

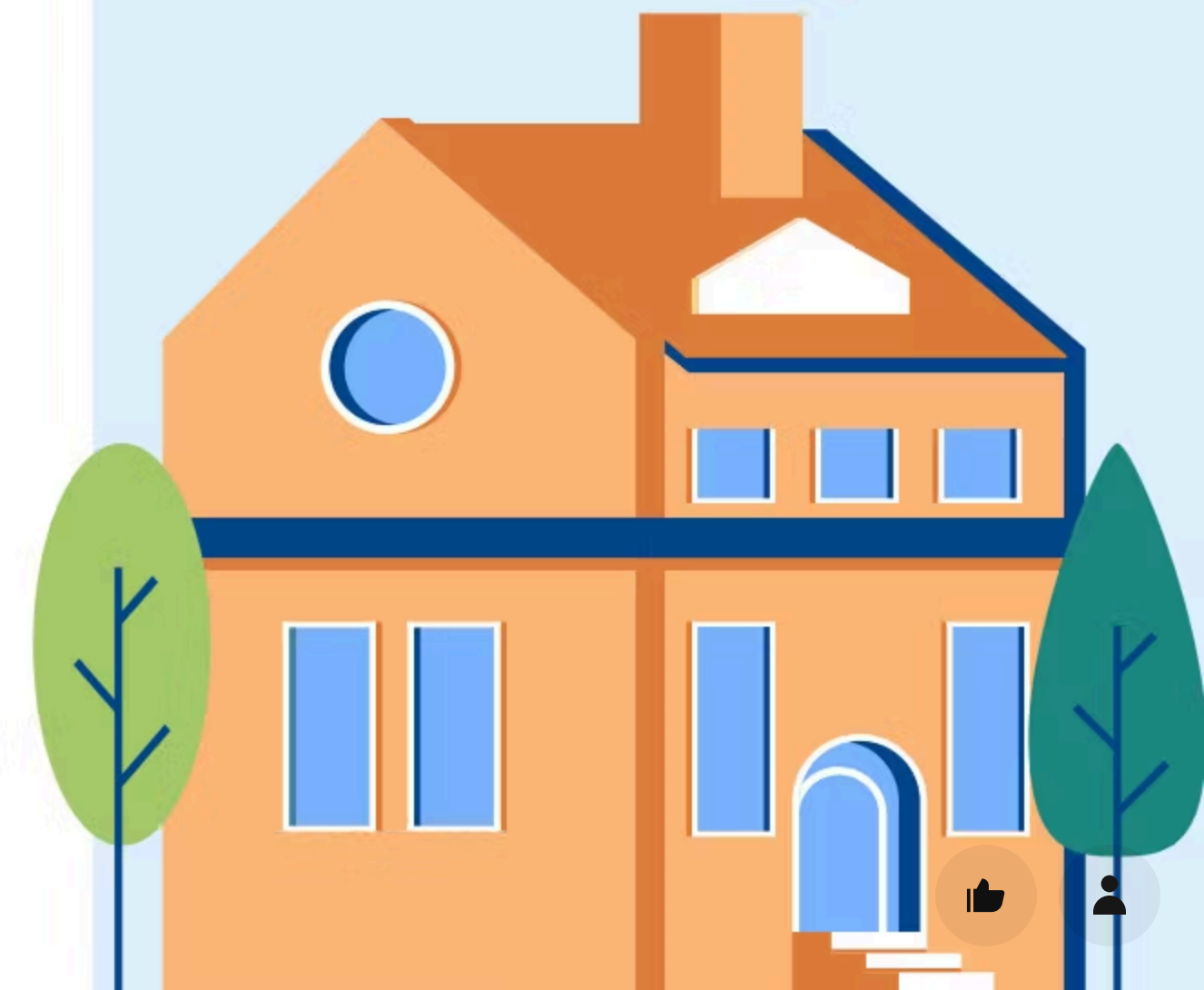
April 2026

MONTHLY MEETING



Meeting Agenda

- Call to order
- Meeting Agreements
- Elected officials
- **Keynote topic:** District I City Budget with Council Member Joaquin Martinez
- ****Interactive Poll****
- Super Neighborhood Updates
 - Solid Waste Update
 - Heavy Trash Pick up
 - Upcoming Voting Information
 - Website Updates
 - Upcoming Events
- Open floor comments & announcements
- Adjourn Meeting

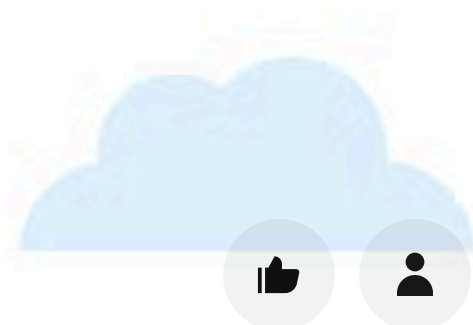




Meeting Agreements

- **Assume Positive Intent** - We are all doing the best we can with what we have, avoid blaming others.
- **Speak with respect** - Refrain from profanity, use people's names/pronouns and be sensitive to different communication styles.
- **Be critical of the problem, not the person** - we want to create solutions, not enemies. It's okay to disagree!
- **Ponder what you hear and feel before you speak.**
- **Trust ambiguity** - We are not here to debate who is right and who is wrong.
- **Be mindful of time.** There's a lot to cover!

What else should we add?

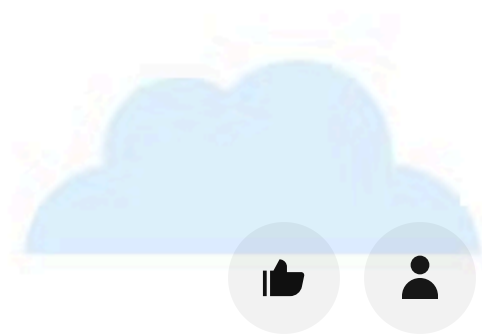




Elected Officials

If there are elected officials here, this is a time to give an update!

Please keep your update to 1-2 minutes.



City Budget

Houston City Council Member
Joaquin Martinez





Houston City Budget

Council Member Joaquin Martinez

Council Member, Houston City Council District I, elected November 2023

As Council Member for District I, Martinez represents the East End and much of our Super Neighborhood at City Hall, where he helps shape the City's annual budget, votes on major proposals, and sits on council committees that decide how resources are distributed across the city.

A native Houstonian and Austin High School graduate, Martinez studied political science at the University of Houston–Downtown and spent nearly a decade as Director of Community Affairs for the City of Houston before taking office.

He took office in January 2024, and as the FY2027 budget cycle gets underway, we're glad to have him in the room.

