography	15.54%	23
Use the Development Activities Meetings project reports in our decision-making	14.86%	22
Support Registered Community Organizations with funding and programming	12.16%	18
Support the development of Registered Community Organizations with legislation and letters of support	13.51%	20
Provide letters to boards/commissions sharing the RCO's position and/or community opinions relative to specific developments	27.70%	41
Other	17.57%	26

3. Do you use the DAM staff reports? Required
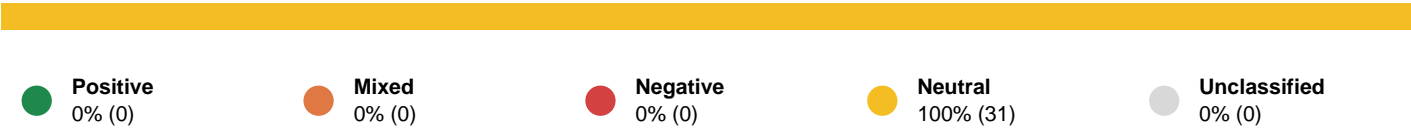Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
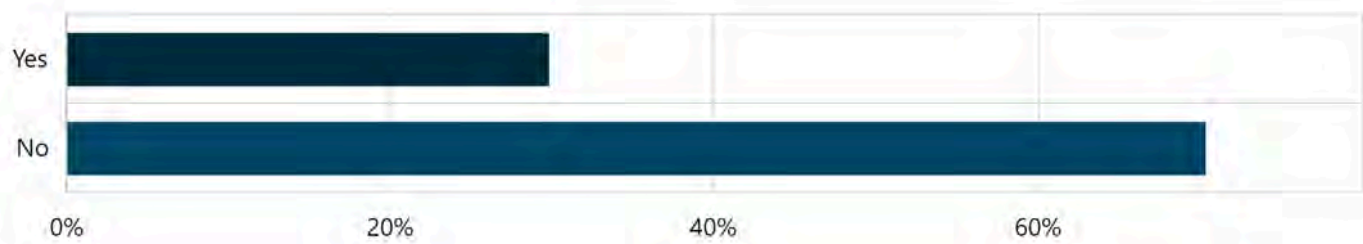
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	29.73%	44
No	70.27%	104
Total	**100.00%**	**148**

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4. How often?
Short Text | Skipped: 119 | Answered: 31 (20.7%)

Sentiment

Positive	Mixed	Negative	Neutral	Unclassified
0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (31)	0% (0)

Tags

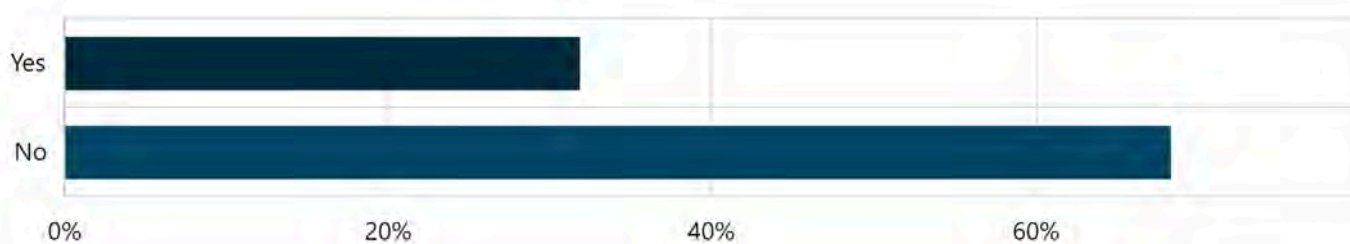| Tag	Percent	Count
Often	48%	15
Sometimes	29%	9
Very Often	19%	6
Rarely	3%	1

Featured Contributions

Always
Contribution 6 of 6 | March 17, 2023

Quarterly
Contribution 5 of 6 | March 15, 2023

Every month
Contribution 4 of 6 | March 12, 2023

As I become aware of them
Contribution 3 of 6 | February 27, 2023

After each DAM meeting prior to writing the letter of support/opposition.
Contribution 2 of 6 | February 16, 2023

I am not sure I have ever seen one.
Contribution 1 of 6 | February 13, 2023

5. Do you go back to rewatch the recording of DAM meetings when they are available? Required
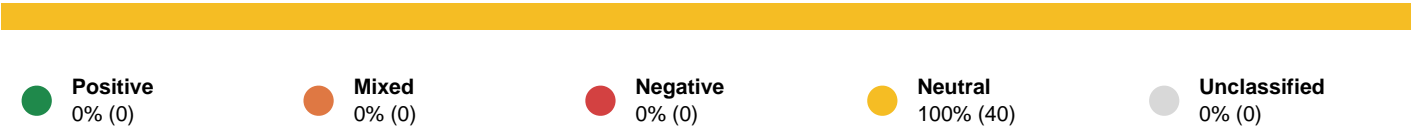
Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)

Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	31.76%	47
No	68.24%	101
Total	**100.00%**	**148**

6. How often?
Short Text | Skipped: 110 | Answered: 40 (26.7%)

Sentiment

Positive	Mixed	Negative	Neutral	Unclassified
0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (40)	0% (0)

Tags

Tag	Percent	Count
Sometimes	50%	20
Often	25%	10
Rarely	20%	8
Very Often	5%	2

Featured Contributions

When the project is complex and I want clarification.
Contribution 8 of 8 | March 17, 2023

After each meeting
Contribution 7 of 8 | March 17, 2023

4-5 times a year
Contribution 6 of 8 | March 12, 2023

Every time
Contribution 5 of 8 | March 2, 2023

very occasionally. Usually looking for something specific about a project if so
Contribution 4 of 8 | March 1, 2023

Infrequently
Contribution 3 of 8 | February 16, 2023
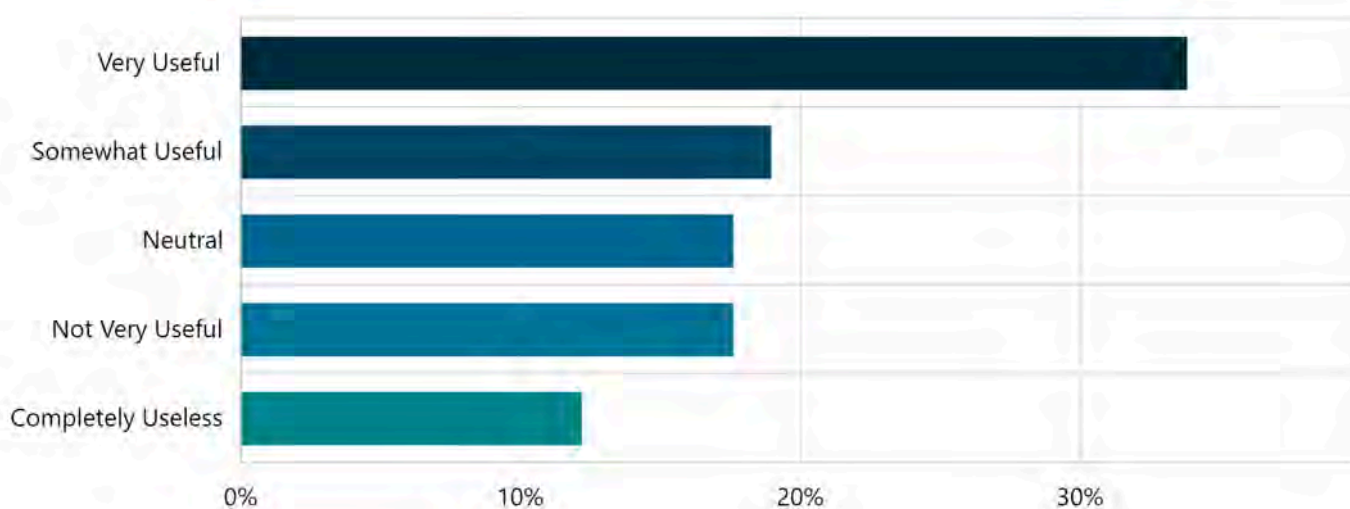
just once to review
Contribution 2 of 8 | February 14, 2023

Monthly
Contribution 1 of 8 | February 13, 2023

7. Do you think the RCO program plays a useful role in the city's development and improvement? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)

Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Useful	33.78%	50
Somewhat Useful	18.92%	28
Neutral	17.57%	26
Not Very Useful	17.57%	26
Completely Useless	12.16%	18
Total	**100.00%**	**148**

8. Collaboration between DCP and the neighborhood RCOs Required

Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
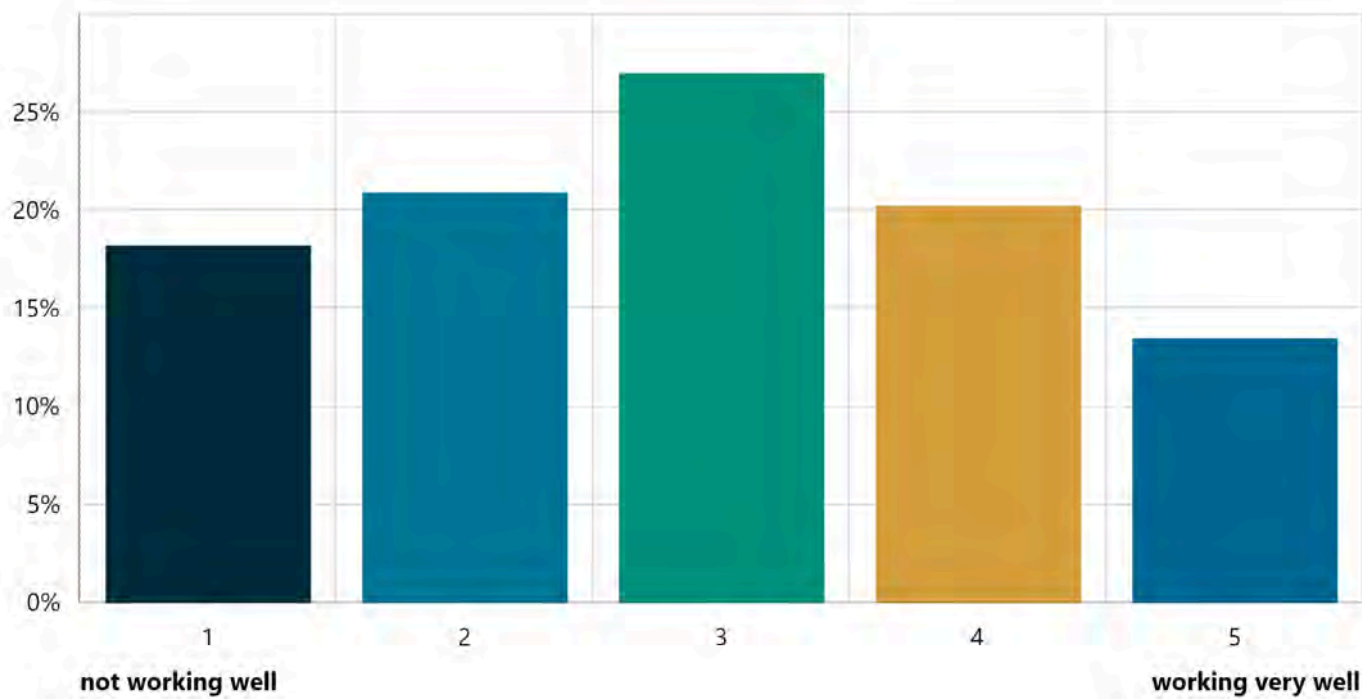
Count	Average	Median	Min	Max
148	2.90	3.00	1	5

1	2	3	4	5
18.24%	20.95%	27.03%	20.27%	13.51%
27	31	40	30	20

9. Communication between the RCOs and the Applicants, Presenters, and/or Development teams Required

Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
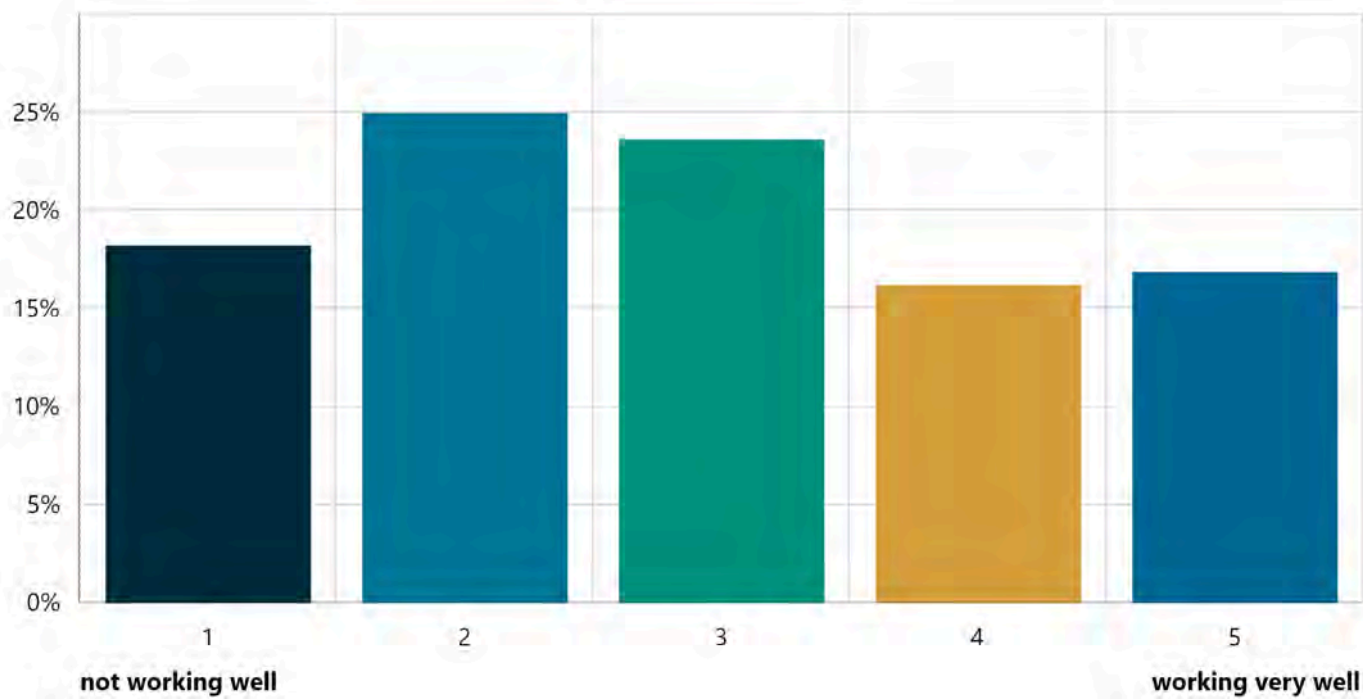
Count	Average	Median	Min	Max
148	2.89	3.00	1	5

