

Girdwood Community Survey Results

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

Background

The Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee (GAPUC) contracted with Hays Research Group LLC (HRG) and Huddle AK (Huddle) to conduct this mixed method (web-based and in-person intercept) Girdwood community survey to identify the issues that matter to Girdwood residents and property owners as part of the process of updating the Girdwood Area Plan. Information this survey provides will be used to guide decisions regarding the future use of lands and quality of life in the Girdwood area.

Methodology

The survey instrument was finalized after several drafts, which included reviews and suggested changes by the GAPUC and final approval by Adam Hays, HRG Research Director. The survey instrument was carefully designed to obtain thoughtful answers from respondents while avoiding instrument bias. The survey included both multiple choice and open-ended questions. The methodology used to collect this data included web and intercept (in person) surveys. The survey began fielding January 5th, 2019 and continued through February 15th, 2019. A total of 732 surveys were completed. HRG mailed out an invitation to take the web-based survey to every known Girdwood area property owner and every household that receives mail in the 99587-zip code. Additional advertising for the survey was implemented through social media by HRG, GAPUC, and Huddle.

Sample

The total sample size of this survey was n=732 Girdwood residents and/or property owners. Based on the sample size of n=732, HRG estimates that the margin of error is +/- 3.0-%. This is considered to be a relatively very high response rate, and the margin of error is well within the margins of what is considered statistically significant (generally +/- 5.0% or less).

Data Analysis & Reporting

Members of the HRG team, employing SPSS software, analyzed the data. The primary procedures reported are basic frequencies and cross tabulations.

Notes to Readers

Included in the presentation of each response is a summary or example of any significant findings. All percentages in the narrative are rounded to the nearest whole percentage point.

Often times a few respondents fail to answer a question. Unless the percentage that failed to answer is significant, these people are not included in the totals upon which the percentages are based. Percentages in the tables occasionally do not add to exactly 100% because of rounding.

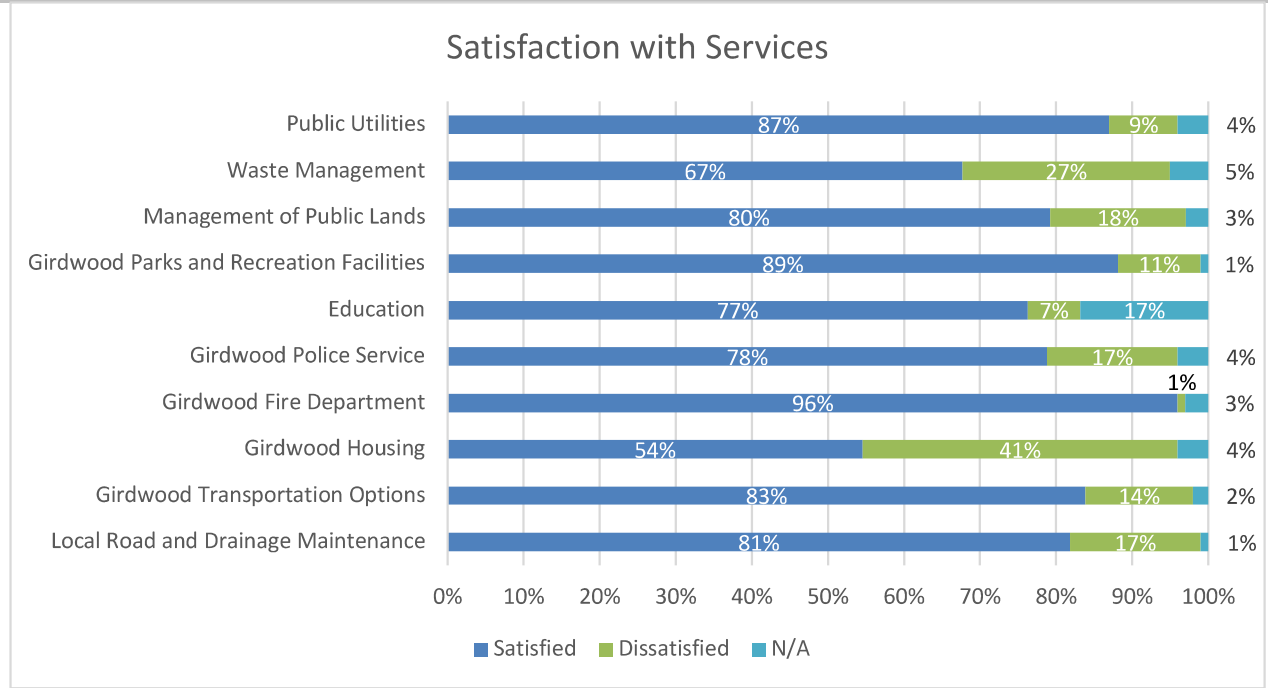
KEY FINDINGS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of key findings for the 2019 Girdwood community survey of Girdwood residents and property owners. Fifty percent (50%) of respondents were female and 46% male, while 4% preferred not to disclose. Nearly half (49%) of all respondents were between the ages of 35 and 54 years old. The majority of respondents were located in Girdwood (78%) followed by Anchorage (13%). Seventy-seven percent (77%) of respondents reported that they work full-time, while 22% said that they were not working by choice, and only 1% reported being unemployed. Fifty percent (50%) said they work in Girdwood, and 47% in Anchorage.

Satisfaction with Services

Girdwood residents were asked to rate how satisfied or dissatisfied they were with different services in the community of Girdwood. Respondents reportedly were most satisfied with the Girdwood Fire Department (96%), parks and recreation facilities (89%), and public utilities (87%). Respondents reported the most dissatisfaction with Girdwood housing (41%) and waste management (27%). (Figure 0.1)

Figure 0.1
Satisfaction with Services
 (Base = 732)



Question: Please rate how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with the following services in the community of Girdwood.

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- A majority (81%) of Girdwood residents and property owners said that they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the local road and drainage maintenance in the community of Girdwood.
 - The majority (83%) reported being satisfied or very satisfied with transportation options in the community of Girdwood, with 30% of those being very satisfied.
 - When asked how satisfied or dissatisfied they are with housing in the community of Girdwood responses were mixed, with 54% reporting that they were satisfied or very satisfied, while 41% reported being dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.
 - The vast majority (96%) reported being satisfied or very satisfied with the Girdwood Fire Department.
 - Seventy-eight percent (78%) of respondents indicated that they are satisfied or very satisfied with the Girdwood Police Service.
 - More than three-quarters (77%) of respondents said that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the education available in the community of Girdwood. Seventeen percent (17%) indicated that this question did not apply to them.
 - Four out of five (80%) respondents reported that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the management of public lands in the community of Girdwood.
 - Sixty-seven percent (67%) of respondents said that they were satisfied or very satisfied with waste management in the community of Girdwood, compared to 27% who reported being dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.
 - Eighty-seven percent (87%) of respondents said that they were satisfied or very satisfied with public utilities in the community of Girdwood.

Property and Housing

- Girdwood residents and property owners were asked a series of questions related to property ownership and housing.
- When asked how many residences they own or rent in Girdwood/Turnagain, the majority (81%) reported owning or renting one place of residence, followed by 9% reporting that they own or rent two places of residence.
- Those who said that they did own or rent one residence in Girdwood/Turnagain were asked to specify if they own property, vacant land, or if they rent long-term or temporarily. Eighty percent (80%) said that they own property, followed by 15% reporting that they rent with a long-term lease.
- Of those respondents who indicated that they own a house or condominium in Girdwood, 61% report that they live in the property full-time. Sixteen percent (16%) report that they primarily live elsewhere and don't rent. Twenty percent (20%) report that they rent their property in some capacity.

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- Those who said that they did own or rent more than one residence in Girdwood/Turnagain were asked to specify if they own property, vacant land, or if they rent long-term or temporarily. Eighty nine percent (89%) of respondents with more than one residence said that they owned a property. Twenty seven percent (27%) also reported that they own vacant land.
 - Of those respondents who indicated that they have multiple residences and own a house or condominium in Girdwood, 52% report that they live in it full-time and don't rent it. Eight percent (8%) indicate that they primarily live elsewhere and don't rent. Forty percent (40%) report that they rent the property in some capacity.

Rankings

Girdwood residents and property owners were asked to choose the top three most important items from a series of lists, and then asked to rank those items from most important to least.

- Respondents were provided with a list and asked to choose their top three housing priorities. Affordable housing options (66%), single family home development (39%), and seasonal employee housing (37%) were identified as the top three most important housing priorities in Girdwood. Those who provided an answer other than “no new housing development” were asked to rank their housing priorities in Girdwood by importance, with most important ranked #1. Of those, 51% chose affordable housing options as their most important priority.
- Respondents were provided with a list and asked to choose the three things they like most about Girdwood. Outdoor recreation (61%), sense of community (40%), and the small-town feel (38%) were chosen most often. Entertainment (3%), festivals and events (6%), and facilities (8%) were chosen the least.
- Respondents were provided with a list and asked to rank the three biggest problems in Girdwood. Cost and availability of housing was chosen most often (53%), followed by limited retail stores and services (26%), lack of a pool and indoor athletic facility (22%), and transportation between Girdwood and Anchorage (21%). Thirty four percent (34%) of respondents chose cost and availability of housing as their #1 priority.
- Respondents were given a list and asked to identify their top three most important environmental concerns in Girdwood. Insufficient waste and recycling services was chosen most often (65%), followed by lack of clean and renewable energy (37%), and impacts of climate change and greenhouse gases (37%). Poor air quality was chosen the least (1%). When asked to rate their top three choices in order of importance, insufficient waste and recycling services was

rated #1 most often (34%). Impacts of climate change and greenhouse gases was rates #1 more often (21%) than lack of clean and renewable energy (7%).

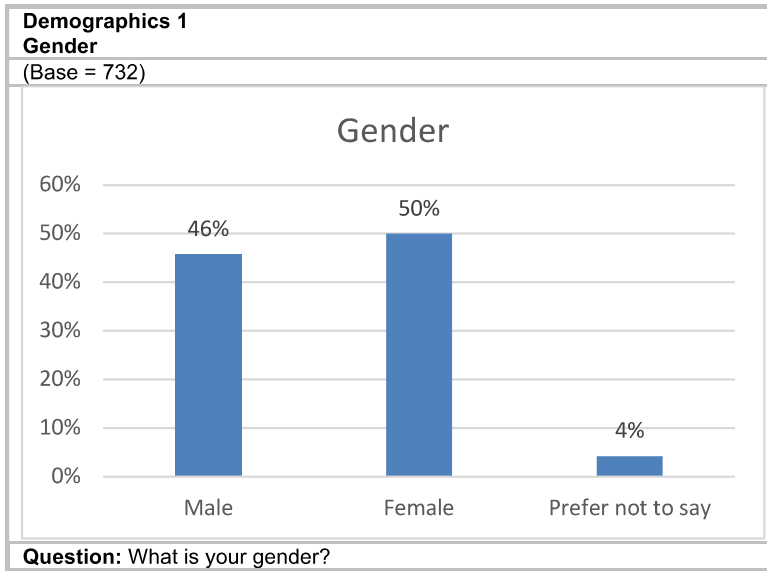
Changes Over Time

- When asked how long they intend to live in Girdwood, the majority of respondents said that they do not intend to move (61%) or did not know (19%).
- Respondents who said they were planning on moving out of Girdwood were asked to share why. Verbatim responses were coded and sorted into themes. Of those who said they were planning to move out of Girdwood, the most common reasons included retirement (22%), work/school (18%), and age (14%). Sixteen percent (16%) said that they did not know, or that they were not planning on moving. It appears as though some respondents said they would be “living in Girdwood for a limited number of years” because of old age, and not because they were planning to move.
- Respondents were asked what they would like to see change in Girdwood in the next 5 years. Verbatim responses were again coded and sorted to identify themes. Recreation (33%), housing (27%), trash/recycling (12%), and stores/services (12%) were mentioned most often.
- Respondents were asked what they would like to see change in Girdwood in the next 10 or 20 years. Verbatim responses were coded and sorted to identify themes. Similar to changes they would like to see in the next 5 years, respondents mentioned recreation (22%), housing (15%), and stores/services (12%) most often.
- Respondents identified word of mouth (69%), social media (60%), newspaper (41%), and bulletin boards (40%) as the most common ways they get information about current events and activities in Girdwood. Magazines (2%) and TV (4%) were the least common.
- Girdwood residents and property owners were asked what they would like to say to the leaders of Girdwood. The majority of responses (20%) were generic, positive, and encouraging messages, followed by housing concerns (13%), and comments on leadership/emphasis on planning (11%).

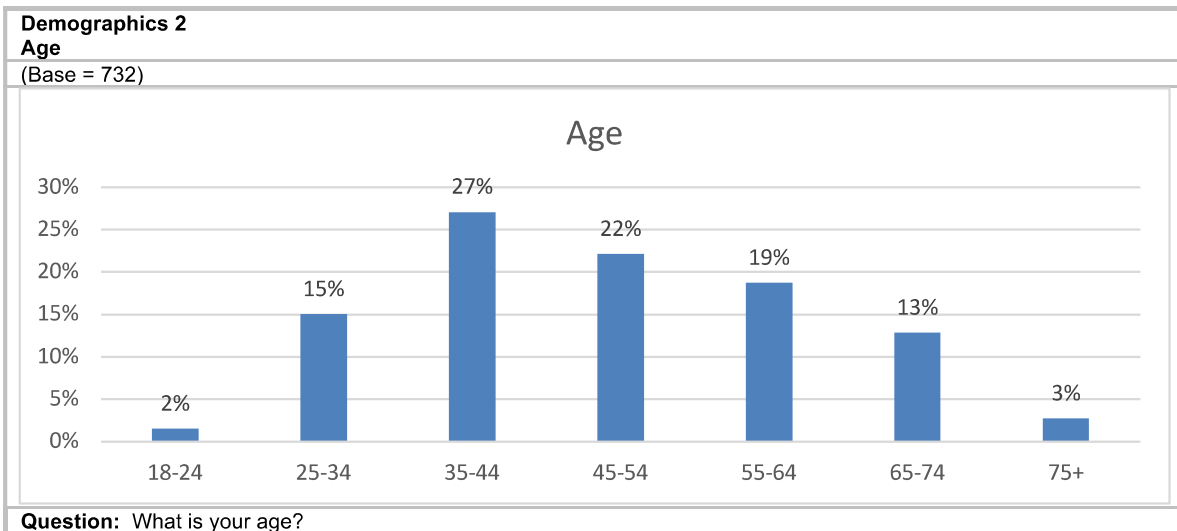
PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

Table 1 2019 Respondent Profile			
	Total		Total
(Base)	(n)	(Base)	(n)
Sex		Employment Status	
Male	46%	Employed, Full Time	70%
Female	50%	Employed, Part Time	15%
Prefer not to say	4%	Unemployed, looking	1%
		Retired, home maker, not working	22%
Age		Self employed	25%
18-24	2%		
25-34	15%	Employment Location	
35-44	27%	Girdwood	50%
45-54	22%	Anchorage	47%
55-64	19%	Telecommute	9%
65-74	13%	Other	14%
75+	3%		
Location			
Girdwood	78%		
Anchorage	13%		
Turnagain Arm (Bird, Indian, Rainbow, Portage)	1%		
Upper Crow Creek Neighborhood	1%		
Other	7%		

Gender

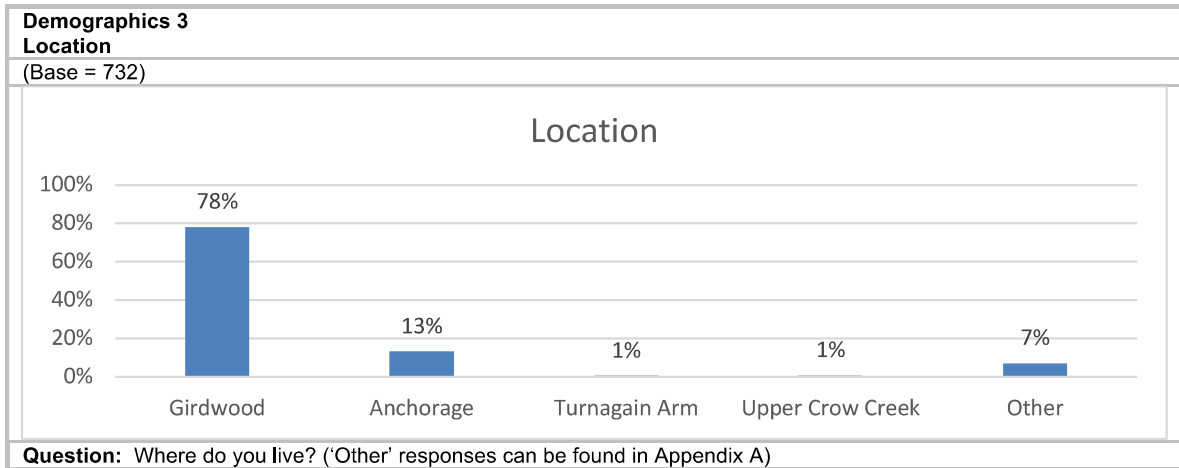


Age

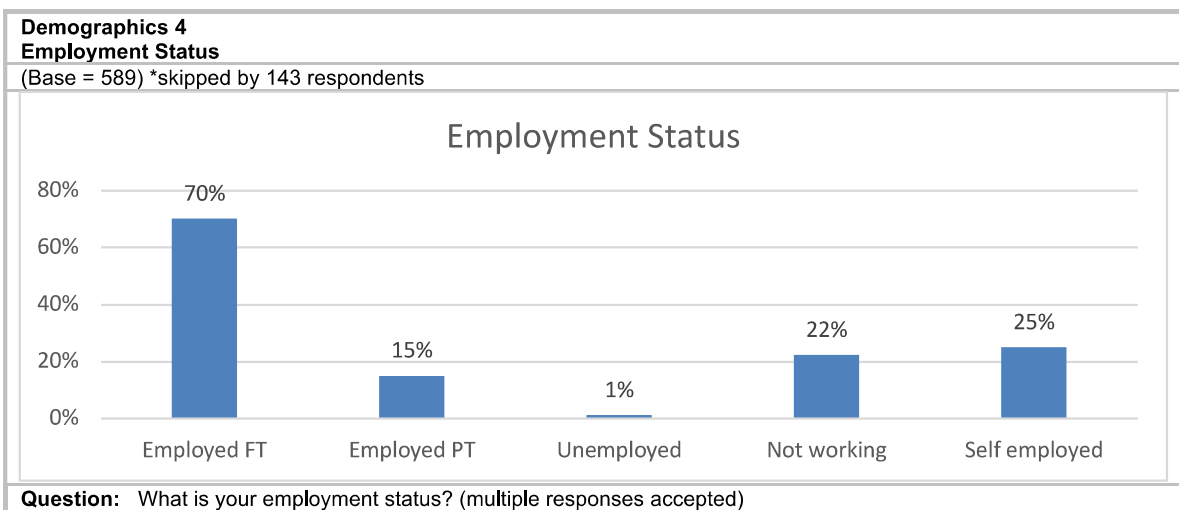


Location

*'Other' responses can be found in Appendix A.

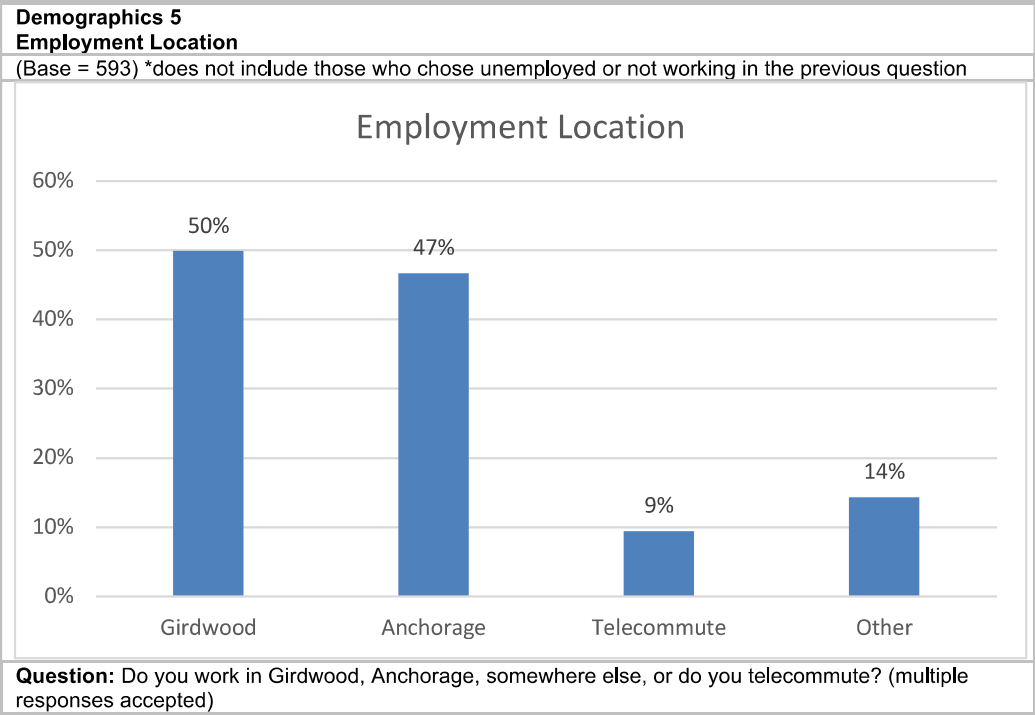


Employment Status



Employment Location

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DETAILED FINDINGS

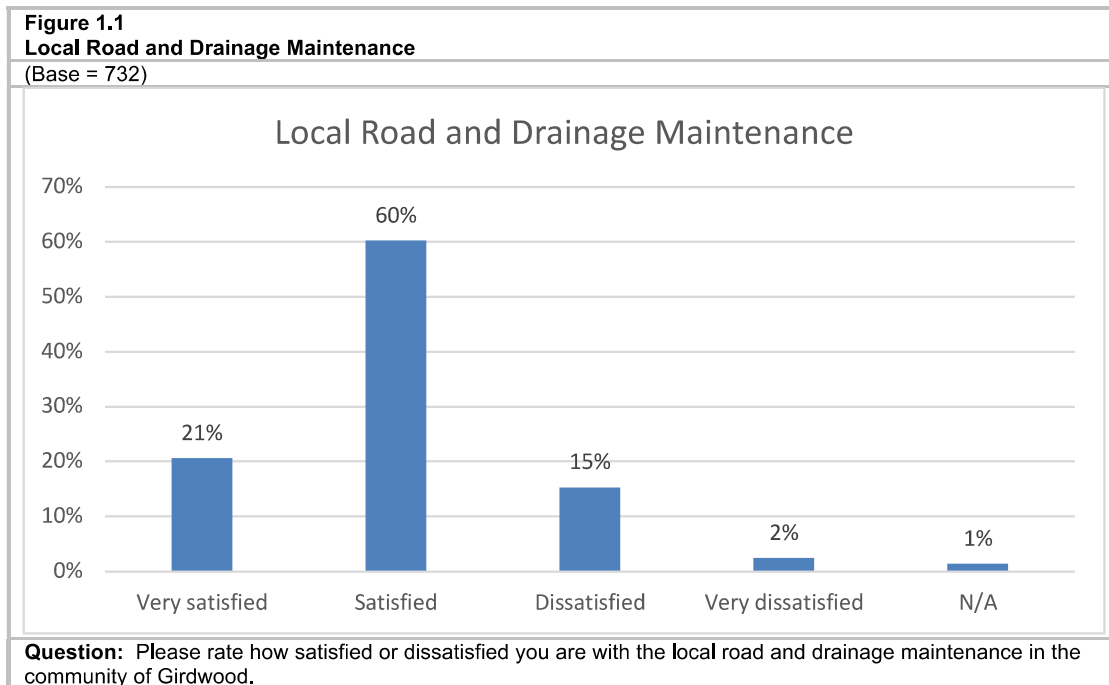
This report presents a summary of results for the 2019 Girdwood Area Plan Committee community survey of Girdwood residents and property owners. The report is organized by topic, with aggregate results for most questions displayed in graphics or in tables.

Satisfaction with Services

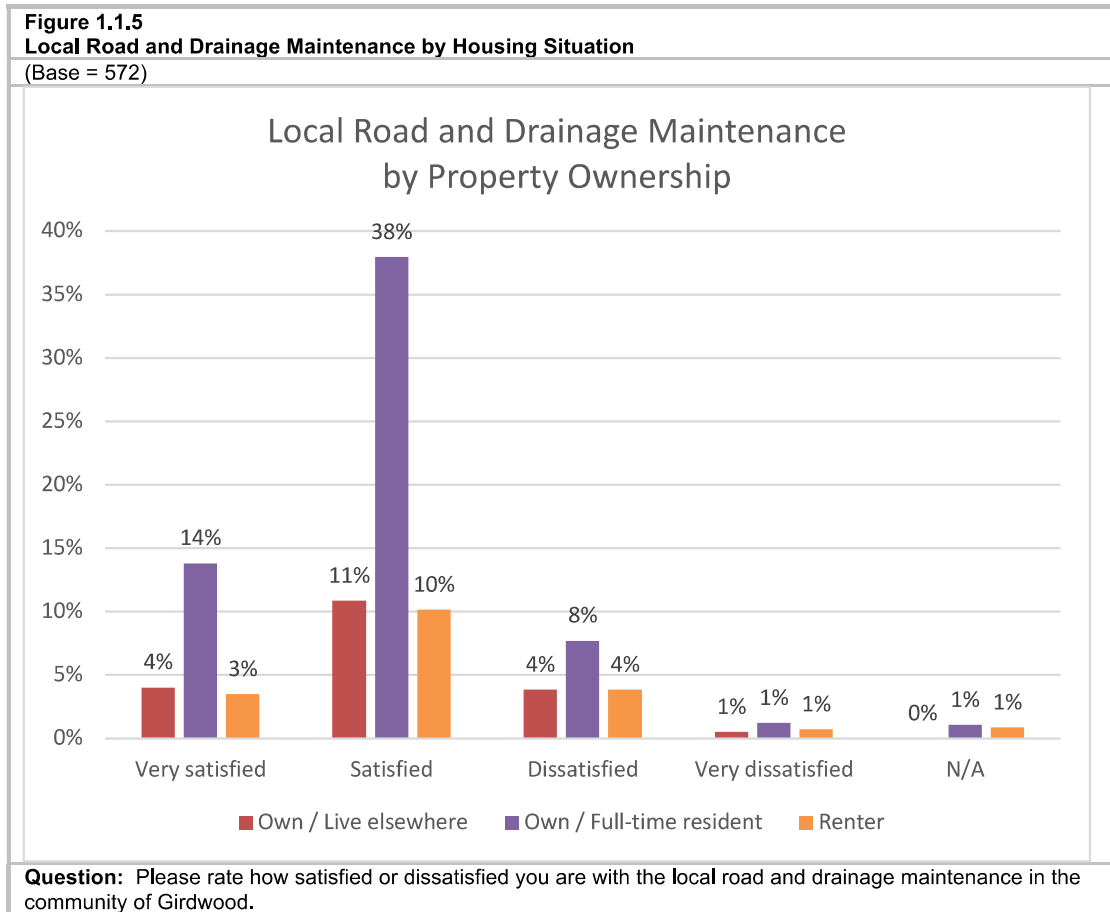
Girdwood residents were asked to rate how satisfied or dissatisfied they were with different services in the community of Girdwood. For each service an additional graph shows how respondents answered based on their housing situation (own property and live in it full-time, own property and primarily live elsewhere, or rent). These graphs exclude respondents who do not own or rent in Girdwood/Turnagain, as well as respondents who own multiple properties but, due to technical issues, did not have clear enough data to include.

Local Road and Drainage Maintenance

A majority (81%) of Girdwood residents and property owners said that they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the local road and drainage maintenance in the community of Girdwood. (Figure 1.1)



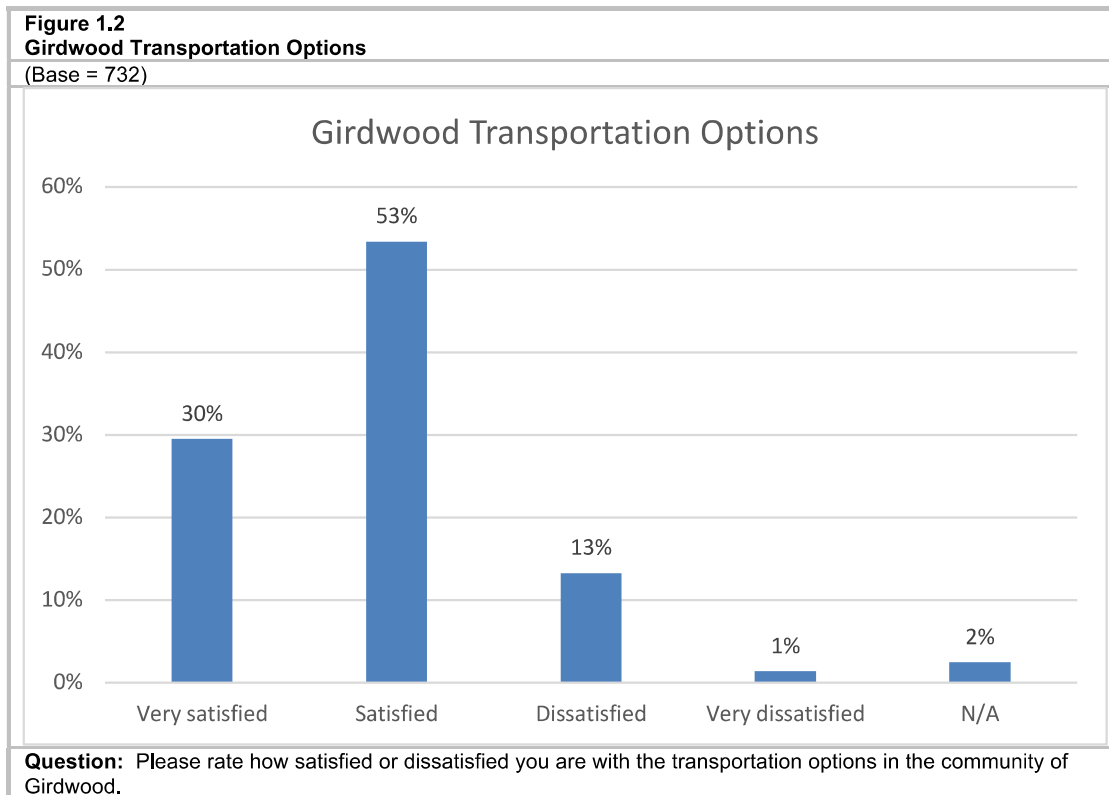
Local Road and Drainage Maintenance by Housing Situation



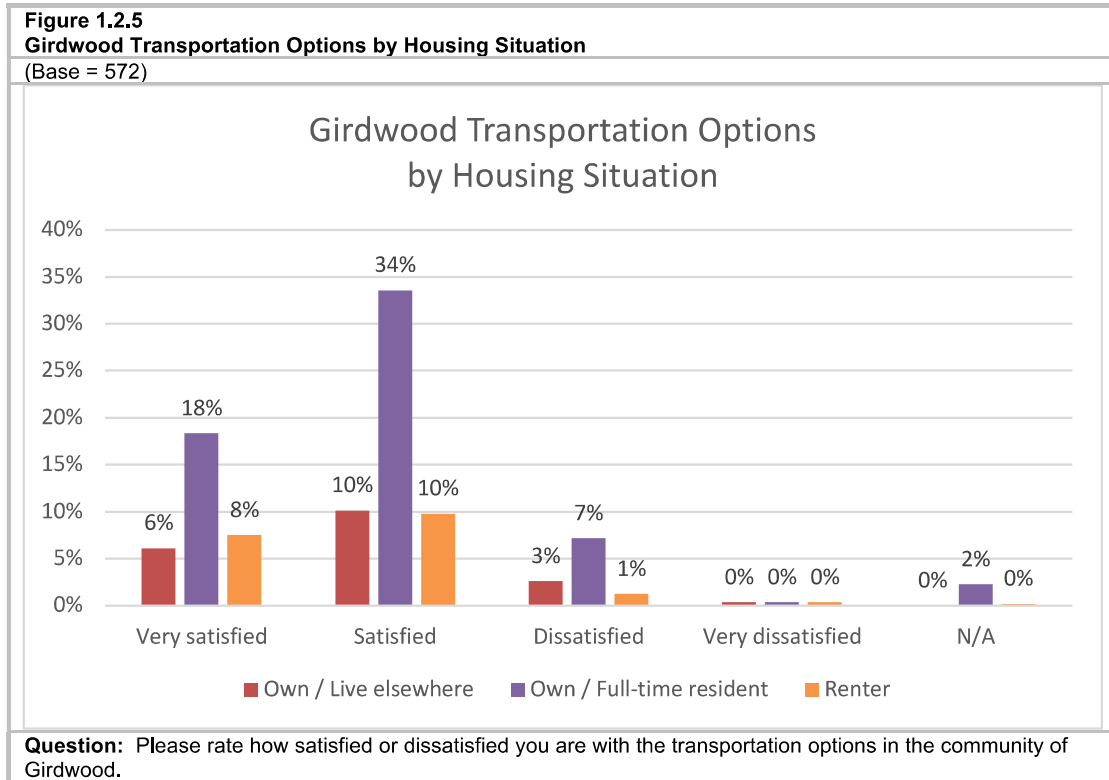
Note: This graph excludes respondents who do not own or rent in Girdwood/Turnagain, as well as respondents who own multiple properties but, due to technical issues, did not have clear enough data to include.

Girdwood Transportation Options

The majority (83%) of residents surveyed reported being satisfied or very satisfied with transportation options in the community of Girdwood, with 30% being very satisfied. (Figure 1.2)



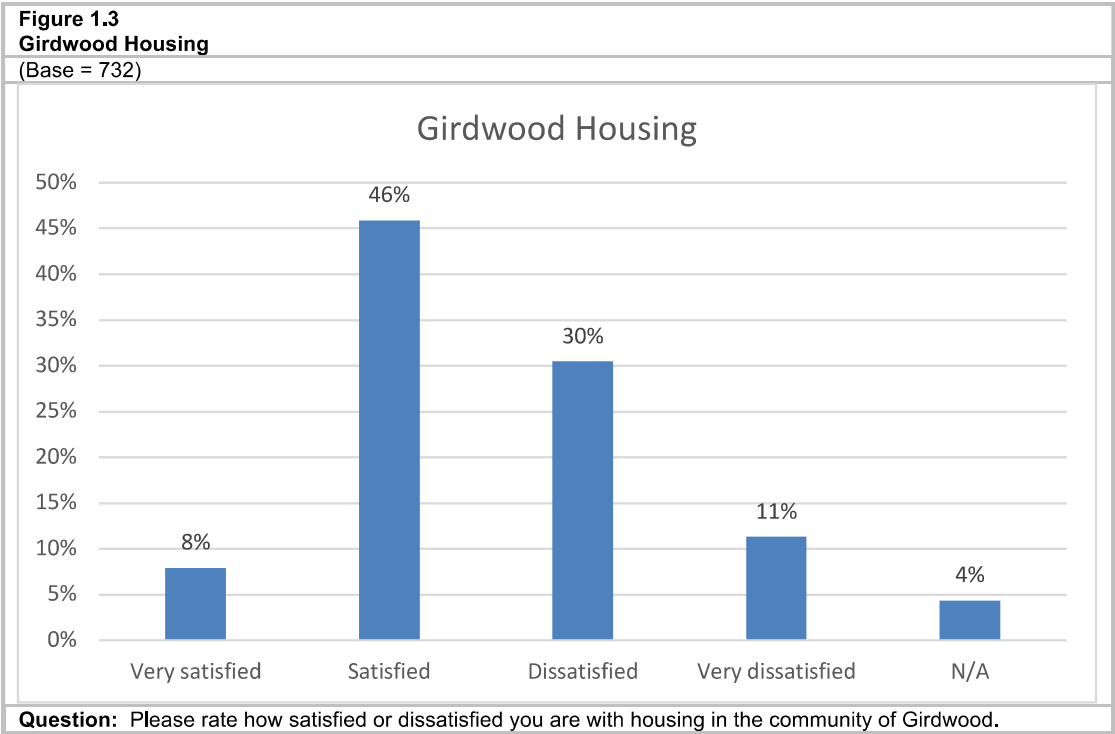
Girdwood Transportation Options by Housing Situation



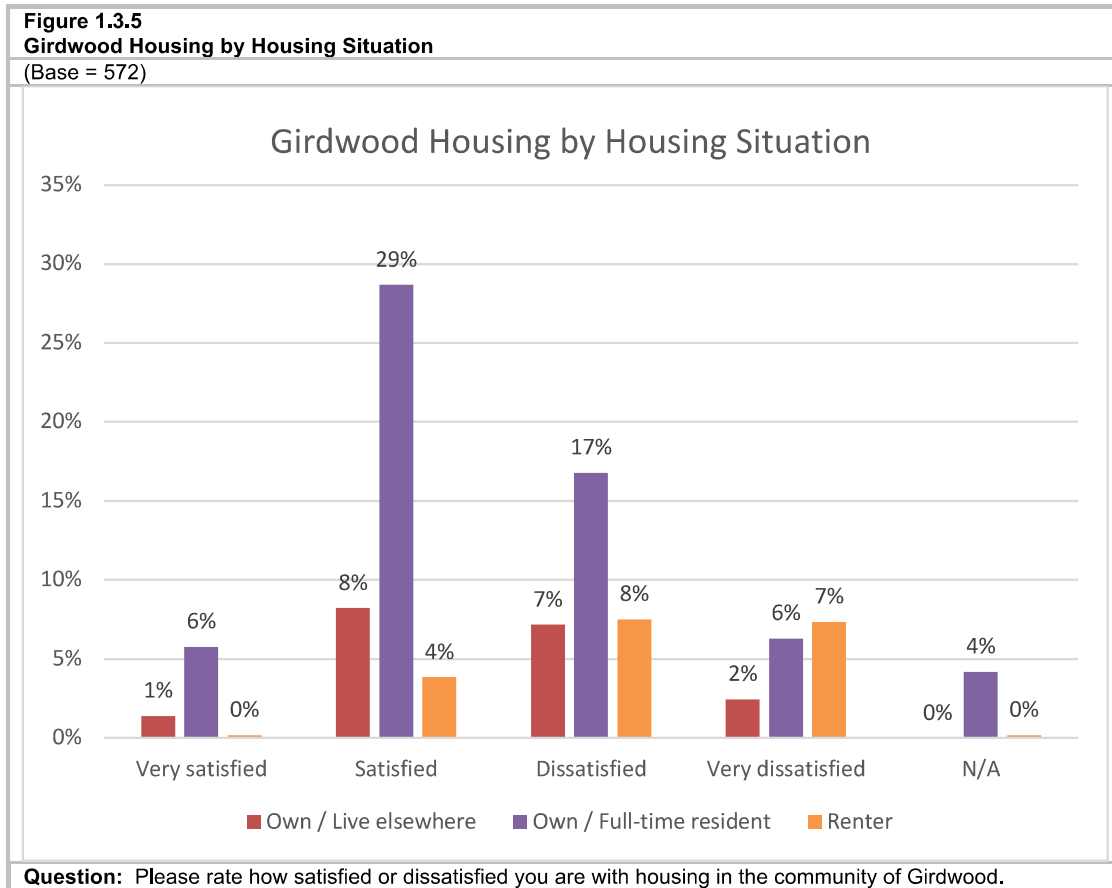
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Girdwood Housing

When asked how satisfied or dissatisfied they are with housing in the community of Girdwood responses were mixed, with 54% reporting that they were satisfied or very satisfied, while 41% reported being dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. (Figure 1.3)



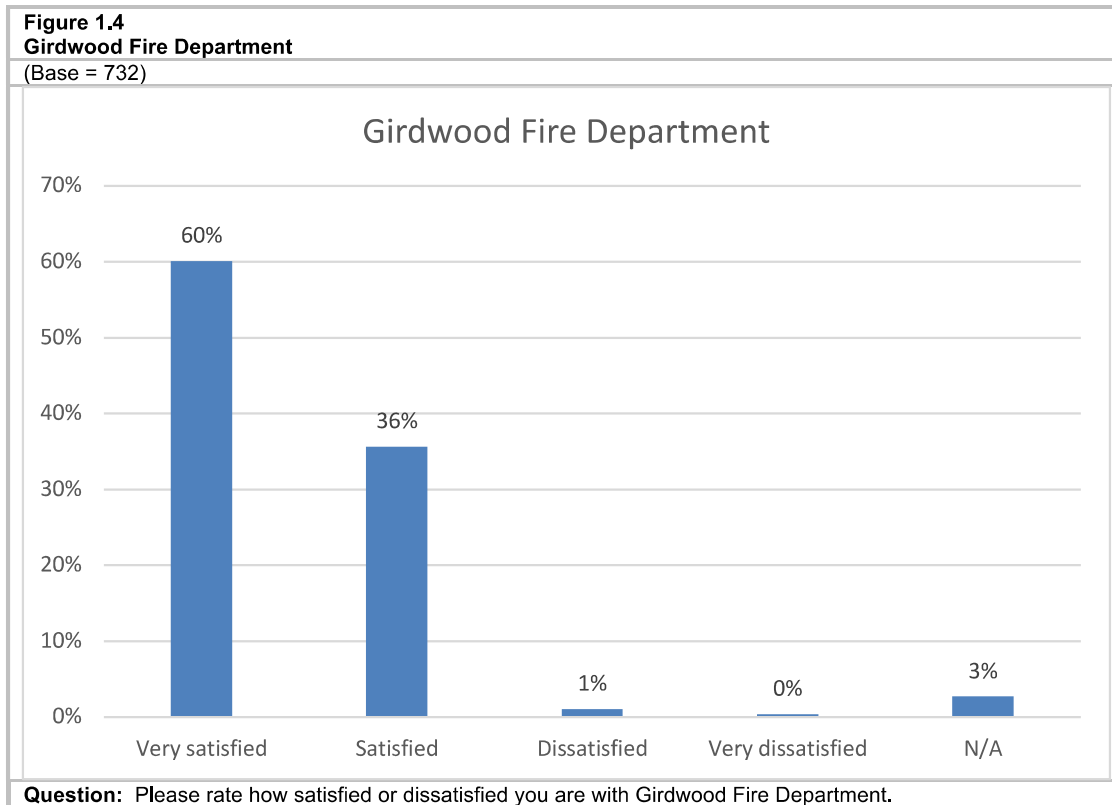
Girdwood Housing by Housing Situation



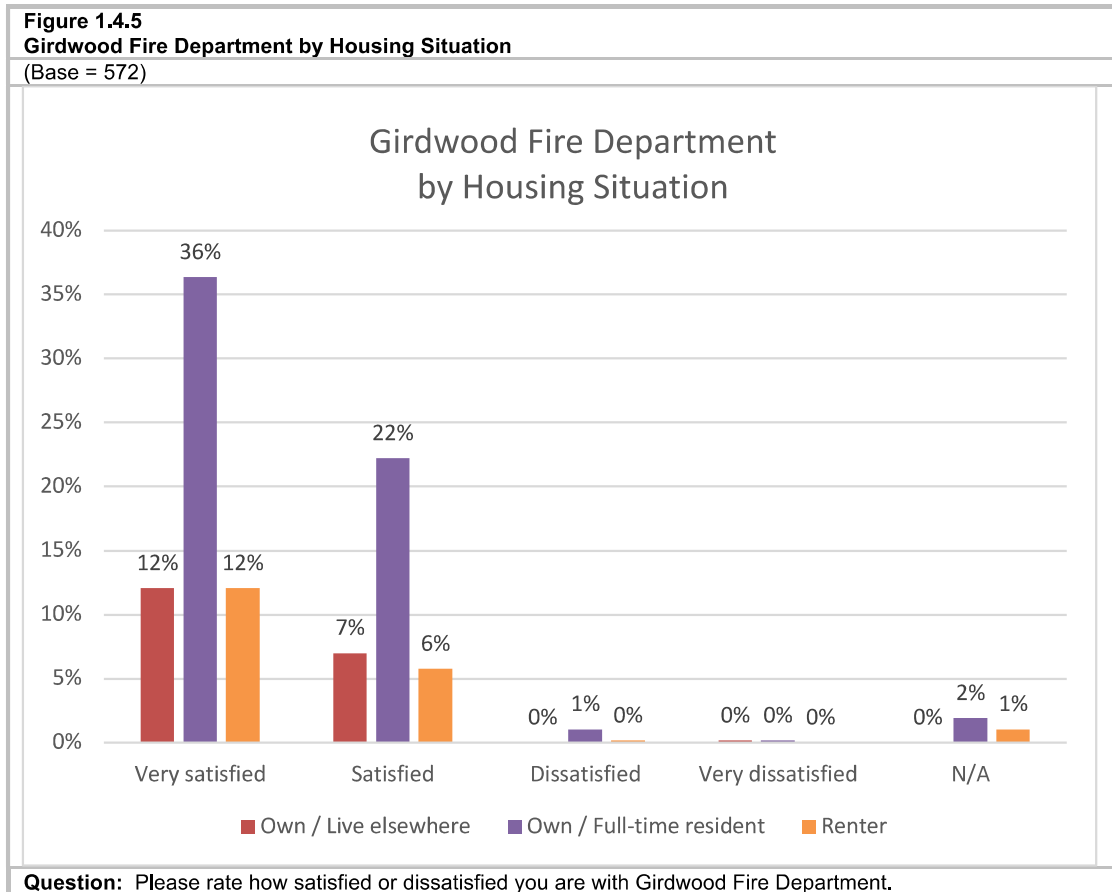
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Girdwood Fire Department

Figure 1.4 shows that the vast majority (96%) reported being satisfied or very satisfied with the Girdwood Fire Department.



