

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, January 14, 2020
8:00 a.m.

Information Items:

Recent/Pending Contract Awards:

- N/A

Priority Projects Update:

- Presented by Lee Newland

General Business:

1) Schothum Street Water Line Exception

- Presented by Tom Martin

2) APCO Easement for Bedford Hills

- Presented by Lee Newland

3) John Capron Right of Way Vacation

- Presented by Lee Newland

Roll Call:

Pc: Bonnie Svrcek, City Manager
Reid Wodicka, Deputy City Manager
John Hughes, Assistant City Manager
Council Members
Gaynelle Hart, Director of Public Works
News & Advance

Next Meeting: February 11, 2020

Lynchburg Capital Projects Greater Than \$1 Million (General Fund)

January 14, 2020

Projects of Interest		Phase	Phase Completion	SOS	BUD	Notes
Timberlake / Logan's Lane Intersection	*	Construction	August 2019			Complete
Liberty Mountain Drive - Phase 3	*	Construction	August 2019			Complete. AEP to Return and Install Streetlights
John Capron Road	*	Construction	July 2020			Construction Underway by Counts & Dobyns
Odd Fellows Road - Section B2	*	Construction	December 2019	V	V	Complete
Indian Hill Road Bridge	*	Construction	August 2020			Construction Underway by English Construction
Main Street Renewal Project	*	Construction	November 2021			Construction Underway
Trail From Linkhorne to Ed Page Entrance	*	Construction	September 2020			Construction Underway by Coleman Adams
Lakeside Drive Bridge Over Blackwater - Design-Build	*	Bidding	December 2019			Shortlisted to 4 Firms - Proposals Being Reviewed
One Way Pairs @ 501/221	*	Design	November 2020			NEPA Document Draft Out in October - Expected to be Finalized in March by FHWA - Design Underway
Downtown Watermain Replacement & Streetscape 2		Design	May 2019			Design @ 90%. Project Shelved
Police Department Headquarters	*	Preliminary Design	September 2020			Demolition Complete
Link Road Bridge	*	Design	October 2020			Started January 2020
Fifth Street Phase 4	*	Design	October 2020			Started January 2020

LEGEND

Schedule -

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0-5% Behind

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Budget -

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LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **January 14, 2020 Physical Development Committee**

AGENDA ITEM #:

CONSENT:
ACTION: **X**

REGULAR: **X**
INFORMATION:

WORK SESSION: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: Exception Request from Subdivision Ordinance – 186 Schothum Street

KEY ELEMENTS:

___ Economic Development ___ Excellent Government **X** Natural and Built Environment ___ Safe Community ___ Vibrant Community

RECOMMENDATION: Denial of the exception request.

SUMMARY: Section 24.1-45, *Exceptions*, of the Subdivision Ordinance provides that “Where the subdivider can show that a provision of these standards would cause unnecessary hardship if strictly adhered to, or where, because of topographical or other conditions peculiar to the site, in the opinion of the city planner a departure may be made without destroying the intent of such provisions, the city planner may authorize an exception. When the city planner or subdivider desires, the matter shall be referred first to the commission and thence to city council for review.”

On September 14, 2018, a subdivision plat was approved to divide 1014 Wiggington Road, creating new Lot 2B at 186 Schothum Street. Both lots consist of twenty-two thousand, one hundred seventy-two (22,172) square feet. The approved subdivision plat noted that “a building permit will not be issued for new Lot 2B until the waterline extension on Schothum Street is either bonded or extended to serve new lot 2B.”

Subdivision Ordinance Section 24.1-19, *Lot size, public water or sewer*, states that residential subdivisions of five (5) lots or less may be served by one of either private water or private sewer provided public water and or sewer are not available to serve the property and the lots are a minimum of twenty thousand (20,000) square feet in land area. Section 24.1-20 states that if neither is available, the lot must be a minimum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet.

A bond was received for the water line and a building permit was issued for new lot 2B on March 26, 2019. However, the dwelling has been connected to an existing private well and the new public water line has not been constructed. The Certificated of Occupancy (CO) for the dwelling has not been issued, due to the fact that the property is in violation of the approved plat and the Subdivision Ordinance.

Mr. Simpson has requested an exception to the minimum lot size of twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet for a new lot to be served by neither public water and or public sewer, citing financial concerns as the main reason for the request.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

December 11, 2019: The Planning Division recommended denial of the exception request.
The Planning Commission recommended denial of the exception request. (7-0)

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

CONTACT(S): Tom Martin, City Planner – 455-3900
Kent White, Community Development Director – 455-3900

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Physical Development Committee Presentation Slides – January 14, 2020
- Planning Commission Minutes – December 11, 2019
- Memo to Planning Commission

- Waiver Request from Mr. Simpson
- Signed Plat

REVIEWED BY: raw

RESOLUTION A:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXCEPTION FROM THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AT 186 SCHOTHUM STREET.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG that the request of Brian Simpson, to allow the property at 186 Schothum Street to be exempt from the Subdivision Ordinance, Lynchburg City Code Section 24.1-20 is hereby approved.

Adopted:

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION B:

A RESOLUTION DENYING AN EXCEPTION FROM THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AT 186 SCHOTHUM STREET.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG that the request of Brian Simpson, to allow the property at 186 Schothum Street to be exempt from the Subdivision Ordinance, Lynchburg City Code Section 24.1-20 is hereby denied.

Adopted:

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council



Subdivision Ordinance Exception

Wiggington Road / Schothum Street

Physical Development Committee

January 14, 2020



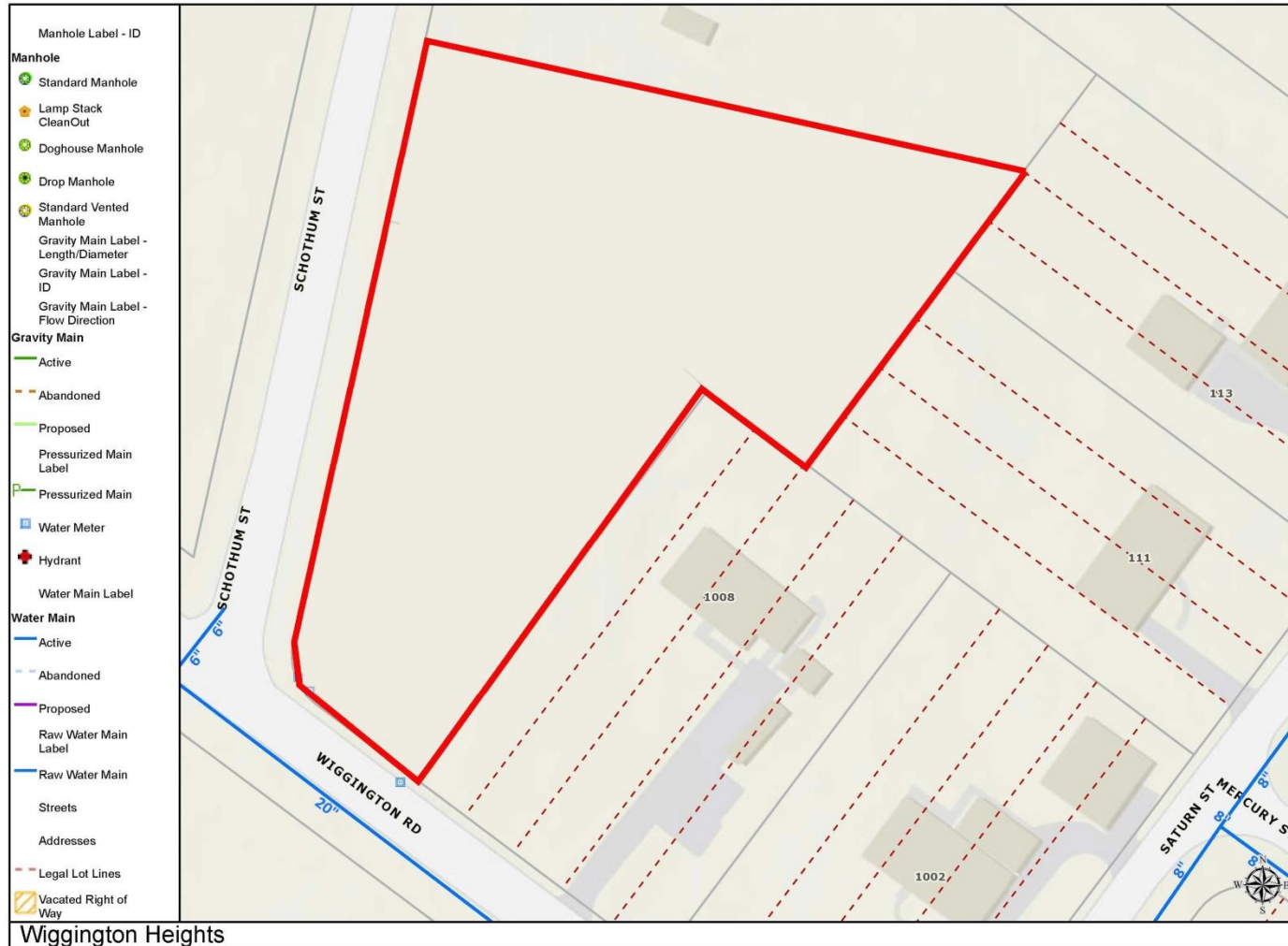
Development Standards

Subdivision Ordinance - 5 Lots or Less

- Subdivisions of 5 lots or less may be served by private well or septic:
 - Public water and sewer are not available (availability is defined as 100 feet from property per lot)
 - No new roads are required
 - Lots served by only one of public water or sewer shall be 20,000 sf
 - Lots served by neither public water or sewer shall be 25,000 sf
 - Lots meet Health Department requirements



1014 Wiggington Road



- Pre-Subdivision
- 1.018 ac
- Served by Public Water

Wiggington Heights



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PRINTED ON
December 11, 2019



- Subdivision Plat – Approved 9/14/18
- Created New Lot 2A & New Lot 2B (.509 ac – 22,172 sf)
- Indicated both lots would be served by Public Water & Private Sewer
- Indicated a permit would not be issued for Lot 2B until water line was extended or bonded



186 Schothum Street

- Water Application to Department of Water Resources – 03/25/19
- Bond received for waterline on 03/26/19
- Water Account approved by Department of Water Resources – 03/25/19
- Building Permit Issued for 186 Schothum Street – 03/26/19
- Water Service installed on Wiggington Road by Department of Water Resources (In Error) – 04/30/19
- Department of Water Resources pull and locks meter – 05/29/19
- Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Requested, Owner reinstated existing well on property – 11/11/19
- Department of Water Resources refunds fee for water meter install – 11/14/19



Issues

- Property is in violation of the Subdivision Ordinance
- Public Water is Available to the Property
- Subdivision Plat would not have been approved with private well
- Lot does not meet 25,000 sf standard for lots served by private well / septic



Exception Request

Sec. 24.1-45. - Exceptions.

Where the subdivider can show that a provision of these standards would cause unnecessary hardship if strictly adhered to, or where, because of topographical or other conditions peculiar to the site, in the opinion of the city planner a departure may be made without destroying the intent of such provisions, the city planner may authorize an exception. When the city planner or subdivider desires, the matter shall be referred first to the commission and thence to city council for review. Any exceptions authorized under the provisions of this section shall be stated in writing on the plat, by the city planner, commission or city council with the reasoning set forth on which the departure was justified.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2019 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING (MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED):

Request of Brian E. Simpson for an exception to Subdivision Ordinance Section 24.1-20 to allow a lot at 186 Schothum Street which is less than twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet in land area to be served by neither public water nor public sewer.

Mr. Tom Martin, City Planner provided the following summary to the Commission. Subdivisions of five (5) lots or less may be served by private well or septic under some standards. First public water and/or sewer are not available to serve the property. What that means is that public water or sewer is not within one hundred (100) feet per lot from the property line. That is how availability is defined. Also, no new roads are required, lots served by only one public water or sewer have to be at least twenty thousand (20,000) square feet in lot size, and lots served by neither public water or sewer shall be twenty five thousand (25,000) square feet. Lots must also meet the Health Department requirements. Two key points from the Subdivision Ordinance section being discussed are availability of public water and sewer and lots served by neither public water/sewer shall be at least twenty five thousand (25,000) square feet. Pre-subdivision, 1014 Wiggington Road was one and eighteen thousandths (1.018) acres. It was considered served by public water but not by public sewer. It is less than thirty (30) feet to the property line for public water. That means that if 1014 Wiggington Road were to be subdivided, every lot in that subdivision would have to connect to public water. That's the way the Subdivision Ordinance has been since at least 1989, if not prior to that. The plat creating 182 and 186 Schothum Street was approved on September 14, 2018. It created new lot 2A, which is at the corner of Wiggington and Schothum, and lot 2B, fronting on Schothum Street, which is 186. The lot that is really in question and the request with the exception is lot 2B. Both lots are twenty two thousand one hundred seventy-two (22,172) square feet. That does not meet the twenty five thousand (25,000) square feet outlined in the Ordinance for lots with neither public water nor sewer. Also, public water was available to this subdivision. The plat indicated that both lots would be served by public water and sewer. It also indicated that a permit would not be issued for lot 2B until the waterline was extended or bonded. This plat would not have been signed by the City Engineer or himself if the waterline was not going to be constructed because they couldn't have signed it because it would have been in violation of the Subdivision Ordinance. After the plat was approved, an application was made to the Department of Water Resources for water on March 25, 2019. A bond was received for the construction of the water line on March 26, 2019, that allowed the release of the permit for lot 2B. The water account was approved on March 25, 2019, and the building permit was issued on March 26, 2019. The plat and building permit were approved with the understanding that the water line was going to be extended. In error, the Department of Water Resources installed a water meter on Wiggington Road. The gentlemen requesting the exception has stated that he put in a private water line. This is not permitted and it was supposed to be a public line in Schothum Street. The plat showed that and the road, water, sewer plans showed it. When Water Resources recognized their error they pulled the meter and locked it. That was in May. On November 11, 2019, the owner requested a certificate of occupancy. The house is finished and they want to sell it. It has been connected to an existing well on the property, which circumvents the Subdivision Ordinance and it still doesn't meet the lot size requirement for private water/sewer. On November 14, 2019, Water Resources refunded the fee. Overall, it is in violation of the subdivision ordinance, public water was available to the property, the subdivision plat would not have been approved with a private well, and the lot does not meet the twenty five thousand (25,000) square foot standard for lots served by private well/septic. This gentleman has a few options. One is to build the waterline, which he claims is going to be very expensive and to some degree it will be because of not being able to open cut Wiggington Road. Another option is for the City to pull the bond and construct it, which the City is prepared to do. The third option, and cheapest, is to request an exception of the Subdivision Ordinance to waive those requirements. The Subdivision Ordinance says "Where the subdivider can show that a provision of these standards would cause unnecessary hardship if strictly adhered to, or where, because of topographical or other conditions peculiar to the site, in the opinion of the city planner a departure may be made without destroying the intent of such provisions, the city planner may authorize an exception." None of those things have been

shown. There was no hardship, they wanted two (2) lots instead of one (1) but they could have built on one (1). The Ordinance continues, "When the city planner or subdivider desires, the matter shall be referred first to the commission and thence to city council for review. Any exceptions authorized under the provisions of this section shall be stated in writing on the plat". Again, the plat would not have been approved without a water line being extended, the lot does not meet the lot size standard, and staff does not feel that an exception should be granted. If the exception is granted, more of these cases will come forward. Mr. Gregory Poff, from Water Resources, is available for questions.

Commissioner Marion asked what the owner's second option is.

Mr. Martin responded that the second option is for the City to pull the bond and construct the waterline.

Commissioner Marion and Johnson asked for clarification on what pulling the bond means.

Mr. Martin responded that the developer submits a development bond and in this case the bond may not be from Mr. Simpson but from the contractor who is going to build the waterline. The City holds a bond that says if the developer doesn't fulfill their obligations of building the water line; the City can cash it in, get the money, and build it themselves. It is protection for the City.

Commissioner Johnson asked who the bond is cashed in to.

Mr. Martin responded that the bond is cashed in to whoever issued it.

Chair Rogers stated that the existing waterline is on the opposite side of Wiggington Road and asked if the City or homeowner would have to build one in Schothum Road since one does not exist there.

Mr. Martin responded that Mr. Poff might have more information on how the line works but essentially a line would have to be constructed at least to the new lot line. This becomes very unequitable if there are other people back there who would like to subdivide their property. They would have to extend the line that much further. The lines get extended as property develops. This person is claiming a financial hardship, and that is understandable, but the plat would not have been approved without the waterline.

Commissioner Marion asked if the house currently has water and sewer.

Mr. Martin responded that the house has private water and private sewer but is circumventing the requirements of the Subdivision Ordinance.

Commissioner Marion asked for clarification that the third option is to grant the exception.

Mr. Martin responded that was correct.

Chair Rogers stated that there are large areas in the City that are like this. Those areas aren't well served by utilities and people run into this issue. There are probably areas like that behind Old Forest Road.

Mr. Martin responded that may be the case but the City does not want to create more of them.

Ms. Rachel Frischeisen noted that the City has told applicants that they cannot create this situation.

Chair Rogers asked if the well was existing.

Mr. Martin responded that it was.

Commissioner Bowden noted that if this person can “wait out” the Subdivision Ordinance then there is no point in having it. This property in no way matches up to any of the parameters that have been put in place. The Commission is in a position to enforce the Ordinance.

Commissioner Perault stated that any peculiarities would have come up earlier in the process and that he would defer to the staff who are experts. Since there were no abnormalities found when the plat was approved, he does not feel the need to say differently.

Commissioner Bowden shared agreement and expressed his trust in the capabilities of the City staff.

Commissioner Light asked, even though they are not connected, if Acres of Virginia was the company involved in the recent Villas of Lynchburg townhome rezoning petition.

Mr. Martin responded that they were.

Commissioner Bowden asked for clarification on what happens if both Council and Planning Commission deny the exception.

Mr. Martin responded that the City could pull the bond and construct the waterline or the owner could construct the waterline himself. The owner has known this since September 2018. He then corrected himself and stated that the owner knew the waterline needed to be constructed prior to that because the reviews prior to approval indicated that. It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone.

Chair Rogers asked who would construct a waterline if one hundred fifty (150) units were developed on the farmland behind the property.

Mr. Martin responded that it goes back to the definition of availability, if a waterline was within fifteen thousand (15,000) feet the developers would have to construct the waterline. It gets more complicated though, because if that many lots were put in, the City would pay to get the waterline to the property line. In this instance and for this property, the waterline was already there.

Commissioner Bowden asked if the point was to share the cost, in terms of the City providing to a certain distance.

Mr. Martin responded that was part of it but primarily it is an urban environment and it is a matter of health, welfare, and adequate infrastructure.

Commissioner Johnson stated that after reading the letter submitted by the owner, it seems that he jumped into the process and built the houses before he actually researched how much it was going to cost to extend the water line to the second lot.

Mr. Martin responded that he could not answer that.

Commissioner Johnson stated that it seemed like the owner knew he had to do the waterline and even had it drawn in but for some reason decided not to.

Commissioner Light shared his agreement.

Chair Rogers noted that it is expensive.

Commissioner Johnson stated that she feels "sorry for him" because he is "in over his head" and has to figure out a way to pay for and construct the waterline. The Commission and Council should not make an exception for him though.

Commissioner Light made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and passed by the following vote:

"The request of Brian E. Simpson for an exception to Subdivision Ordinance Section 24.1-20 to allow a lot at 186 Schothum Street which is less than twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet in land area to be served by neither public water nor public sewer be denied and the position of Mr. Tom Martin, City Planner, be affirmed."

AYES:	Bowden, Johnson, Light, Lowe, Marion, Perault, and Rogers	7
NOES:		0
ABSTENTIONS:		0
ABSENT:		0



Memorandum

Planning Division • Community Development

900 Church Street
Lynchburg, Virginia 24504
P 434-455-3900

To: Robin Craig, Clerk of Council

From: Tom Martin, AICP, City Planner

CC: Bonnie Svrcek, City Manager, Reid Woodicka, Deputy City Manager, Walter Erwin, City Attorney, Kent White, Director Community Development, Kevin Henry, Zoning Administrator, Mr. Brian Simpson, Property Owner

Date: December 11, 2019

Re: Subdivision Ordinance Exception

Section 24.1-45, *Exceptions* of the Subdivision Ordinance provides that “Where the subdivider can show that a provision of these standards would cause unnecessary hardship if strictly adhered to, or where, because of topographical or other conditions peculiar to the site, in the opinion of the city planner a departure may be made without destroying the intent of such provisions, the city planner may authorize an exception. When the city planner or subdivider desires, the matter shall be referred first to the commission and thence to city council for review. Any exceptions authorized under the provisions of this section shall be stated in writing on the plat, by the city planner, commission or city council with the reasoning set forth on which the departure was justified.”

On September 14, 2018, a Subdivision Plan was approved by the City Engineer, Lee Newland, P.E. and City Planner, Tom Martin, AICP dividing 1014 Wiggington Road into two (2) lots. Both lots, New Lot 2A (182 Schothum Street) and New Lot 2B (186 Schothum Street) consist of .509 acres of 22,172 square feet.

Subdivision Ordinance Section 24.1-19, *Lot size, public water or sewer* requires that residential subdivisions of five (5) lots or less may be served by one of either private water or private sewer provided public water and or sewer are not available to serve the property and the lots are a minimum of twenty thousand (20,000) square feet in land area. The approved subdivision plat indicated that the both new lots would be served by private drainfield and both lots would be served by a new water line to be constructed in Schothum Street. The approved subdivision plat also indicated that “A building permit will not be issued for new Lot 2B until the waterline extension on Schothum Street is either bonded or extended to serve new lot 2B.

A bond was received for the water line and a building permit was issued for new lot 2B on March 26, 2019. The new dwelling is near completion and the owner Mr. Brian Simpson is requesting a Certificate of Occupancy (CO). However, the dwelling has been connected to an existing private well and the new public water line has not been constructed. The CO has not been issued, due to the fact that the property is in violation of the approved Subdivision Plat and

the Subdivision Ordinance. The City Engineer is still in possession of the bond insuring the construction of the public water line.

Mr. Simpson is now requesting an exception to Subdivision Ordinance Section 24.1-20 which would require a minimum lot size of twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet for a new lot to be served by neither public water and or public sewer. This would prevent the need for the construction of the new public water line.

As the City Planner, I will not grant the exception, and am requesting that it be considered by the Planning Commission and thence City Council. City staff does not recommend that the exception be granted. Mr. Simpson would be required to construct the new public water line as was stated on the approved subdivision plat or the City would “call in” the bond it is holding for the water line construction.

If you have questions, please contact me at tom.martin@lynchburgva.gov or (434) 444-3909.

Brian E. Simpson c/o

Elliot Mechanical Service , LLC

1022 Wiggington Road

Lynchburg Va. 24502

434-942-5713

Mr. Martin ,

Let me start by saying thank you for your time Sir. As you know I have built two new houses on Schouthum St. in Lynchburg City. The first was Lot 182 and the second lot being 186. Both houses have passed all inspections to include the Septic. I take pride in my work . I used Thomas Brooks of Acres Of Va. as the surveyor for both houses . I had the first water line installed with out any problems , so before installing the driveway I was trying to be proactive with the second water line for the second house 186 Schouthum and installed piping and sleeved it with schedule 40 PVC to protect from any water breakage later down the road. The City inspected this line as well , no issues. After months of trying to get in touch with Mr. Brooks about the septic, I find out I cant get a Building permit without a Bond for the water line . In the mean time I am still paying \$ 2500 a month to the Bank until I can build and sell the house. I now find out about the Main line extension. The cost of the extension is roughly \$37,000 .The cost of the Bond was a \$1000 . Mr. Brooks charged me \$5700 to draw a water line extension, in the mean time I find out about using an easement which I already had . I talked with a City official and paid the meter hook up fee . They installed meter box and hooked my line to it with no issues. 3 months go by and I am hit with the extension again. After doing some research , I have an existing well, that is in great working condition , to replace all parts and pump . with labor \$ 2700 Then I find out it is no good due to a square footage problem . The cost to date for being mis led by the surveyor is \$20,000 in interest , \$ 5600 water line plan , \$2700 well fee , I am completely at the end of my rope . I am a current tax payer and a good citizen in the city of Lynchburg , and have been for 40 years . If Acres of Va would have been upfront and explained everything I would have just built the one house. I am in dire need to sell the house in hopes to break even at best. Not to mention the stress I have been under. I simply just can't afford the water line extension , with the loan interest and fees I am almost broke. Anything the you can do, will be much appreciated. Thanking you in advance, have a blessed day.