1	2	3	4	5
18.24%	25.00%	23.65%	16.22%	16.89%
27	37	35	24	25

10. Communication and collaboration between the RCOs and Councilmembers/Elected Leaders Required

Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
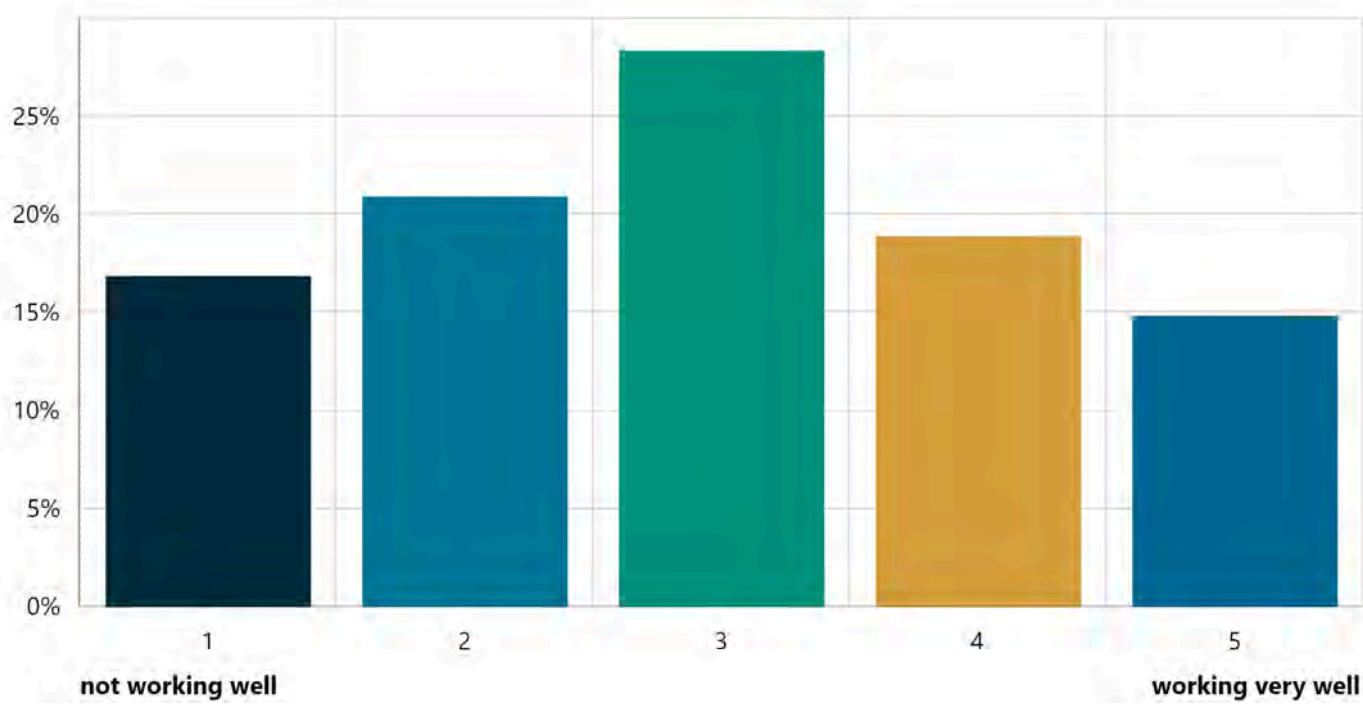
Count	Average	Median	Min	Max
148	2.94	3.00	1	5

1	2	3	4	5
16.89%	20.95%	28.38%	18.92%	14.86%
25	31	42	28	22

11. RCO engagement and information sharing in the community Required
Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
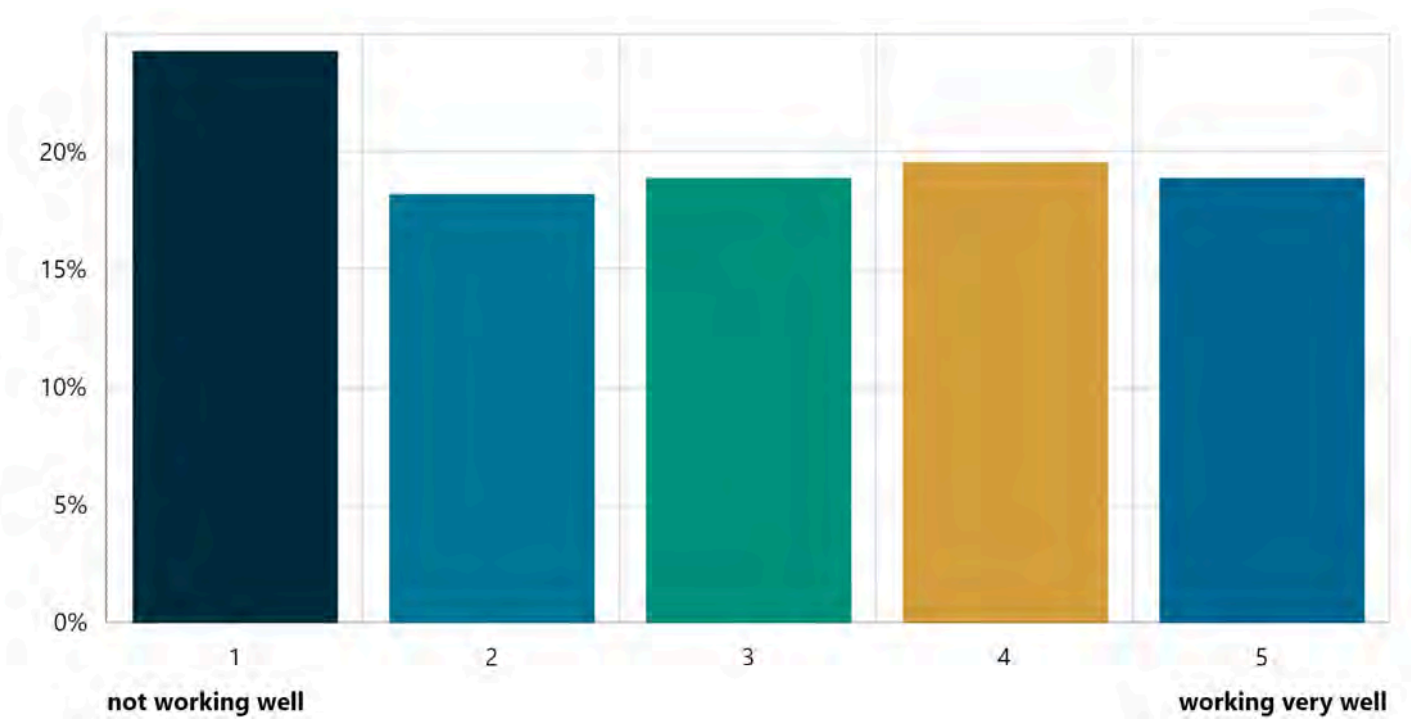
Count	Average	Median	Min	Max
148	2.91	3.00	1	5

1	2	3	4	5
24.32% 36	18.24% 27	18.92% 28	19.59% 29	18.92% 28

12. DCP's engagement and information sharing in the community Required
Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)

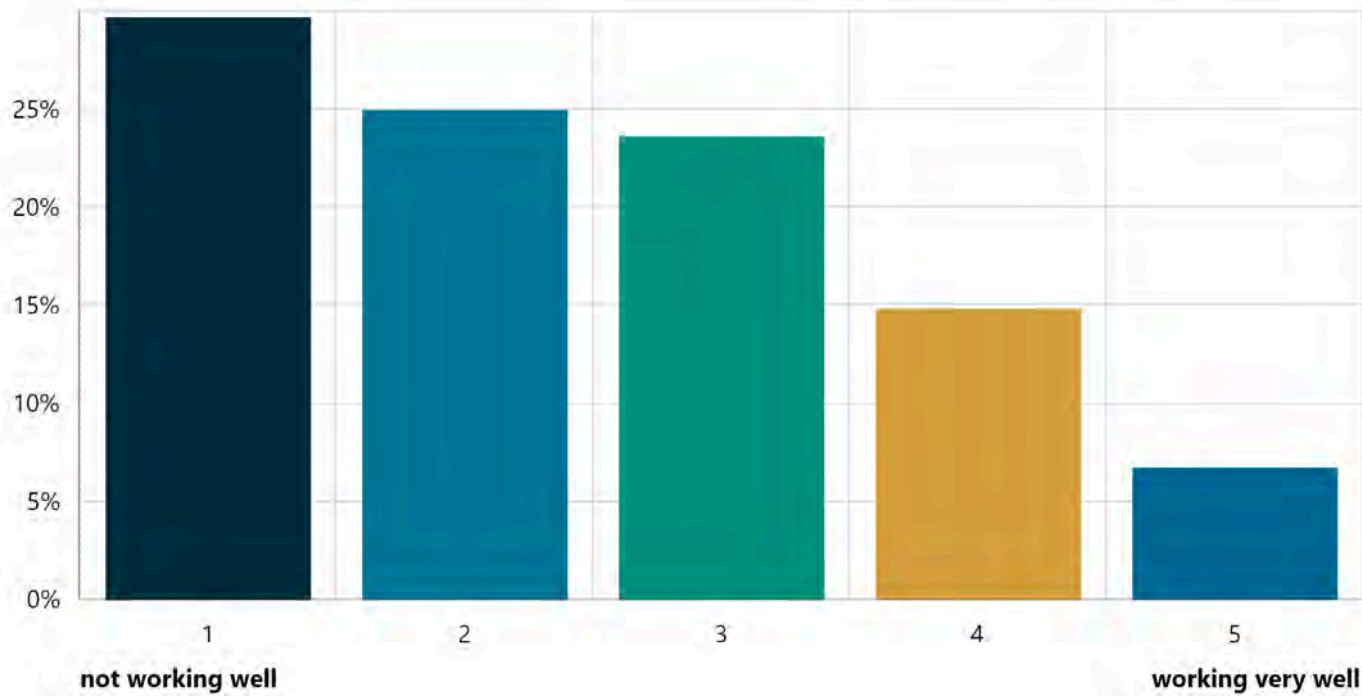| Count	Average	Median	Min	Max
148	2.44	2.00	1	5

1	2	3	4	5
29.73%	25.00%	23.65%	14.86%	6.76%
44	37	35	22	10

13. Meeting format (ie. is it open, transparent, accessible, and well-organized) Required
Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
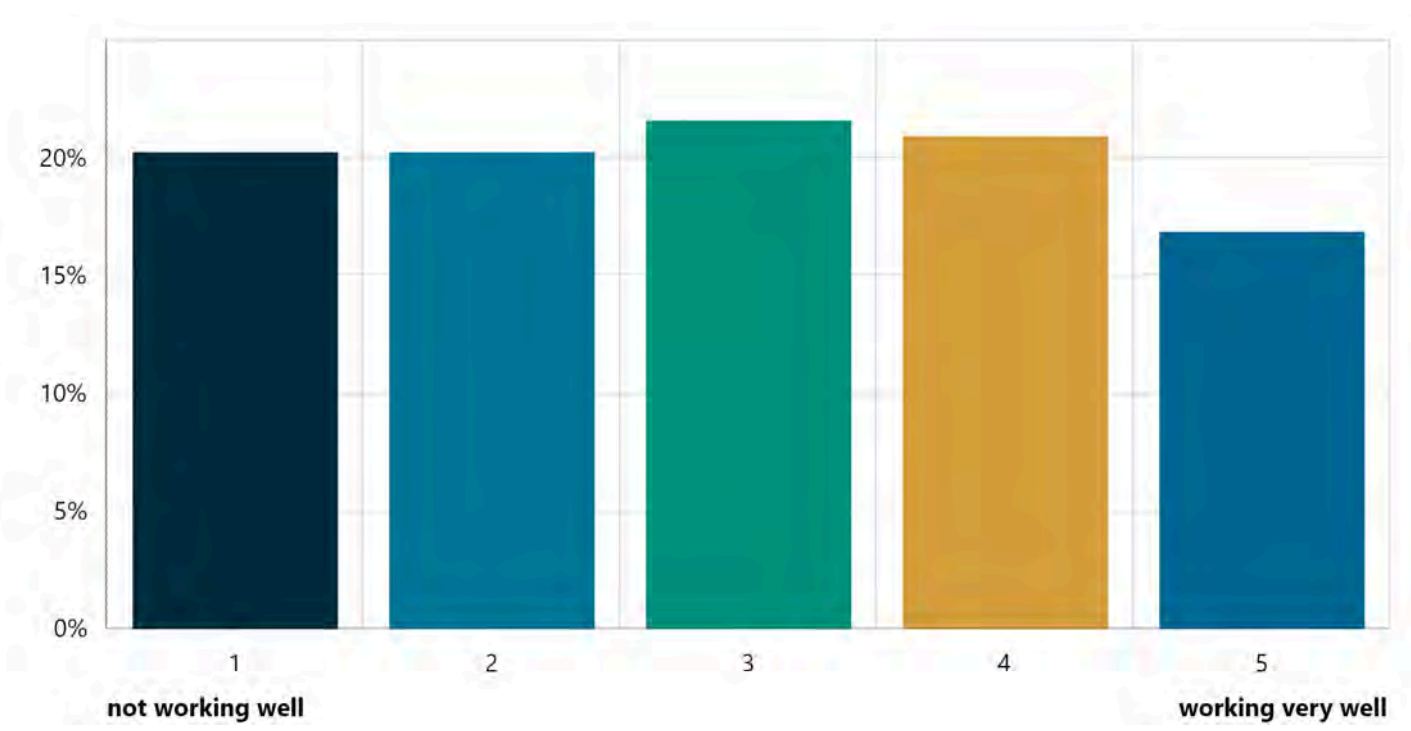
Count	Average	Median	Min	Max
148	2.94	3.00	1	5

1	2	3	4	5
20.27%	20.27%	21.62%	20.95%	16.89%
30	30	32	31	25

14. DAM Project Reporting Required

Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
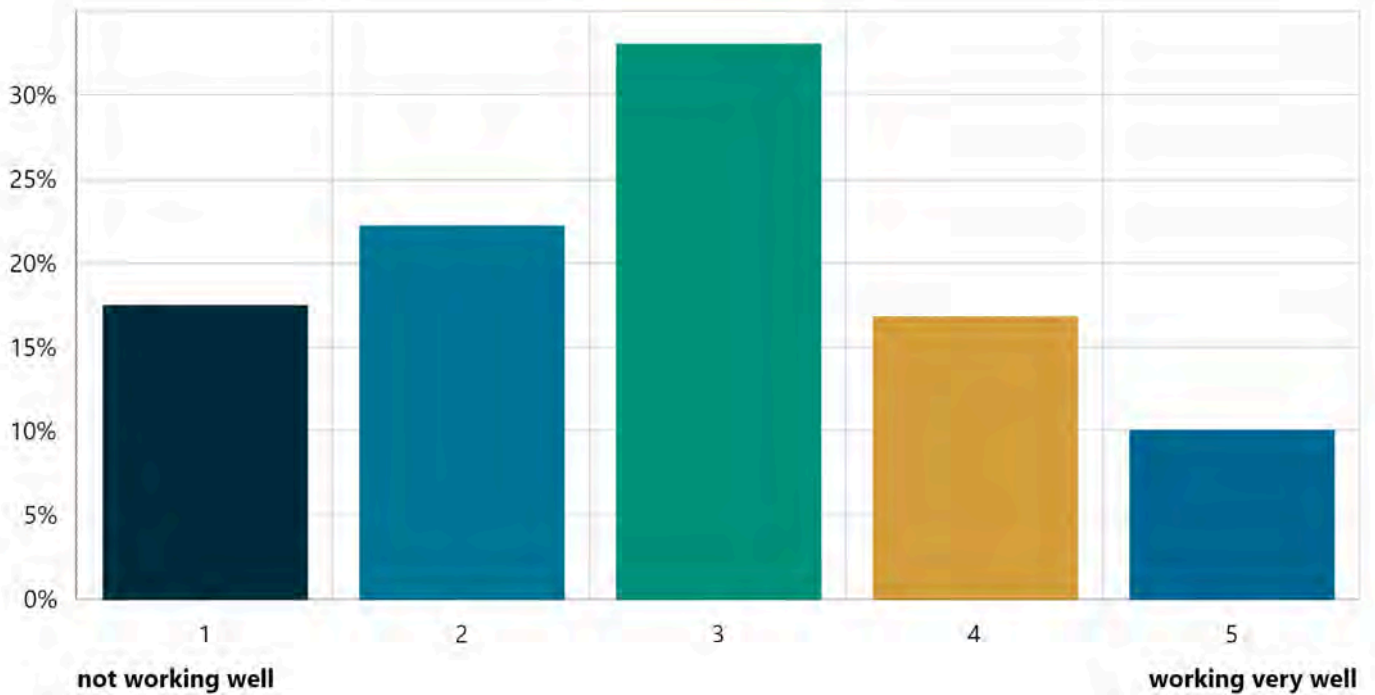
Count	Average	Median	Min	Max
148	2.80	3.00	1	5