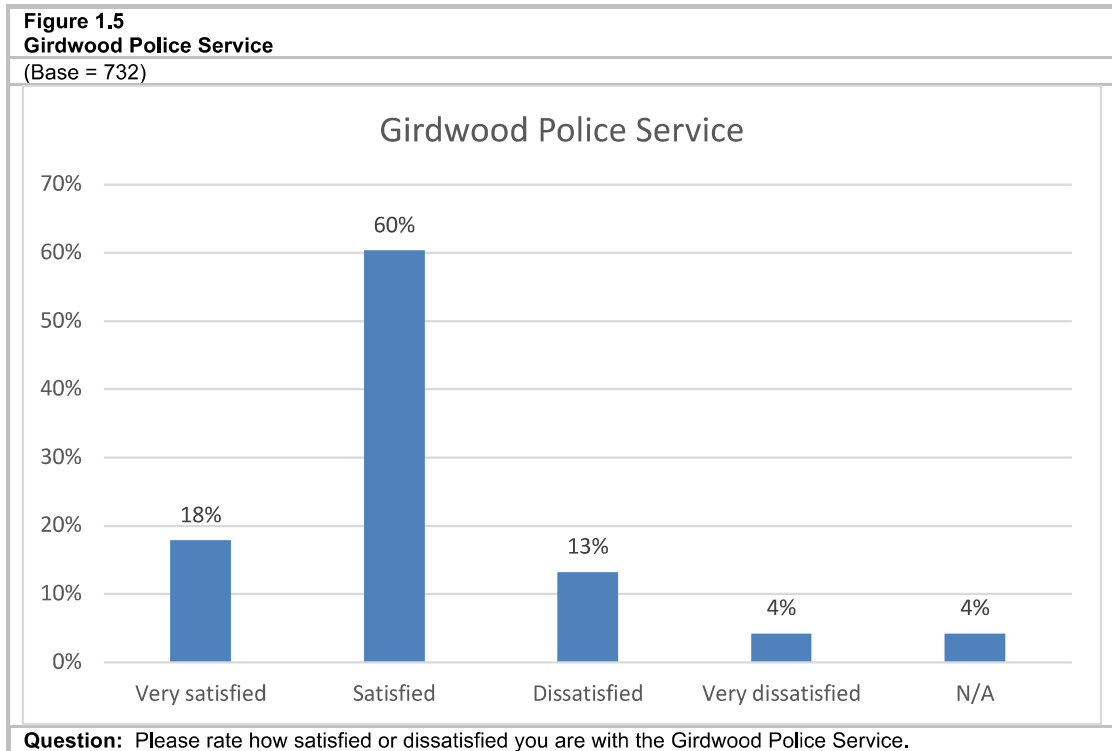
Girdwood Fire Department by Housing Situation



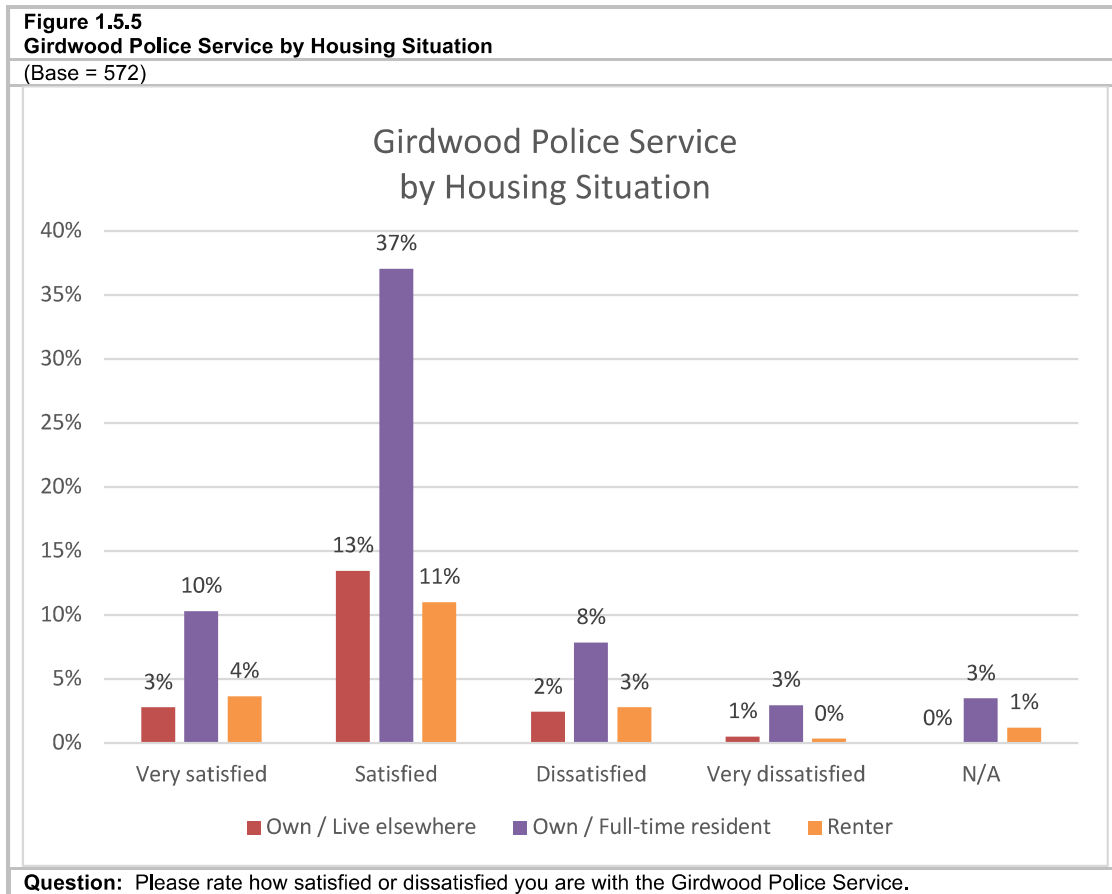
Note: This graph excludes respondents who do not own or rent in Girdwood/Turnagain, as well as respondents who own multiple properties but, due to technical issues, did not have clear enough data to include.

Girdwood Police Service

Seventy-eight percent (78%) of respondents indicated that they are satisfied or very satisfied with the Girdwood Police Service. (Figure 1.5)



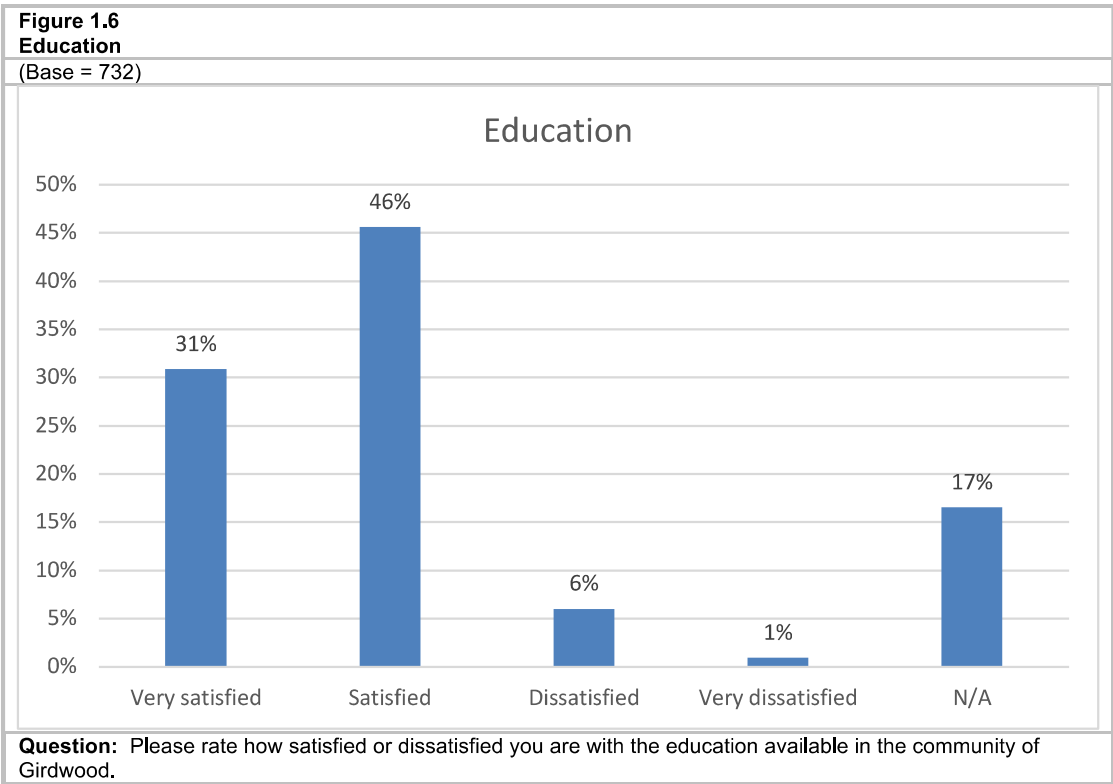
Girdwood Police Service by Housing Situation



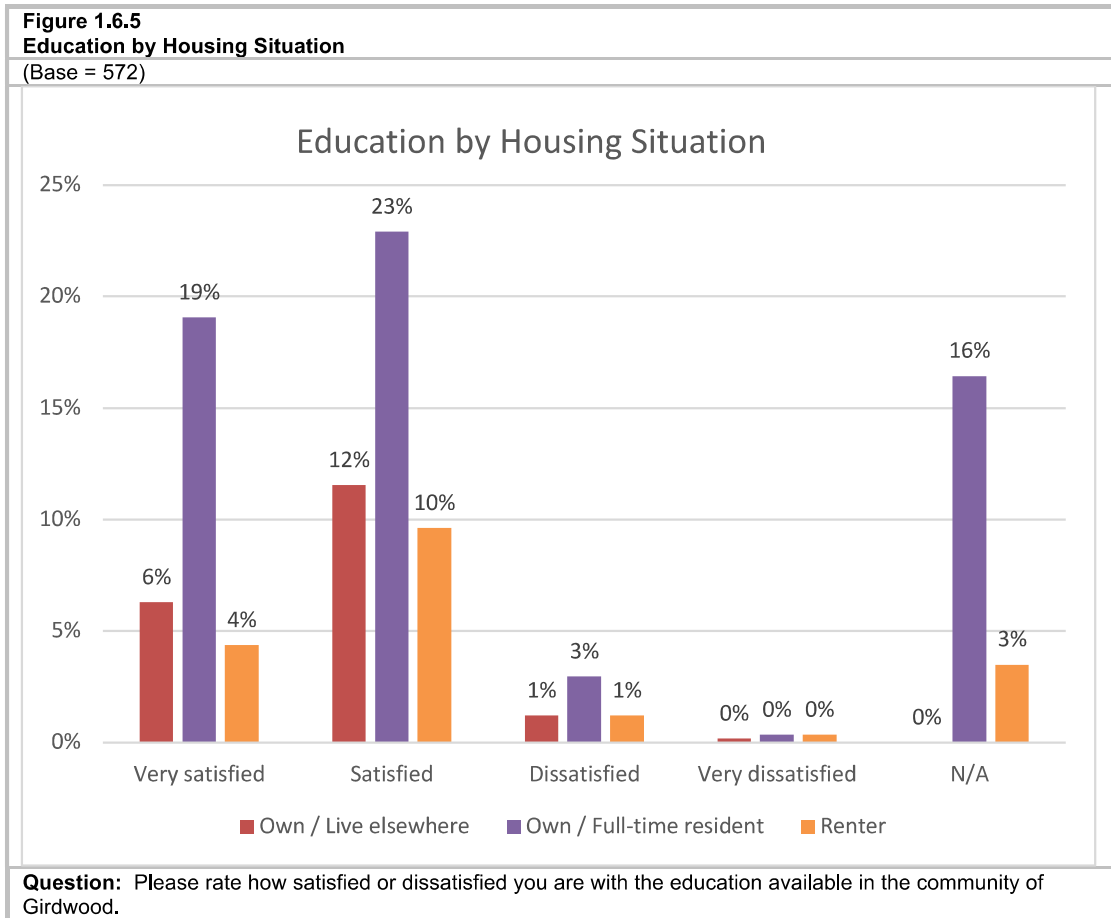
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Education

Figure 1.6 shows that 77% of respondents said that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the education available in the community of Girdwood. Seventeen percent (17%) indicated that this question did not apply to them.



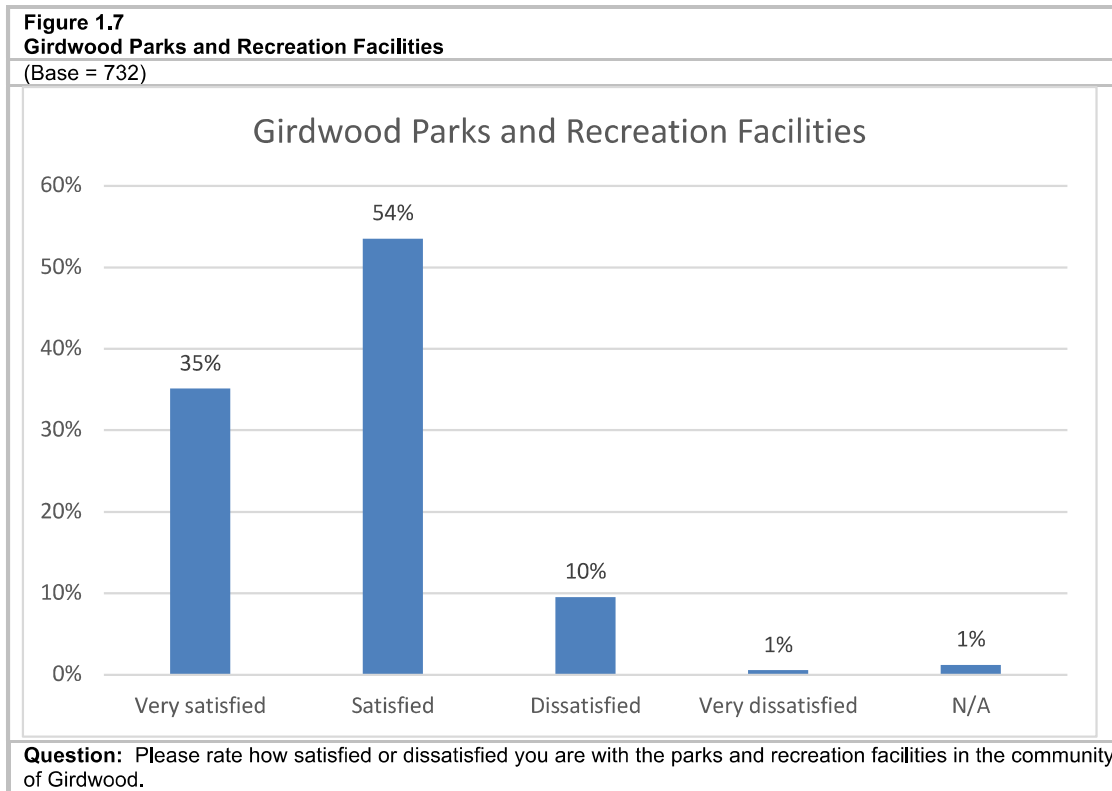
Education by Housing Situation



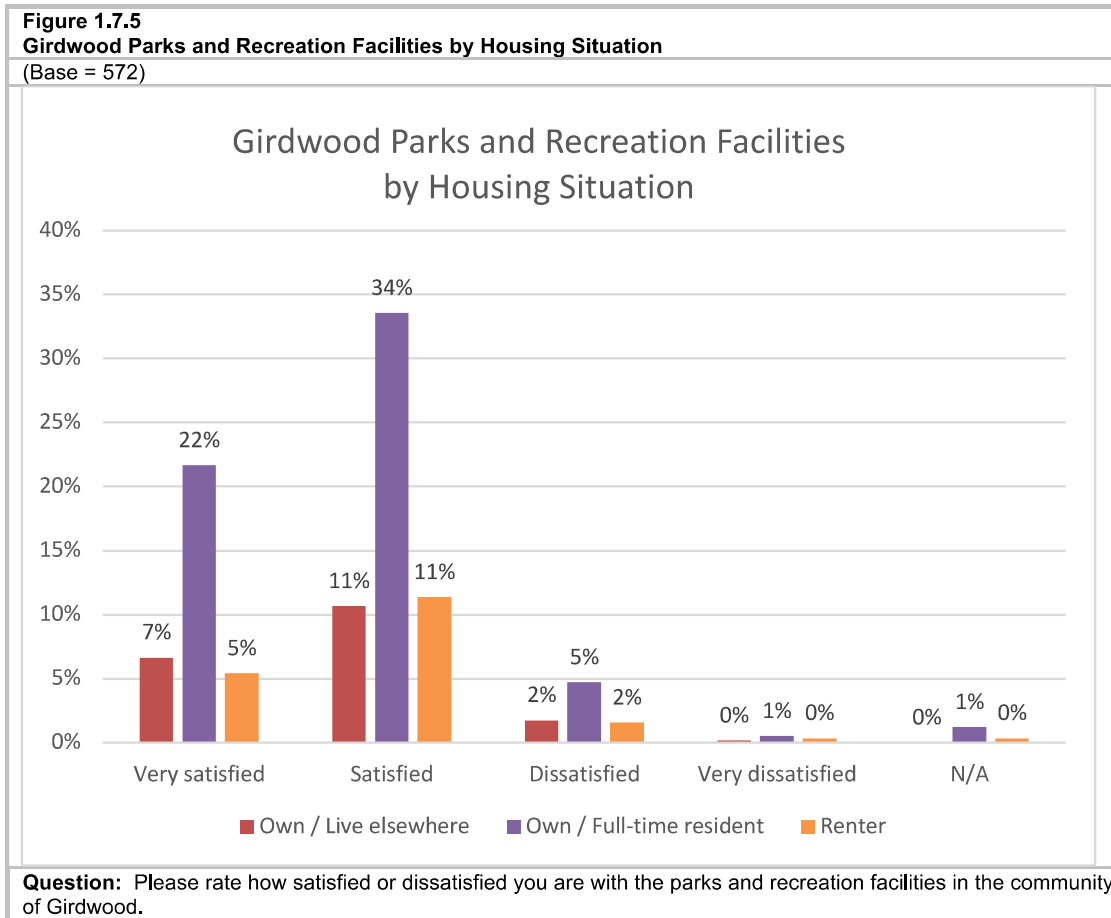
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Girdwood Parks and Recreation Facilities

The majority (89%) of respondents said that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the parks and recreation facilities in the community of Girdwood. (Figure 1.7)



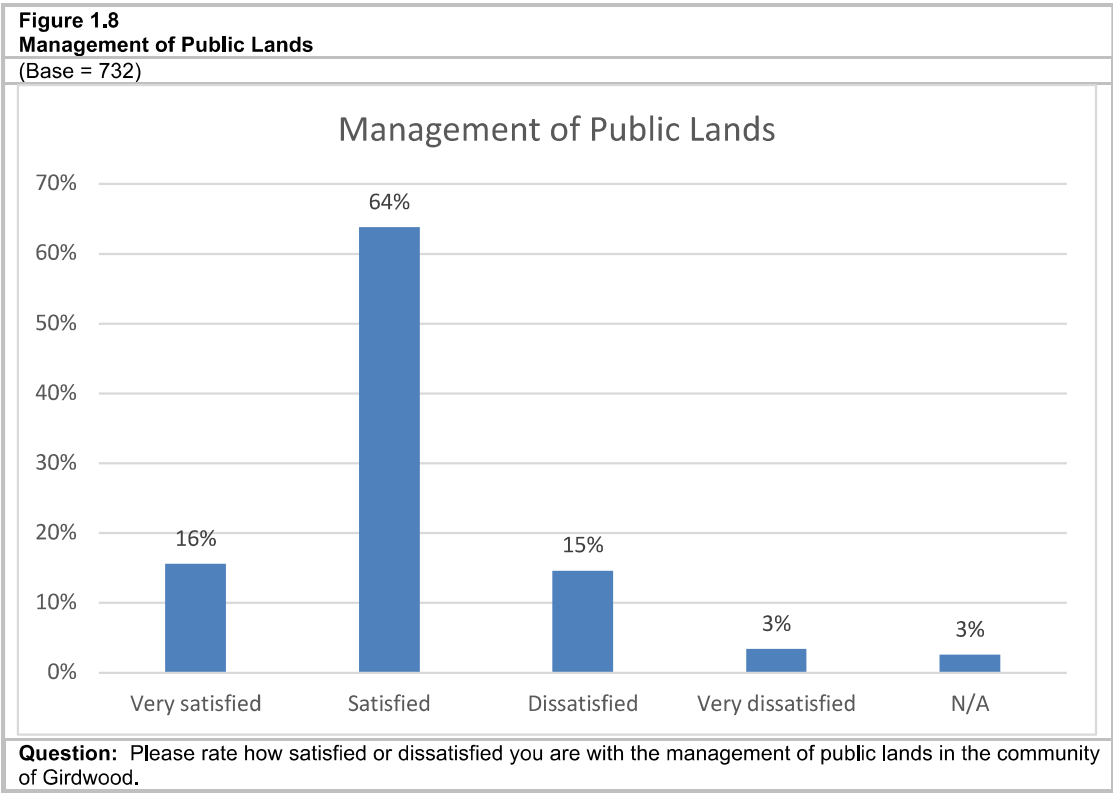
Girdwood Parks and Recreation Facilities by Housing Situation



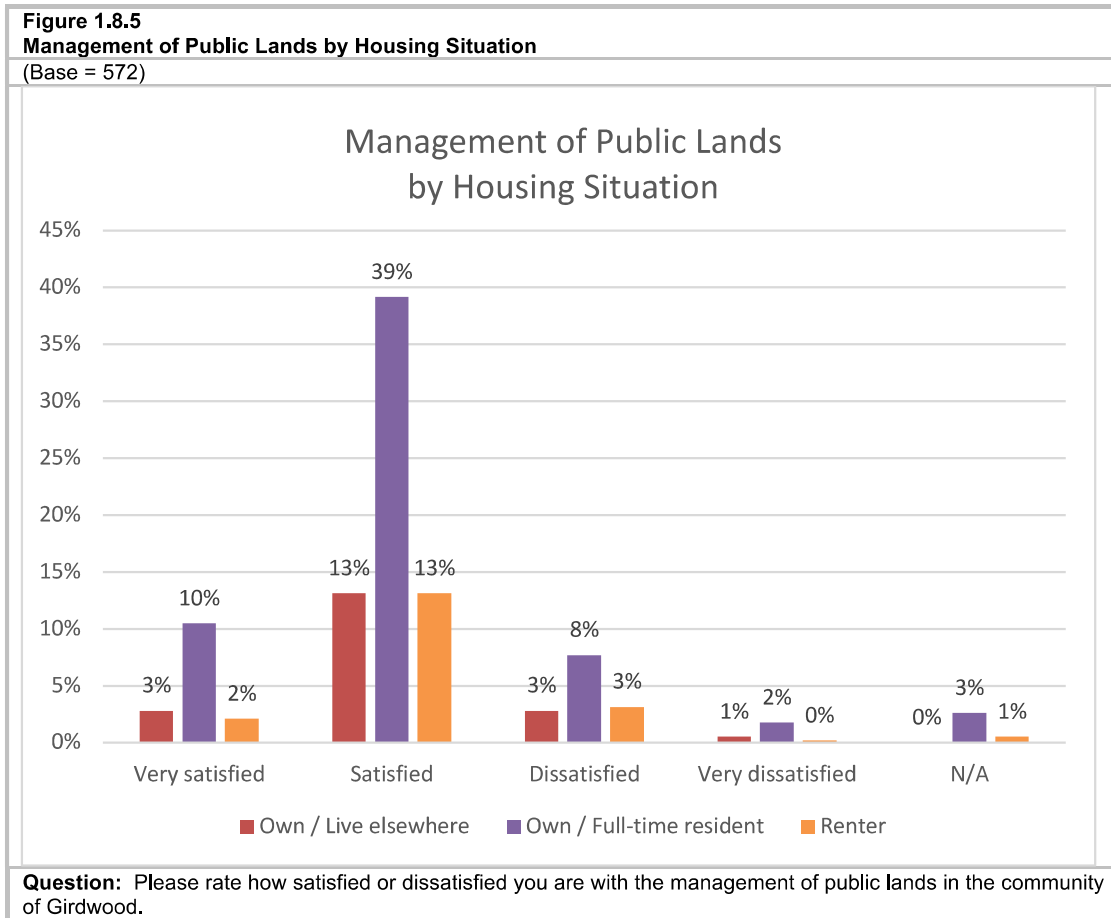
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Management of Public Lands

Four out of five (80%) respondents reported that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the management of public lands in the community of Girdwood. (Figure 1.8)



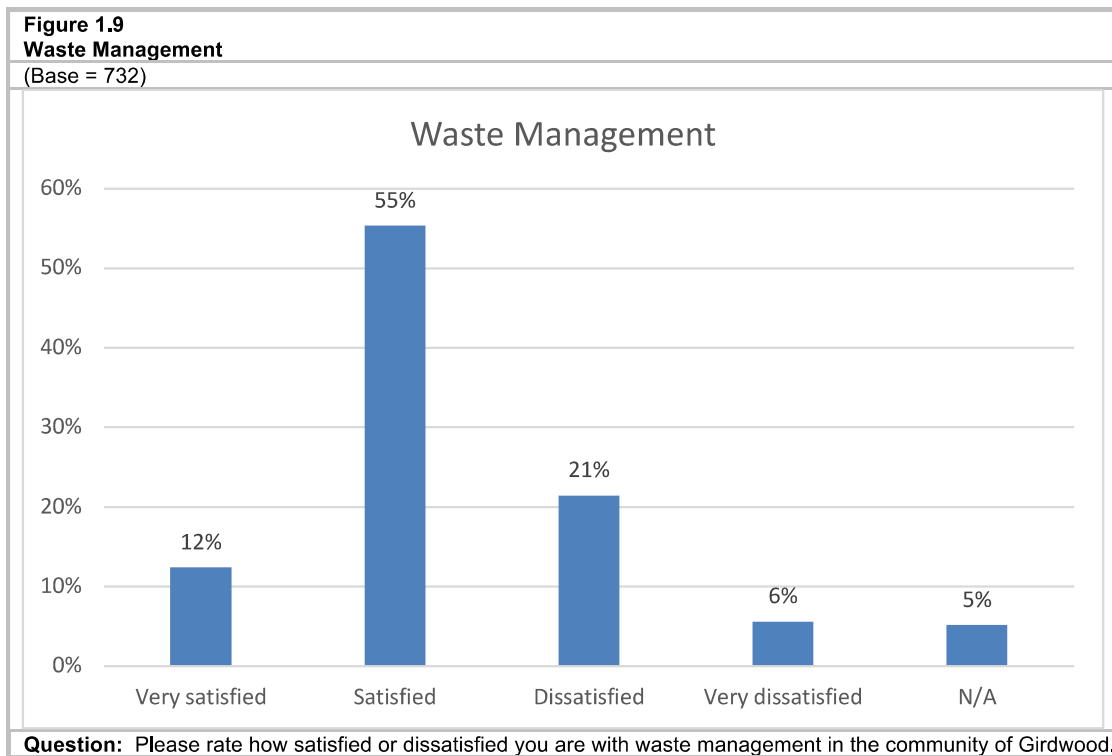
Management of Public Lands by Housing Situation



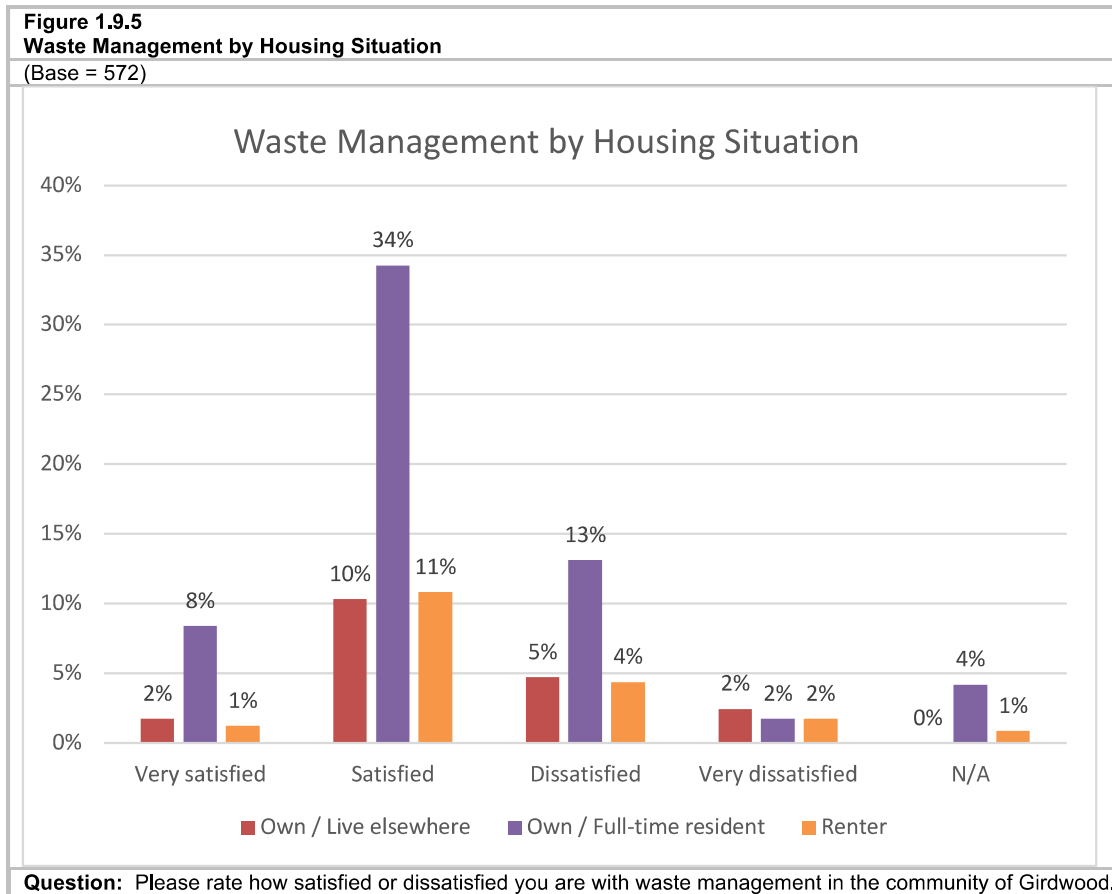
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Waste Management

Sixty-seven percent (67%) of respondents said that they were satisfied or very satisfied with waste management in the community of Girdwood, compared to 27% who reported being dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. (Figure 1.9)



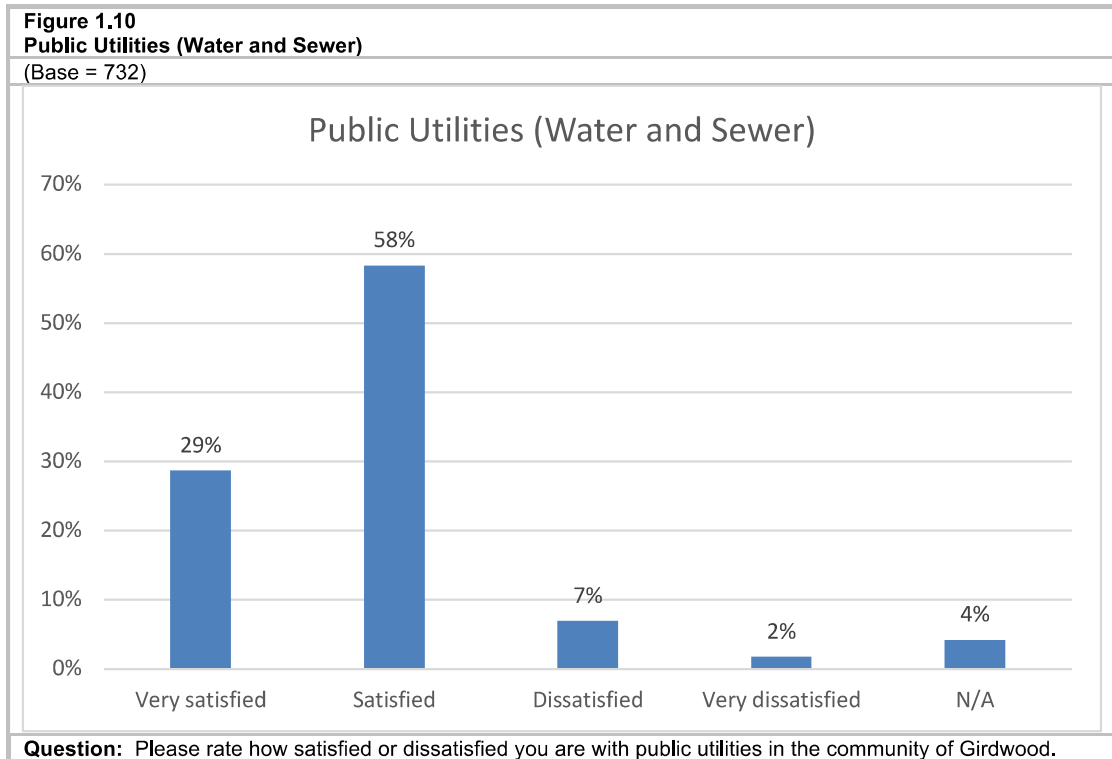
Waste Management by Housing Situation



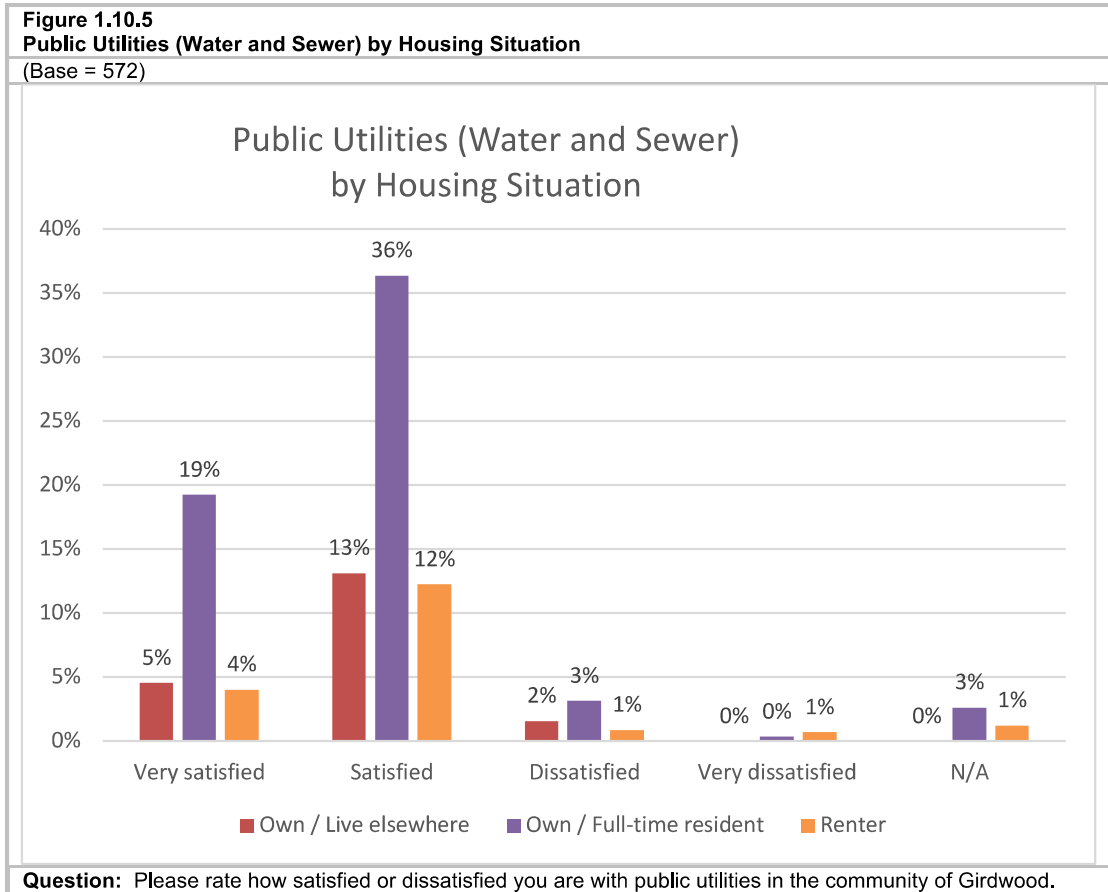
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Public Utilities (Water and Sewer)

Eighty-seven percent (87%) of respondents said that they were satisfied or very satisfied with public utilities in the community of Girdwood. (Figure 1.10)



Public Utilities (Water and Sewer) by Housing Situation



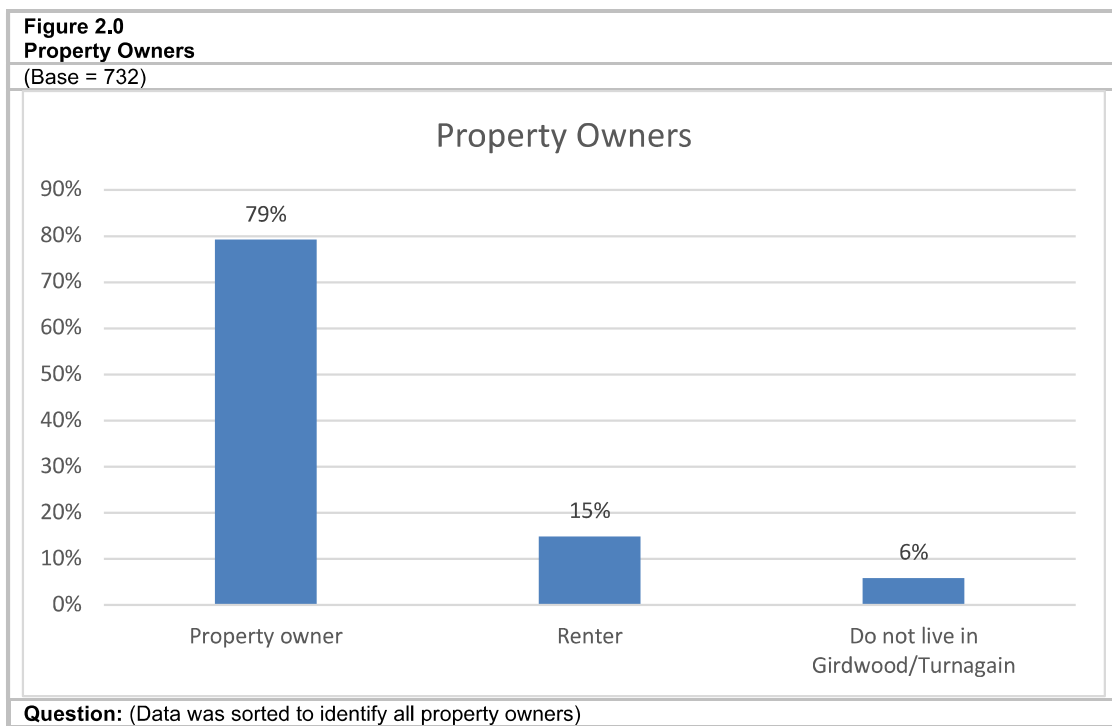
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Property and Housing

Girdwood residents and property owners were asked a series of questions related to property ownership and housing.