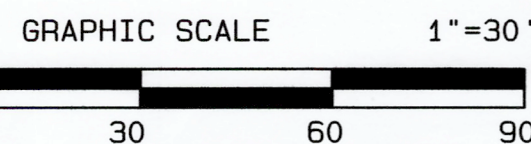
NOTES:

1. THIS PLAT WAS PREPARED AT THE REQUEST OF BRIAN SIMPSON.
2. NO DETERMINATION OF WETLANDS WAS REQUESTED OF, NOR WAS ANY DETERMINATION/DELINEATION MADE BY ACRES OF VIRGINIA, INC. OR THIS SURVEYOR. THIS PLAT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE EXISTENCE OR DELINEATION OF ANY ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS IN OR AROUND THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS PROPERTY.
3. SUBSURFACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS WERE NOT SURVEYED OR EXAMINED OR CONSIDERED AS PART OF THIS SURVEY. NO EVIDENCE OR STATEMENT IS MADE CONCERNING THE EXISTENCE OF UNDERGROUND OR OVERHEAD CONDITIONS, CONTAINERS OR FACILITIES THAT MAY AFFECT THE USE OR DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROPERTY.
4. THIS SURVEYOR HAS MADE NO INVESTIGATION OR INDEPENDENT SEARCH FOR EASEMENTS OF RECORD, ENCUMBRANCES, RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, OWNERSHIP TITLE EVIDENCE, OR ANY OTHER FACTS THAT AN ACCURATE AND CURRENT TITLE SEARCH MAY DISCLOSE. THIS PLAT WAS PREPARED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE REPORT AND DOES NOT THEREFORE NECESSARILY INDICATE ALL ENCUMBRANCES OR IMPROVEMENTS ON THIS PROPERTY. ALL ADJOINING OWNERS ARE NOW OR FORMER OWNERS.
5. THIS PROPERTY AS PLATTED FALLS WITHIN THE NON HAZARD FLOOD ZONE "X" AS DETERMINED BY F.E.M.A. AND SHOWN ON THEIR MAP DATED REVISED DATE JUNE 03, 2008. MAP NUMBER 51009300360. NO CERTIFICATION BY THIS SURVEYOR IS MADE TO THE ACCURACY OF THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP.
6. IN PROVIDING THIS PLAT NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN OR SHOW DATA CONCERNING EXISTENCE, SIZE, DEPTH, CONDITION, CAPACITY OR LOCATION OF ANY UTILITY EXISTING ON THE SITE, WHETHER PRIVATE, MUNICIPAL OR PUBLIC OWNED.
7. ANY SUBAQUEOUS BEDS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS PROPERTY MAY BE THE PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA. THIS SURVEYOR HAS MADE NO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE SAID OWNERSHIP. THE AREA SHOWN ON THIS PLAT IS PLUS OR MINUS AND IS INCLUSIVE OF ANY SUBAQUEOUS BEDS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
8. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DISTURB ANY GRAVE OR GRAVE MARKER. ACCORDINGLY, ANY GRAVE OR ANY OBJECT OR STRUCTURE MARKING A PLACE OF BURIAL IDENTIFIED DURING THE SURVEY, PROPERTY RESEARCH OR PLAT PREPARATION OR AS DENOTED ON THIS PLAT, ACRES OF VIRGINIA, INC. AND THIS SURVEYOR EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM ANY RESPONSIBILITY (MONETARY OR OTHERWISE) FOR THE DESTRUCTION, REMOVAL OR DISTURBANCE OF ANY GRAVES OR GRAVE MARKERS THAT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN DETECTED OR SHOWN ON THIS PLAT AS WELL AS ANY GRAVES OR GRAVE MARKERS THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN.
9. PRIOR TO THE IMPROVEMENT OR DISTURBANCE OF ANY LOT IN THE CITY BY ANY PERSON(S) OR ENTITY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL BE CONTACTED CONCERNING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CURRENT ZONING, BUILDING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS, WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS, EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REQUIREMENTS, AND PRIVATE STREETS, PERMITS, ETC. STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES SHALL ALSO BE CONTACTED PRIOR TO ANY IMPROVEMENT OR DISTURBANCE TO THE PROPERTY, BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY, CONCERNING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED REASONS AND TO INSURE THAT THEY COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT LAWS GOVERNING THE DISTURBANCE OR IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROPERTY.
10. NOTICE IS GIVEN TO ANY PERSON(S) OR ENTITY THAT BY USING THIS PLAT OR ANY PORTION THEREOF YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ, REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE NOTES AND CONTENTS SHOWN ON THIS PLAT AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS AND FREE FROM ANY LIABILITY ACRES OF VIRGINIA, INC. ITS EMPLOYEES AND THIS SURVEYOR FOR INFORMATION NOT SHOWN OR PROVIDED BEYOND THE SERVICES REQUESTED. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS PLAT SHOWS AND REPRESENTS THE EXTENT OF SERVICES AS REQUESTED BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO ANY CONTRACT PURCHASER AND PERSON(S) OR ENTITY THAT REQUESTED OR RENDERED PAYMENT FOR THE SERVICES.
11. THIS PLAT MUST BE RECORDED WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS FROM DATE OF APPROVAL IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LYNCHBURG. IF THE APPROVED PLAT IS NOT RECORDED WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS IT WILL BE VOID.
12. THIS PROPERTY IS SERVED BY OVERHEAD TELEPHONE AND ELECTRIC.
13. LOT 2A IS CURRENTLY SERVED BY CITY OF LYNCHBURG PUBLIC WATER AND LOT 2B WILL BE SERVED BY CITY OF LYNCHBURG PUBLIC WATER UPON COMPLETION OF THE NEW WATERLINE TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON SCOTHUM STREET BY THE CURRENT OWNER. BOTH LOTS WILL BE SERVED BY A PRIVATE SEPTIC DRAINFIELD.
14. LOT 2A IS CURRENTLY SERVED BY A EXISTING SEPTIC DRAINFIELD. SEE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PERMIT ID #214-18-0004.
15. LOT 2B WILL BE SERVED BY A NEW SEPTIC DRAINFIELD TO BE INSTALLED.
16. THERE ARE NO WRITTEN RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THIS PROPERTY OTHER THAN CITY CODE RESIDENTIAL SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR A WATERLINE EXTENSION AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE TO SERVE LOT 2B AS NOTED.
17. THIS PROPERTY IS ZONED R-2 (RESIDENTIAL).
FRONT YARD: 30'
REAR YARD: 25'
SIDE YARD: 8'
18. THE TOTAL SUBDIVIDED AREA IS 1.018Ac.
19. A BUILDING PERMIT WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR NEW LOT 2B, UNTIL THE WATERLINE EXTENSION ON SCOTHUM STREET IS EITHER BONDED OR EXTENDED TO SERVE NEW LOT 2B.

SOURCE OF TITLE: TAX MAP #21706006

THIS PROPERTY WAS CONVEYED TO BRIAN SIMPSON BY DEED DATED MARCH 05, 2018 RECORDED BY INSTRUMENT NUMBER 180001488 IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA.

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THE PLATTING OR DEDICATION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND (SEE TITLE BLOCK AND NOTES) IS WITH THE FREE CONSENT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRE OF THE UNDERSIGNED OWNERS PROPRIETORS AND TRUSTEES, IF ANY, THE STATEMENT SHALL BE SIGNED BY SUCH PERSONS AND DULY ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE AN OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DEEDS.

THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGE BY THEIR SIGNATURES THAT THEY HAVE READ, REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE NOTES AND CONTENTS SHOWN ON THIS PLAT AND THAT IT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SERVICES AS REQUESTED AND THAT THIS PLAT IS NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY THEM. THE RECORDATION OF THIS PLAT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ACRES OF VIRGINIA, INC. OR THE SURVEYOR.

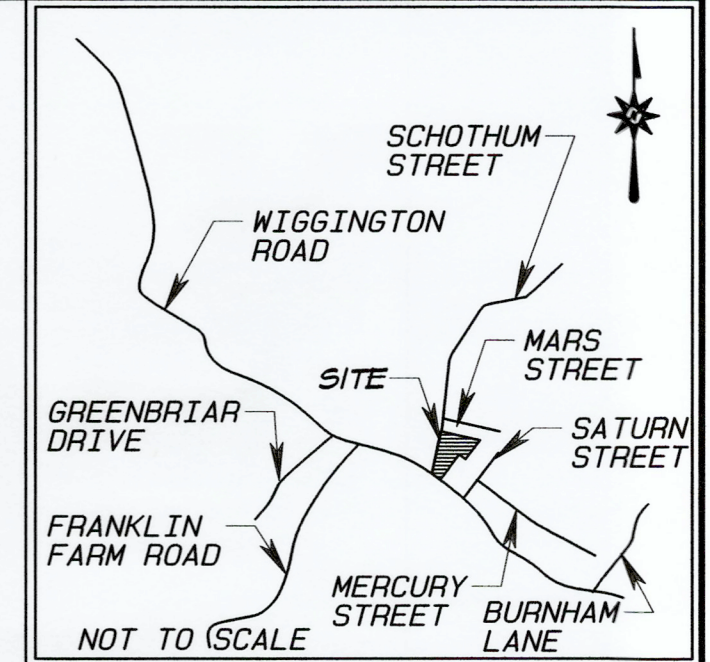
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STATE OF Virginia
CITY/COUNTY OF LYNCHBURG
THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT WAS
ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS 9/12/18 BY
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NOTARY PUBLIC
REGISTRATION NO. 10048
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 7/31/22

JUDITH R. LOVELACE
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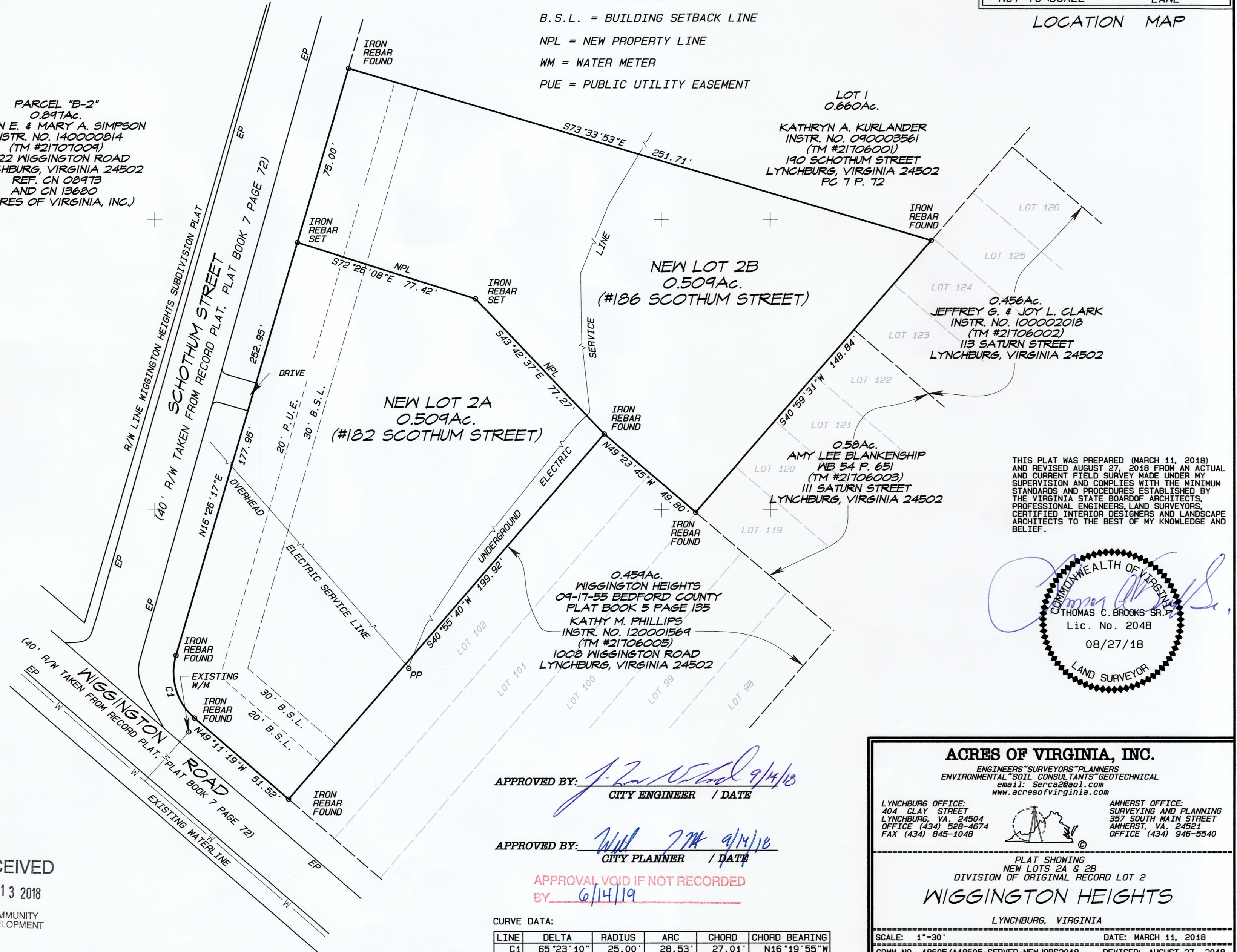
WB = WILL BOOK
DB = DEED BOOK
P. = PAGE
+ = TIC MARK
R/W = RIGHT OF WAY
INSTR. NO. = INSTRUMENT NUMBER
PP = POWER POLE
EP = EDGE OF PAVEMENT
TM = TAX MAP
—W— = WATERLINE
B.S.L. = BUILDING SETBACK LINE
NPL = NEW PROPERTY LINE
WM = WATER METER
PUE = PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT

PLAT CABINET 7 PAGE 12



LOCATION MAP

PARCEL "B-2"
0.897Ac.
BRIAN E. & MARY A. SIMPSON
INSTR. NO. 140000314
(TM #21707009)
1022 WIGGINGTON ROAD
LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA 24502
REF. CN 08473
AND CN 13680
(ACRES OF VIRGINIA, INC.)



THIS PLAT WAS PREPARED (MARCH 11, 2018) AND REVISED AUGUST 27, 2018 FROM AN ACTUAL AND CURRENT FIELD SURVEY MADE UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND COMPLIES WITH THE MINIMUM STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.



APPROVED BY: *[Signature]* 9/14/18
CITY ENGINEER / DATE

APPROVED BY: *[Signature]* 9/14/18
CITY PLANNER / DATE

APPROVAL VOID IF NOT RECORDED
BY 6/14/19

CURVE DATA:

LINE	DELTA	RADIUS	ARC	CHORD	CHORD BEARING
C1	65°23'10"	25.00'	28.53'	27.01'	N16°19'55"W

ACRES OF VIRGINIA, INC.

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357 SOUTH MAIN STREET
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PLAT SHOWING
NEW LOTS 2A & 2B
DIVISION OF ORIGINAL RECORD LOT 2
WIGGINGTON HEIGHTS

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

SCALE: 1"=30' DATE: MARCH 11, 2018
COMM. NO. 18605/A18605-SERVER-NEWJOBS2018 REVISED: AUGUST 27, 2018
PART OF TAX MAP 21706006 COPYRIGHTED ©

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LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **January 14, 2020 Physical Development Committee**

AGENDA ITEM #:

CONSENT:
ACTION: **X**

REGULAR: **X**
INFORMATION:

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: Appalachian Power Company (AEP) Electric Line Easement 4330 Morningside Drive (Bedford Hills School)

KEY ELEMENTS:

___Economic Development **X**Excellent Government ___Natural and Built Environment ___Safe Community ___Vibrant Community

RECOMMENDATION: Review and forward to City Council to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution granting an easement, located at 4330 Morningside Drive, Lynchburg City Tax Map No. 18005001, for the extension of electric service to a new gym building at Bedford Hills Elementary School.

SUMMARY: As part of the gym construction project at Bedford Hill Elementary School, it is necessary for Appalachian Power Company to acquire from the City easements to extend an electric service line from Morningside Drive. A public hearing is required for City Council to grant this easement.

PRIOR ACTION: None

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Lee Newland, City Engineer 455-3947
Gaynelle Hart, Director of Public Works 455-4406

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution
Easement & Plat

REVIEWED BY: raw

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Lynchburg City Council hereby authorizes Bonnie Svrcek, City Manager, and/or her designees, to execute a right of way and easement agreement with Appalachian Power Company for the installation and maintenance of a power line in order to serve the Bedford Hills School property, Tax Parcel Number 18005001.

Adopted: _____

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

The City of Lynchburg Eas. No. _____ R/W Map No. 37790055D4

W.O. No. W003150801 Job No. 14310010 Pro. No. 1

Line _____ Bedford Hills Elementary School Extension

THIS AGREEMENT, made this _____ day of _____, 2020, by and between THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, a Municipal Corporation of the Commonwealth of Virginia, herein called "Grantor", and APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY, a Virginia corporation, herein called "Appalachian",

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), cash in hand paid to the Grantor by Appalachian, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the Grantor hereby grants, conveys, and warrants to Appalachian, its successors, assigns, lessees and tenants, a right of way and easement for an electric power line or lines, and communication lines, in, on, along, through, over, across or under the following described lands of the Grantor situated in the City of Lynchburg, Commonwealth of Virginia.

Being a right of way and easement on the property of the Grantor identified as the City of Lynchburg Tax Parcel No. 18005001 herein after referred to as the "premises."

This right of way and easement shall be shown shaded on Appalachian Drawing Exhibit "A." Dated 8/22/2019 attached hereto and made a part hereof. Said right of way to be 40 feet in width, lying 20 feet on each side of the facilities as constructed.

TOGETHER with the right, privilege and authority to Appalachian, its successors, assigns, lessees and tenants, to construct, erect, install, place, operate, maintain, inspect, repair, renew, remove, add to the number of, and relocate at will, underground conduits, ducts, vaults, cables, wires, transformers, pedestals, risers, pads, fixtures, and appurtenances (hereinafter called "Appalachian's Facilities"), in, on, along, through, across and under the above referred to premises. The right to cut down, trim, clear, and/or otherwise control, and at Appalachian's option, remove from said premises, brush, undergrowth, trees, tree roots, shrubs, buildings or other obstructions which may endanger the safety of, or interfere with the use of, Appalachian's Facilities; the right to disturb the surface of said premises and to excavate thereon; and the right of ingress and egress to and over said above referred to premises, and any of the adjoining lands of the Grantor at any and all times, for the purpose of exercising and enjoying the rights herein granted, and doing anything necessary or useful or convenient in connection therewith. However, except in cases of emergency, Appalachian shall not remove any trees, tree limbs, or shrubs from the City's property or disturb the surface of the property without the City's prior approval.

It is understood and agreed between the parties hereto, that the Grantor reserves the right to use said lands in any way not inconsistent with the rights herein granted.

It is further understood and agreed between the parties hereto that as provided by Section 15.2-2100 of the Code of Virginia, that this right of way and easement is for a period of Forty

(40) years, commencing on the _____ day of _____, 2020, and ending on the _____ day of _____, 2060.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto Appalachian Power Company, its successors, assigns, lessees and tenants.

It is agreed that the foregoing is the entire contract between the parties hereto, and that this written agreement is complete in all its terms and provisions.

NOTICE TO LANDOWNER: You are conveying rights to a public service corporation. A public service corporation may have the right to obtain some or all of these rights through exercise of eminent domain. To the extent that any of the rights being conveyed are not subject to eminent domain, you have the right to choose not to convey those rights and you could not be compelled to do so. You have the right to negotiate compensation for any rights that you are voluntarily conveying.

Accepted pursuant to the Code of Virginia (Section 15.2-1803) on behalf of the City of Lynchburg by authority granted by City Council, approved as to form:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused its corporate name and seal to be hereto affixed the day and year first above written.

THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG

By: _____
Bonnie Svrcek
City Manager

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
)To-wit:
CITY OF LYNCHBURG)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2020, by Bonnie Svrcek, City Manager on behalf of The City of Lynchburg, a Municipal Corporation of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Notary Public/Commissioner

My Commission expires:

ID - _____
(For Va. Only)

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By _____
Walter C. Erwin, City Attorney

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
) To-wit:
CITY OF LYNCHBURG)

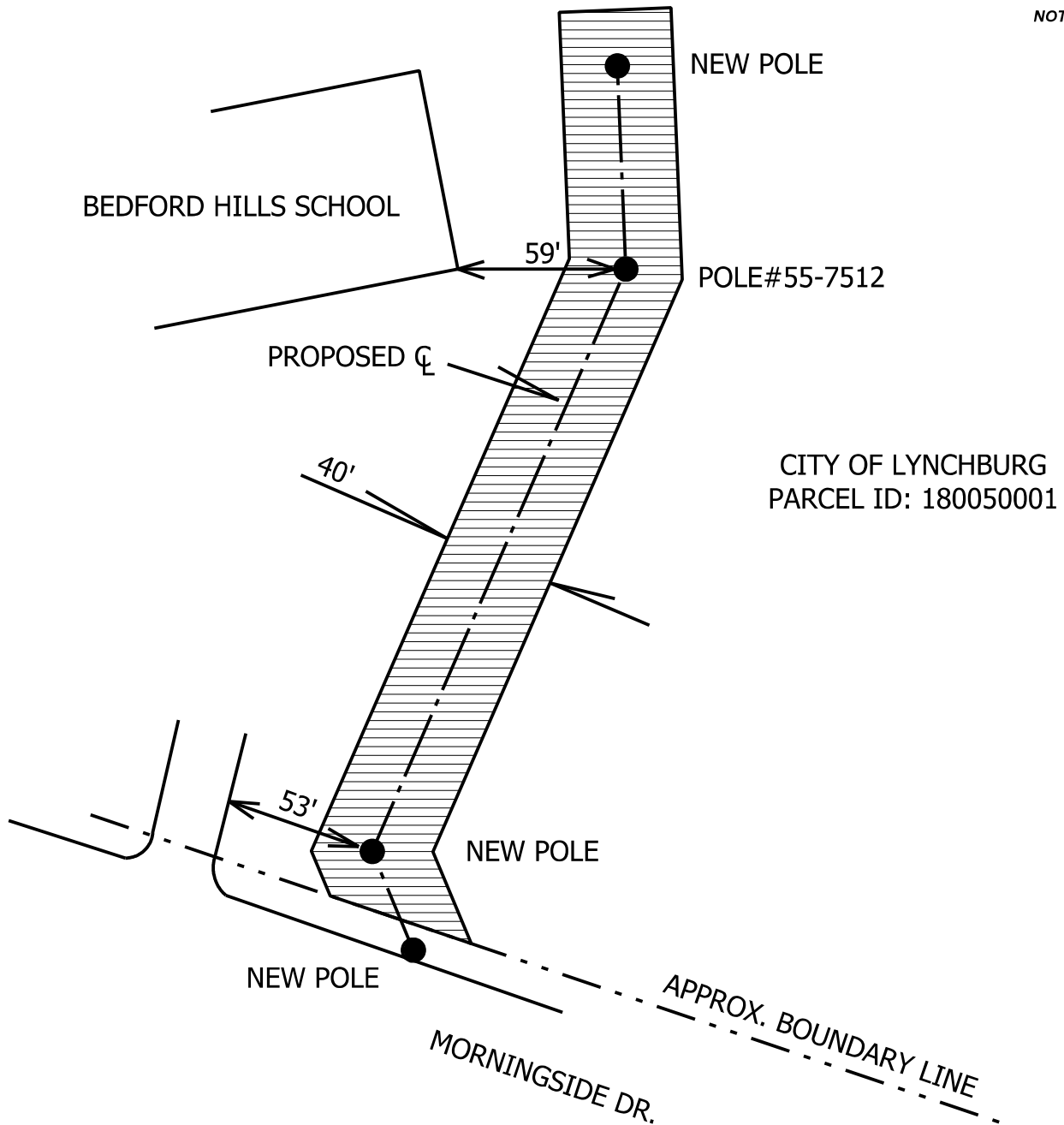
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____ 2020, by
Walter C. Erwin, City Attorney, as to form.

Notary Public/Commissioner

My Commission expires:

ID - _____
(For Va. Only)

**THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY AND UPON RECORDATION RETURN TO
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY, P0 BOX 2021, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA 24022**



**APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
EXHIBIT A**

PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY
ON THE PROPERTY OF
CITY OF LYNCHBURG

State: Virginia

County/Parrish: CITY OF LYNCHBURG

Township: N/A

Drawn By: Christopher Adkins Date: 8/22/2019

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **January 14, 2020 Physical Development Committee**

AGENDA ITEM #:

CONSENT:
ACTION: **X**

REGULAR: **X**
INFORMATION:

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: Right-of-Way Vacation - Portion of John Capron Road

KEY ELEMENTS:

___Economic Development **X**Excellent Government ___Natural and Built Environment ___Safe Community ___Vibrant Community

RECOMMENDATION: Review and forward to City Council to consider approval of the proposed right-of-way vacation.

SUMMARY: When the Virginia Department of Transportation was constructing Odd Fellows Road the connection to the existing un-opened right of way for John Capron Road had to be adjusted to meet Federal standards requiring a minimum distance from an off ramp to the intersection of a street. In doing so, there was a portion of old right of way that was not needed. The adjoining property owner (Bradley/Thornhill) has requested that portion be returned to him. The land is not needed and the owner (Bradley/Thornhill) has already donated additional right of way to the City that was required for the City to construct the connection of John Capron Road to Odd Fellows Road. This project is currently under construction.

PRIOR ACTION: None

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Lee Newland, City Engineer 455-3947
Gaynelle Hart, Director of Public Works 455-4406

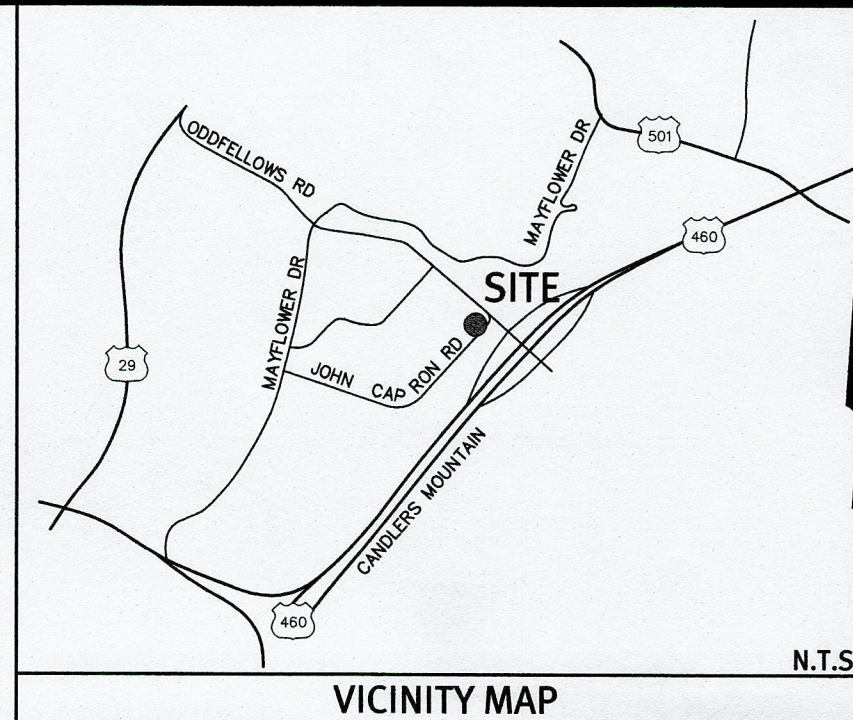
ATTACHMENT(S): Plat

REVIEWED BY: raw

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NORTH
VA STATE PLANE GRID, SOUTH ZONE, NAD83

LINE TABLE		
LINE	BEARING	LENGTH
L1	N 31°26'20" W	70.38
L2	S 69°03'18" E	56.92
L3	S 52°38'28" W	186.52
L4	N 35°27'24" E	163.93



SUBDIVISION APPROVED:
[Signature] 8/22/19
CITY ENGINEER, LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA
[Signature] 11/27/19
CITY PLANNER, LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA
CITY MANAGER, LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

SOURCE OF TITLE
BRADLEY/THORNHILL, LLC,
FORMERLY BRADLEY/THORNHILL, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
INSTRUMENT #060006032

PLAT SHOWING RIGHT-OF-WAY
TO BE ABANDONED BY THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG TO
BRADLEY/THORNHILL, LLC
CITY OF LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

PROJECT NO. 20190100
G.L. NO.
FILE NO. SL-15031
DATE: 4/22/19
DRAWN BY: JFS
CHECKED BY: JFS

SHEET NO.
1 OF 1

HURT & PROFFITT
2524 LANGHORNE ROAD
LYNCHBURG VA 24501
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434.847.0047 FAX
ENGINEERING • SURVEYING • LAND DEVELOPMENT • ENVIRONMENTAL
GEO-TECHNICAL • CONSTRUCTION TESTING & INSPECTION • CULTURAL RESOURCES

NOTES:

1. THE NEW RIGHT-OF-WAY SHOWN ON THIS PLAT HAS BEEN PREPARED FROM AN ACTUAL FIELD SURVEY DONE AS PER DATE OF THIS PLAT, AND THERE ARE NO VISIBLE EASEMENTS OR ENCROACHMENTS EXCEPT AS SHOWN.
2. THIS PLAT HAS BEEN PREPARED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE REPORT AND DOES NOT, THEREFORE, NECESSARILY INDICATE ALL ENCUMBRANCES ON THE PROPERTY.
3. THE AREA SHOWN HEREON IS LOCATED IN FLOOD ZONE 'X' AND IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN FLOOD HAZARD ZONE 'AE' FOR A 100 YEAR FLOOD AS DETERMINED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AS SHOWN ON FEMA MAP NUMBER 5100930107D (NOT PRINTED).
4. THIS PLAT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ABANDONMENT. RESIDUE AREA HAS BEEN COMPUTED FROM RECORD INFORMATION.
5. THE LOT SHOWN HEREON IS SERVED BY PUBLIC SEWER AND WATER.