District I Contact Information

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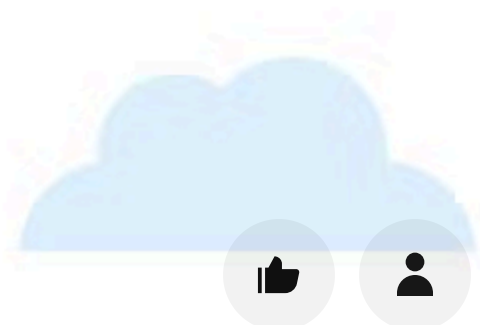


Houston City Budget

Q&A with Council Member Martinez

- Please remember our meeting agreements
- Limit 1 min per question, 1 per person

Depending on time, we may have to take questions on an index card and follow up.



City Budget

Hearing from you!

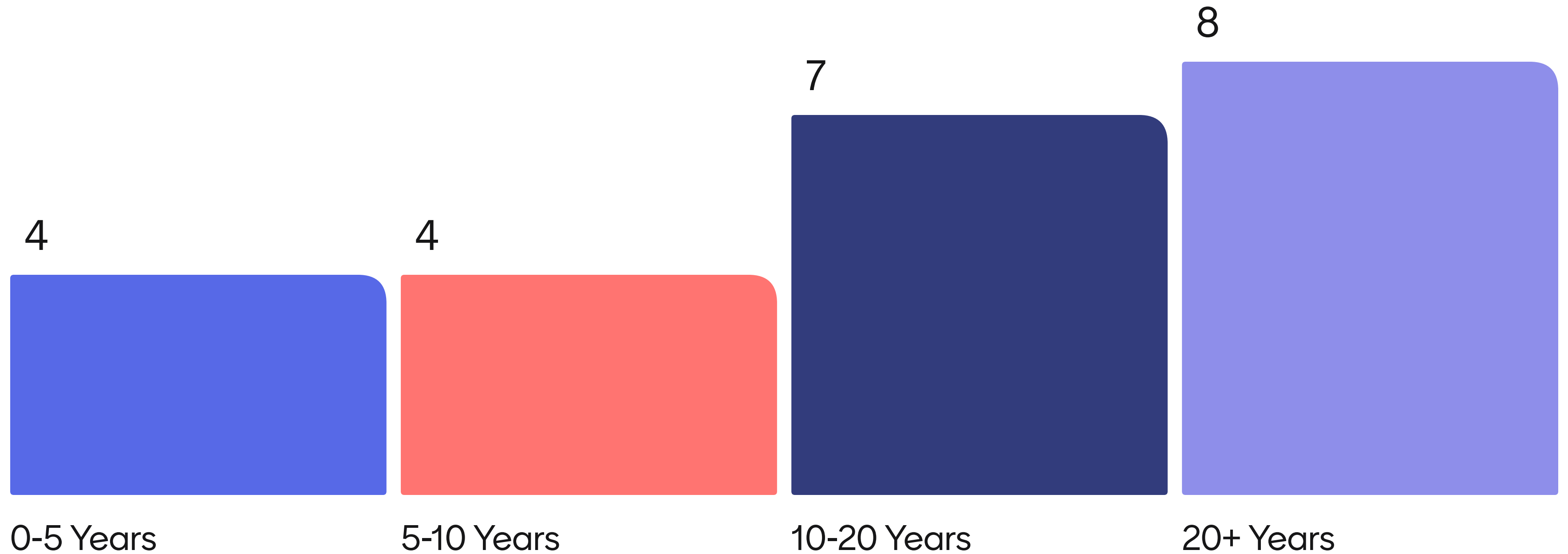




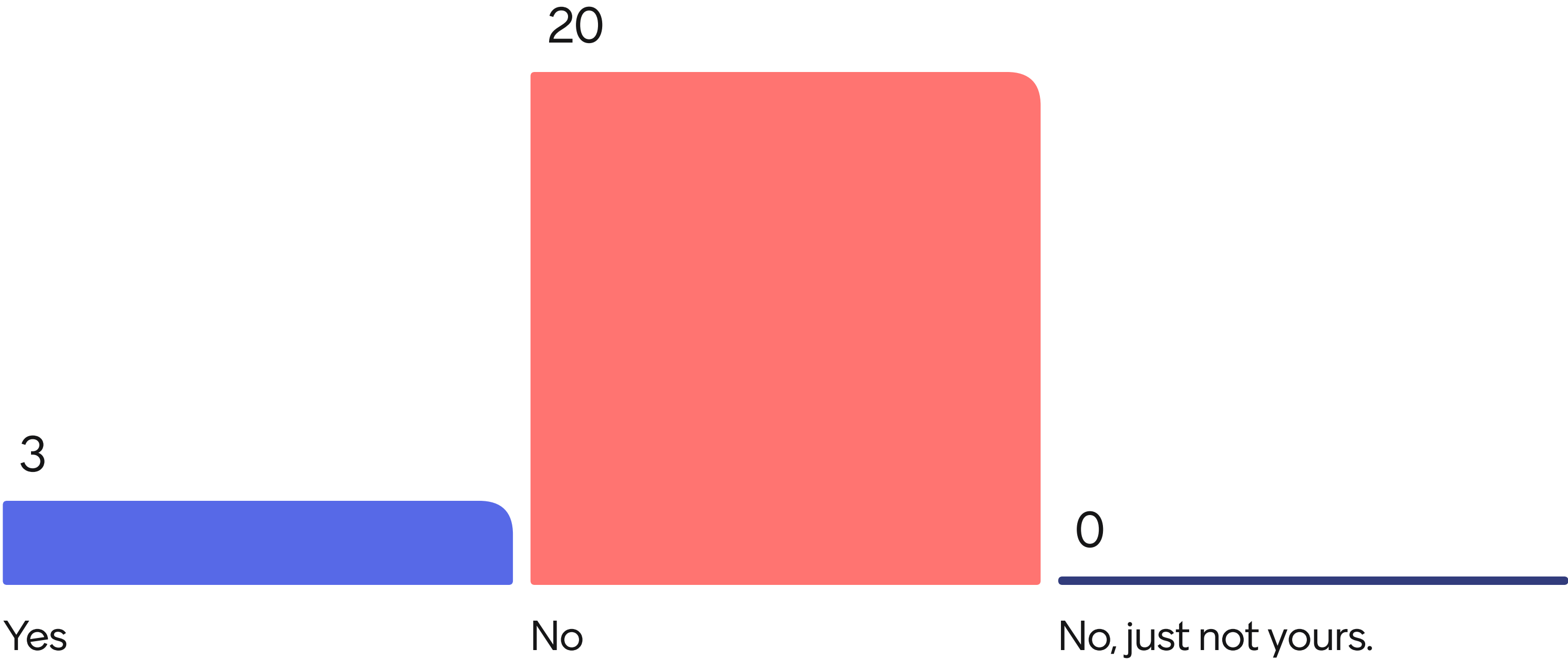
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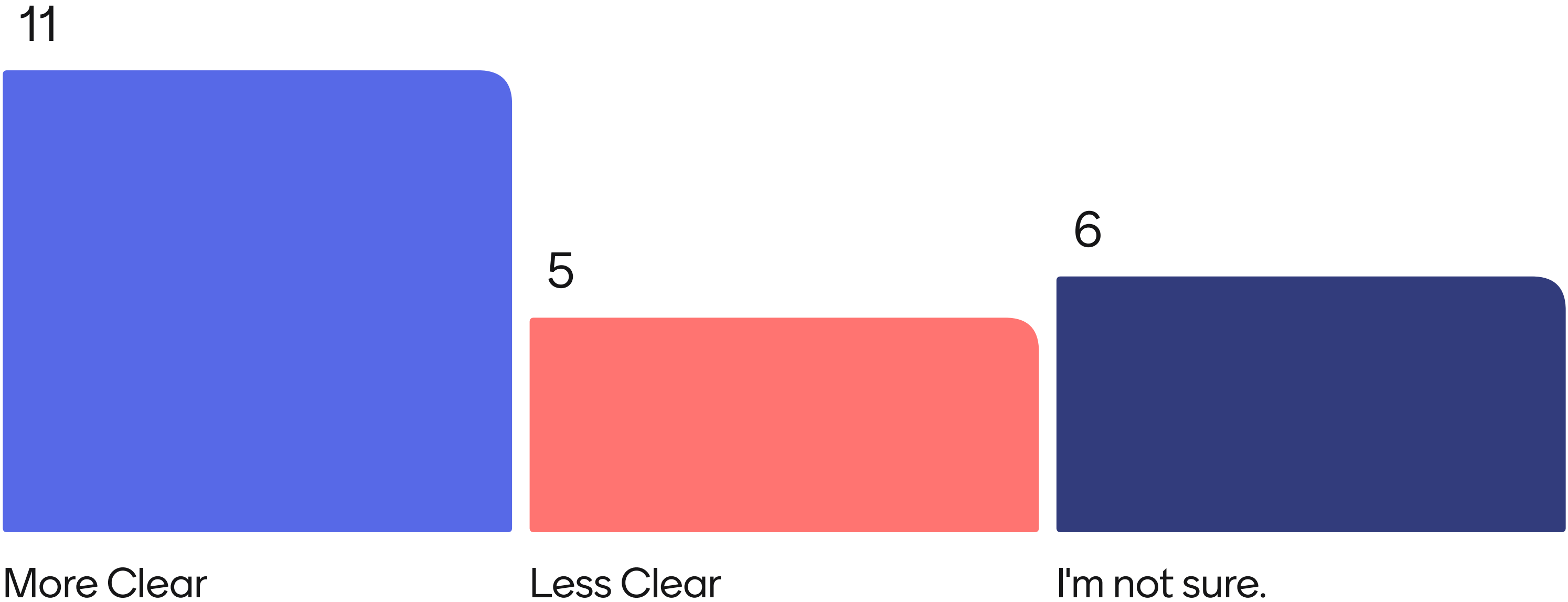
About how long have you lived where you are?