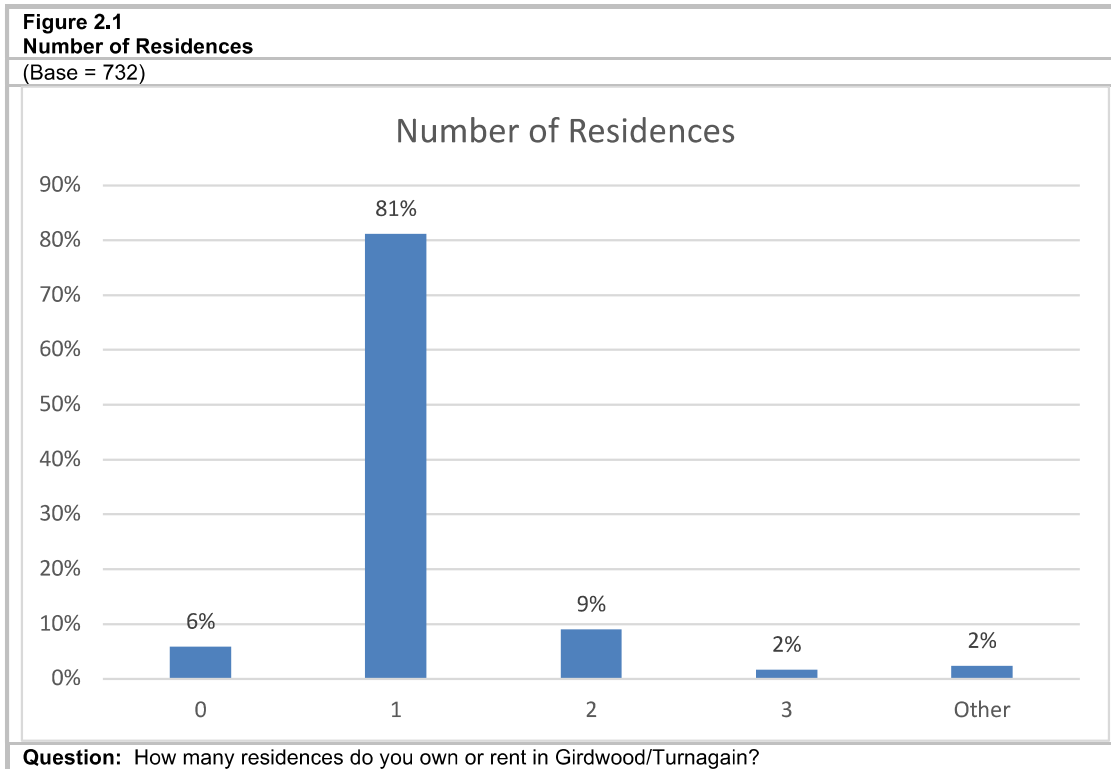
Property Owners

Seventy nine percent (79%) of all respondents reported that they own property in some capacity. Fifteen percent (15%) reported that they rent only, and 6% reported that they do not live in Girdwood/Turnagain. (Figure 2.0)



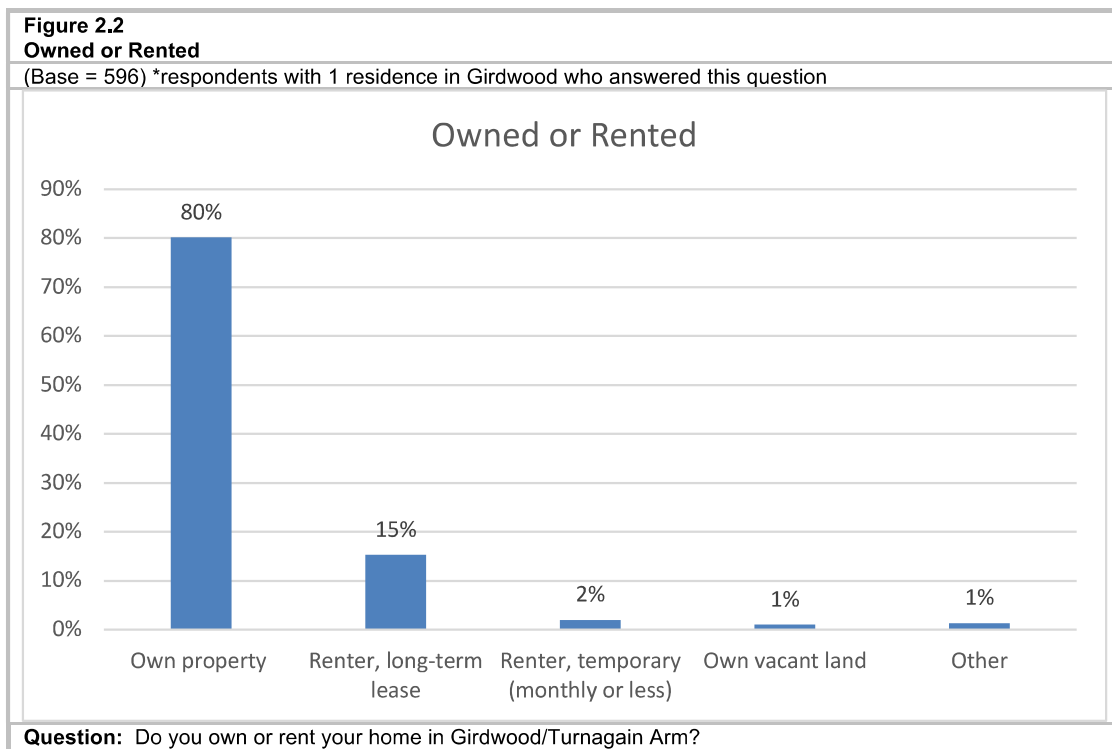
Number of Residences

When asked how many residences they own or rent in Girdwood/Turnagain, the majority (81%) reported owning or renting one place of residence, followed by 9% reporting that they own or rent two places of residence. (Figure 2.1) 'Other' responses can be found in Appendix C.



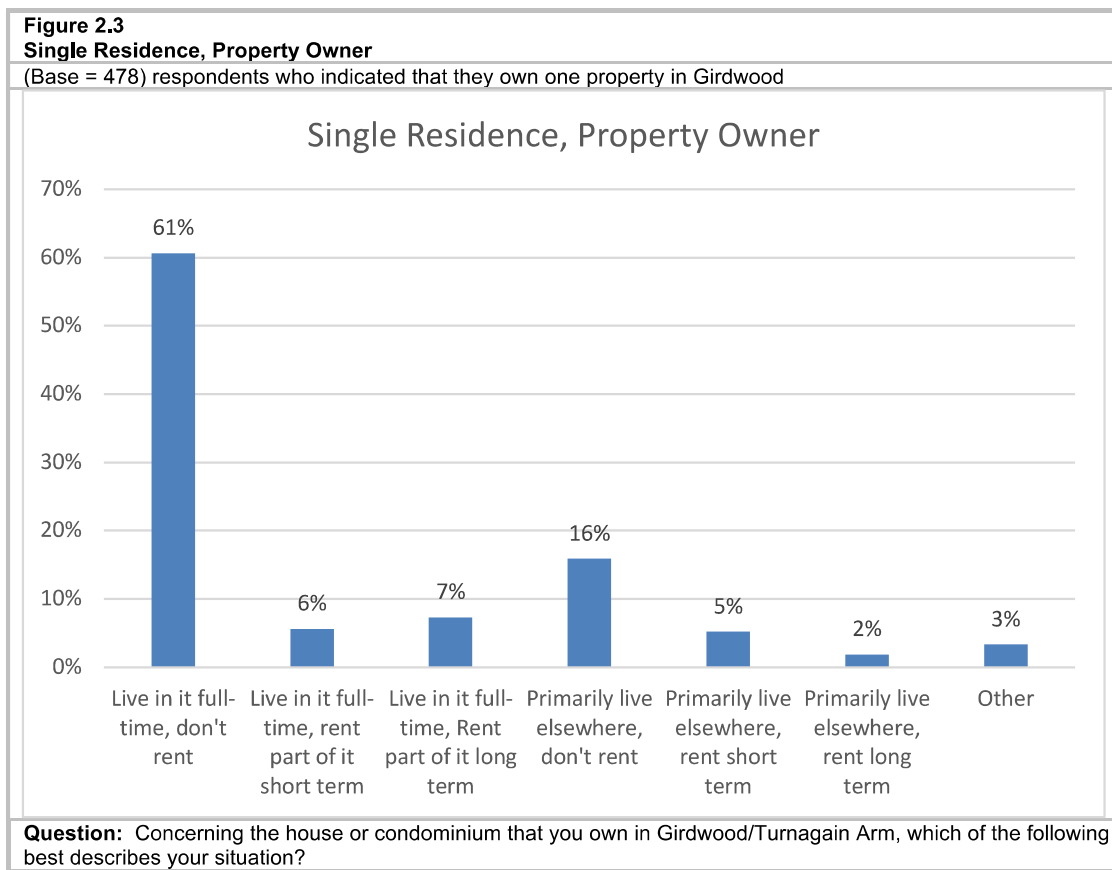
Single Residence, Owned or Rented

Those who said that they did own or rent one residence in Girdwood/Turnagain were asked to specify if they own property, vacant land, or if they rent long-term or temporarily. Eighty percent (80%) said that they own property, followed by 15% reporting that they rent with a long-term lease. (Figure 2.2) 'Other' responses can be found in Appendix D.



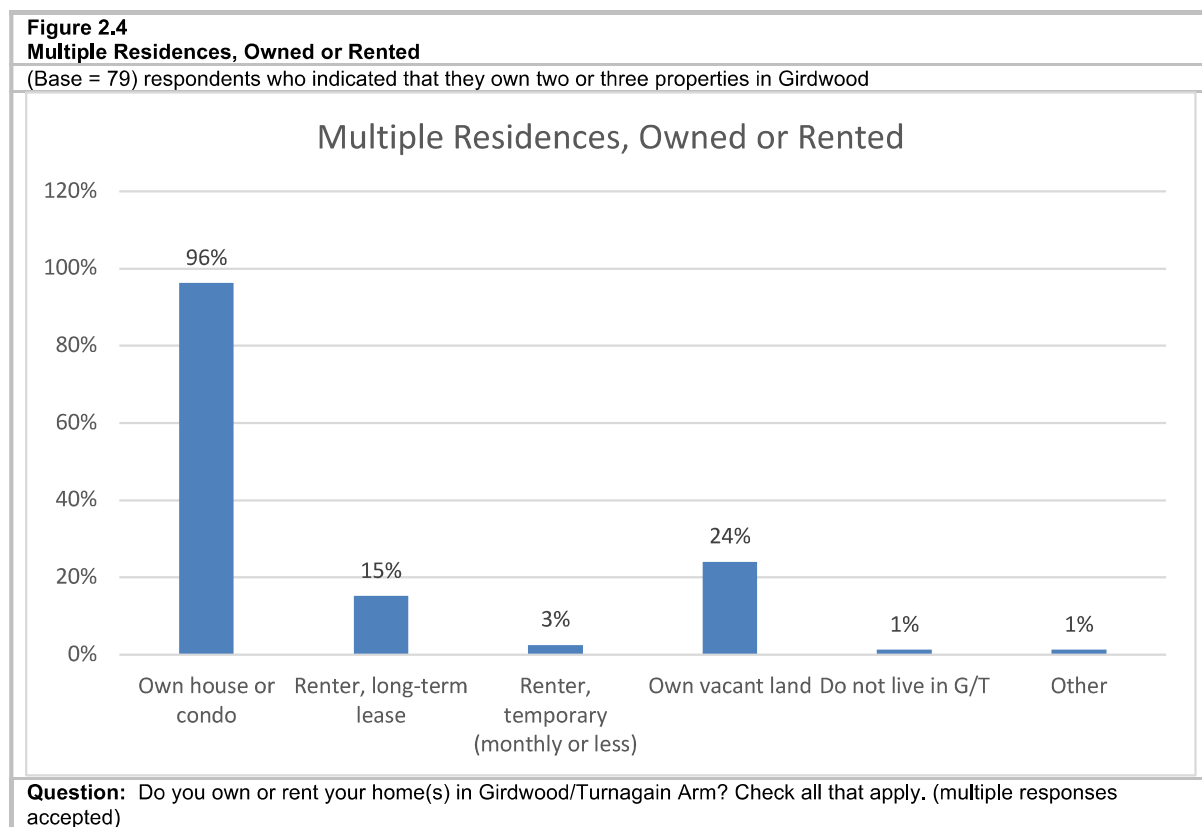
Single Residence, Property Owner

Of those respondents who indicated that they own a house or condominium in Girdwood, 61% report that they live in the property full-time. Sixteen percent (16%) report that they primarily live elsewhere and don't rent. Twenty percent (20%) report that they rent their property in some capacity. (Figure 2.3) 'Other' responses can be found in Appendix E.



Multiple Residences, Owned or Rented

Those who said that they did own or rent two or three properties in Girdwood/Turnagain were asked to specify if they own property, vacant land, or if they rent long-term or temporarily. Ninety six percent (96%) of respondents with two or three residences said that they owned a house or condo. Twenty four percent (24%) also reported that they own vacant land. (Figure 2.4) One 'other' response indicated that they own commercial property.



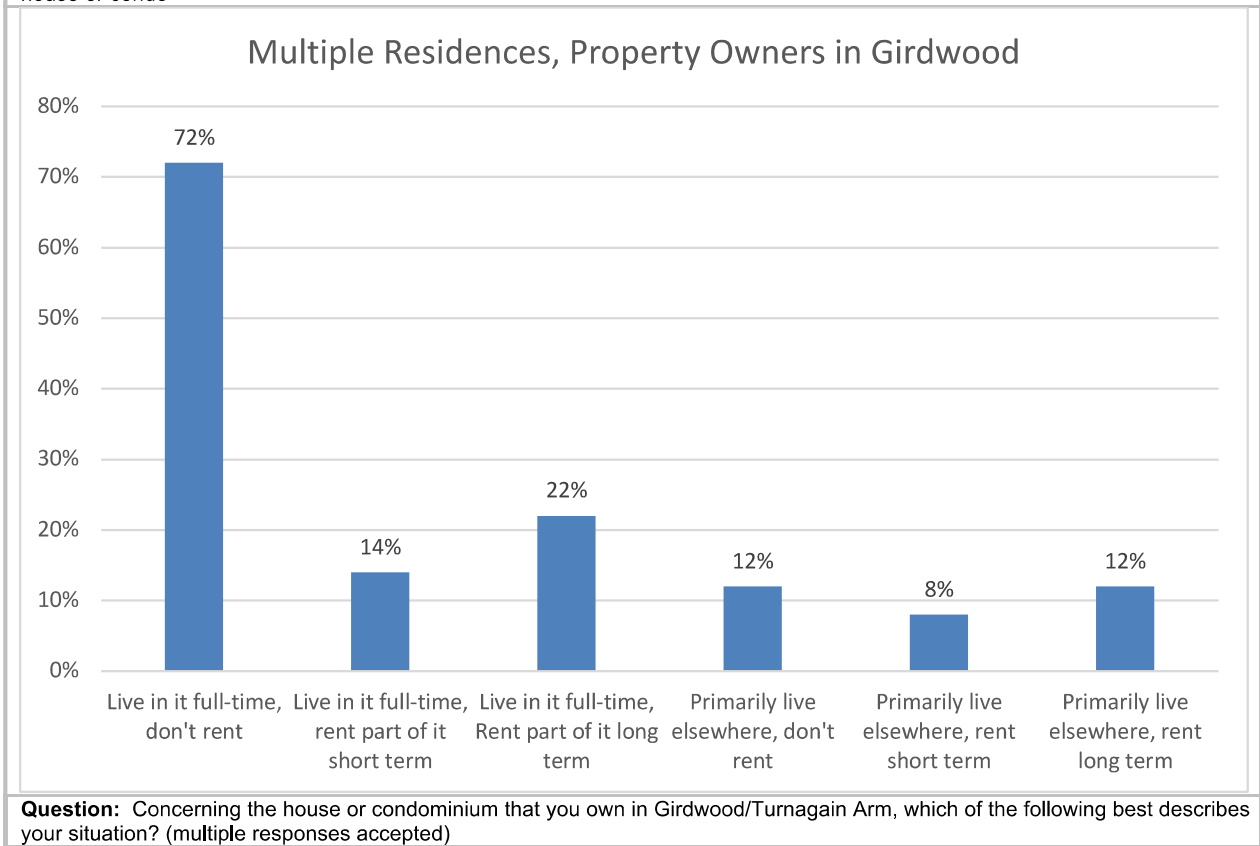
Multiple Residences, Property Owner

Of those respondents who indicated that they have two or three residences and own a house or condominium in Girdwood, 51% report that they live in it full-time and don't rent it. Eight percent (9%) indicate that they primarily live elsewhere and don't rent. Forty one percent (41%) report that they rent the property in some capacity. (Figure 2.5)

Note: Due to some issues with the logic of the survey, this question was skipped by 26 owners of two or three residences who indicated they own a house or condo.

Figure 2.5
Multiple Residences, Property Owner

(Base = 50) respondents who indicated that they have two or three residences in Girdwood/Turnagain, and at least one of them is a house or condo

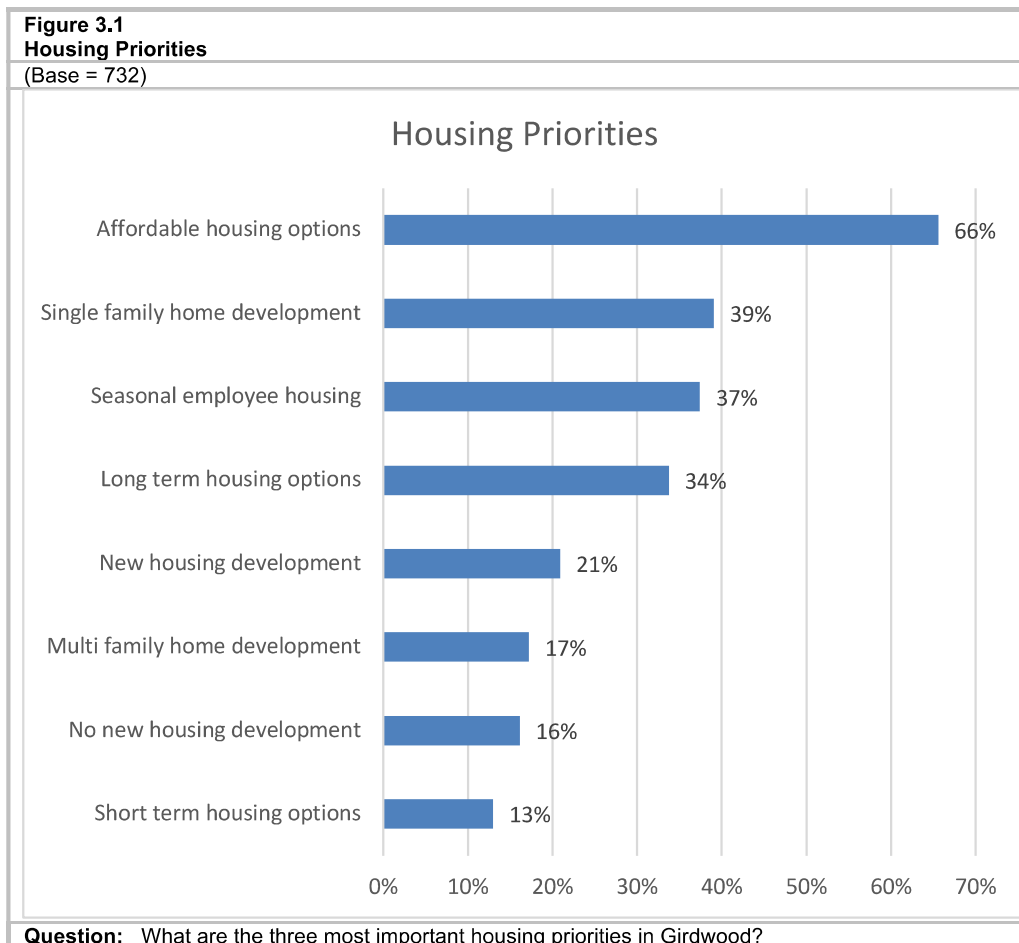


Rankings

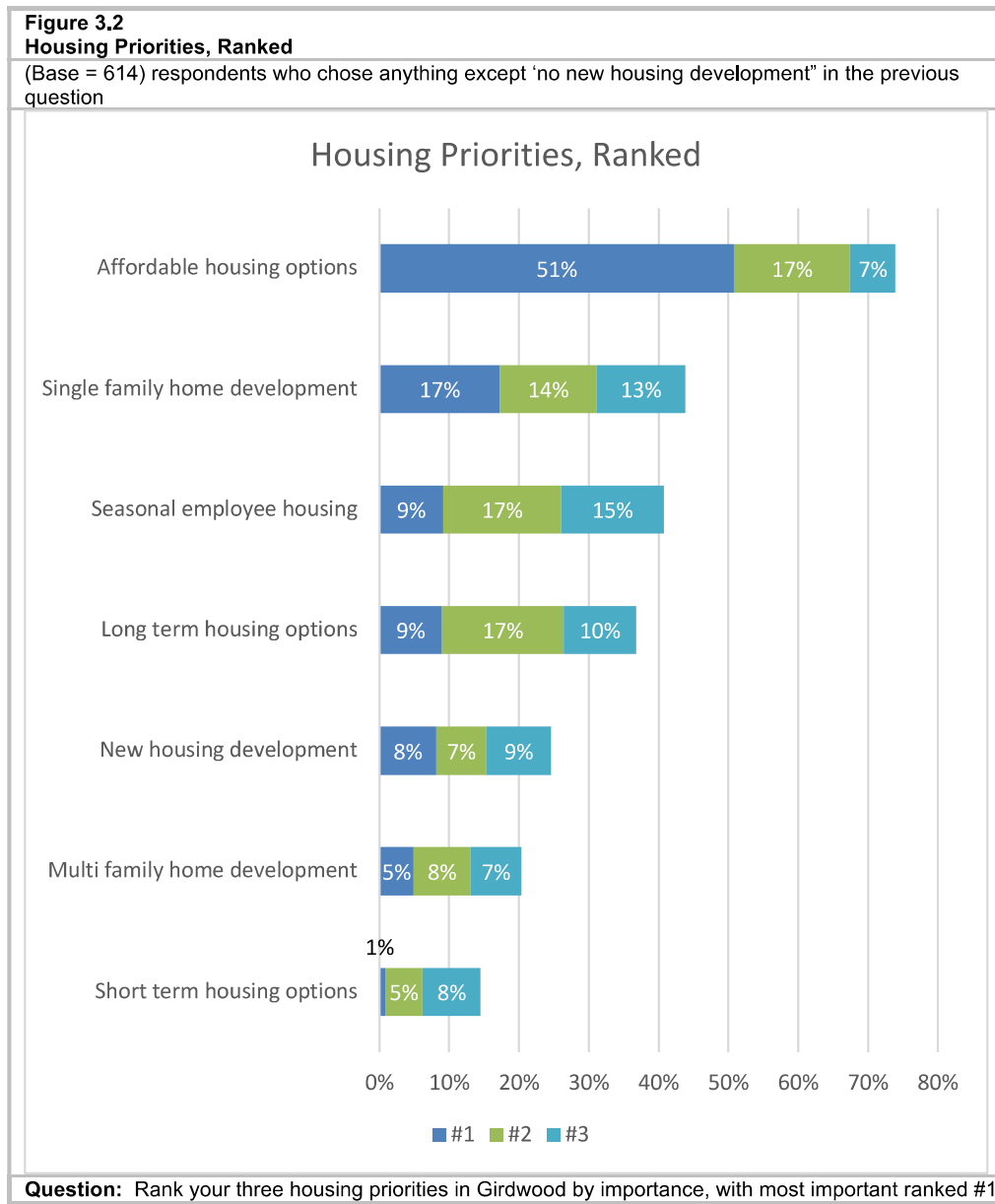
Girdwood residents and property owners were asked to choose the top three most important items from a series of lists, and then asked to rank those items from most important to least.

Housing Priorities

Respondents were provided with a list and asked to choose their top three housing priorities. Affordable housing options (66%), single family home development (39%), and seasonal employee housing (37%) were identified as the top three most important housing priorities in Girdwood. (Figure 3.1) Those who provided an answer other than “no new housing development” were asked to rank their housing priorities in Girdwood by importance, with most important ranked #1. Of those, 51% chose affordable housing options as their most important priority. (Figure 3.2)

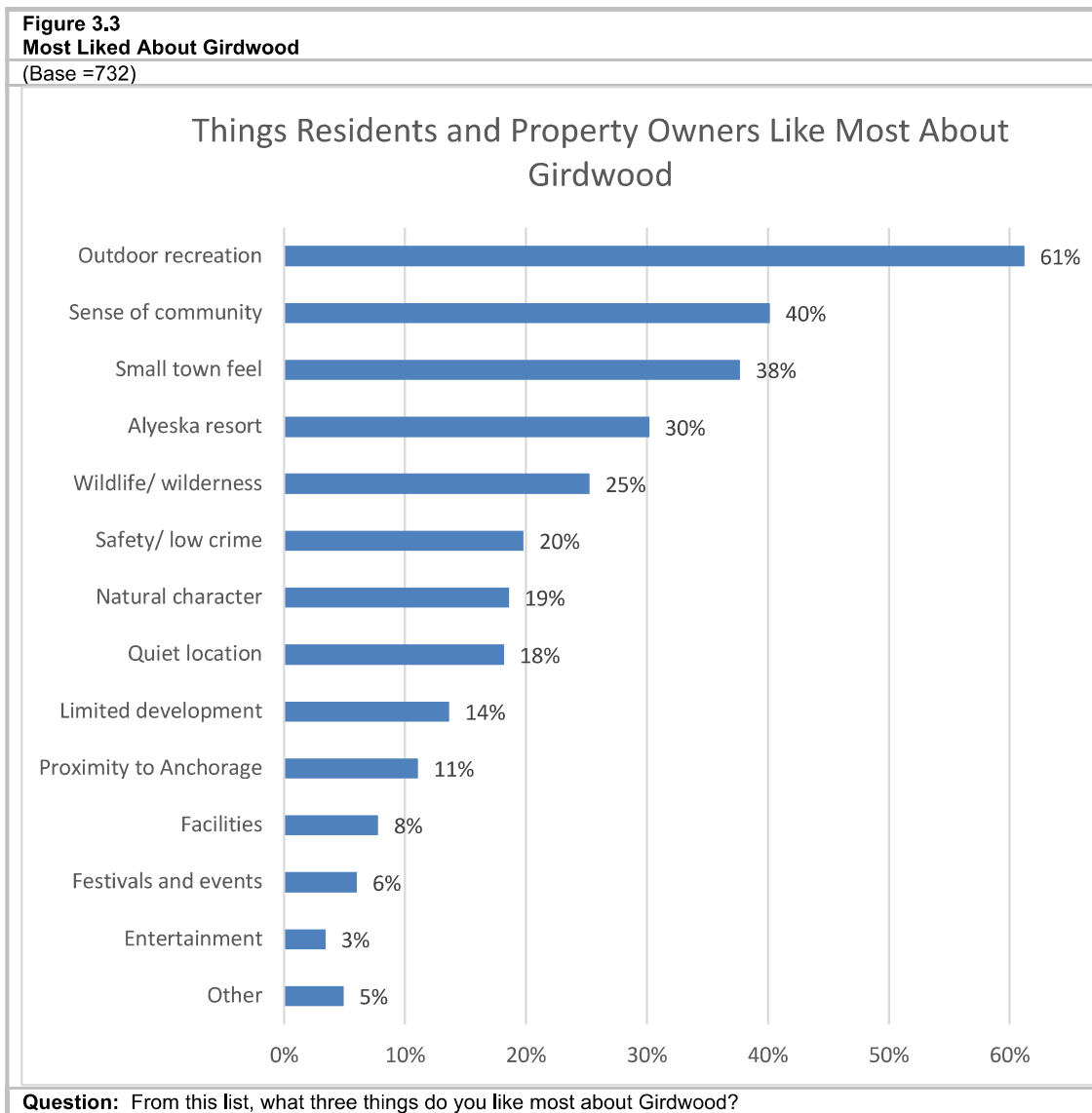


Housing Priorities, Ranked



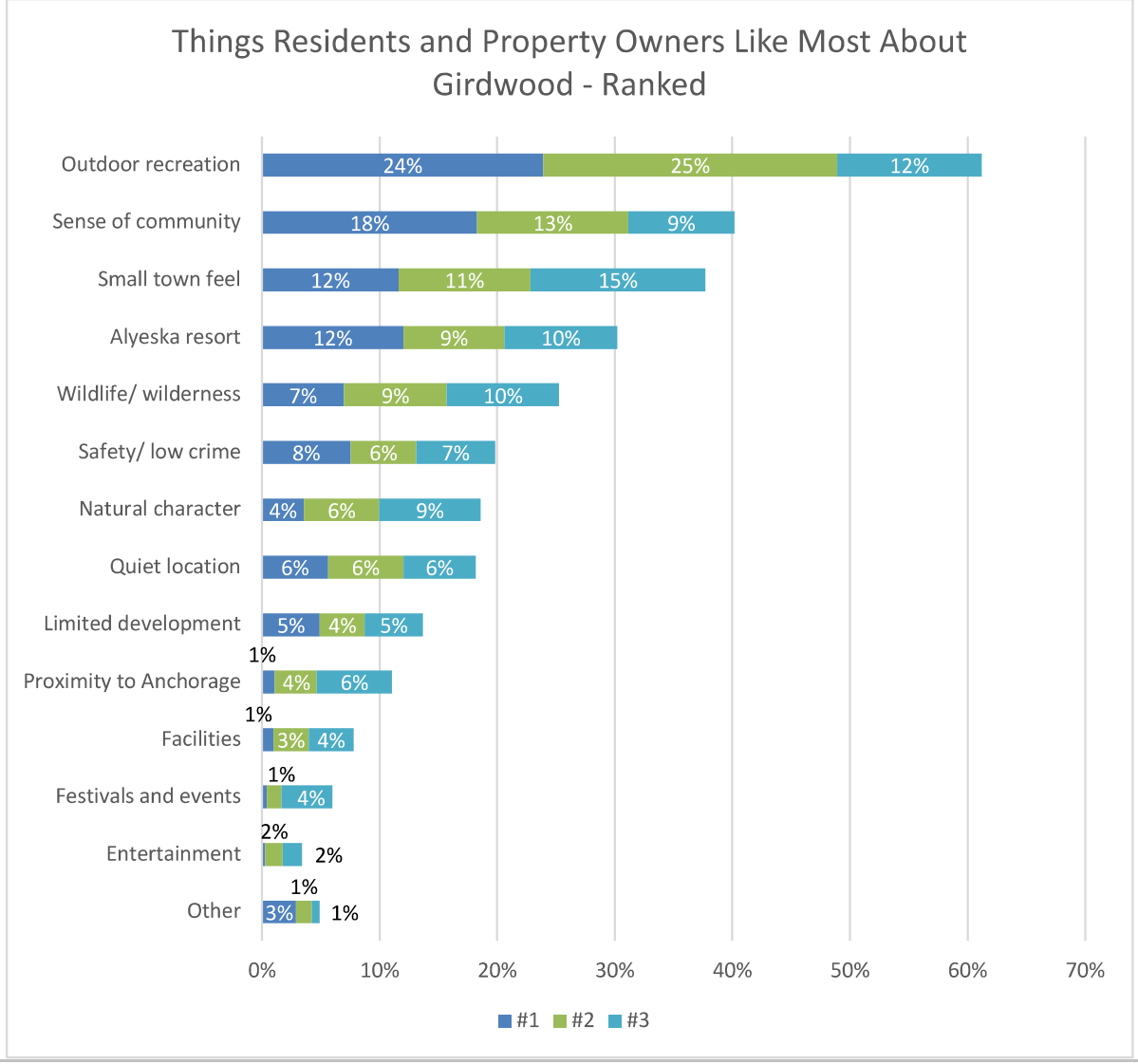
Things Residents and Property Owners Like Most About Girdwood

Respondents were provided with a list and asked to choose the three things they like most about Girdwood. Outdoor recreation (61%), sense of community (40%), and the small-town feel (38%) were chosen most often. Entertainment (3%), festivals and events (6%), and facilities (8%) were chosen the least. (Figure 3.3) 'Other' responses can be found in Appendix G.



Things Residents and Property Owners Like Most About Girdwood - Ranked

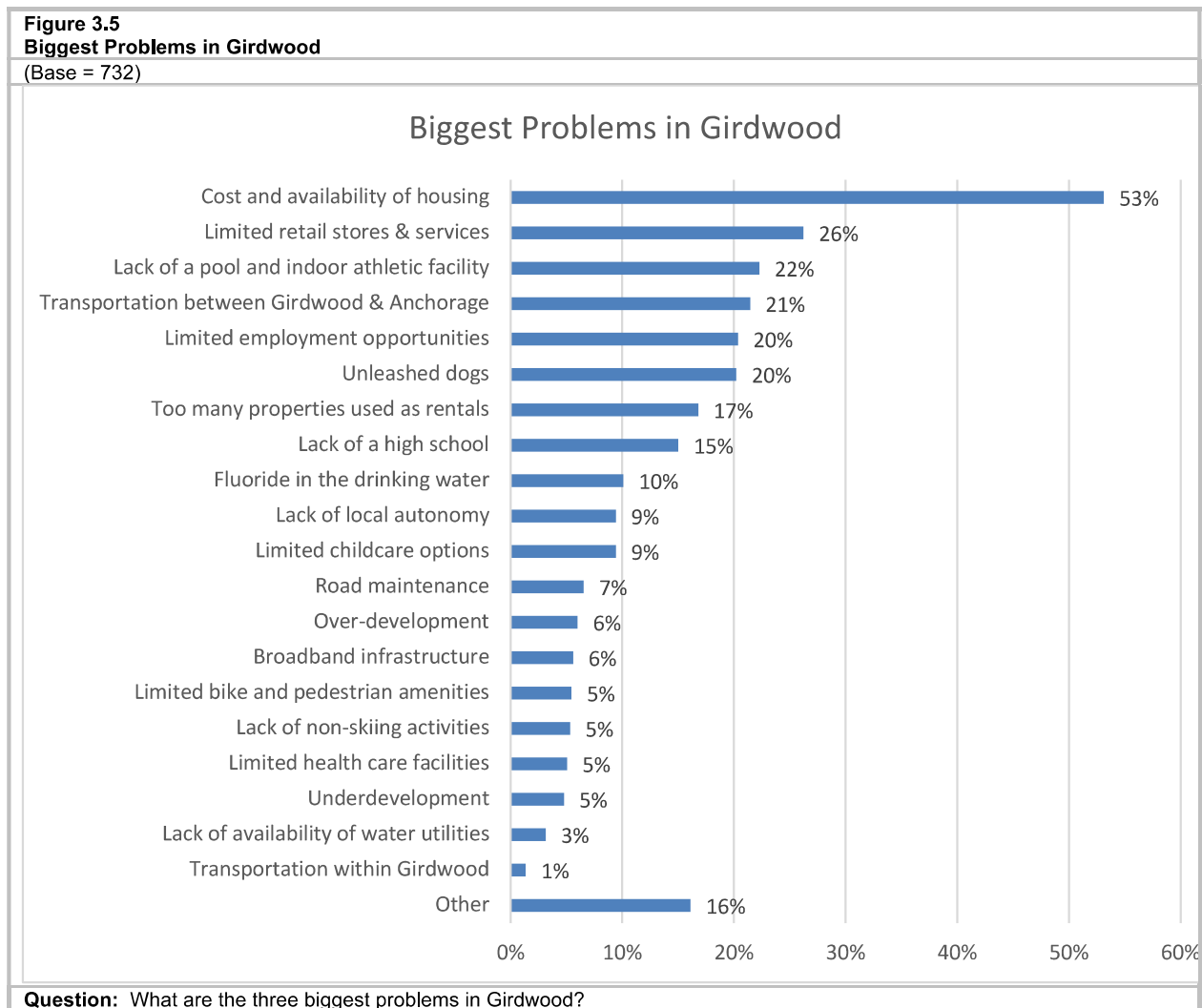
Figure 3.4
Most Liked About Girdwood, Ranked
 (Base = 732)



Question: Rank the top three things you like about Girdwood, with your favorite thing ranked #1.

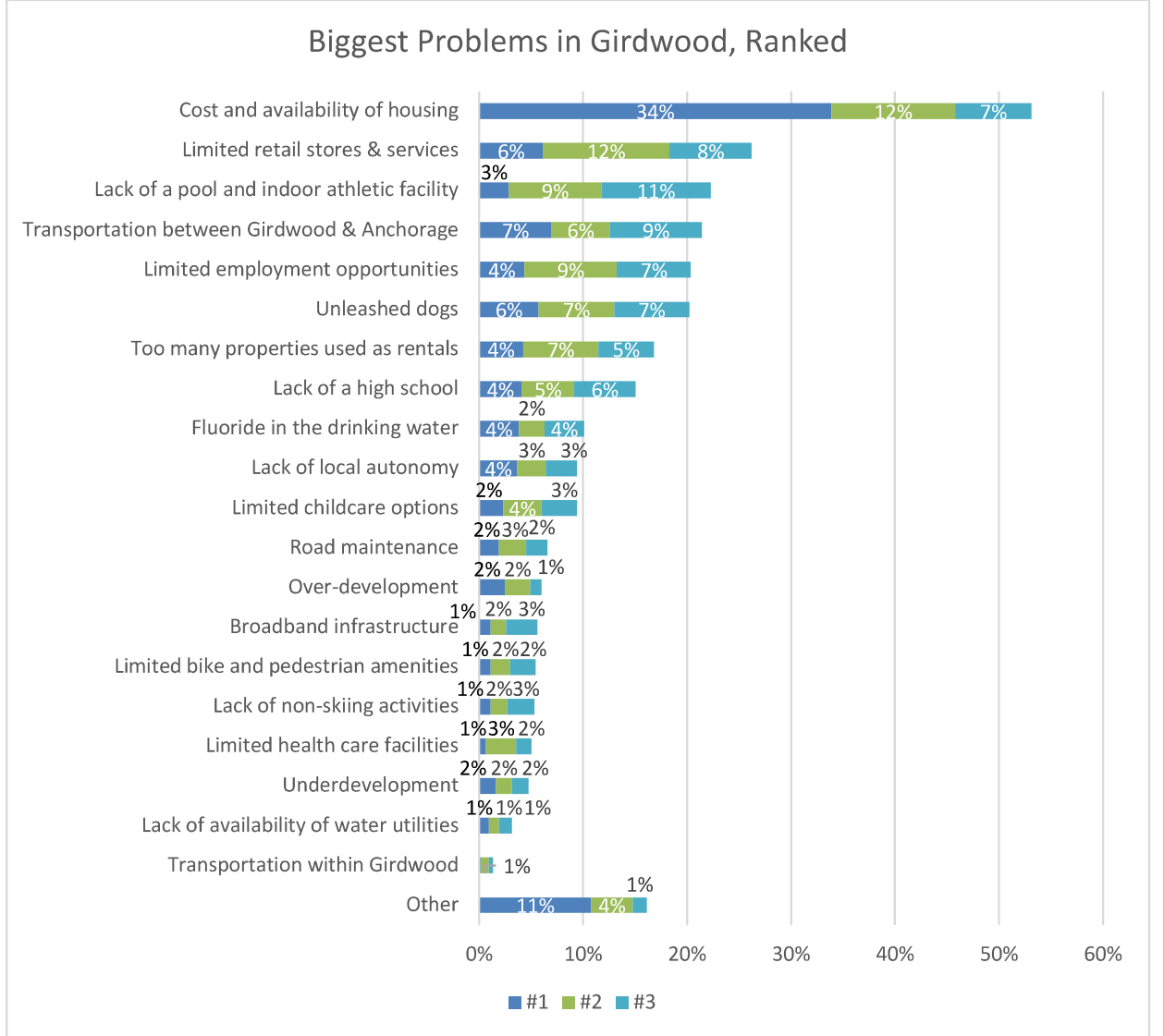
Biggest Problems in Girdwood

Respondents were provided with a list and asked to rank the three biggest problems in Girdwood. Cost and availability of housing was chosen most often (53%), followed by limited retail stores and services (26%), lack of a pool and indoor athletic facility (22%), and transportation between Girdwood and Anchorage (21%). (Figure 3.5) Thirty four percent (34%) of respondents chose cost and availability of housing as their #1 priority. (Figure 3.6) 'Other' responses can be found in Appendix H.



Biggest Problems in Girdwood, Ranked

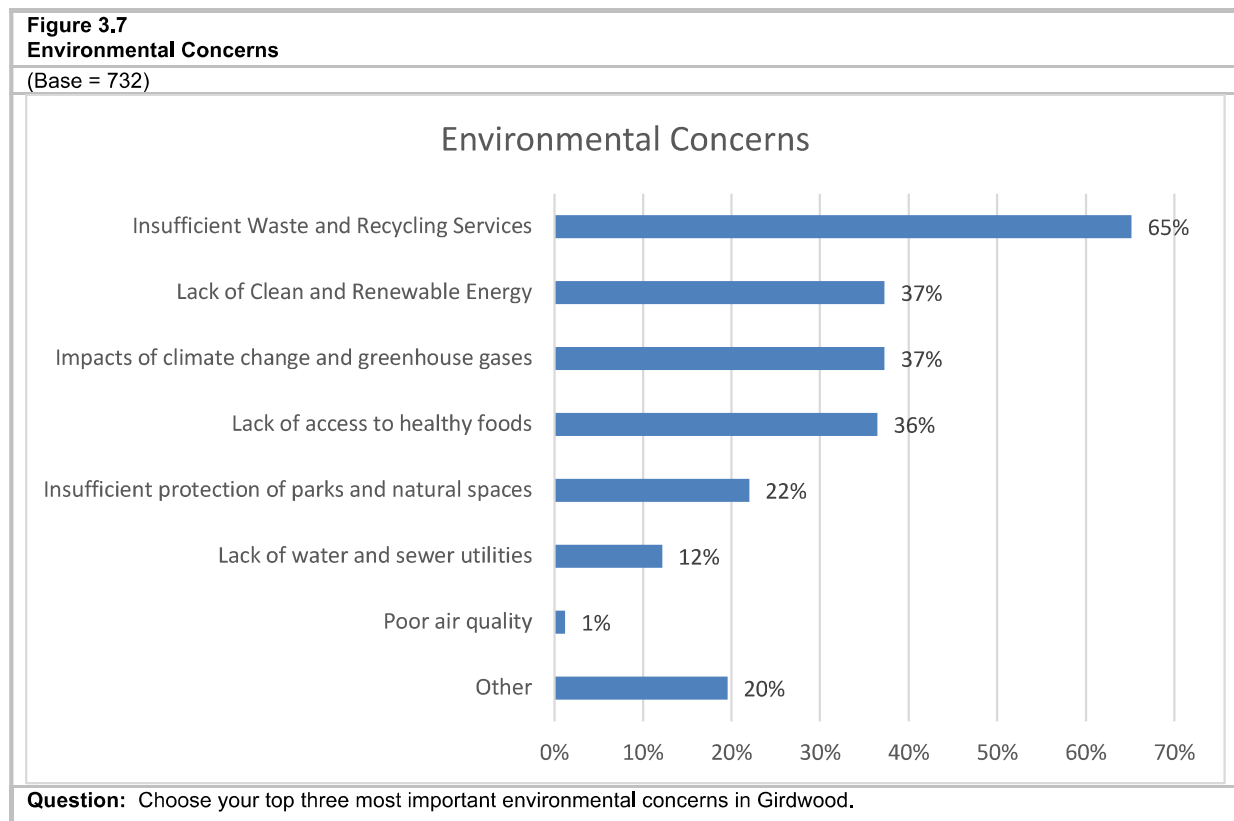
Figure 3.6
Biggest Problems in Girdwood, Ranked
 (Base = 732)



Question: Rank the top three biggest problems in Girdwood, with the biggest problem ranked #1.