1	2	3	4	5
17.57%	22.30%	33.11%	16.89%	10.14%
26	33	49	25	15

15. Collaboration between RCOs working in the same geography Required
Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
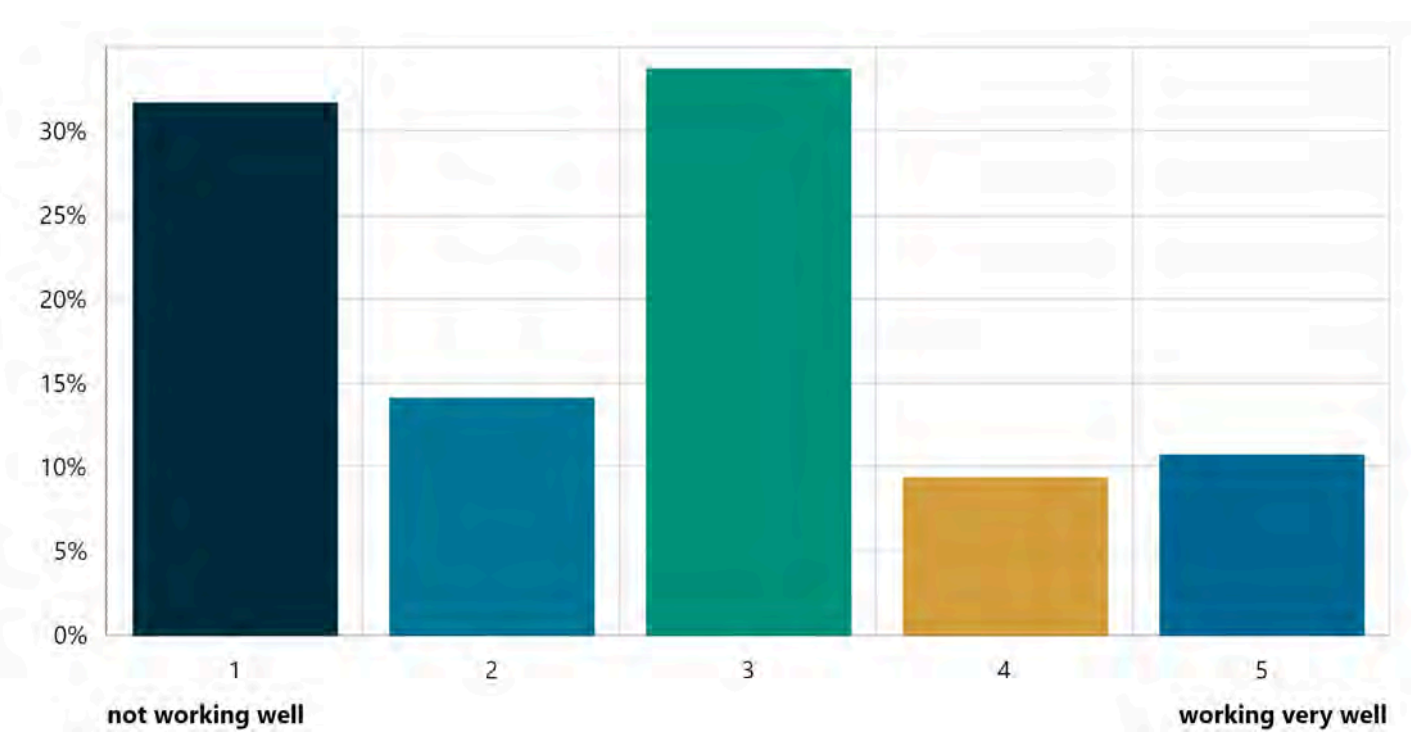
Count	Average	Median	Min	Max
148	2.53	3.00	1	5

1	2	3	4	5
31.76%	14.19%	33.78%	9.46%	10.81%
47	21	50	14	16

16. DCP's citywide administration of the RCO program Required
Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
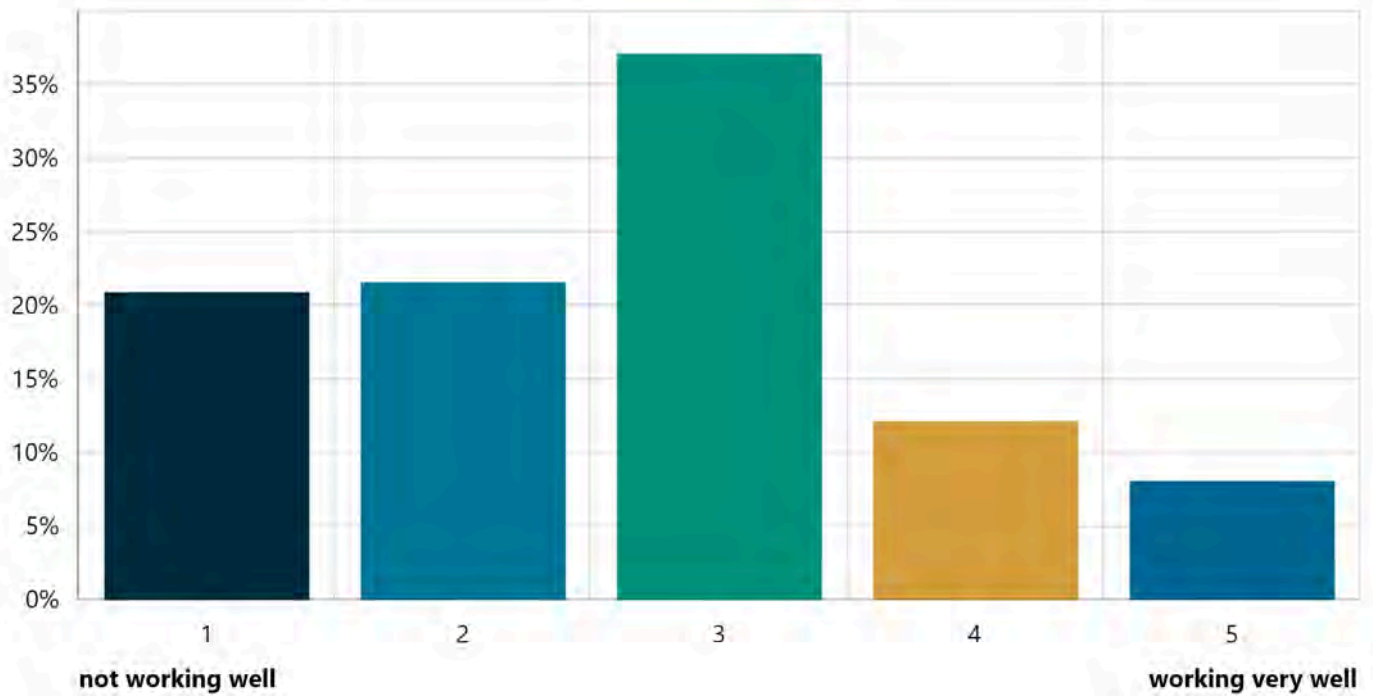
Count	Average	Median	Min	Max
148	2.65	3.00	1	5

1	2	3	4	5
20.95%	21.62%	37.16%	12.16%	8.11%
31	32	55	18	12

17. Community's ability to shape a proposed project Required
Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
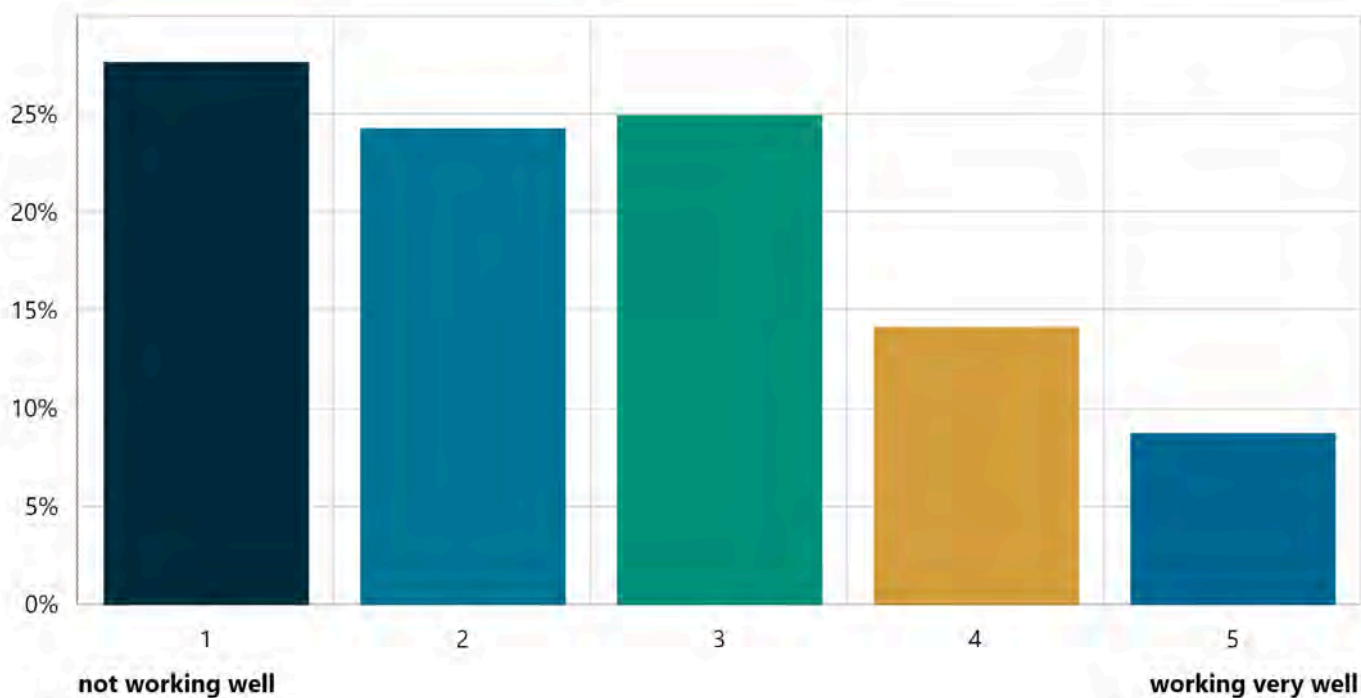
Count	Average	Median	Min	Max
148	2.52	2.00	1	5

1	2	3	4	5
27.70%	24.32%	25.00%	14.19%	8.78%
41	36	37	21	13

18. Notification of project proposals requiring a DAM Required
Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
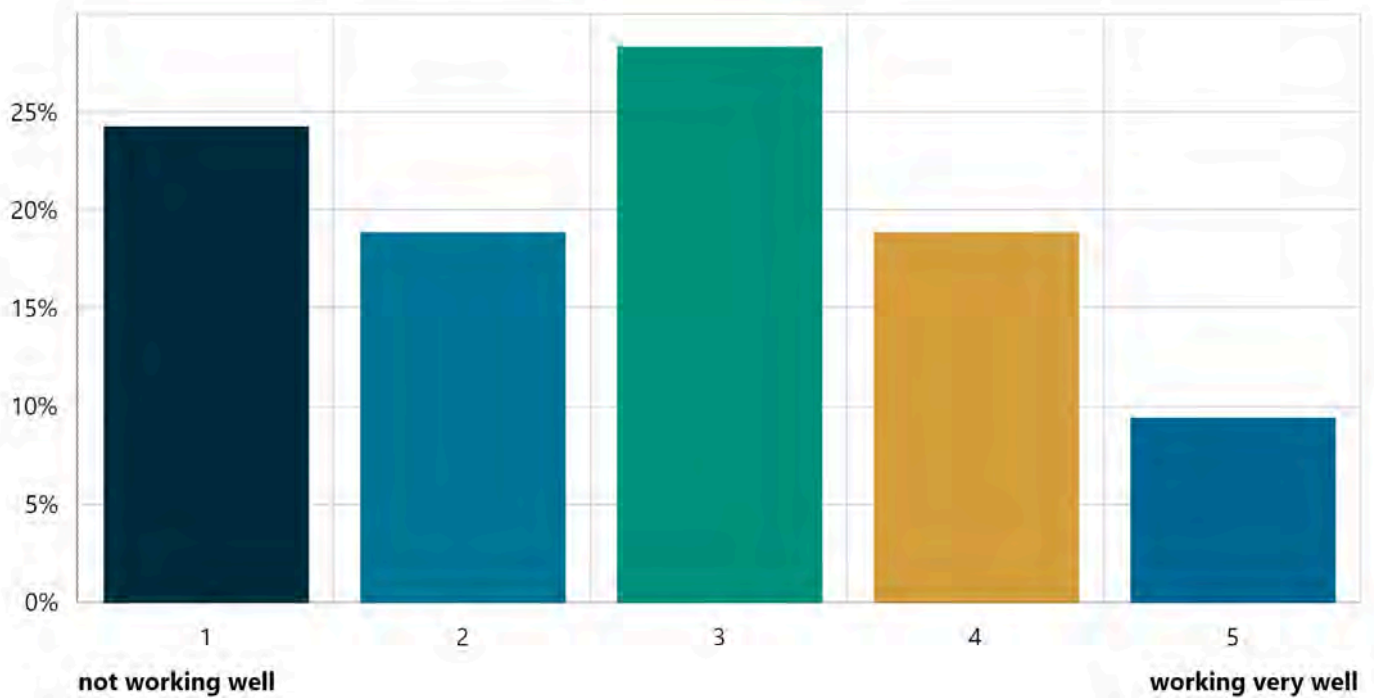
Count	Average	Median	Min	Max
148	2.70	3.00	1	5

1	2	3	4	5
24.32% 36	18.92% 28	28.38% 42	18.92% 28	9.46% 14

19. Communication of the Board / Commission approvals being sought by development team Required

Slider | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
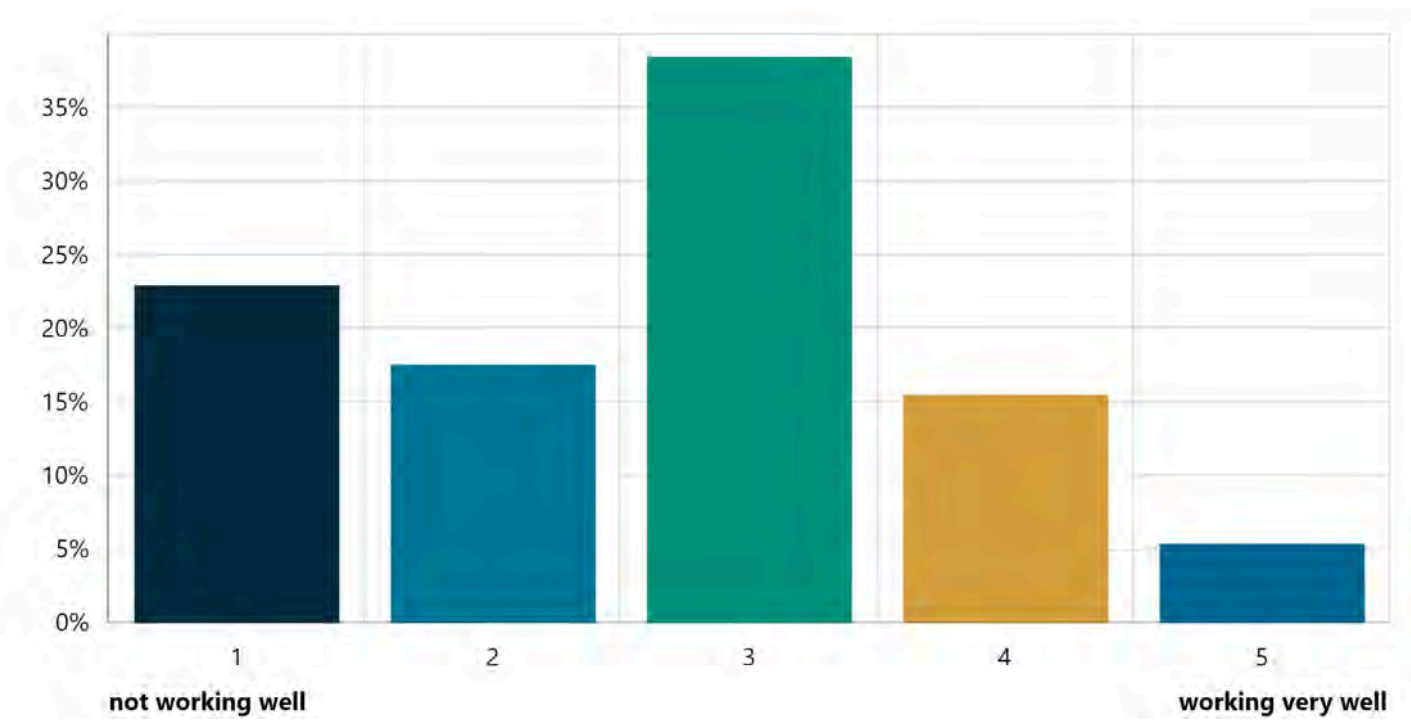
Count	Average	Median	Min	Max
148	2.63	3.00	1	5