Is this your first time at a Super Neighborhood Meeting?



Do you feel more or less clear on the budget priorities for the city? (It's okay to not be sure!)



Here are some core city services:

Public Safety (HPD, HFD, HEC, Municipal Courts)

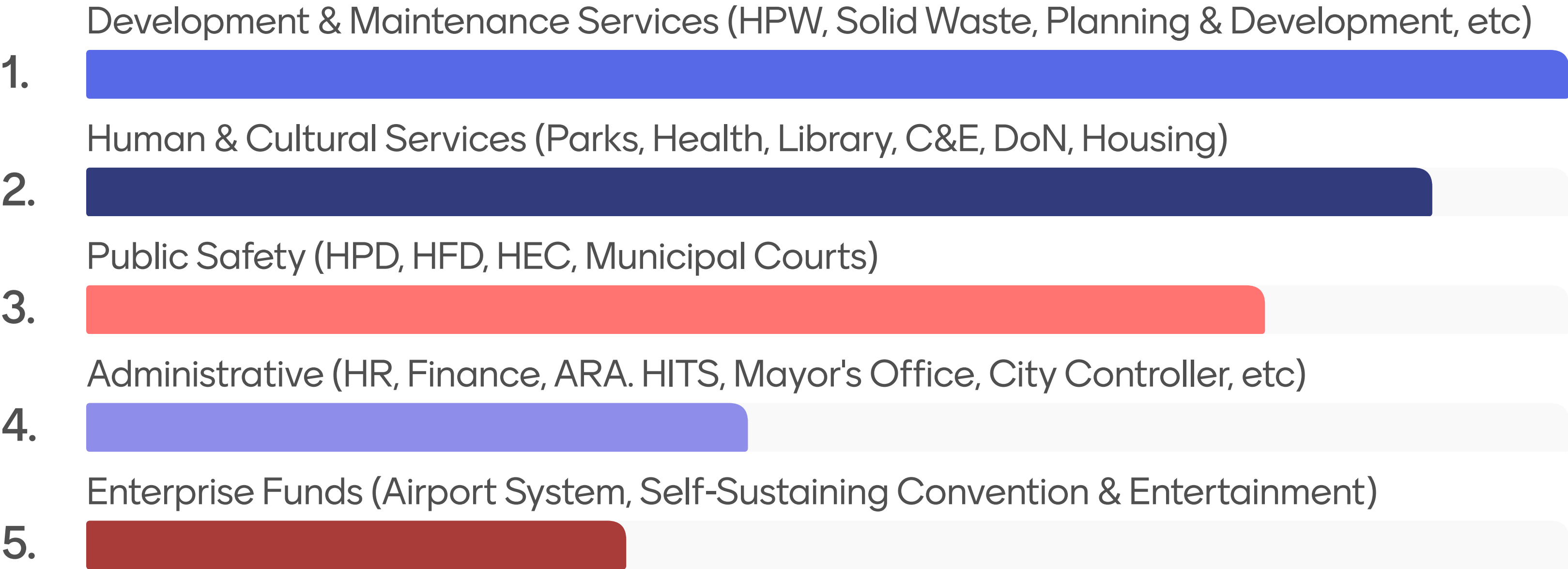
Development & Maintenance Services (HPW, General Services, Solid Waste, Planning & Development)

Administrative (HR, Finance, ARA, HITS, Legal, Mayor's Office, City Council, Controller, City Secretary, Business Opportunity)

Human & Cultural Services (Parks, Health, Library, Convention & Entertainment, Dept of Neighbhoords, Housing)

Enterprise Funds (Airport System, Self-Sustaining Convention & Entertainment)

With what you learned today, how would you rank city services based on what is important to you?