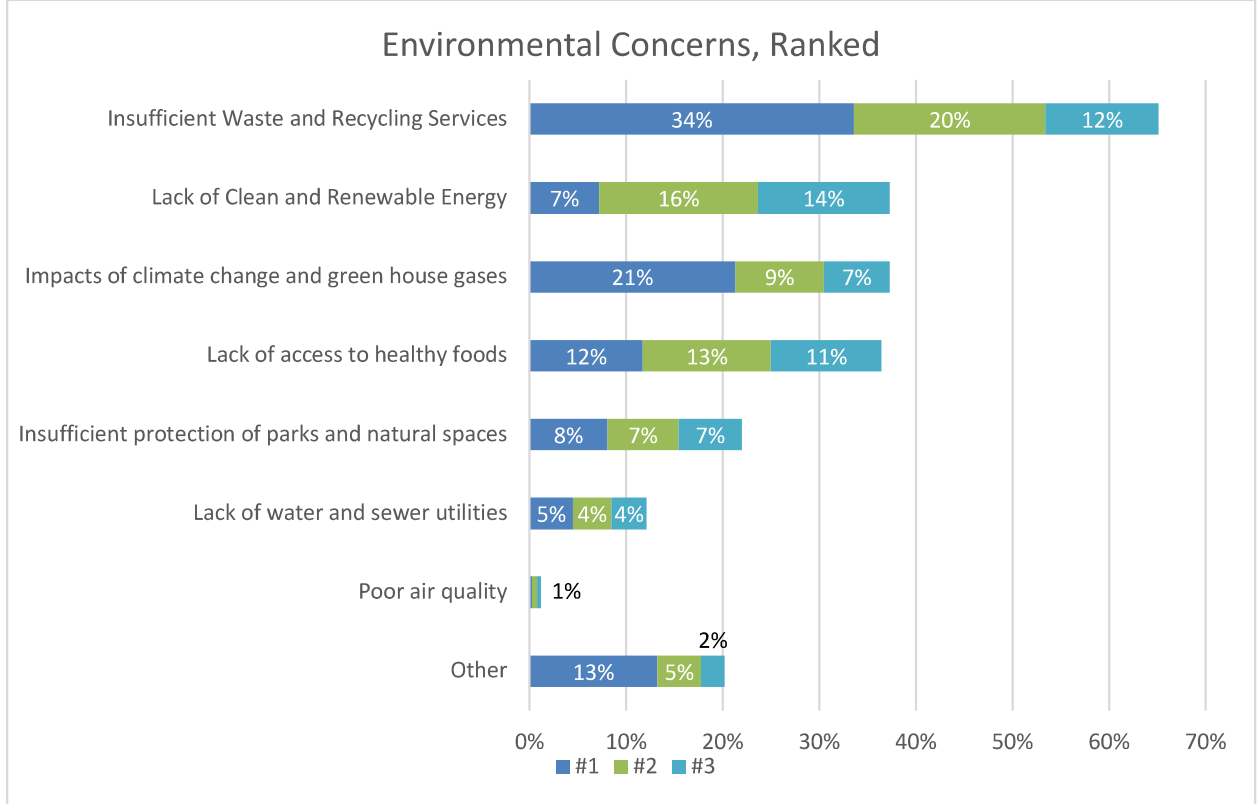
Environmental Concerns

Respondents were given a list and asked to identify their top three most important environmental concerns in Girdwood. Insufficient waste and recycling services was chosen most often (65%), followed by lack of clean and renewable energy (37%), and impacts of climate change and greenhouse gases (37%). Poor air quality was chosen the least (1%). (Figure 3.7) When asked to rate their top three choices in order of importance, insufficient waste and recycling services was rated #1 most often (34%). Impacts of climate change and greenhouse gases was rates #1 more often (21%) than lack of clean and renewable energy (7%). (Figure 3.8) ‘Other’ responses can be found in Appendix I.



Environmental Concerns, Ranked

Figure 3.8
Environmental Concerns, Ranked
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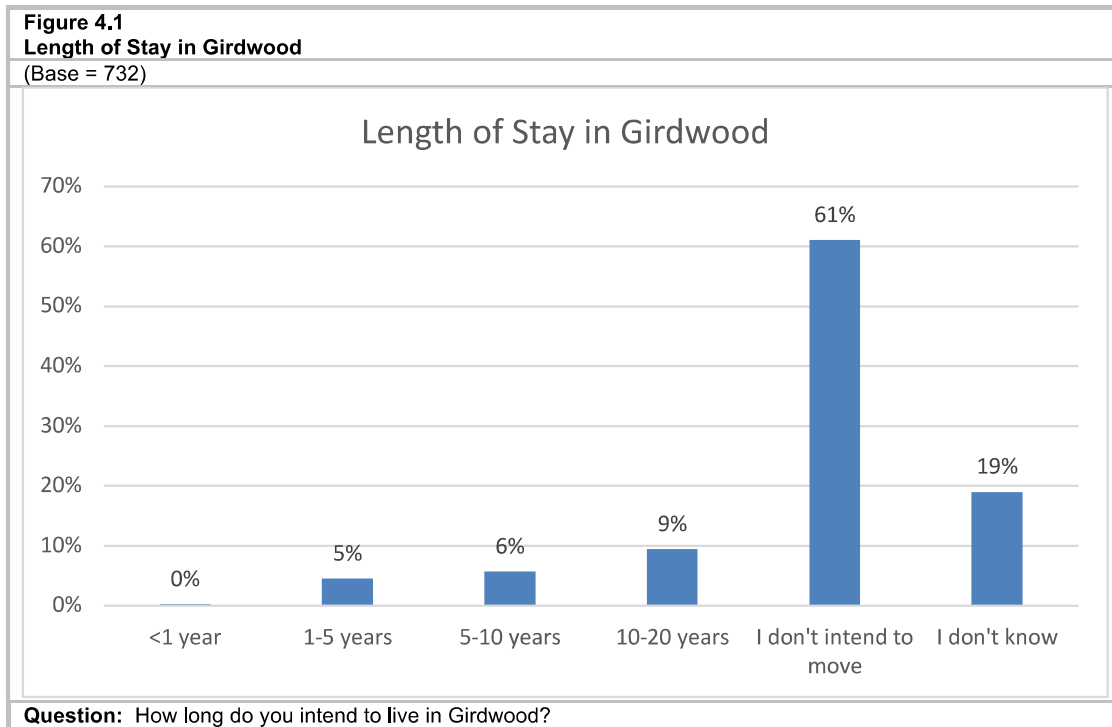


Question: Rank your top three environmental concerns, with the most important ranked #1.

Changes Over Time

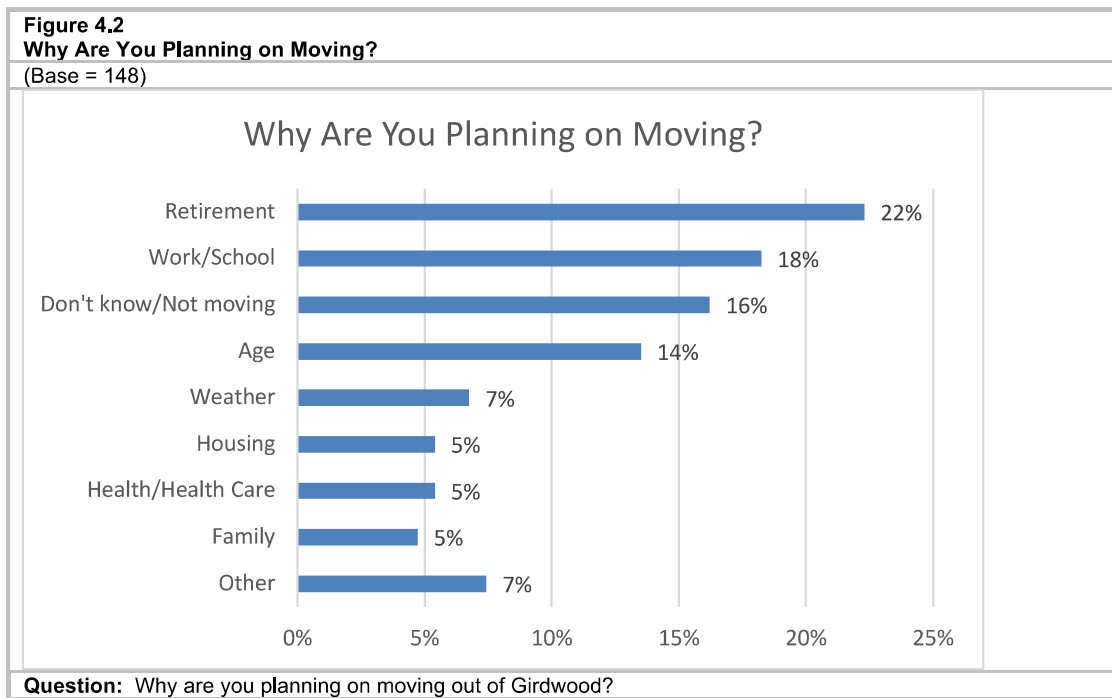
Length of Stay in Girdwood

When asked how long they intend to live in Girdwood, the majority of respondents said that they do not intend to move (61%) or did not know (19%). (Figure 4.1)



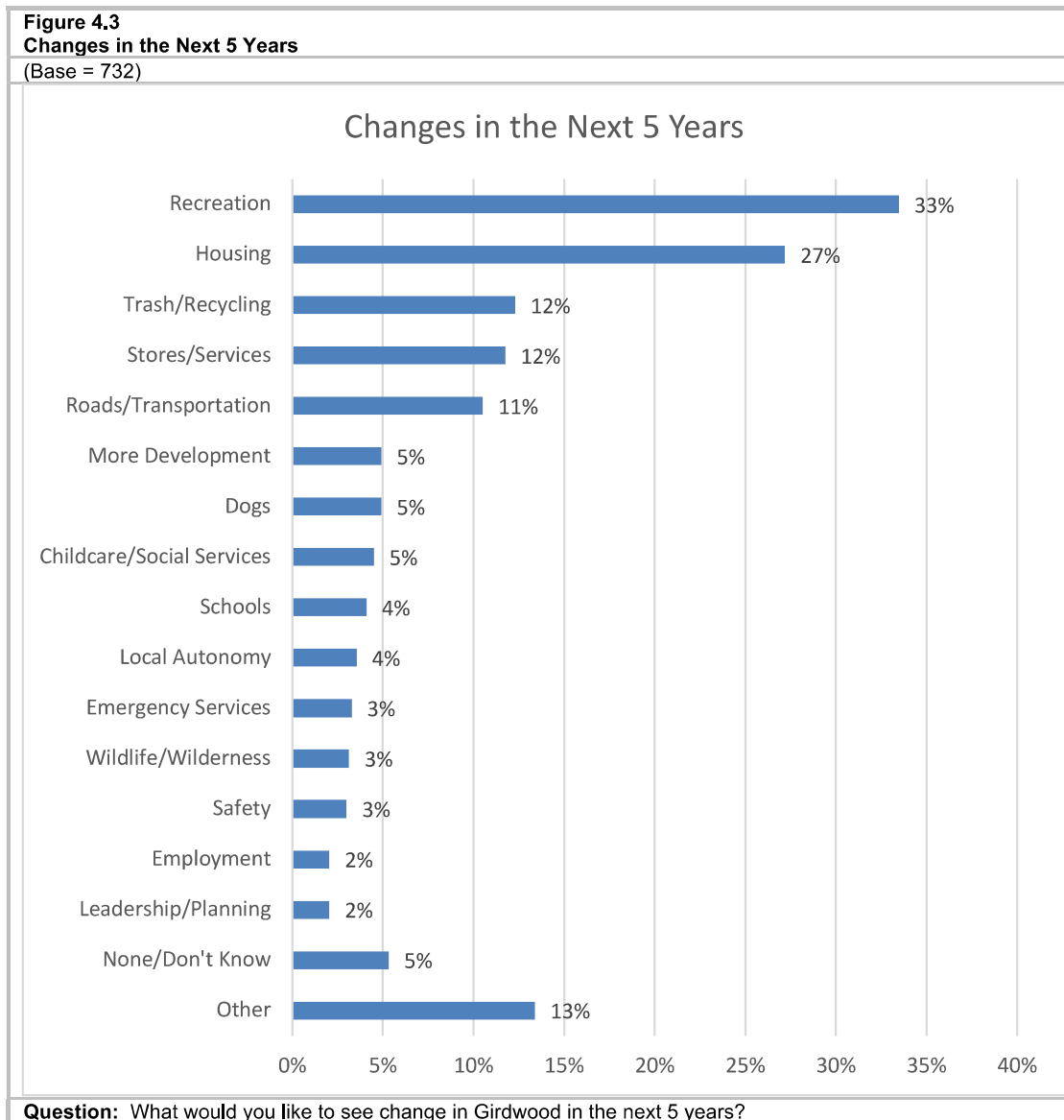
Why Are You Planning on Moving?

Respondents who said they were planning on moving out of Girdwood were asked to share why. Verbatim responses were coded and sorted into themes. Of those who said they were planning to move out of Girdwood, the most common reasons included retirement (22%), work/school (18%), and age (14%). Sixteen percent (16%) said that they did not know, or that they were not planning on moving. It appears as though some respondents said they would be living in Girdwood for a certain number of years because of old age, and not because they were planning to move. (Figure 4.2) Verbatim responses can be found in Appendix J.



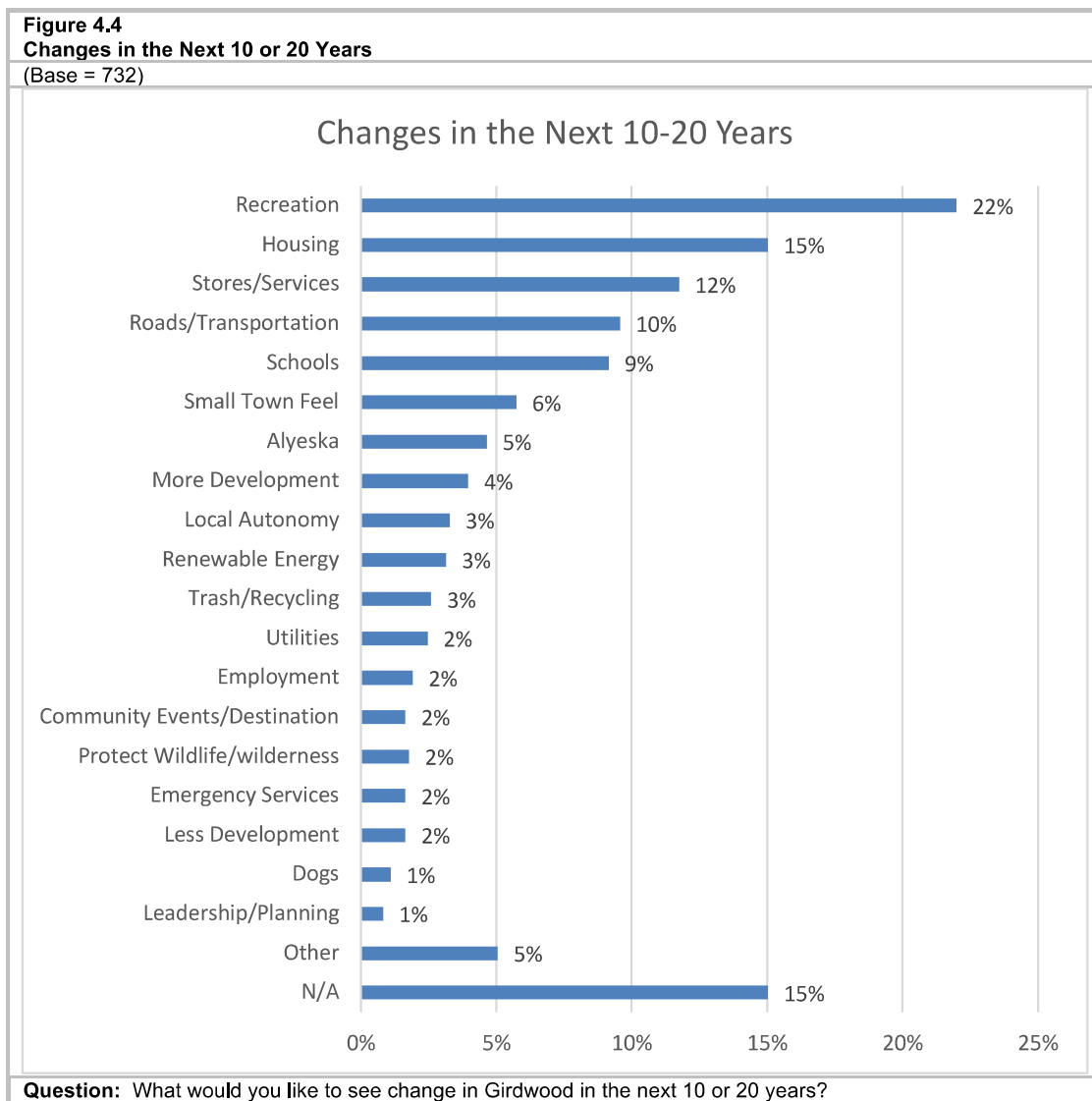
Changes in the Next 5 Years

Respondents were asked what they would like to see change in Girdwood in the next 5 years. Verbatim responses were coded and sorted to identify themes. Recreation (33%), housing (27%), trash/recycling (12%), and stores/services (12%) were mentioned most often. (Figure 4.3) Verbatim responses can be found in Appendix K.



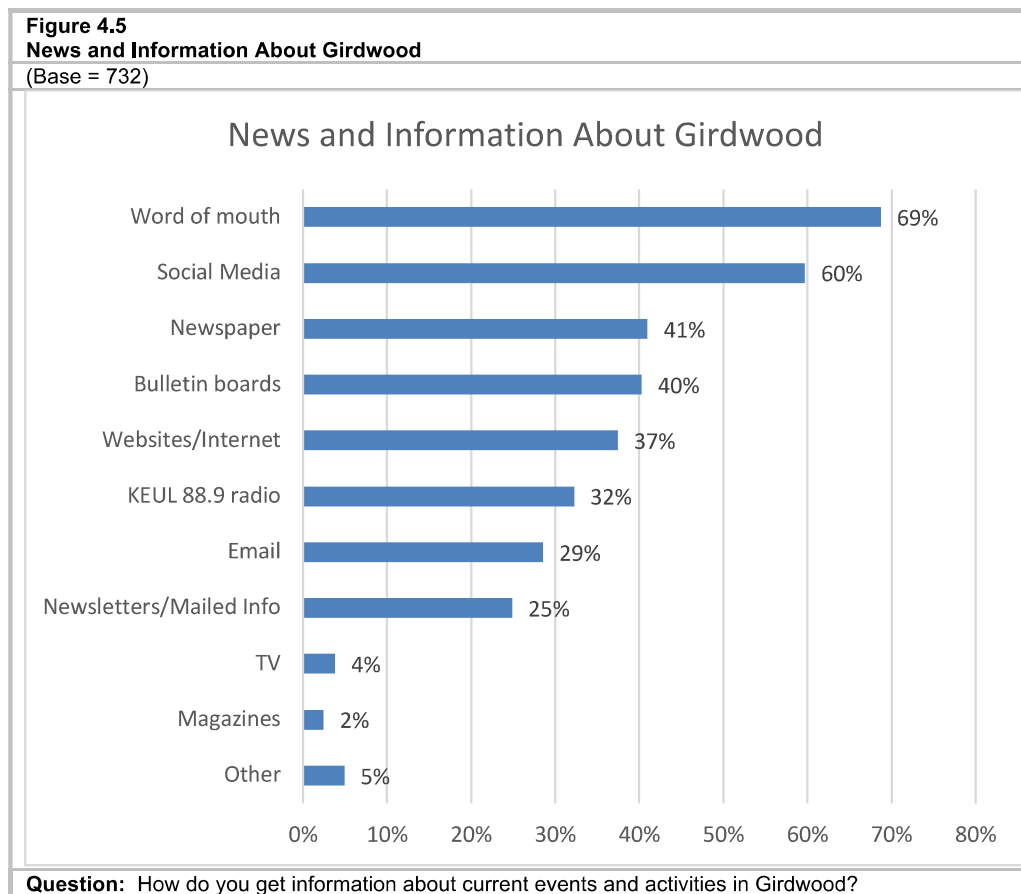
Changes in the Next 10 or 20 Years

Respondents were asked what they would like to see change in Girdwood in the next 10 or 20 years. Verbatim responses were coded and sorted to identify themes. Similar to changes they would like to see in the next 5 years, respondents mentioned recreation (22%), housing (15%), and stores/services (12%) most often. (Figure 4.4) Verbatim responses can be found in Appendix L.



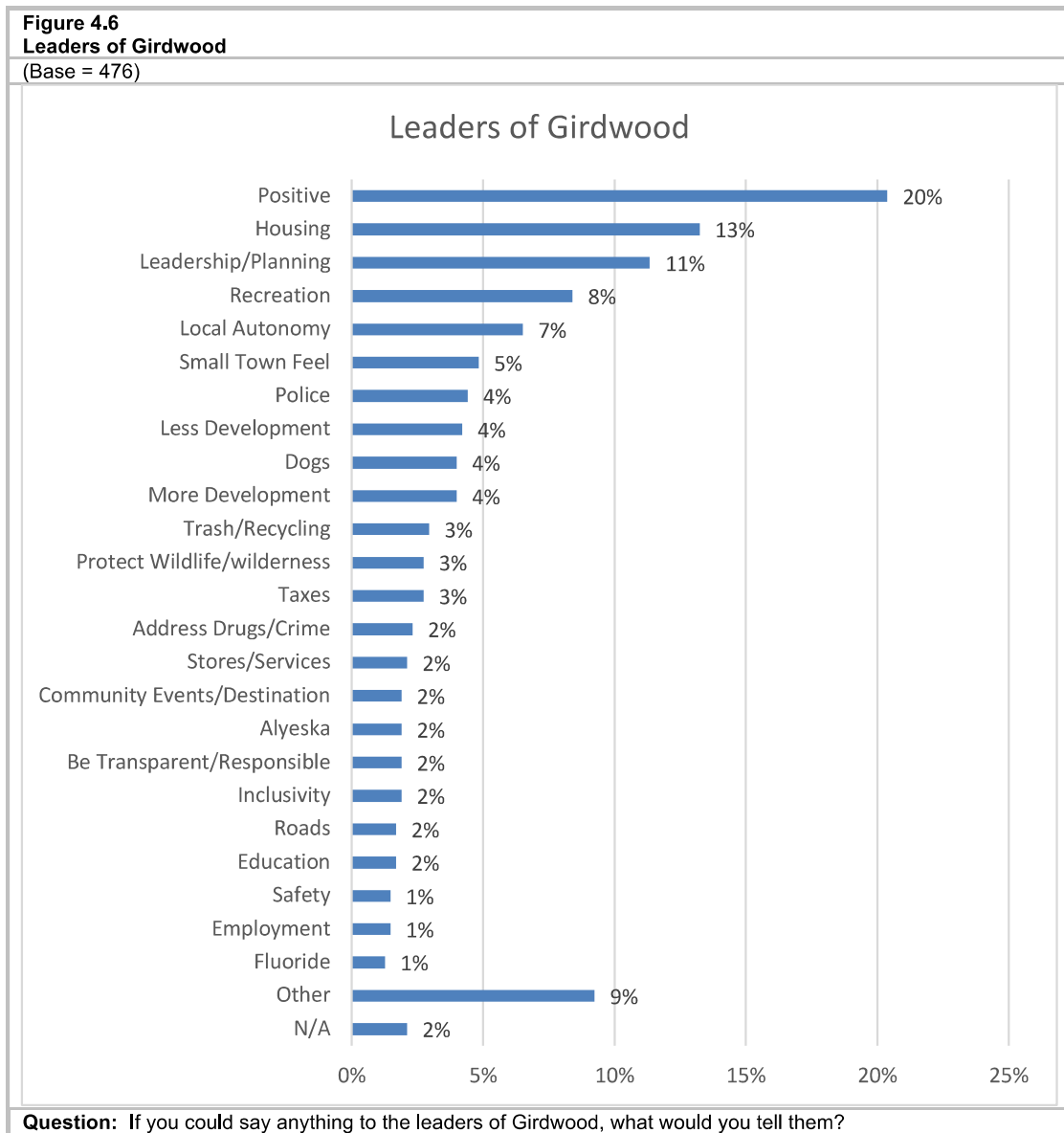
News and Information About Girdwood

Respondents identified word of mouth (69%), social media (60%), newspaper (41%), and bulletin boards (40%) as the most common ways they get information about current events and activities in Girdwood. Magazines (2%) and TV (4%) were the least common. (Figure 4.5) Verbatim responses can be found in Appendix M.



Leaders of Girdwood

Girdwood residents and property owners were asked what they would like to say to the leaders of Girdwood. The majority of responses (20%) were positive and encouraging, followed by housing concerns (13%), and comments on leadership/emphasis on planning (11%). (Figure 4.6) Verbatim responses can be found in Appendix N.



Additional Comments

Girdwood residents and property owners were given an option to expand upon their answers. Verbatim responses are alphabetized and listed below.

- "That government is best which governs least," -Thoreau
- A REAL Public Restroom in town and park (NOT PORTA POTTIES) would be nice.
- A small museum that doesn't require you lining the pockets of the resort to see would be nice. We have a lot of history to share, and a lot of unique environmental and other characteristics that would be of value to share with each other and others. Put up more lights during the holidays.
- Alaska has huge untapped outdoor recreation development potential, which if done right can help communities both grow and maintain what makes them special.
- Although it sounds good, Girdwood autonomy does not seem possible with the amount of land Anchorage /HLB owns here. They once told us at a meeting many years ago, with a sneer and a laugh, if you want to be autonomous, just purchase all our land here and you can go for it. Not feasible with our tax base, and our taxes are already too high for what we get. The Borough idea is interesting, but if we end up there with Cordova, Whittier, etc. we would be carrying the tax weight for that Borough.
- As a small business owner, the potential for growth is limited due to zoning and property cost.
- Be daring. Be innovative.
- Bears. I don't think trapping should be allowed in Girdwood valley anywhere near trails. Less expensive options for getting water and sewage to homes.
- Being able to access the untouched forests around here is so important as some of us grow older. I support the building of small impact trails for walking, skiing and biking.
- Better development practices that support the community that keep the town running. We all somewhat rely on the tourist income, but we tend to price out the peoples that help keep facilities running for the tourist and visitors.
- Breckenridge, CO had similar issues with developing affordable housing for locals. The community teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to build affordable housing. Girdwood could possibly do the same if Heritage Land Bank provided access to acreage in order to do this. There are enough volunteer organizations in Girdwood to man the work crews. What a great community project that would be!
- Connecting multi-use trails year-round open to public.
- Consider banning/limiting drones (I've been bothered by drones directly over my house and while hiking on Crow Pass Trail -they invade privacy and disturb the peace).
- Curious why no question about length of time lived here and other pertinent questions.
- Daylodge area and Sitzmark area need to be combined into one area that is easily walkable.
- Did I mention the dog shit? Or the lack of affordable housing? Or what a spectacular valley it is, how amazing Little Bears is, how nice the people are?
- Discourage or ban motorized recreation and new trailer parks.
- Do not place restrictive rental regulations upon the community. It should be the individual property owner's and their respective HOA decision if they want to allow their property to be leased nightly or long term not GBOS or MOA. How many nightly (rentals) would just sit empty if a restriction were put in place instead of becoming a long-term rental?
- Dogs are out of control being unleashed.
- Dogs! Keep them leashed, clean up after them and don't let them roam.
- Enhance the relationship with the MOA, improve the quality of general services we receive from the MOA.

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- Figure out a way for more businesses to be able to open. If there was a way to force the owners of the lots in town square next to Thriftwood, or by the old leather shop to be sold for a reasonable price and allow for new businesses to enter. Give tax breaks or something to encourage investment in the community.
 - Find ways to extend city water throughout residential areas. Cost of infrastructure is one of the major impediments to smart growth in Girdwood. Key focus on walkability & sustainability.
 - Fix the stupid squiggly bike path design when they finish the water/sewer. I still don't understand how putting kids out on the road every few driveways is safe.
 - For small businesses to be successful more affordable commercial property needs to be developed and made available.
 - Get rid of all the committees under to BOS.
 - Girdwood is a resort community. Recreational opportunities should drive this community's development.
 - Girdwood needs local housing, limits on vacation rentals, so that it does not turn into an empty resort home community.
 - Girdwood should set up a recycling facility similar to the one in Anchorage off Dowling Road.
 - Growth - for people to be here and stay, needs affordable housing, appropriate childcare and year-round employment income.
 - High school.
 - How can a working middle class married couple afford to have a family and a home if starter homes in Girdwood upwards of \$400,000? Do you really want everybody under 40 commuting from Anchorage?
 - I am concerned about the information I have heard/read about Girdwood governance association. I have no interest in having community offices located in Cordova. I'm not happy with how the Anchorage muni allocates services to Girdwood, but at least it's possible to drive there.
 - I do not currently receive information about Girdwood through email but would be open to staying abreast of Girdwood news in this format, especially since this saves paper.
 - I don't think a high school should be pursued in Girdwood unless the population grows significantly.
 - I have a crazy fear of over development. The solution in my eyes is to create multi use trails. This way, condos will not be developed.
 - I have always enjoyed living in Girdwood because of the small town feel and the number of truly wonderful people I have met here. I feel very fortunate to live here.
 - I have been here 40 years. Girdwood has always been a recreation area. It is irresponsible to tie up our limited space south of winner creek by declaring it sacred land not to be developed and saved for a limited number of folks to ski and "make their own trails."
 - I have lived here for 42 yrs. and have additional opinions.
 - I hope that the change in ownership of Alyeska Resort will result in better (any at all!) benefits for local resort employees and responsible stewardship of the ski area. I work in town (Anchorage) but feel bad for the employees who have been forced to give up benefits and fair pay under John Byrne.
 - I know a lot of young residents who want to start 'brick and mortar' businesses in town, but the lack of retail or industrial space makes this pretty impossible.
 - I love dogs, I'm a dog owner, but please leash your dog and pick up after it. It's pretty simple just give a shit about other people and dogs you live around, and the world can be a better place for people AND dogs.
 - I love Girdwood just like it is. The new tennis courts are wonderful. Enjoy the Forest Fair and other events.

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- I love having Alyeska as a strong part of our community but would like to see more high quality and livable housing for their employees both seasonal and year-round. More Alyeska staff housing would take needed pressure off the local housing market; this is important for the survival of small businesses who struggle to keep staff due to housing options.
 - I ranked transportation at "dissatisfied" because of the lack of rail system. I enjoy the local GCT shuttle system and use it in the summer for local stops, but feel we need more commuter options and the rail system may be able to be utilized.
 - I realize a couple of my answers in places where I can check multiple boxes are contradictory. The question of living full time or part time and renting or not, was one. I live anywhere from full to part time, depending on the year, in one residence and do not rent it out. I don't live in another that I do rent out on long term leases. There was another but I don't recall the question now. For some of the questions there is a fluidity to the answer, depending on the year and my life at the time. Regardless, Girdwood has been my home base for quite some time.
 - I should have more than 3 selections.
 - I think Kyle and Margaret at Parks and Rec do an awesome job! Thank you for all your hard work.
 - I think rentals like Airbnb have gotten out of control. It's taking space away from people who want to live here full-time.
 - I think the trails committee in Girdwood is dysfunctional. The trails committee is against trails, which makes no sense. We need trails to access the many wonderful outdoor activities that Girdwood could offer.
 - I think there needs to be more commercial real estate to encourage small business development as well as housing to support workers that staff these businesses. Single family homes that are not \$500k+ and rentals that cannot be turned into Airbnb's and VRBOs would help a lot as well.
 - I want a year-round place to work and live, with neighbors who live and work here year-round. Anything that can be done to encourage that and prioritize families who want to make this their home over people who make this a second or third home.
 - I would like the opportunity to buy a small piece of land for less than \$50,000 in order to build myself a single-family home with 200-350,000. Currently that plan is impossible.
 - I would like to expand on my answers.
 - I would like to say that the library, FVCS, and the brewery are 3 facilities in Girdwood that I would give 5 stars! Love what they bring to the community! The brewery has been an awesome addition. Another shining example of the warm community spirit we have found throughout Girdwood!
 - I would love to see a survey on how many people actually live here year-round.
 - I would say that I would consider living there full time if there was a high school.
 - I've heard rumors of a new hotel to be built next to Glacier Creek by the bridge. Please say it isn't so! Girdwood's construction noise, traffic, and polluted air to pave roads and put up buildings are not worth sacrificing the qualities of life we treasure.
 - If there were more year-round xc/bike trails more people would ski at Alyeska. Not all parents downhill ski. Lots of parents cross country ski or bike. Partnership with Alyeska and both entities will benefit.
 - Improving and maintaining local trails is important.
 - It would be great to see expanded public efforts to educate folks about dog waste and its negative impact on our water quality and attractiveness as a traveler destination.
 - Keep a balance between change and protection.
 - Keep Girdwood a multi income and housing town which has mixed affordable options and provides the service and resort employees a nice place to live & work. I would not like to see only wealthy people building Mac-mansions & 2nd homes while the work force is forced out like many ski resort areas in the lower 48. My pet peeve is: PUBLIC SAFETY: How about controlling the

reckless rude and out of control skiers and snowboarders terrorizing the in-control skiers /boarders on the hill! More enforcement on the mountain and trails with accountability for those who don't give a damn. They need strict enforcement and rules which have stiff fines and lift privileges revoked. Having reckless and dangerous idiots flying around up on our playground is not good for any of us. DNR leases a good portion of the resort property to Alyeska Resort and should be attentive to public safety. The State of AK - DNR has an obligation to the recreating public to keep things safe up there for all of us. Disclosure of incidents on the mountain should be available for public review and a track record of carnage going on up on our playground. This is critical to keeping us all safe.

- Leash dogs please.
- Less of a what's mine is mine and what's yours is mine attitude when it comes to site encroachments.
- Lobbying Alyeska Resort to build more seasonal employee housing as well as more suitable housing for year-round staff with families would take a lot of pressure off the shrinking local rental market and solve many community housing issues.
- Local recycling should be available.
- Long term, responsible trail development is so important and also really exciting for Girdwood. Summer and winter outdoor infrastructure is what makes Girdwood a special place.
- Loose dogs are definitely a problem, especially when the owners are not picking up their waste. Loose dogs often hassle the wildlife. I would like to see more efforts to clean up trash on creeks and throughout the town.
- Many things listed I would have checked if you allowed for 4-5. I recommend expanding your top choice number.
- More and more snow.
- More bike/multi use trails around the 5k Nordic loop and anywhere else would be a welcome addition as there are not many trail options in the valley.
- More indoor recreation is needed. A community rock gym would add to our adventure town reputation.
- more lifts all through Chugach.
- More user-friendly dump hours to help reduce garbage bear issues. Include recycling collection at the dump.
- More cross-country ski trails for novice and experts please.
- My only quibble about the MOA water is the price of it. \$95/month seems kind of high. The lack of recycling options is scandalous. The Whittier cops are doing a good job.
- Need a high school. Lose a lot of families from living here because of no high school.
- Need for new childcare center.
- Need to find a way to discourage/penalize/tax nightly rentals. There is plenty of housing in the town, just much of it is hardly ever used. It creates many 'dead' neighborhoods.
- Need to improve and maintain sewage/runoff drainages in residential areas. Enforce current dog leash laws and waste pickup.
- No new roads developed in the valley. This includes not developing any roads up the valley, and not developing any second access/egress road for the valley.
- No voting right in Girdwood unless you are a home owner.
- Only thing I can think you missed was a question about public transportation into Anchorage. how about train service for commuters?
- Open all these mountains around. Could be as big as Whistler.

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- Open up more days at the dump!!!!!! The bear proof trash cans are always breaking, and we need a way to get our trash taken care of on a more regular basis, so we don't have to worry about bears.
 - Opening up new land for development with some covenants limiting home size and eliminating vacation rentals will help develop our community and sustain it into the future.
 - Our kids moved to Girdwood from NH in 2011 and we purchased a second home last April. The more we meet the locals and spend more time up there. NH is legal resistance. The more we love to become involved and partake of everything there is to offer.
 - Overall, I feel Girdwood is fortunate to be part of the MOA. They helped in the 70s and 80s to build our Water and Sewer system. Without that our community would be polluted and down the drain. We would not have been able to get bank financing for homes and Condos or build the Hotel and commercial facilities.
 - Perhaps more dog poop stations? I use bags but would like to see more poop trash cans.
 - Please consider a local high school program as an option for families who don't want to commute to Anchorage, a light rail to Anchorage, the Girdwood resilience plans outlined years ago. Maybe parks and Rec can acquire the current frofing area for continued use for, well, parks and rec. The GAP should identify protected open space nearby existing trails for primitive outdoor recreation.
 - Please don't cut down more of our forest to make wide ski trails. The 5K loop is an eyesore in our forest. Our primitive style trails make this a unique community.
 - Please have a consequence for unleashed dogs.
 - Please let's figure out some drinking water that does NOT have fluoride in it. Gross.
 - Please provide a pedestrian activated stoplight at the intersection of Alyeska Highway & Hightower Rd.
 - Question #3 is poorly worded. Is it asking how one feels about supply of housing, quality of housing, price of housing, size of residential lots or what?? Should be more specific. Also, question #14 does not allow for possibility of owning home and vacant land. Overall, I do appreciate this process.
 - rec center. Summer arts camp, school classes affiliated with U of A, summer music theatre and festival.
 - Regarding answer 26 above, I think the community has made some great investments to existing infrastructure the last 5-10 years- firehall reconstruction, library, community room, and relocation of KEUL radio come to mind. Those are examples of putting these important community institutions on solid footing. I would like to see the same accomplished for Girdwood chapel, Little Bears and the Forest Service ranger station. I want to know they are set for the next 20+ years. These types of institutions are important for community stability and contribute to a sense of place that I value.
 - Regarding Girdwood Fire and Rescue: I am more than "Very Satisfied"; I am in awe. They are fantastic!
 - Regarding the point about health services: Girdwood Clinic is indeed a primary care provider, there is physical therapy and there is now a pharmacy.
 - Resist the temptation to secede.
 - Rethink the Girdwood Trails Committee. It is essentially anti-trails.
 - Snow plows should stop plowing my driveway under a berm of snow.
 - Sure, a hardware store or dentist would be nice, but that's what makes Girdwood special is we DON'T have these services. It's not "Anytown, America" with a Home Depot or generic chain restaurant down the street. We WANT people to put effort into living here; it means more in the end when you work for it.
 - Thank you for doing this!

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- Thanks again for all you do. You are some of the best stewards of a community I have ever seen. I have skied at Alyeska since I was 12 (both cross-country and on the hill), and plan to continue until I am not physically able. Keep up the good work.
 - The \$1,000,000 second homes that are being built are driving out average families and long-term renters. The answer to the lower income housing shouldn't be more apartment buildings. It should be long term rentals.
 - The bear issue is a big one. Snow machining on streets, no recycle, dogs loose and poop galore. Let's reign ourselves in a bit and manage and enforce our own rules.
 - The biggest problem is dangerous access. Seward Highway where you are potential victim to careless, negligent or drunk drivers.
 - The Chugach Electric Substation is incorrectly set on residential light commercial property. It needs to be located on industrial land near the DOT yard. Please have the soil tested for PCB at its current site. It has had a substation fire (2017) and is extremely close to residences and wells. The Reg commission states it would be a cost born area wide.
 - The cost of developable land is pushing people that would otherwise work and live in Girdwood out. We need to pry some land away from HLB for multifamily and single-family development. Also, there is very little land available for commercial development.
 - The Girdwood Clinic should have been included in the part of this survey that asked the respondents to rate the quality of services. Also, Girdwood resident have access to primary care, behavioral health care, pharmacy, physical therapy, massage therapy and chiropractic care in Girdwood so perhaps saying "limited healthcare services" is a bit outdated and inaccurate. I would suggest doing some research on things that are progressing in the community before putting together another survey.
 - The Girdwood community has potential energy on both sides of all fences. Use the energy for good purpose by compromising for common benefit.
 - The Heritage Land Bank commission should be more actively involved in Girdwood planning.
 - The parks protection answer is regarding trash leftover from bonfires and outdoor get-togethers
 - the Seward Highway, Indian to Anchorage portion needs to be fix. Please! I don't ever feel safe from the rock fall made worse since the big quake.
 - The Trails Committee needs to re-think its purpose and agenda.
 - The wildly fluctuating property assessments from the Muni should be addressed.
 - There is popular community support to expand the trail system in Girdwood with trails that can be used year-round. The majority of trails in Girdwood are primitive trails or utility trails left over from mining activities. Creating recreational trails constructed to work with topography and safe trail access is a healthy step for Girdwood, and brings in quiet, non-motorized recreational to the valley. Looking at Sitka as a fantastic example, constructing trails also creates an economic benefit to the community with visitors using the B&B's, restaurants, and the Resort. Building trails within communities also increasing trail use overall by community members, in turn creating a healthier community. There is a U.S. trend providing more trails in Resort communities in response to increased summer and winter biking.
 - There need to be a decrease in unoccupied homes in the Girdwood areas. Allow for more homes to be open to renters and seasonal employees.
 - There needs to be a Girdwood visitors center and physical building where tourists at the Tesoro Mall can obtain information about the area year-round. The commercial space is lacking at the Seward highway/Alyeska highway junction; this area should be developed with better resources for locals, drivers and tourists.
 - There should be a way for businesses to identify on this survey or there should be a separate survey sent to every business license holder in Girdwood/Turnagain Arm or businesses could be instructed to utilize the "other" boxes in the early questions to identify as employers

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- Too many VRBO / BYOB type properties. Issues: Loud parties, garbage, speeding and parking, and driving up housing costs.
 - Tourism is obviously key to this town. Although I am new, I fell in love instantly. Please be careful in finding the fine line between expansion/innovation and still keeping Girdwood the sweet, small town it is. Yes, growth is important but not if we lose what brings people to Girdwood in the first place.
 - Trails. You have an active community, and the infrastructure should continue to grow for users at all skill levels.
 - Trash day and loose trash made a real bear problem last year. People are driving too fast on our side roads. There are few trails that only allow walking, but we have ski and bike only trails.
 - Unleashed & barking dogs must be controlled and fined accordingly, higher penalties.
 - We are not going to preserve Girdwood's high quality of life, have unlimited growth, and find a way to build housing affordable to seasonal service workers. Time to start working on a realistic future plan.
 - We could reduce our carbon footprint drastically by reducing the reasons locals drive to Anchorage. I mostly hear locals wanting better access to groceries, a gym, hardware, medical care, and recycling. The property cost for anyone considering starting a business in any of these fields is the only deterrent needed, however.
 - We do have a primary care health clinic with many excellent health care providers. We also have a pharmacy in our community, and they work closely with the clinic, physical therapy and individual clients to provide what we need most in this community.
 - We don't need cops in Girdwood.
 - We love Girdwood and want to be more involved in the community and rent or own a vacation home, condo, duplex and spend lots of time here but the housing is way too expensive and very, very difficult to find. We have kids on the ski team and generally love outdoors and skiing of all kinds including backcountry.
 - We love Girdwood.
 - We love the playground!!! Best playground in Alaska.
 - We need a hardware store, a bank and more commercial development, and a high school so that road miles to Anchorage will go down along with highway fatalities.
 - We need a high school to help us establish more long-term families which in turn helps develop a stronger base of local small business. It will also help us be less of a bedroom community, more of a real community with long term vision.
 - We need more bear safety. Innocent bears don't need to die because humans are acting irresponsibly.
 - We own one home, two vacant lots in Girdwood. We split our time between Girdwood/Anchorage (we don't consider one our primary residence). We plan to make Girdwood our full-time residence once we no longer have to commute to work.
 - We would have liked to live their full time, but we have kids and putting them on a bus on the Seward highway to south high every day when the get to high school age is a non-starter.
 - What do I fear about Girdwood's future? I fear losing the offbeat culture of a community that enjoys the outdoors regardless of the weather. I fear over-response to the lack of housing. There are homes here that are vacant and plans with the Resort to build more hotel-style rooms, which may change significantly the use of dwellings for short term rental. I want to see about using those before building more. Definitely maintain and expand the pedestrian, bike, trail-user priority community through support of trail system, shuttle service, non-motorized events and activities.
 - When selecting Alyeska earlier, please know it is the downhill skiing and mountain biking we love there. Really, it is the outdoor recreation (hiking, skiing, biking, etc.) and local ski clubs that we adore most of all in Girdwood in addition to the wonderful community.