OWNER CONSENT:

THE DEDICATION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND IS WITH THE FREE CONSENT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRES OF THE UNDERSIGNED OWNERS, PROPRIETORS AND TRUSTEES, IF ANY. THE ROADS AND PUBLIC EASEMENTS SHOWN HEREON ARE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC USE.

[Signature] 8-21-19
REPRESENTATIVE FOR BRADLEY/THORNHILL, LLC DATE

COMMONWEALTH AT LARGE TO WIT:

STATE OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY/CITY OF *Lynchburg*

I, *Patricia G. Davis*, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE AFORESAID, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE OWNERS/REPRESENTATIVES WHOSE NAMES ARE SIGNED HEREON HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THE SAME BEFORE ME THIS *21st* DAY OF *August*, 2019.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: *10/31/2021*

Patricia G. Davis
NOTARY PUBLIC

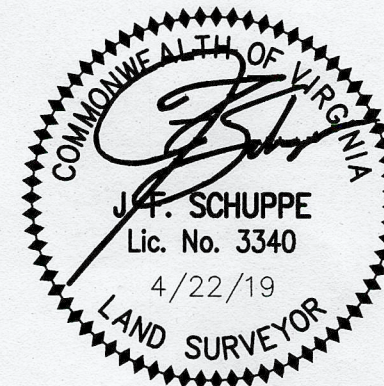
Commission No. 359365



LEGEND

- IRON PIN FOUND
- IRON PIN SET
- R/W RIGHT-OF-WAY
- ABANDONED RIGHT-OF-WAY

100 50 0 100 200
GRAPHIC SCALE IN FEET



CITY FILE NO. D-2246

BRADLEY/THORNHILL, LLC,
FORMERLY BRADLEY/THORNHILL, A
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
PID 11301005
±17.41 ACRES RECORD ORIGINAL
+ 0.104 ACRE (PARCEL C)
±17.51 ACRE RECORD RESIDUE

BRADLEY/THORNHILL, LLC,
FORMERLY BRADLEY/THORNHILL,
A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
INST #060006032
PID #11501012

0.104 ACRES (PARCEL C)
EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY
HEREBY ABANDONED BY
THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG

A G E N D A
City Council Meeting of January 14, 2020

4:00 P.M. – Work Session – Council Chamber; City Hall, 900 Church Street

- #1. Hear a presentation by staff from the National Research Center, Inc. regarding the results of the 2019 Citizens Survey.
- #2. Roll Call

7:30 P.M.
City Council Agenda Items
E C Glass Auditorium
2111 Memorial Avenue

COUNCILMEMBER PERROW WILL GIVE THE INVOCATION

GENERAL POLICY REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Each speaker shall clearly state his or her name and locality of residence.

The City Council agenda is divided into four sections.

CONSENT AGENDA: This section includes routine items. All items may be approved by one vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: This section includes all public hearings as required by law or as Council may direct.

Procedure:

- Staff will make a presentation.
- For zoning petitions, the applicant or his or her representative shall have ten (10) minutes to make a presentation.
- Comments will then be solicited from those in favor.
- Comments will then be solicited from those in opposition.

During the public hearing, there shall be a time limit of three (3) minutes for each individual speaker. If the speaker represents a group, there shall be a time limit of five (5) minutes. A speaker representing a group shall identify that group at the beginning of his or her remarks. A group may have only one spokesperson. After public comments have been received, for zoning petitions, the applicant or the representative of the applicant, at his or her discretion, may respond with a rebuttal. There shall be a five (5)-minute time limit for rebuttal. Upon the conclusion of public comments or the applicant's rebuttal, the public hearing will be closed and the matter referred to Council for deliberation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment shall be for the purpose of allowing members of the public to present any matter, which, in their opinion, deserves the attention of the Council. They shall not serve as a forum for debate with the Council. Individuals may speak up to three (3) minutes; or group spokesperson up to five (5) minutes. Once Council has heard a presentation from a citizen or organization on a particular subject, the citizen or organization may not make another presentation on the same subject within three (3) months of the first presentation, except by a majority vote of the members of Council present and voting.

GENERAL BUSINESS: This section includes items of a general nature to be considered by Council.

City Council may make exceptions to these rules at its discretion. Prior to a meeting, any questions which citizens may have regarding any item on the agenda may be addressed to City Council or the City Administration. The following numbers are provided for the convenience of the citizens:

CITY COUNCIL 455-3995

MAYOR 455-3995

CITY MANAGER 455-3990

A reasonable charge may be made for copying and other activities related to responding to long and involved inquiries.

CITIZENS OFTEN EXPRESS CONFLICTING AND DIVERSE POSITIONS REGARDING SPECIFIC ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION. TO ENCOURAGE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND TO AVOID INTIMIDATION TO PERSONS WHO MAY EXPRESS SOMETIMES UNPOPULAR OPINIONS, APPLAUSE, CHEERS, OR JEERS FROM THE AUDIENCE ARE NOT PERMITTED. WHEN APPEARING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL, CITIZENS MAY NOT ENGAGE IN BEHAVIOR THAT INTIMIDATES OR INSULTS OTHERS, ENGAGE IN DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR, USE PROFANITY OR VULGAR LANGUAGE, PROMOTE PRIVATE BUSINESS VENTURES OR CAMPAIGN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

*** PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED AND/OR CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL**

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

- #3. Consideration of approving the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Council meeting
- #4. * Consideration of adopting Resolution #R-19-097 to amend the FY 2020 General Fund budget and appropriate \$2,652,092 with resources from unexpended FY 2019 Schools Operating Fund for

transfer to the FY 2020 Schools Operating Fund (\$990,178) and to the Schools Capital Fund (\$1,661,914) to fund needs as approved by the School Board. Also, amend the FY 2020 General Fund budget and appropriate \$33,075 to the Council/Manager Offices budget with resources from unexpended FY 2019 Schools Operating Fund for expenses associated with the work of the Task Force on the Future of PreK-12 Education and Beyond. Also, amend the FY 2020 General Fund budget and authorize \$2,322,972 with resources from unexpended FY 2019 Schools Operating Fund to increase the Schools Textbook Reserve (\$1,122,972) and establish a Reserve for Implementing Recommendations from the Task Force on the Future of PreK-12 Education and Beyond (\$1,200,000).

- #5. * Consideration of adopting Resolution #R-19-098 amending the FY 2020 General, Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Funds' Operating Budgets to provide appropriations totaling \$350,000 with resources from the General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2020 for costs associated with the issuance of \$32,000,000 General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds.
- #6. * Consideration of adopting Resolution #R-19-101 amending the FY 2020 General Fund budget and appropriate \$32,585 with resources from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to provide funding to the Electoral Board/Registrar's Office for estimated costs associated with the March 3, 2019 Democratic Presidential and City Council Primary. A third quarter budget request may occur due to a possible U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representative Primary in June.
- #7. * Consideration of adopting Resolution #R-19-103 amending the FY 2020 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate \$215,474 with resources from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) through the Employment Advancement for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants Community Wealth Building (CWB) Grant.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- #8. Public hearing to consider adopting a Resolution designating the City of Lynchburg a Second Amendment Sanctuary.
File: City Code

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **January 14, 2020**

AGENDA ITEM #: **1**

CONSENT: REGULAR: WORK SESSION: X CLOSED SESSION:
ACTION: INFORMATION: X (Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: Presentation on the Results of the 2019 Citizens Survey

KEY ELEMENTS:

_x Economic Development _x Excellent Government _x Natural and Built Environment _x Safe Community _x Vibrant Community

RECOMMENDATION: Hear a presentation by staff from the National Research Center, Inc. regarding the results of the 2019 Citizens Survey.

SUMMARY: The City of Lynchburg utilizes the National Research Center to conduct the National Citizens' Survey (NCS) every other year. The survey has been conducted in 2004, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019. The information from this survey of City of Lynchburg residents has historically provided guidance to both City Council and staff regarding community strategic planning and overall service delivery. Ms. Morgan Adams, Senior Research Analyst with the National Research Center, Inc. will present the 2019 survey results to City Council.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Not applicable

FISCAL IMPACT: To be determined

CONTACT(S): Bonnie Svrcek, City Manager, 455-3990
JoAnn Martin, Communications and Marketing Director, 455-3800

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Powerpoint Presentation Slides
- NCS Trends over Time
- NCS Community Livability Report
- NCS Dashboard Summary of Findings
- NCS Comparison by Demographic Subgroups
- NCS Comparison by Geographic Subgroups
- NCS Open-ended Responses
- NCS Supplemental Online Survey Results
- NCS Technical Appendices

REVIEWED BY: bms



Lynchburg, VA

Key Findings
2019





About The National Community Survey

- Three “pillars” of community livability:
 - Community Characteristics
 - Governance
 - Participation





Facets of Community Livability

Safety

Mobility

Quality of
Community
Overall

Economy

Recreation
and Wellness

Natural
Environment

Built
Environment

Education and
Enrichment

Community
Engagement



The NCS & Lynchburg

- **Participant in The NCS since 2004**
 - **2004, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019**
- **Scientific sample of 1,700 households**
 - **377 returned surveys; 24% response rate**
 - **±5% margin of error**

Online option

Open-ended
question

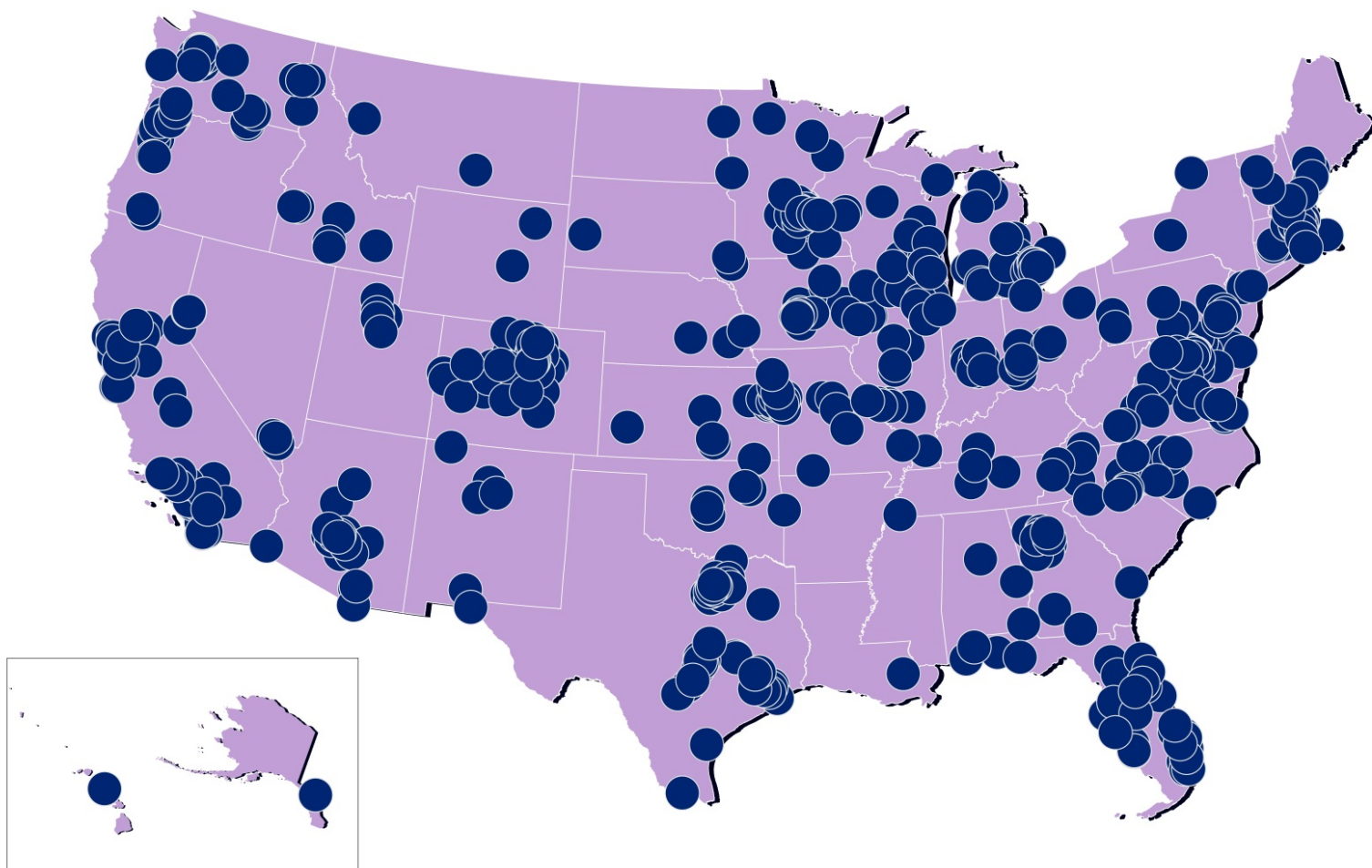
Geographic
comparisons

Demographic
comparisons

Custom
benchmarks

Presentation
and Next Steps
Workshop

NRC National Benchmark Comparisons



2019 National Benchmark Comparisons



2019 Custom Benchmark Comparisons



2019 Ratings Compared to 2017

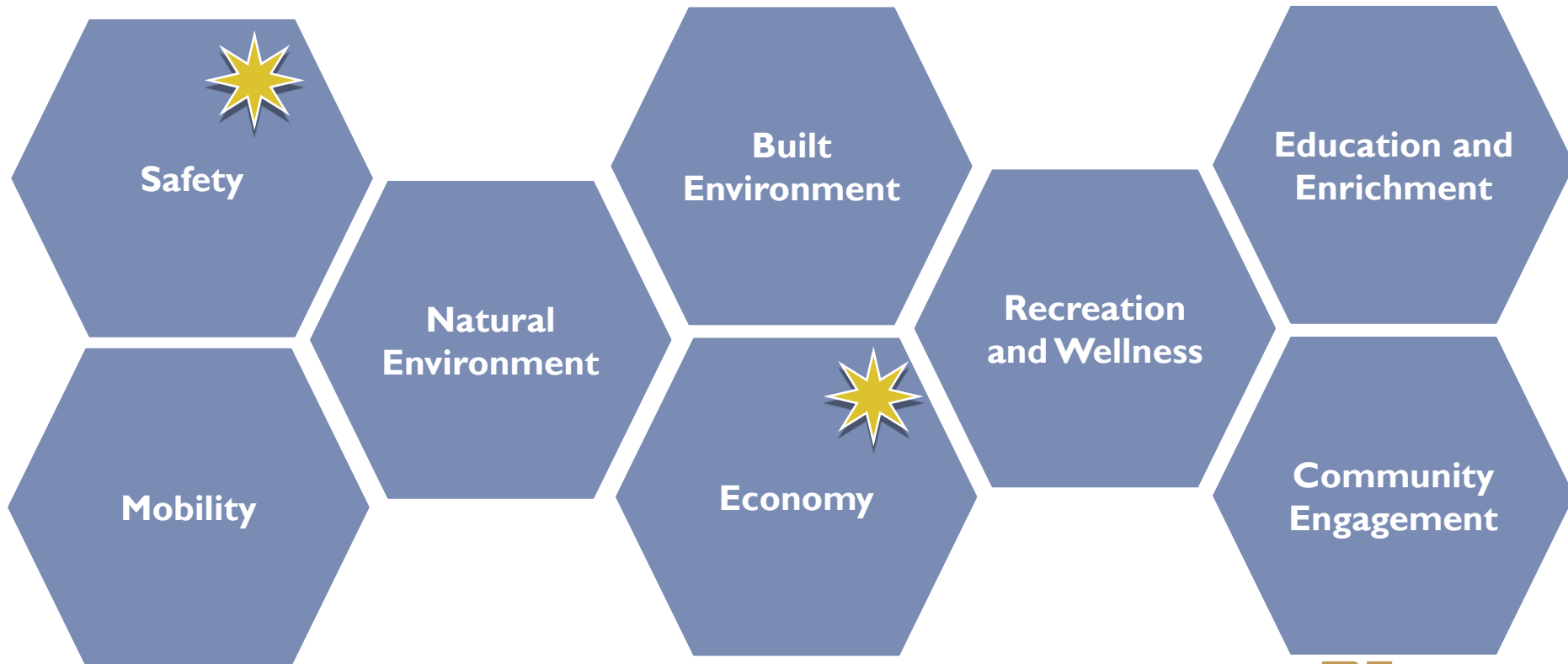


Key Focus Areas

Legend

- Higher than national benchmark
- Similar to national benchmark
- Lower than national benchmark

★ Most important





Key
Finding
#1

**Lynchburg's Economy is a
priority for residents.**

Lynchburg's Economy



Higher than national benchmarks
Increased since 2017

Cost of living



61%



Place to work

54%



Economic development

52%



Overall economic health

54%

Employment opportunities

47%



Shopping opportunities

38%



Purchased goods or services

96%



Work in Lynchburg



63%



Percent excellent or good/or at least once in past 12 months

1 in **2** excellent or good



Variety of housing options

Availability of affordable quality housing



85%

high or medium priority

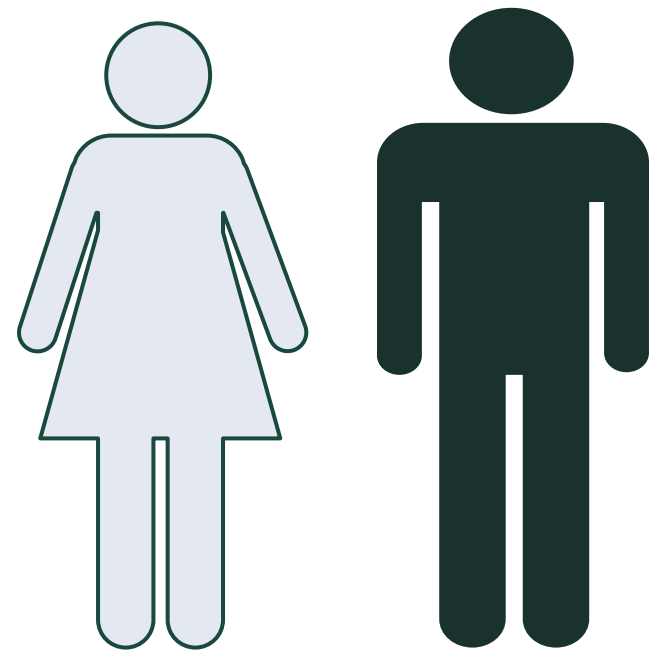
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels

Progress on Housing Availability

Percent significant or some progress

1 in **2**

Residents think progress has
been made on providing
housing for all income levels
in the past 2 years