City Budget

About Revenue



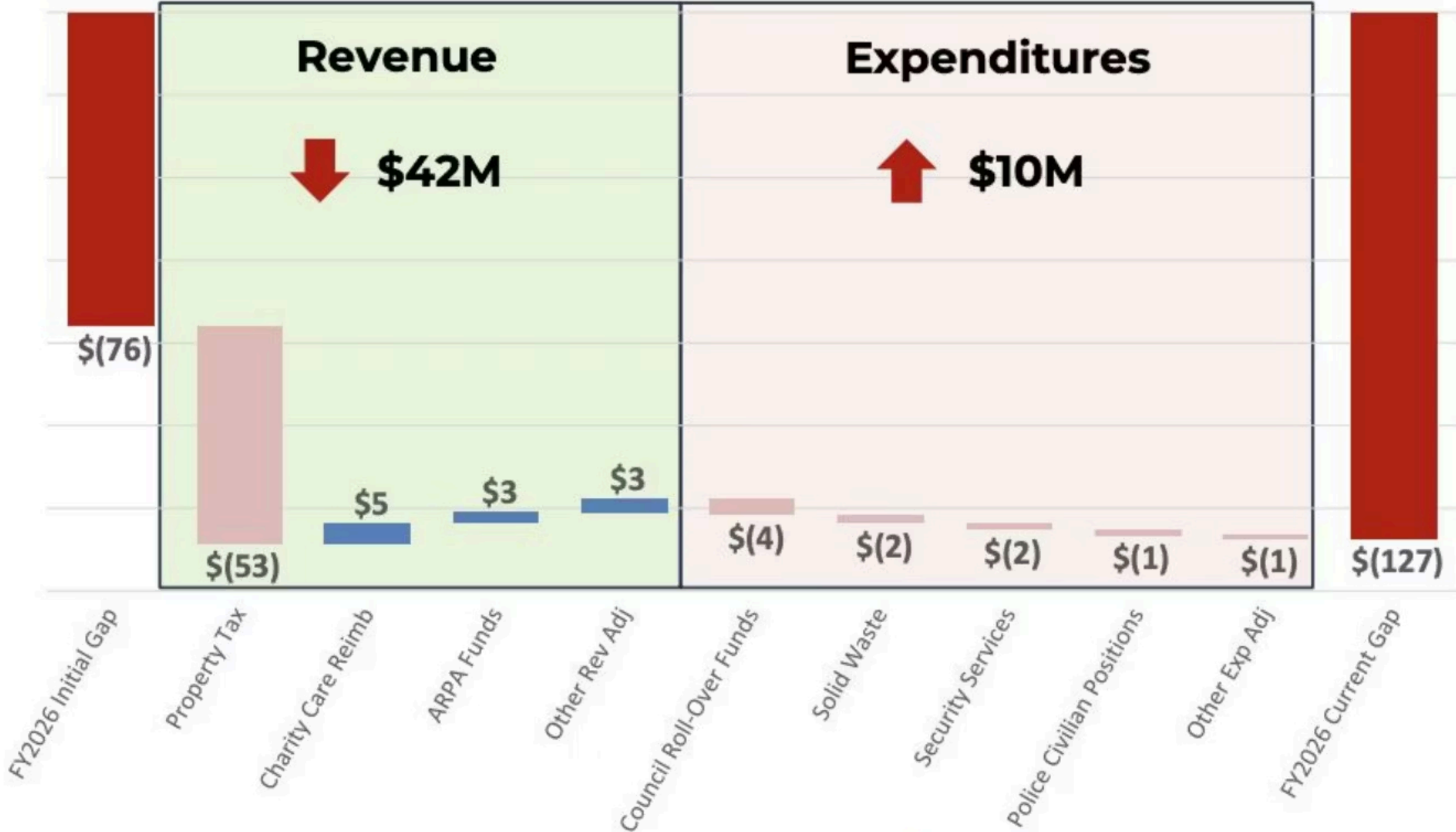
Fund Balance Over Time

(Amounts expressed in millions)



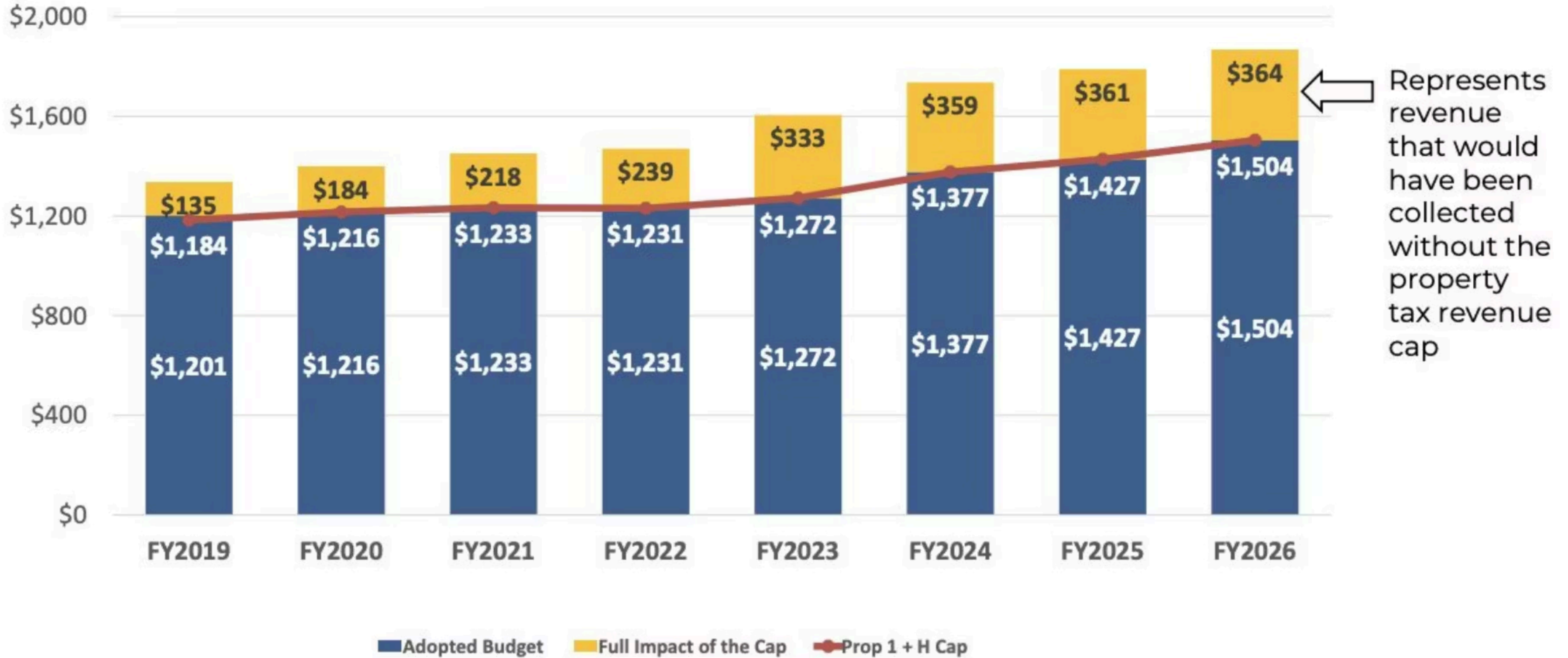
Current deficit *(in millions of dollars)*

The deficit has officially increased by more than \$50 million Since the budget was passed in June 2025



- FY2026 was balanced with a \$76 million fund balance drawdown, followed by an additional \$52 million deficit as of January.
- This shortfall is expected to carry forward into the FY2027 budget, with Finance projecting a deficit between \$227 million and \$253 million.