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- When traveling to other resorts or mountain towns all over the world, there are rules, regulations, and fines regarding dogs, trash, and environmental protection. This is a method that must be utilized in order to preserve the habitats of species and maintain healthy ecosystems. Careless people unfortunately ruin these places and thus rules need to be enforced.
 - Whitter Police should be allowed to give out Parking tickets. Funds to go to Girdwood.
 - Who is behind this? We can't afford to be stand alone.
 - Why not have curbside recycling? Why mess with perfectly good water and add toxins to it? Most people LOVE trails. Keep them coming!
 - Would love to see more commercial space open up while still maintaining Girdwood's character as a sleepy, quiet and safe community.
 - You don't want to hear what I have to say.
 - You really didn't ask the right questions to get good answers to help improve the community.

Appendix

Appendix A- Location (Other)

- 1/2 Girdwood 6 months of year, full time Anchorage the rest.
- 1/2 Girdwood, 1/2 Anchorage.
- Anchorage.
- Anchorage and Girdwood. (2)
- Anchorage primary, Girdwood secondary and Sun Valley third.
- Anchorage, but have a cabin in Girdwood that we are at half the week.
- Big Delta.
- Both Anchorage and Girdwood.
- Cordova.
- Eagle River. (4)
- Eagle River and Girdwood on weekends.
- Fairbanks. (2)
- Girdwood and Anchorage.
- Girdwood Condo and Anchorage.
- Girdwood half the week, Palmer half the week.
- Girdwood in Winter, Anchorage in Summer. Homeowner.
- Home in Chugiak, condo in Girdwood.
- Home in Girdwood, but primary residence is Anchorage.
- Hood River, OR.
- Houses in Girdwood and Anchorage.
- I split time between Anchorage and Girdwood.
- Indian.
- Juneau. (2)
- Landlord/owner of Girdwood cabin.
- Live in Anchorage, but own home in Girdwood (spend weekends and all breaks and holidays in Girdwood).
- Nikiski.
- Palmer. (2)
- Palmer but have a place in Girdwood.
- Part time Girdwood, part time Homer.
- Part-time.
- Primary residence is Anchorage, second residence in Girdwood.
- Primary residence Whittier, CA.
- Seasonal home in Girdwood.
- Seattle.
- Seward.
- Soldotna. (2)
- Soldotna half time, Girdwood half time.
- Split time between Anchorage and Girdwood.
- Split time Girdwood/Anchorage.
- Used to live in Girdwood for about 12 years.
- Wasilla.

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- Wasilla, I work in Girdwood and Whittier.
 - We own a condo in Girdwood.
 - Will be full time in Girdwood on April. Currently split between Anchorage/Girdwood.

Appendix B- Employment Location (Other)

- 50:50 Girdwood/ANC.
- 6 months in Bristol Bay, AK.
- Airline. (2)
- All over State of Alaska and out of state.
- All over the country.
- Anchorage and the Valley.
- Anchorage based. Work from Valley to Girdwood.
- Bethel.
- Both Anchorage and Girdwood.
- Both Girdwood, Anchorage & remote Alaska.
- Business.
- Chugiak.
- College — Massachusetts.
- Commercial fisherman. (3)
- Delta Junction.
- Eagle River. (4)
- Europe.
- Fieldwork in various locations in Alaska.
- Fishing vessel in PWS.
- Girdwood on the weekends working, Anchorage during the week in through the winter.
- Homer.
- Homer seasonally.
- I live in Cordova.
- I work offshore in Cook Inlet.
- Internet based business.
- Juneau. (2)
- Kenai & Chugach mountains.
- Kenai Peninsula.
- Moose pass.
- Multiple.
- Nikiski.
- No.
- North Slope (3)
- Not here.
- Off the road system.
- Out of state travel.
- Own a second property in Girdwood.
- Palmer.
- Portage.
- Portage, Cooper Landing, Eagle River, Palmer, Wasilla.
- Portland, OR.

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- Prince William Sound. (2)
 - Remote.
 - Remote site, 2 on, 2 off.
 - Seasonal.
 - Seattle.
 - Seldovia.
 - Seward.
 - Seward in summer.
 - Shift work.
 - Slope.
 - Soldotna. (4)
 - State wide.
 - Summer field work north slope, starting work in Fairbanks in February.
 - Travel from Anchorage.
 - Valdez.
 - Valley.
 - Various locations around the state.
 - Washington.
 - Washington, DC.
 - Western AK.
 - Whittier. (4)
 - Whittier summer fishing.
 - Work in Juneau.
 - Work in other countries normally.
 - Work on North Slope.
 - Work remote.
 - Work remote in summers.

Appendix C- Number of Residences (Other)

- 4. (4)
- 8 houses.
- Also own undeveloped lots.
- I have a bunch of shacks in Old Towne.
- I live with my parents. They own two residences in the valley.
- I own an empty building lot.
- One residence, duplex.
- Own some land yet are renting a house until we build.
- Own the house we live in; rent 4 houses.
- Primary home under construction. will be full time residence in April.
- Property.
- Rent.
- This is the problem right here!!
- Used to rent - couldn't buy.

Appendix D- Single Residence, Owned or Rented (Other)

- Live with my husband in his parents' house for free.
- Own 2 properties and own a hangar.
- Own condo.
- Own condo and vacant land.
- Own house we are renting and an undeveloped lot.
- Rented same house 4+ years, no lease.
- Renting and own in Girdwood.
- VRBO.

Appendix E- Single Residence, Property Owner (Other)

- Currently building a home to live in full time.
- Do not live in; storage.
- Frequent Girdwood often. Rent several times per year.
- Live in Anchorage during the week and Girdwood on weekends.
- Live in it full time in winter, short-term rental in summer while we live elsewhere.
- Live in it full time but rent it out occasionally when we are on vacation or out of town.
- Live there sometimes/live elsewhere sometimes.
- Occupy property in winter; rent short-term in summer.
- Primarily live elsewhere and rent nightly.
- Primarily live in Anchorage, rent one-unit long term and one unit short term.
- Primarily live in Girdwood and rent all of it short term (summer).
- Rent full-out 6 months of year + live part-time in with housemates other 6 months of year.
- Split 50/50 residency with ANC.
- Split time Anchorage/Girdwood. Do not rent either.
- Split time between Anchorage and Girdwood.
- Split time between Girdwood and Seldovia.

Appendix F- Multiple Residences, Owned or Rented (Other)

- Own commercial building.

Appendix G- What Do You Like Most About Girdwood (Other)

- Access to trails and the mountains.
- Accessible to locals - the resort, hotel, venues still make it a town/community with a resort, versus a resort that caters to incoming visitors/tourists.
- Brewery.
- Close to Turnagain pass.
- Cycling trails.
- FVCS.
- Girdwood resident over 18 years now. It's just home.
- Girdwood summer arts camp.

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- Having wild areas easily accessible and in the valley.
 - I was born and raised here, it's a different feeling for me. It's like nostalgia, if that makes sense.
 - Local radio KEUL.
 - Multi-use trails.
 - New trails interconnect the valley.
 - New trails. Bike hike and ski multi use.
 - Nordic trails and mountain bike trails.
 - Nordic trails, hiking trails and general recreation.
 - Not full of pavement.
 - Quiet location, Local police presence with increasing theft trend.
 - Safety, low crime, outdoor recreation, wildlife / wilderness.
 - Safety/low crime, sense of community, small town, quiet location, proximity to Anchorage.
 - Sense of community, natural character, festivals, library/school.
 - Skatepark.
 - Ski and bike trails.
 - Ski town character.
 - Ski trails (wide skate).
 - Skiing.
 - Small town feel, quiet, festivals/events, natural character, sense of community, outdoor recreation, facilities.
 - Snow machining.
 - The ability to walk or bike on a safe trail to run errands to the Merc, library, post office etc.
 - Trail systems and potential for further improvements.
 - Trails. (3)
 - Trails, access to the outdoors, and recreational life style.
 - Very walkable, bike friendly commuter town.
 - Cross country skiing/ biking.

Appendix H- Biggest Problems in Girdwood (Other)

- Lack of multi-use trails.
- "No pets" all housing!!!
- 1. Loose 'free range' dogs, 2. Vehicles left in public parking spaces long term.
- A minority of people dictating areas and methods of construction of trails for the majority of people who want extensive trails development.
- Alyeska Resort is fragmented between hotel, Daylodge, and Sitzmark.
- As an owner renting a property - renters fail to understand cost of maintenance, taxes, and upkeep. Hard to find quality renters willing to pay reasonable rent levels. Unleashed dogs.
- Bear proof garbage containers.
- Bike path swoops.
- Building codes.
- Can't handle the influx of people on weekends, summers, events.
- Cost.
- Crime- houses being broke into, cars stolen.
- Developed agreed upon community goals.
- Dog poop everywhere = fecal coliform.
- Dog waste.

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- Drug abuse overdoses by young people and CRIME. It's a shame they are not on this list at all.
 - Druggies and property crimes.
 - Drugs and crimes against property.
 - Drugs, property crimes, attempts to regulate.
 - Girdwood always hires a new group of consultants to urbanize our little town. The town square is an example right down to the fake rocks. No real mountain style. Fire department, school, Day Lodge etc. The park is an example of a great development with style. We need multiple recreational opportunities, not just downhill skiing. Many families can't afford the cost. To outfit and buy passes. A covered skating rink would be nice. Permanent, solid, natural, lasting, notable, classic, different, waterfront along glacier creek. Water sports. We are now a coastal town with many fishing families. Biking is big.
 - Girdwood having to develop according to Anchorage standards. Ex - parking in front of the library and Girdwood's City Center, lighting, bike path to the dump!
 - Girdwood is over 50% absentee home owners (second homes), and I believe this is detrimental because when Girdwood is seen as a place to only recreate, we miss out on community involvement and support of local non-profits, businesses, and our school.
 - Girdwood Trails Committee System.
 - Heritage Land Bank, and poor infrastructure design i.e. drainage and bike paths.
 - High property taxes. (2)
 - Hyper inflated property values.
 - I do not feel qualified to answer this since it's been almost 20 years since I lived in Girdwood. When I did live there the biggest problem was the cost and lack of housing for year round renters / local business employees. I also frequently wished there was an indoor athletic facility for year-round cross training along with a bike path all the way to Anchorage.
 - I don't perceive there to be problems in Girdwood.
 - I was born and raised here, I've been here for over 3 decades. I've stayed because it's my home and I love it!! It's been an amazing small quiet town, and in the past about 13 years it's just overdeveloping! Too many houses going up and it's getting overpopulated. The small town feeling it used to be that I know is slowly going away! 🙄😞😔🙈
 - I would like some more trails. Both for hiking and Nordic skiing.
 - If I could choose select all I would.
 - Impact on neighborhoods of Forest Fair.
 - Inability to protect its wild spaces.
 - Irresponsible dog owners.
 - Irresponsible dog owners. Allowing them to bark all night, etc
 - Irresponsible pet owners.
 - It's difficult to pick only 3. Transportation is turning Girdwood and Anchorage, limited childcare options and lack of autonomy are my other choices.
 - Lack of balance between growth and setting aside designated preserved wild places.
 - Lack of commercial property availability.
 - Lack of commercial property for business development.
 - Lack of cross-country ski trails.
 - Lack of hangar space at the airport; weather.
 - Lack of industrial space.
 - Lack of local autonomy, fluoride in drinking water, lack of a pool and indoor athletic facility.
 - Lack of maintenance services, plumbers, electricians, auto repair.
 - lack of multi-use trails.
 - Lack of multi-use trails maintained in the winter.

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- Lack of multiuse ski and bike trails.
 - Lack of non-skiing activities, lack of pool and indoor athletic facility, transportation between Girdwood & Anchorage, limited healthcare facilities, limited employment opportunities, some bad restaurants, limited stores & services, cost and availability of housing.
 - Lack of outdoor recreation options, golf, more bike trails, tubing park, etc.
 - Lack of quality law enforcement since state troopers left town.
 - Lack of recycling.
 - Lack of scientific literacy, i.e. people thinking fluoride in the drinking water is a problem.
 - Lack of sustainable infrastructure for multi-use trails throughout the valley.
 - Lack of wetland management.
 - Limited Nordic skiing trails.
 - Limited parking and the garbage service is not frequent enough.
 - Limited trail network.
 - Limited /lack of vehicle speed enforcement.
 - Much of the untouched land, that makes this such a wonderful place to live, has no legal protection. It could be built on at any time.
 - No golf course, too many police.
 - No land preserved for future nondevelopment.
 - No recycling. (2)
 - No recycling programs.
 - No regulation of poorly maintained homes/properties.
 - Noisy helicopters all day during the summer.
 - Non-deposit ATMs.
 - None of above.
 - Not enough beginner and intermediate ski trails that can be used in low snow years.
 - Not enough hiking and biking trails.
 - Not enough trails. the resort needs to be expanded either uphill or up valley due to warming temps at sea level (i.e. used to be more snow at base of mountain now all rain). Let's build a tram. way up winner creek. also, I want to see paragliding at the resort again.
 - Not very family friendly. Lots of drunks all over. I quit using the bus because of the terrible profanity my children were hearing. The bus driver was one of the ones swearing!
 - Off leash dogs, lack of non-skiing activities, limited childcare, lack of utilities, quality of housing, lack of retail & services.
 - Opposition to additional trail systems.
 - Lack of protections for wild and primitive open spaces and lack of respect for needs of users of those spaces (including that we have problems with too much and too large trail development); poor local governance.
 - Outdated area plan guidance.
 - Overdeveloped.
 - Owners who do not pick up after their dogs.
 - Police service, lack of substation; lack of communication to non-resident Girdwood property owners about the status of police service in Girdwood.
 - Police: they should be contracted to APD; Whittier is too limited and ineffective.
 - Poor planning design in New Girdwood Townsite. i.e. dysfunctional sidewalks, not enough spaces for small business, concern about preserving forest fair park for area as a natural community space whenever a big developer shows up. Future planning that does not involve paved parks.
 - Poor quality housing.
 - Post office hours.

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- Potential over-development.
 - Power Outages. (2)
 - Rain during the winter when it should be snowing.
 - Serious drug epidemic.
 - Ski resort has not been expanded.
 - Social services.
 - Speeding on residential streets.
 - The biggest problem is people trying to change Girdwood.
 - The MOA HLB lack of making land available for development.
 - The Not in My Backyard contingent that opposes new trail development. Lack of land available to develop new businesses. Zoning requirements that are too onerous to develop new housing and business developments.
 - Too hard to build anything.
 - Too many NIGHTLY rentals.
 - Too many thefts in Girdwood, and the bear/waste management freaking crisis this town deals with yearly.
 - Too many dog owners not picking up their waste, leading to high fecal coliform in water table.
 - Too many empty houses (people that don't live here year-round).
 - Too many properties used as nightly rentals.
 - Too many properties used as Airbnb rentals (no problem with long term leases from me, as that provides housing for the community).
 - Too many properties used as vacation rentals.
 - Too many properties used as VACATION rentals.
 - Too many properties used as vacation/short term rentals.
 - Too many second homes/empty homes/vacation home speculation.
 - Too much damaging trails development that is impacting wild and primitive spaces in the valley.
 - Trails committee lack of confidence and support for ski club new trail development.
 - Unleashed dogs.
 - Unoccupied/second/vacation homes making it unaffordable for me to rent or buy property.
 - Unsupervised teenagers and their parties.
 - Vacant homes.
 - Waste services should be available daily.
 - Wasting money on Whittier police.
 - We need alternatives to GCI and competition!
 - Why can I only choose 3? These are ALL ISSUES!! The powers that be have wasted time and \$\$ on senseless projects such as curb sidewalks in town that the snow plows have destroyed. Destroyed a perfectly fine town forest for a town square no one uses with a chess board with wrong number of squares, no cover from the rain, not any community-based events. The drugs are rampant for our youth that have nowhere to go. We need a rec center with a pool, ice rink to play hockey, rooms for public to rent. The SKATE PARK IS RIDICULOUS. IT. NEEDS TO BE COVERED LIKE JUNEAU'S SO KIDS CAN KICK IT. THE bike path gets too close to the highway at driveways. GBOS has its head up its ass.
 - You have to be kidding me that fluoride in the drinking water is listed as a problem. Somebody needs to study public health.

Appendix I- Environmental Concerns (Other)

- Air quality enforcement re: trucks hauling from airport job.
- Not sure.
- Abandoned properties and dry cabins.
- Accessibility for seniors, handicapped to the environment.
- All waste should be delivery to transfer station from May - Sept. Bear proof cans are not functional on waste collection days when they must be stored unlocked. SWS should be accessible 5 days a week. This is a safety issue - not just environmental.
- Animal/pet waste.
- Bear proof containers.
- Bears and trash.
- Building codes not enforced or flexed. Misuse of land resources.
- Canine fecal matter.
- Concerned that environmentalists will try to burden us with stupid and unnecessary regulations.
- Control of garbage and protection of bears. Also, failure of most dog owners to pick up after their dogs.
- Cutting down too many trees to make really wide trails in the upper meadows for Nordic ski trails.
- Dead fall off trees.
- Development in wetlands.
- Dog excrement.
- Dog poop. (8)
- Dog poop bags left on ground, too many partiers leaving trash.
- Dog poop everywhere! (2)
- Dog poop on paths that deteriorate and enter watershed.
- Dog poop polluting creeks.
- Dog shit abundant in public spaces.
- DOG SHIT everywhere left by irresponsible pet owners!
- Dog shit everywhere/unleashed dogs/irresponsible dog owners.
- Dog shit not picked up by dog owners.
- Dog waste. (3)
- Dog waste leaching into our waterways. Dust from our crappy roads. Silt from the roads running into streams that should run clear.
- Don't have any - Girdwood does a great job with these issues.
- Don't know. (2)
- Drainage and erosion due to clearing of vegetation in densely developed areas with steep grades, i.e. Verbier.
- Drinking water.
- Dusty roads.
- Earthquake preparedness.
- Encroachment of development.
- Environmental education and advocacy for environment.
- Everyone wants to develop Girdwood including Girdwood 2020. Leave it alone. We don't need a multi-use trail. The 5K loop was too much, now you want another trail? When will it stop? How about those of us whom like to things as we've always done it, ourselves. To go skiing in our own backyard, braking our own trail. Build and they will come? Enough is enough, leave it alone.
- Filling in lowlands for building.

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- Flooding, avalanches, rocks falling on Seward Highway.
 - Fluoride in drinking water.
 - Fluoride in water.
 - Free roaming dog feces and irresponsible dog owners.
 - Garbage Dump is not open enough.
 - Garbage pick-up service attracting and killing bears.
 - Girdwood is allowing building in wetland areas and not protecting any.
 - Golf course and poor development planning.
 - Human wildlife interface.
 - I do not believe these items are a concern.
 - I have not lived there recently enough to answer this but as an individual I am in favor of environmental protection & limiting man's negative impact on the environment, especially impacts that contribute to global warming.
 - Inappropriate development.
 - Inappropriate development proposals such as previous efforts for a golf course, rail spur, and second ski resort.
 - It is not the waste company it is the uneducated lazy people who do not dispose of their garbage properly.
 - Lack of access to enjoy our beautiful environment of Girdwood.
 - Lack of free (non-resort) public outdoor rec facilities.
 - Lack of good water drainage in flood plain areas in Girdwood.
 - Lack of notification of potential and/or impending changes to the community.
 - Lack of second road exit if single bridge disabled.
 - Lack of trail maintenance and construction.
 - Lack of trails/trailhead development. This would allow the outdoors to be accessed responsibly.
 - Limited recycling but not a major issue.
 - Litter trash.
 - Lots of dog poop that's not cleaned up by owners.
 - N/A (3)
 - Need for hydro power from either Crow or California Creek.
 - No aluminum recycling.
 - No choices I would make. Lack, insufficient, poor not acceptable qualities in the choices.
 - No comment.
 - No concerns.
 - No other choices.
 - NO wood disposal lot.
 - Noise pollution from helicopters.
 - None. (4)
 - None apply.
 - None of the above. (2)
 - None of the above are serious problems in Girdwood.
 - None of the above exist in Girdwood. Noise Pollution.
 - None of the above. If you want healthy food, go buy or raise your groceries.
 - None of these impact us.
 - None of those options are a concern. Lack of protection for the watershed is a concern (is amount of dog waste in wetlands) and street runoff going directly in streams.
 - Not concerned with any of these things in Girdwood.

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- Not picking up after your dog.
 - Nothing.
 - Only one road in and out of the valley.
 - Overbuilding on lots (i.e., max conditional use allowance).
 - Pedestrian access is limited, especially in winter.
 - Pedestrian path and multi-use trail grooming.
 - People up Crow Creek are tapping into creeks for water & shitting in outhouses for god's sake.
 - People using creeks for their water/waste.
 - Please stop cutting up the forest to make "new" cross country trails.
 - Pollution and dog waste in wetlands, pollution and waste runoff in salmon streams.
 - Polluted runoff.
 - Poor air quality due to construction/diesel at airport.
 - Poor development.
 - Poor waste management with proximity to wildlife.
 - Potential development of affordable housing.
 - Preserving wilderness and wildlife.
 - Question is forcing answers to nonsense issues. Should have "none of above" option.
 - Regarding air quality, I think there is too much burning of green wood and/or on days with inversions or stable air.
 - Responsible maintenance of parks and trail building.
 - Restrictions on recreational opportunities.
 - Road dust.
 - Run off into streams.
 - Shortage of bear resistant trash bins.
 - Solar power and compost enforcement, subsidies.
 - The beaver destroying the 'squirrel cage' BLM property.
 - The Not in My Backyard group that wants to restrict recreational access to lands. Lack of recycling facilities. Lack of mass transit/alternative transit opportunities.
 - The quality of the drinking water.
 - The unleashed dogs!!!
 - There are no environmental concerns.
 - This is a very poor group of questions. I think climate change will affect the mountain operations and the effect on the community will depend on diversity of options for work and play.
 - This is an utterly ridiculous list of choices, except for air quality. Dust in the summer months is a serious problem. Many folks also do not like the imposition of fluoride in the drinking water.
 - This question is unclear.
 - Too big of parking lots. Dust from roads, spruce bark beetles.
 - Too many dog owners not picking up their waste, leading to high fecal coliform in water table.
 - Too much dog poop on the meadow.
 - Too much dog poop!
 - Too much rain.
 - Trashing the natural environment.
 - Treated domestic water.
 - Unauthorized trail building, people camping at trail heads.
 - Unchecked trail development that is actually damaging the forest.
 - Unleashed dogs and their poop.
 - Unnecessary disconnect between advocates of growth and conservation.

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- We are still in good shape environmentally.
 - Well every time you tear more trees down to build more houses the possibility of ruining a home of an owl or hawk are pretty high! They nest all around my house and there all over the valley!
 - Wildfire.
 - Without being a fulltime resident, this is difficult to answer.

Appendix J- Why are you planning on moving out of Girdwood?

Retirement (33)

- Retirement. (12)
- Retire. (2)
- Lack of retirement housing/assisted living facilities, high cost of medical care in Alaska.
- Move to retirement community when too old to ski.
- Not sure if we'll retire there.
- Retire out of state.
- Retire to a warm climate.
- Retirement - I intend to keep a part time residence.
- Retirement and travel.
- retirement home elsewhere.
- Retirement in another state.
- Retirement lower 48.
- Retirement to warmer weather.
- Retirement/weather.
- Retiring.
- Retiring to an easier climate, with easier accessibility to healthcare, extended family, etc.
- Retiring. Not certain plans, however. Depends on partner's career.
- Someday might retire.
- To travel the world when I retire.
- Upon retirement we will spend part of each year out of state.
- Will travel with retirement, but probably always own property in Girdwood.

Work/School (27)

- Job opportunities. (2)
- Better job opportunities.
- Better paying job.
- Depends on work.
- Different job.
- Employment.
- Experience new places, employment, need more sunshine.
- I work seasonally.
- I'm not at the moment planning on leaving but if I would move it would be because of limited employment opportunities.
- I'm not planning to any time soon. A career opportunity would be the only reason why.
- If I were to leave, it would be due to different and better financial opportunities.
- Job expiration.

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- Lack of employment growth.
 - Lack of work opportunity.
 - Limited job opportunities.
 - Limited opportunities, no growth, too rainy and dismal quality of life.
 - Someday I will need to find a job that I can't find here.
 - We had to move for my husband's job, but Girdwood is still home. We come back every chance we get.
 - Work prospects limited.
 - End of internship. Plan to stay in Alaska but can find/afford to live in Girdwood. :(
 - Kid going to high school.
 - Moving for school.
 - No high school.
 - No high school and no extracurricular activities for kids over 14.
 - Possibly for high school.
 - School.

Don't know/Not moving (24)

- I'm not. (7)
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- I can't plan that far ahead!
- I don't know. Never say never. Going with the flow.
- I live in Anchorage now.
- I've lived here for 20 years and will for another 20 if I'm so lucky!
- I'm not; planning on retiring there.
- N/A.
- No current plans to move, but never sure what the future holds.
- No plans.
- Not leaving.
- not moving.
- Not planning on it.
- Not sure yet.
- Plan to retire there.
- We are not. We plan to eventually move out of Anchorage and live in Girdwood full-time.
- We don't plan to move out of Girdwood.
- Who knows?

Age (20)

- Death. (3)
- Age (2)
- Old age. (2)
- Age.... not sure how this will work when I am in my 80's.
- Aging and poor medical facilities for the aging. No Retirement Center or social life. Too far away from urgent needs.
- Aging out. Bury me.
- Aging.
- I am over 60, will eventually die.

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- I will probably be dead in 20 years. What a dumb question.
 - I'll be really old in 20 years and might want to live somewhere warmer.
 - Ice and winter are getting harder as aging happens. Have lived here 35 years and seen some changes that are good, and some not.
 - In late 60's.
 - Likely will sell property in Girdwood when the children are gone, and we no longer ski as much at Alyeska.
 - May age out of the area. Girdwood is a difficult place for older people who have to drive the Seward Hwy for grocery shopping, doctor appt, etc.
 - When we are too old to ski.
 - I will eventually die.

Weather (10)

- Eventually I think it will be nice to live somewhere warmer when I'm elderly (20+ years).
- It is dark.
- Lack of snow.
- Less ice and rain. Nothing you can do about that.
- Likely will retire to a warmer, less harsh environment when we are older.
- Once my children leave for college, I may move somewhere warmer.
- Tired of the rain.
- Too much snow.
- Winter weather.
- Potential climate change effects on the snow and the high cost of living and taxes.

Housing (8)

- Can't find property to rebuild a single level home.
- Cost of affordable housing for families is a huge problem.
- Housing is very expensive.
- I'm not planning to move out of Girdwood, but I find it hard to make plans to settle down due to lack of affordability on housing.
- No housing.
- The inability to secure long term housing that is affordable. I love my job and I feel involved in the community. Unfortunately working at Challenge and affordability of housing aren't compatible.
- Too many people. It's a circus. Difficult to find housing that allows dogs. I've been forced to move 6 times in the 5.5 years I've been here, and some of the places have been downright disgusting and way overpriced. I've been forced to have roommates due to lack of housing and costs. Worst being 4 people and a baby, cat and dog in a 1-bedroom apartment, or the \$850 +utilities DRY cabin that was not insulated. Fluoride in water that Girdwood didn't want, but Anchorage did. All the partiers that come here every weekend and festival, all the people from Anchorage coming to walk their dogs and utilize the trails. So many people everywhere all the time. Gets old.
- So that my son can attend a closer high school without riding a bus on the highway.

Health/Health Care (8)

- Health care, probably.

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- Move closer to primary medical care.
 - Need to relocate to a more affordable location with access to medical facilities after I retire.
 - Next move is to an assisted living home.
 - Retirement is hard in Alaska, broken hips.
 - When I am old will probably move to a location with better and easier accessible health care. A place where it is sunny and has more light in the winter.
 - Will get too old to drive back and forth on the highway for groceries, etc.
 - Would be related to elderly care concerns.

Family (7)

- To be closer to family. (2)
- Eventually want to live closer to family in lower 48 and don't want child to have to commute to high school on the Seward Highway.
- Family.
- Family is out of state.
- Move closer to family.
- To live closer to family in the other states.

Other (11)

- Don't live in Girdwood. Would love to, if I had an employment option there. Interested in owning a recreational cabin in Girdwood!
- I see our town dying unless we develop more year-round tourist attractions like bike trails and zip lines and figure out somewhere to house workers.
- I would consider moving out of Girdwood when if we continue to not have a master plan that is balanced for between growth and preservation. Our valley is not very big.
- It depends on how our town grows in the future and where our children go.
- Lack of infrastructure.
- More opportunities at bigger resorts.
- Move to the lower 48.
- Probably want to move to Arizona at some point.
- too fucking weird and no paved roads etc.
- Convenience to activities in Anchorage as we age, and ready to downsize our house.
- Too expensive.

Appendix K- Changes in the Next 5 Years

Recreation

- Increase in bike and hiking trails.
- Increased trails for bikes, runners, etc. For instance, up Glacier Creek, or up Virgin Creek (more than the social trails already partly there). Expand the resort uphill or up valley. Winter is going to be higher and higher. We need a cable car. Think of Europe. I'd like to see paragliding at the resort again. Again, think of Europe.
- A public pool.

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- A race ski academy.
 - Activities for all ages.
 - Add more hiking trails.
 - Additional mountain bike trail development.
 - Additional recreational trails- bike and ski.
 - Additional trails and recreational opportunities.
 - Better hiking trails from town up mountains.
 - Better parks.
 - Bike path swoops removed and realigned to better facilitate safety.
 - Build a roof structure for the skate park so kids can use it during extended periods of wet weather.
 - Build an indoor pool and athletic facility.
 - Cheaper lift tickets, more free ride bike trails.
 - Concrete skate park made by professionals.
 - Construction of a cross-country mountain bike trail system.
 - Continued development of mountain bike trails.
 - Continued expansion of year-round recreational activity opportunities, especially the Nordic skiing trails which can be used for hiking/biking in the summer.
 - Develop the skiing more.
 - Development of high-level cross-country ski facilities, and races held. Girdwood has an opportunity to be a mecca for cross-country as well as alpine skiing. Also, more single track running and biking trails!
 - Development of more multi-use trails for cross-country in winter and walks year-round.
 - Development of more year-round, multi-use trails.
 - Development of ski and running trails.
 - Easier access to Alyeska's chair 3 and beginner level ski lifts.
 - Ensure the resort, especially the ski area is viable and successful, so it stays around.
 - Expanded development of Nordic skiing opportunities/facilities.
 - Expanded mountain biking, pedal accessed. Expand ski resort into Winter Creek!
 - Expansion of Alyeska skiing.
 - Expansion of trails system.
 - Fast winter maintaining of walking path/bike paths.
 - Full interconnected multi-use trail system. Winner Creek and south to resort property.
 - Further development of interconnected multi-use trail systems. Further development of upper valley ski operations.
 - Get rid of helicopter skiing.
 - Golf course. Concrete skate park. Allow snow machines.
 - I want to see Girdwood become the recreation and trail centerpiece of Alaska.
 - I would like more recreational development for the local community. I do think it will not be of negative impact for the local environment. I actually think it will be a positive addition to the town. It will create more jobs and will retain residents. Recreation centers are now studied to be built as low on environmental impact hence the sense of wilderness in Girdwood can be still preserved with a position addition to the community.
 - I would like to see a sizable community center with a gym and swimming pool, classrooms, etc.
 - I would like to see the development of a community recreation center that includes a workout facility and, if feasible, a pool. I would also like to see an outdoor hockey rink. Providing access to these facilities will give our children more opportunity to develop skills and grow into whatever

type of athlete they desire to be. Right now, their options are mostly limited to skiing and winter sport.

- Improved hiking, mountain biking, winter multi-use, and Nordic ski trail network.
- Increase in recreational activities.
- Increase the development of the base of the resort.
- Increased trail development for hiking, biking and skiing/multiple uses.
- Indoor pool that is more affordable than membership at the hotel.
- It would be great to have some sort of community rec center where people could meet indoors to play/workout. The hotel has great facilities, but their closed-to-the-public policy, and expensive 6 month passes, keep the option out of reach for most Girdwood residents. Maybe they could consider going back to the day passes they used to sell at the hotel?
- Less dependence on Alyeska Resort, while still reaping the benefits of its location in Girdwood.
- Less speculative building, gym/rec facility, more multi-use bike trails.
- Make Alyeska Resort more connected and easier to access on foot between the hotel, Day Lodge, and Sitzmark area.
- More trails into the back country.
- More access to the back country.
- More activities for kids.
- More activity for young people.
- More beginner & intermediate ski trails. More single-track mountain bike trails.
- More bike trails in the summer and multi-use trails in the winter.
- More bike trails, the bike path "swoops" remedied, winter trail grooming for fat-bikes and cross-country skis. A greater focus on Girdwood becoming a year-round recreational destination.
- More bike, hike, and Nordic trails.
- More connecting trails. Improved trails. Better trailhead parking and signage.
- More cross-country ski trails
- More cross-country ski trails. more bike trails.
- More cross-country skiing trails.
- More development in the ski area.
- More development of non-skiing activities.
- More hiking and Nordic trails.
- More indoor recreation opportunities like pool/ rec center/ climbing gym, and covered outdoor spaces like: covered skate park, covered playground, community greenhouses, covered skating rink (all season), lighted Nordic night skiing/ biking trails, and develop a Girdwood Whitewater Play /Surf Park on Glacier Creek.
- More interconnected trails with parking at well-marked trailheads.
- More lifts.
- More mountain bike trails. (2)
- More mountain bike trails. XC and Flow. Like every ski town in British Columbia.
- More mountain bike/multi-use trails (not at the resort).
- More multi-use trails. (5)
- More multi-purpose, wide ski and biking trails.
- More multi-use trails. (2)
- More off-mountain mountain bike trails.
- More outdoor options, like a golf course.
- More outdoor recreation options.
- More public trails, more foot, bike, ski access vs motorized access.
- More recreational opportunities to maximize both in and out of state tourism.

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- More recreational opportunity - year-round trails and facilities at parking areas.
 - More reserved spaces for trails & parks.
 - More resort development.
 - More ski areas.
 - More ski areas with lifts.
 - More ski runs.
 - More ski trails.
 - More skiable terrain.
 - More snow for the ski area. Maybe development of Winner Creek ski area.
 - More trail development.
 - More trails. (2)
 - More trails for biking and recreation.
 - More trails for summer hiking and cross-country skiing development.
 - More trails to improve the recreation economy.
 - More trails. Nordic skiing and or multi-use. More mountain bike trails.
 - More winter multi-use trails.
 - More year-round trails.
 - More pedestrian and bicycle routes.
 - No golf courses. Keep building bike trails.
 - Open more lift access skiing.
 - Open more lift access terrain.
 - Rainy day activities! Bowling alley? Rec center? Climbing wall? Mini movie theater? Something fun to do on one of our many rainy days besides go to the bar.
 - Rec facility.
 - Resort needs to take care of the residents who support it, they seem to take it for granted. Needs to improve on public relations.
 - Single track mountain bike trail development.
 - Skatepark improvements.
 - Ski academy, single track bike trails.
 - Sports building for youth as well as the elderly (me).
 - The winter recreation at the Resort stay strong under new ownership.
 - There needs to be more regular shuttle service. Waiting an hour to get to the mountain is crazy. Also, they should time it with the opening of the lifts. A lot of people need to be AT the mountain by 10 or 10:15.
 - Trail improvements.
 - Trails Committee is actually the anti-trails committee. The blocking action of this body is still there fighting against projects the majority is in favor of.
 - Well managed growth. Right locations, right style, particularly improved opportunities for trails and for more diverse year-round outdoor recreation for residents and to increase the number of independent travelers spending time and money in the community.
 - Year-round recreation availability.

Housing

- A ban on Airbnb and VRBO. It is ruining our neighborhood. There is no respect from the home owners or the renters for a quiet, slow, peaceful, neighborhood. There is a 13 bed Airbnb on top of one of the steepest dead-end roads in Girdwood. These renters do not have proper driving

skills and their rental cars do not have adequate tires or capability to keep people and property safe from accidents.

- A focus on housing for those who choose to live here and work here. Less vacation rentals dominating the housing market and preventing good people from living here.
- A limit to Airbnb's and a steep local tax for 2nd homes. Limit helicopter traffic and noise.
- Affordable housing. (5)
- Affordable housing for families and workers so that Girdwood can develop into a sustainable town.
- Affordable housing for middle-income individuals and families which will encourage more long-term residents.
- Affordable housing for starting families.
- Affordable housing for the families that help make our community.
- Affordable housing for transient workers.
- Affordable housing, less Airbnb's.
- Affordable housing options implemented to retain a "sense of community" by allowing all classes of people to live and work in Girdwood.
- Affordable housing/ seasonal worker housing needs to be addressed and have a plan.
- An apartment complex.
- Availability of affordable family housing.
- Better development of current housing, fewer houses not to code/poor upkeep.
- Cost of housing to decrease. More home owners leasing to long term renters instead of overnight rentals.
- Decrease in properties used as nightly rentals.
- Enforce no parking on streets and control nightly rentals.
- Expansion of affordable housing, greater incentive for homeowners to rent to Girdwood residents.
- Fewer short-term rentals.
- Find a way to add affordable housing in our community that allows for people to buy in Girdwood, but have it protected so that it cannot be converted into nightly rentals or a 2nd home for someone.
- Have a few more 'mother in law' or 2nd homes be available for people who actually live here.
- Housing.
- Housing availability and affordability.
- Housing costs.
- Housing development.
- Housing options. (2)
- I would like to see allowable use of detached accessory dwelling units in the GR-2 District on lots that are <16,800 sf.
- I would like to see housing options for people who want to settle in Girdwood that don't have millions of dollars to buy real estate. I'd love to buy property here and live here year-round and it seems nearly impossible to do so in this town if you're looking for something \$300,000 or less.
- I would love to see more affordable housing, housing rent is high just because of the name Girdwood has to it. Water is water, but because Fiji puts its name on it, it cost 2 bucks more.
- I'd like it to get colder again. But the biggest problem we have control over is the lack of affordable housing.
- I'd like to see steps taken toward development of more affordable long-term housing for both families and individuals.
- Improve the aesthetics of the buildings and landscape in trailer court, in hopes that it will look nice and show an example of low income, but not "ghetto" housing.

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- Keep the huge houses/buildings out. Have better building codes to eliminating tall houses.
 - Land development for additional housing. Old run-down housing be renovated or rebuilt.
 - Land development for housing and community growth with strict architectural and environmental guidelines.
 - Less 2nd home vacation rentals and more housing options for residents.
 - Less multifamily apartments/condos.
 - Less nightly rentals and more long-term housing. HLB to open up the land they have said they would - behind fire house and up Crow Creek.
 - Less rental properties used for short term vacationers.
 - Less vacation rentals.
 - Less VRBO and Airbnb and more housing with reasonable prices offered.
 - Less VRBO's, more Alyeska employee housing to free up space for other small business employees, that the GGA goes away.
 - Lower housing cost for single/young people.
 - Maybe a higher tax on those who choose to rent their entire houses short term rather than long term.
 - More housing choices.
 - More affordable housing. (8)
 - More affordable housing -long term.
 - More affordable housing and less empty McMansions.
 - More affordable housing and rentals.
 - More affordable housing built in a sustainable manner suited to fitting in with the local environment.
 - More affordable housing for renters and owners, put a cap on short-term rentals (like Airbnb).
 - More affordable housing for seasonal and low-income jobs.
 - More affordable housing options.
 - More affordable housing options that match the income for those employed in Girdwood.
 - More affordable housing. There has to be more that fits between million-dollar homes and low-income housing.
 - More affordable lots to buy.
 - More affordable property to build single family homes.
 - More affordable rental options.
 - More area for single family development.
 - More employee housing.
 - More employee housing for seasonal staff.
 - More full-time residents occupying houses.
 - More housing. (2)
 - More housing developments mid-range and one floor plans for aging public & young families. LESS AIRBNB's and out of state landlords.
 - More housing lots available to public when new land is opened up for development.
 - More housing opportunities for mid to low income people.
 - More housing options for renters (not vacation renters, but people wanting to live here) and affordable real estate to purchase.
 - More long-term housing available.
 - More long-term housing development for all income levels.
 - More reasonably priced development for housing.
 - More seasonal housing options.

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- More single-family affordable housing.
 - More single-family homes built!
 - Multiuse housing that includes senior living units.
 - Open up some new subdivision space to keep the cost of raw lots down. My kids both want to buy something, but houses are overpriced for what they are. Raw land would allow them to build for a more realistic outcome.
 - Reasonably priced property to build single family homes.
 - Reduction of vacant properties.
 - Severely limit the number of homes used as nightly rentals.
 - The ability for all service workers to have housing and commensurate pay.
 - There to be a limit on the number of vacation and VRBO rental homes and have more affordable housing options for first time home buyers.
 - We lived in Girdwood for 8 years and had to move because of nothing available on the market to rent or buy and we are family of 4. More affordable housing.