Housing Availability

Housing options for seniors

69%

27%

4%

Housing options for young residents

51%

40%

9%

Single-family detached homes

46%

49%

5%

Townhouses

32%

40%

28%

Multi-family housing

29%

37%

34%

■ Too little

■ About right

■ Too much



Key
Finding
#2

**Residents have mixed
feelings about Mobility.**

Ease of Mobility

71%

Overall ease of travel



68%

Ease of travel by car



49%

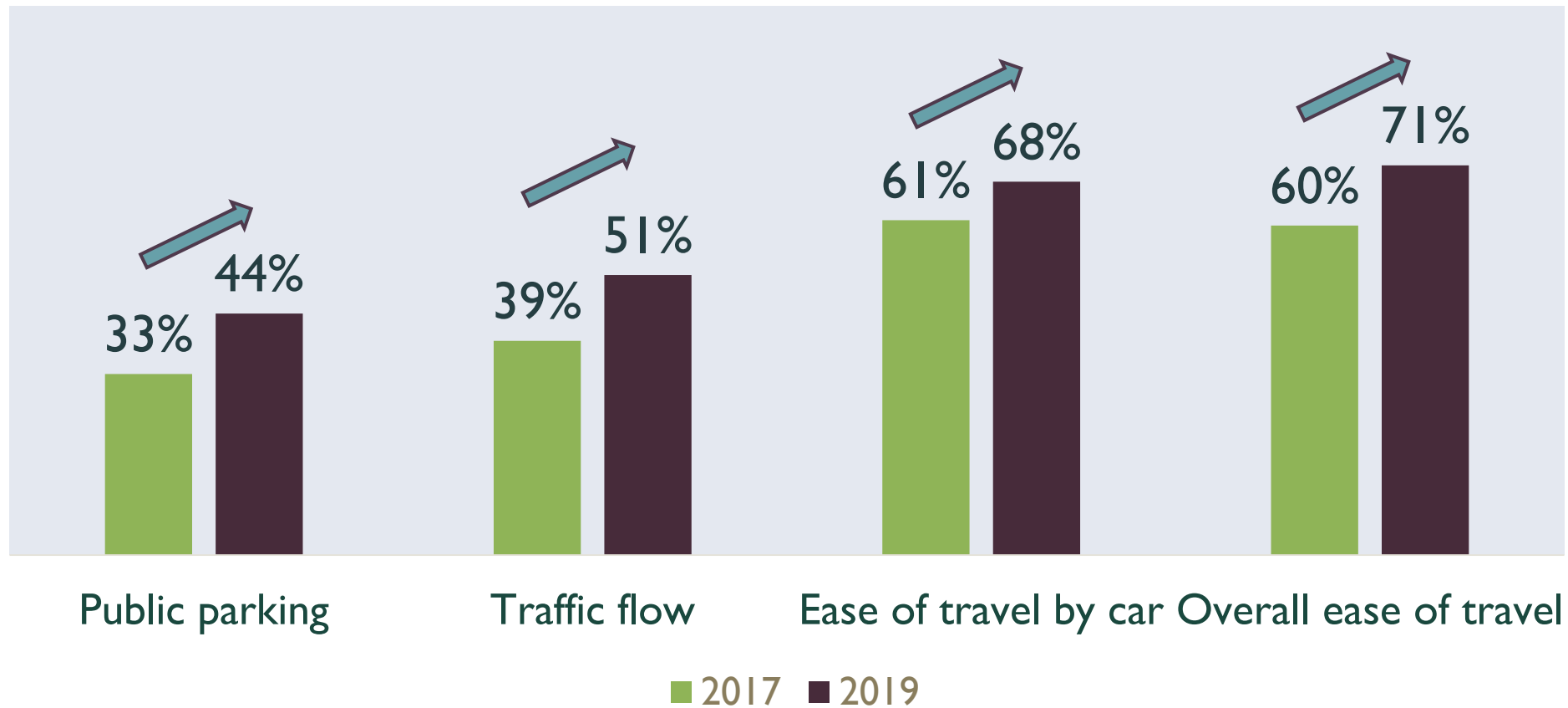
Ease of travel by walking



Increased since 2017

Percent excellent/good

Improvements in Mobility Services



Percent excellent/good

Mobility Services

60%



Street lighting

57%



Traffic enforcement

54%



Street cleaning

50%



Snow removal

47%



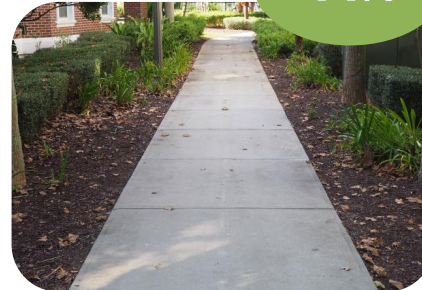
Bus or transit services

46%



Traffic signal timing

44%



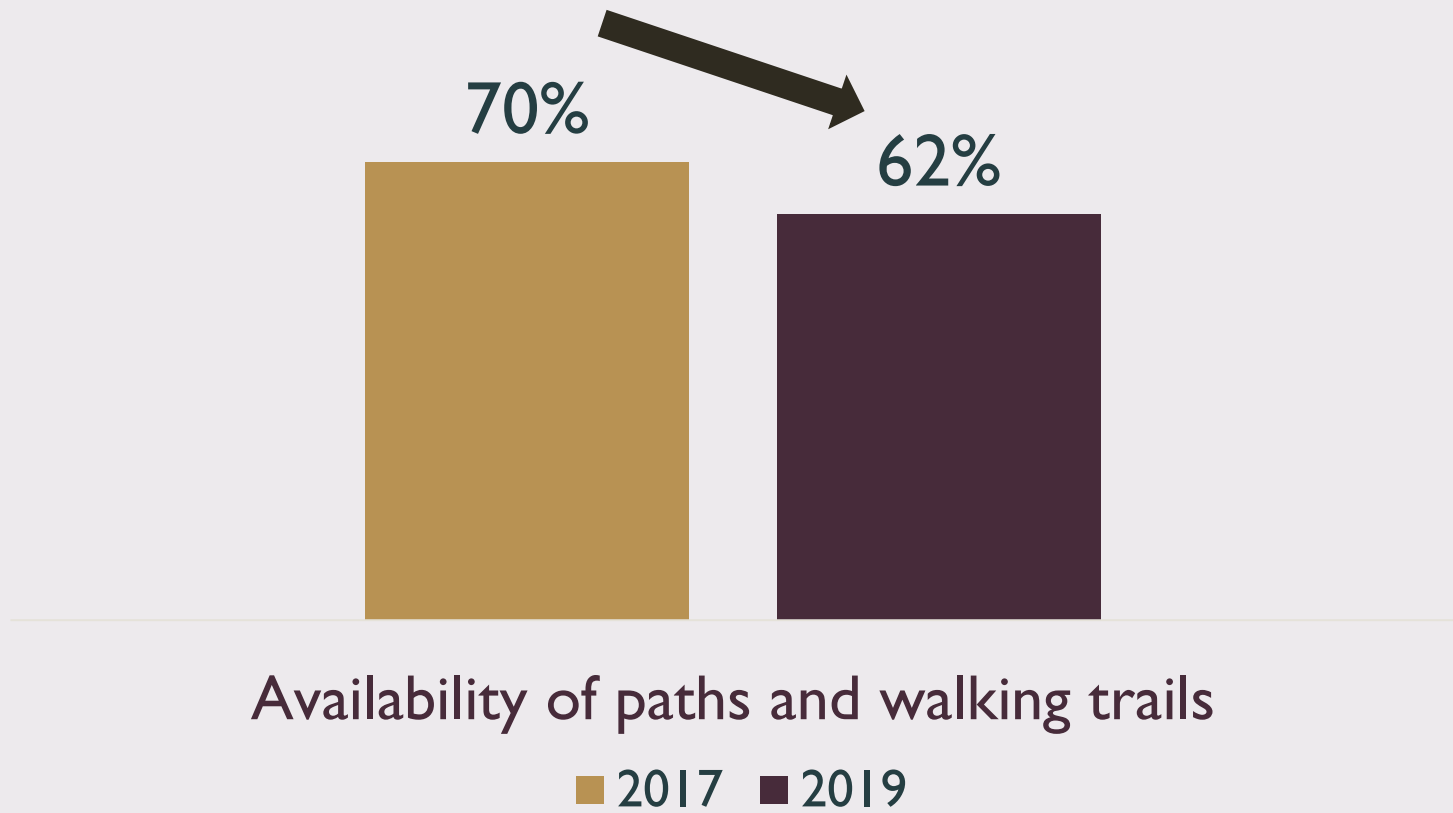
Sidewalk maintenance

37%



Street repair

Decrease in availability of paths and walking trails



Alternative modes



34%

Travel by
bicycle

40%

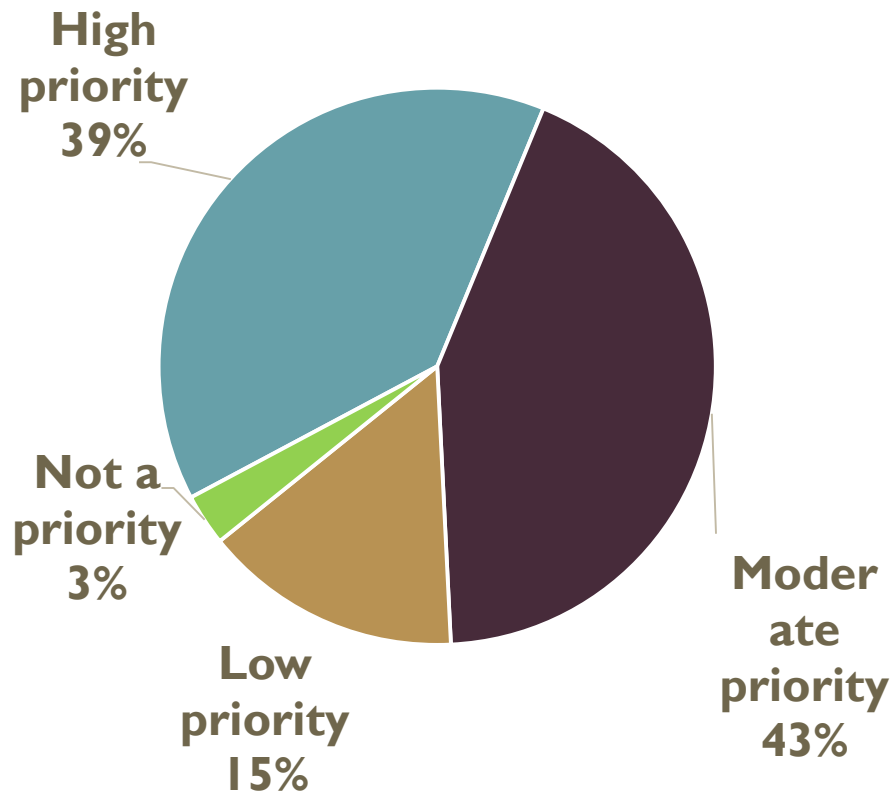
Walked or
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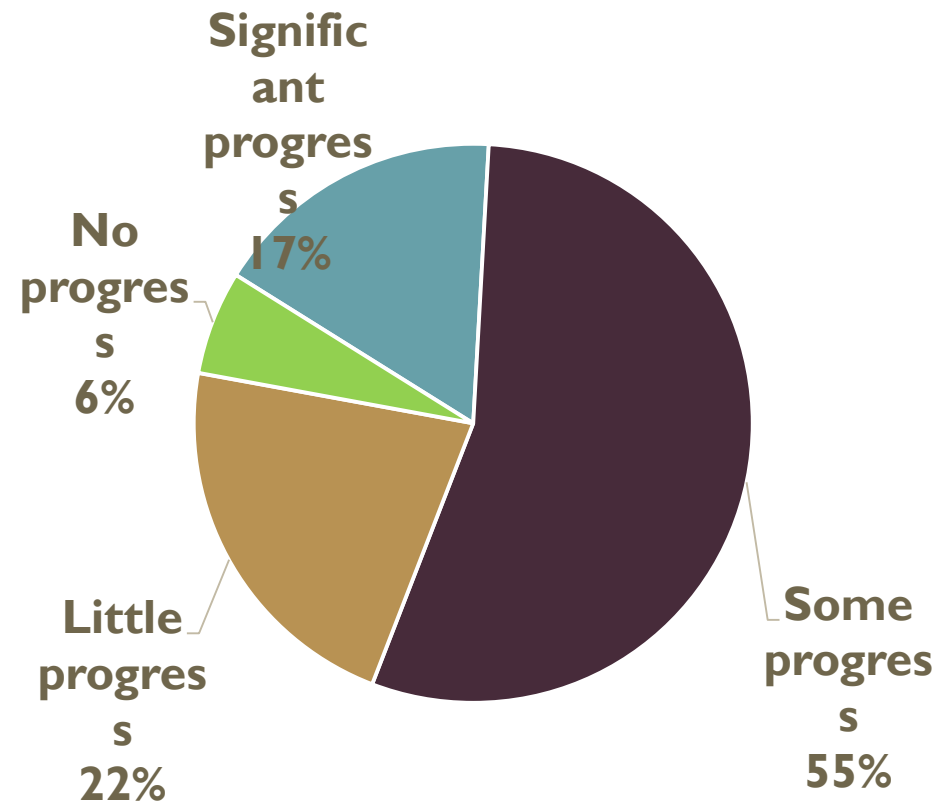
Percent excellent or good/yes in the last 12 months

Transportation as a Priority

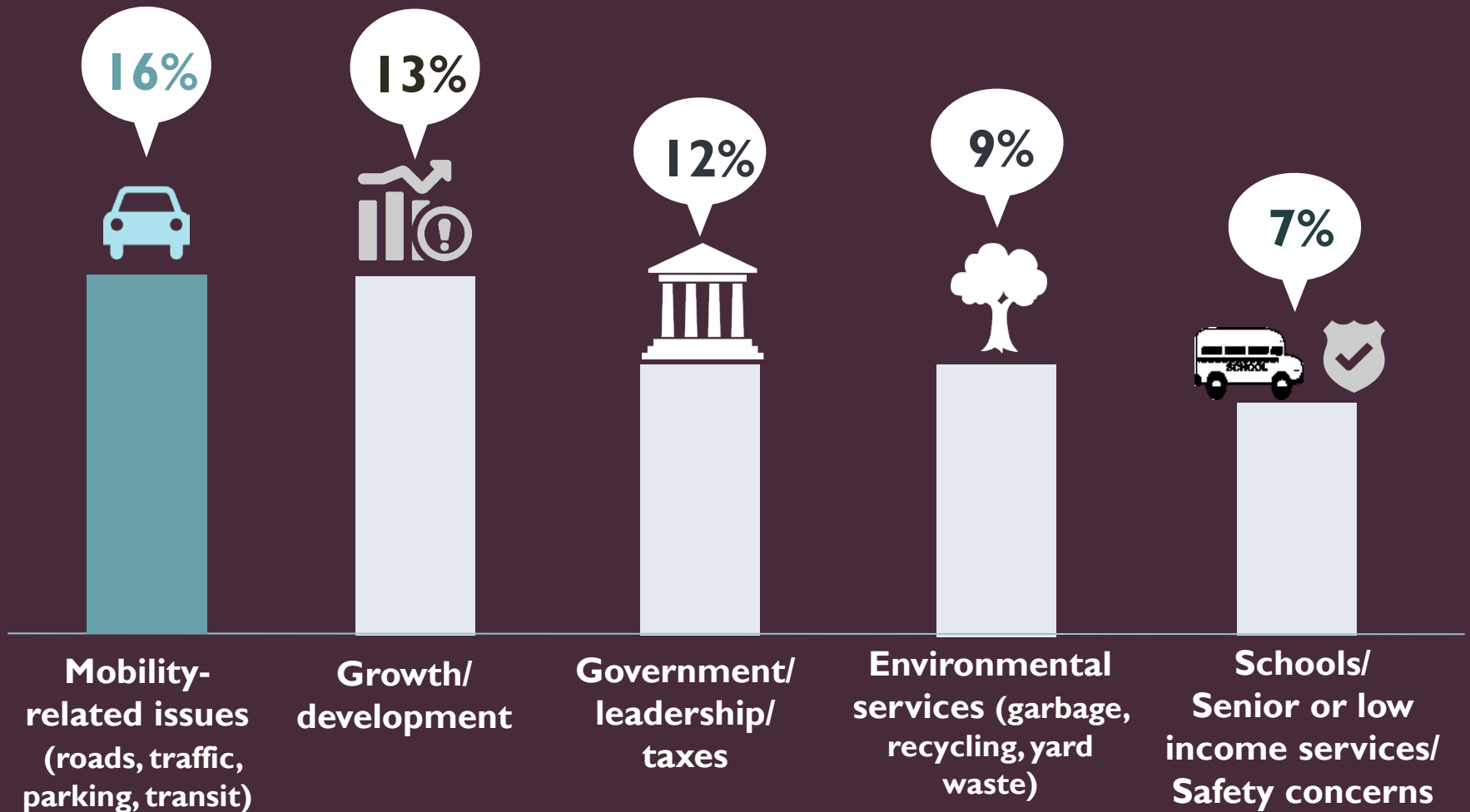
Priority



Progress



Top Community Issue or Concern



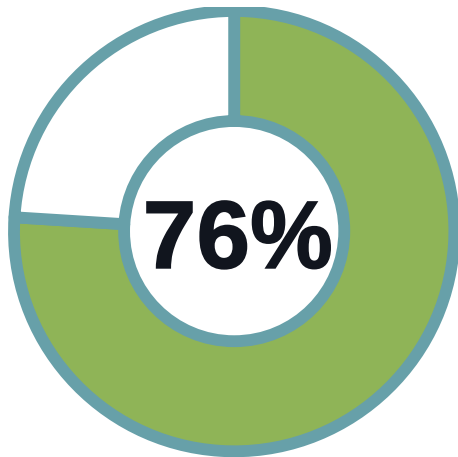


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The Natural Environment presents opportunities for improvement

Natural Environment

Overall quality of environment



81% Air quality

78% Garbage collection

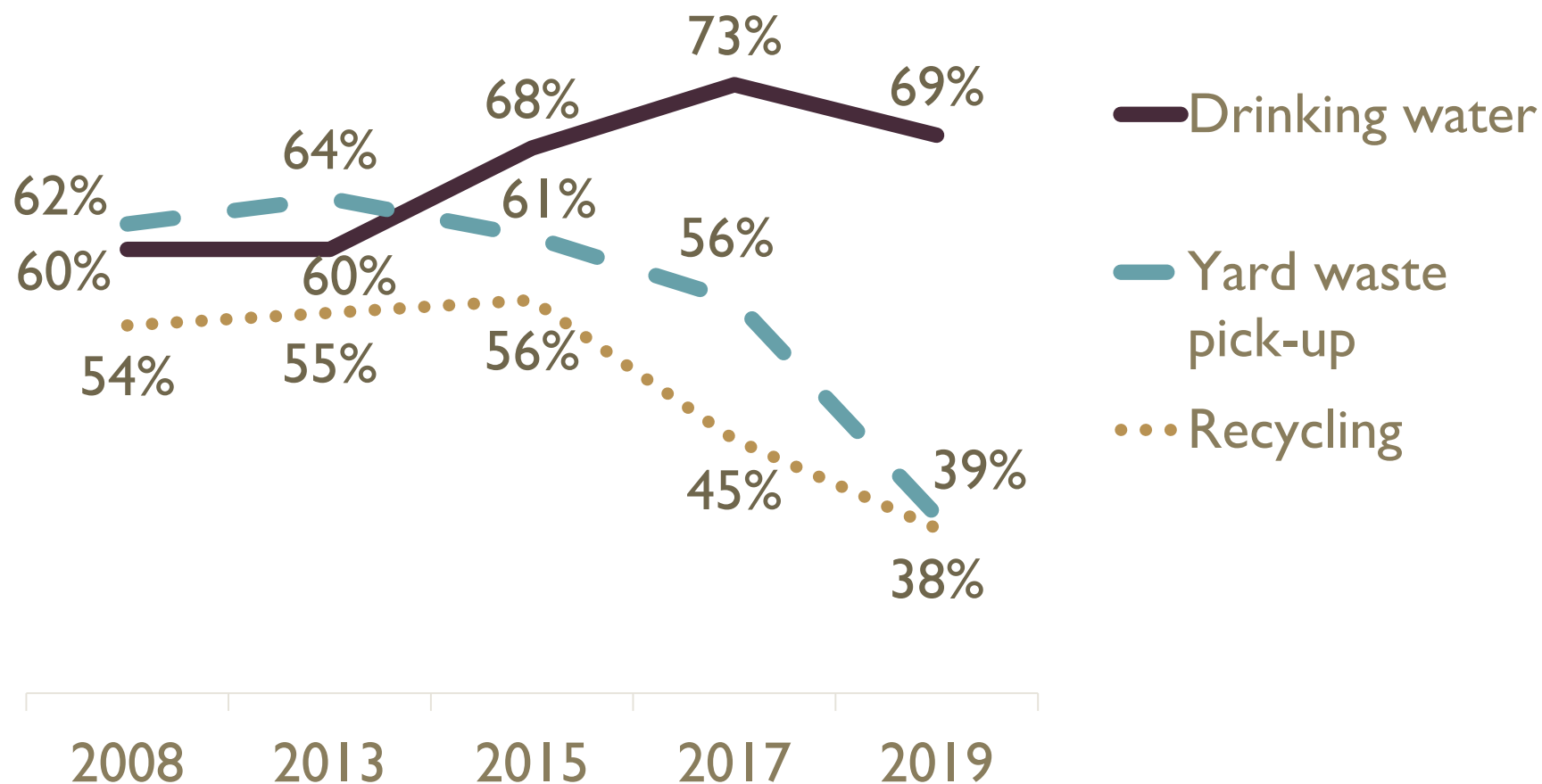
69% Drinking water

68% Cleanliness

57% Natural areas preservation

55% Open space

Trends in Environmental Services



Percent excellent/good

Engagement



64%

Conserved
water

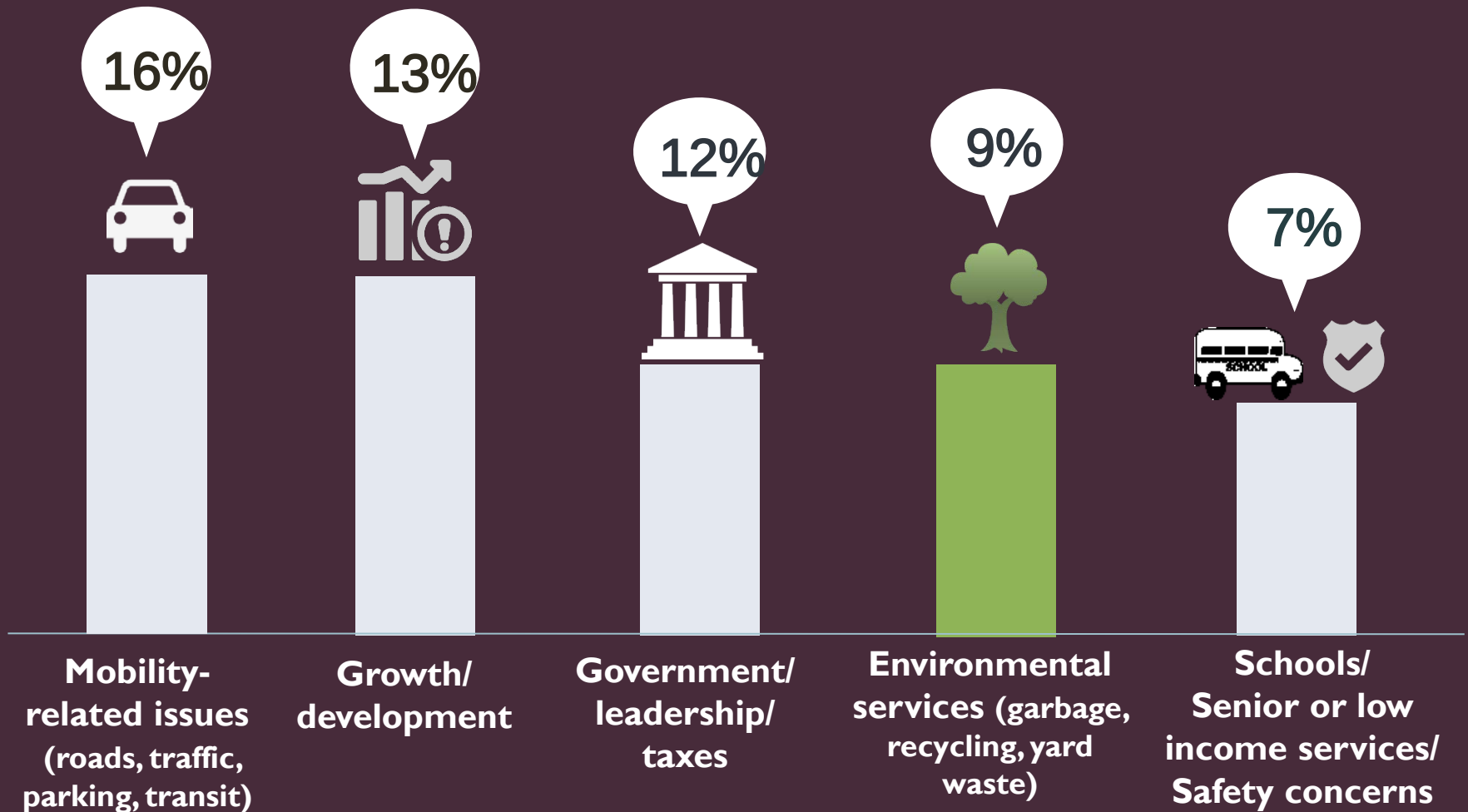
65%

Recycled at
home



Percent yes in the last 12 months

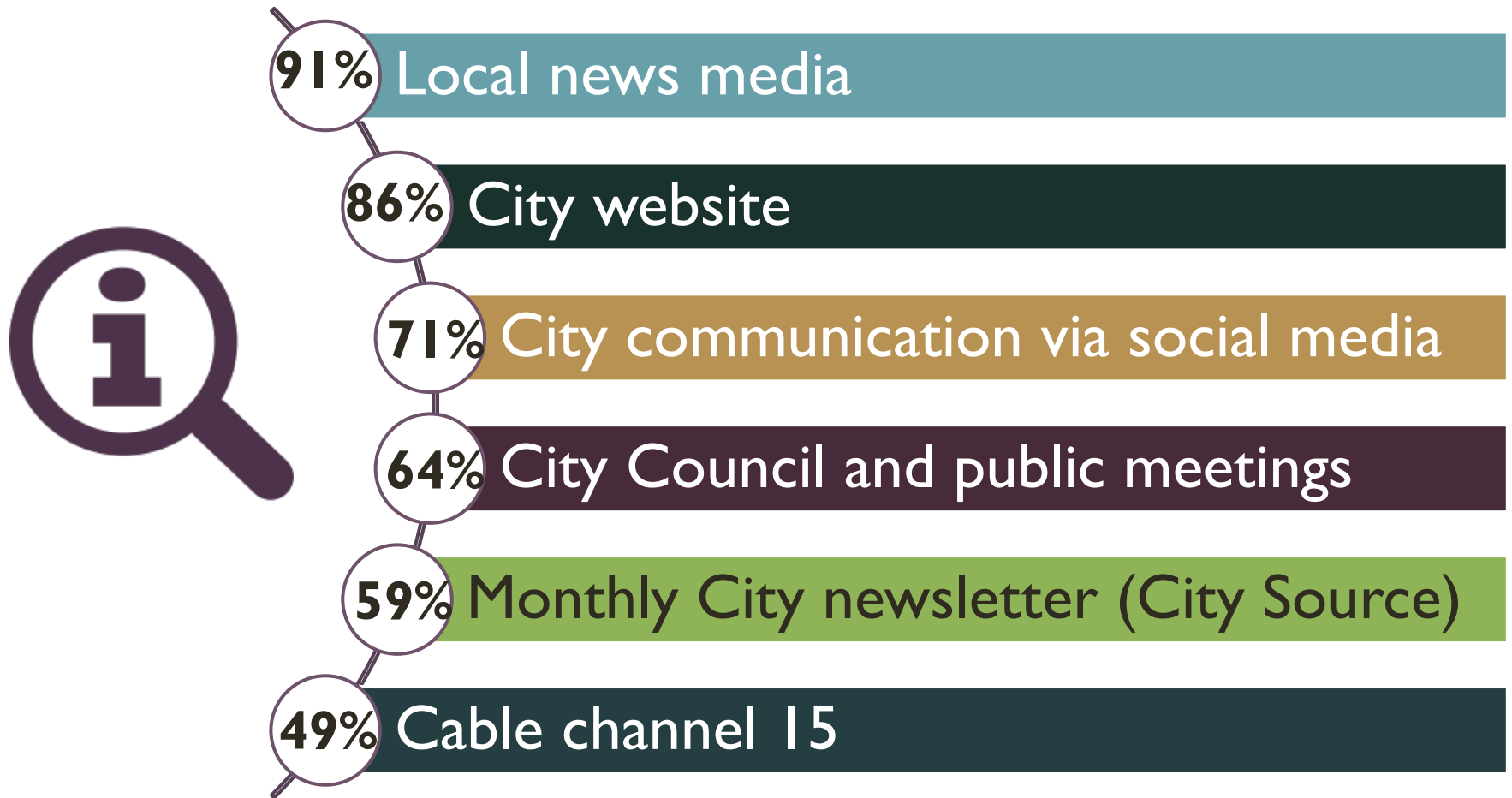
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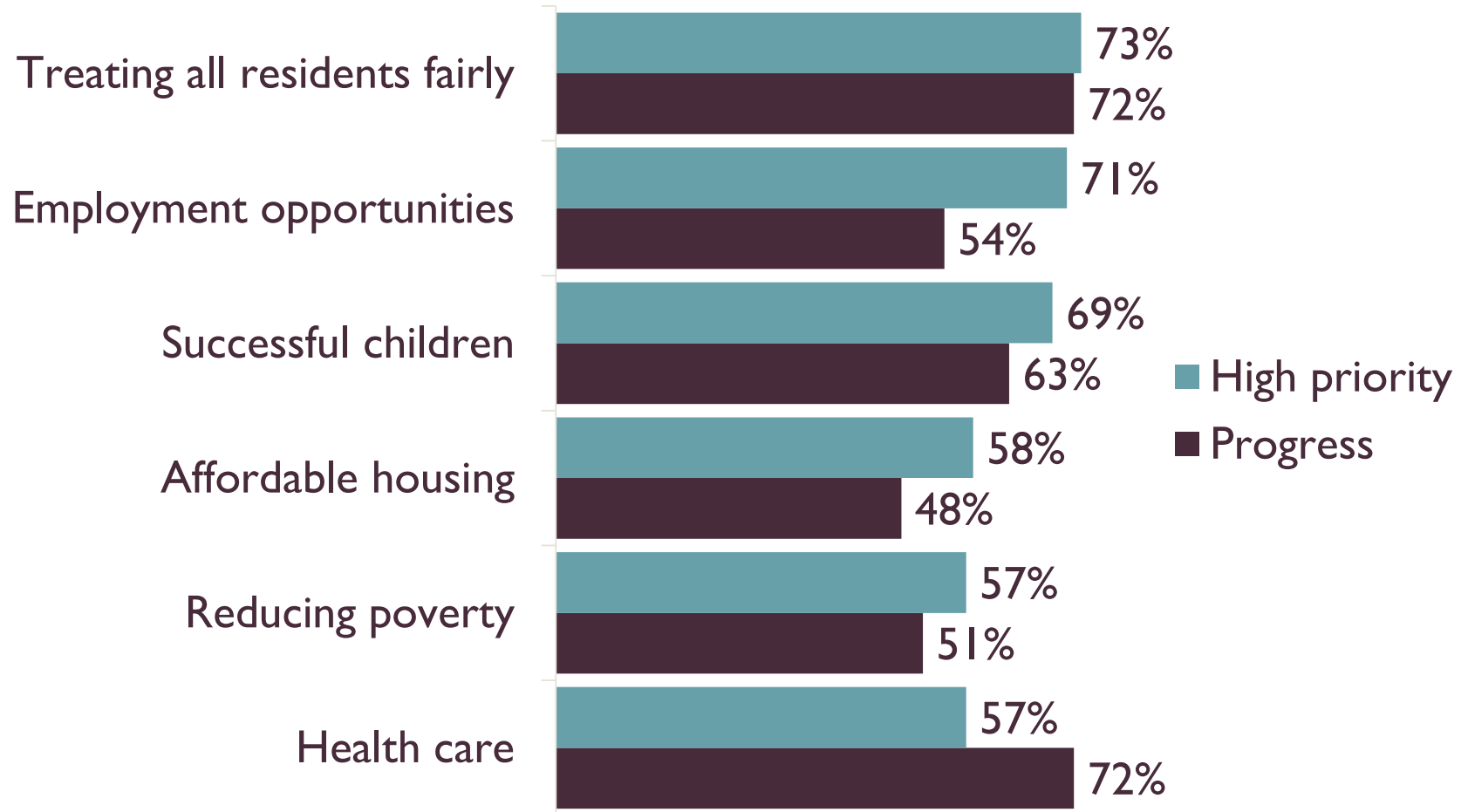


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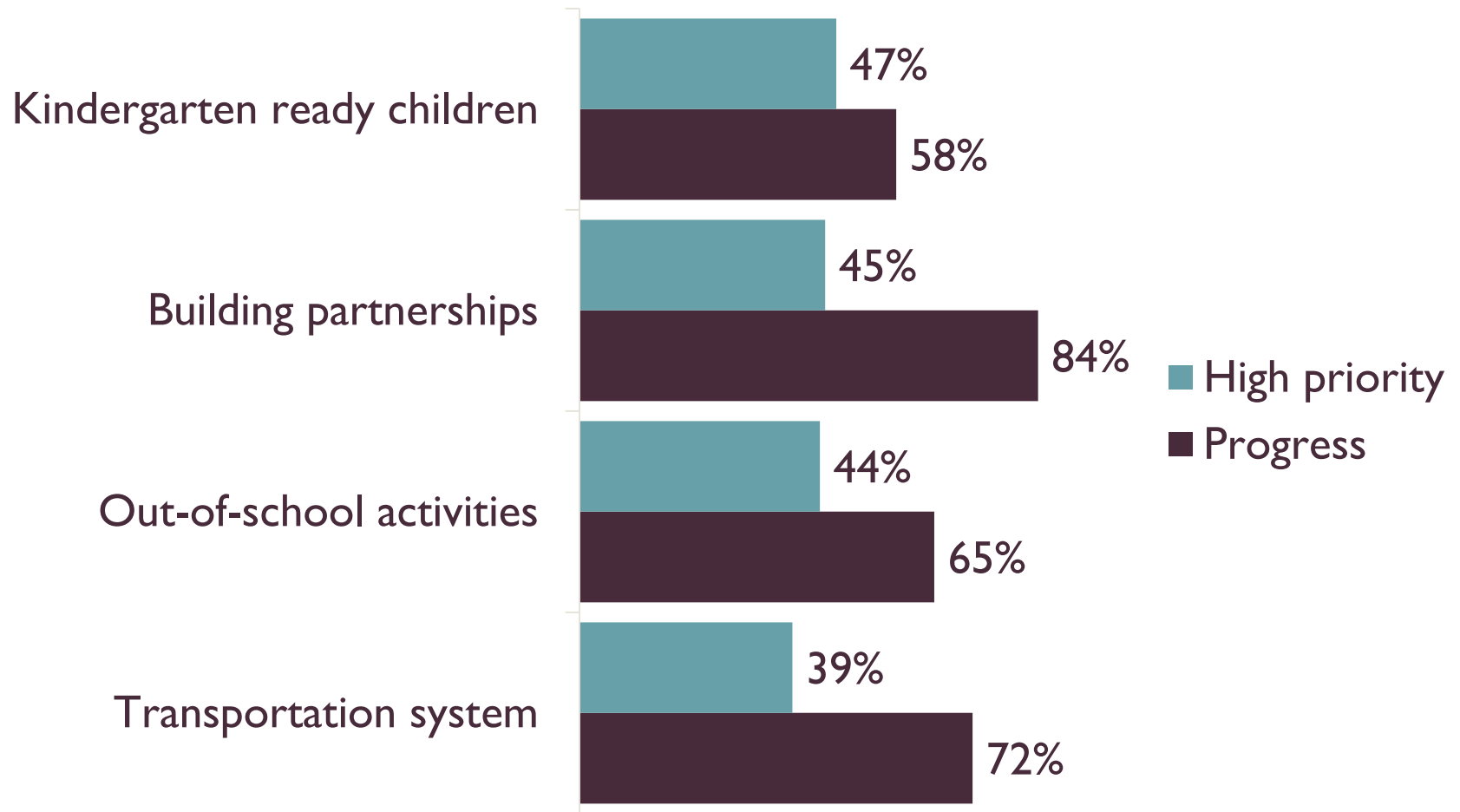
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Summary

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. The NCS captures residents' opinions within the three pillars of a community (Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation) across eight central facets of community (Safety, Mobility, Natural Environment, Built Environment, Economy, Recreation and Wellness, Education and Enrichment and Community Engagement). This report discusses trends over time, comparing the 2019 ratings for the City of Lynchburg to its previous survey results in 2004, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2015, and 2017. Additional reports and technical appendices are available under separate cover.