1	2	3	4	5
22.97%	17.57%	38.51%	15.54%	5.41%
34	26	57	23	8

20. Considering your responses to the questions above, what would you change about the RCO program and how it is administered? Required

Long Text | Skipped: 8 | Answered: 142 (94.7%)

Sentiment

| | Positive 8% (12) | Mixed 30% (43) | Negative 31% (44) | Neutral 30% (43) | Unclassified 0% (0) |

Tags

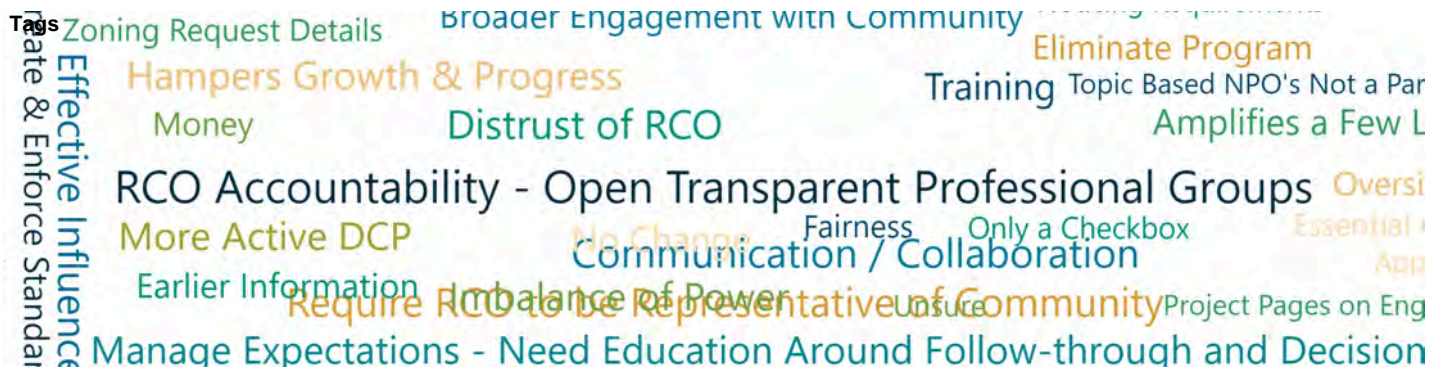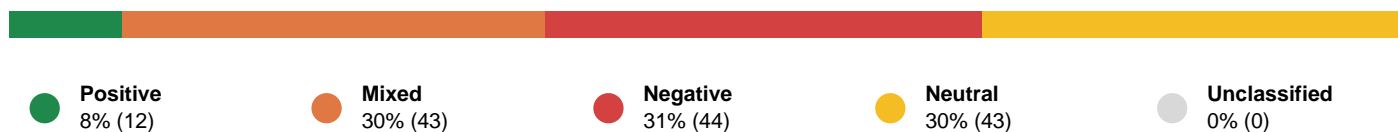| Tag	Percent	Count
RCO Accountability - Open Transparent Professional Groups	10%	14
Communication / Collaboration	8%	11
Distrust of RCO	8%	11
Require RCO to be Representative of Community	8%	11
Effective Influence	8%	11
Imbalance of Power	7%	10
Hampers Growth & Progress	7%	10
Manage Expectations - Need Education Around Follow-through and Decision Making Process	7%	10
More Active DCP	7%	10
Training	6%	9
Amplifies a Few Loud Voices	6%	8
No Change	6%	8
Create & Enforce Standards	5%	7
Broader Engagement with Community	5%	7
Earlier Information	5%	7
Eliminate Program	5%	7

RCO DRP (Criticism)	4%	6
Money	4%	6
Oversight Improvements	4%	6
Communication Strategy Methods	4%	6
RCO Support	4%	5
Fairness	4%	5
Zoning Request Details	4%	5
Essential Civic Process	4%	5
Project Thresholds	4%	5
NO Geographic Overlap	4%	5
Only a Checkbox	3%	4
Meaningful Engagement	3%	4
Requirements to Become RCO	3%	4
Unsure	3%	4
Simplify Program	3%	4
Promotes NIMBYism	3%	4
Community Voice	3%	4
Topic Based NPO's Not a Part of Process	2%	3
Project Pages on Engage	2%	3
Applicant Burden	2%	3
Scheduling	2%	3
Project Timelines	2%	3
Noticing Requirements	2%	3
Staff Shoutout!	2%	3
Need to Address Community Engagement in N'hoods without RCO	2%	3

Featured Contributions

The RCO process many times becomes a bully pulpit for a select few. The loudest voice seems to get the attention, even though they might not represent the collective view of the community. When you have 2-3 RCO's in one district it becomes a power struggle over who views are more important. I find the process very cumbersome and complicated.
Contribution 6 of 6 | March 21, 2023

The RCO has failed to provide a clear pathway for community INPUT into development activities, failed to clear the logjam of various opinions weighing in about a proposed development, and failed to deliver better development outcomes. It has empowered NIMBYism, and fails in any way to take into account the economics of development in our community. Opinion and wishes replace analysis and discussion. The RCOs are not trained, vetted or held accountable enough.
Contribution 5 of 6 | March 9, 2023

As someone familiar with the RCO process both from a presenter perspective and community member the RCO program is still unfamiliar for many folks not close to the process. More education from RCOs themselves to the community as well as promotion from the DCP on how this is an effect community tool as it relates to development activities.
Contribution 4 of 6 | March 1, 2023

I am new to the city (moved in 2019) and I have been impressed and frequently brag about the RCO system. The RCO system gives neighborhood organizers a slight authority, engages community members and gives the community a sense of control over their destiny. While I do feel that larger city projects continue with or without RCO input, and more neighborhoods need an RCO, and the process can be somewhat challenging to achieve, I believe the RCO program is excellent overall.
Contribution 3 of 6 | February 16, 2023

I don't think that one RCO should be able to be the voice of the entire community. I like having multiple RCOs within a community if that community has multiple RCOs in place and that level of engagement. Alternatively, I'm not sure we still need RCOs. The City could run this process instead as an alternative as the RCO process has become in some cases too political. Projects have started to be judged not based on their merit but based on if the RCO likes the person or organization presenting the project and that has compromised it's integrity in some cases.
Contribution 2 of 6 | February 13, 2023
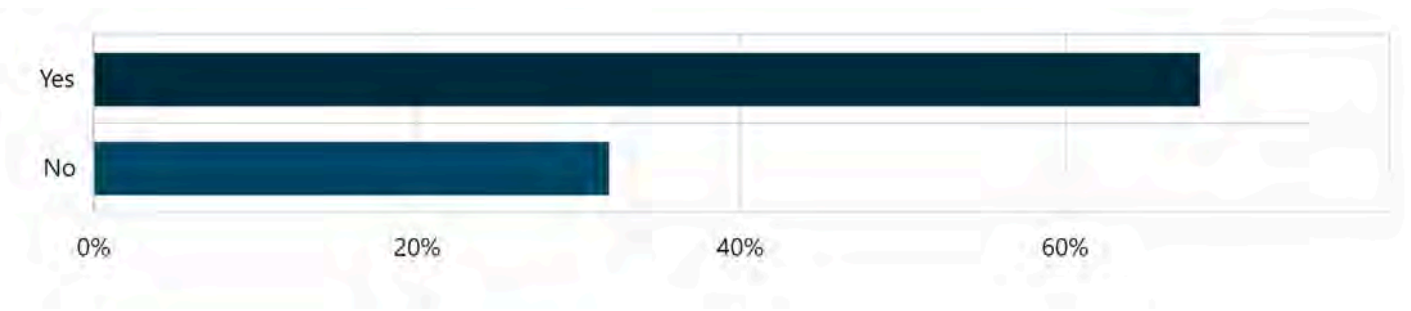
Give the City Planners more time to administer it, not have it be an add-on to their job.
Contribution 1 of 6 | February 13, 2023

21. Do you think the RCO program should continue? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)

Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	68.24%	101
No	31.76%	47
Total	**100.00%**	**148**

22. Why should the program continue? Required
Long Text | Skipped: 55 | Answered: 95 (63.3%)

Sentiment

● **Positive** 77% (73)	● **Mixed** 19% (18)	● **Negative** 0% (0)	● **Neutral** 4% (4)	● **Unclassified** 0% (0)
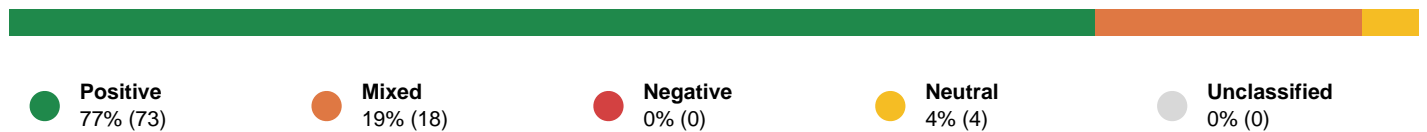
Tags

Tag	Percent	Count
Broader Engagement with Community	36%	34
Community Voice	28%	27
Need A Defined Community Engagement Process	21%	20
Essential Civic Process	19%	18
RCO Accountability - Open Transparent Professional Groups	15%	14
Neighborhood Impacts	15%	14
Information Sharing	14%	13
Communication / Collaboration	12%	11
Develops Relationships	12%	11
Manage Expectations - Need Education Around Follow-through and Decision Making Process	8%	8
Effective Influence	7%	7
Legitimacy / Credibility	6%	6
Transparency	3%	3
Dependent - RCO Capacity	3%	3
Require RCO to be Representative of Community	3%	3
NO Geographic Overlap	2%	2

Need to Address Community Engagement in N'hoods without RCO	2%	2

Featured Contributions

As an RCO we are the City recognized voice of the community! It allows community members and stakeholders to come together and give valuable input, feedback, and support for changes that are coming into our communities. I look at this RCO program as an opportunity to provide a foundation that allows community members to connect and contribute to making their Neighborhoods a better place to live and thrive. As the RCO we are the voice of the community!!! As an RCO we look forward to connecting with other community RCOs to better the relationship between communities, coming together to solve joint neighborhood problems with the help of the City. The RCO plays a vital role in the future of our community lives.
Contribution 6 of 6 | March 17, 2023

RCO is a very weak ordinance, but it is a necessary requirement, otherwise there is no structured approach to evaluate projects and give the RCO/community the opportunity to articulate their concerns. HOWEVER the ordinance as structured supports the developer and doesn't facilitate informing the RCO/community in advance of the meeting and the resolution of the RCO/community's concerns after the meeting has been held. There is no requirement for a followup meeting to resolve concerns/issues. Multiple RCOs covering the same geographical area should be recognized as facilitating what is best for that community. No single RCO represents the community unless the majority of the community's residents make that acknowledgement publicly clear in a written format.
Contribution 5 of 6 | March 13, 2023

Getting feedback from the community that you will be a part of is important but there needs to be better control on what and when the RCO can ask from a developer. Most developers want to be good partners with the community and as such will work with the RCO's but there needs to be guidance.
Contribution 4 of 6 | March 8, 2023

Being accredited as an RCO 1. Ensures our community group is open, transparent and keeps accurate records available to the neighborhood 2. Ensures community members get at least one meeting with a developer, which pre- RCO was near impossible 3. Educates the public about large projects and the impacts and benefits of those projects, which in turn lessens feelings of 'no one cares about our community,' 'the city doesn't listen' etc
Contribution 3 of 6 | March 2, 2023

Pittsburgh Northside neighborhoods are experiencing development after a long period of little development and it is important for residents to prepare for and have *real* input in the future of their streets, neighborhood and city. It is crucial that developers not have more power than residents and that community development organizations be held accountable to residents, whether those residents are members of the organization or not. The RCO program has the potential to assist the city in communicating to all residents. The program's benefit has not been fully realized yet and the DCP should have an opportunity for it to be improved.
Contribution 2 of 6 | February 14, 2023

Whatever problems and shortcomings the RCO program may have, it is far better than the very loose procedures that existed before. Developers had virtually no mandate to even inform residents, let alone work with us.
Contribution 1 of 6 | February 13, 2023

23. Why should the program end? Required
Long Text | Skipped: 103 | Answered: 47 (31.3%)

Sentiment

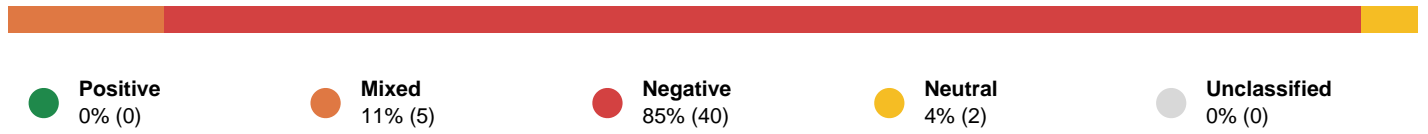|				
● **Positive** 0% (0)	● **Mixed** 11% (5)	● **Negative** 85% (40)	● **Neutral** 4% (2)	● **Unclassified** 0% (0)

Tags

Imbalance of Power · Transparency · Insuccessful · Promotes NIMBYism · Amplifies a Few Loud Voices · Exclusive · Accountability · Money · RCO DRP (Criticism) · Employee Burden · Conflict of Interest · Distrust of RCO · More Active DCP · Hampers Growth & Progress · Community Voice · Inequitable · Doesn't Influence Outcome · NO Geographic Overlap

Tag	Percent	Count
Distrust of RCO	15%	7
Exclusive	13%	6
Unclear Process	13%	6
Conflict of Interest	11%	5
Amplifies a Few Loud Voices	11%	5
Hampers Growth & Progress	9%	4
More Active DCP	9%	4
Doesn't Influence Outcome	9%	4
Unsuccessful	9%	4
Imbalance of Power	6%	3
Inequitable	6%	3
Promotes NIMBYism	6%	3
Employee Burden	6%	3
Community Voice	6%	3
Money	6%	3
NO Geographic Overlap	6%	3

Require RCO to be Representative of Community	6%	3
Transparency	4%	2
RCO DRP (Criticism)	4%	2
Accountability	4%	2
Backdoor Deals / Pay to Play	4%	2