Roads/Transportation

- 100% paved residential roads.
- A second road out of the valley.
- Asphalt on the major roads.
- Better commuter transportation to Anchorage.
- Better road maintenance between Girdwood and Anchorage.
- Better road service.
- Better roads. (4)
- Bus or train service commute to Anchorage.
- Daily Anchorage - Girdwood transportation.
- Daily public transportation to Anchorage.
- Easier to access internal shuttle.
- Get train commute a feasibility.
- I would like the roads improved.
- Improve roads.
- Improve Seward Highway to four lanes Girdwood-Anchorage. Improve subdivision street in Girdwood.
- More than one Girdwood exit to the Seward Highway.
- Pave Timberline.
- Paved roads. (4)
- Road improvement.
- Road maintenance.
- Roads.
- Roads. Paved roads.
- Second road access.
- Some kind of affordable commuter rail system to and from Anchorage.
- Timberline partially paved, walking path!!!
- Transportation between Anchorage and Girdwood.
- Transportation from Girdwood to Anchorage.
- Transportation options between Anchorage and Girdwood.
- Transportation to Anchorage for commuters.

Schools

- A big school.
- Build a high school.
- Construction of high school.
- Get a high school.
- High school. (2)
- Smaller classes in school.
- The school to go back to mixed aged classrooms so children have the opportunity to learn at their own pace.

Stores/Services

- A better grocery store to provide a wider range of food options for full time residents.
- A bigger grocery store and maybe a hardware store.
- A good grocery store would be nice. Maybe some multiuse properties in the town center area.
- A New Sagaya would be nice.
- Access to affordable fresh produce.
- Better grocery store.
- Expansion of Girdwood Clinic services & expertise. Development of Girdwood Industrial park to support road maintenance as well as home and auto repair services located locally (plumbers, electricians, car repair, phone/cable, local building contractors).
- Healthy foods grocery.
- More facilities ie. restaurants, recycling, grocery stores, gym, health care.
- More grocery stores.
- More infrastructure. More stores, pool, restaurants.
- More local businesses, including diversified entertainment, gym etc.
- More local businesses.
- More local practical retail.
- More local services such as plumbers, home repair, auto service.
- More practical retail options.
- More retail.
- New motel.
- Overall, I like the community of Girdwood the way it currently is. It is a small town with a small-town feel. A couple new restaurants would be nice.
- Remodel and improve Mercantile.
- Retail.
- Small health food store and pharmacy. Would be nice to have a 'Main Street' town to walk around with a few restaurants and stores.
- Some improvement in local businesses with more options.
- Business that can take advantage of summer activities

Trash/Recycling

- #1 would be a small recycling center. I work in Anchorage, I do not mind the commute, but driving recycling in every week is a pain and I can't imagine how many people simply do not recycle due to the lack of availability in Girdwood. If we are truly within the MOA, we should have

access to this, even if only a few large bins at the dump. This is absolutely something Girdwood needs.

- Better access to recycling.
- Better communication on how to treat trash for residents and visitors to reduce bear issues.
- Better management and access to solid waste disposal. Mandatory bear proof cans for curb side pick-up and mandatory waste collection company unlocking those cans for pickup between 1 May - 30 Sept. Bears are a safety issue with such poor summer practices.
- Better waste management options due to wildlife interactions. Recycling services available closer to or within Girdwood.
- Cleaner. (2)
- Do away with curbside trash pick-up, it's destroying the wildlife. Renters and weekenders don't understand these issues, and we end up with a public safety issue.
- Easier and better ways to recycle.
- Free recycling available to residents and businesses.
- Garbage pick-up.
- Have a recycling center.
- I would like to see a basic recycling program.
- I would like to see better systems for dealing with garbage so that the bear issue is resolved.
- Junk cars removed.
- Recycle center.
- Recycling. (3)
- Recycling and bear safe garbage cans/expanded transfer center days/hours for all.
- Recycling center.
- Recycling options.

Employment

- Better employment opportunities with the Resort.
- More employment opportunities.
- More full-time employment options.
- The main employer, Alyeska, needs to treat people as humans instead of a number.

Dogs

- Better community dog etiquette but not more laws.
- CONTROL OF DOGS OFF LEASH.
- Dog law enforcement. I'm sick and tired of the dog culture in Girdwood. People let their dogs roam free and have no concerns toward others.
- Enforced dog rules. Dogs need to be fenced or leashed, unless under exact voice command and the owner is within direct sight line.
- Enforcement of Dog Leash Law; too many people do not respect others who are afraid of dogs or have dogs leashed, by letting their dogs walk and roam freely. Girdwood needs a dog catcher!
- Have all dogs on leashes for public safety. My daughter was bitten by a dog off leash in Girdwood.
- Leash law for dogs. I have always loved Girdwood's dog friendly vibe, but it's gotten to the point where I am nervous to walk my dog (always on a leash) and kids around the block.

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- Leash the dogs!! It's the ONLY threat I've encountered. I've bear sprayed 6 dogs, called WPD/animal control 9 times and everywhere my child plays I have to watch for piles of poop. Not to mention the 3 times I have swerved dangerously to avoid hitting one.
 - Stricter dog enforcement. Full time animal control in Girdwood.

Local Autonomy

- Autonomy for Girdwood. Self-determination thru government. Master plan the community to maximize a sustainable, responsible growth for the community.
- Autonomy from MOA.
- Girdwood separates from Anchorage.
- Girdwood to become a self-governed city.
- I would like for Girdwood to not be part of the Anchorage Municipality. To be our own town.
- I would like Girdwood to become more autonomous from Anchorage.
- I would like to see Girdwood leave the Municipality of Anchorage.
- I'd like to see Girdwood gain some autonomy and head in a more sustainable direction.
- I'd like to see Girdwood remove itself from Anchorage's jurisdiction.
- Increase in local autonomy.
- Leave the MOA.
- More autonomy.
- More small-town autonomy.
- Not be a part of the Muni.
- Self-governance.
- Separation from MOA.
- Separation from Municipality of Anchorage.
- Succeed from the Municipality and maintain autonomy.

Childcare/Social Services

- A new building for Little Bears preschool.
- I would like to see more solid footing for some of the 'institutions' in Girdwood. Some of these things the organizations are working on themselves, they just need community support. Little Bears Daycare needs for an upgraded, modern facility. Girdwood chapel needs a full-time pastor and parsonage so they can increase social services available to community. Food bank is a great example. Forest Service Ranger Station lease runs out soon, they need a permanent home.
- Improved building for Little Bears preschool as a result of the community recognizing the need and importance of such a change.
- More childcare for school age kids.
- More childcare options.
- More options for childcare.
- More services for seniors.
- New childcare facility.
- New Little Bears building.
- Mental health care.
- Full time pastor with parsonage at Girdwood Chapel so that more social services can be provided to the community.

Wilderness/Wildlife

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- Acceptance that climate change is serious.
 - Better control to preserve special character as a mountain community...architecture, lighting etc.
 - Better protection of natural space.
 - Better protection of the HLB lands adjacent to Upper Timberline, these lands should be preserved as open space for trails etc.
 - I hope to see Girdwood keep protecting the natural and wild places it has. Girdwood has a beautiful natural feel, but that is very fragile and sensitive to over development of any kind.
 - I would like to see the natural qualities of the area remain unchanged as this is the reason so many people love Girdwood. I would not want to see the sense of community altered nor would I like to see big entities come in and develop the area or change the character of Girdwood like some entities have changed the character of so many other close-knit communities around the country and globe. What is unique to Girdwood should remain that way while still affording qualities that continue the small-town environment.
 - Improve education of community on living with bears/wildlife.
 - More importance on preserving our immediate and accessible wilderness.
 - More protection of the wilderness.
 - More protection of the wonderful trees and other natural things.
 - Protection of the untouched forests in the area. With only minimal trails developed for walking, skiing and biking.
 - The 5 K road let it go back to natural habitat.

Emergency Services

- Better police protection. (2)
- Fire and police services with pay and benefit rate comparable to Anchorage.
- Improved law enforcement especially during festival/holiday weekends.
- Keep the Whittier police presence. They have helped a lot keeping us safe.
- Local police force (officers living in the community).
- More stable law enforcement presence.
- Police.
- Secure local police permanently.
- Secure police and crime prevention plan.

Less Development

- In general, I like Girdwood the way it is and hope it doesn't grow too much.
- Less development.
- Limited growth.
- No more development.
- No more roads. No more development of residential or commercial property.
- No more trail development.
- Slow growth.
- The stop of building things.

Utilities

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- Bury overhead electrical lines. With heavy snow and wind, they tend to short out A LOT and long term it would be much better to bury the lines.
 - City water to my house.
 - Drinking water and drainage issues in parts of town.
 - Move Chugach Elec Substation to an industrial site near the DOT yard and test existing land for PCB pollution. The substation is situated close to personal wells.
 - Water and electricity up Crow Creek Road.
 - Water and sewer for all properties.

Safety

- A focus on eliminating the transient drug/party culture that has taken up residence in Girdwood.
- Better lighting of back streets.
- Better protection from property crimes.
- Focus on making community safe.
- Get rid of drug den rental housing! Stop derelict landlords from renting out their houses to meth heads. it's a nice community and there should be standards.
- Lower crime.
- more street lighting.
- People need to stop at the crosswalks!
- Reduce the number of bears in the community. The intersection at Alyeska Hwy and Arlberg Ave is dangerous for pedestrians. Need crosswalk and to extend walking path on Arlberg south of Alyeska Hwy as well as enforce no parking there and on Garmisch Rd.
- Safety for commuters on the Seward Hwy, especially from falling rocks.
- The sidewalk design that brings pedestrians right next to traffic.
- Improved pedestrian access.
- Finally getting the long overdue stop light on Hightower & Alyeska Hwy so kids can cross safely by the park.

More Development

- Building codes too hard and restrictive. Simplify them.
- Commercial space to allow for expansion of business services to the valley.
- Controlled development. But development.
- Develop commercial and retail business space.
- Develop into a town.
- Development of a few more commercial buildings.
- Development that sustains the character of the community. Less transient workers, more families choosing to live here.
- Development up valley, No more Forest Fair.
- Expand more business zones and increase restaurant choices.
- HLB land needs to be opened up for development. Girdwood is outgrowing itself.
- More available commercial properties.
- More commercial space.
- More commercial spaces for business development.
- More land available to develop.
- Newly available land for sale.

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- Slowly grow commercially and would like to see more people reside full time and be part of the community.
 - Sustainable business growth.

Leadership/Planning

- A masterplan that manages what we have better, and growth is measured rather than haphazard.
- BETTER PLANNING so that we don't thoughtlessly pave the whole community, cut down all the tall trees, develop every inch of land, create more engine & construction noise, and pollute air & water! We are NOT Anchorage!
- Considered development.
- Formation and participation in New Borough.
- Girdwood is a unique place. It faces extreme changes and challenges with climate change. I would like to see those challenges detailed in a model that is used as a priority one mitigating tool in developing community plans.
- I would like to see a long-range area plan that includes areas designated to be left in their current, wild state. These should include wetlands and areas along the major creeks, and areas with trails, such as the Danich Trail and Stumpy's Winter Trail, etc. This same plan would designate other HLB lands that could eventually be sold to for-profit developers or built on for public recreational use. Such a plan could also address setting aside areas specifically for building low-cost housing options.
- More community interaction and support between Alyeska and the local community. Local support and education for renewable energy sources.
- More control of local issues and speed of action.
- More engagement from young professionals who live here full time. Better management of the resort for the local community. Housing code and enforcement to clean up derelict properties.
- More openness in our community organizations, specifically Forest Fair Committee and Girdwood 2020.
- We should vote to elect/maintain a local sheriff, that way if they do not perform their job adequately, we can vote them out instead of being stuck with incompetence.

Small Town Feel

- I only want it to mature and remain the community it is.
- I want Girdwood to feel like a small town with its own character.
- I would like a better Main Street vibe in the center of town. We lack a cohesive city center. Aesthetically it looks like a hodgepodge of buildings with no character buildings or public art.
- I would like Girdwood to maintain the status quo.
- Moderate growth and development that preserves Girdwood's natural charm and character without overwhelming it.

Events/Entertainment

- Less festivals.
- Music venue other than a worn-out bar. No offense Sitzmark, but poor venue! Poor sound, poor floor plan, embarrassing stage, oh yeah and it smells like ski sweat/beer.
- Rebuild the Sitzmark.
- More live music/concerts/events. Including biking/running. Expand community garden- botanical gardens could be a part of our long-term strategy.

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- No Forest Fair. More speed control from Whittier on Alyeska highway.

Weather

- Colder winters.
- Good snow/less ice.
- Less rain.
- More snow. (2)
- Snowfall like the old days.

Other

- Anything that forces wages up or property value down.
- Appreciation from the resort that we are locals and our support keeps them going. I'm seeing a lack of this at the management level.
- ATMs that accept cash deposits.
- Better infrastructure.
- Chapter 9 codes.
- Fluoride out of the drinking water, if is poison.
- GBOS.
- Keep fluoride in the water
- I would like to see the municipality take responsibility of the drainage exiting Gunnysack Mine Rd and flooding the properties towards Toadstool Rd.
- Improve timberline with at least a rap surface. It is glacier silt and can get filthy every time it rains.
- Infrastructure, home rule, renewables.
- looking into renewables such as solar and wind.
- Lower cost of living. (2)
- lower property tax.
- lower taxes.
- More focus on keeping young families.
- More hot chicks.
- More parking needed around lower part of mountain.
- Our town is a destination; however, we need to find a balance between that and our limited space. A parking center downtown and at the resort would be amazing.
- Review of Heritage Land Bank.
- Time.
- Wanna be hippies leave.

Multiple Themes

- More environmental sustainability measures (wind power, hydro power). More affordable housing, more decent paying jobs.
- More snow at sea level (like 11/12). But really, more affordable local housing options (too many VRBOs) & more responsible dog owners (leash when needed & clean up poop!).
- More parking quit using Whittier police, better garbage pickup.
- More trail development, especially for skate skiing. Policing contracted to APD. Housing options that allow more single people, couples and families that can't afford a half a million-dollar home.

An athletic facility autonomous from the hotel/resort. Community support, to allow the community to stay a town and not just be a place that caters to tourists and shuts out the residents.

- Better trails, employee housing and transportation to and from Anchorage.
- 1) Limit to Airbnb vacation rentals so that people who don't live in the community buy up homes for 2nd homes and that is only possible because their Airbnb guests pay their second mortgage. 2) trail connecting town square area and resort and mines area to current Nordic trails 3) bear safe garbage containers provided at no extra charge.
- 1. I'd like to see people pick up their dog's poop. 2. I'd like to see more long-term rentals return to town. 3. I'd like to see a new building for Little Bear's Playhouse. 4. More Nordic and bike trails. 5. More non-graveled paths for kick sledding.
- More recreation development in the form of trails. More affordable housing development. Open up some of the HLB lands to development of single-family housing. End the leash law for dogs. We live in bear country.
- Interconnected, established year-round trails to ensure pedestrian commuter and recreation use remains a high priority for the community - more trails, less parking lots. Consistent funding for capital projects such as rebuilding Little Bear's Playhouse, maintenance of recreation facilities. Development of Holton Hills subdivision for quality multi-family living. Not crap like Creekside development. We can do better than that. Encourage owners of empty homes to sell or put them up for long-term rent.
- Affordable pool and gym access. Affordable small homes, Tanaka opened back up, ski patrol program for kids (both my kids want to be ski patrollers), no fluoride in the water!!! Recycle collected.
- Master Plan for Trails with all users' interests taken into account. More affordable housing for workers.
- More bike trails (winter and summer). More housing for Alyeska employees.
- More fast and flowy single-track trails for mountain biking that do not require lift access. Reduced cost of housing, fewer vacation rentals.
- More mountain development, more housing for employees, more housing developments for homeowners.
- More mountain bike single track built on muni labs or state and national parks. More housing development. A town rev center with a pool and gym.
- More multi use and bike trails, affordable housing for single family and Anchorage-Girdwood transportation.
- More multi-use trails. Affordable housing for seasonal workers.
- More ski trails. Less large homes being built along with height (too tall).
- More multi use trails, safer travel and more options to commute between Girdwood and Anchorage, public gym/swimming pool, expanded community school classes, stable law enforcement
- More families, high school, recycling opportunities, more trails.
- Add a golf course, add a high school.
- I'm pretty happy with Girdwood, but I want the ski resort open and I want a high school.
- Increased mountain development. Build a high school.
- A constant power supply (underground power lines). An actual town site that includes a bank, hardware store, a DECENT grocery store with fresh vegetables, more variety and larger aisles. Community pool and recreation center.
- Mountain biking trail development, hockey rink, a proper grocery store, a recycling center.

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- Development of more Nordic ski trails and mountain bike trails that are community projects. More restaurants that serve fruits and vegetables. More activities or options of things to do, if you don't downhill ski or bike.
 - Fitness Center/Community Center not connected to the school. Small, Trader Joe's style, grocery store, small hardware store.
 - Improve outdoor summer and winter recreational opportunities (ice skating rink, improve drainage on soccer/athletic fields). Promote small business development (bank, hardware store, gym, healthy food options).
 - Indoor pool and athletic facility. Increase in shopping areas, shops, hardware store.
 - More trail development and local business growth.
 - Pool. More restaurants.
 - Ski resort expansion. More single-track biking trails and hiking trails. General store.
 - Increased community cohesion. Indoor gym/rec facility. Access to trails. Increased trash and recycling options. Increased affordable housing. Increased community events and connections. Community gardens. Increased access to trails and rec programs for youth, families, and adults. Bike and ski trails. Transportation options.
 - Connecting multi-use trail system year-round, recycling, affordable single-housing options
 - I would like to see continued trails developed responsibly. Addition of recycling at transfer station. More reasonable housing options for residents of Girdwood.
 - Dangerous bike path redesigned and a recycling program that gives a percentage of profits back to the community.
 - Development of more hiking and cross-country ski trails and a safer bike path along Alyeska Highway. A recycling facility or options.
 - Improved trail maintenance on local trails (i.e. beaver pond trails, Virgin Creek, Iditarod, etc.), Expansion of winter multi-use trails outside of meadows to accommodate low snow years and a recycling center.
 - More biking and hiking trails, recycling programs.
 - More year-round multi-use trails NOT in wet lands (i.e. Moose Meadow). Recycle and compost opportunities. Fix the "swoops" on the bike path!
 - golf course /dog pound /emergency access over Glacier Creek and highway, open to hunting bears.
 - More multi-use trails and trail connection in the Girdwood Valley and connecting to State Park and USFS lands. Leash law enforced. Covered steps at the Post Office.
 - More year-round multi-use trails and trail connectivity with public trailheads. Leash laws respected for dogs, recycling programs in partnership with Anchorage.
 - More multi-use trails that interconnect in the valley. Immediate enforcement of dog rules: leashes etc.
 - Public use gym/pool, paved neighborhoods, at home mail boxes.
 - Fix the bike path again so you don't have to walk on the edge of Alyeska highway. Change speed limit from 45 to 35 also. Groom or build more trails in the winter for multi-use.
 - Increased trail infrastructure, continued road improvements, continued upgrades to park infrastructure, and continued support of recreational infrastructure.
 - More trails, one up penguin ridge. More man bike trails. More child care services. Transportation between Girdwood and Anchorage.
 - More indoor recreation facilities. New Little Bears building Hardware store.
 - Bike path to remove dangerous swoops!!! More child care options.
 - Alyeska expand terrain. Anchorage police department take over from Whittier. Second home owners should be able to vote on Girdwood issues that affect Girdwood property taxes.

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- More bike, running and Nordic trails. LOVE having the Whittier police!
 - Public indoor recreation facility with a pool. Enforcement of laws that prohibit unauthorized fireworks and loud noises.
 - No huge developments. More maintained trail systems for biking, hiking, running.
 - Improved public safety presence, athletic club, more lighted multiuse trails, curbside recycling, expanded healthy food options, infant childcare, and shuttle/bus service between Girdwood and Anchorage for those who need to access specialty medical care.
 - More single-track mountain bike trails. Better lighting on bike/walking path towards the school. Continue police service with the ability to ticket improperly parked cars. Services for senior citizens living in their own homes. Cost of Alyeska Ski Pass more affordable. Recycling services.
 - Continued sustainable development and amenity offerings by Alyeska Resort. More land opened by HLB for local business infrastructure development. Better analysis of Girdwood economics and routing of current tax dollars back to this community.
 - Increased commercial zoned property available or rezoning of existing to commercial. Continuation of trail building, hiking, biking.
 - More trails. More development. More ski lifts.
 - The industrial park opening and being expanded, and more business property available near new town center or old town.
 - More all-season trails that are bike & ski friendly. More involvement in the community governance by young people and families.
 - Love to see some affordable housing available for seasonal workers in addition to existing housing that the resort already offers. A couple more mid-range restaurants would be nice. Also, a pool/ rec center would be something I would use frequently if it were built.
 - No multifamily in the mine roads area. More resort base development. Commuter service to Anchorage.
 - More affordable housing choices, specifically one-bedrooms and housing for young people. More multi-use trails. More dog poop stations.
 - More affordable housing options. More affordable rentals for the seasonal folk that keep this town alive. More development and focus on summer activities to draw tourists to this town. We can't rely on skiing anymore. GBOS to have more autonomy, but Girdwood to remain part of the muni. Fire Department budget be slashed. We pay too much for the tiny amount of responses they have.
 - Housing become more affordable for renters and buyers. Resort become a better working environment for employees. Consider whether fluoride should or should not be in our water. Work with Alaska Railroad to get a fast train route between Girdwood and Anchorage. More multi-use trails for summer and winter use to add to our already beautiful trail system.
 - We would like to see Girdwood develop into a true 4 season mountain resort town with 12 months of employment opportunity for young people, some affordable housing options, and expansion of the resort and other recreational (golf!) operations including more lodging options. Cable / broadband options to compete with GCI, dust mitigation measures in the valley, safety improvements at the Seward highway and Hightower intersections.
 - less Airbnb. More multi use trails.
 - More affordable and environmentally conscious housing options to be built, as well as, more summer activities on and around the mountain.
 - More affordable housing for part time but committed residents who want to be part of the community but also work and live in Anchorage. Also, more Nordic and hiking trails. More alpine terrain at the resort.
 - More affordable housing. Improvement in soccer field and Moose Meadows.
 - More housing, an events facility for plays and movies, better trails.

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- More land development for housing. More trail development, especially for mountain biking.
 - More low-income housing, more development, more recreational infrastructure. Responsibly and informed.
 - More single-family home development and affordable housing. Recreation center with pool. More outdoor music shows.
 - Resort employee housing. Public rec center.
 - Expansion of neighborhood development, second road out of Girdwood, limitation of the noise pollution.
 - More affordable housing. Plans to build a high school. Public transportation to Anchorage. Larger grocery store.
 - Offer more affordable housing, especially rentals. Build a high school. Build an indoor facility for winter activities.
 - Decrease in number of Airbnb's and short-term rental options and increase in long term rentals. Could we give incentives to keep long term rentals? I would like Girdwood to have a high school.
 - A drop in property prices, probably through the reduction of short term rentals. If I'm still renting, landlords that aren't slumlords. Better access to groceries. A gym. Less electrical grid issues. Recycling. Less bear kills. Community broadband.
 - Growth, more housing options, a grocery store, single track bike trails.
 - Less large homes being built to be made into Airbnb type things. A better place to buy groceries, maybe a farmer's market or health food store. A gym (not part of Alyeska).
 - More vacant land available for housing. Increase in grocery or retail options. More youth and community activities.
 - Additional multi-family housing, retail area, small business office space. More lifts and ski area on Alyeska Resort. More Nordic trails. Reduce parking requirements via chapter 9 of title 21.
 - Increase in affordable and accessible housing as well as an expanded primary care health care facility.
 - Less vacation/unoccupied second homes. New affordable land to develop. Also, a bank.
 - More affordable work force and senior housing. A larger business district /more local business services.
 - More multi-use trails made. A business/retail/restaurant development.
 - Better housing opportunities for hard working families who live here. Not have competition with Anchorage second home buyers. Recycling at the post office, Merc, and a recycle transfer station at the dump site. The new owners of Alyeska to be involved more with the community.
 - More housing for seasonal workers in Resort Zone. Stricter regs preventing multiple short- and long-term rentals in single family neighborhoods. Finish industrial park. Develop site for green waste. Provide recycling services. Faster removal of junk, esp. vehicles.
 - A move toward more available and affordable housing for locals who live within the community. The existence of easy vacation rental websites has made it difficult for those that live and work in Girdwood to do just that. A Nordic ski trail that connected Old Girdwood and the mine roads to the town square and the existing Nordic ski trails would be nice. Removal of abandoned cars that take up public parking spaces. More public outreach about bear proof garbage canisters. Do we have to kill a bear or three every year because we can't manage our waste properly?
 - More housing options. Recycling center, fitness facility/pool and a high school.
 - More affordable housing options or less rentals being converted to nightly rentals. I'd love to see expanded access to recycling, fitness facilities, and healthy food.
 - Affordable family housing, recycling, new trails.
 - I would like to see some restrictions on Airbnb / VRBO rentals because I view that as the primary factor driving up rental costs. I see lack of affordable housing as a major stressor for many of the

folks who work in Girdwood, especially at Alyeska. Alyeska's employee housing option is not a great solution. These are adults who deserve a better option than to share bedrooms and live with 4-8 people per apartment. Many Alyeska employees are returning seasonal or year-round residents and deserve better. I would also like to see Girdwood become eco-friendlier. A recycling program would be a step in the right direction, as would a ban on single-use plastic bags. I would also like to see better waste management practices with regard to bear safety. This summer should have been a wakeup call.

- Less Airbnb. Recycling and more hours at the dump.
- Less houses rented by the bedroom with multiple tenants and multiple vehicles parked in street. Junk vehicles removed.
- More affordable rental housing, better control of solid waste.
- Multifamily housing additions. Enforce removal of outside trash & abandoned vehicles.
- A Girdwood operated government guiding us into a more natural community with opportunity to live and work locally without having to commute to Anchorage.
- Sustainable housing and jobs for young people who want to live and stay in Girdwood.
- Affordable housing, a handle on the dog and dog poop situation, better transportation between Anchorage and Girdwood, better water and sewer.
- Less rentals and more homes for long term residents. Fewer loose dogs and dog waste.
- 1. Second road across Glacier Creek 2. Senior housing.
- More affordable housing and serious road improvements.
- More full-time residents and fewer weekend rentals. Improved roads.
- More affordable housing and separate from Anchorage.
- less BYOB or VRBO properties. New child care facility. Affordable housing. Speed bumps or more speeding tickets. Tow away cars parked improperly.
- The community needs more housing options for seasonal employees and long-term, affordable housing for families. A daycare that's not constantly on the brink of being condemned has been a long time need, and a high school option so that families don't have to juggle their kids from afar during a very important time in development.
- More affordable housing for locally employed, low wage-earning families. Increased space and capacity for childcare. More respectful and responsible dog ownership. Access to recycling facility within Girdwood.
- Less nightly rentals and more affordable rental options for residents. Childcare for school-age kids.
- Permit system for nightly rentals to limit numbers. Childcare options for babies under age 1.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING, recycling, 24-hour police force, expanded Merc with same sales as Anchorage, preschool.
- No short-term rentals in single family residential areas (i.e. most if not all of Girdwood). More employee housing in resort areas. No in-home businesses that involve customers coming into homes. More Muni land made available for residential use. Finish the industrial park. Enforce prohibition of Conex's, trailers, unused vehicles and junk in residential areas. Assure continued police service.
- Affordable housing, fluoride out of water, more road maintenance, more dust reduction in summer months.
- Allow mother-in-law cabins on property without having to have the second dwelling connected to the main dwelling. Get rid of the fluoride, or at least provide a spot in Girdwood where we can fill our own containers with non-fluoride water, so we don't have to make the drive to the water spout on the Seward Highway.

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- I would like to see the housing issue addressed. Rent in Girdwood is ridiculous, and many cannot afford to buy a 300k "fixer upper". I would also like to see the theft issues and loose dog issues addresses.
 - Make more land available for single and multi-family housing. Make long term land available at the Industrial Park for local businesses.
 - More housing and commercial spaces
 - Better transportation to Anchorage. More diverse outdoor activities, i.e. zip line, winter tubing, etc.
 - Better, safer options for commuters and expansion of Alyeska ski access, and more shoulder season/summer attractions.
 - Better/more transit options between Girdwood and Anchorage and a safer Seward Highway. Also, more cross-country options and more grooming.
 - I would like commuter options to Anchorage and a pool and other community facilities.
 - Commuter rail or bus, high school, affordable housing.
 - Have train that commuters could use for traveling to Anchorage for work. Similar to ferry system in Seattle and Islands. Have wi-fi on train for working, and then no traffic issues. Could possibly be used as safer option for other traffic. Also, a high school for Girdwood. The transportation situation is ridiculous and makes outside activities nearly impossible. This is why we don't live in Girdwood full-time. I don't want my kids on a bus for 2 hours a day for high school.
 - A parking lot out on the Seward highway, with connecting shuttle service throughout the valley, and an express bus to the slopes in winter. The construction of 3 major roundabouts; one at the Seward and Alyeska highway intersection, second at entry to commercial core Mercantile library firehouse intersection, third at intersection at mountain base near Day Lodge jade shop. Keep traffic moving. Safer, less noise, cleaner air. The right thing to do. Expand the ski slope capacity by building another ski pod up Winner Creek basin. Close the Merc. and open a food co-op.
 - Shuttle or train service to Anchorage, better road to Anchorage. Protection from constant rocks coming off cliffs! More and better groceries and fruit and vegetables.
 - Girdwood high school option. Less Anchorage land use permit bureaucracy and more weight to local board of supervisor's decisions.
 - A new hotel. Plans for a high school. More biking and hiking trails. Required bear proof Garbage cans. A recycling system More commercial space available.
 - High school, indoor rec center, recycling capability, less need to drive to Anchorage.
 - High school, bank, public pool/gym/hockey rink, and longer hours for library. A Fred Meyer, Natural Pantry, or public indoor/outdoor garden.
 - A public high school, open space protected from development, parks and rec obtaining "squirrel cage" area for Forest Fair, camping, frolf, etc.
 - Addition of a hardware store. Better management of traffic and parking during large events.
 - Hardware store, gym with pool, more housing options.
 - Grocery store, recycling, pool.
 - More retail, bank, better grocery store. Opportunities for indoor exercise in the winter. Road improvements.
 - Better grocery store, more commercial real estate and/or office space available for purchase and/or rent. Make this town more family friendly with an indoor gym/rec/playground facility located at the base of the chair 3 available year-round. Make a family friendly restaurant at the base of chair 3 that isn't the current Sitzmark. Ski day care facility, more family friendly activities that are not focused on clean living and not drinking and bars, more civic volunteer opportunities for kids and families of all ages.
 - I would love a local vet for pet care and a real local community pool and gym with weight room to exist.

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- I'd like to see better grocery options at Anchorage prices, a community athletic facility with a pool, more entertainment during the shoulder seasons, and more affordable long-term housing options. The resort should also expand their employee housing for short term/seasonal work.
 - More retail options, resort development.
 - Rec center, hardware store, more trails.
 - Development of multi-use projects, with retail, restaurants and housing. Providing entertainment other than late night shows at the Sitzmark.
 - Bigger grocery store, more restaurants, more single-family homes, possible high school.
 - More variety in retail options. More reasonably priced housing available. Recycling services, and water and sewer services for the Northside of Alyeska highway.
 - Gain a dentist. Affordable housing.
 - Continued improvement of health care options. Some kind of public transportation options between Girdwood and Anchorage. Cemetery needs to happen.
 - Would like to see town square lightly developed with retail options that are missing now. Recycling drop off at the transfer station would be awesome. Would be nice if the hotel made the pool available to the community like they used to when it was owned by the Prince Corp.
 - 1. Better waste management program. More hours for waste center. Local recycling. Better plan for dealing with bears in trash, i.e. curbside trash removal does not work with dinky plastic trash cans. They need to be bolted down and metal just park systems use. Or we just end it and people have to take their trash to the dump. 2. Create more opportunities for small business. Walking shopping zones with bus stops.
 - Addition of hardware shop, healthy grocery store and recycling.
 - Expand grocery store with more vegan options and recycling options.
 - More restaurants and more recycling options.
 - Smaller, locally-owned businesses, and curb-side recycling.
 - Small, well planned retail district with a real grocery store. Better garbage and sewer.
 - Improved grocery facility. Residential road improvements. Availability of events parking.
 - Better community support and funding of local non-profit organizations, especially Four Valleys Community School, Little Bears, Girdwood Health Clinic and the Radio Station. I would like to see Alyeska Resort build more employee housing for seasonal workers and also townhome style employee housing for middle management staff with families. If Alyeska could house more of their employees, it would take pressure of much of the available rental units in Girdwood. I hope to see less VRBO type rentals in my neighborhood. People here on vacation are on a different schedule than those who need to go to work in the morning, are often not familiar with proper storage of garbage, and usually drive too fast both on the Alyeska Highway and side roads. VRBOs are becoming higher impact to family neighborhoods in Girdwood. I think that the speed limit on Timberline and other side streets should be 15mph. I would like to see safer pedestrian walk ways on main artery roads like Timberline. I'm all for potholes as traffic calming if that's what it takes to slow traffic down!
 - More pow!! Less jokers from Anchorage breaking into stuff. Require bear proof garbage!!! It's unbelievable that it's not required curbside at least!
 - Recycling program. Remove old culvert from the side of the road over by creek across from library.
 - Renew the TAMP, improve waste management, facilitate trail/rev development in the upper valley.
 - Daily transfer station access with recycling. Development of more cross-country bike trails. No additional low-income housing developments.

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- To see the dump open at least 5 to 6 days a week. More activities choices for our children. Another choice for high school. Become less liberal which will never happen.
 - Recycling, ice skating area, bigger child care center, single tract biking.
 - Cleaning up abandoned or properties not up to municipality codes (dry cabins). More affordable housing for single professionals and families.
 - Recycling and more housing.
 - Recycling services. Some type of initiative for long term renting opposed to Airbnb.
 - Garbage and recycling drop points, bigger grocery store, and more amenities such as an athletic facility.
 - Recycling, more locally owned stores, better Alyeska Resort management.
 - Recycling pickup or legitimate drop off facility for all recyclables. A real grocery store with organic/local foods. Affordable housing developments.
 - Bear Bins at every property with pick up, and/or easier access/less expensive trash disposal. \$3 for 2 kitchen bags of trash. Not a big deal but seems ridiculous to let trash sit to fill a can and create the attraction to bears. Slow down development and pricing. A community co-op that one can possibly belong to for ceramics, woodworking, trades, etc. Garage space type of activities.
 - More days and hours at the dump. Leash the dogs. More land for development. Fix the intersection by the Day Lodge so it's safe for pedestrians.
 - Bear controls, autonomy.
 - Access to transfer station 7days per week. Remove fluoride from our water system. Open up more land to develop for people who live and work in Girdwood.
 - Recycling in Girdwood ASAP. Water to lower Girdwood basin. More zoning for commercial space.
 - I'd like to see more job opportunities, housing options, and decent people moving in.
 - More growth, job opportunities, housing opportunities.
 - Better & more employment opportunities for all seasons, better waste management, local recycling options.
 - Broadening of employment opportunities. Need to open up commercial and industrial land to build/run businesses.
 - Wages increase to match the cost of living. More commercial properties.
 - Stricter building codes. Pet enforcement.
 - Less dog shit everywhere and restricting pet owners from using the trails since they don't care and don't clean up the dog shit. More downhill skiing terrain opened up and more lifts added up valley. Brush lot kept opened for 6 months of the year. Decrease the speed limit in and out of Girdwood to 25 mph.
 - Enforce the leash law. More bike racks around town.
 - Fewer loose dogs. Better quality housing. Further development of Alyeska mountain skiing to Winner Creek drainage.
 - Teaching people how to be responsible dog owners. New housing and a limit on nightly rentals.
 - Enforce leash law. Build a high school.
 - No more free roaming dogs. Add a Whole Foods type grocery store and an Ace Hardware type store.
 - Dogs leashed. Free dump (like the Peninsula).
 - Strict leashed dog and waste pick up enforcement. Strict trash removal enforcement.
 - Zero dog waste permitted, dogs on leash, designated dog areas. Better devotion to the environment, perhaps starting with resort, as they define the town to many visitors and locals. Recycling, wind and solar power, offsets for chairlift and incentives to ride the shuttle. Focus on our environment - clean air, water, and trails. This is why people come here. Take care of it and

nourish it. More trails in the valley for multi-use and dirt trails specifically, maintained by Girdwood Nordic Ski Club and Girdwood Mountain Bike Alliance.

- All property tax payers get to vote on community issues! Road maintenance is basically nonexistent.
- Pave a few of the well-traveled roads like Timberline! Community fitness center with a pool. Slight increase in commerce. Kids need another indoor avenue for recreation. Bank would be good, and a hardware shop would be great. Bear proof trash cans for everyone!!!
- More paved roads, more trails, more ski lifts at Alyeska.
- Pavement on our roads. More year-round multi-use trails.
- New Girdwood access road. Need second option other than Glacier Creek bridge. Fix main roads like Timberline. Not thrilled about paving some of the main gravel roads but that is probable to long term solution. Remove large cottonwood trees along major paved and unpaved road in Girdwood. Road crew should not plow in residential driveways. Affordable housing. More commercial land for development. More trail work. Community swimming pool.
- Pave Timberline (at least). Build a new Chair 1. Build a gondola out to the cat skiing area. Build a pedestrian bridge over Glacier Creek near the railway line to create a hiking/ski loop on each side of the creek.
- A cohesive area plan providing guidance to current and future development and preservation of the valley. More local autonomy. Improvements to road infrastructure.
- More paved streets/roads, improved/greater access to child care.
- Autonomy for Girdwood. Self-determination through government. Master plan the community to maximize a sustainable, responsible growth for the community.
- Autonomy. Use of green energy. Focus on being a sustainable community.
- Break free from Anchorage muni, get rid of fluoride! As much as I hate new developments, because it means less trees and more people, maybe build and extremely affordable, livable, housing that forces everyone else to raise their standards.
- Succeed from the Anchorage municipality. Remove fluoride.
- Child care facility rebuild/expansion; increased support services for senior citizens, more equitable housing opportunities, local counseling services.
- Little Bears to have a new space. Gym with pool. Swoops to be redesigned. More trails to access different areas of the valley.
- A permanent solution for child daycare services. More land available for sale thru HLB, single and multifamily lots to private individuals, not just a developer.
- Expanded childcare options. Increased focus on single family development.
- Add child care services. A vet in town would be great. A high school in town would be great as well. It would be nice to have the ASD's Ignite Program at the Girdwood School.
- Expanded daycare services and to have more people pick up their dogs' poop!
- A plan developed which provides the opportunity to secure the wild character of crow creek road and associated drainages. Salmon habitat restoration. Noise reduction from helicopters. And no more fern, fungus or blueberry fairs until the biological impacts and consequences are properly assessed and addressed.
- Wild and primitive areas (like Virgin Creek, 4 Corners and others) protected from future development (trails or anything else). The forest is the most iconic thing about Girdwood. Our trees and natural areas define us - it's why I moved here. Fix the 5K and the winner Creek Trail view shed. Education and action regarding unleashed dogs and littering via dog poop. Recycling bins at the transfer station or elsewhere in town.
- Not much. Maintain community atmosphere and civic minded volunteerism. Protect local natural areas. Dedicate parks and trails.

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- Slow down and look at what we have rather than fast racking our future plans. Look at our community it is beautiful and grand. Let's not pave paradise. I'd feel more comfortable if there was land that we knew would be preserved for the future and not developed. I'd like a high school.
 - I would love to see Girdwood evaluate their impact on wildlife. Mandatory bear proof dumpsters and trash bins etc.
 - MUCH greater protection of the wild spaces that surround our town! Preserve the viewsheds of existing trails. Designated, easily accessed wilderness areas. Better protection for all trees, for their oxygen production, wildlife provisioning, soil preserving, flood prevention aspects, and beauty! Maybe develop a tree advocacy program for the community? Similar to "bear aware." New leadership that recognizes the unique aspects of our town's character and works specifically to embrace and protect it. Our town's character includes: ready access to wilderness, small building architecture (that new 12 plane hangar is an atrocity), dirt roads, trees, natural wildlife corridors in developed areas, community building/gathering opportunities and spaces, less drinking and drug use.
 - Preservation of land. Curbing rental property regulations to allow for housing to open up to those who want to live here. Slow down on building of wetlands. Housing that is affordable for folks who live her year-round. Look at Pitchfork Colorado near Butte.
 - Long-term solution to police service, solid leadership and ownership from Alyeska Resort, a commitment to housing for all resort staff (including housekeeping staff for example).
 - A police contract that isn't as expensive as the current one and one where police have more authority than the Whittier cops. A real grocery store. Elder/sick in-home care options and/or assisted living housing options. Remove the swoops from the bike path.
 - Better policing, less trash (mostly dog poop), transportation between Anchorage and Girdwood
 - Better police presence. Take fluoride out of the drinking water. Better road maintenance. Bank, healthier grocery choices.
 - I think Girdwood needs a fully staffed fire department. Girdwood is growing and accidents on the highway happen so frequently. We need the EMS support and safety out here!! Let's bring recycling here!!!! We need to stop climate change!!
 - Remove fluoride from the water. More trail development, care and maintenance.
 - Fluoride-free water, affordable and convenient public transportation to Anchorage.
 - I would like to see Girdwood become more inviting place for families with young children. Less drunks everywhere, less profanity from local staff, more family friendly eating options, and more activities for younger outdoor enthusiasts such as a nice sledding hill.
 - I would like to see the community take care of its rampant drug use problem. I would like more mountain bike trail system development.
 - No drugs for kids. No more huge mansions that no one lives at and just Airbnb. Try reading the book Downhill Slide about the fate of other ski towns.
 - Fewer drunks and dogs.
 - More development for retail spaces. Straighten the swoops on the bike path. Develop trail system to draw more user groups to Girdwood.
 - More commercial space available to entrepreneurial residents and more multi-family homes (duplexes, triplexes, not necessarily more condo complexes).
 - More commercial space opened up. Loosened zoning for building MIL apartments and rental units on existing lots.
 - Business development and a high school.
 - More commercial development and high school.
 - Smart development that allows for more local businesses to be based in Girdwood (and provide more employment opportunities).