Trend data for Lynchburg represent important comparison data and should be examined for improvements or declines. Deviations from stable trends over time, especially, represent opportunities for understanding how local policies, programs or public information may have affected residents' opinions.

Meaningful differences between survey years have been noted within the following tables as being “higher” or “lower” if the differences are greater than seven percentage points between the 2017 and 2019 surveys, otherwise the comparisons between 2017 and 2019 are noted as being “similar.” Additionally, benchmark comparisons for all survey years are presented for reference. Changes in the benchmark comparison over time can be impacted by various trends, including varying survey cycles for the individual communities that comprise the benchmarks, regional and national economic or other events, as well as emerging survey methodologies.

Overall, ratings in Lynchburg for 2019 generally remained stable. Of the 133 items for which comparisons were available, 115 items were rated similarly in 2017 and 2019, nine items showed a decrease in ratings and nine showed an increase in ratings. Notable trends over time included the following:

- Within the pillar of Community Characteristics, one aspect related to Mobility decreased in 2019 (availability of paths and walking trails), while evaluations for the overall ease of travel and travel by car, traffic flow, and public parking improved since 2017. Other notable changes over time included increased ratings for employment opportunities and a decrease in resident opinion regarding opportunities to participate in community matters.
- Ratings for Governance largely remained steady over time with three services decreasing (yard waste pick-up, storm drainage, and public information) and three services increasing (recreation centers and programs and customer service provided by Lynchburg employees).
- In 2019, fewer residents reported they had carpooled in lieu of driving alone, conserved water, watched a local public meeting and campaigned for an issue, cause or candidate than in 2017. Conversely, Lynchburg residents indicated they had used recreation centers at higher rates than reported previously.

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Table 1: Community Characteristics General

	Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)							2019 rating compared to 2017	Comparison to benchmark						
	2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019
Overall quality of life	70%	74%	73%	75%	76%	74%	76%	Similar	Lower	Lower	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
Overall image	NA	65%	64%	62%	59%	63%	59%	Similar	NA	Similar	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
Place to live	78%	76%	79%	79%	81%	81%	80%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
Neighborhood	73%	76%	74%	79%	77%	79%	75%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
Place to raise children	75%	75%	79%	81%	80%	78%	80%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
Place to retire	69%	64%	75%	67%	70%	67%	72%	Similar	Higher	Similar	Much higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
Overall appearance	60%	65%	61%	58%	65%	68%	68%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar

Table 2: Community Characteristics by Facet

		Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)							2019 rating compared to 2017	Comparison to benchmark						
		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019
Safety	Overall feeling of safety	NA	NA	NA	NA	80%	74%	76%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Safe in neighborhood	94%	91%	93%	92%	89%	93%	92%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Safe downtown/commercial area	77%	79%	74%	77%	82%	82%	85%	Similar	Lower	Much lower	Much lower	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
Mobility	Overall ease of travel	NA	NA	NA	NA	65%	60%	71%	Higher	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Lower	Similar
	Paths and walking trails	NA	NA	60%	67%	63%	70%	62%	Lower	NA	NA	Higher	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Ease of walking	NA	49%	51%	50%	48%	50%	49%	Similar	NA	Much lower	Lower	Much lower	Lower	Similar	Similar
	Travel by bicycle	NA	35%	30%	36%	30%	33%	34%	Similar	NA	Much lower	Much lower	Much lower	Lower	Lower	Lower
	Travel by public transportation	NA	NA	22%	NA	45%	32%	28%	Similar	NA	NA	Much lower	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Travel by car	60%	57%	57%	59%	57%	61%	68%	Higher	Similar	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Public parking	NA	NA	NA	NA	40%	33%	44%	Higher	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Lower	Similar
	Traffic flow	46%	43%	41%	36%	44%	39%	51%	Higher	NA	NA	Similar	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Overall natural environment	NA	NA	72%	72%	79%	82%	76%	Similar	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Cleanliness	NA	NA	57%	63%	66%	69%	68%	Similar	NA	NA	Much lower	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Air quality	NA	73%	71%	74%	80%	82%	81%	Similar	NA	Similar	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
Built	Overall built environment	NA	NA	NA	NA	50%	53%	53%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar

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		Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)							2019 rating compared to 2017	Comparison to benchmark						
		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019
Environment	New development in Lynchburg	NA	59%	54%	61%	52%	60%	61%	Similar	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Affordable quality housing	49%	54%	47%	44%	54%	50%	48%	Similar	Similar	Higher	Much higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Housing options	NA	NA	61%	60%	58%	55%	54%	Similar	NA	NA	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Public places	NA	NA	NA	NA	52%	63%	60%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
Economy	Overall economic health	NA	NA	NA	NA	54%	53%	54%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Vibrant downtown/commercial area	NA	NA	NA	NA	38%	53%	56%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Business and services	NA	NA	67%	62%	65%	62%	64%	Similar	NA	NA	Higher	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Cost of living	NA	NA	NA	NA	60%	64%	61%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Higher	Higher	Higher
	Shopping opportunities	46%	56%	58%	44%	46%	40%	38%	Similar	Lower	Similar	Higher	Much lower	Similar	Lower	Lower
	Employment opportunities	19%	28%	36%	31%	38%	37%	47%	Higher	Much lower	Similar	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Place to visit	NA	NA	NA	NA	56%	54%	56%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Place to work	NA	50%	52%	54%	52%	55%	54%	Similar	NA	Similar	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Health and wellness	NA	NA	NA	NA	67%	69%	68%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Mental health care	NA	NA	NA	NA	55%	42%	42%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	Preventive health services	NA	NA	50%	59%	66%	63%	61%	Similar	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Health care	NA	55%	51%	55%	62%	59%	60%	Similar	NA	Much higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Food	NA	NA	61%	62%	71%	69%	68%	Similar	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Recreational opportunities	39%	51%	46%	46%	58%	70%	69%	Similar	Much lower	Much lower	Much lower	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Fitness opportunities	NA	NA	NA	NA	72%	76%	73%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Education and enrichment opportunities	NA	NA	NA	NA	71%	69%	75%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Religious or spiritual events and activities	NA	NA	81%	84%	83%	85%	84%	Similar	NA	NA	Much higher	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Cultural/arts/music activities	46%	43%	40%	37%	48%	60%	55%	Similar	Lower	Much lower	Much lower	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Adult education	NA	NA	NA	NA	63%	61%	62%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	K-12 education	60%	65%	68%	61%	67%	61%	65%	Similar	Similar	Higher	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
Education and Enrichment	Child care/preschool	41%	47%	42%	45%	54%	47%	48%	Similar	Lower	Similar	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Social events and activities	NA	NA	57%	49%	55%	61%	60%	Similar	NA	NA	Similar	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Neighborliness	NA	NA	NA	NA	57%	59%	59%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar

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		Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)							2019 rating compared to 2017	Comparison to benchmark						
		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019
	Openness and acceptance	45%	39%	46%	46%	41%	49%	48%	Similar	Lower	Much lower	Much lower	Much lower	Lower	Similar	Similar
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	NA	NA	62%	56%	61%	67%	59%	Lower	NA	NA	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Opportunities to volunteer	NA	NA	79%	77%	72%	78%	77%	Similar	NA	NA	Much higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar

Table 3: Governance General

		Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)							2019 rating compared to 2017	Comparison to benchmark						
		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019
	Services provided by Lynchburg	62%	65%	61%	70%	68%	68%	74%	Similar	Lower	Lower	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Customer service	76%	74%	76%	82%	70%	67%	75%	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Value of services for taxes paid	NA	46%	46%	41%	47%	47%	51%	Similar	NA	Lower	Much lower	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Overall direction	53%	55%	50%	49%	56%	63%	63%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Welcoming resident involvement	56%	50%	45%	49%	45%	55%	50%	Similar	Similar	Lower	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Confidence in City government	NA	NA	NA	NA	46%	51%	53%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Acting in the best interest of Lynchburg	NA	NA	NA	NA	54%	54%	55%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Being honest	NA	NA	NA	NA	49%	52%	58%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Treating all residents fairly	NA	NA	NA	NA	46%	49%	53%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Services provided by the Federal Government	52%	47%	40%	38%	43%	39%	36%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar

Table 4: Governance by Facet

		Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)							2019 rating compared to 2017	Comparison to benchmark						
		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019
	Police	73%	75%	75%	77%	75%	77%	78%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Fire	92%	93%	91%	89%	94%	88%	90%	Similar	Similar	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Ambulance/EMS	89%	84%	89%	81%	87%	85%	88%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Crime prevention	NA	60%	53%	61%	66%	61%	60%	Similar	NA	Similar	Lower	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Fire prevention	NA	73%	80%	67%	78%	71%	73%	Similar	NA	Similar	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Animal control	52%	53%	54%	56%	56%	61%	60%	Similar	Lower	Lower	Lower	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
Safety	Emergency preparedness	NA	NA	55%	48%	58%	60%	61%	Similar	NA	NA	Lower	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar

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		Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)							2019 rating compared to 2017	Comparison to benchmark						
		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019
Mobility	Traffic enforcement	60%	64%	58%	59%	59%	58%	57%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Street repair	35%	42%	39%	28%	29%	37%	37%	Similar	Much lower	Similar	Lower	Much lower	Lower	Similar	Similar
	Street cleaning	NA	47%	45%	44%	45%	51%	54%	Similar	NA	Much lower	Much lower	Much lower	Lower	Similar	Similar
	Street lighting	51%	57%	56%	52%	58%	57%	60%	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Snow removal	52%	57%	58%	56%	45%	49%	50%	Similar	Much lower	Lower	Similar	Lower	Lower	Lower	Similar
	Sidewalk maintenance	44%	49%	43%	47%	46%	46%	44%	Similar	Lower	Similar	Lower	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Traffic signal timing	NA	49%	50%	50%	47%	40%	46%	Similar	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Bus or transit services	49%	60%	60%	56%	60%	45%	47%	Similar	Lower	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
Natural Environment	Garbage collection	77%	77%	75%	80%	79%	79%	78%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Recycling	59%	59%	54%	55%	56%	45%	38%	Similar	Much lower	Much lower	Much lower	Much lower	Lower	Much lower	Much lower
	Yard waste pick-up	63%	60%	62%	64%	61%	56%	39%	Lower	Lower	Much lower	Lower	Lower	Similar	Lower	Much lower
	Drinking water	61%	58%	60%	60%	68%	73%	69%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Natural areas preservation	NA	NA	45%	54%	55%	61%	57%	Similar	NA	NA	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Open space	NA	NA	NA	NA	55%	55%	55%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Storm drainage	NA	60%	62%	66%	68%	66%	55%	Lower	NA	Higher	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Sewer services	64%	63%	65%	67%	72%	76%	77%	Similar	Lower	Lower	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
Built Environment	Water utility billing	NA	NA	NA	NA	60%	60%	65%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Land use, planning and zoning	31%	31%	33%	41%	39%	46%	45%	Similar	Lower	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Code enforcement	27%	29%	27%	37%	35%	36%	31%	Similar	Much lower	Much lower	Much lower	Lower	Lower	Similar	Lower
	Cable television	25%	37%	46%	39%	37%	42%	43%	Similar	Much lower	Much lower	Lower	Much lower	Lower	Similar	Similar
	Economic development	36%	48%	43%	42%	46%	52%	52%	Similar	Lower	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	City parks	NA	67%	68%	76%	68%	80%	83%	Similar	NA	Lower	Lower	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Recreation programs	NA	62%	60%	69%	65%	72%	79%	Higher	NA	Lower	Lower	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Recreation centers	47%	58%	55%	56%	61%	70%	77%	Higher	Much lower	Much lower	Lower	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Health services	NA	64%	64%	64%	60%	64%	64%	Similar	NA	Similar	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
Education and	Special events	NA	NA	NA	NA	52%	64%	66%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar

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		Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)							2019 rating compared to 2017	Comparison to benchmark						
		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019
Enrichment	Public libraries	82%	74%	82%	76%	70%	80%	85%	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Much lower	Lower	Similar	Similar
Community Engagement	Public information	61%	64%	71%	66%	56%	69%	61%	Lower	Similar	Higher	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar

Table 5: Participation General

		Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)							2019 rating compared to 2017	Comparison to benchmark						
		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019
	Sense of community	56%	52%	55%	57%	50%	58%	55%	Similar	Similar	Lower	Similar	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Recommend Lynchburg	NA	NA	83%	81%	79%	78%	80%	Similar	NA	NA	Similar	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Remain in Lynchburg	NA	NA	79%	73%	76%	80%	77%	Similar	NA	NA	Similar	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Contacted Lynchburg employees	70%	63%	62%	49%	53%	51%	51%	Similar	NA	NA	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar

Table 6: Participation by Facet

		Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)							2019 rating compared to 2017	Comparison to benchmark						
		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019
Safety	Stocked supplies for an emergency	NA	NA	NA	NA	43%	41%	39%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Did NOT report a crime	NA	NA	NA	NA	77%	80%	82%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Was NOT the victim of a crime	87%	88%	90%	89%	86%	89%	90%	Similar	NA	NA	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
Mobility	Used public transportation instead of driving	NA	NA	NA	NA	13%	20%	19%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Lower	Similar	Similar
	Carpooled instead of driving alone	NA	NA	NA	NA	37%	44%	36%	Lower	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Walked or biked instead of driving	NA	NA	NA	NA	39%	37%	40%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Lower	Much lower	Lower
Natural Environment	Conserved water	NA	NA	NA	NA	76%	74%	64%	Lower	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Lower
	Made home more energy efficient	NA	NA	NA	NA	70%	73%	72%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Recycled at home	70%	69%	69%	72%	65%	68%	65%	Similar	NA	NA	Much lower	Much lower	Much lower	Lower	Much lower

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		Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)							2019 rating compared to 2017	Comparison to benchmark						
		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019
Built Environment	Did NOT observe a code violation	NA	NA	NA	NA	49%	45%	45%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	NOT under housing cost stress	NA	NA	NA	70%	66%	72%	67%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar
Economy	Purchased goods or services in Lynchburg	NA	NA	NA	NA	97%	97%	96%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Economy will have positive impact on income	27%	23%	17%	15%	30%	29%	35%	Similar	NA	NA	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Work in Lynchburg	NA	NA	NA	NA	61%	62%	63%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Higher	Much higher	Much higher
	Used Lynchburg recreation centers	47%	47%	50%	56%	47%	50%	58%	Higher	NA	NA	Lower	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	Visited a local park	82%	83%	79%	86%	74%	81%	81%	Similar	NA	NA	Much lower	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Ate 5 portions of fruits and vegetables	NA	NA	NA	NA	76%	81%	78%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Participated in moderate or vigorous physical activity	NA	NA	NA	NA	80%	81%	82%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	In very good to excellent health	NA	NA	NA	NA	60%	56%	56%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Used Lynchburg public libraries	71%	72%	70%	62%	49%	52%	53%	Similar	NA	NA	Similar	Much lower	Lower	Lower	Similar
Education and Enrichment	Participated in religious or spiritual activities	NA	NA	76%	72%	67%	63%	69%	Similar	NA	NA	Much higher	Much higher	Higher	Higher	Much higher
	Attended a City-sponsored event	NA	NA	NA	NA	50%	59%	57%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Campaigned for an issue, cause or candidate	NA	NA	NA	NA	27%	30%	22%	Lower	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
Community Engagement	Contacted Lynchburg elected officials	NA	NA	NA	NA	16%	18%	20%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Volunteered	53%	55%	56%	56%	47%	56%	51%	Similar	NA	NA	Much higher	Much higher	Similar	Higher	Higher
	Participated in a club	NA	NA	38%	36%	30%	31%	30%	Similar	NA	NA	Much higher	Much higher	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Talked to or visited with neighbors	NA	NA	NA	NA	86%	87%	88%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar

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		Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)							2019 rating compared to 2017	Comparison to benchmark						
		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019		2004	2006	2008	2013	2015	2017	2019
	Done a favor for a neighbor	NA	NA	NA	NA	79%	76%	82%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Attended a local public meeting	29%	28%	27%	26%	19%	19%	22%	Similar	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Watched a local public meeting	64%	60%	52%	48%	32%	34%	25%	Lower	NA	NA	Higher	Much higher	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Read or watched local news	NA	NA	NA	NA	86%	81%	75%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	NA	Similar	Similar	Similar
	Voted in local elections	64%	66%	NA	77%	77%	86%	87%	Similar	NA	NA	NA	Higher	Similar	Similar	Similar



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About

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) report is about the “livability” of Lynchburg. The phrase “livable community” is used here to evoke a place that is not simply habitable, but that is desirable. It is not only where people do live, but where they want to live.

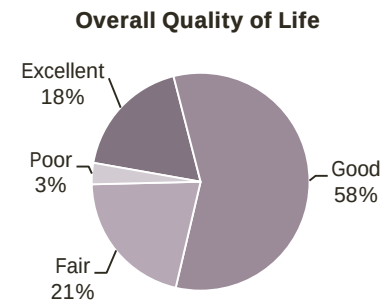
Great communities are partnerships of the government, private sector, community-based organizations and residents, all geographically connected. The NCS captures residents' opinions within the three pillars of a community (Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation) across eight central facets of community (Safety, Mobility, Natural Environment, Built Environment, Economy, Recreation and Wellness, Education and Enrichment and Community Engagement).

The Community Livability Report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 377 residents of the City of Lynchburg. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 5% for all respondents. The full description of methods used to garner these opinions can be found in the *Technical Appendices* provided under separate cover.



Quality of Life in Lynchburg

About three-quarters of residents rated the quality of life in Lynchburg as excellent or good. This rating was on par with national and peer (Southern U.S. communities with populations between 50,000 and 100,000) comparisons (see Appendix B of the *Technical Appendices* provided under separate cover).



Shown below are the eight facets of community. The color of each community facet summarizes how residents rated it across the three sections of the survey that represent the pillars of a community – Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation. When most ratings across the three pillars were higher than the benchmark, the color for that facet is the darkest shade; when most ratings were lower than the benchmark, the color is the lightest shade. A mix of ratings (higher and lower than the benchmark) results in a color between the extremes.

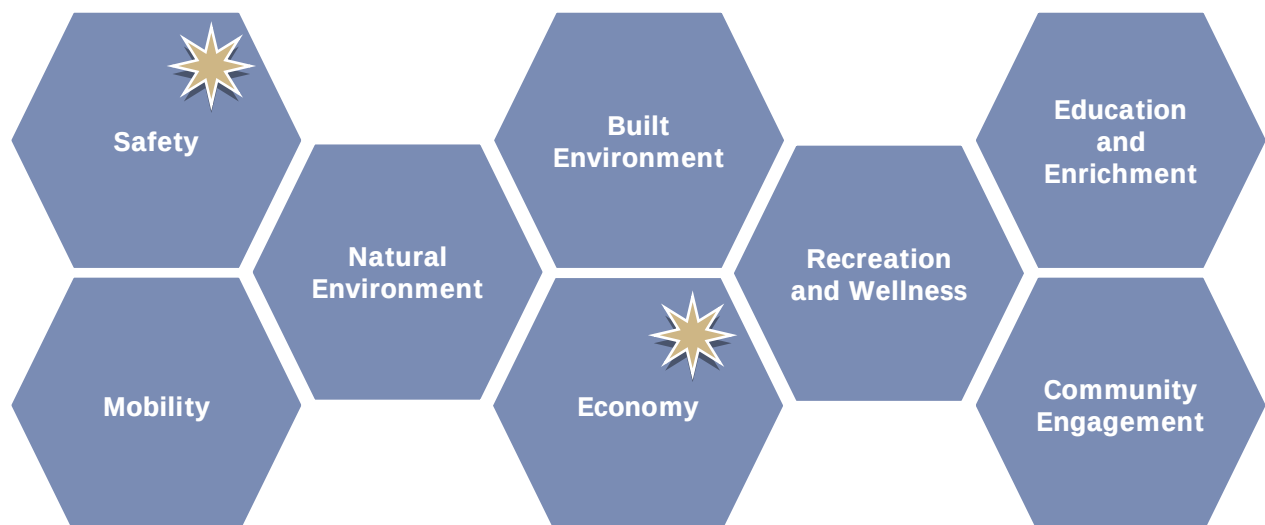
In addition to a summary of ratings, the image below includes one or more stars to indicate which community facets were the most important focus areas for the community. As in previous years, community members identified Safety and Economy as priorities for the Lynchburg community in the coming two years. Ratings for all facets were commensurate with benchmark comparisons. This overview of the key aspects of community quality provides a quick summary of where residents see exceptionally strong performance and where performance offers the greatest opportunity for improvement. Linking quality to importance offers community members and leaders a view into the characteristics of the community that matter most and that seem to be working best.

Details that support these findings are contained in the remainder of this Livability Report, starting with the ratings for Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation and ending with results for Lynchburg's unique questions.

Legend

- Higher than national benchmark
- Similar to national benchmark
- Lower than national benchmark

- Most important



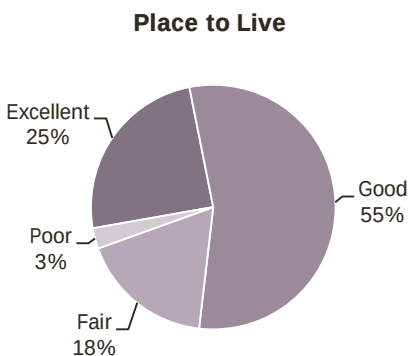
Community Characteristics

What makes a community livable, attractive and a place where people want to be?

Overall quality of community life represents the natural ambience, services and amenities that make for an attractive community. How residents rate their overall quality of life is an indicator of the overall health of a community. In the case of Lynchburg, about 8 in 10 respondents rated the city as an excellent or good place to live. Respondents' ratings of Lynchburg as a place to live were similar to ratings in other communities across the nation.

In addition to rating the city as a place to live, respondents rated several aspects of community quality including Lynchburg as a place to raise children and to retire, their neighborhood as a place to live, the overall image or reputation of Lynchburg and its overall appearance. At least two-thirds of survey respondents thought highly of most of these aspects and around 6 in 10 were pleased with the overall image or reputation of the community. Most aspects were reviewed at levels similar to comparison communities (the overall image was lower than regional, similarly sized peer communities).

Delving deeper into Community Characteristics, survey respondents rated over 40 features of the community within the eight facets of Community Livability. Broadly, Lynchburg residents evaluated most aspects at levels similar to those seen across the country, with a majority of aspects receiving excellent or good ratings by at least half of respondents.



Community members felt safe in Lynchburg, with at least 8 in 10 revealing that they felt safe in their neighborhoods and in the downtown/commercial area during the day, and three-quarters awarding high scores to the overall feeling of safety in the city. About 7 in 10 or more survey participants were pleased with the overall natural environment, air quality, fitness opportunities, overall education and enrichment opportunities, opportunities to attend religious or spiritual events and activities, and opportunities to volunteer.

Most measures of Mobility were on par with municipalities elsewhere, apart from ease of travel by bicycle, which lagged behind their peers. However, several increases were noted in

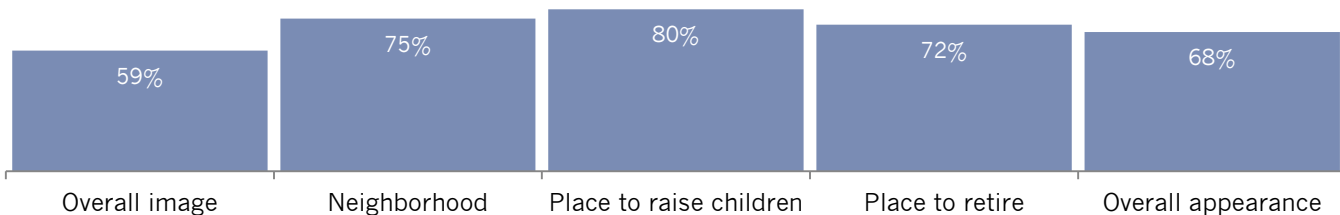
2019 within this facet, including overall ease of travel (71% excellent or good), ease of car travel (68%), traffic flow (51%), and public parking (44%; see the *Trends over Time* report for more details). Only reviews for the availability of paths and walking trails decreased since 2017.