Impact of the Property Tax Revenue Cap *(in millions of dollars)*



*Since FY2015, the full impact of the property tax revenue cap is \$2.6 billion.

What is the city getting right when it comes to the current budget?

Not much

Basic city services must be covered.

SWD new equipment

Why do we have a cap on the amount of revenue that may be collected?

Public Safety

Councilmembers had courage to oppose Mayor

Recognizing that "Houston, we have a problem"

Definitely not the FD

What is the city getting right when it comes to the current budget?

Public safety

Running in a defecit



Leveraging partnerships (private non profits, , conservancies, county precincts,) take on the cost burdens and responsibility to manage city assets.

Public Safety

there is still actually something left in the reserve fund

My recycling is getting picked up now more frequently

Finally addressing the shortfalls out loud



What is the city getting right when it comes to the current budget?

There is a grasp of what services are important to residents although that doesn't always match with the budget

Public safety

Generating ideas for additional routes for revenue. But I think that with all the oil and gas industry here, we need to tax them more right?!

We need to have more citizen volunteers

Transparency

Not accounting for police overtime

? I don't know

Why do we have a revenue cap?

What is the city getting right when it comes to the current budget?

Little



Where is the city missing the mark on the current budget?

Police overtime habit

Parks. Need 2-3x the budget.

Responsible stewardship of our hard earned money

Not charging for trash services

Infrastructure

Trash fee is needed!! Please. We can't wait any longer.

gave the farm away to hpd and hfd

Not removing the revenue cap

Where is the city missing the mark on the current budget?

Transparency and accountability on where money is going and where money is not.

Deferred maintenance and infrastructure upkeep

Infrastructure

N/A

Transparency and proactive engagement

Auditors for the controllers office

Police overtime needs to be budgeted

Hiring competent grant writers

Where is the city missing the mark on the current budget?

Criminally underfunded parks and libraries

Mas Policias.. Mas Mas Mas

You got another hour?

Working woth Austin

Tearing out bike lanes

Not imagining more

Wasting money on HPD overtime

DDSRF funds for demolition of buildings

Where is the city missing the mark on the current budget?

Can y'all learn from Mamdani? I agree that I would pay more tax. I love the libraries too! Don't be casually talking about cutting their funding

Need to take longer view

Repaving Austin St again and again

Overtime excesses. Must stop.

Building the dog park in the East end

Loss of expertise

Obsessing over the world cup. Projections for monetary impact could be off

Infrastructure

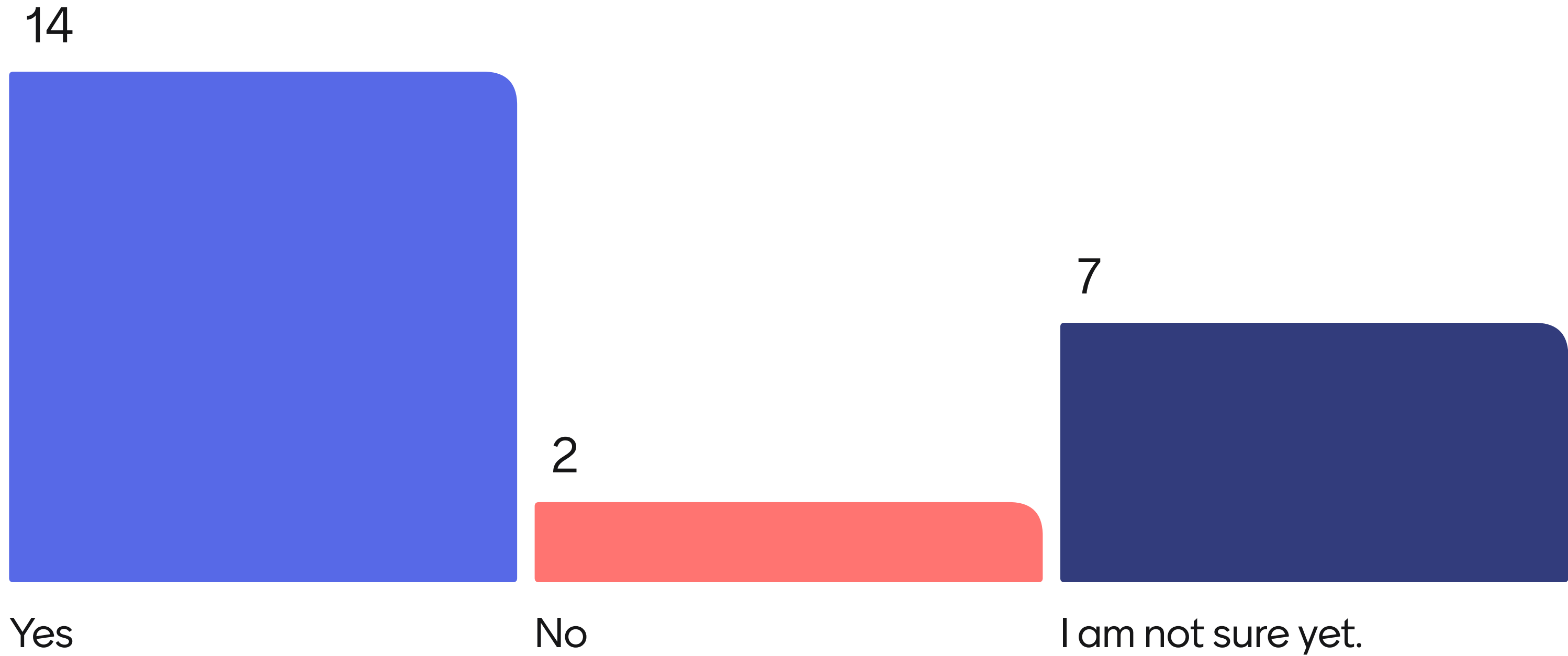
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Tearing out bike lanes