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- More public lands open up to new community endeavors. More autonomy. Tax money generated in Girdwood stays in Girdwood.
 - Responsible development, more local services.
 - Establish a system of open spaces in Girdwood (wild spaces and primitive-trails only spaces) in/near the community. They should have no more development in them (including no additional trail development). Zoning should be changed to accommodate for this. Two key areas to start with are the Stumpy's area (especially the meadows and ridge in the north of the valley) and the Virgin Creek area. Significant movement towards an ethic of environmental sustainability and protecting the natural character of our community. This includes protecting natural spaces as well as moving towards being a net-zero-environmental-impact community. Recycling services. Housing development should be environmentally-friendly. An ice rink (for hockey, ice skating, etc.). A true community council. Taking steps to ensure that trails development in our community does not undermine the forested character of our community. We are on the verge of loving our valley to death with the trail development here. Governance bodies, management, and structures which are not so heavily favorable towards development interests (including trails developers). Governance bodies, management, structures, and processes which are more open, transparent, and respectful of residents. No unleashed dogs and dog poop in public spaces. Taking steps towards full remediation of the Winner Creek Trail viewshed and soundscape from negative impacts to it by other trails development (especially the 5K).
 - Get an EV charging station, utilize renewable energy, and make sure that if housing and business development happen, that it be accomplished while retaining the small-town ethos.

Appendix L- Changes in the Next 10 or 20 Years

Housing

- Affordable housing (15)
- Affordable housing for starting families.
- Affordable housing for the people who work in the Valley.
- Affordable housing options for resort and local business employees.
- Affordable housing options with more full-time residents instead of all second homes that are used as Airbnb and not for full-time residents.
- An environmentally friendly and aesthetic solution to lack of low-income housing availability.
- Develop more real estate options (3)
- Develop residential multi-family housing.
- Development of south townsite.
- Every time a local family sells and moves and that house is purchased as a second home, it erodes this community. We need families that work here, play here, send their kids to our school and who contribute and support local non-profits and are involved in community events and challenges.
- Fewer short-term rentals.
- Get rid of the dumpy houses and cabins.
- Girdwood is on the road to having no real-estate options left for the work force required to keep this a healthy and vibrant community. I would like to see innovation in affordable housing before most options are developed privately.
- High end housing.
- Homes not sit empty since 2nd or weekenders own.
- Housing prices go down .

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- Housing to be more affordable for families and seasonal employees that make up the community of the town itself. I.E. less rentals, please.
 - I would like to see more long-term families living and working here and fewer short-term renters.
 - Improved housing.
 - Incentivize long-term housing over additional rental development.
 - Less homes that stay empty for 80%+ of the year. The housing shortage in Girdwood is a true problem and no, I don't know the best way to solve it, but when you see long time families having to move out of their long term rental, nothing is available for purchase (or maybe it isn't in their means), and they end up having to move out of their community, take their kids out of school and (typically) move to Anchorage, while 8 houses within a block radius sit empty year-round. Something needs to be done.
 - Less multi-family apartments/condos.
 - Long range housing plan to ensure access at all income levels.
 - Long term housing available in small units, not large rental developments.
 - Make Heritage Land Bank sell off all their property affordably (2)
 - More affordable housing for service industry families.
 - More affordable single-family housing, modest development of local businesses to include more services within the community.
 - More commercial real estate options (rent or purchase) for small business owners in Girdwood
 - More homes occupied by full time residents.
 - More housing development (3)
 - More housing for seasonal employees (3)
 - More housing options (2)
 - More land to develop affordable housing for people who live and work in Girdwood. Get out from underneath Anchorage's thumb.
 - More single-family homes with yards that are affordable. Fewer condos and mansions
 - Multifamily affordable housing
 - Neighborhood zoning to protect single family neighborhoods so they stay single family neighborhoods.
 - No big developments! More people living in the housing we have - fewer second homes that sit empty.
 - Not have families have to move since no 3-bedroom type houses available.
 - Open up HLB owned land and develop areas for high density housing and more single-family homes.
 - Provide high quality homes and apartment (much of what is available is unsafe and past its usable life requiring massive expanses to improve/upgrade). This requires MOA inspections to condemn the homes that should not be lived in.
 - Real estate being owned by true locals who love it here year-round and who want to live here year-round.
 - Reasonable housing development to fit the demand, better trash service like the Kenai peninsula has.
 - Rent controls and/or development surcharge of some kind.
 - Some more apartment buildings to provide more long- and short-term rental options, hopefully making currently rented single family homes available for first time homebuyers.
 - Sufficient housing for people who want to move to Girdwood. I know of too many incidents where people who would have been great permanent residents of Girdwood could not move here because they could not find housing to buy.

Protect Wilderness/Wildlife

- Better protection of natural space.
- Maintain green space along houses that new development is proposed. Protect all our green space.
- More protection of the wonderful trees and other natural things.
- Scientific understanding/documentation and protection of the valleys' unique biological character for the region and future generations.
- Stop cutting down the old growth rainforest. If we keep developing, we will have no wetlands and we will have a Walmart and McDonald's. We will have stop lights, more Anchorage crime and you will drive out the long-term locals for condos and short term resort rentals. Just look at the articles about California small towns and Colorado small towns. Girdwood is next. Let's not think about dollar signs but about history and wildlife. My partner and I have lived in Girdwood a combined 65 years. We are not pleased with the changes from what it used to be. We shouldn't let the lower 48 people who have lived in Alaska 2 years change this area into the cities they are used to.

Emergency Services

- Being in the Anchorage borough we should get the same services that we pay for through our taxes - police for one.
- Integration into APD service area.
- Law enforcement enforcing current laws including speeding and fireworks.
- Local police force in conjunction with local FD
- Return of police force with ability to ticket parking on streets during the winter to allow workers the ability to clear streets.

Dogs

- Build an off-leash dog park.
- Leash laws enforced.
- Love the trail systems. Potentially add a dog park?
- Robots traveling up and down the roads and bike paths to scoop up all the dog shit.

Local Autonomy

- A more independent feel from Anchorage.
- Autonomy (3)
- Become its own community, separate from Anchorage.
- Break away from MOA and govern ourselves (2)
- Continued growth that positions Girdwood to be significantly if not completely independent from Anchorage.
- Girdwood as a stand-alone community.
- Girdwood becomes its' own independent township.
- Girdwood becomes self-sufficient,
- Have Girdwood be more in control of their own destiny,
- I would like to see Girdwood as less of a second home community to Anchorage and more of a standalone city, where normal people can afford to LIVE and WORK.

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- I would like to see Girdwood become its own town/city independent of Anchorage. From recent experience with tax assessment and home buying, this is the hottest market in the borough, we should capitalize upon it.
 - Less Anchorage bureaucracy. More local decision making.
 - Less anchorage interference.
 - Not as dependent on the resort for jobs/economy. Not as dependent on Anchorage for employment/services/etc.
 - Own governance which hopefully would lead to more jobs. I would like Girdwood to grow so it wouldn't be as dependent on people commuting to Anchorage for work and have more families with kids here.
 - Self-Governance.

Leadership/Planning

- Good community planning with shared space.
- Leadership.
- Slow measured growth. Public input!
- Slow, responsible development.

Recreation

- 2nd ski resort.
- A co-operatively owned ski area and not an Epic Pass member.
- A community like some of the ski resorts in the lower 48, maybe a golf course.
- A comprehensive trail system--that has consensus and support from community. Higher elevation development for downhill skiing (that's why I listed climate change as an important environmental issue).
- A facility for private rental lockers to store recreation gear.
- A public pool.
- A recreation facility with a pool and gym space.
- A well thought out interconnected trail system from winner creek to virgin creek.
- Add golf course.
- Addition of an ice rink.
- Additional development of trails.
- Additional mountain bike trail development.
- Additional recreational trails- bike and ski.
- Additional ski area development both on the mountain and in the base area. Limited release of some HLB land into private ownership.
- An environmentally conscious indoor pool/athletic complex to promote a healthy community.
- An improved townsite. Development of a community recreation center with workout facility.
- Access to local hardware store, quality foods, and more daycare options.
- An indoor recreation facility would be awesome. Protecting as many open spaces as possible. Keep the small community look and feel.
- Bike path to Anchorage.
- Athletic recreational facility.
- Ban helicopter skiing.
- Better parks.
- Bike and ski trails.

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- Build a community recreational facility with pool, basketball court and hockey rink along with a high school.
 - Community center with gym.
 - Community indoor swimming pool.
 - Continue development of low impact recreational areas.
 - Continued trail development.
 - Developing public lands with trails allows more users and buy in for future protection of these lands
 - Development of additional Nordic and Alpine skiing
 - Development of recreation facilities within Girdwood for locals. gym, pool, etc.
 - Development of Winner Creek area for alpine skiing.
 - Even more trails and public lands.
 - Expand lift services downhill ski terrain. Bike trail from Anchorage to Girdwood and beyond - Seward.
 - Expand ski resort into Winner Creek!
 - Expand trail system.
 - Expanded ski acreage and lift capacity, opening the cirque headwall and backside. total management of virgin Creek watershed from further degradation.
 - Expanded skiing / resort to other side of Winner Creek
 - Expanded terrain at Alyeska.
 - Expansion of mountain for skiing
 - Expansion of the lift operating area.
 - Fix the new section of the bike path.
 - Golf course.
 - Golf course.
 - Golf course installation.
 - I want to see Girdwood become the recreation and trail centerpiece of Alaska.
 - I'd like to see more bike paths improved and constructed. The path next to Alyeska Highway was poorly designed in the fact that it jettisons so close to the road at times. It would also be nice to see an animal care facility both for boarding and health. I feel as though a good number of owners in this town are irresponsible when it comes to leash laws, and one way to remedy that would be dog day care.
 - Ice skating rink.
 - Improvement in ski area, including base area development and access to Virgin Creek skiing.
 - Increase access to public lands. I would like to see a comprehensive trail system.
 - Increase in recreational activities - ski trails & hiking trails that aren't affiliated with Alyeska resort.
 - Indoor athletic facility and pool - not tied to Alyeska resort.
 - Indoor facilities (Gym/Pool/Indoor Climbing).
 - Limited strategic growth and continued development as recreational community. Girdwood is not going to be a low-cost place to live...pipe dream.
 - Mandate to include bike/walking trails with all new paved roads in Girdwood.
 - Maybe that golf course along Glacier Creek....would bring summer visitors more to do.
 - Moderate growth, increased recreation.
 - More activities or options for those who don't want to or use the resort for everything.
 - More affordable access to recreation.
 - More beginner & intermediate ski trails. More single-track mountain bike trails.
 - More cross-country ski trails and running trails (2).

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- More developed trails and other recreation opportunities.
 - More focus on park and trail improvements to offer world class sporting and recreation.
 - More indoor recreation facilities. More outdoor recreation development
 - More lift access ski terrain.
 - More lift accessed skiing (2)
 - More mountain bike trails.
 - More mountain bike/multi use trails (not at the resort).
 - more mountain development
 - more multi use trails (4)
 - More multi use trails and chairlifts to higher terrain.
 - More multi-use trails, not many more though.
 - More multi-use trails. I fear if there are not more trails, land will be developed with condos and golf courses.
 - More non-skiing recreation and fitness activities. A public recreation center.
 - More pedestrian and bike facilities.
 - More pedestrian and bike trails.
 - More ski lifts.
 - More ski lifts.
 - More ski runs.
 - More skiable terrain and support facilities.
 - More skiing.
 - More snow for the ski area development of Winner Creek ski area.
 - More trails (3)
 - More year-round multi-use trails and trail connectivity with public trailheads.
 - More year-round multi-use trails NOT in wet lands (i.e. Moose Meadow). More bike friendly paths not shared with cars. Keep roads unpaved, we like our dirt. Renewable energy opportunities for locals to share or purchase.
 - More year-round and non-skiing activities, particularly for visitors.
 - Much cheaper lift tickets.
 - Need to expand community access to outdoor activities separate from the resort. Hiking, Biking, golfing, Nordic skiing, etc.
 - Nordic ski center, at higher elevation; development/expansion of intermediate alpine terrain.
 - Open more of the mountain to skiing (2)
 - Open up the upper Girdwood area such as Winner/Glacier Creek for recreational development.
 - Open up Winter Creek for downhill skiing.
 - Open way more lift access terrain. For example, series of lifts to Eagle river and Whittier.
 - Other recreation options besides skiing.
 - Pool and ice rink.
 - Rec center (2)
 - Recreation center with pool.
 - Recreation Mecca! One stop shop for outdoor adventures.
 - Skatepark improvements and expansion.
 - Ski area with a higher lift to get to where there will be snow.
 - Sports complex.
 - Trail and other access for more outdoor opportunities.
 - Trail maintenance.
 - White water park.

Small Town Feel

- A continued sense of small-town community.
- A small diversified community.
- A town that has not changed much, but does better serve its residents.
- Awareness of how special our community is. WE choose to live here and it is a small town and we like it this way. Go to town for all the stores you need!
- Community coherency, protections of small-town design and lifestyle, growth limits.
- Continue to foster the community feel.
- Continued community growth (not necessarily more building--just more local people and business).
- Continued growth of sense of community. Greenhouses. More park spaces. Local taxes stay toward local causes.
- I hope the small-town character doesn't change.
- I like Girdwood the way it is. Some change is inevitable, conveniences that I mention for five years would be nice and save trips to Anchorage, but I can't seem to bring my vision beyond that this morning.
- I think development is going to happen....no high-density development...well planned organic development and all the services that go with it.
- I want Girdwood to grow and develop with the rest of the state/world but keep its same small-town charm:)
- I would like Girdwood to maintain the status quo.
- In 20 years, I expect at this rate for our town to be over developed with the majority being rentals or 2nd homes. I would like to see that not happen. We moved to Girdwood for what it is and is not. We do not wish it to become a large town in a small valley.
- Keep it a small town (5)
- Keep it from becoming a Vail, Colorado like junk show town.
- Long term economic sustainability with changing climate pressures. Development, but retention of small town feel and accessibility.
- Maintain a sense of tolerance and community. Not a change, just the retention of something special.
- Moderate growth and development that preserves Girdwood's natural charm and character without overwhelming it
- Not a lot. I'm afraid if you bring too much change it will ruin our 'small town'.
- Not a whole lot more! I love Girdwood!
- With development please don't take the character out of Girdwood. Too many "rich" people buying houses. Keep the trees!!!

Roads/Transportation

- 4 lanes on Seward Highway Girdwood-Anchorage.
- A safer Seward Hwy drive to Anchorage.
- A second road into/out of the valley (7)
- A traffic calming solution to the intersection of Hightower and Alyeska Highway. Opening up of the squirrel cage area for development.
- Affordable, reliable public transportation between Girdwood and Anchorage.
- Better commuter transportation to Kenai.

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- Build the alternative road/bridge over glacier creek so when the bridge fails, we are not on an island.
 - Commuter options to Anchorage (3)
 - Fewer pot holes in the roads.
 - Improve Crow Creek Rd.
 - Less need to travel between Girdwood and Anchorage - somehow make it easier to stay in Girdwood. Train service. Safer highway.
 - More community cooperation, a railcar to Anchorage.
 - More efficient, safer transportation between Girdwood and Anchorage.
 - Multi-level parking garage and enhanced public transportation. Full-service RV park.
 - Not Girdwood specifically, but I would like to see Seward Highway improvements that better reflect the level of traffic on that road.
 - Paved roads (3)
 - Public Transportation access from Anchorage.
 - Rail service to Anchorage (6)
 - Road improvements (3)
 - Road maintenance.
 - The railroad spur was a huge missed opportunity.
 - Transportation between Anchorage and Girdwood (3)
 - Widen the Seward Highway and put a divider down the middle.

More Development

- A comprehensive plan for development. Incentives for business development.
- Attention paid to development in the upper valley.
- Better infrastructure (5)
- Development of more commercial space.
- Heritage land bank opening land for development.
- Land development options.
- Measured growth between Anchorage and Portage.
- More available land for sale.
- More commercial land for development.
- More well managed growth, helping the community grow to greater self-sufficiency in commercial services, education, local revenue generation supporting those services.
- Planned development around open space.
- Public use infrastructure.
- Responsible new construction, i.e., building permits enforced.
- Sensible mountain expansion.
- Smart support infrastructure. driving to Anchorage on Saturday for a screw is frustrating.
- Sustainable business growth.

Other

- A change in climate and get back some of those 1990/early 2000s winters.
- A healthy community that can support local working families.
- A more sustainable overall standard of living for all of its residents.
- Again, just having a safe community
- All of the above concerns take time. They MUST be addressed in the community.

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- Become more diverse.
 - Cemetery.
 - COMMUNITY for all generations, where families, from children to the elderly, interact in a healthy, supportive, social environment.
 - Diversity in all aspects of those who live here.
 - Hopefully it doesn't become too stagnant.
 - Increase the tax base.
 - Less Old Rich White People. More young Vibrant People from all walks of life.
 - Liberals leave.
 - Lower property tax.
 - More cats.
 - More emphasis on families, community, and the environment.
 - No drug zone, no pot stores
 - Safer environment for children.
 - Sustained radio station.
 - That public spaces keep up with private development.
 - Work with Anchorage to have our own building codes, made by local people without outside consultants.
 - Year-round economy.

Trash/Recycling

- 7 day a week dump availability in summer to prevent bear/trash interaction.
- A basic recycling program and affordable housing.
- More recycling options.
- Open area at the dump for disposal of trash and recyclables.
- Recycling and more accessible waste facility.
- Recycling and planning for climate change.

Community Events/Destination

- Become a destination location- retreats, corporate development (more meeting space/classrooms would be required). Possibly with adult learning/some college classes. An organic grocer would be nice.
- Better development of Girdwood as a tourist destination (has to be done to maintain the community) while maintaining affordable housing.
- I'd like Girdwood to become an off the grid town that attracts tourists because of its sustainable infrastructure and clean environment.
- World Class cultural events such as the Lecture Series, Concerts, Celebrity Chef events. Some architectural building standards

Less Development

- Less development. Or a well thought out plan instead of homes on top of each other.
- Limited development.
- Limited growth.
- No development.
- No huge development.

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- No more trail development.
 - No new developments.
 - Not too much growth.
 - Sustain slow and mindful development with the limited carrying capacity of valley's defined space
 - Slow well managed development.

Renewable Energy

- A 100% renewable town.
- Clean energy.
- Eco friendly.
- Energy options.
- For Girdwood to become an example of health, eco-friendly living.
- Influx of renewable energy options and a recycling program.
- More ethnic diversity, sustainable energy and infrastructure plans and execution, more locally grown food.
- More solar, wind power.
- Renewable energy
- Renewable energy development to power our town.
- Renewable energy options.
- Slowdown of climate change effects.

Schools

- A high school (32)
- More school options.

Stores/Services

- A bank (2)
- A Lowe's would be nice.
- A SECOND MID PRICE HOTEL.
- A senior center (2)
- A thoroughly developed downtown.
- A town center with more local shopping & commerce available.
- An area around town square with shops for tourist and locals to share and enjoy.
- An assisted care elderly housing unit.
- Another small local food store(healthier).
- Bank, hardware store, and a healthy grocery store.
- Better grocery store in Girdwood.
- Bigger grocery store.
- Expanded grocery facility, cemetery, clinic with expanded hours, professional staff and increased wellness outreach.
- Develop a new town center on the frisbee disc course, or revamp all the existing buildings around the town square. Remove the trailer park and convert to shops. The whole area is just not very cohesive. There is huge potential there to make it a place to visit and hang-out.
- Greater amenities such as a bank, hardware store, etc., but without the look/feel of excessive commercialization.

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- Hardware store.
 - Hardware store or a Fred Meyer, high school, clean up some of the dive restaurants and bars, a coffee shop that stays open all day and into the night (10pm) so high schoolers and non-drinkers have a place to socialize and gather, clean up the party vibe of this town to be more emphasized on healthy living and lifestyles rather than the party get drunk and high vibe that currently permeates the priorities, easier to work with land managers for permitting commercial guides, vehicle storage lots and mini-storage facility, change the culture that the USFS can control avionic usage and noise in this valley and airspace over the Chugach NF (it's not their jurisdiction and they act as if it is).
 - Hardware store, indoor athletic facility, seasonal temporary affordable housing additions.
 - Health food store, hardware store.
 - I would love to see a better grocery store with banking options. GVT service supported more by Girdwood residents' businesses are needed in order to offer expanded services.
 - Larger grocery store.
 - Limited increased retailers ie. service garage, storage facility, bank, hardware store.
 - More business established (2)
 - More diverse local economy.
 - More health care availability.
 - More land for commercial development. It would be nice to have a hardware store, barber shop, natural food stores etc.
 - More local, small businesses eliminating the need to drive to Anchorage and/or offering services.
 - More of a "town square" feel.
 - More of a downtown and commercial development.
 - More of an economy that does not revolve around Alyeska Resort.
 - More options for child care.
 - More restaurants.
 - More retail (3).
 - More service and retail options- vet, hardware store, fresh produce/health store, etc.
 - More services for seniors.
 - More shops and services.
 - More small businesses and restaurants.
 - More stores and restaurants.
 - Natural food store.
 - New Day lodge.
 - Not everyone can always get to town so dental care would be nice.
 - Reduction in transient workforce, increase in wages, a bank, childcare for infants under 1 year.
 - Restaurant additions.
 - Revamp the mercantile, more frequently delivered fresh fruit and veggies.
 - Small business growth.

Alyeska

- Alyeska expansion (9)
- Community run ski hill! Alyeska's great, but more community involvement in how it is run would be great. Look to Bridget Bowl!
- Continued expansion and improvements to Alyeska ski resort.
- Diversified economy (not so resort dependent).

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- I would love it if it were not so dependent upon Alyeska Resort for survival, no matter what I want it to keep its strong sense of community.
 - I'd like to see the Resort improve and be a more desirable ski resort. Increased family attractions and be more like Whitefish, MT. Eventually remove the trailer park in the middle of town.
 - Less dependence on Alyeska Resort while still reaping benefits of its location in Girdwood.
 - More amenities at the resort base.
 - More terrain available at Alyeska. To stay a viable ski-based community the resort will need to adapt to warming winters.
 - More trees removed at our ski resort, take a D8 and level the ski runs to facilitate early openings on low snow years.
 - Resort needs someone that can manage the place - Garth is not that person. Bad risk management.
 - Say similar to current level of development. Some expansion of resort would be good.
 - The resort goes away, or becomes a community-owned nonprofit. It has too much influence over local economy, politics and even news.

Employment

- Diversity in our economy, expanded employment outside of Alyeska Resort
- Economic stimulation.
- More conservation and employment opportunities.
- More jobs while maintaining current population.
- Small businesses growth that can employ locals so less of our community commutes.
- More employment.
- More employment opportunities.

Utilities

- Better prices for internet and television.
- Improved public water system.
- Power for the area provided with tidal energy. Below freezing temps October through March
- Underground power (3)
- Water and sewer for all of Girdwood. Commercial or industrial area available for businesses. Development designs that are appropriate to this climate and mountain environment. Alyeska Resort must be on board or regulated. Keep Anchorage IGCs as low as possible and stop paying for State Highway Police and Rescue costs.
- Water lines/including sewer needs to be completed through all of Girdwood. Lack of water means lack of fire hydrants which means higher insurance for residents.

Multiple Themes

- More affordable housing, more multi-use trails, better waste management, the sidewalks to go back to being normal (not swooping into roads), better management of bigger event is Girdwood (Slush Cup, New Year's).
- More reasonable housing options for residents of Girdwood. An indoor recreation facility that's not the school or the resort. Reliable public transportation to and from Anchorage.
- More long-term housing solutions. Community center with pool and gym.
- Resort employee housing. Public rec center.

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- A second road in and out of Girdwood, more housing.
 - Less Airbnb, recycling and more hours at the dump.
 - More affordable housing. More renewable energy. More snow. More responsible dog owners.
 - More affordable housing, single homes, high school, fitness facilities, more options for childcare
 - More parking, some more high-end condos, more healthy good restaurants and at least one more store for groceries.
 - No new housing built until and only along with fair treatment for service workers. The housing and Alyeska Resort improvements of the last 10 years have placed a burden on the community that it cannot currently bear.
 - No multifamily in the mine roads area. More resort base development. commuter service to anchorage.
 - Protected wildlife corridors. No cookie cutter housing development but broad protections for community common needs. No street lights!
 - -A well-established, protected system of wild and primitive-trails only open spaces in Girdwood that are in/near the community. -Recycling services -No unleashed dogs and dog poop in public spaces -Girdwood being a net-zero-environmental impact community -A thriving true community council -A trail system which is minimally environmentally impactful, that includes a range of trails (including primitive trails), that didn't expand in wild and primitive areas (especially the Stumpy's and Virgin Creek areas), and that keeps a forested and natural feel experience on our trails. -A fully remediated Winner Creek Trail viewshed and soundscape, returning it to a completely forested experience. -Governance bodies, management, structures and processes which respect all users and user groups in the valley and which are open and transparent.
 - Not much - would like to preserve the open spaces and trails. I think it's a hard place for families to live without a high school, so adding that would be good. Having the trooper presence back would be good.
 - Controlled growth, preservation of the natural setting. Possibly a high school.
 - Paid Fire Department model. Expansion of housing developments. Preservation of wild lands and spaces.
 - Own police force, professional fire department, more affordable housing.
 - Fewer drunks and dogs.
 - More bear smart, dogs on leash and/or contained in their own yards. High school option. Better grocery options and hardware etc.
 - Autonomy is key to its next 10-20 years. A community of this size needs to be responsible to all its residents and the need for more responsible infrastructure projects, housing, business development and general wellbeing of the community at large.
 - Localized government, our own police again.
 - Greater autonomy from Anchorage, less drinking and drug use, a community arts venue for music/theater, a community recreation center not associated with or limited by the public school, a focus on developing/offering/fostering more healthy activities for teens and young adults (through the arts and lifetime fitness).
 - Girdwood to continue to flourish as an outdoor recreation destination based on decisions of our local community and our autonomous city government.
 - Autonomy; high school.
 - Progressive agenda such as above, and also a reduce/recycling program within the valley. A 2100 committee.
 - Connecting multi-use trail system year-round, recycling, affordable single-housing options.
 - Community center gym / pool.... More affordable property available for locals to purchase home lots, not multiplex development. Keep it classy and homegrown... Bring back the transient young

hippies for summer labor, lose the bussed in immigrants from Anchorage. Make Girdwood a summer destination for young free-spirited workers from the lower 48 again. Tell the cops to lay off them... Let them live in tree houses and vans again... That's what makes Girdwood cool and funky, the place everyone wants to be. When you drive all that out and make it a ritzy ski town, yeah property value is up but there's no cool and funky. Then it's not a cool place to live, you'll just need to be rich and affluent to be here... If that's what you want Girdwood to look like, keep going on our current path. We're literally the last Telluride in North America... And when we're gone, only the rich can live in ski towns, except the employee housing compound.

- I'd love to see a golf course and less massive housing development.
- Indoor athletic facilities, affordable housing options.
- More cross-country ski trails, some affordable housing options, but not huge amounts of overall development.
- More multi-use trails and trail connections in the Girdwood valley. Affordable housing.
- Trail access into the alpine in the back of the valley. More housing.
- I would like more recreational development for the local community. I do think it will not be of negative impact for the local environment. I actually think it will be a positive addition to the town. It will create more jobs and will retain residents. Recreation centers are now studied to be built as low on environmental impact hence the sense of wilderness in Girdwood can be still preserved with a position addition to the community. I also think that there should be more care of the town itself. I do agree that we should preserve the sense of wilderness but maybe maintaining a bit better the green areas around town will make the town more inviting.
- Continued development of recreational opportunities without overly impacting the small town feel of Girdwood.
- Whatever we need to do to keep a sustainable living community - not a hollowed-out playground for the rich. Possible access to higher ski terrain - reliable sea-level skiing is unlikely 2030 & beyond.
- More cross-country mountain bike trails. Less drug use. Less condo development.
- Indoor sports facility, 3-hole golf course, more broadband infrastructure.
- Make it easier to get around for elderly, especially in the winter. Community Athletic Club with pool would be nice.
- Increased and improved infrastructure, trails, resort/ tourism options.
- Year-round tourism, a covered multi use play/ workout area in the squirrel cages.
- Slower residential and commercial growth. Increase in trails and other outdoor opportunities.
- 1) More single-track mountain bike that isn't just for downhill use 2) renewable energy for resort and homes that isn't cost prohibitive 3) more stores so that Girdwood doesn't have to drive to Anchorage for goods as restaurants are the majority of businesses, hard to call yourself a true community if most goods for the community are coming from another communities' stores.
- A second ski area, a high school, improved elder care facilities.
- Build a Whitewater River Park. Develop more trails connecting Girdwood to Portage, connect multiple Forest Service Trails from Girdwood, more public use cabins/ yurts, take over Whittier. Build a high school or offer a public or private alternative high school so students don't have to go to Anchorage.
- Rec center with weights and treadmills. High school options. No large new housing development on muni land
- Year-round trails, bigger produce section at store or farmer market, bank, recycling
- Community pool. Better daycare facility for local children of working families.
- Expanded skiing terrain. Expanded biking trails. More helicopter access. Airport improvements to draw wealthy hotel clients. An organic market. A public swimming pool, skating rink, and gym. More secure funding for 4 Valleys.

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- Indoor Pool and athletic facility. Increase in shopping areas, shops, hardware store.
 - More varied activity opportunities outside of skiing, and a bank!
 - Additional activities to ski area, expand economic base beyond Alyeska.
 - Continue making this a safe community. Improve some of the backcountry trails for walking. Expansion of ski resort.
 - Maintenance of ski and running trails. Increase in employment opportunities.
 - Develop the trail system to bring more recreation and business opportunities to Girdwood. Sewer on the mine roads. Expand ski resort to upper winner creek.
 - Too many changes would alter this town. A town plan that includes managing our beautiful open space. Less second homes.
 - I hope Girdwood can continue to remain a small town with a unique and individual vibe while still a part of the greater municipality of Anchorage. I hope to see increased protection of our natural places, improved waste management and recycling services.
 - I don't want much to change. I hope that Girdwood remains small and locally driven, and the surrounding wilderness healthy and wild.
 - I would like Girdwood to stay relatively the same. Keep the small town feel but maybe update some areas and add more trails and bike paths.
 - More development while keeping Girdwood character.
 - I hope Girdwood is NOT found by the masses... Recycling option here in Girdwood and majority of power is used to fuel our lives is renewable.
 - I would like to see Girdwood keep its small-town, close-sense-of-community identity. If Girdwood does expand, then I would like to see the community expand rather than just Alyeska getting bigger. I want Girdwood to be a small town with a ski resort rather than a resort town, if that makes sense. I acknowledge and appreciate that our economy is very reliant on the ski area's presence, but I would like to see balance rather than Alyeska growing and monopolizing the area further.
 - Responsible development (keep the charm, enough growth to warrant job opportunity).
 - Not overgrowth—keep our little community alive but keep the small-town vibe. Affordable shared transportation to Anchorage.
 - New Girdwood access road - need second option other than Glacier Creek bridge. Fix main roads like Timberline - not thrilled about paving some of the main gravel roads but that is probable to long term solution. Remove large cottonwood trees along major paved and unpaved road in Girdwood. Road crew should not plow in residential driveways. Affordable housing. More commercial land for development. More trail work. Community swimming pool.
 - Second valley access road, valley wide groomed XC trails, adequate seasonal employee housing. High school option.
 - Better communication with residents about road service issues. Allow all property owners to vote on Girdwood issues, such as police protection - not just residents.
 - Another road near the Virgin Creek corridor to take some pressure off the Alyeska Hwy and open land for more housing development.
 - Better roads more business infrastructure.
 - A cemetery. A stop light by the Seward Highway and by the Merc.
 - No more roads. No more development of residential or commercial property.
 - Deal with traffic problems in town. The increase I have seen in the last ten years in traffic, and the reality that it will only increase tenfold means we need to make downtown with one-way street loops, a roundabout between HighTower road area. Resort needs to manage their parking better. Local area high school. The highway creates an obstacle for learning. It means the students spend hours on the bus every day or we have young drivers on the highway. Their

attendance suffers and it makes it difficult for them to participate in many afterschool activities. I think our students could do better, that's why many parents choose alternative education options or just move out of Girdwood instead of busing to South High School.

- Another road out of the valley on the Virgin Creek side of the valley. Sewer and public water for the Girdwood side of the Valley. Open the 600 lot Holton Hills development on Crow Creek Road. A creative high school situation that does intensives and exchanges with high schools in Anchorage. Passenger train service using Budd cars from Dimond Center and Huffman Carrs area to alleviate the impact and safety concerns on the Seward Highway.
- Increased infrastructure for true "downtown area" feel with walking to shops, restaurants etc. joint housing-retail/office space.
- More commercial space and economic development. More recreational/community opportunities that are not resort based. I.e. white-water park, bowling alley, climbing wall, movie theatre,
- More community development, a new grocery store and some new opportunities for locals to live and work here to keep up with our destination image. We're a wonderful place and we can stay small and cater to all those and trump through our back yards. We need infrastructure.
- Update and replace aging / dilapidated buildings and infrastructure. Buried power / phone lines. Diversified opportunities for recreation, including more trail development throughout the valley.
- Infrastructure growth and improvements. Elimination of fluoride from our water.
- No fluoride in the drinking water. A recycling program.
- Hopefully the weather! Would love to have our typical winters back. As the community grows, it would be nice to see a high school here. Or charter school.
- Recycling center at transfer station. Extended hours at transfer station. Our own police force.
- Not much in the big picture. More attractions that supplement the resort options for travelers such as restaurants, nice retail options. Maintaining the feel of Girdwood as a small-town resort destination is important to protect as any growth occurs.
- I would like to see a core commercial/tourist district that supports year-round small business entrepreneurs. Great ski towns have a main street with art, food, galleries, and shops.
- Renewable energy, sustainable development (eco-friendly development for permanent residents, low income housing. No more vacation rentals.
- All community actions are evaluated for their environmental impact and the most sustainable, least environmentally impactful choices are made. A valley that has 'recreation' opportunities that span the spectrum and meet the needs of everyone - i.e. from totally undeveloped, primitive, protected areas, to hardened trails, to resort-type downhill trails.
- Green energy. Better health access.
- Renewable energy source and better store for groceries.
- climate change could have a huge effect on the operation of Alyeska, which is crucial to the economy of Girdwood, this needs to be at the forefront of any future planning
- More environmental sustainability measures (food production, keeping bears out of town). More decent paying jobs.
- Renewable energy. Buried power lines.
- High school, retail options, home mail delivery.
- High school, NOT a ton of residential development, some commercial development in New Town area.
- The same or better school opportunities, increased policing of rental property parties, having a resort owner that invests in the community.
- Construction of a high school. Continued focus on outdoor recreation destination (bike trails, winter grooming, a bridge to replace the hand tram). Recycling hub.
- High school, indoor rec center, recycling capability, less need to drive to Anchorage.

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- A high school built and a gym/pool.
 - High school, non-winter recreation increased.
 - I would like to see a Girdwood High School. I would like there to be a community center with a lap swimming pool and other indoor recreation opportunities.
 - In addition to high school and commuting, more commitment to developing mountain bike trails and fat bike trails. Growing industry that Girdwood could take the lead with other communities on West Coast with developing.
 - A high school and more than one road in/out of town.
 - A high school, a real grocery store, and a bank would make the town feel whole.
 - a high school. improved facilities and services i.e. grocery store, bank, athletic club.
 - High school and a better grocery store.
 - High school and professional offices.
 - A high school, functional public transport between Girdwood and Anchorage.
 - Build a local high school & divided Seward highway between Anchorage and Girdwood.
 - A grocery store and multifamily housing.
 - Bigger grocery store, but no more houses built because it's ruining the town.
 - More options in food and beverage, and health/gym facilities.
 - Upgraded townsite to reduce trips to Anchorage, rec center, ice rink, more trails, more child care.
 - Make the downtown area more of a destination with newer buildings, restaurants and shops.
 - Larger grocery store. High school.
 - Larger grocery store, bank/ATM, better employment opportunities.
 - More developed townsite with grocery store, new clinic building, infrastructure that creates more jobs and allows people to work, play and reside in Girdwood with fewer trips to town necessary.
 - More jobs and services.
 - More stores, restaurants, more reliable power.
 - More terrain at Alyeska. More affordable housing options.
 - I would love to see the hotel taken over by a group that would manage it so that service was top priority and, more control over the "party feel" in Girdwood. More law enforcement.
 - No over developing of resort. More multi use trails.
 - Stable resort operations. More retail/service establishments. More stable residential area with fulltime residents who respect their neighbors.
 - Alyeska expansion, town growth, job opportunity growth, more business, high school.
 - Employment, housing, childcare.
 - More economic development, providing (hopefully) more housing and employment.
 - Public transportation to Anchorage daily and South to Seward, etc. Transportation and road improvements.
 - Up valley expansion. A tram or road up into the A-1 basin for increased access to the upper valley.
 - I would like to see a high school and a commuter train to Anchorage.
 - Public transportation to Anchorage. A grocery store that has healthy foods, a bank or option to deposit checks.
 - Light rail into Girdwood to the resort base. Restrictions of car traffic zooming around. Old folks' home for old timers.
 - Better, safer options for commuters and expansion of Alyeska ski access, and more shoulder season/summer attractions.
 - Better water supply and roads.
 - Utilities up crow creek road. Paving residential roads of Girdwood, more oversight on town center parking

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- Options for water services such as a community well instead of city water as only option. Recycling options.
 - Water service in lower Girdwood, alternative energies.

Appendix M- News and Information About Girdwood (Other)

- Local businesses.
- Alyeska calendar.
- Alyeska Resort postings.
- Alyeska Ski Report.
- Attend GBOS meetings.
- Brewery.
- Committee meetings.
- Community meetings.
- Don't.
- Family member.
- Four Valley Community School newsletter.
- Four Valleys Community School e-newsletters.
- Friends.
- FVCS.
- FVCS newsletter that is emailed.
- Gazette.
- GBOS meetings.
- Girdwood Facebook page.
- Girdwood gazette.
- Girdwood real estate newsletter.
- I don't get such information.
- K.
- Local paper.
- LUC Meetings.
- Meetings.
- Meetings of local bodies.
- Neighbors.
- Nordic club.
- Not Alyeska's marketing department, for sure.
- NPR – KSKA.
- Post office.
- Signage at the resort.
- Thank you for this survey.
- The Gazette.
- Wife is on Facebook, so I don't have to be. :)
- Word of mouth.

Appendix N- Leaders of Girdwood

Housing

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- Affordable housing with option to buy a home by age 30.
 - Affordable housing.
 - Build more places to live.
 - Develop hub land for more housing opportunities.
 - Don't build new houses that us locals cannot afford to buy here.
 - Help permanent residents find permanent homes!
 - I don't want to see this community turned into an empty town for rich people who don't live here year-round. We NEED a lot more affordable housing!
 - I live in Girdwood for a reason, there is no housing problem, there is a code problem. Let's use existing land to developers more single family and duplex housing.
 - I love this town, but it has been extremely difficult to live here as a renter (who owns a dog). Year to year we have struggled to find housing and have often been forced to pay exorbitant rent for the honor of living here. We are now looking to buy, and want to settle here, but find the cost of real estate even less affordable. And we're looking in the \$350,000 range.
 - I work extremely hard on ski patrol for the resort to provide skiing for the community and I can't save enough money to buy a home or rent full time. I intend to be in this community forever, but I don't know where I will live. Our community is so special and valuable because of Alyeska resort. But if the people who make Alyeska functional can't afford to be here, how can we create an inclusive sense of community. I intend to pour everything I have into making Girdwood and Alyeska the best place to work, recreate, and live, but why should I if I can't afford a home?
 - It is clear that the biggest problem in Girdwood is that young professional cannot find affordable housing with 2 full time very decent wages. It is completely un-affordable to live there, and many are moving out to other regions of Alaska aka the Palmer/Wasilla area. Not by choice but by market forces.
 - Keep apartment buildings and condominium associations away from the mine roads.
 - Look at all of these surveys. See what we, Girdwood locals need. There are a lot of local people here that have a hard time finding housing, rent or own.
 - "Make America Girdwood Again."
 - I would like to start a family here, build more small houses please.
 - Make Girdwood affordable by developing land for middle to low income families.
 - More affordable housing, please. Less vacation homes gobbling up potential housing and driving up housing costs.
 - More housing will be necessary for full time residents at reasonable prices. Vacation rentals are making rents go up too much, and there's not enough housing.
 - Need for affordable housing.
 - Nobody except the independently wealthy will be able to start families in this town within the next 10 years.
 - Please change the Sproat Road area zoning to be all single-family homes and no commercial land. the Sproat Road area is split in a way that does not correlate with the way the neighborhood has become populated through the years.
 - Please focus on affordable housing for residents. Many units are being turned into Airbnb rentals rather than monthly or yearly rentals, and employees in this town have nowhere to live within their means.
 - Please open more land for hosting development for the middle class.
 - Quit with the Affordable housing efforts. Girdwood is a ski area. Work with Resort to provide employee housing for the seasonal workers.
 - Something needs to be done about the increased use of short-term rentals by property owners. The lack of long-term rental options combined with the increased demand for properties (that are

then used for long-term rentals) threatens the ability of the town to survive as a community. The lack of full-time residents undermines neighborhoods and the community.

- Start developing HLB land for more housing in Girdwood.
- The homes that sit vacant / rental homes are killing the lifeblood of our community and driving out potential residents. It's time to start regulating and limiting these community destroyers.
- The lack of housing options not only creates a lot of the local poverty but has also allowed landlords to do the bare minimum in property maintenance. I can see more Airbnb homes and worse living conditions for people who work in Girdwood in the future.
- There is a growing number of homes in Girdwood that are only used as a nightly rental. This is part of our housing problem in Girdwood. Seasonal residents are unable to find housing accommodations and decide not to stay in Girdwood which leaves employers in the tourist industry lacking the help they need to run a business. There needs to be a limit set on the nightly rentals.
- There is a real lack of housing options.
- Think affordable, clean, small rental units or small condos, not large developments. With an emphasis on green energies.
- Unless working class families are given an affordable opportunity to live in town, Girdwood will only be accessible to the ultra-rich and transient seasonal workers who only care about where their next high comes from. Please make Girdwood a town that welcomes working class families.
- We need to facilitate younger couples building/buying single family homes and settling in Girdwood.
- Well I have a small family and my husband and I both work. We are not rich by any means and would someday like to buy a bigger home. There is never anything available to buy! There are so many rentals in this town, it's ridiculous. The amount of rental properties prevent family's from LIVING here. This town has become so exclusive and home ownership is only attainable for the "upper class" and not middle income, average families. I don't know what this means for you guys, but more affordable housing options would be wonderful.