Assessments for Economy characteristics were also mostly on par with benchmark comparisons, though respondents' ratings for the cost of living in the community surpassed those provided in other communities. Residents' ratings for shopping opportunities were lower than communities elsewhere; conversely, reviews for the employment opportunities in Lynchburg improved to the highest level since the survey was first conducted in 2004.

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)

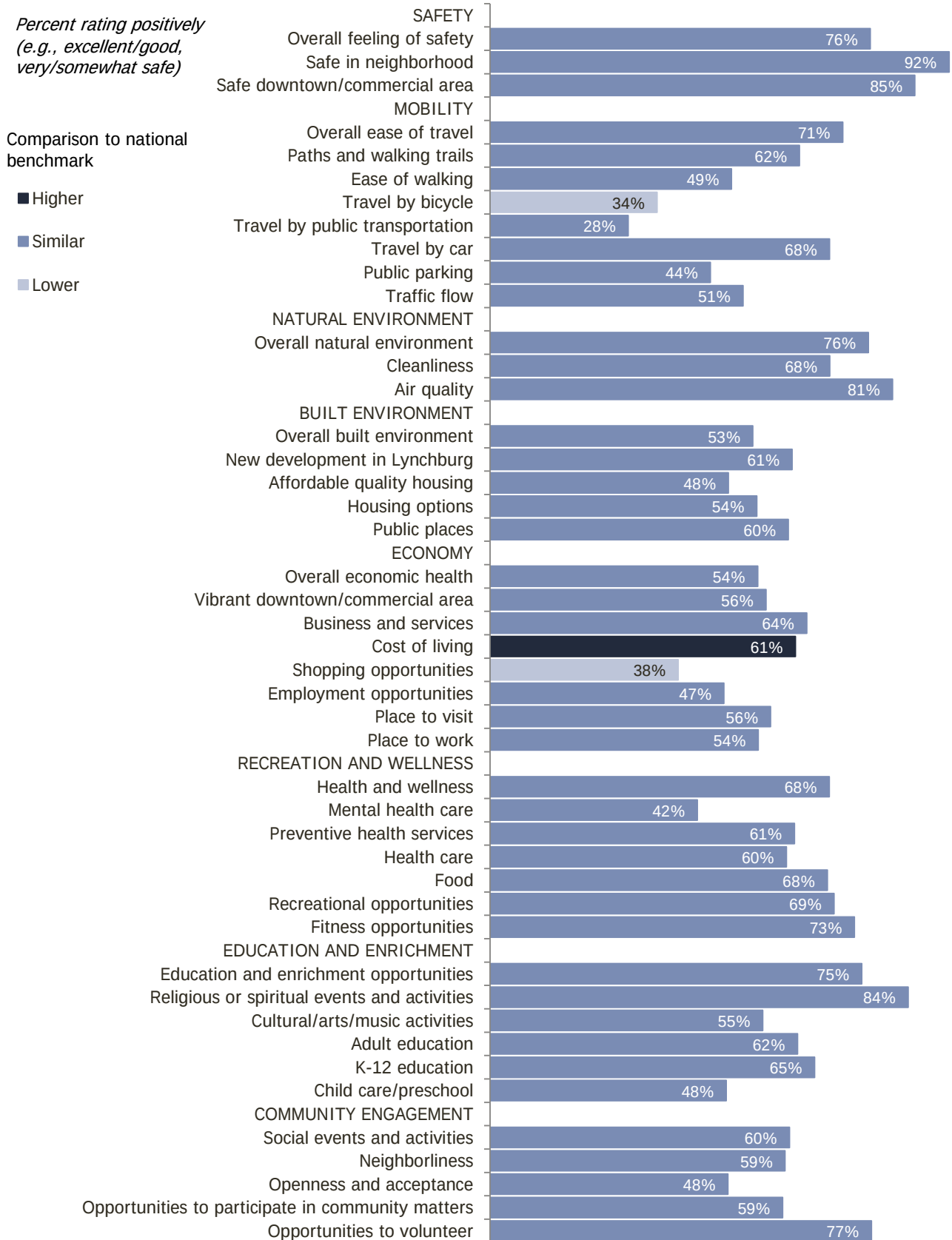
Comparison to national benchmark

■ Higher ■ Similar ■ Lower



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Figure 1: Aspects of Community Characteristics



Governance

How well does the government of Lynchburg meet the needs and expectations of its residents?

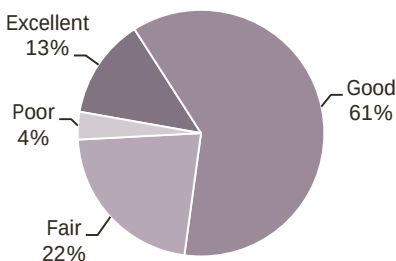
The overall quality of the services provided by Lynchburg as well as the manner in which these services are provided is a key component of how residents rate their quality of life. Around three-quarters of survey participants praised the overall quality of services provided by the City of Lynchburg, which was commensurate with national and peer benchmark municipalities, as were ratings for services provided at the federal level.

Survey respondents also rated various aspects of Lynchburg's leadership and governance. Around half of Lynchburg's residents awarded high marks to most aspects of government performance, including value of services for taxes paid, the City welcoming resident involvement, acting in the best interest of Lynchburg, and treating all residents fairly. About 6 in 10 community members felt positively about the overall direction of the City and three-quarters thought highly of the customer service provided by City employees, a rating that increased since the last survey iteration.

Respondents evaluated over 30 individual services and amenities available in Lynchburg. Most evaluations of Lynchburg provided services were positively rated by half or more of residents and were generally similar to benchmark comparisons.

Survey participants thought particularly well of Safety-related services, including police, fire, and ambulance/EMS, as well as garbage collection, sewer, City parks, recreation programs and centers, and public libraries in the community, with more than 7 in 10 respondents assigning favorable scores. Further, assessments of the community's recreation programs and recreation centers improved since 2017.

Overall Quality of City Services

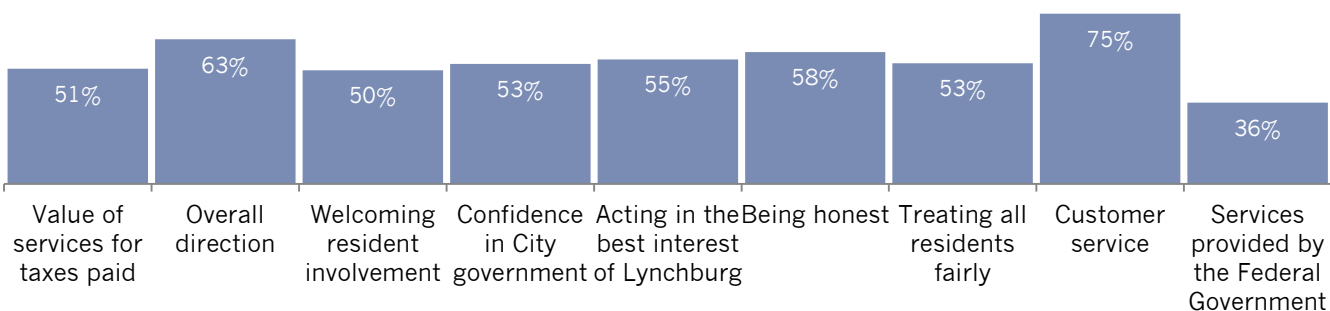


Only three services received below average ratings from residents: recycling, yard waste pick-up, and code enforcement. Marks for yard waste pick-up declined in 2019, as did reviews for storm drainage and public information.

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)

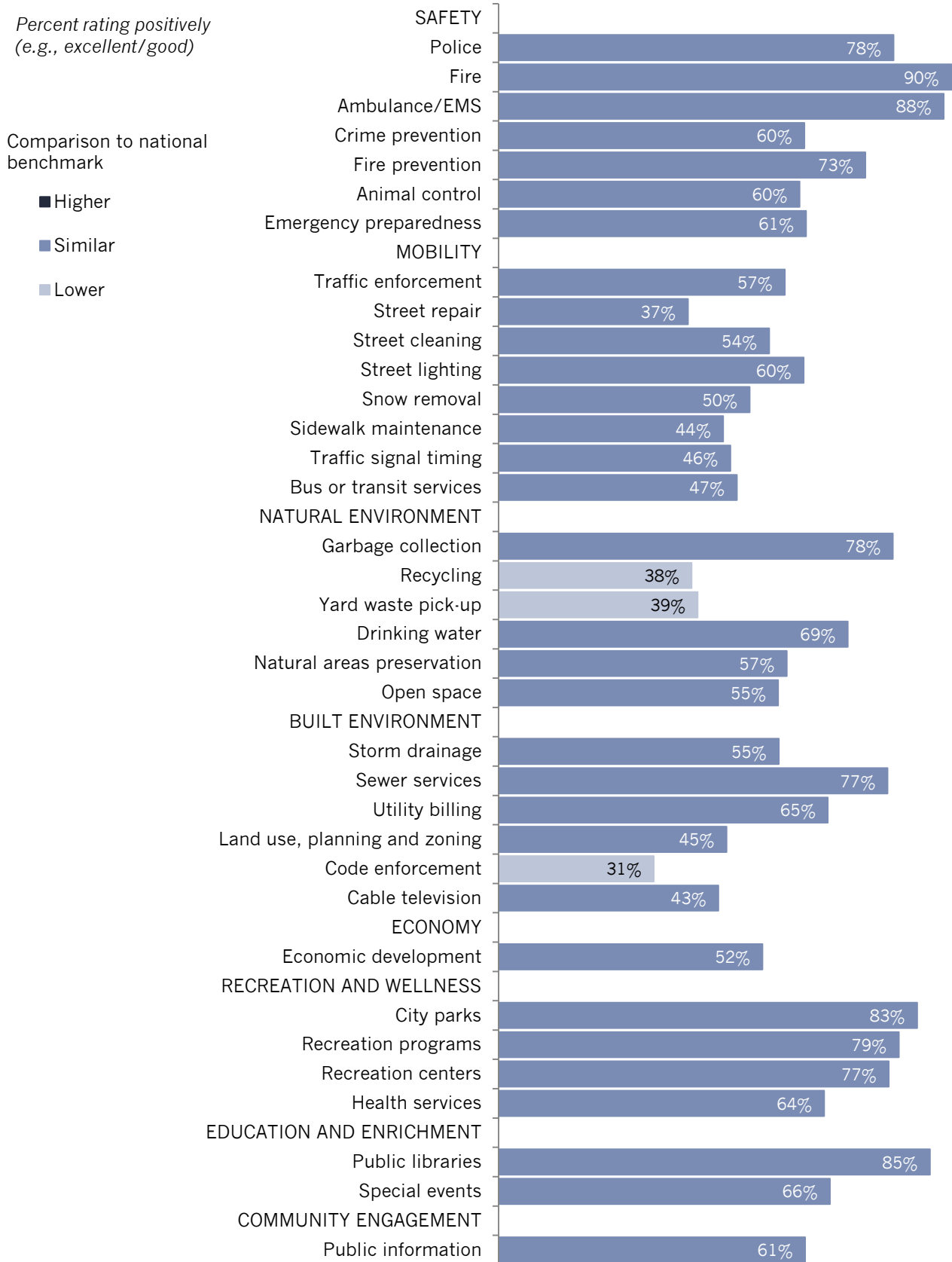
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Figure 2: Aspects of Governance



Participation

Are the residents of Lynchburg connected to the community and each other?

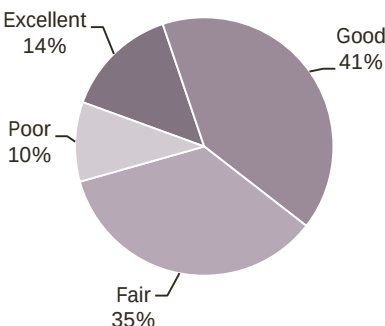
An engaged community harnesses its most valuable resource, its residents. The connections and trust among residents, government, businesses and other organizations help to create a sense of community, a shared sense of membership, belonging and history. Similar to peer comparisons, about half of residents felt positively about the sense of community in Lynchburg. Residents also felt a strong sense of loyalty to the city, with 8 in 10 indicating they would recommend living in the community to someone who might ask and 77% revealing they were likely to remain in Lynchburg for the next five years.

The survey included over 30 activities and behaviors for which respondents indicated how often they participated in or performed each, if at all. Participation rates within Lynchburg varied widely and tended to be on par with Lynchburg's national peers. About 8 in 10 or more participants indicated they had purchased goods or services in the community and maintained a healthy diet and exercise regimen. More residents reported they had used recreation centers and programs in 2019 compared to 2017. As for Community Engagement, most residents reported high levels of neighborliness and attention to local news, and around half had volunteered, a rate that exceeded benchmark averages. Fewer respondents indicated they had watched a local public meeting and campaigned for an issue, cause or candidate in 2019.

Lynchburg residents exhibited higher than national and peer average participation rates in religious or spiritual activities and worked within the community at higher levels than those seen elsewhere.

Compared to municipalities across the country, Lynchburg community members tended to report lower levels of walking or biking instead of driving, conserving water, and recycling. Additionally, respondents' participation in conserving water and carpooling declined since 2017.

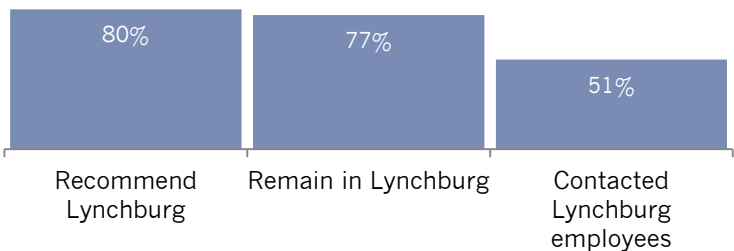
Sense of Community



Percent rating positively
(e.g., very/somewhat likely,
yes)

Comparison to national
benchmark

■ Higher ■ Similar ■ Lower



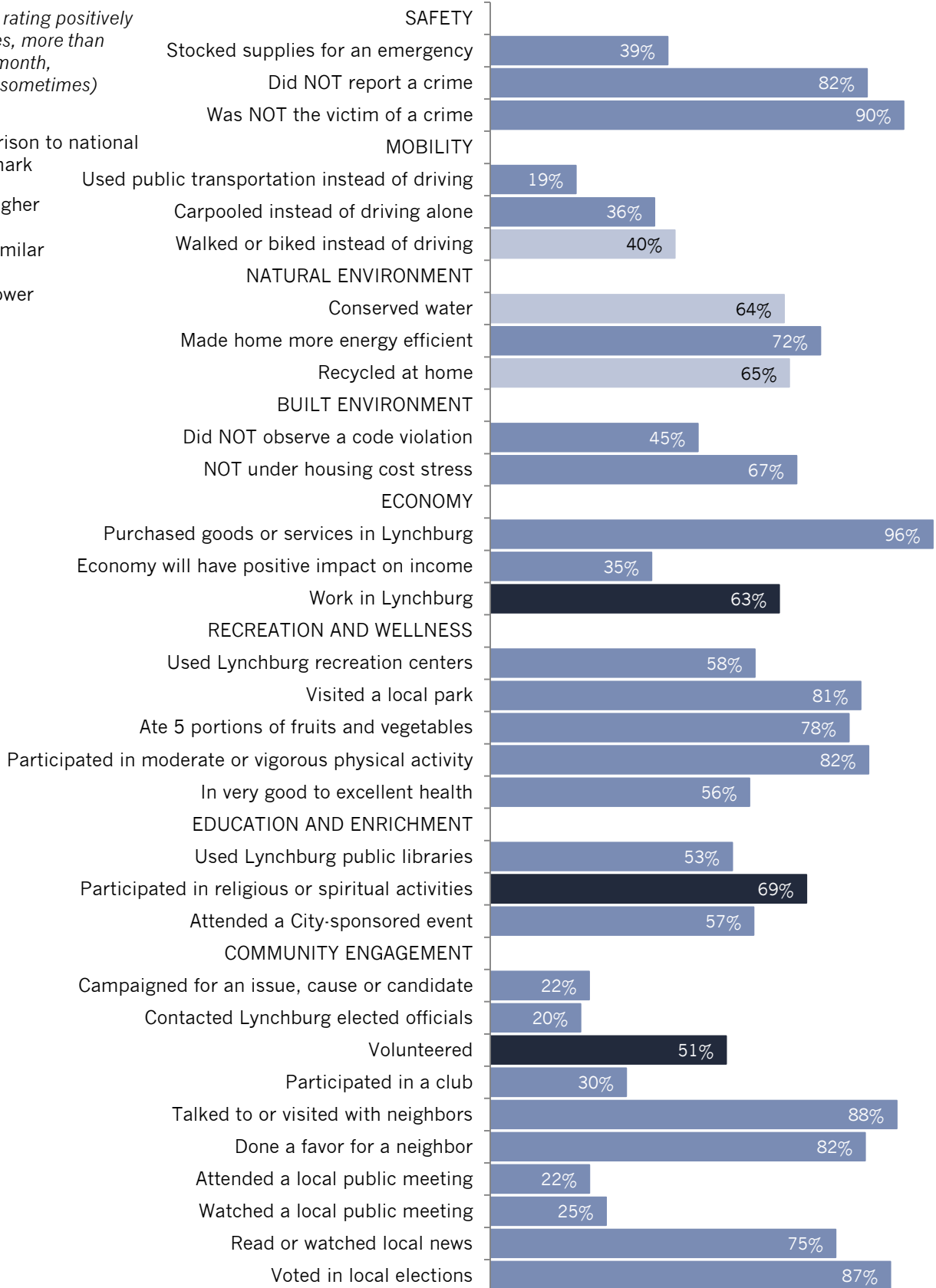
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Figure 3: Aspects of Participation

Percent rating positively
(e.g., yes, more than
once a month,
always/sometimes)

Comparison to national
benchmark

- Higher
- Similar
- Lower



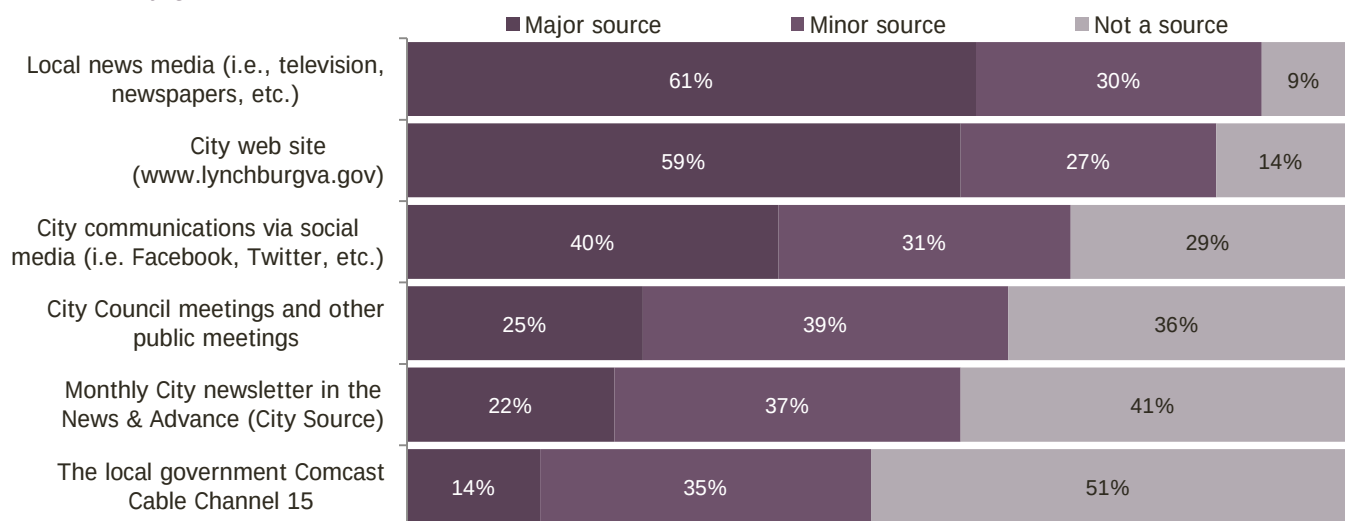
Special Topics

The City of Lynchburg included several questions of special interest on their community survey, asking for residents' feedback on the sources of information they relied upon for information about their city, housing availability, community priorities and perceptions regarding the City's progress on these goals, and an open-ended question asking residents to cite any issues they felt were not addressed by the survey.

Nearly all residents (91%) revealed that they used the local news media as a major or minor source of information about the City and its activities, events and services. About 8 in 10 survey respondents utilized the City website and 7 in 10 relied on City communications via social media. The local government cable channel was the least used source; however, about half of residents gathered information through this media.

Figure 4: Sources of Information

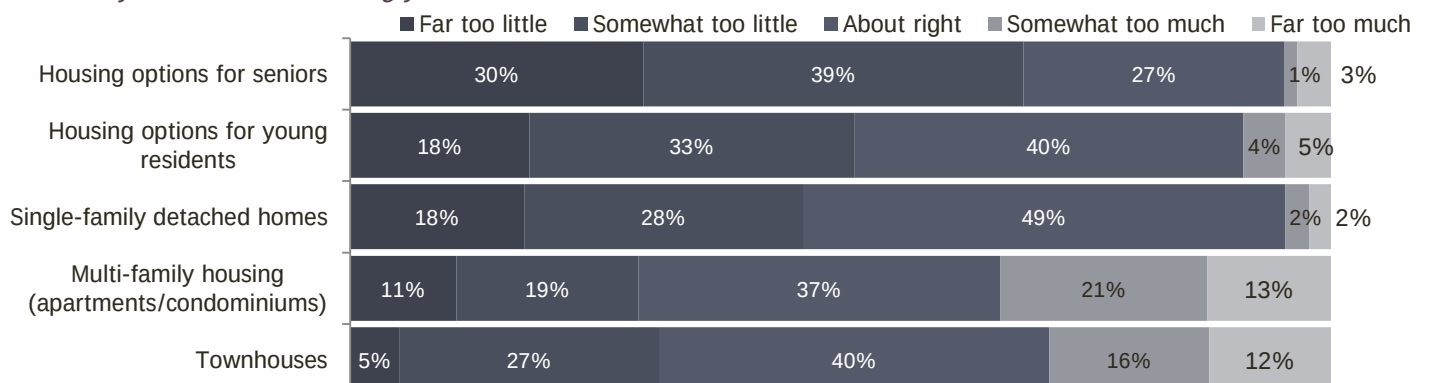
Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services?



About two-thirds of participants felt that there was far or somewhat too little housing options for seniors in Lynchburg and around half felt the same about housing options for young residents. Residents' opinions regarding the amount of multi-family housing was split three ways, with about 3 in 10 residents indicating there was too little, about right, or too much of this housing variety. Very few residents indicated that there were too many single-family detached homes in the community.

Figure 5: Housing Availability

Lynchburg's population is projected to grow to over 90,000 by the year 2030. Please indicate if you feel there is too little, too much, or about the right amount of each of the following housing types in Lynchburg to meet the community's needs in the coming years:

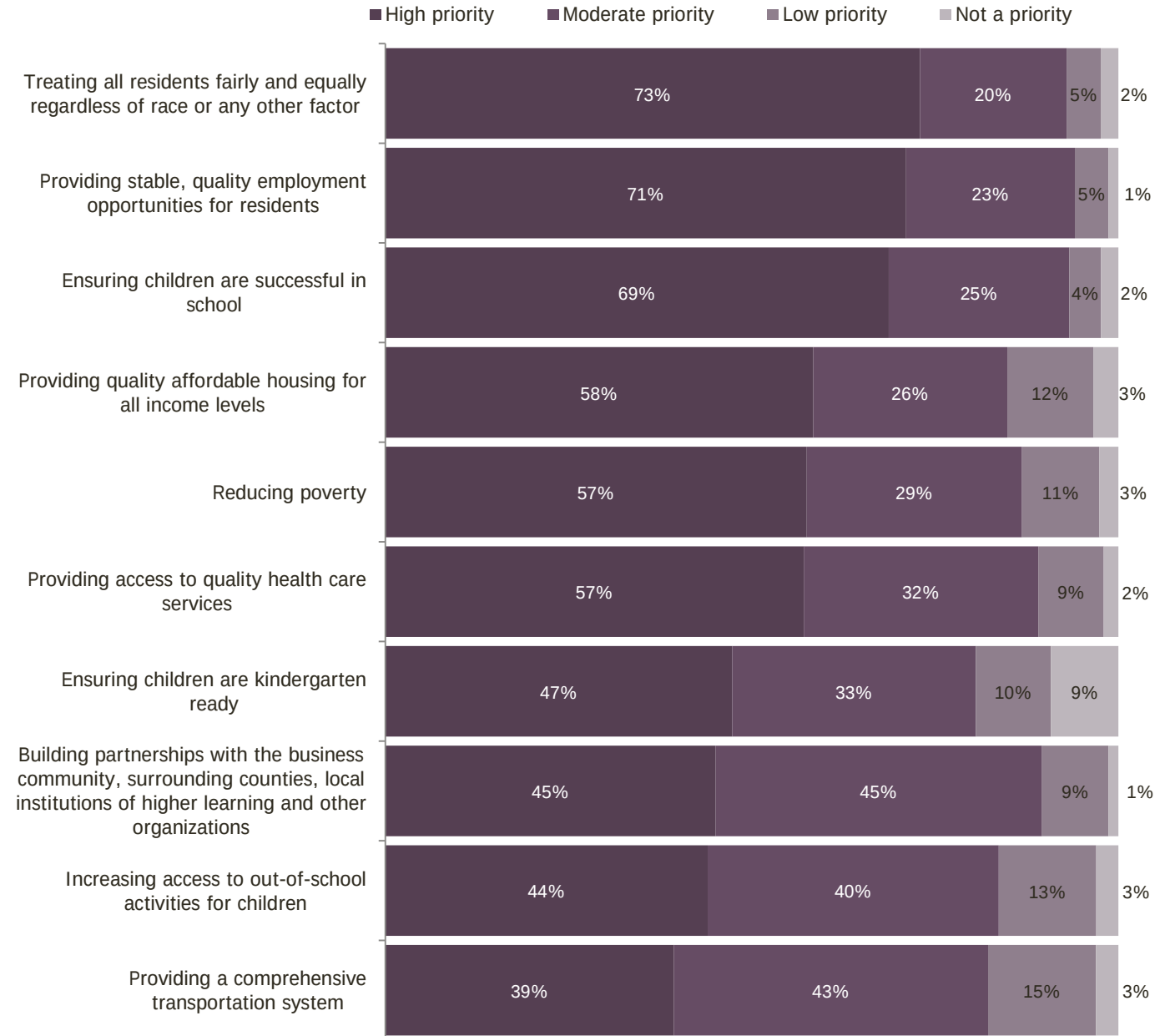


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Almost all community members revealed that treating all residents fairly and equally, providing good employment opportunities and ensuring children are successful in school should be high or medium priorities for the City and its partners to focus on in the future. Moreover, at least half of survey participants felt that providing quality affordable housing for all income levels, reducing poverty, and providing access to quality health care services are high priorities.