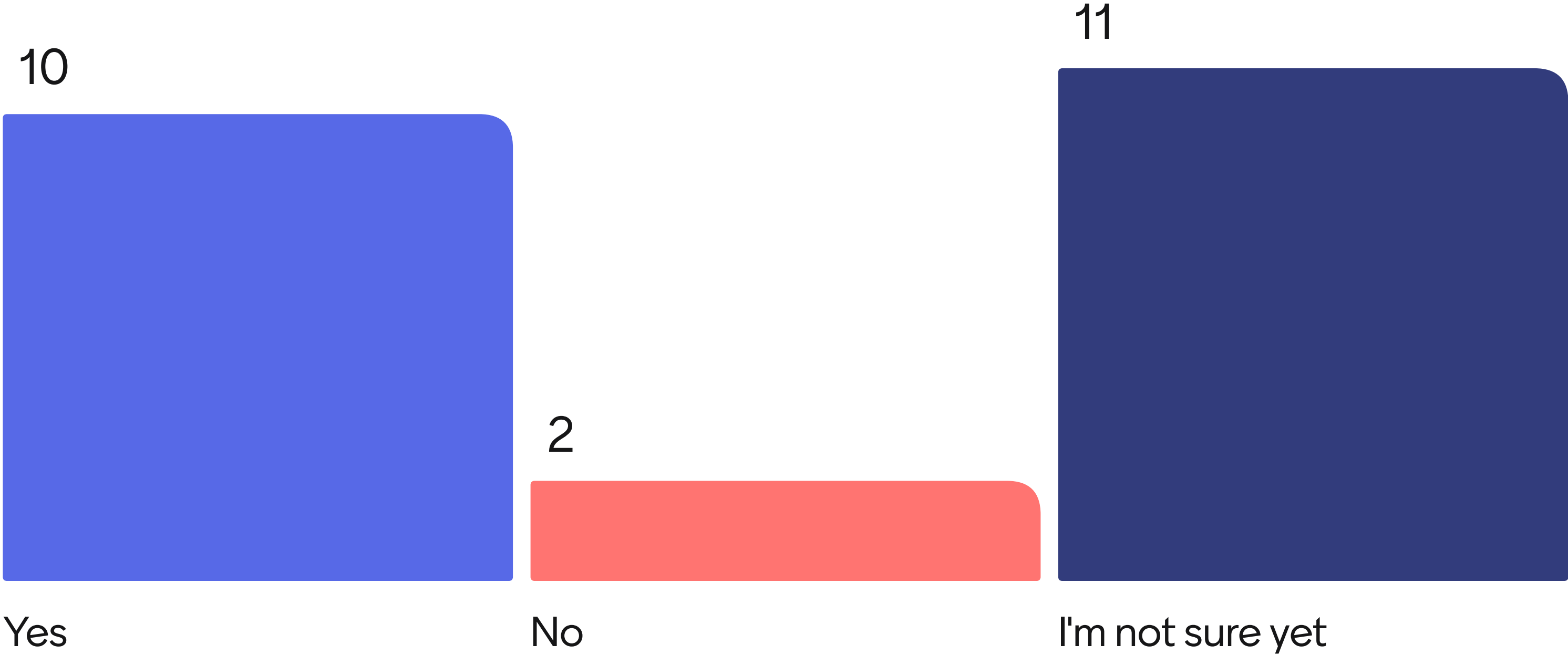
Why do we have a revenue cap?

By not raising taxes

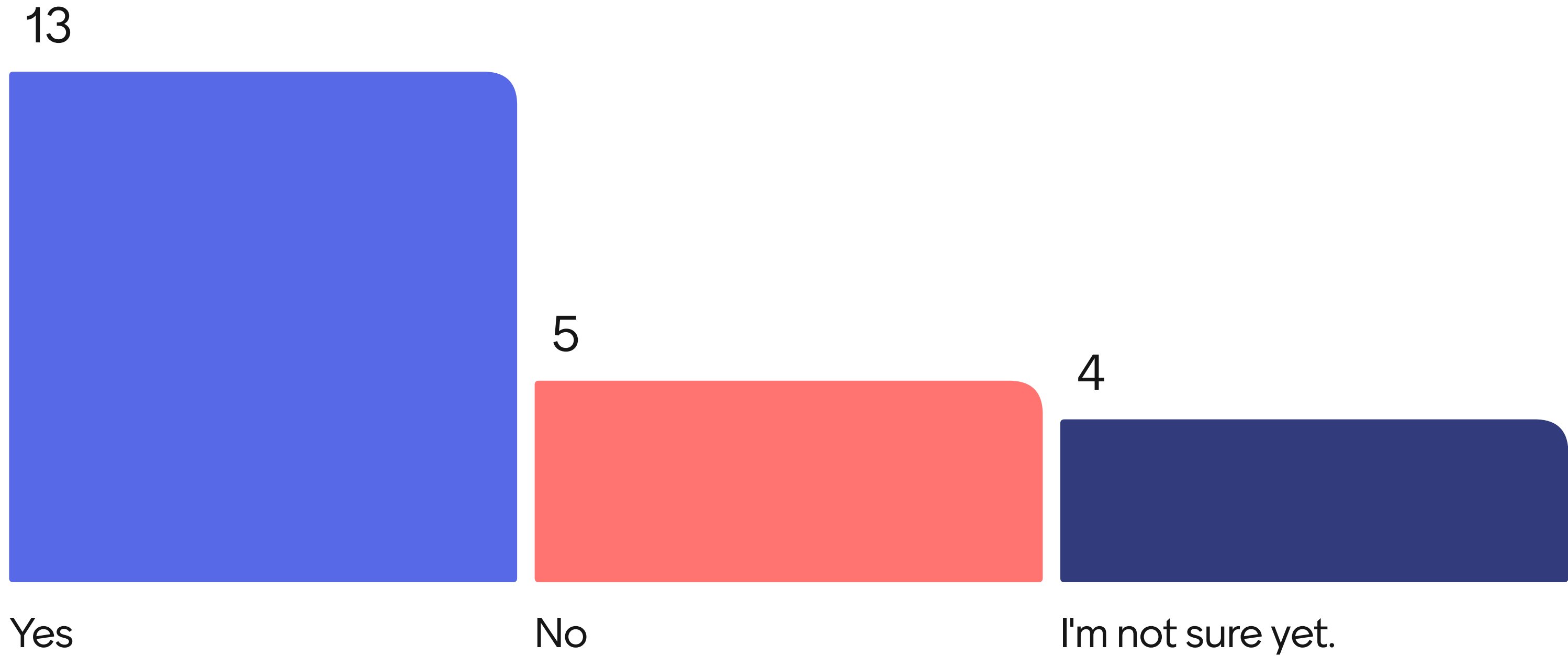
Would you support a charter amendment to remove the revenue cap?



Would you support a charter amendment to raise the revenue cap?



Would you support an on-demand trash fee?