Featured Contributions

Program is a checkbox that lacks meaningful engagement. It adds unnecessary time to an already too long process. Some RCO's have codified this into pay for play, see Oakland, in the past. Community input should be involved in development but community should not drive development. Development should be responsive to community needs and goals. That can be accomplished without RCOs, which only appear to muddy the process (behind door meetings, adds time/lack of efficiency, not always clear how to navigate).
Contribution 4 of 4 | March 30, 2023

The RCO program empowers entrenched neighborhood interests and leads to lower-density projects and less housing. It only aids NIMBYs and individuals and businesses with conflicting interests, and often the capricious desires of a few loud voices and city staff.
Contribution 3 of 4 | March 8, 2023

I have not seen value that outweighs applicant and stakeholder cost, employee burden, and inequity of what voices are elevated through this system.
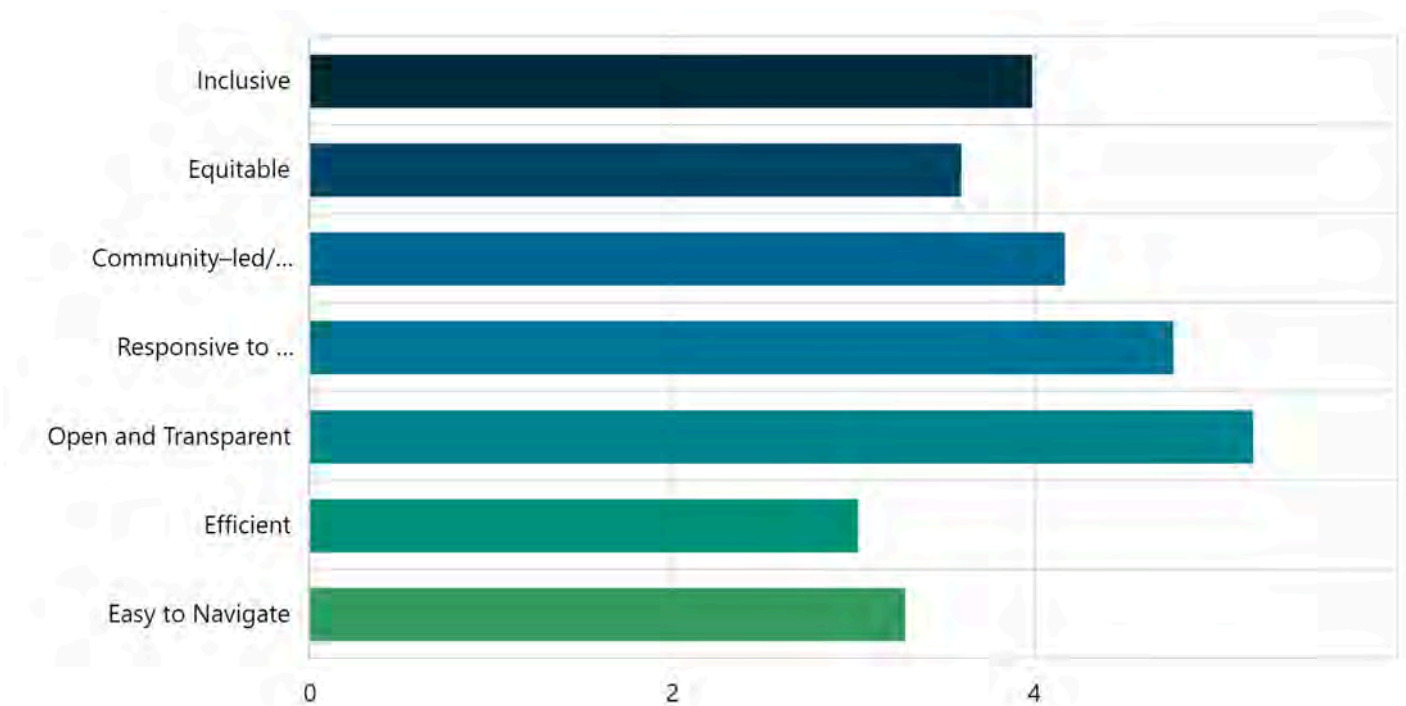Contribution 2 of 4 | February 28, 2023

The tiered/privileged hierarchy the RCOs establish is corrosive to community-building. And the regimented format of the DAMs is inaccessible and inscrutable.
Contribution 1 of 4 | February 13, 2023

24. How would you define a successful development program or process? Required

Ranking | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)

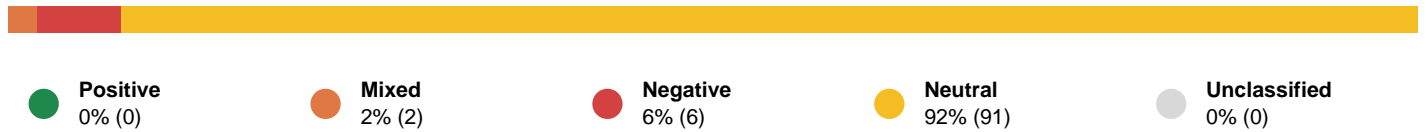|	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Inclusive	11.49% 17	8.78% 13	17.57% 26	25.68% 38	12.16% 18	13.51% 20	10.81% 16	148	3.98	4.02
Equitable	7.43% 11	10.14% 15	8.78% 13	20.27% 30	24.32% 36	19.59% 29	9.46% 14	148	3.59	4.41
Community–led/ Community-driven	18.92% 28	18.24% 27	12.16% 18	9.46% 14	11.49% 17	11.49% 17	18.24% 27	148	4.16	3.84
Responsive to Community need(s)	21.62% 32	19.59% 29	15.54% 23	14.86% 22	16.89% 25	8.11% 12	3.38% 5	148	4.76	3.24
Open and Transparent	24.32% 36	25.00% 37	23.65% 35	9.46% 14	10.14% 15	6.08% 9	1.35% 2	148	5.20	2.80
Efficient	6.08% 9	8.78% 13	10.14% 15	10.81% 16	14.86% 22	18.92% 28	30.41% 45	148	3.02	4.98
Easy to Navigate	10.14% 15	9.46% 14	12.16% 18	9.46% 14	10.14% 15	22.30% 33	26.35% 39	148	3.28	4.72

Score - Sum of the weight of each ranked position, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total contributions. Weights are inverse to ranked positions.
Avg Rank - Sum of the ranked position of the choice, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total 'Count' of the choice.

25. Following up on the previous question, is there something missing from that list that is important to a successful development program or process?

Short Text | Skipped: 51 | Answered: 99 (66%)

Sentiment

| Positive 0% (0) | Mixed 2% (2) | Negative 6% (6) | Neutral 92% (91) | Unclassified 0% (0) |

Tags

Effective Influence Consistency / Clarity Metrics Money RCO Support Zoning Request Details Manage Expectations - Need Education Around Follow-through and Decision Making Process Noticing Requirements Most of Those are Equally Important Create & Enforce Standards Diplomacy Information Sharing Accountability Need A Defined Community Engagement Process Selfless Leadership more community engagement needed

Tag	Percent	Count
Manage Expectations - Need Education Around Follow-through and Decision Making Process	10%	10
Most of Those are Equally Important	7%	7
Communication / Collaboration	4%	4
Diplomacy	3%	3
Money	3%	3
Consistency / Clarity	3%	3
Create & Enforce Standards	3%	3
Zoning Request Details	2%	2
Need A Defined Community Engagement Process	2%	2
Information Sharing	2%	2
RCO Support	2%	2
Accountability	2%	2
more community engagement needed	2%	2
Metrics	2%	2
Noticing Requirements	2%	2
Selfless Leadership	2%	2

Effective Influence	2%	2

Featured Contributions

Given time to fully understand the development process.
Contribution 5 of 5 | March 27, 2023

maybe a better explanation of the fact that the vast majority of the City was built without a demand that anyone genuflect in front of nearby neighbors for approval?
Contribution 4 of 5 | March 13, 2023

Better communication to residents
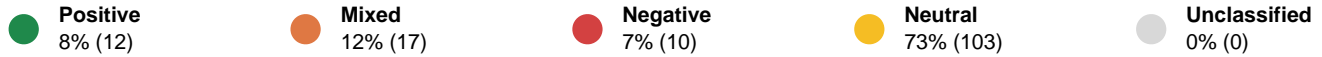Contribution 3 of 5 | March 8, 2023

General knowledge, understanding, and literacy around HOW developments happen, and what the role of the community is and where the community can have a say.
Contribution 2 of 5 | March 7, 2023

No but this list was very challenging. If you don't have public trust through community engagement, and being open and transparent, you can't respond to community needs or having a community driven process. Also, inclusivity and equity are paramount, but
Contribution 1 of 5 | March 2, 2023

26. What would a new or improved program/process to deeply embed community voice into the city's physical growth and development look and feel like? Required

Long Text | Skipped: 8 | Answered: 142 (94.7%)

Sentiment

🟢 **Positive** 8% (12)	🟠 **Mixed** 12% (17)	🔴 **Negative** 7% (10)	🟡 **Neutral** 73% (103)	⚪ **Unclassified** 0% (0)

Tags

Tag	Percent	Count
Communication Strategy Methods	15%	21
Broader Engagement with Community	13%	19
Inclusive of the broader community	9%	13
More Active DCP	8%	11
Community Education	6%	9
Accessible	5%	7
Transparency	5%	7
Community-Led Development	4%	6
Community Voice	4%	6
Communication / Collaboration	4%	5
Neighborhood Plans	4%	5
Project Approval from the Community Required	3%	4
Comprehensive Plan	3%	4
Impact to Project Proposals	3%	4
Balance Community Voices	3%	4
Community-Led Design	3%	4

Multiple Ways to Gain Project Feedback	3%	4
more community engagement needed	3%	4
More Required of Developers	3%	4
RCO Funding	3%	4
Community Representation	2%	3
Training would be helpful	2%	3
Funding	2%	3
Increase city planning staff	2%	3
Zoning	2%	3
Earlier Information	2%	3
Development Goals	2%	3
RCO Training	2%	3
Zoning Code	2%	3

Featured Contributions

Individual RCOs often lack experience and language to discuss design. Comments often come in the form of "I don't like that color" or "can you add a tree here". These are not deep and meaningful changes to a project and one's developers throw bones to garner cheap and easy support for their project. Objective and binding design standards, overseen by a knowledgeable and centralized body, would serve as a better solution. Residents and community groups can share their thoughts with this group which can translate into deeper and more meaningful design conversations.
Contribution 12 of 12 | March 30, 2023

1) Because of the amount of staff time required to administer this program, there needs to be a developer fee associated with this, or a percentage of the development fees DCP collects should be allocated to support the hiring of dedicated RCO/DAM staff, or it is embedded in the city's annual operating budget 2) Require project approval from the RCO(s) before projects go before Planning Commission, PACD Commission or Historic Review Commission. 3) More requirements of developers (i.e. advertise DAMs in local newspapers, social media; multiple meetings with RCOs prior to the DAM, community groups have a rubric for project approval that is share publicly; all RCOs should have a dedicated staff person or partner organization that is responsible for all coordination of DAMs and compliance with RCO requirements
Contribution 11 of 12 | March 25, 2023

Diversity. Number 1 reason for lack of success at local rco is one minded. Everyone on board is of same race, age, background. They represent a small percentage of who actually lives in our culture, yet they're given the majority share in opinion.
Contribution 10 of 12 | March 21, 2023

I think the various review boards in the city should have a community representative team as part of their process. This would be an assigned Indic from each RCO to participate in their reviews.
Contribution 9 of 12 | March 17, 2023

The ordinance needs to be improved...a fundamental flaw is the ordinance incorrectly assumes all of the City's neighborhoods are the same economically and socially...therefore assuming all the neighborhoods have the same needs and problems. Refer to census tracts data...too much

Contribution 8 of 12 | March 13, 2023

That's above my pay grade to come up with in this box, but I will say that the desire for the embedded voice of a community must acknowledge the tendency to prioritize a few loud voices who have the time and money to make themselves heard. A community meeting attended by .05% of a neighborhood's population should not be considered as representing that community's needs.

Contribution 7 of 12 | February 28, 2023

Might consider, in not already attendance of City Council Representative(s) and/or Staff at RCO DAMs who might be able to speak to how a project miight support a specific neighborhood vision/goal

Contribution 6 of 12 | February 27, 2023

I think overall connectivity, transparency and communication from the local government side of things is where there could be improvement. Often, the general public is confused or uninterested in participating in these development meetings. I believe this is because of lack of awareness of the meeting/not knowing it's happening, lack of understanding around the terms being used above and how it can affect them/where they live, and just the general process can be overwhelming and confusing to someone who isn't familiar with "development". The process shouldn't serve only those who are aware of what these terms and implications mean, there should be efforts to do serious outreach to educate the general public about these terms and what they mean. Obviously, resources and staff are limited in these discussions, unfortunately. However, I wonder if there are creative approaches that could be found to engage the public on a more serious and interactive level. Community groups seem to be essential to the process, but there are similar effects felt by community groups around lack of attendance at meetings, lack of engagement, lack of communication, and jargon/assumption that the public understands what we're talking about. It's hard to understand what the real solutions are, but a public process for development is vital to the future of Pittsburgh. I think the public process becomes pointless when a very small group of people understand everything I've said thus far. If there's a public process, but it isn't serving anyone or many don't know about it - then who is it really serving? Circling back to the points of communications, education, transparency, capacity, etc. I think it's of utmost importance to be engaging the public and ensuring the public is aware. There's an appetite amongst citizens to participate in local development conversations and it's the community groups/local government's job to ensure that we provide that opportunity.

Contribution 5 of 12 | February 21, 2023

Residents and other community stakeholders should be the governing voice in their respective communities, with full support, cooperation and partnerships with elected officials and city departments.

Contribution 4 of 12 | February 20, 2023

Ideally, all residents would be informed and invited to participate in the city's physical growth and development. The city cannot rely on community organizations to inform and notify residents without confirming that each resident is actually informed and notified. The terms "community-led/community-driven" should not be limited to community organizations - wider participation is needed. Democracy is key.

Contribution 3 of 12 | February 14, 2023

I think there needs to be some recognition by the City that development review processes tend to advantage the voices of more privileged citizens. Obviously embedding community voice is still really important and there are ways that it can be structured to remediate this tendency and make sure that more marginalized voices are included and CENTERED in development review processes: taking a design justice approach, offering childcare/food/interpretation services, setting goals and monitoring demographics of participants, facilitating meetings differently to not be so intimidating for laypeople to participate, finding alternative ways for people to participate & provide their voice, etc. But in addition to these more process-oriented matters, I also think the City overall needs to set and stand by some clear, "big picture" policy goals for development that are firmly rooted in equity instead of letting every fractured neighborhood or every organized group of 10 homeowners try to drive the land use & development goals for the City. I would really like to see City Planning and the City show some leadership, for example, on: expanding mandatory inclusionary zoning City-wide, expediting the permit/entitlement process for new housing (especially affordable housing), loosening density restrictions for housing (particularly in higher-income, single-family-zoned neighborhoods with access to transit, food, and amenities), getting rid of parking minimums, etc. Doing some of this would mean providing FEWER opportunities for a few highly motivated neighbors to delay or derail, say, an affordable housing development project over concerns related to "parking" or "height" or some other excuse, but it's still worth doing, even though it's technically constraining "community voice" in a narrow sense. Suggested reading: https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/04/local-government-community-input-housing-public-transportation/629625/

Contribution 2 of 12 | February 14, 2023

Maybe not directly answering this question but I find EngagePGH to be an amazing format for our communities. The ability to follow a project from start and give input along the way great. How can we get awareness around the site and its function? Having a platform that allows for digital feedback at one's leisure gives more a chance to weigh in. I think this is a beneficial site that we need to take a better advantage of. There are a number of people who feel they aren't being heard that I've introduced this site to. Our community meetings can be overwhelming with many issues and concerns on a range of topics. Sometimes we are left with the cliff notes version of updates. Having a place to digest all of the information at once is great.