Figure 6: Resident Priorities

Please indicate how much of a priority, if at all, each of the following areas should be to the City and its community partners (businesses, academic institutions, non-profits, etc.):

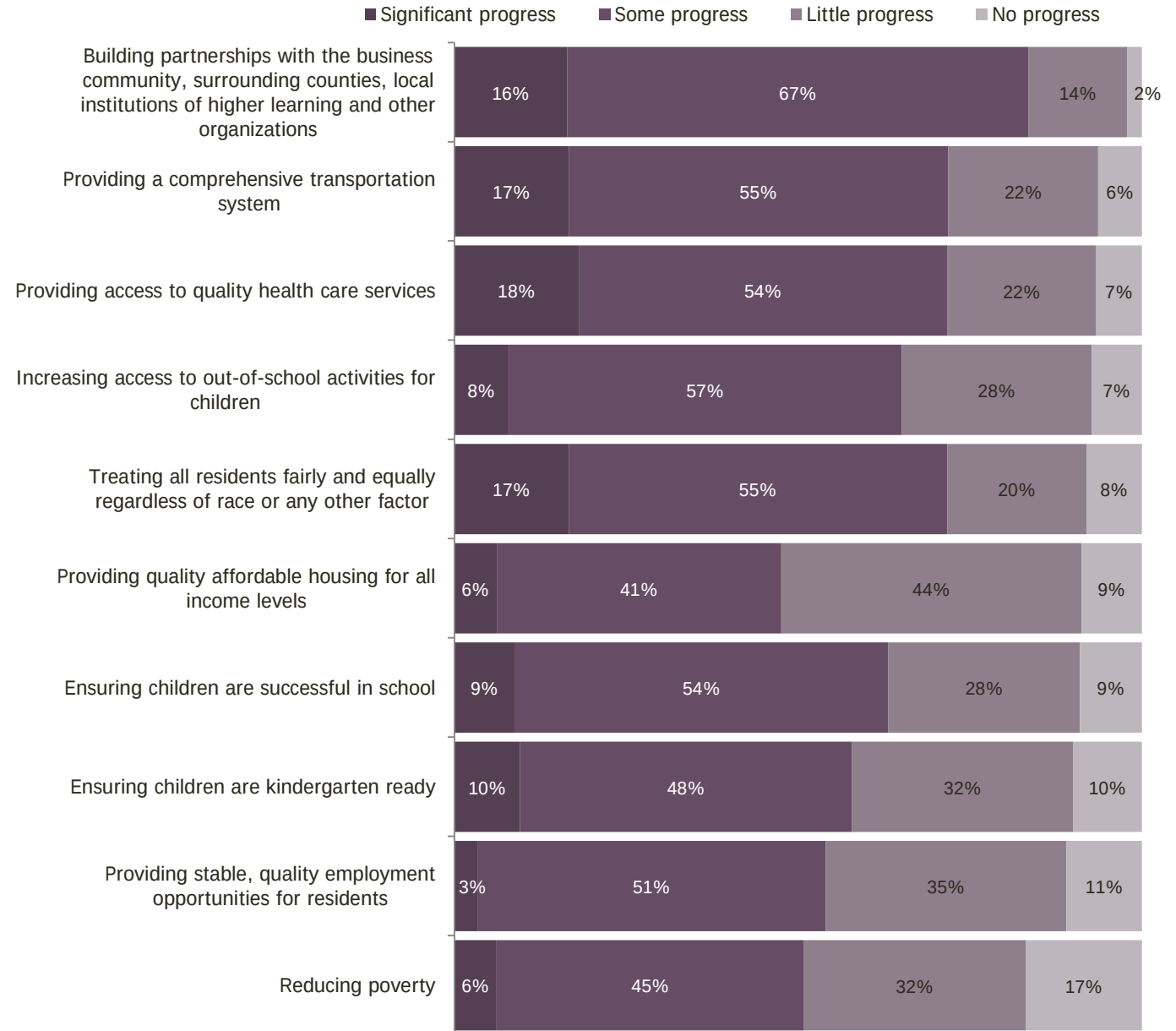


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City leadership also sought resident feedback regarding the progress they had made in each of these areas in the last two years. About 8 in 10 community members indicated that the City had made some or significant progress building partnerships and 7 in 10 stated leadership had moved forward in advancing a comprehensive transportation system, providing health care services, and treating residents equally regardless of background. Conversely, around half of survey respondents felt the City had made little to no progress on providing affordable housing for all income levels.

Figure 7: Perceptions of Progress on Resident Priorities

Please rate to what extent progress has been made in each area in the last two years:

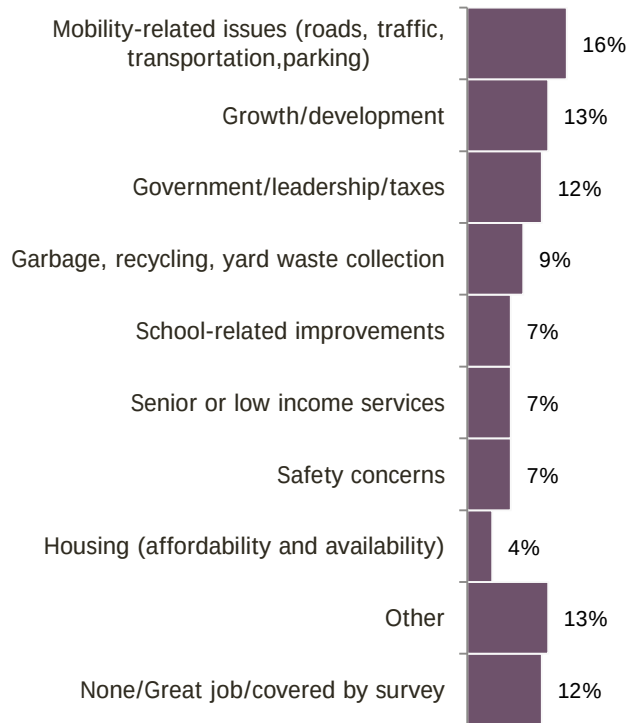


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About 1 in 10 respondents cited a concern or issue related to mobility (including roads, traffic, transportation, and parking), garbage/recycling/yard waste collection, or growth and development. A similar proportion of residents wrote a comment regarding government, leadership decisions, or taxes and 7% of residents mentioned an issue related to school improvements, senior or low income services, and safety.

Figure 8: Additional Resident Concerns

Is there a community issue or concern to you that is not addressed in this survey? Please explain.



Conclusions

The city's Economy is a priority for residents.

As in previous years, survey participants prioritized the facet of Economy for Lynchburg to focus on in the coming years. The overall economic health was viewed as excellent or good by about half of respondents, similar to national benchmarks, but lower than their peers. Residents noted that the city as a place to work were similar to national and peer community averages, and reviews of the cost of living in Lynchburg exceeded both sets of benchmark comparisons. Community members were pleased with employment opportunities, hitting a 15 year high. Even so, at least 9 in 10 respondents view employment opportunities as a high or medium priority for the City. While residents' reviews for shopping opportunities lagged behind comparison communities, economic development was on par with municipalities across the nation. Like the rest of the country, most respondents purchased goods or services in Lynchburg and about 35% of respondents believed the economy would have a positive impact on their income. Notably, about 6 in 10 community members worked in Lynchburg, surpassing benchmark comparisons. While the variety and availability of affordable quality housing were commensurate with communities elsewhere, about two-thirds of participants indicated there was too little housing for seniors and half also felt housing was lacking for young residents. Among potential future efforts by the City, more than half of residents stated that providing housing for all income levels should be a high priority, while less than 1 in 10 felt the City had made significant progress in this area in the last two years.

Residents have mixed feelings about Mobility.

Generally, Mobility-related items received ratings similar to the national average; about 7 in 10 residents positively rated the overall ease of travel in the community, while more than half were pleased with ease of travel by walking and by car. Further, residents provided more positive assessments for the overall ease of travel, travel by car, traffic flow, and public parking in 2019 compared to 2017. All of the evaluations for Mobility services provided by Lynchburg were positive and similar to comparison communities.

However, challenges related to Mobility were also identified. The rating for the availability of paths and walking trails declined since the previous survey iteration, and residents gave below-average marks to the ease of travel by bicycle. Unsurprisingly, Lynchburg residents were less likely to have walked or biked instead of driving than their peers nationwide. When asked about priorities for the community, about 4 in 10 community members indicated that the City providing a comprehensive transportation system should be a high priority and a similar proportion stated this should be a medium priority; however, around 7 in 10 respondents felt the City had made at least some progress for this goal. In an open-ended question on top community issues that were not addressed by the survey, concerns regarding Mobility (roads, traffic, transportation, and parking) topped the list.

The Natural Environment presents opportunities for improvement.

Residents' ratings of most Natural Environment-related aspects and services, such as overall natural environment, cleanliness, air quality, garbage collection, natural areas preservation, drinking water, and open space were similar to those given in other communities. However, respondents' felt the quality of recycling and yard waste pick-up services were below-average and evaluations for yard waste pick-up declined since 2017. Lynchburg residents were also less likely than those who lived elsewhere to have conserved water or recycled (a rate that also decreased over time). Additionally, about 1 in 10 of the respondents who provided a written response to other concerns or issues not addressed by the survey cited a comment related to garbage, recycling and yard waste pick-up. Thus, the Natural Environment in Lynchburg may be an area of focus for the City in the future.



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Dashboard Summary of Findings

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Summary

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By summarizing resident ratings across the eight facets and three pillars of a livable community, a picture of Lynchburg's community livability emerges. Below, the color of each community facet summarizes how residents rated each of the pillars that support it – Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation. When most ratings were higher than the benchmark, the color is the darkest shade; when most ratings were lower than the benchmark, the color is the lightest shade. A mix of ratings (higher and lower than the benchmark) results in a color between the extremes. This information can be helpful in identifying the areas that merit more attention.

Overall, ratings for community livability were on par with national benchmark comparison communities. Rates of Participation within the facet of Natural Environment were lower than rates seen elsewhere.

Figure 1: Dashboard Summary

	Community Characteristics			Governance			Participation		
	Higher	Similar	Lower	Higher	Similar	Lower	Higher	Similar	Lower
Overall	1	49	2	0	42	3	3	30	3
General	0	7	0	0	3	0	0	3	0
Safety	0	3	0	0	7	0	0	3	0
Mobility	0	7	1	0	8	0	0	2	1
Natural Environment	0	3	0	0	4	2	0	1	2
Built Environment	0	5	0	0	5	1	0	2	0
Economy	1	6	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
Recreation and Wellness	0	7	0	0	4	0	0	5	0
Education and Enrichment	0	6	0	0	2	0	1	2	0
Community Engagement	0	5	0	0	8	0	1	10	0

National Benchmark	
	Higher
	Similar
	Lower

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Figure 2: Detailed Dashboard

	Community Characteristics	Trend	Benchmark	Percent positive	Governance	Trend	Benchmark	Percent positive	Participation	Trend	Benchmark	Percent positive
General	Overall appearance	↔	↔	68%	Customer service	↑	↔	75%	Recommend Lynchburg	↔	↔	80%
	Overall quality of life	↔	↔	76%	Services provided by Lynchburg	↔	↔	74%	Remain in Lynchburg	↔	↔	77%
	Place to retire	↔	↔	72%	Services provided by the Federal Government	↔	↔	36%	Contacted Lynchburg employees	↔	↔	51%
	Place to raise children	↔	↔	80%								
	Place to live	↔	↔	80%								
	Neighborhood	↔	↔	75%								
	Overall image	↔	↔	59%								
Safety	Overall feeling of safety	↔	↔	76%	Police	↔	↔	78%	Was NOT the victim of a crime	↔	↔	90%
	Safe in neighborhood	↔	↔	92%	Crime prevention	↔	↔	60%	Did NOT report a crime	↔	↔	82%
	Safe downtown/commercial area	↔	↔	85%	Fire	↔	↔	90%	Stocked supplies for an emergency	↔	↔	39%
					Fire prevention	↔	↔	73%				
					Ambulance/EMS	↔	↔	88%				
					Emergency preparedness	↔	↔	61%				
					Animal control	↔	↔	60%				
Mobility	Traffic flow	↑	↔	51%	Traffic enforcement	↔	↔	57%	Carpooled instead of driving alone	↓	↔	36%
	Travel by car	↑	↔	68%	Street repair	↔	↔	37%	Walked or biked instead of driving	↔	↓	40%
	Travel by bicycle	↔	↓	34%	Street cleaning	↔	↔	54%	Used public transportation instead of driving	↔	↔	19%
	Ease of walking	↔	↔	49%	Street lighting	↔	↔	60%				
	Travel by public transportation	↔	↔	28%	Snow removal	↔	↔	50%				
	Overall ease travel	↑	↔	71%	Sidewalk maintenance	↔	↔	44%				
	Public parking	↑	↔	44%	Traffic signal timing	↔	↔	46%				
	Paths and walking trails	↓	↔	62%	Bus or transit services	↔	↔	47%				
Natural Environment	Overall natural environment	↔	↔	76%	Garbage collection	↔	↔	78%	Recycled at home	↔	↓↓	65%
	Air quality	↔	↔	81%	Recycling	↔	↓↓	38%	Conserved water	↓	↓	64%
	Cleanliness	↔	↔	68%	Yard waste pick-up	↓	↓↓	39%	Made home more energy efficient	↔	↔	72%
					Drinking water	↔	↔	69%				
					Open space	↔	↔	55%				
					Natural areas preservation	↔	↔	57%				
Built Environment	New development in Lynchburg	↔	↔	61%	Sewer services	↔	↔	77%	NOT experiencing housing cost stress	↔	↔	67%
	Affordable quality housing	↔	↔	48%	Storm drainage	↓	↔	55%	Did NOT observe a code violation	↔	↔	45%
	Housing options	↔	↔	54%	Water utility billing	↔	↔	65%				
	Overall built environment	↔	↔	53%	Land use, planning and zoning	↔	↔	45%				
	Public places	↔	↔	60%	Code enforcement	↔	↓	31%				
					Cable television	↔	↔	43%				

Legend

↑↑ Much higher ↑ Higher ↔ Similar ↓ Lower ↓↓ Much lower * Not available

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	Community Characteristics	Trend	Benchmark	Percent positive	Governance	Trend	Benchmark	Percent positive	Participation	Trend	Benchmark	Percent positive
Economy	Overall economic health	↔	↔	54%	Economic development	↔	↔	52%	Economy will have positive impact on income	↔	↔	35%
	Shopping opportunities	↔	↓	38%					Purchased goods or services in Lynchburg	↔	↔	96%
	Employment opportunities	↑	↔	47%					Work in Lynchburg	↔	↑↑	63%
	Place to visit	↔	↔	56%								
	Cost of living	↔	↑	61%								
	Vibrant downtown/commercial area	↔	↔	56%								
	Place to work	↔	↔	54%								
Recreation and Wellness	Business and services	↔	↔	64%								
	Fitness opportunities	↔	↔	73%	City parks	↔	↔	83%	In very good to excellent health	↔	↔	56%
	Recreational opportunities	↔	↔	69%	Recreation centers	↑	↔	77%	Used Lynchburg recreation centers	↑	↔	58%
	Health care	↔	↔	60%	Recreation programs	↑	↔	79%	Visited a local park	↔	↔	81%
	Food	↔	↔	68%	Health services	↔	↔	64%	Ate 5 portions of fruits and vegetables	↔	↔	78%
	Mental health care	↔	↔	42%					Participated in moderate or vigorous physical activity	↔	↔	82%
	Health and wellness	↔	↔	68%								
Education and Enrichment	Preventive health services	↔	↔	61%								
	K-12 education	↔	↔	65%	Public libraries	↔	↔	85%	Used Lynchburg public libraries	↔	↔	53%
	Cultural/arts/music activities	↔	↔	55%	Special events	↔	↔	66%	Participated in religious or spiritual activities	↔	↑↑	69%
	Child care/preschool	↔	↔	48%					Attended a City-sponsored event	↔	↔	57%
	Religious or spiritual events and activities	↔	↔	84%								
	Adult education	↔	↔	62%								
Community Engagement	Overall education and enrichment	↔	↔	75%								
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	↓	↔	59%	Public information	↓	↔	61%	Sense of community	↔	↔	55%
	Opportunities to volunteer	↔	↔	77%	Overall direction	↔	↔	63%	Voted in local elections	↔	↔	87%
	Openness and acceptance	↔	↔	48%	Value of services for taxes paid	↔	↔	51%	Talked to or visited with neighbors	↔	↔	88%
	Social events and activities	↔	↔	60%	Welcoming resident involvement	↔	↔	50%	Attended a local public meeting	↔	↔	22%
	Neighborliness	↔	↔	59%	Confidence in City government	↔	↔	53%	Watched a local public meeting	↓	↔	25%
					Acting in the best interest of Lynchburg	↔	↔	55%	Volunteered	↔	↑	51%
					Being honest	↔	↔	58%	Participated in a club	↔	↔	30%
					Treating all residents fairly	↔	↔	53%	Campaigned for an issue, cause or candidate	↓	↔	22%
									Contacted Lynchburg elected officials	↔	↔	20%
									Read or watched local news	↔	↔	75%
									Done a favor for a neighbor	↔	↔	82%

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About

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. Communities conducting The NCS can choose from a number of optional services to customize the reporting of survey results. Lynchburg's Comparisons by Demographic Subgroups is part of a larger project for the City and additional reports are available under separate cover. This report discusses differences in opinion of survey respondents by age, gender, race/ethnicity, housing unit type (attached or detached), and housing tenure (rent or own).

Understanding the Tables

For most of the questions, one number appears for each question. Responses have been summarized to show only the proportion of respondents giving a certain answer; for example, the percent of respondents who rated the quality of life as “excellent” or “good,” or the percent of respondents who participated in an activity at least once. It should be noted that when a table that does include all responses (not a single number) for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the common practice of percentages being rounded to the nearest whole number.

The subgroup comparison tables contain the crosstabulations of survey questions by selected respondent characteristics. Chi-square or ANOVA tests of significance were applied to these breakdowns of survey questions. A “p-value” of 0.05 or less indicates that there is less than a 5% probability that differences observed between groups are due to chance; or in other words, a greater than 95% probability that the differences observed in the selected categories of the sample represent “real” differences among those populations. As subgroups vary in size and each group (and each comparison to another group) has a unique margin of error, statistical testing is used to determine whether differences between subgroups are statistically significant. Statistical testing was not performed on multiple response questions.

Each column in the following tables is labeled with a letter for each subgroup being compared. The “Overall” column, which shows the ratings for all respondents, also has a column designation of “(A)”, but no statistical tests were done for the overall rating.

For each pair of subgroups ratings within a row (a single question item) that has a statistically significant difference, an upper case letter denoting significance is shown in the cell with the larger column proportion. The letter denotes the subgroup with the smaller column proportion from which it is statistically different. Subgroups that have no upper case letter denotation in their column and that are also not referred to in any other column were not statistically different.

For example, in Figure 1 below, respondents age 55 and over (C) gave significantly higher rating to the overall quality of life than those age 18 to 34 (A) and 35 to 54 (B), as denoted by the “A B” listed in the cell of the ratings for those 55+. This was also true of women (A) over men (B); people who were white alone, not Hispanic (A) over those who were Hispanic and/or other race (B); homeowners (B) over renters (A); and those living in detached housing (A) over those living in attached housing (B).

Figure 1: Community Characteristics – General (Example Only)

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing tenure		Housing unit type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)
The overall quality of life in ABC	76%	78% A	82% A B	79% B	77%	81% B	71%	73%	81% A	79% B	76%	78%
Overall image or reputation of ABC	69%	69%	73% A B	71% B	69%	72% B	64%	68%	71% A	69%	71% A	70%
ABC as a place to live	81%	84% A	87% A B	85% B	83%	86% B	78%	79%	86% A	85% B	82%	84%

Findings

Notable differences between demographic subgroups included the following:

- Across the pillar of Community Characteristics, respondents who identified as white and homeowners tended to provide higher ratings across most facets, including many measures of community livability (e.g., overall quality of life and the community as a place to live). White residents were also more likely to praise government performance aspects and services related to Safety (e.g., police, fire, and crime prevention), Natural Environment (e.g., yard waste pick-up and drinking water) and Built Environment (e.g., sewer, water utility billing and cable television).
- Survey participants who were under the age of 35 felt more positively about the affordability of the community, rating the cost of living, variety of housing options, and availability of affordable quality housing higher than their counterparts. They also were more optimistic about the impact of the local economy on their income in the next six months.
- When differences were significant, homeowners reported higher rates of participation in their community; however, renters indicated they were more likely to use public transportation instead of driving. Residents who were Hispanic and/or another race were also more likely to have utilized alternative transportation (walking, biking, or public transit), contacted elected officials, interacted with their neighbors, and watched local public meetings than residents who were white.
- Younger respondents (18-34), males and white residents were less likely to prioritize health and wellness opportunities and opportunities for education and enrichment as focus areas for the City in the next two years than their counterparts.
- Non-white community members reported higher levels of reliance on the local government cable channel 15, the monthly newsletter and City Council meetings as sources of information about Lynchburg government events and activities.
- Renters and residents who lived in attached housing felt that reducing poverty and providing a comprehensive transportation system were higher priorities than homeowners or those in detached housing units.

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Table 1: Community Characteristics - General

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
The overall quality of life in Lynchburg	82% B	64%	80% B	74%	77%	82% B	64%	68%	84% A	77%	75%	76%
Overall image or reputation of Lynchburg	64% B	46%	66% B	61%	57%	64% B	51%	60%	58%	54%	67% A	59%
Lynchburg as a place to live	85% B	68%	83% B	79%	79%	83% B	72%	72%	87% A	81%	77%	80%
Your neighborhood as a place to live	72%	73%	80%	74%	75%	80% B	65%	61%	89% A	80% B	69%	75%
Lynchburg as a place to raise children	81%	79%	78%	77%	83%	84% B	73%	71%	87% A	84% B	73%	80%
Lynchburg as a place to retire	76% B	62%	78% B	71%	72%	75%	66%	60%	83% A	75%	68%	72%
Overall appearance of Lynchburg	73%	63%	68%	72%	63%	71%	64%	59%	77% A	70%	67%	68%

Table 2: Community Characteristics - Safety

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	82%	76%	72%	71%	82% A	84% B	63%	66%	87% A	81% B	71%	76%
In your neighborhood during the day	96% B	87%	94% B	92%	92%	96% B	85%	89%	96% A	95%	90%	92%
In Lynchburg's downtown/commercial area during the day	89% B	77%	89% B	86%	84%	87%	82%	80%	91% A	87%	83%	85%

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Table 3: Community Characteristics - Mobility

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	79% B	66%	69%	68%	74%	73%	68%	66%	76% A	72%	71%	71%
Traffic flow on major streets	56%	51%	46%	52%	51%	52%	51%	50%	53%	52%	50%	51%
Ease of public parking	65% B C	33%	34%	41%	49%	44%	46%	42%	46%	44%	45%	44%
Ease of travel by car in Lynchburg	84% B C	60%	60%	64%	74% A	72%	64%	68%	69%	64%	75% A	68%
Ease of travel by public transportation in Lynchburg	21%	22%	40% A B	27%	28%	27%	28%	28%	28%	23%	34%	28%
Ease of travel by bicycle in Lynchburg	35%	24%	43% B	37%	31%	32%	39%	32%	36%	33%	35%	34%
Ease of walking in Lynchburg	50%	44%	51%	48%	48%	51%	45%	47%	50%	48%	49%	49%
Availability of paths and walking trails	61%	56%	69%	58%	66%	68% B	52%	55%	69% A	61%	64%	62%

Table 4: Community Characteristics - Natural Environment

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	78%	73%	77%	72%	81% A	82% B	67%	69%	84% A	77%	75%	76%
Air quality	89% B C	78%	76%	77%	85%	87% B	69%	71%	90% A	85% B	77%	81%
Cleanliness of Lynchburg	79% C	67%	58%	67%	70%	73% B	61%	61%	75% A	70%	67%	68%

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Table 5: Community Characteristics - Built Environment

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	54%	47%	57%	57%	48%	52%	55%	49%	57%	53%	53%	53%
Public places where people want to spend time	66% B	52%	61%	62%	56%	65% B	51%	60%	60%	55%	67% A	60%
Variety of housing options	67% B C	48%	45%	44%	64% A	64% B	37%	45%	63% A	53%	55%	54%
Availability of affordable quality housing	65% B C	43%	35%	40%	58% A	59% B	30%	41%	55% A	48%	48%	48%
Overall quality of new development in Lynchburg	75% B C	47%	60% B	64%	59%	66% B	51%	62%	59%	55%	69% A	61%

Table 6: Community Characteristics - Economy

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	62% B	39%	59% B	50%	58%	56%	50%	46%	61% A	55%	53%	54%
Lynchburg as a place to work	52%	47%	63% B	48%	61% A	66% B	35%	47%	61% A	55%	52%	54%
Lynchburg as a place to visit	54%	43%	70% A B	62% B	49%	62% B	45%	50%	63% A	55%	58%	56%
Employment opportunities	56% B	39%	45%	41%	54% A	57% B	33%	48%	46%	42%	55% A	47%
Shopping opportunities	39% B	27%	49% B	30%	45% A	38%	38%	41%	36%	36%	41%	38%
Cost of living in Lynchburg	73% B C	57%	53%	50%	75% A	74% B	40%	55%	68% A	63%	61%	61%
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Lynchburg	74% B C	57%	59%	59%	69%	73% B	47%	59%	69% A	61%	69%	64%
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	64% B	45%	57%	54%	57%	62% B	45%	53%	59%	52%	60%	56%

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Table 7: Community Characteristics - Recreation and Wellness

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	68%	59%	77% B	66%	71%	75% B	56%	62%	74% A	66%	72%	68%
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	77%	72%	71%	72%	75%	81% B	61%	67%	80% A	76%	70%	73%
Recreational opportunities	82% B C	61%	64%	69%	70%	78% B	54%	68%	71%	67%	73%	69%
Availability of affordable quality food	79% B C	58%	67%	65%	72%	74% B	59%	60%	76% A	69%	67%	68%
Availability of affordable quality health care	57%	52%	69% B	50%	71% A	65% B	51%	56%	63%	61%	58%	60%
Availability of preventive health services	59%	57%	67%	54%	69% A	66% B	52%	55%	68% A	65%	56%	61%
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	52% B	33%	42%	36%	51% A	48% B	34%	41%	43%	37%	50%	42%