What does equity look like for Houston's city budget and the East End?

More infrastructure

Applying for grants specific to the East end

Grade separation at train crossing

Covering illegal dumping pick up. Making sure everyone has basic city services.

Better services to homeless

More than just basic services. We deserve it

Grade separations

Budget to provide services for the most vulnerable populations

What does equity look like for Houston's city budget and the East End?

Transparency and accountability on where our money is going. City can't just come ask us to pay more without responsible plan and transparency

Street trees

More funds for water infrastructure and parks

Improved parks and green space

Railroad grade separations

Speed cushions

Yes to the Dog Park in the East End.

Improving Harrisburg and using the Navigation Blvd esplanade

What does equity look like for Houston's city budget and the East End?

Don't close schools

Parking benefits district in EaDo!

More dollars coming to brown and black communities

Affordability and public services are strengthened for East End residents, including solid infrastructure, programming, clean air and water,

Transparency and proactive engagement with community members

Better sewage systems

Eliminate as much deferred maintenance and figure out a way to better fund/plan for preventive maintenance.

Quality of Life issues.

What does equity look like for Houston's city budget and the East End?

We're shouldering the burden of major events (world cup, etc.) and construction projects, we should see specific benefits from those

Parking reform!!

Dashboard/map for projects in East End

Raise taxes for the rich. Give assistance to the poor.

Quiet zones funded and in place. Improved sidewalks. Pools working and staffed for summer. Library investment.

Sidewalks

Transportation mobility

Better connections to Downtown

What does equity look like for Houston's city budget and the East End?

Investments in the health of neighborhoods that are next to refineries and factories

More street meters on congested streets

Clean the area, remove nuisances, abatements, sore eye removals.

the East End has been neglected for decades. Streets, drainage, water, lighting, sidewalks. Why do the Heights and River Oaks get all the dollars?

More civic engagement

No soy chismoso.

animal issues and supporting Barrio Dogs

Sewage system

What does equity look like for Houston's city budget and the East End?

Sidewalks

Apply for more grants for the east end

What do you want your council member to know that we didn't discuss?

Connections to
Downtown

How we can make more
money with parking
reform!

With Polk closed it's very
hard to get Downtown
now

GRB and the MOU

That he is doing a good
job.

We need more
protections from
pollution

Residents don't trust the city
with higher rates and fees if the
city has mismanaged our funds
in the past. We want
transparency and
accountability

Time horizon for budget
planning

What do you want your council member to know that we didn't discuss?

Alternative routes into and out of downtown

Our immigrant community needs your support

The East side should see tangible benefits from the convention expansion and world cup

Leeland street needs a 2-way option and plan. . East west connections into downtown are a major pain point.

I'm disappointed with the most recent decision around collaboration with ICE

I like your shirt

Community input into projects that impact them

But you can always do better...keep pushing.



What do you want your council member to know that we didn't discuss?

Structured conversation with neighbors leaders on regular basis

Include community input early and often. We feel ignored frequently.

You can stand up for the community.

It's going to be critical to have a solid community engagement plan to role out some of these increases without it feeling unjust for those experiencing economic hardship

Why the Astros are slow right now

transparency for City-owned corporations like Houston First and Houston Parks Board

We need to encourage more youth engagement in civic activities

State of Leeland as alternative to Polk st

What do you want your council member to know that we didn't discuss?

See your staff more

The city should listen more and talk down to residents less.

Stadium food prices are insane

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School closures are hitting hard

ICE

Let's try to stop TXDOT projects that they push on Houston, instead of those Houston says we need. How do we get weighted representation on H-GAC

Routes to downtown



What do you want your council member to know that we didn't discuss?

East / west mobility, GRB
and MOU





How to get involved - Official Budget Survey



FY27 BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

<p><u>Wednesday, May 6</u> 2 PM: Five-Year Forecast & Budget Overview</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 12</u> 9 AM: Finance 10 AM: Fleet 11 AM: General Services</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 13</u> 1:30 PM: Planning 2:30 PM: Housing 3:30 PM: Airports</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 14</u> 9 AM: Health 10 AM: Municipal Courts 1:30 PM: Information Technology 2:30 PM: Regulatory Affairs 3:30 PM: Human Resources</p> <p><u>Friday, May 15</u> 9 AM: Parks 10 AM: Neighborhoods 11 AM: Legal</p>	<p><u>Saturday, May 16</u> 10 AM: Budget Town Hall Fonde Community Center 110 Sabine Street, 77007</p> <p><u>Monday, May 18</u> 9 AM: Mayor's Office 9:30 AM: City Council 10 AM: Business Opportunity 1:30 PM: Solid Waste 2:30 PM: Public Works 3:30 PM: Fire</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 19</u> 9 AM: Controller's Trends Report & Office Budget 10 AM: Library 11 AM: Police</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 20</u> 9 AM: Public Hearing, Anna Russell Council Chamber, 900 Bagby, 77002, 2nd Floor 6 PM: Virtual Town Hall</p>
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Toyota Center



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SN Updates

Sharing updates in the community and area.





Solid Waste Update

Solid Waste Management Department has a new Customer Service Line to better support residents with questions and concerns and assist with inquiries related to collection services, cart concerns, recycling and other issues.

This line is intended for follow-up on existing 311 Service Requests.

**Solid Waste Management Customer Service Line:
832-394-1453**

Agents available Monday–Friday, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM



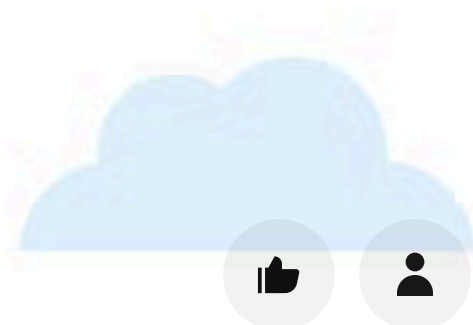


Heavy Trash Clean Up - Save the dates!

We are coordinating with Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia to do large clean ups in Super Neighborhood.

- **May 9, 2026 - Harrisburg Hike & Bike Trail Cleanup**
- **June 13, 2026 - 64 Side of Super Neighborhood**
- **June 27, 2027 - 88 Side of Super Neighborhood**

Locations TBD! Watch out on socials and email!



Upcoming Voter Information

May 26, 2026 (Early Voting May 18-May 22) - Primary Runoffs

- **Newly drawn Congressional District 18:** Democrats Al Green and Christian Menefee (both incumbents).
- **Newly Drawn Congressional District 9:** Republicans Alex Mealer and Briscoe Cain
- **Lieutenant Governor** - Democrats Marcos Isaias Velez and Vikki Goodwin
- **US Senator** - Republicans John Cornyn and Ken Paxton
- **Attorney General**
 - Democrats Nathan Johnson and Joe Jaworski
 - Republicans Chip Roy and Mayes Middleton
- **Railroad Commissioner**
 - Republican Bo French and Jim Wright
- **County Judge**
 - Democrats Letitia Plummer and Annise Parker
 - Republicans Warren Howell and Orlando Sanchez
- **District Clerk** - Democrats Alex Maldonado and Darrell Jordan Jr.