Contribution 1 of 12 | February 14, 2023

27. Consider the criteria for projects requiring a DAM (copied below). Do you think there are project types listed here that should NOT require a DAM? Required

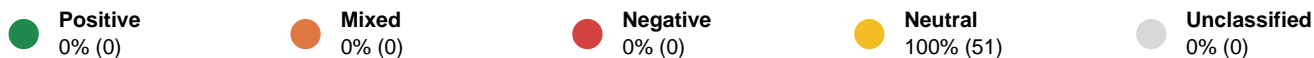Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)
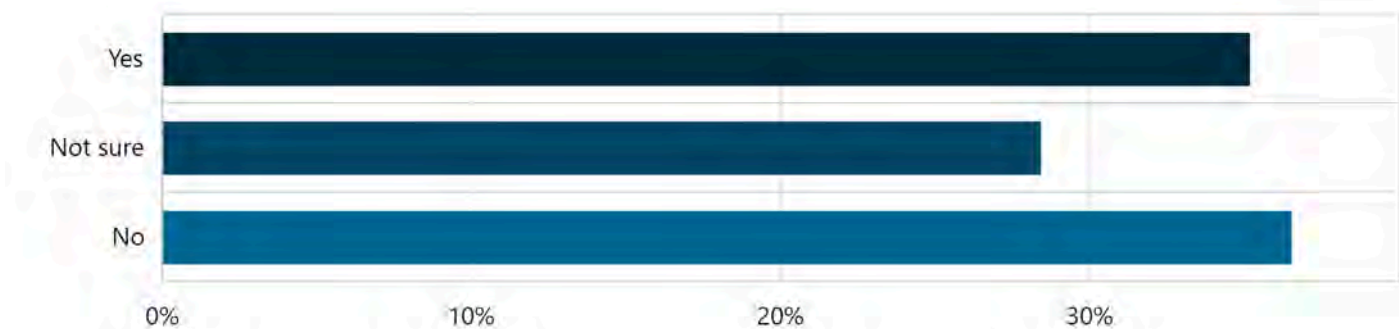
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	35.14%	52
Not sure	28.38%	42
No	36.49%	54
Total	**100.00%**	**148**

28. What project types listed here should NOT require a DAM? Required
Short Text | Skipped: 99 | Answered: 51 (34%)

Sentiment

| | Positive 0% (0) | | Mixed 0% (0) | | Negative 0% (0) | | Neutral 100% (51) | | Unclassified 0% (0) |

Tags

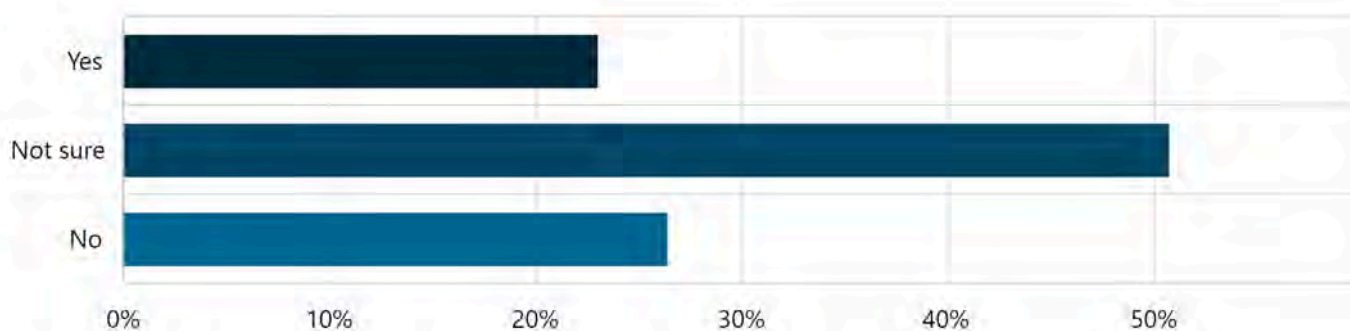| Tag	Percent	Count
Art Commission	20%	10
2400 sq. ft. of new or expanded structure	14%	7
Historic Review commission	14%	7
4 residential units in too small should be larger	10%	5
4 new residential units	8%	4
2400 sf is too small should be larger	8%	4
small projects to art commission	8%	4
some use variances	6%	3
Use Variances	6%	3
zoning map amendments	4%	2
New or enlarged parking area with 10 stalls	4%	2
all projects	4%	2
any project less than a certain total development cost value	4%	2
small projects to historic review commission	4%	2
Planned Developments	4%	2
none	4%	2

URA	2%	1
small projects	2%	1
10 parking stalls is too small and should be larger	2%	1
expanded structure	2%	1
all projects except for variances	2%	1
projects under previously approved PDP or IMP	2%	1
no historic review board for art on private property	2%	1
PennDOT	2%	1

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29. Conversely, are there additional project types (not already listed) that SHOULD require a DAM? Required
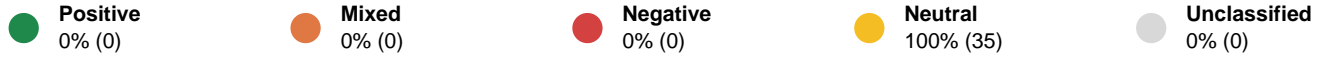Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 148 (98.7%)

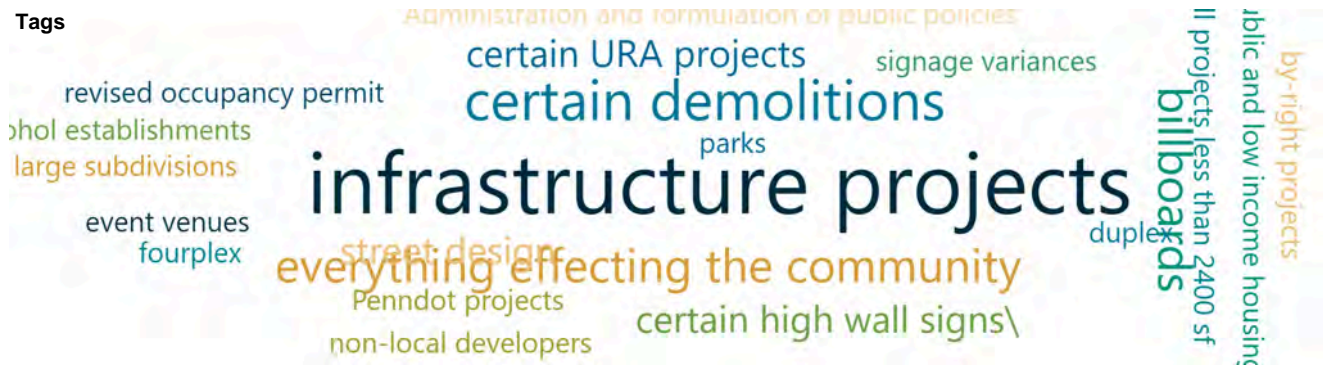| Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	22.97%	34
Not sure	50.68%	75
No	26.35%	39
Total	**100.00%**	**148**

30. What are additional project types that SHOULD require a DAM? Required
Short Text | Skipped: 115 | Answered: 35 (23.3%)

Sentiment

Positive	Mixed	Negative	Neutral	Unclassified
0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (35)	0% (0)

Tags

Tag	Percent	Count
infrastructure projects	20%	7
certain demolitions	11%	4
billboards	9%	3
everything effecting the community	9%	3
certain URA projects	6%	2
certain high wall signs\	6%	2
street design	6%	2
small projects less than 2400 sf	3%	1
Penndot projects	3%	1
revised occupancy permit	3%	1
signage variances	3%	1
Administration and formulation of public policies	3%	1
event venues	3%	1
duplex	3%	1
public and low income housing	3%	1
large subdivisions	3%	1

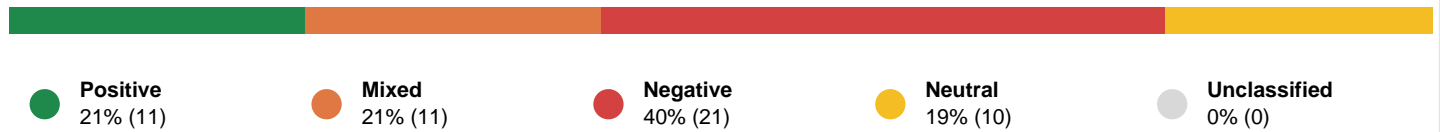|		
parks	3%	1
Alcohol establishments	3%	1
by-right projects	3%	1
fourplex	3%	1
non-local developers	3%	1

Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

31. Thank you for your time and sharing your thoughts and ideas with us! Is there anything else you think we should know about the effectiveness of the RCO program? Required

Long Text | Skipped: 97 | Answered: 53 (35.3%)

Sentiment

● **Positive** 21% (11)	● **Mixed** 21% (11)	● **Negative** 40% (21)	● **Neutral** 19% (10)	● **Unclassified** 0% (0)

Tags

Tag	Percent	Count
Other	23%	12
Imbalance of Power	17%	9
Inclusive	15%	8
Communication / Collaboration	15%	8
RCO Accountability - Open Transparent Professional Groups	13%	7
Distrust of RCO	13%	7
Effective Influence	11%	6
program should not be misused to block development	11%	6
Requirements to Become RCO	11%	6
Require RCO to be Representative of Community	11%	6
Community Voice	9%	5
RCO program is overall a positive	9%	5
DEI	8%	4
Communication Strategy Methods	8%	4
No Change	8%	4
Eliminate the RCO program	6%	3

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More Active DCP	6%	3
Planning Education	6%	3
Fairness	6%	3
Support to RCOs	6%	3

Featured Contributions

Important vehicle for community input!
Contribution 6 of 6 | March 17, 2023

A lot of ppl really don't understand this program. It's not clearly explained in the context of permit process online. As it stands the pre development meetings, zoning process, permit, DAM process are all explained separately. There's not easy way to understand how a project is required to move through the process.
Contribution 5 of 6 | March 17, 2023

There was once greater, direct participation by City Planning and HRC staff in community meetings. HRC staff would regularly and formally attend and document evening meetings such as Local Review Committees or Local Development Company meetings to lead and document development commentary by the local residents and community groups that participated in the local Historic District application process. Staffing and budget cuts in the early 2000s gutted that direct participation by HRC staff. I believe the historic districts suffered from the early 2000s until the current RCO process was created. Things are better with the RCO process.
Contribution 4 of 6 | March 12, 2023

The program is important, but RCOs can also block and delay projects on a subjective basis without full understanding to the economic impact to the local neighborhood and the city as a whole. There needs to be a balance.
Contribution 3 of 6 | March 9, 2023

It seemed like part of the goal of creating RCOs was to minimize the influence of certain organized groups that had strong back-door political influence, but had historically been unrepresentative of their communities, non-transparent, and/or overtly racist & discriminatory. This is a real issue and minimizing the influence of these types of groups is a very worthy policy goal in my opinion! I guess I just wonder if RCOs are the only or even an effective way to accomplish this goal? Genuine question! Finally, I know that other communities have raised the concern about the benchmarks for achieving RCO status as being too high and privileging groups/neighborhoods with resources/capacity at the expense especially of lower-income, Black communities and organizations. I know I've seen DCP at least offer a lot of support for groups that can't meet those benchmarks to help them get there, which seems great, but I guess I would just re-raise this issue generally as something that I've heard but can't exactly speak first-hand to how it's played out in practice.
Contribution 2 of 6 | February 14, 2023

Philosophically, the idea of a RCO/DAM process is something I have advocated for many years before they existed. I realize that there are certain contradictions and tensions between the desire to influence a project design impact and micromanaging it to death. I would like to see the socio-economic impact and the urban design and architectural impact be given more equal emphasis in a DAM meeting/review. In one recent project affordable housing so dominated the dialogue that there was no time left for the design of the new building and its impacts. At the end of the day, we need process that doesnt exclude communities that have no RCO or capacity. I would like to see the NGOs create a planning and zoning training clinic (outside of government) patterned after legal and environmental clinics that provide capacity building in all neighborhoods but especially those that dont have the resources when up against a deep pocketed developer. Maybe the Comp Plan can include further discussion on the subject. Above all let the community (neighborhoods AND professionals) know what is being considered for change before acting! Beta test! Get feed back beyond this survey. THANK YOU!
Contribution 1 of 6 | February 13, 2023

32. How is your RCO staffed? Select all that apply. Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 106 | Answered: 44 (29.3%)
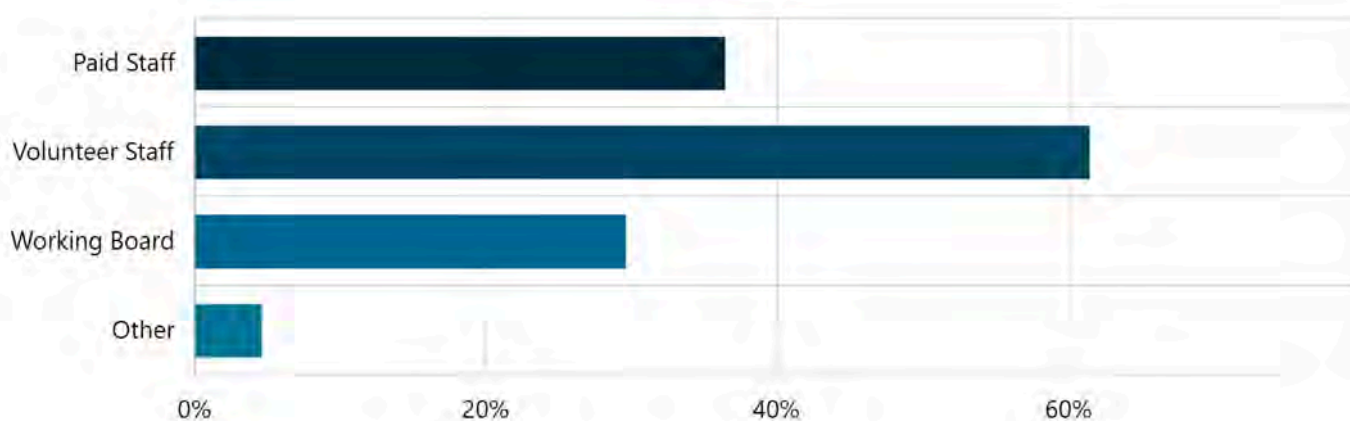
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Paid Staff	36.36%	16
Volunteer Staff	61.36%	27
Working Board	29.55%	13
Other	4.55%	2

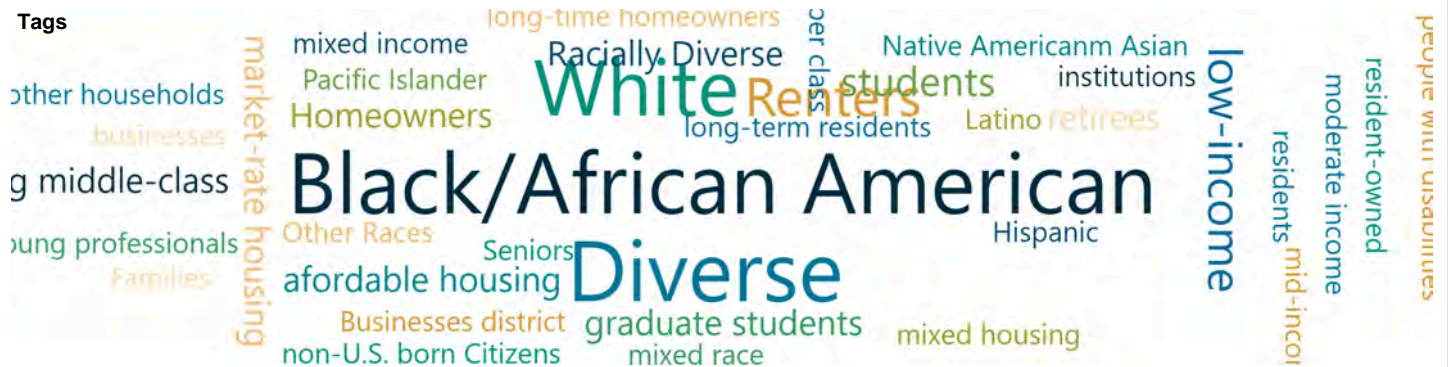**33. What is the demographic profile of the community your RCO is working in?** Required
Long Text | Skipped: 107 | Answered: 43 (28.7%)