Protect Wildlife/Wilderness

- Land Use and Trail Committee seem to say yes to the majority of items put in front of them. Can we create a master plan with clear guidelines so that not every idea is allowed? At some point our town needs to honor those that don't want every tree plowed down for a trail. Keep it wild!
- "Speak for the trees."
- Take care of the wilderness around Girdwood.
- We are the Northernmost rainforest, yet we do not seem to have any plan to preserve any of it. That seems irresponsible. Could you consider expanding your subcommittees of GBOS to allow for more participants to have a seat.
- We can do more to bring environmental sustainability to Girdwood (wind/hydro energy) and be leaders in the fight against climate change and low impact.
- We love the natural feeling of Girdwood.
- Quiet, pristine wilderness experience, especially the Winner Creek drainage trail to Blueberry Pass and beyond are compromises by helicopters overhead every 10 minutes or so.

Be Transparent/Responsible

- Grow responsibly.
- I like our town just the way it is. Responsible growth and development please. No golf courses or ski areas up valley!

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- Maintain a strong focus on responsible development to improve the quality of Girdwood as a small community.
 - Treat others with respect and an open mind. Talk to each other without being overly officious.

Emergency Services

- Be done with Whittier Police Department, join the great Anchorage police service area or TAPSA.
- Do not bring APD in unless they commit to a model similar to what Whittier is doing. Do not ask to expand the mill rate above the current 6 mill cap. We will not approve it. If you need more money for police or roads or what not take it from the FD. Their budget is too big. Rein in the Fire Department.
- Enforce current laws.
- Get rid of police.
- Get rid of the police.
- Give the police more ability to enforce laws (parking, etc.), more ticketing for violations.
- I believe they could have retained the trooper post but had their own agenda.
- Keep Whittier Police. They are a better fit for our community than APD.
- Make police responsive.
- Work to get Anchorage Municipality to pay for more of police in Girdwood.

Address Drugs/Crime

- Address the hard drug (opioid) issue that is very present. This is a real issue and helps to contribute to much of the crime / theft in this town.
- Crime is on the rise and Girdwood has changed with the influx of transient and mentally unstable people. The weekend party crowd is disruptive to Girdwood's peace and beauty.
- Hardcore drugs have been here for a while but now it seems more rampant with youngsters.
- Please address the drug problem in Girdwood.

Dogs

- Address the Dog poo!
- Enforce dog laws. I'm a dog lover and owner but there are so many times when we are out for a walk that we are harassed by stray dogs.
- Enforce the leash law!
- Fix the dog problem!
- Get a hold on the dog problem.
- Leash dogs.
- Pick up the poop!

Local Autonomy

- Allow Girdwood to develop so that it can be less reliant on Anchorage.
- Benefits of MOA?
- Cease providing EMS service outside of Girdwood Service Area. We are subsidizing the Municipality of Anchorage.
- Do not leave the Municipality of Anchorage.
- Do NOT try to leave the Anchorage municipality.

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- Don't worry about "autonomy" issues.
 - Don't become Anchorage
 - Don't secede from Muni.
 - Get out of Anchorage's reign.
 - Get out of municipality.
 - Girdwood is a great place to live, we need the services from Anchorage, don't separate us from the MOA.
 - Girdwood should remain a part of the municipality of Anchorage. It is ridiculous to think the town will succeed financially with the amount of public improvements and investment required.
 - Go meet with the Mayor and Assembly of Anchorage and request more support for the Girdwood priorities. I do not agree to form a new separate Borough and agree with the Whittier folks for Girdwood not to join the Prince William Sound communities.
 - I don't feel it's in Girdwood's best interest to leave the municipality. We benefit from more than the economic support, it's also about culture and progress. Shrinking our "world" isn't a long-term solution.
 - I want to see Girdwood develop into more of a self-sufficient community.
 - I would like to see Girdwood move away from an economy base on Alyeska Resort, and the town needs to break ties with the Municipality of Anchorage.
 - Inform the community of the benefits of being a part of the municipal of anchorage, with particular emphasis on schools, public utilities and infrastructure.
 - Keep leading as though we are a separate community.
 - Leave Girdwood alone and a part of Anchorage. This is real cute and all, but if we get affected by an earthquake or another natural disaster, we could not afford the repairs. Leave Girdwood with the Muni.
 - Leave Girdwood alone it is great as it is.
 - Let's separate from Anchorage.
 - Make Girdwood independent from Anchorage.
 - Seek local autonomy but work cooperatively with Municipality of Anchorage.
 - Stick with the muni.
 - Stop 2020.

Leadership/Planning

- Develop a sustainable budget to protect spaces and manage assets, new and old, for the quality of life of locals first, and then visitors/second home owners.
- As a long-time resident raising a family here, I would say that this is a spectacular place to live. Now that we have police coverage figured out, our greatest need is for well-thought-out planning that helps to preserve what we already enjoy.
- Be more open to ideas. Work smarter to solve the lack of housing and business options in town.
- Create a community for the next generation.
- Do a better job of running the community. Get involved in the details.
- Don't protect your own little pocket, start taking and work in harmony.
- Focus just on local issues for which reasonable solutions are probable. Worrying about "climate change" is unrealistic at the local level.
- Girdwood doesn't really have a unifying town center, it is fragmented between the old town center, the hotel area, the Sitzmark area, and the Daylodge. As you are considering these problems, the town center really needs to be closer to the ski area because it is such a significant part of the character and economic growth of Girdwood.

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- Go away.
 - Good job, thank you for your help and your compassion. Girdwood is a unique place with unique needs.
 - I realize there is an increasing trend towards greed and tourism, but please take a step back and consider the long-term sustainability and appeal of such a community. More development and more money are not always the answer.
 - Having a dedicated full time 'liaison' position between Girdwood and the muni (Kyle Kelly's position) was one of the best things that has happened in Girdwood in the last 5-10 years. As a result, it seems like the community has a much greater voice with the muni and progress has really improved on parks and rec, trails, roads and other community projects.
 - I really don't appreciate a GBOS that is 99% realtors. They have a biased interest in the community and that is development.
 - I would ask them who are the leaders of Girdwood? and what they envision for Girdwood.
 - Invest in people, not short-term projects that serve no purpose.
 - Leaders of Girdwood are mostly doing a good job. Provide more support for volunteer organizations working to create trail infrastructure. Work within the MOA to address land use regulation issues.
 - Work to get some HLB lands released into private ownership however prevent large housing developers from obtaining any lands released.
 - Let's stir the pot a little, tired of the same heads running Girdwood with limited advancements. Too many leaders as their first time in leadership.
 - Most leadership positions in Girdwood are volunteer so I would say thanks for they service.
 - Owning property in town does not mean that you own the town. Having time to be on a board does not mean you speak for the rest of us that are working our butts off to be able to afford to live here and can't make the time to serve.
 - Pay attention to the concerns of the quiet, "invisible" community members who may not be politically involved and limit the role of big property owners, corporations and those affiliated with the resort, say, but pretend to speak on behalf of residents.
 - Please be careful how you change this valley.
 - Please take a good hard look at the "trails committee". I do not think they are encouraging trails. I think they are snobs that only want the trails to themselves. They are not nice women.
 - Please take all residents ideas into consideration whether they are full time residents or not. Some home owners have been in the community for multiple generations. Thank you
 - Post information regarding planning as progress reports into TV & news reports.
 - Promote reasonable development, but do not sell out to big hotels.
 - Regulatory overreach regarding development is a problem. Clean up Girdwood Trail Committee and stop letting it be an anti-trails organization.
 - Responsible development with planning and community input.
 - Shift economic development lower on the list of priorities with quality of life and adaptive strategies for environmental challenges.
 - Thank you for your hard work. The trails committee women are a mean gang of elites that only want trails for themselves.
 - There are so many capable, smart, engaged people living in Girdwood who can make a difference. I'd like to see more cooperation amongst leaders and community members to make changes.
 - There are too many committees talking and not enough action about real issues that can be changed.
 - Thoughtful development is key to a viable future for the Girdwood valley

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- Traveling to other Alaska towns I feel that the small town of Petersburg should be town site model for Girdwood. I can get everything I need in this small remote Alaska town while in Girdwood I have to drive to Anchorage. Lots of trails good foot and bike access. And also, in a wet environment.
 - We have a limited, (low) population pool. Keep projections realistic.
 - We have had good leadership at GBOS, keep on recruiting new people to keep it going.
 - We know nothing about the leadership of Girdwood. We have never seen any information on the topic, other than land use hearings.
 - We need a leader of Girdwood.
 - Who are the "leaders of Girdwood"? If there truly is such a thing, perhaps let people know who this really is. Girdwood 2020? The Rotary? Are the "leaders" the business leaders, (restaurant owners, hotel owner and local successful realtors)? Not sure that it is clear who this is.
 - I didn't know Girdwood had any. Certainly not any I know of.
 - Leaders of Girdwood?
 - Leaders?! How much do they know about this town?! Did they move here from somewhere else, or are they from here???
 - Learn from the past, not from the new residents.
 - Let's attract better people and help one another steadily improve the town.
 - Listen and act on what we tell you.
 - Listen and try to truly figure out where the other person is coming from and consider how your position looks to them.
 - Listen to each other. These meetings are painful.
 - Look at Girdwood with a 50-year vision.

Recreation

- As an active member of the community and avid 'recreator', it is extremely frustrating when residents of Girdwood try to shut down or delay projects (specifically trails), that will positively impact our valley. Let us expand our outdoor recreation to attract the people we want in our beautiful town. Hooray for the community members that work so hard to try to bring Girdwood into the future.
- Build more mountain bike trails.
- Build that recreation-based economy with trails improving recreation.
- Develop the proposed multi-use trail along Glacier Creek. Just because a couple old timers don't want it shouldn't prevent the entire community from enjoying it.
- Encourage interconnected trail system valley wide.
- Expand groomed cross-country trails to Portage valley. Possibly charge for XC ski use/pass
- I personally don't find a lot wrong with Girdwood. I love it here. More indoor amenities would be nice. Better trail access to spread out the multiple user groups and hotel traffic would be nice for kids.
- Improve and expand existing trail infrastructure.
- Keep up the good work. Get a hockey rink set up for winter recreation besides the resort and change regulations in Chapter 21.09.
- Let's expand the trail system! The ones that have been made are used a ton! They make Girdwood a destination for a whole lot of people.
- More mountain bike trails would be great.
- More multi-use trails. I would like to see more cross-country trails for everyone and bike trails too.

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- More options for more kinds of weather. Climate change is going to be really hard on us, as it makes a ski hill at sea level less feasible. Things that still make this a great and vibrant place to live even when it's rainy in December. A public indoor climbing wall would be a great place to start. A whitewater park would be awesome.
 - More trails.
 - More trails equals more people outside exercising in nature equals a healthier, happier community.
 - More trails, please!
 - More trails!
 - Please give us more access to the wilderness year-round. expanding the cross-country trails. can we take the bike path back from the highway?
 - Please satisfy the strong need for more cross-country skiing trails.
 - Should do a better job embracing and encouraging recreational development.
 - Targeted development is a win-win for Girdwood. Diversifying the draw to Girdwood with more outdoor recreation other than downhill skiing is much appreciated such as cross-country ski trails and trails in general.
 - The Nordic ski loop is a great addition.
 - They have the best skatepark in all of southcentral Alaska and it is a valuable asset they should recognize and take more advantage of.
 - Trail based recreation is a great driver of community, industry and lifestyle. Enthusiastically support additional Nordic and winter optimized trails as well as new single-track MTB trails in the valley.
 - Trail Based recreation opportunities need to be expanded. Girdwood should be the trail hub of Southcentral AK.
 - Trails are important. Expanding trail system will make our community stronger and must be supported.
 - We need a real gym that doesn't cost an arm and leg to go to for such little gym equipment.
 - We need more trails.
 - We need other activities in town other than skiing. A recreational center would be great. Have a look at the Canmore Elevation Place in Canada that is the example of well projected construction.

Small Town Feel

- As the town continues to grow, I hope that we can find a way to maintain the small town get-er-done ourselves attitude that makes this town special. I am very proud of the park pavilions built by volunteers, the "new" playground, the Community Center and Library, the tennis court resurfacing, the skateboard park reworking, all done by the energy and work of volunteers who wanted to make it happen. Also, Margaret and Kyle are worth their weight in gold; they are essential to keeping all the volunteer efforts organized and moving forward.
- Don't let Girdwood lose its character.
- Don't change the small-town persona. Girdwood appeals to many people because it is a community that cares for its citizens. If I wanted to live in Jackson Hole or Big Sky - I'd have either moved there or stayed there. Both have lost their humanity.
- Keep Girdwood community minded and quaint.
- Keep Girdwood special! Don't become just a neighborhood of Anchorage. Fix any municipal code that makes it harder to achieve what the community wants.
- Keep it small, keep it real.
- Keep it wild, natural, and charming, keep it Girdwood!!!

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- Keep supporting things that bring community to community i.e. FVCS (they bring so much to offer outside what the school and community infrastructure can) and all the service type organizations that help make things happen Little Bears GFD Clinic Forest Fair. Sharing is caring.
 - Keep the funky character.
 - Love it for what it is. Don't try to change it. Don't try to industrialize it.
 - Please continue working to improve what can be improved while keeping the unique heart and integrity of this town.
 - Please keep Girdwood unique and don't allow the whole valley to be contaminated with buildings.
 - We need to keep the feel of Girdwood as that is what people love - small town, know your neighbor, feel safe and live IN nature. Protect what we have. Work to change building codes so that we are not forced to build according to Anchorage regs when it doesn't make sense in our small community.
 - We've got a pretty good thing going, we need to think about the future and inevitable growth but maintaining our current lifestyle and small-town feel is a priority for me.
 - I live in Girdwood because it's Girdwood and not Aspen. I am sure I'm not alone in that sentiment. Thank you for hearing the community and thank you for your hard work.
 - we have a lovely community, let's keep it that way.

Inclusivity

- Be more inclusive with your residents, there seems to be a clear line between those who run things and those who live here and aren't always able to participate in local meetings.
- Be realistic. Welcome newcomers.
- It is time for change. This community has so much to offer and has been at a stagnate point for a while. Single parents, working class, and young adults should be able to live and enjoy our community just as much as the wealthy who build million-dollar cabins. We need opportunity for small business growth and a healthy lifestyle for our future generations.
- Listen to everyone's opinion with an open mind.
- Listen to the future of Girdwood - somehow - much of this population does not attend meetings, as they are caring for children and working full time. Often important trail meetings go unaware or too long. As a result, those who have more time and have been here longer are heard louder. This does not represent the majority of town.
- The loudest voices are not always speaking for the interests of the whole community. Leaders must be mindful of representing everyone.
- The most vocal residents don't necessarily represent the way Girdwood wants to be. No offense to stay at home parents and NIMBY retirees, but they dominate online conversations, sometimes excluding younger more entrepreneurial types.
- The young families that live in Girdwood are underrepresented in the governance. Many of the voting requirements create additional burdens for families where it is difficult to find evening childcare to attend meetings.

Roads

- Fix the roads.
- Pave Timberline and Alyeska View.
- Roads. A rational law enforcement plan. Figure out how to keep people from letting their stupid dogs from pooping and running over creation. grow slowly and rationally. We're not Vail and never want to be.
- Worry about important things. Like the basics. Paved roads, etc.

More Development

- Better development and planning. More flexibility in zoning. More multi-family housing. More Nordic, biking, hiking trails. Public pool/ hot tub spa, but similar to the hotel and not in a cinderblock depressing building.
- Continue community-based developments.
- Continue slow deliberate positive growth of the community.
- Don't be afraid of development - would love to see a pool/athletic facility, additional housing, a child care facility, and more trails.
- Encourage development of public infrastructure and utilities so that people don't have to be rich to live here.
- Get past the arguments about no growth vs. no rules and support well managed growth.
- Open up commercial space.
- Plan for growth in the correct way.
- Stop holding up progress.
- The charm of Girdwood is undeniable, but it feels too provincial and lacking amenities. Anchorage is close enough to drive in but the development of the community would benefit from more services that would allow folks to not have to get on the highway.
- There is tremendous growth potential.
- We need long term planful development including affordable housing option and expended services.

Positive

- As a hard-bitten cynic who has witnessed Girdwood leaders very closely over the past 5+ years, I'm deeply impressed with the overall quality of their work and their dedication to the community and finding constructive solutions to problems, no matter how big they may be such as policing.
- carry on! Thank you!
- Doing a good job. (2)
- Doing a great job!
- Girdwood is a beautiful place in this world. I desperately want to raise my family here.
- Girdwood is a gem! I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback for this important, long term, thoughtful planning process.
- Girdwood is a hard town to manage. Thank you for your efforts and asking for opinions.
- Good job.
- Good job, keep going.
- Great job, Kyle, Margaret and GBOS! You are all doing great service for our community!
- Great job! Keep up the hard work!
- Great work and thank you for all of your service to the community.
- I lived here 15 years ago, and recently moved back. You have done a superb job keeping a good balance of smart, qualitative development and improvements. Keep up the great work!
- I love this place!
- I love this town. It's the only place I have found that I can truly call home, and I've traveled. Other than being greedy, and wanting a better place to see music, this town is pretty much perfect. 👍
- I really appreciate this community and love living here!
- I recognize it is hard to please everyone but if decisions are made with the common good in mind (not the good for those concerned or loudest) then all will be well. Thanks for all you do.

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- I think they are doing a great job! Thanks for initiating the survey. I think it is important to give the community the ability to share their thoughts and ideas to build a strong and resilient community. Thank you!
 - I think you are doing a good job taking interest in Girdwood as a whole and the direction they and its occupants want it to go.
 - Keep fighting the good fight and thanks for your service.
 - Keep going, keep positive!
 - Keep on spreading positivity!
 - Keep up the good work. (2)
 - Keep up the good work! I love it here! :)
 - Keep up the work you are doing; we do not always thank you for your service, but we do appreciate your work.
 - Keep working hard.
 - Love four valleys and everything thing do for this community! ❤️
 - Love the transparency of GBOS meeting notes and agendas keep it up!
 - Nice community! You are doing lots of good things. I hope we all survive Dunleavy.
 - Our family loves Girdwood so if there's anything we as community members can do to support Girdwood, please just us know.
 - Overall, I think a good job is being done.
 - Thank them for their time and effort for doing a great job.
 - Thank you. (2)
 - Thank you - a great place to live.
 - Thank you for all that you do.
 - Thank you for all you do to keep our town awesome.
 - Thank you for all your efforts!
 - Thank you for all your hard work.
 - Thank you for all your hard work. Good job.
 - Thank you for all your time, dedication and hard work.
 - Thank you for figuring out the policing issue and for working on future infrastructure projects proactively.
 - Thank you for helping keep Girdwood special.
 - Thank you for helping our citizens enjoy our natural spaces responsibly.
 - Thank you for taking care of our community.
 - Thank you for volunteering your time, energy, and effort to make Girdwood a great place to live.
 - Thank you for volunteering your time to steer our community in a positive direction.
 - Thank you for volunteering your time.
 - Thank you for volunteering!
 - Thank you for your continued service!!!!
 - Thank you for your diligent hard work and your integrity.
 - Thank you for your hard work and commitment to making Girdwood better.
 - Thank you for your hard work and involvement in community matters. Sam Daniel did an outstanding job as Chair of GBOS through some especially difficult and contentious community issues re: public safety. I like that there is a sharp difference between those that serve on the GBOS today and those that served 10 years ago. I see today's GBOS as much more level headed and in service of this community. Kyle Kelley does an amazing job at managing the GBOS budget and community meetings and myriad of details.
 - Thank you for your hard work. I'm excited to see how the community grows and changes over the coming years.

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- Thank you for your service and dedication to our beautiful little community!
 - Thank you for your service! Keep working the essentials and don't let our drama get under your skin.
 - Thank you for your service.
 - Thank you for your time and contribution to our community.
 - Thank you for your time and talent! Thank you, Kyle Kelley, especially.
 - Thank you, Kyle Kelley, for all your hard work! Thank you volunteers for creating community programs and thank you to those sitting on the LUC and GBOS boards.
 - Thank you so much for all you do. I appreciate making time for community input when making decisions regarding our community.
 - Thank you to Margaret and Kyle!
 - Thank you!
 - THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 - Thank you. (6)
 - Girdwood is an awesome area with the ski resort, many amazing restaurants and a brewery, great festivals and atmosphere, and great people!
 - Thanks. (2)
 - Thanks for doing surveys like these to get the community involved and thanks for giving us the opportunity to voice our wants and needs.
 - Thanks for helping keep Girdwood rustic, wild, pretty, and unique.
 - Thanks for keeping it green and local. I love our community.
 - Thanks for volunteering your service.
 - Thanks for volunteering.
 - Thanks for your time. (2)
 - Thanks for your service.
 - Thanks to all GBOS members for their service, thanks to Kyle Kelly for being the glue that holds it all together.
 - Thanks to the trail committee!
 - Thanks! Keep working hard! How can I help?
 - The shuttle is fantastic and keeps the restaurants and live music busy. No excuses to drink and drive.
 - This is an amazing town with amazing people in it.
 - Thanks to the Girdwood Nordic ski club.
 - To keep up the good work! So many volunteer hours spent, so much love and investment in the community. I love this community and it is what it is due to the leaders of Girdwood and keeps improving due to the leaders at Girdwood. I have spoken at meetings about my concerns and I feel my voice is truly heard. You just don't find that in most communities. You are appreciated!
 - We love it here. Moved here in June to be close to kids and grandchildren that live here. Had planned on staying one year but like it so much we are staying a second. Especially love the caring community atmosphere.
 - You are doing a good job.
 - You are doing a good job, thank you for your public service.
 - You are doing a great job! Thank you for a wonderful community. Girdwood can't be beat! I have lived "outside" for far too long and it is a joy to be in Girdwood. Thank you.
 - You can't please everyone all the time, keep up the good work!
 - You're doing a good job of balancing development and keeping it Girdwood. Stay vigilant. It can be a slippery slope to over development.
 - You're doing a great job, I love this community.

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- You're doing a great job, it just takes time and money.

Other

- Stop spending money.
- Bring in some young family interest. They are Girdwood's future.
- Do not be fooled by false/fake groups/individuals claiming to be 'stakeholders' when in fact they are a minority who are disgruntled by not getting their way, obfuscating their intent and obstructing the natural order of community processes. Then, as we get tired of hearing the disgruntled minority, assenting to their wishes to make them go away which they never will because you have just emboldened them.
- Don't price people out of Girdwood.
- Don't sell out.
- Embrace the diversity.
- Fix chapter 9.
- Focus on quality of life in Girdwood for all income levels. This will help Girdwood move forward as the amazing community it is now.
- Girdwood is a gem, keep it that way.
- Holding down the cost of living there is paramount. The sewer and water continue to rise. I want water meters on each single-family home.
- I support your causes and support the construction of a local cemetery.
- If you say you support an idea, put it down in paper, not just political speak.
- Investing in mental health improves multiple facets of potential problems in Girdwood.
- Is there a newcomer's club? Or neighborhood social club for new people in town?
- It might be time to look at incorporating the Upper Crow Creek community in to the service area.
- It's hard to tell the truth, but easier the earlier you start.
- Keep it like it is.
- Keep it simple.
- Listen to community members.
- Listen to the residents.
- Look at drinking water issues. Old pipes in certain parts of town.
- More snow.
- SLOW DOWN! Stop the endless construction season, already!
- Start leading toward a future vision, don't just respond to what's dealt to you.
- Start listening to the other side.
- Stop trying to make this place grow. I'm here for peace and quiet. If you want excitement, move to Anchorage. Just make things better for those who live here.
- The cemetery is a stupid idea.
- The loudest voices don't always represent the majority. Be wary of lobbyists disguised as Girdwood Residents. Those owning a home or property and living elsewhere don't always know what's best for full-time residents. Thanks for your service.
- When your Girdwood property is unusual, dealing with Anchorage permits is very cumbersome.
- You get what you pay for.
- Climate change is serious.
- Renewable energy and sustainability are important.

Trash/Recycling

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- Do something about the Dump, and the trailer park. All the money spent to beautify Girdwood, and you allow the trailer park in main town square area to look like a dump. I have no problem with the park other than it looks like trash. You can make them beautify their area and not look so junky; it's an embarrassment!
 - Let's get real recycling here in Girdwood.
 - Make bear-proof garbage cans mandatory or build little sheds for garbage cans like in other communities (Haines, Dawson City).
 - Please figure out community recycling.
 - Thank you for all the hard work you do making our wonderful community. We need a recycling program!!
 - Trash service must improve. The current state of trash service is a nuisance due to bears.

Community Events/Destination

- After 20 years, quit talking and turn Girdwood into a destination resort!
- Continue to focus on community events. Girdwood is easily accessible for day trippers from surrounding areas which will positively impact local economy but not add to the housing problem. Make Girdwood the place for concerts, events, festivals, etc. This will require investment in facilities or maybe a partnership with the forest service for their spaces but well worth it in the long run.
- Look for opportunities to support Girdwood development as a true four-season destination.
- Make Girdwood better by becoming a popular ski town with more stores and restaurants. Attract non-skiers to come during winter with fine dining and unique shopping experiences. Outdoor strip mall with restaurants. More walking availability.
- Open up access. Stop running the town like private resort. Girdwood needs tourists and a progressive and competitive resort to maintain an economy, investment and property value.
- Please keep in mind that tourism keeps the town afloat, keep them in mind with development.

Less Development

- Do not develop.
- Don't develop too much.
- Don't go overboard on development but improve what we have already. The size of the town is good. School is the right size.
- Don't over develop and ruin our piece of paradise.
- It's okay to say no to some proposals. Not every new development is positive development.
- Limited development. I have heard rumors of a second road out of Girdwood valley, and I think that should be dropped. Access is fine the way it is.
- Love Girdwood. Good job so far. Let's not developers too much. Manage well what is already there.
- Maintain what we have without too much change.
- No more development.
- Please don't fill our valley with developed trails.
- Slow down. I love trails, but why do we need to fast track them before we have an actual plan. Let's realize we have many different views so thank you for this survey.
- Sometimes in the course of human affairs it might be wise of us to consider that progress could be best accomplished without development. Let's not give in to power when it means taking away

our children's chance for a healthy natural world. I would rather they have a place like yesterday's Girdwood.

- This is a beautiful, small mountain town. Do not let Girdwood become over developed "Vail."
- Very special place. Please don't overdevelop and commercialize.
- We don't need development for the sake of development. Keep Girdwood quaint and personal. Too many people in the area will ruin the town.

Safety

- Can we please add a job or a light up at the Tee traffic direction on weekends year-round?
- Except for making the town safe don't overregulate.
- Girdwood is a wonderful treasure. Keep safety a top concern.
- I have been seeing a lot of poor, extremely expensive development of roads, bike paths, and sidewalks that we now have to live with. Before we decide to make "innovative" choices, let's really keep safety, especially during the winter months, in mind. If we planned our development with winter in mind first, spatially and safety wise, we can work on beautification for summer months second. Narrow roads with no shoulders, bike paths that dart into road ways that small children ride on, steep ditches that flip cars when it's icy, and sidewalks that abruptly end as you head to the school forcing children to walk into the road should be fixed.
- Keep our valley safe!
- Something needs to be done about the "swoops" on the bike path before tragedy strikes. Removal and realignment would be best. Short of realignment, a guardrail along Alyeska Highway and leading up to (perhaps only 100') each crossroad/swoop intersection would go a long way to improve safety for all users.

Education

- Get funding for a high school!
- It's time for a high school for all 4 valleys, otherwise your good family residents tend to leave when their children are high school age.
- Keep our K-8 school within the ASD system and stop pushing the High School. By the time these kids reach 9th grade they need to meet new kids; to socialize, for sports, to learn how to prepare for university.
- We need an alternative school opportunity. We need Girdwood to shop local.
- You're doing great but please open a high school.

Stores/Services

- Open library on Sundays.
- The library is incredibly important. Please fight to keep it. It's the only free, public space in the community.
- How can we make fresh produce more affordable in Girdwood?
- I love living here and the small-town feel. Why do we not have move small businesses like hardware store, bank, etc.?
- If you want Girdwood to be a place where people can live through the stages of their lives (childhood, having kids of your own, growing old) and build community that is multi-generational, think about what's missing in terms of services and try to come up with innovative ways to get those services in Girdwood.

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- overall I am happy with the development; a primary need is having a " medical clinic" for medical/emergency reasons.

Alyeska

- Please work with Alyeska resort and/or the State to allow more parking at the bottom of the hill and over by the tram. Also, need bigger parking lot by the 5k cross-country loop.
- Let them build. Expand Alyeska.
- Please remember that we are a small community with a resort in it. Not a resort that happens to have a community near it. While the resort is a very important and beneficial part of Girdwood, there are many people who live here for other reasons. All of the people need to be heard and represented. We need to hold on to our community and our beautiful valley.
- The resort is the sole focus, it influences too many decisions, we are too dependent upon it. We need other infrastructure developed to help make us stronger and more flexible as a community.

Taxes

- Having Kyle Kelley and Margaret Tyler as paid staff is an excellent investment of our taxpayer dollars. Keep funding these positions. We cannot ever lose our Library because it is vital for our children as a safe and DRY warm place to gather. If restructuring is needed, then have it open at 3pm and stay open later but keep it open.
- Try to keep taxes manageable.

Employment

- create more year-round jobs.
- The squeaky wheel often gets the most attention - people are upset about dog poop and unleashed dogs - I get that. But the things that will really improve quality of life in Girdwood are creating more opportunities for young people and young families to start businesses and provide for themselves economically within the community of Girdwood - instead of dependence upon Anchorage.
- You have a wonderful, vibrant community, once you look under the hood. We need opportunities for young folks to be able to afford to move to Girdwood and just add to all that you have.

Fluoride

- Get rid of fluoride.

Multiple Themes

- We need more land open for use (housing, trails, etc.).
- No new housing developments. Protect the natural character of Girdwood.
- Affordable housing and land development need to be addressed, in order to stay vital Girdwood needs to continue to develop its commercial/industrial lands and provide affordable housing for local employees.
- Please figure out a housing solution that is diverse and includes options for single families with middle class income and seasonal/service workers. Also, mixed use development that allows for more commercial opportunities would be great! Please do not turn Girdwood into Vail (i.e.: unaffordable second homes only).

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- "Protect the current assets and jewels of the valley, address the housing issue. Get rid of the stoplights."
 - Allow responsible housing development and work towards pick up recycling.
 - Let's finally move forward with building new housing up Crow Creek Rd, build the high school and get the water and sewer finished for the entire valley.
 - It is really hard for young, growing families to establish themselves long-term in Girdwood due to the combined cost of real estate and healthcare.
 - Keep Girdwood a community. Provide affordable housing - as in not just low-income housing like huge multiplexes, but housing where individuals, couples and families can realistically move into the community and become homeowners. Put restraint on the resort to prevent the town from catering more to tourists and less to residents.
 - Limit Airbnb rentals (see previously mentioned comments). Also please make it possible for Girdwood people to work in Girdwood (hardware store, healthy bakery, bank) are examples that would improve the community and provide jobs.
 - The cost of living here is unsustainable and not providing better living wages or housing options to the lowest paid people in town will cripple our local economy and damage the workforce.
 - This is one of the greatest towns I've ever lived, and it's also been one of the most difficult towns I've ever lived in as far as finding housing and work goes. It's all worth the struggle in the end but I'd love to see wages reflect the cost of rent and living here or housing options for those of isn't looking to settle here that we could actually get a loan for.
 - Protect our wild and primitive open spaces in/near the community and respect the people in Girdwood who value those spaces and need them for their well-being. The unique natural character of the valley should be protected. Nature is the basis of our community's well-being, economy, and collective future. Any development which is done should not negatively harm the natural character of our valley. Behave in an open and transparent way. Be good stewards of our valley's environment.
 - Remain steadfast to the majority views affecting this valley. Avoid being overly accommodative to the vocal minority, particularly in areas of development requiring destruction of natural areas.
 - Protect our green space and future development from the persons with real estate interests. Protect our drinking water for those of use in the lower valley that get our water from spring fed wells. Develop new land slowly and save the majority for my grandchildren to decide what direction our valley should go. Stop the Real Estate Major Development greed.
 - Keep Girdwood low key. Respect our wilderness and wildlife. Don't approve big dense developments. Slow growth.
 - Plan carefully when considering development; we only get one shot at it. "Affordable housing for employees" is an employer concern, not a community priority. We're all making sacrifices to live here; focusing on establishing affordable or low-income housing is not fair to those of us who still struggle and save to make it happen. We don't want a community of only elite rich assholes and no one to run the lifts, but we also don't need to hold workers hands and subsidize housing. Keep Girdwood small in size, strong in character.
 - Act and be responsible or the towns growth.
 - Be more open and transparent to local home owners, in regard to current and future development plans and options.
 - Keep it real. Develop responsibly. Keep the values of old Girdwood, that's what made it a great place to live! That's why people come, it's not for the rain. The free-range dogs, young transient labor, drum circles, pick up hacky sack by the Merc, homegrown skiing passion, laid back scene... When they sent 6 troopers down here to "clean up this town" and the muni evicted and cut down all the tree houses it ruined the entire scene of Girdwood. Yeah it drove property values up, made this the new bedroom community for the Anchorage rich but at the cost of Girdwood

losing all of what made Girdwood the place to be. I make 130K a year and I couldn't afford to move here now. This is no longer a middle-class community, when we're all gone, the rich will be sitting around in the rain wondering where we all went??

- I would like more clarity and secure status of police force; opportunity for non-Girdwood-resident property owners to vote on police and other local issues that affect us; a golf course!
- Drop the Whittier cops. We are either part of anchorage or we are not. Implement building code enforcement.
- Get APD instead of Whittier. More enforcement on spring carnival and New Year's Eve both are out of control. Quit wasting money on cemetery. Get a second road out of town.
- Figure out police force issues, ability to conduct traffic control and issue parking tickets. Encourage mountain development with new Alyeska owners.
- Get rid of tax for police.
- Get rid of tax for police. We over reacted to troopers pulling out.
- We have a drug problem. It revolves around the resort service community and spreads out after Forest Fair. Better addiction/recovery treatment and good community policing will help. I am happy with how the Whittier Police have helped our community and I am in favor of keeping them in place. It's important to have police who live in Girdwood and know the community. APD would be a big mistake.
- Keep our property taxes low and keep our town safe with crime & drugs out of here. Stop the dogshit problem which is horrible. Help the industrial park function with a brush lot open in the spring, summer and fall. Provide the smaller contractors the opportunity to have space there with a water source.
- Continue to consider the good of the community. The Fire Hall, the crew and the Chief are fine examples of community at its finest. Do not tolerate drug dealers and provide strong community support for the teenagers, a very susceptible group. Move ahead with plans for a community pool and center.
- Enforce leash laws, and start looking into housing that is actually affordable
- Short term: advertise that picking up your dog's poop makes you a responsible dog owner. We need to incentives long term rentals over nightly rentals to maintain the community.
- We need to work on having more responsible pet owners. We need to give property owners incentive to do affordable housing rentals rather than vacation rentals.
- 1. Dogs need to be contained. 2. Party atmosphere needs to be diminished. 3. Hotel needs better management and services need to be top notch.
- Leash law enforcement. Home and Vehicle robbery laws enforced.
- Move vehicles parked on public streets. late night noise from Airbnb neighbors. Dogs barking, unattended by owners.
- Leash the dogs!! And a solution to the serious trash/bear problem in the warmer months.
- Don't leave the MOA. Their support is paramount to the city. Also, the Resort creates the town, any support for them should be maintained. (I don't work there, I just think the town would disintegrate with the draw of the Resort, i.e. Indian, Bird.
- Let's take control of our tax money and our undeveloped land. Let's form our own city government to control and regulate our community. We have outgrown the need for Anchorage to do this for us.
- No fluoride. Motorized use. No municipality.
- The unholy alliance of failed developers and anti-fluoride hippies who wish to secede from the MOA do not represent the majority of people in Girdwood.
- As much as Girdwood has a sense of community, I do realize that there is also a great, and nearly even divide of what the community wants for Girdwood. Balancing that divide is not remotely easy, darn near what we have in DC now. You have a difficult task in balancing that,

good luck and do your best. The cost of utility expansion, especially water and sewer makes affordable housing nearly impossible unless done on a large scale. I somehow don't think a massive apartment complex is what the town wants or needs.

- Who do you mean by "leaders of Girdwood"? 1. GBOS/LUC: I'd say I'd like to see them be a lot more bold and stand up for our environment in a HUGE way 2. Anchorage: I'd say step down and let someone more progressive take over.
- Although a large population in Girdwood are younger, and seasonal in nature, does not mean that a style of governance based on "Millennial" values is workable or prudent. Since our current Board of Supervisors is heavily weighted to the Left, along with the current Anchorage Assembly also weighted Left, this is troublesome, and will lead to under representation, over regulation, and over taxation.
- Understand that this is a rural community, with rural needs. Anchorage DOES NOT have OUR best interest in mind. Need to figure a way to bring back our tax dollars into this Community and address the needs of this Community. Understand how much, and where our tax dollars are going would be a first start. Do your job and stop stepping out on issues like Pacific Naval exercises, we pay to have Margaret and Kyle at the table to listen to this non-Girdwood business. Not good practice.
- What leaders? The board of supervisors that have no power. I think it's time for our community to have a say on what goes on here and how our tax money is spent.
- Thank you for your time and efforts. Don't believe everything Anchorage officials tell you. Be fiscally conservative with our small tax base. We should consider having a lawyer on retainer to protect us from the over reach of and over charges from Anchorage.
- Build more cross-country ski trails and single-track mountain bike trails. Encourage more responsible housing development with enough parking spaces especially for condos. Better parking signage could improve as well.
- Quality of life (open space, trails, non-motorized recreation) and affordable housing are key.
- More trails and if possible, become your own municipal and not a part of Anchorage.
- Build more bike friendly trails and focus on making Girdwood a recreational destination that draws people here even during the shoulder seasons or when the snow isn't here/good. Build the trails/bridges in such a way that they can be easily maintained and possibly groomed to cater to Nordic and Fat-Bikes in the winter.
- When I travel all across remote Alaska for my job, I see firsthand the realization that Girdwood development is far behind even the remotest locations. I can't understand why this is. Living in Girdwood is rewarding in so many ways. But the limited access to basic, common amenities makes it difficult at times and frustrating. As a parent, I feel my children are limited in this community due to the lack of sport opportunity beyond skiing. Sending them down the road an hour in a bus every day to attend high school is also a major drawback and will likely cause our family to relocate when the time comes, unless a high school is developed.
- Keep Girdwood eclectic and quaint. No housing developments. Always more police force especially if their hands are not tied. Housing covenants in order to keep our town status quo i.e. no fences, gravel roads.
- Girdwood has wonderful spirit and is community-oriented. Please don't develop this wonderful small town to cater to second home owners and tourism. We should focus on how to make this a place where lower income families can work and live--affordable housing is a must! Also, as a parent, having my child drive the Seward Highway every day is a serious concern. I would love to see an option for local secondary education.
- Please stop trying to make this town a mini Vail and Aspen and instead try to preserve the community feel that we've had here for so long. There are many people in this town who would

like to buy an affordable first-time home here, but the options are becoming limited due to the increase of people from other cities buying second, third and so on, homes here.

- Keep the small-town charm but continue to expand opportunities for visitors. The infrastructure created will be available to local residents as well. This is a delicate balancing act, so err on the side of small-town charm.
- I opt for a way to improve the number of business options in a small town without growing too much, because the small-town environment and close community here is the best.
- Don't destroy mine roads. Single-family area with multi-family development.
- Extend winter road plowing up Crow Creek Rd. Add school bus service.
- New Girdwood access road, need second option other than Glacier Creek bridge. Fix main roads like Timberline, not thrilled about paving some of the main gravel roads but that is probable to long term solution. Remove large cottonwood trees along major paved and unpaved road in Girdwood. Road crew should not plow in residential driveways. Affordable housing. More commercial land for development. More trail work. Community swimming pool.
- Let's work on HLB to open up/allow for mindful developments to support our community's growth. And let's get recycling already!
- Girdwood is not a landlocked ski town 3-4hr away from a large city. Girdwood is 45min away from Anchorage. Perhaps adding better commuter Public transit between Girdwood and Anchorage would help people having a hard time finding housing in Girdwood.
- Stop spending money on the cemetery, it's a money pit. People use cremation not burial. Whittier police need to sit their cars at the park and pull speeders over on Alyeska Hwy instead of holing up in the office or wherever they are hiding. Also make public what they are doing (a list i.e. pullovers, domestic violence, drugs etc.). Work with local health care and churches, volunteers to help victims of violence, drug use.
- Please make this town more family friendly with an emphasis on healthy and sustainable living. Please provide opportunities to lower the rates for skiing for local Alaskans so more Alaskans can afford to come to the mountain. Please future proof the ski area by accessing more terrain. Provide ways to support and foster positive long-term mental health and growing opportunities and support/provide resources for those struggling in our community. It is very hard emotionally, economically for young families to make it in Girdwood; the lack of community day care or community date nights takes a toll on relationships and is isolating.
- I think our biggest threats to public safety are human bear interactions due to poorly managed waste, and unleashed dogs. Why do we look the other way on both of these citable offenses?
- Recycle more, encourage more biking and hiking trails. Figure out a way to make housing more affordable so we can ensure higher quality people stay and build the local base. Too many drunks and drug use/abuse tied to local bars/Chair 5. Increase police presence in town square, especially late night.
- Bear proof trash cans should be mandatory. Encourage and support growth of commerce-where and how to build something that would enhance the community. Lobby for paving a few of the roads.
- I would like the town to have trash disposal options 7 days a week to help the bears co-exist with residents. Please no fluoride in our water.
- This is such a neat town. I think it could be a great tourist destination, winter and summer with a little work. Clean up the dogs and the drunks everywhere and my family would spend more time and money in Girdwood. I would love to see locals getting better discounts at the resort. Season passes are outrageous.
- Make decisions about year-round activity/destination without regard to what Alyeska is doing or what they say they're going to do. Also attempt to partner with Alyeska for the benefit of both.
- Limit commercial development and prioritize our natural environment.

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- Lower property tax, stop development, police too expensive.
 - Don't change Girdwood. Make it easier to recycle.
 - Get public safety right. Keep the Muni out of the valley. Facilitate private investment and development.
 - Bring in more businesses, stop relying on the resort. Develop our town, more mountain bike paths, kill stray dogs, have the bus help the community more. Send a bus route through the community, not just on paved roads.
 - I would like to see the Bed Tax that Girdwood generates to be used by Girdwood and not Anchorage. It's time for the Municipality of Anchorage to invest in Girdwood such as freeing up their land for housing development, etc.
 - I love Girdwood, but you can't do it on your own. You need the help and tax dollars of Anchorage to keep Girdwood special. And you have a big-time dog problem. Keep fluoride out of the water. It is a poison!
 - Jobs need to be available at a pay rate that is living wage. Living wage pay rate impacts perception about what is defined as 'affordable' housing.
 - Drop the fluoride from our public water please. Convince HLB to open more land for development so the housing market is not so tough.