**this list is not inclusive of the entire ballot and is is not an endorsement of any candidates. If there is not a second party listed above, it is because the nomination was won already. Please go to [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.harrisvotes.com) to learn about your specific ballot and read about the candidates.*



Website Updates

New Pages added to the website

- Public Safety Information
- Brochures & Fact Sheets

<https://sn6488.org/>

Everything is a work in progress!

Train Advocacy ▾ Resources ^

Elected Officials

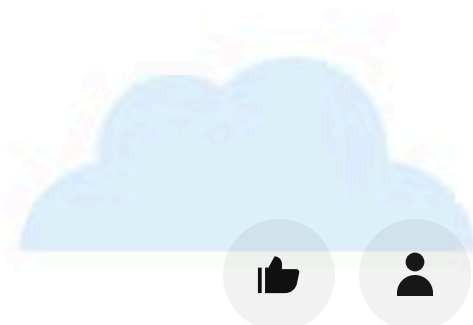
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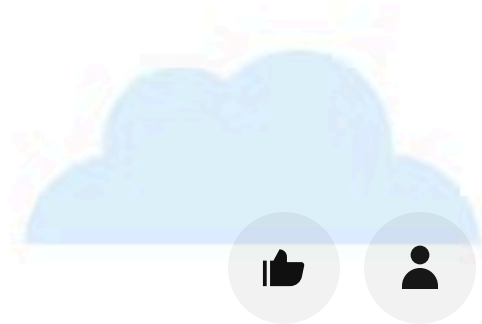
is much of Houston's Greater East
part of the city. Spanning





Upcoming Events

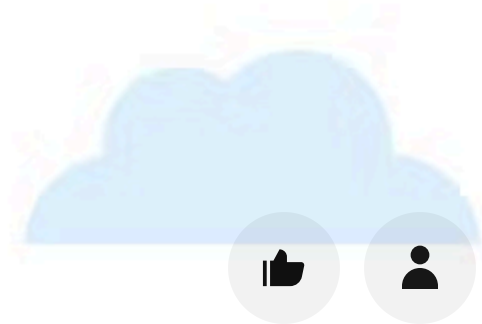
- **Eastwood Civic Association Spring Fiesta**
 - Where: 4600 Park Dr
 - Date: Thursday, April 23
 - Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- **Community Meeting Renaming Cesar Chavez**
 - Where: American Legion Hall, 7599 Ave C
 - Date: Thursday, April 23
 - Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- **HGAC Public Session for MPO Certification**
 - Where: 3555 Timmons Ln 77027
 - Date: Friday, April 24
 - Time: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- **Country Club Place Neighborhood Garage Sale**
 - Where: 1135 Jocelyn (St Francis of the City)
 - Date: Saturday, April 25
 - Time: 8:00AM - 12:00 PM
- **District I Bulk Shredding Event**
 - Where: 4101 Broadway, 77087 (The ROCK)
 - Date: Saturday, April 25
 - Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **National Poetry Month Reading**
 - Where: 500 McKinney (Central Location)
 - Date: Saturday, April 25
 - Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- **Finca Tres Robles - Herb Garden Class**
 - Where: 5715 Canal St.
 - Date: Saturday, April 25
 - Time: 10:00 AM- 11:30 AM
- **Finca Tres Robles - Spring Potluck**
 - Where: 5715 Canal St.
 - Date: Saturday, April 25
 - Time: 8:00 PM
- **True Anomaly Celebration of Life**
 - Where: 2012 Dallas St.
 - Date: Sunday, April 26
 - Time: 2:00 - 7:00 PM





Mark Your Calendars!

- **Harrisburg Hike & Bike Trail Clean Up**
 - Where: Commerce & Drennan
 - Date: Saturday May 9
 - Time: TBD
- **Finca Tres Robles - Salsa de Mayo!**
 - Where: 5715 Canal St.
 - Date: Saturday May 16
 - Time: 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- **Spurlock Park Clean up**
 - Where: Spurlock Park, Idlywood
 - Date: Saturday May 16
 - Time: 8:30 AM
- **CM Willie Davis Townhall Meeting #2**
 - Where: 9800 Town Park Dr, 77036
 - Date: Monday May 18
 - Time: 5:45 PM
- **CM Twila Carter Coffee & Conversation**
 - Where: City Hall, 901 Bagby
 - Date: Tuesday May 19
 - Time: 8:00 AM
- **Super Neighborhood Budget Workshop with Controller Hollins**
 - Where: Kirby Ice House Memorial City
 - Date: Thursday May 21
 - Time: 6:30 PM
- **Super Neighborhood Heavy Trash Clean Up #1**
 - Where: TBD
 - Date: Saturday June 13
 - Time: TBD
- **Super Neighborhood Heavy Trash Clean Up #2**
 - Where: TBD
 - Date: Saturday June 27
 - Time: TBD



Announcements

Upcoming meetings and announcements from everyone.





Neighbor Comments

Raising Issues, Concerns, Announcements

Open floor for comments, announcements, or to flag issues for upcoming discussion or action. 1 min per person please.

If we run out of time, we may need to take your information afterwards.





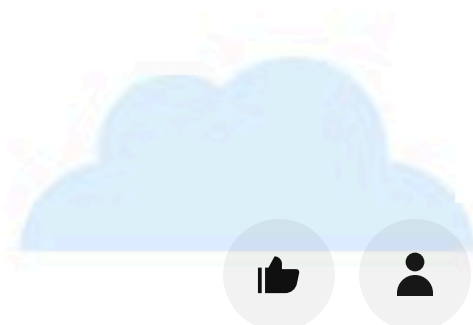
How did this meeting go?

We want to hear from you! Was the meeting helpful and informative?

1 through 5

1 - it didn't sit well with me and 5 - I loved it!

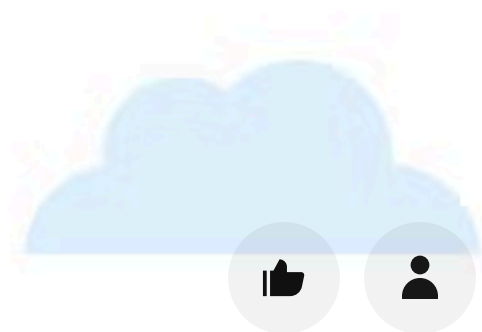
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Next Meeting

- Date: Wednesday May 27
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Location: Right here!





THANKS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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Instagram: instagram.com/superneighborhood6488



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