Sentiment

● **Positive** 2% (1)	● **Mixed** 0% (0)	● **Negative** 0% (0)	● **Neutral** 98% (42)	● **Unclassified** 0% (0)

Tags

Tag	Percent	Count
Black/African American	23%	10
Diverse	23%	10
White	21%	9
Renters	12%	5
low-income	9%	4
students	7%	3
market-rate housing	5%	2
afordable housing	5%	2
Homeowners	5%	2
Racially Diverse	5%	2
graduate students	5%	2
retirees	5%	2
working middle-class	5%	2
residents	2%	1
Seniors	2%	1
Businesses district	2%	1

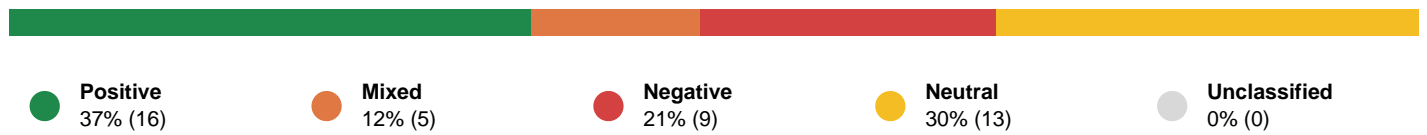|		
long-term residents	2%	1
Pacific Islander	2%	1
Other Races	2%	1
Native Americanm Asian	2%	1
Latino	2%	1
Hispanic	2%	1
young professionals	2%	1
businesses	2%	1
institutions	2%	1
moderate income	2%	1
resident-owned	2%	1
people with disabilities	2%	1
upper class	2%	1
Long-term residents	2%	1
long-time homeowners	2%	1
absentee landlords	2%	1
mixed housing	2%	1
mixed income	2%	1
mixed race	2%	1
Families	2%	1
80% or less of median household income	2%	1
single mother households	2%	1
non-U.S. born Citizens	2%	1
mid-income	2%	1
short term residents	2%	1
modest working class	2%	1

Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

34. Is the RCO staff and subsequent programming reflective of the community demographics? Required
Long Text | Skipped: 107 | Answered: 43 (28.7%)

Sentiment

● **Positive** 37% (16)	● **Mixed** 12% (5)	● **Negative** 21% (9)	● **Neutral** 30% (13)	● **Unclassified** 0% (0)

Tags

Tag	Percent	Count
Yes	47%	20
No	14%	6
Unsure	7%	3
Outnumber Students	5%	2
Long-term Generational Representation	5%	2
Mostly	5%	2
working age	2%	1
barrier to entry	2%	1
Outnumber Businesses	2%	1
Racially Reflective	2%	1
Skews Younger	2%	1
upper class	2%	1
Usual Suspects	2%	1
Accessibility	2%	1
Somewhat	2%	1
Improve Diversity and Leadersip	2%	1

Volunteer	2%	1
Diverse	2%	1
older white stakeholders	2%	1
middle age	2%	1
Over-representation of Residents	2%	1

Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

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35. Are there other RCOs operating in the same geography your organization is currently working in? Required
Multi Choice | Skipped: 106 | Answered: 44 (29.3%)
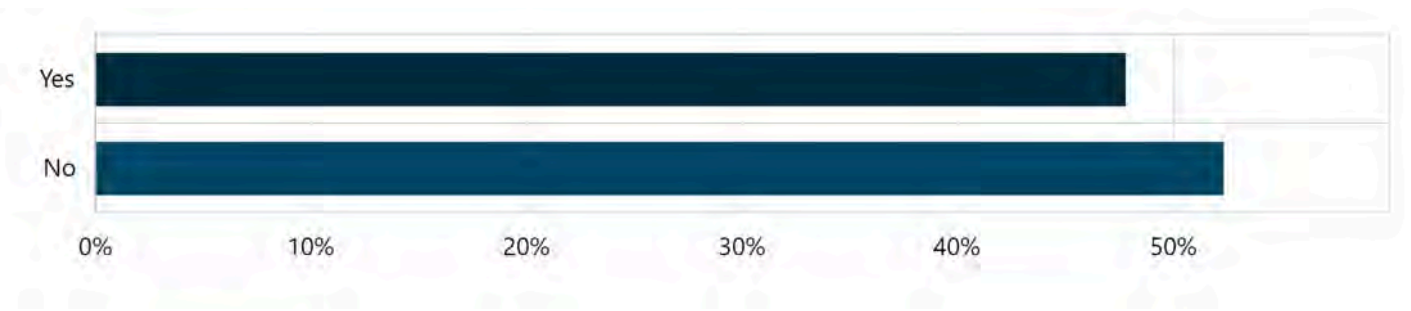
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	47.73%	21
No	52.27%	23
Total	**100.00%**	**44**

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36. Do any of these issues arise? Select all that apply Required
Multi Choice | Skipped: 129 | Answered: 21 (14%)
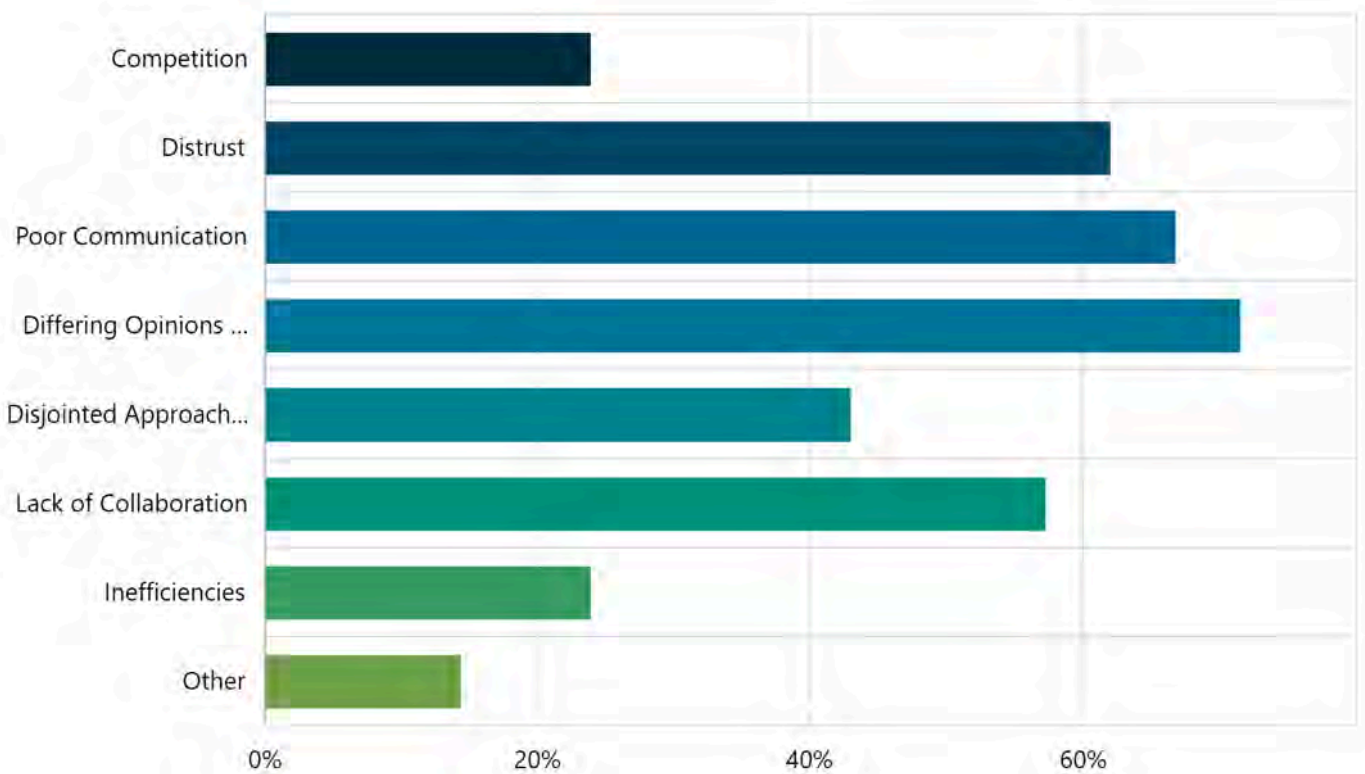
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Competition	23.81%	5
Distrust	61.90%	13
Poor Communication	66.67%	14
Differing Opinions on Project Proposals	71.43%	15
Disjointed Approach to Serving the Community	42.86%	9
Lack of Collaboration	57.14%	12
Inefficiencies	23.81%	5
Other	14.29%	3

37. What is a reasonable approach to addressing some of these issues? Required
Long Text | Skipped: 130 | Answered: 20 (13.3%)

Sentiment

🟢 **Positive** 5% (1)	🟠 **Mixed** 5% (1)	🔴 **Negative** 30% (6)
🟡 **Neutral** 60% (12)	⚪ **Unclassified** 0% (0)	

Tags

Design Review Process
CBA Disclosures
Imbalance of Power
Community Voice
Communication / Collaboration
More Active DCP Meaningful Engagement Inclusive Money
Transparency DAM Alternative 1 RCO Max
Eliminate Program

Tag	Percent	Count
Communication / Collaboration	30%	6
More Active DCP	10%	2
Community Voice	10%	2
Inclusive	10%	2
Meaningful Engagement	5%	1
Money	5%	1
Design Review Process	5%	1
Imbalance of Power	5%	1
1 RCO Max	5%	1
DAM Alternative	5%	1
Eliminate Program	5%	1
Transparency	5%	1
CBA Disclosures	5%	1

Featured Contributions

Eliminate the RCO program in favor of a truly representative process, such as phone surveys.
Contribution 5 of 5 | March 29, 2023

Communication between RCOS

Contribution 4 of 5 | March 17, 2023

The reasonable approach is for the city to not allow one particular group to have the authority and power to control an entire neighborhood with a narrow opinion about development. The city structure should be inclusive to allow multiple organizations to exist, so residents have a choice.

Contribution 3 of 5 | March 8, 2023

We have overlap on our neighborhood borders. We mostly agree, but allow for differences of opinions, especially since we serve different neighborhoods. We pre-meet as RCOs before meeting with our communities. It helps tremendously that we cross pollinate our board members with nearby neighborhoods. In the end, the most impacted near neighbors have the most weight.

Contribution 2 of 5 | March 2, 2023

More integrated engagement, led by the city. Acknowledging that each community organization working in Oakland has either a specific constituency/constituencies or a particular area or areas of expertise, engage stakeholders intelligently to design outreach and engagement appropriate to each project. If there are to be RCOs with special access or function, let that function be to support public agencies in designing and conducting outreach to maximize constructive input.

Contribution 1 of 5 | February 13, 2023

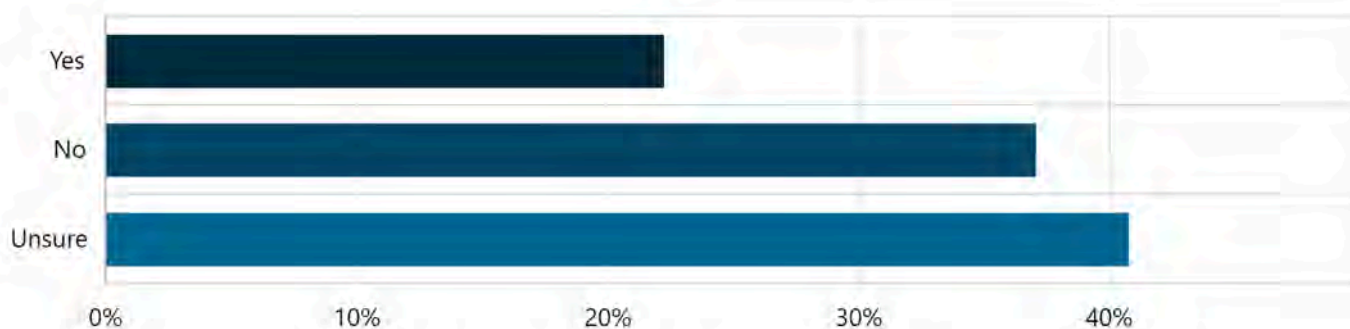**38. Should multiple RCOs continue to be allowed to operate within the same geographic boundary?** Required
Multi Choice | Skipped: 106 | Answered: 44 (29.3%)
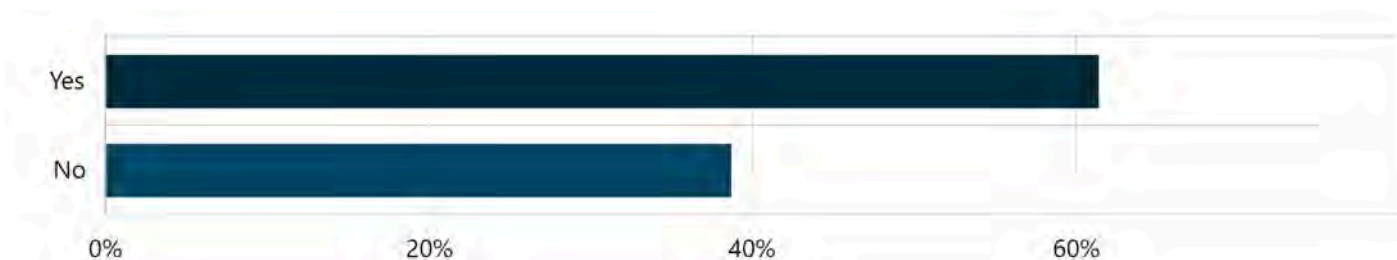
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	61.36%	27
No	38.64%	17
Total	**100.00%**	**44**

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39. If yes, should there be a limit to the number of RCOs operating the same geography? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 123 | Answered: 27 (18%)

Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	22.22%	6
No	37.04%	10
Unsure	40.74%	11
Total	**100.00%**	**27**

40. What should be the maximum number of RCOs that are allowed to operate in the same geography? What should that maximum number be based on (i.e. neighborhood population, RCO capacity, development pressure, etc.)? Required

Short Text | Skipped: 124 | Answered: 26 (17.3%)

Sentiment

Positive	Mixed	Negative	Neutral	Unclassified
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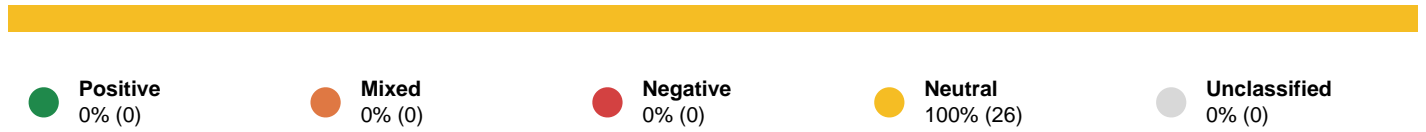
Tag	Percent	Count
No Limit	35%	9
Dependent - RCO Mission/Focus	19%	5
Dependent - Population	15%	4
2 RCOs Max	12%	3
Unsure	12%	3
3 RCOs Max	8%	2
Dependent - Geography	8%	2
Dependent - RCO Capacity	4%	1
4 RCOs Max	4%	1
Dependent - Development Pressure	4%	1
City Council	4%	1
1 RCO Max	4%	1

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Unsure - this is a challenge to place a limit so as not to exclude any voices
Contribution 6 of 6 | March 22, 2023

I don't think a number needs to be selected. In my opinion the requirement of a letter of support from your council member should be effective at limiting this. Council members are most familiar with their district's distinct geographies.
Contribution 5 of 6 | March 10, 2023

No limit needed as long as they serve different purposes
Contribution 4 of 6 | March 7, 2023

Not sure. The only time multiple RCOs should be permitted is if they have different and not overlapping purposes, and/or overlapping geographies or constituencies.
Contribution 3 of 6 | February 18, 2023

I think that there could be multiple RCO's with designated focus areas that are different and/or overlap. They could not all play the 'lead' role in all development issues or have a MOU between each group which outlines roles and responsibilities of eac
Contribution 2 of 6 | February 14, 2023

Neighborhood population and RCO capacity; if there is more than one, they must work together in terms of public meetings
Contribution 1 of 6 | February 13, 2023

41. If no, who and how should it be decided which group becomes the single RCO in the geographical area?
Required
Long Text | Skipped: 133 | Answered: 17 (11.3%)

Sentiment

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Tags

Tag	Percent	Count
Unsure	35%	6
Require RCO to be Representative of Community	18%	3
Form Into Collaborative	12%	2
RCO Accomplishments	12%	2
City Council	6%	1
Communication / Collaboration	6%	1
Eliminate Program	6%	1

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Whichever group best represents the most people in the community.
Contribution 4 of 4 | March 17, 2023

I can't answer that. Honestly I feel like it would be incredibly contentious to remove the overlap in our areas because the City neighborhood map does not reflect the spirit of areas, and defining by City boundaries is the only answer I can think of.
Contribution 3 of 4 | March 7, 2023

Those who have done the most in the community, or have done SOMETHING in the community. Possibly a vote or people chosen by the community.
Contribution 2 of 4 | February 24, 2023

Perhaps they should all work together as one if we have the same goal. The RCO would be much stronger with everyone working together toward the same end.
Contribution 1 of 4 | February 20, 2023

42. If funding or additional resources were to become available, what could help improve RCO functionality, operations, and/or community engagement? Required

Ranking | Skipped: 106 | Answered: 44 (29.3%)
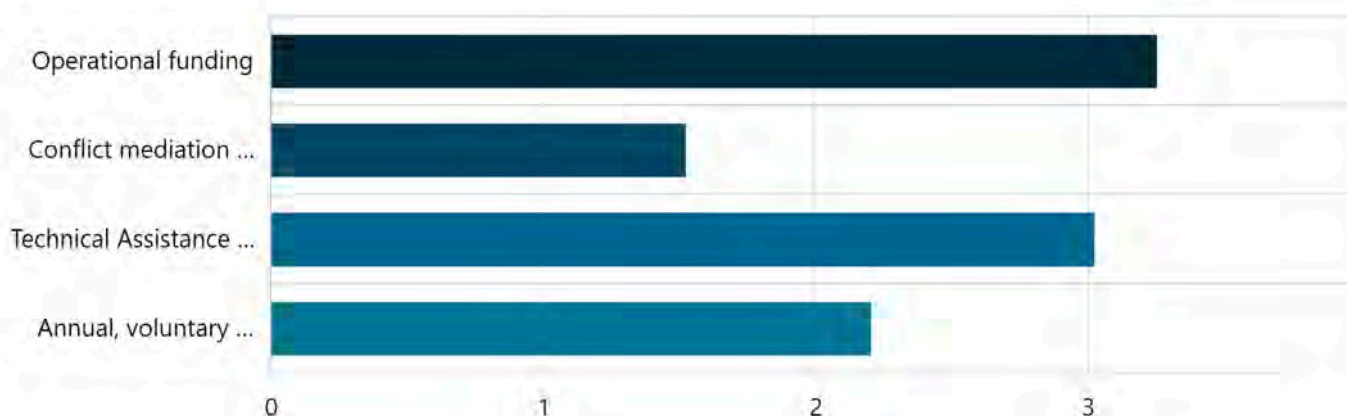
|	1	2	3	4	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Operational funding	54.55% 24	22.73% 10	15.91% 7	6.82% 3	44	3.25	1.75
Conflict mediation between RCOs	2.27% 1	11.36% 5	22.73% 10	63.64% 28	44	1.52	3.48
Technical Assistance (ie. communications strategy, hosting and scheduling meetings, etc.)	29.55% 13	45.45% 20	22.73% 10	2.27% 1	44	3.02	1.98
Annual, voluntary citywide refresher/training on RCO legislation and program administration	13.64% 6	20.45% 9	38.64% 17	27.27% 12	44	2.20	2.80

Score - Sum of the weight of each ranked position, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total contributions. Weights are inverse to ranked positions.
Avg Rank - Sum of the ranked position of the choice, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total 'Count' of the choice.

43. Following up on the previous question, are there additional ways to improve RCO functions? If so, please list it below.

Short Text | Skipped: 128 | Answered: 22 (14.7%)

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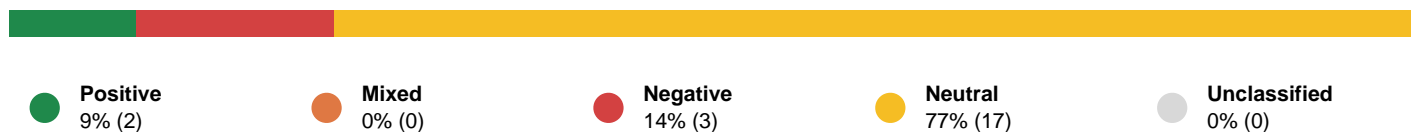
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Tag	Percent	Count
RCO Support	14%	3
RCO Funding	14%	3
RCO Training	14%	3
More Active DCP	9%	2
Zoning	5%	1
Zoning Request Details	5%	1

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I think convening RCOs for trainings or just knowledge sharing would be effective at communicating citywide standards. It's clear that different areas of the city are having very different experiences.
Contribution 8 of 8 | March 10, 2023

Trainings by non-DCP experts; Funding specifically for outreach such as time and materials, social media ads. I don't consider that operational but perhaps that's what's being referred to. Also free learning opportunities and workshops offered by experts
Contribution 7 of 8 | March 7, 2023

Honestly more handholding from DCP would be nice since we are staffed by volunteers.
Contribution 6 of 8 | March 5, 2023

Have more neighborhood planners and more engaged neighborhood planners! Put your funding into hiring more staff and producing neighborhood plans ASAP.
Contribution 5 of 8 | March 2, 2023

Assistance from the city with outreach and communication to the community, as well as facilitating communication and information to the RCO from the city.
Contribution 4 of 8 | February 18, 2023

As an all volunteer, working board - we need shared services - partnership with other RCOs to share costs on insurance, taxes, financials, legal, board functions/bylaws, technology, and shared staffing
Contribution 3 of 8 | February 16, 2023

FUNDING FROM THE CITY FOR STAFF TIME FOR OUTREACH!!! !
Contribution 2 of 8 | February 14, 2023

Staff resources. We are volunteer-only, which limits participation to people who are retired and/or without children. We have trouble with initiatives because we only have a couple of hours each month to devote to the organization.
Contribution 1 of 8 | February 14, 2023

44. Building off the previous questions, please expand on how your organization could potentially use funding if it were available? (examples: to implement organizations communication strategy, to hire staff, to maintain a website, etc). Required

Long Text | Skipped: 107 | Answered: 43 (28.7%)

Sentiment

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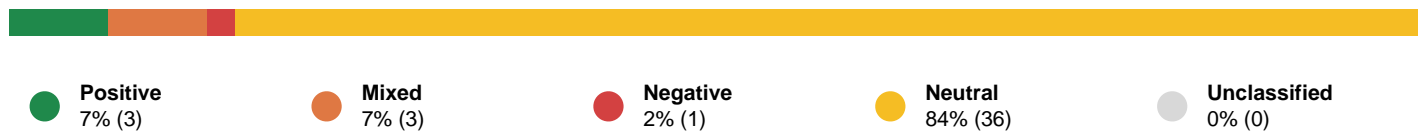
Tags

Tag	Percent	Count
Technical Support	33%	14
Communication	26%	11
RCO Staff	26%	11
RCO Support	21%	9
Broader Engagement with Community	19%	8
RCO Programming	12%	5
Communication Strategy Methods	9%	4
Meeting Faciliation	9%	4
RCO Funding	7%	3
RCO Training	5%	2
Legal Support	5%	2

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It is really challenging to be a part of the RCO program with limited staff. It would be really helpful to have funding for community outreach, to update the website/build a more robust RCO/DAM page and if we are required to host or use our zoom, funding for the additional storage space required.

Contribution 9 of 9 | March 30, 2023

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We would definitely appreciate funds to cover staff support and digital and print communication tools including website and e-newsletter.
Contribution 8 of 9 | March 22, 2023

Hire staff Maintain website Provide refreshments Rent meeting space Enhance communication strategies
Contribution 7 of 9 | March 17, 2023

Website, database maintenance, communications, community events
Contribution 6 of 9 | March 7, 2023

We need website and media assistance, staff, community engagement assistance, as well as office/meeting space to maintain a proper organization.
Contribution 5 of 9 | February 20, 2023

We could provide stipends to members attending meetings -- pays for parking and for personal time spent preparing to speak and research. We could pay for preparing and copying documents that need to be distributed. We could rent meeting space. We could have snacks at our meetings. We could pay for equipment -- like Databanks to record hearings.
Contribution 4 of 9 | February 15, 2023

We are an all volunteer RCO and we struggle with the every day operational issues. If we had assistance with that it would be FANTASTIC. Keeping the website up to date with current calendar of events and uploaded documents for the community to view. Coordinating all of our meetings, agendas and zoom calls with the community. Outreach to our community to develop / ensure we are achieving a mixed demographic and participation. I could keep going. . . .
Contribution 3 of 9 | February 14, 2023

We would use the funding to offset the staff time involved not only in arranging for community meetings, but also to do the critical follow-up with developers who show an interest in tailoring their projects to fit neighborhood plans if at all possible.
Contribution 2 of 9 | February 14, 2023

We would welcome support for our community engagement work and communications. Oakland is a large neighborhood and our staff are stretched to both operate programs and to keep the public informed (phone calls, emails, website updates, blog posts, newsletters, attending community meetings, engaging with neighborhood associations, door-knocking, hosting monthly meetings). This is work for which we currently have no reliable source of funding.
Contribution 1 of 9 | February 13, 2023

**45. Would yearly training or a program refresher be helpful?** Required
Multi Choice | Skipped: 106 | Answered: 44 (29.3%)
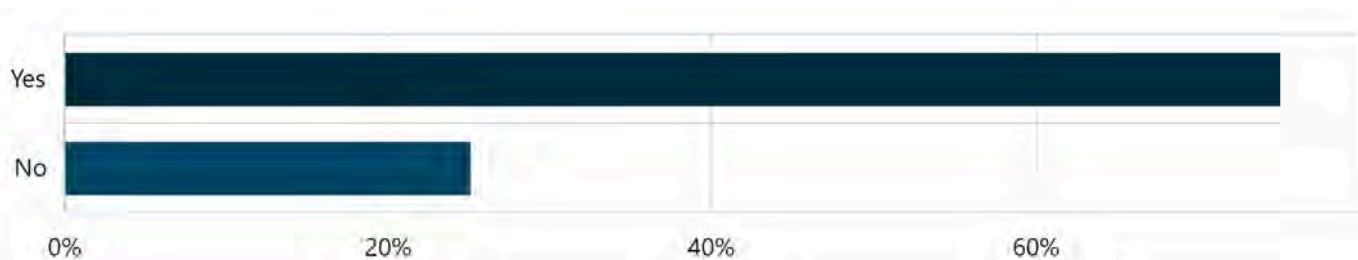
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	75.00%	33
No	25.00%	11
Total	**100.00%**	**44**

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46. Would training on how to facilitate meetings be helpful? (i.e meetings with developers, meetings with the community and other stakeholders, etc.) Required

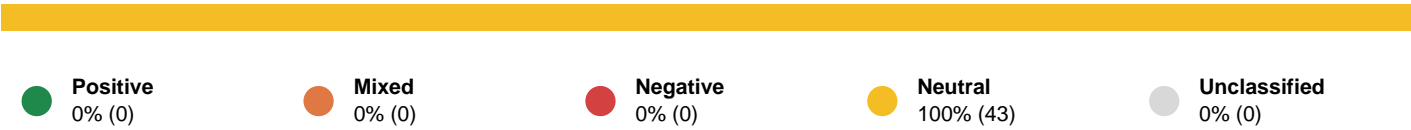Multi Choice | Skipped: 106 | Answered: 44 (29.3%)
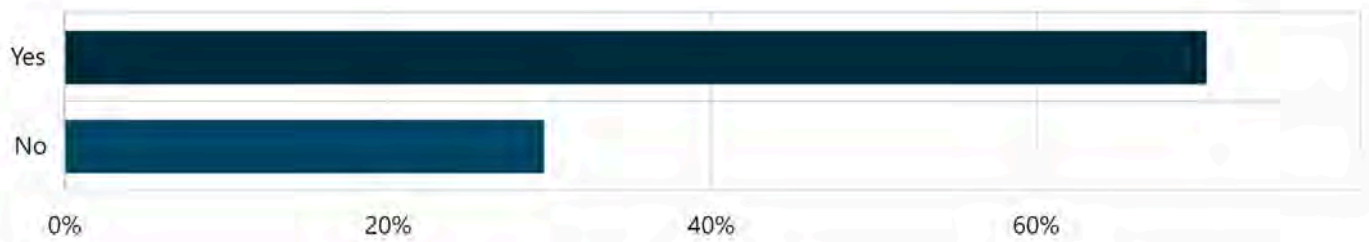
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	70.45%	31
No	29.55%	13
Total	**100.00%**	**44**

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47. What is the name of your organization? Required
Short Text | Skipped: 107 | Answered: 43 (28.7%)

Sentiment

Positive	Mixed	Negative	Neutral	Unclassified
0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (43)	0% (0)

Tags

No tag data

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No featured contributions

48. Thank you for your time and sharing your thoughts and ideas with us! Any final thoughts you'd like to share?
Long Text | Skipped: 120 | Answered: 30 (20%)

Sentiment

● **Positive** 47% (14)	● **Mixed** 10% (3)	● **Negative** 13% (4)	● **Neutral** 30% (9)	○ **Unclassified** 0% (0)

Tags

Tag	Percent	Count
RCO program is overall a positive	20%	6
Thanks for the survey	13%	4
Excited to continue this work	7%	2
Staff Shoutout!	7%	2
Increase city planning staff	3%	1
more community engagement needed	3%	1
RCO program is a fair and equitable process	3%	1
ensure applicant's proposed plans are mature prior to DAM	3%	1
Multiple RCOs in one area is good	3%	1
Survey not well designed for individuals outside of RCOs	3%	1
Not equitable across neighborhoods	3%	1
same problems remain if program is eliminated	3%	1
hope this is the beginning of a conversation	3%	1
program should not be misused to block development	3%	1
program helps expand knowledge of planning/development	3%	1
program gives voice to little community groups	3%	1

Survey is too long	3%	1
community groups don't have to rely on city to hold meetings	3%	1
RCO process is empowering our community	3%	1
Training would be helpful	3%	1
Eliminate the RCO program	3%	1

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No featured contributions