Table 8: Community Characteristics - Education and Enrichment

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	80% B	68%	76%	74%	75%	78% B	68%	77%	73%	74%	76%	75%
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	27%	55% A	52% A	35%	61% A	51%	43%	47%	47%	47%	48%	48%
K-12 education	72% B	56%	71% B	61%	70%	69%	60%	66%	64%	63%	69%	65%
Adult educational opportunities	63%	63%	61%	59%	66%	66%	57%	56%	68% A	62%	61%	62%
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	52%	46%	67% A B	54%	55%	64% B	40%	52%	58%	51%	60%	55%
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	87%	82%	83%	79%	91% A	92% B	71%	78%	90% A	86%	82%	84%

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Table 9: Community Characteristics - Community Engagement

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	66% B	48%	65% B	60%	60%	70% B	42%	57%	64%	56%	67% A	60%
Opportunities to volunteer	81%	70%	80%	75%	78%	79%	71%	71%	82% A	79%	74%	77%
Opportunities to participate in community matters	54%	59%	64%	60%	56%	64% B	49%	56%	61%	57%	62%	59%
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	47%	47%	50%	39%	58% A	53% B	37%	40%	55% A	48%	48%	48%
Neighborliness of residents in Lynchburg	70% B C	53%	56%	58%	61%	63%	54%	52%	67% A	61%	58%	59%

Table 10: Governance - General

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
The City of Lynchburg	81%	72%	71%	71%	77%	78% B	67%	72%	77%	74%	75%	74%
The value of services for the taxes paid to Lynchburg	60% B	42%	49%	45%	57% A	59% B	36%	48%	53%	49%	54%	51%
The overall direction that Lynchburg is taking	79% B C	50%	60%	59%	67%	70% B	49%	62%	65%	58%	72% A	63%
The job Lynchburg government does at welcoming resident involvement	49%	41%	59% B	49%	51%	53%	44%	49%	51%	49%	51%	50%
Overall confidence in Lynchburg government	69% B C	38%	51%	48%	59%	60% B	42%	55%	51%	46%	63% A	53%
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	69% B C	40%	55% B	52%	60%	65% B	38%	56%	54%	49%	65% A	55%
Being honest	70% B	44%	59% B	50%	68% A	68% B	42%	55%	61%	55%	64%	58%
Treating all residents fairly	75% B C	36%	49%	45%	64% A	63% B	39%	54%	53%	49%	60%	53%
Overall customer service by Lynchburg employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	84% B	66%	73%	72%	77%	82% B	60%	72%	78%	74%	76%	75%
The Federal Government	42% B	25%	41% B	31%	40%	41% B	26%	31%	41%	35%	36%	36%

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Table 11: Governance - Safety

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Police services	83% B	65%	86% B	70%	87% A	85% B	65%	74%	82%	77%	79%	78%
Fire services	93% B	81%	94% B	86%	93%	95% B	79%	86%	92%	88%	93%	90%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	95% B	78%	91% B	84%	94% A	94% B	78%	88%	88%	85%	92%	88%
Crime prevention	66% B	49%	67% B	57%	64%	67% B	47%	53%	68% A	64%	56%	60%
Fire prevention and education	73%	68%	77%	69%	77%	76%	66%	68%	78%	73%	72%	73%
Animal control	71% C	58%	54%	55%	64%	66% B	49%	53%	65%	56%	66%	60%
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	54%	53%	74% A B	57%	67%	64%	56%	55%	66%	60%	63%	61%

Table 12: Governance - Mobility

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Traffic enforcement	65%	52%	53%	51%	64% A	54%	64%	59%	54%	55%	58%	57%
Street repair	40%	38%	36%	41%	34%	40%	34%	35%	40%	39%	35%	37%
Street cleaning	66% B C	51%	43%	53%	54%	55%	50%	54%	53%	50%	58%	54%
Street lighting	64%	60%	56%	59%	63%	60%	60%	56%	65%	64%	55%	60%
Snow removal	51%	46%	52%	47%	54%	59% B	35%	46%	53%	51%	46%	50%
Sidewalk maintenance	54% B C	40%	38%	46%	43%	48%	38%	41%	49%	45%	44%	44%
Traffic signal timing	54% B	38%	45%	47%	46%	47%	46%	47%	45%	46%	46%	46%
Bus or transit services	41%	42%	55%	43%	54%	50%	46%	44%	51%	45%	48%	47%

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Table 13: Governance - Natural Environment

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Garbage collection	81%	76%	78%	76%	81%	80%	75%	73%	83% A	82% B	72%	78%
Recycling	18%	45% A	51% A	37%	39%	39%	38%	30%	46% A	43% B	30%	38%
Yard waste pick-up	33%	35%	48% A	38%	41%	44% B	30%	35%	43%	38%	43%	39%
Drinking water	71%	69%	68%	64%	76% A	75% B	59%	59%	80% A	75% B	61%	69%
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	62%	49%	59%	59%	55%	60%	51%	55%	59%	60%	52%	57%
Lynchburg open space	62% B	41%	61% B	55%	56%	59%	47%	51%	60%	54%	56%	55%

Table 14: Governance - Built Environment

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Storm drainage	63% B	48%	56%	51%	62%	59%	48%	53%	58%	53%	60%	55%
Sewer services	89% B C	69%	74%	75%	81%	83% B	67%	72%	82% A	79%	75%	77%
Water utility billing	81% B C	49%	66% B	62%	71%	71% B	57%	65%	66%	62%	72%	65%
Land use, planning and zoning	59% B C	36%	41%	46%	45%	52% B	32%	45%	45%	37%	59% A	45%
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	33%	29%	31%	29%	33%	34%	27%	26%	36%	30%	32%	31%
Cable television	60% B C	31%	43%	46%	41%	50% B	35%	46%	42%	39%	50%	43%

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Table 15: Governance - Economy

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Economic development	58% B	40%	58% B	43%	62% A	59% B	41%	46%	57%	49%	58%	52%

Table 16: Governance - Recreation and Wellness

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
City parks	92% B C	76%	79%	84%	83%	85%	81%	82%	84%	82%	84%	83%
Recreation programs or classes	84% C	84% C	71%	84% B	72%	82%	76%	75%	83%	80%	77%	79%
Recreation centers or facilities	83%	78%	72%	81%	71%	76%	80%	77%	78%	75%	80%	77%
Health services	69% B	48%	74% B	57%	72% A	67%	60%	64%	65%	61%	70%	64%

Table 17: Governance - Education and Enrichment

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Public library services	92% B	77%	86%	89% B	78%	87%	82%	83%	88%	82%	90%	85%
City-sponsored special events	78% B	52%	64%	67%	64%	72% B	54%	63%	68%	58%	77% A	66%

Table 18: Governance - Community Engagement

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Public information services	65% B	47%	67% B	62%	59%	63%	57%	63%	59%	52%	74% A	61%

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Table 19: Participation General

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Sense of community	61% B	46%	57%	55%	55%	54%	56%	48%	62% A	55%	55%	55%
Recommend living in Lynchburg to someone who asks	81% B	70%	88% B	77%	83%	83% B	73%	75%	85% A	84% B	74%	80%
Remain in Lynchburg for the next five years	68%	73%	89% A B	74%	80%	79%	73%	64%	90% A	85% B	65%	77%
Contacted the City of Lynchburg (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	47%	55%	53%	46%	58% A	52%	51%	41%	62% A	63% B	35%	51%

Table 20: Participation - Safety

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Was NOT the victim of a crime	89%	90%	91%	93% B	86%	88%	93%	91%	90%	92%	87%	90%
Did NOT report a crime	85% B	73%	86% B	81%	82%	84%	78%	77%	87% A	85%	77%	82%
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	26%	50% A	42% A	44% B	33%	35%	46%	37%	40%	36%	43%	39%

Table 21: Participation - Mobility

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Walked or biked instead of driving	43% C	52% C	27%	43%	38%	36%	49% A	39%	41%	41%	39%	40%
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	49% B C	34%	24%	38%	33%	39%	30%	35%	36%	32%	42% A	36%
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	16%	23%	17%	22% B	14%	13%	29% A	28% B	9%	12%	28% A	19%

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Table 22: Participation - Natural Environment

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Recycle at home	59%	67%	69%	68%	62%	70% B	55%	51%	79% A	74% B	53%	65%
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	74%	73%	69%	71%	73%	73%	70%	66%	78% A	74%	68%	72%
Made efforts to conserve water	48%	73% A	73% A	66%	61%	65%	63%	65%	63%	67%	60%	64%

Table 23: Participation - Built Environment

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
NOT under housing cost stress	70%	68%	62%	59%	76% A	76% B	50%	51%	84% A	75% B	55%	67%
Did NOT observe a code violation	37%	50%	49%	47%	42%	46%	42%	42%	48%	43%	47%	45%

Table 24: Participation - Economy

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Lynchburg	97%	99% C	93%	95%	97%	96%	96%	95%	98%	98%	95%	96%
Economy will have positive impact on income	46% B C	31%	29%	26%	47% A	39%	30%	36%	34%	34%	36%	35%
Work in Lynchburg	73% C	76% C	39%	59%	69%	63%	63%	65%	61%	64%	62%	63%

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Table 25: Participation - Recreation and Wellness

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Used Lynchburg recreation centers or their services	67% C	66% C	41%	55%	61%	58%	57%	56%	59%	60%	55%	58%
Visited a local park	91% C	86% C	65%	75%	88% A	82%	79%	79%	82%	81%	81%	81%
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	76%	77%	81%	79%	76%	80%	73%	72%	84% A	86% B	67%	78%
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	92% C	84% C	70%	77%	89% A	88% B	73%	80%	85%	84%	80%	82%
Reported being in "very good" or "excellent" health	71% B C	52%	46%	48%	67% A	63% B	44%	52%	61%	55%	58%	56%

Table 26: Participation - Education and Enrichment

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Used Lynchburg public libraries or their services	51%	62% C	45%	59% B	44%	50%	56%	55%	50%	53%	52%	53%
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Lynchburg	71%	69%	66%	61%	77% A	73% B	61%	61%	77% A	72%	65%	69%
Attended a City-sponsored event	66% C	65% C	42%	58%	57%	58%	55%	55%	60%	60%	53%	57%

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Table 27: Participation - Community Engagement

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	13%	28% A	25% A	21%	22%	20%	23%	16%	27% A	23%	20%	22%
Contacted Lynchburg elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	15%	28% A C	17%	20%	19%	14%	29% A	16%	23%	23%	15%	20%
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Lynchburg	44%	69% A C	44%	54%	49%	52%	50%	44%	58% A	55%	47%	51%
Participated in a club	19%	42% A C	30%	31%	28%	33%	23%	24%	34% A	33%	24%	30%
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	75%	98% A	94% A	88%	89%	86%	94% A	80%	96% A	96% B	78%	88%
Done a favor for a neighbor	73%	87% A	86% A	79%	85%	82%	83%	76%	87% A	86% B	76%	82%
Attended a local public meeting	14%	31% A	21%	18%	25%	21%	22%	10%	33% A	27% B	14%	22%
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	12%	30% A	34% A	26%	24%	20%	33% A	23%	27%	31% B	17%	25%
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	54%	85% A	88% A	78%	71%	74%	76%	75%	76%	78%	72%	75%
Vote in local elections	83%	90%	89%	90%	84%	88%	85%	82%	92% A	89%	84%	87%

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Table 28: Community Focus Areas

	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
Percent rating positively (e.g., essential/very important)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	84%	93% A	93% A	89%	91%	91%	87%	87%	92%	89%	92%	90%
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	79%	82%	80%	80%	81%	79%	84%	81%	80%	79%	82%	80%
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	82%	74%	80%	78%	78%	81%	75%	75%	82%	78%	81%	79%
Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	72%	75%	72%	74%	72%	74%	72%	75%	71%	71%	77%	73%
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	64%	79% A	83% A	80% B	69%	72%	82% A	75%	75%	73%	79%	75%
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	68%	84% A	85% A	83% B	73%	74%	88% A	80%	78%	79%	79%	79%
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	93%	91%	91%	91%	93%	93%	89%	89%	95% A	92%	92%	92%
Sense of community	80%	78%	82%	82%	77%	77%	83%	77%	82%	78%	82%	79%

Table 29: Question 14

	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services? (Percent rating as "major" or "minor source").	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)
City web site (www.lyncburgva.gov)	83%	93% A C	83%	91% B	81%	85%	88%	81%	91% A	91% B	79%	86%
Local news media (i.e., television, newspapers, etc.)	91%	88%	94%	91%	91%	90%	93%	90%	92%	93%	89%	91%
The local government Comcast Cable Channel 15	45%	44%	60% A B	55% B	44%	40%	67% A	52%	47%	50%	49%	49%
Monthly City newsletter in the News & Advance (City Source)	58%	53%	66% B	64%	54%	50%	75% A	61%	57%	62%	55%	59%
City Council meetings and other public meetings	54%	67% A	72% A	69%	59%	58%	75% A	61%	68%	70% B	56%	64%
City communications via social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	90% B C	64%	57%	74%	67%	70%	72%	76% B	65%	66%	78% A	71%

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Table 30: Question 15

Lynchburg's population is projected to grow to over 90,000 by the year 2030. Please indicate if you feel there is too little, too much, or about the right amount of each of the following housing types in Lynchburg to meet the community's needs in the coming years: (Percent rating as "Too little," "About right" or "Too much").		Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
		18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	
Single-family detached homes	Too little	42%	26%	32%	56%	44%	61%	39%	58%	42%	54%	46%	100%
	About right	32%	37%	31%	48%	52%	65%	35%	41%	59%	64%	36%	100%
	Too much	13%	65%	22%	53%	47%	43%	57%	52%	48%	77%	23%	100%
Townhouses	Too little	44%	26%	30%	62%	38%	47%	53%	61%	39%	47%	53%	100%
	About right	35%	32%	33%	55%	45%	72%	28%	47%	53%	61%	39%	100%
	Too much	23%	45%	33%	44%	56%	64%	36%	45%	55%	68%	32%	100%
Multi-family housing (apartments/condominiums)	Too little	39%	30%	31%	64%	36%	45%	55%	62%	38%	49%	51%	100%
	About right	38%	27%	35%	53%	47%	68%	32%	52%	48%	52%	48%	100%
	Too much	29%	41%	30%	44%	56%	70%	30%	38%	62%	74%	26%	100%
Housing options for seniors	Too little	24%	34%	43%	62%	38%	57%	43%	48%	52%	61%	39%	100%
	About right	25%	39%	36%	46%	54%	65%	35%	50%	50%	57%	43%	100%
	Too much	22%	55%	23%	55%	45%	35%	65%	91%	9%	49%	51%	100%
Housing options for young residents	Too little	39%	32%	28%	58%	42%	61%	39%	59%	41%	50%	50%	100%
	About right	36%	29%	34%	47%	53%	65%	35%	40%	60%	65%	35%	100%
	Too much	12%	56%	32%	53%	47%	54%	46%	64%	36%	69%	31%	100%

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Table 31: Question 16A

Please indicate how much of a priority, if at all, each of the following areas should be to the City and its community partners (businesses, academic institutions, non-profits, etc.): (Percent rating as "high" or "medium priority").	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations	90%	89%	90%	88%	92%	90%	90%	88%	91%	93% B	86%	90%
Reducing poverty	85%	88%	88%	90%	83%	90% B	80%	93% B	80%	83%	93% A	87%
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children	85%	85%	81%	89% B	77%	81%	88%	86%	81%	83%	84%	84%
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	74%	83%	85% A	84%	76%	80%	82%	86% B	75%	79%	83%	81%
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.)	88% B	74%	83%	91% B	72%	80%	87%	87% B	77%	79%	87% A	82%
Providing access to quality health care services	86%	90%	92%	90%	88%	90%	87%	91%	87%	87%	91%	89%
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels	84%	83%	87%	89% B	79%	83%	88%	86%	83%	83%	87%	85%
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents	95%	95%	92%	95%	93%	95%	94%	95%	93%	93%	95%	94%
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor	97%	91%	90%	93%	92%	95%	89%	95%	90%	91%	96% A	93%
Ensuring children are successful in school	92%	95%	92%	92%	95%	94%	92%	95%	92%	93%	94%	93%

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Table 32: Question 16B

Please rate to what extent progress has been made in each area in the last two years: (Percent rating as "significant" or "some progress").	Age			Sex		Race/ethnicity		Housing Tenure		Housing Unit Type		Overall
	18-34	35-54	55+	Female	Male	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	Rent	Own	Detached	Attached	(A)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations	92% B C	77%	79%	82%	86%	88% B	76%	81%	86%	87%	79%	84%
Reducing poverty	60% B	38%	55% B	49%	53%	52%	50%	45%	56%	54%	46%	51%
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children	79% B C	55%	59%	68%	62%	65%	65%	70%	60%	63%	68%	65%
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	58%	55%	62%	64% B	51%	56%	60%	67% B	50%	55%	62%	58%
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.)	76%	69%	69%	78% B	67%	69%	79%	70%	73%	73%	71%	72%
Providing access to quality health care services	75%	64%	77%	74%	71%	73%	72%	77%	66%	69%	75%	72%
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels	55%	42%	45%	40%	55% A	55% B	32%	47%	48%	46%	49%	48%
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents	67% B	36%	58% B	47%	60% A	66% B	30%	57%	51%	51%	58%	54%
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor	82% B C	69%	63%	63%	82% A	79% B	59%	72%	71%	70%	74%	72%
Ensuring children are successful in school	71% B	53%	66%	58%	68%	65%	61%	71% B	56%	60%	67%	63%



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Summary

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. Communities conducting The NCS can choose from a number of optional services to customize the reporting of survey results. Lynchburg's Comparisons by Geographic Subgroups is part of a larger project for the City and additional reports are available under separate cover. This report discusses differences in opinion of survey respondents by Council Ward.

Understanding the Tables

For most of the questions, one number appears for each question. Responses have been summarized to show only the proportion of respondents giving a certain answer; for example, the percent of respondents who rated the quality of life as “excellent” or “good,” or the percent of respondents who participated in an activity at least once. It should be noted that when a table that does include all responses (not a single number) for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the common practice of percentages being rounded to the nearest whole number.

The subgroup comparison tables contain the crosstabulations of survey questions by Council Ward. Chi-square or ANOVA tests of significance were applied to these breakdowns of survey questions. A “p-value” of 0.05 or less indicates that there is less than a 5% probability that differences observed between groups are due to chance; or in other words, a greater than 95% probability that the differences observed in the selected categories of the sample represent “real” differences among those populations. As subgroups vary in size and each group (and each comparison to another group) has a unique margin of error, statistical testing is used to determine whether differences between subgroups are statistically significant. Statistical testing was not performed on multiple response questions.

Each column in the following tables is labeled with a letter for each subgroup being compared. The “Overall” column, which shows the ratings for all respondents, also has a column designation of “(A)”, but no statistical tests were done for the overall rating.

For each pair of subgroup ratings within a row (a single question item) that has a statistically significant difference, an upper case letter denoting significance is shown in the cell with the larger column proportion. The letter denotes the subgroup with the smaller column proportion from which it is statistically different. Subgroups that have no upper case letter denotation in their column and that are also not referred to in any other column were not statistically different.

For example, in Figure 1 below, respondents in Districts 1 (A) and 2 (B) gave significantly lower ratings to overall quality of life than respondents in Districts 3 (C) and 4 (D), as denoted by the “A B” listed in the cell of the ratings for Districts 3 and 4. The overall quality of life rating in District 4 (D) also was significantly lower than that of District 3 (C) (as indicated by the “D” in the rating for District 3).

Figure 1: Community Characteristics – General (Example Only)

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	District				Overall
	District 1 (A)	District 2 (B)	District 3 (C)	District 4 (D)	(A)
The overall quality of life in ABC	73%	74%	79% A B D	76% A B	78%
Overall image or reputation of ABC	65%	66%	69% A B	71% A B C	70%
ABC as a place to live	80%	81%	85% A B D	82% A B	84%

Four Council Wards were tracked for comparison and the number of completed surveys for each are in the figure below.

Figure 2: Geographic Areas

Council Ward	Number of Completed Surveys
Ward 1	122
Ward 2	69
Ward 3	74
Ward 4	112

Findings

Notable differences between Wards included the following:

- Patterns in the data revealed that Ward 2 residents tended to be more critical of Community Characteristics aspects than residents who lived in Wards 1 and 4, especially within the areas of community livability (e.g., overall image or reputation and overall appearance of the community), Natural Environment, Economy, and Recreation and Wellness.
- Respondents from Ward 4 in the City were more likely to provide positive evaluations to aspects of government performance than those who resided in Wards 2 and 3, such as value of services for taxes paid, the government acting in the best interest of the community, and treating all residents fairly.
- While patterns of participation rates based on geographic location were difficult to discern, Ward 1 and 4 community members were more likely to recommend living in Lynchburg and remain in the community for the next five years when compared to those who lived in Wards 2 and 3. Conversely, survey participants from Wards 2 and 3 utilized public transportation in lieu of driving at higher rates than those from other areas of Lynchburg.
- Ward 2 community members indicated they used the local government cable channel and City Council and other public meetings to gather information about the City government more than other residents.

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Table 1: Community Characteristics - General

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
The overall quality of life in Lynchburg	80% B	64%	76%	84% B	76%
Overall image or reputation of Lynchburg	62% B	41%	64% B	71% B	59%
Lynchburg as a place to live	82% B	68%	80%	88% B	80%
Your neighborhood as a place to live	90% B C	56%	75% B	78% B	75%
Lynchburg as a place to raise children	85% B	72%	76%	83%	80%
Lynchburg as a place to retire	76% B	59%	69%	83% B C	72%
Overall appearance of Lynchburg	75% B	45%	70% B	83% B	68%

Table 2: Community Characteristics - Safety

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	82% B	56%	81% B	87% B	76%
In your neighborhood during the day	95% B	82%	92% B	100% B C	92%
In Lynchburg's downtown/commercial area during the day	83%	85%	77%	95% A C	85%

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Table 3: Community Characteristics - Mobility

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	68%	69%	72%	75%	71%
Traffic flow on major streets	47%	53%	49%	54%	51%
Ease of public parking	37%	48%	50%	44%	44%
Ease of travel by car in Lynchburg	61%	64%	74%	75% A	68%
Ease of travel by public transportation in Lynchburg	27%	27%	20%	37%	28%
Ease of travel by bicycle in Lynchburg	36%	35%	26%	36%	34%
Ease of walking in Lynchburg	57% B	41%	44%	51%	49%
Availability of paths and walking trails	70% C	61%	54%	61%	62%

Table 4: Community Characteristics - Natural Environment

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	80%	68%	73%	83% B	76%
Air quality	85% B	70%	81%	86% B	81%
Cleanliness of Lynchburg	79% B	50%	70% B	74% B	68%

Table 5: Community Characteristics - Built Environment

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	53%	46%	50%	61% B	53%
Public places where people want to spend time	62%	61%	54%	62%	60%
Variety of housing options	61% B	37%	50%	65% B C	54%
Availability of affordable quality housing	58% B	27%	49% B	57% B	48%
Overall quality of new development in Lynchburg	59%	56%	68%	62%	61%

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Table 6: Community Characteristics - Economy

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	52% B	37%	57% B	68% A B	54%
Lynchburg as a place to work	68% B C	41%	44%	61% B C	54%
Lynchburg as a place to visit	59%	48%	54%	64% B	56%
Employment opportunities	58% B	24%	50% B	56% B	47%
Shopping opportunities	37%	26%	48% B	42% B	38%
Cost of living in Lynchburg	74% B	47%	60%	63% B	61%
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Lynchburg	75% B	46%	65% B	68% B	64%
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	59%	50%	50%	61%	56%

Table 7: Community Characteristics - Recreation and Wellness

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	75% B	58%	68%	71%	68%
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	78%	69%	72%	74%	73%
Recreational opportunities	73% B	58%	71%	73% B	69%
Availability of affordable quality food	72% B	51%	68% B	79% B	68%
Availability of affordable quality health care	63% B	48%	55%	70% B C	60%
Availability of preventive health services	70% B C	51%	49%	70% B C	61%
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	50% B C	28%	31%	53% B C	42%

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Table 8: Community Characteristics - Education and Enrichment

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	70%	74%	80%	77%	75%
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	64% B	33%	43%	45%	48%
K-12 education	65%	70%	73%	55%	65%
Adult educational opportunities	63%	63%	58%	63%	62%
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	60%	49%	47%	61%	55%
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	93% B	71%	83% B	88% B	84%

Table 9: Community Characteristics - Community Engagement

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	65% B	46%	65% B	64% B	60%
Opportunities to volunteer	84% B	65%	78%	79% B	77%
Opportunities to participate in community matters	72% B C	49%	54%	58%	59%
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	58% B C	41%	40%	49%	48%
Neighborliness of residents in Lynchburg	67% B	47%	55%	66% B	59%

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Table 10: Governance - General

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
The City of Lynchburg	79% B C	63%	63%	89% B C	74%
The value of services for the taxes paid to Lynchburg	56% C	41%	38%	62% B C	51%
The overall direction that Lynchburg is taking	71% C	58%	52%	68% C	63%
The job Lynchburg government does at welcoming resident involvement	55% C	44%	33%	63% B C	50%
Overall confidence in Lynchburg government	57% B	39%	47%	65% B C	53%
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	57% C	47%	41%	69% B C	55%
Being honest	63%	48%	47%	70% B C	58%
Treating all residents fairly	54%	43%	44%	68% B C	53%
Overall customer service by Lynchburg employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	78% B	64%	72%	83% B	75%
The Federal Government	39% B	22%	31%	48% B C	36%

Table 11: Governance - Safety

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Police services	81%	72%	69%	88% B C	78%
Fire services	93% B	76%	94% B	94% B	90%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	97% B C	79%	85%	89%	88%
Crime prevention	66% B	36%	60% B	75% B	60%
Fire prevention and education	78%	62%	77%	72%	73%
Animal control	72% B C	48%	37%	76% B C	60%
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	58%	65% C	43%	76% A C	61%

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Table 12: Governance - Mobility

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Traffic enforcement	49%	50%	55%	72% A B C	57%
Street repair	40%	33%	33%	43%	37%
Street cleaning	52%	40%	53%	67% A B	54%
Street lighting	61%	56%	58%	67%	60%
Snow removal	62% B	36%	47%	53% B	50%
Sidewalk maintenance	48% B	22%	52% B	55% B	44%
Traffic signal timing	40%	40%	48%	55% A B	46%
Bus or transit services	52%	44%	39%	55%	47%

Table 13: Governance - Natural Environment

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Garbage collection	82% B	69%	74%	85% B	78%
Recycling	48% B	28%	34%	41%	38%
Yard waste pick-up	54% B D	26%	38%	36%	39%
Drinking water	83% B	48%	74% B	70% B	69%
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	59%	44%	62%	63% B	57%
Lynchburg open space	56%	45%	49%	68% B C	55%

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Table 14: Governance - Built Environment

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Storm drainage	57%	47%	48%	66% B C	55%
Sewer services	86% B	58%	86% B	76% B	77%
Water utility billing	72%	60%	60%	66%	65%
Land use, planning and zoning	57% B C	35%	25%	58% B C	45%
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	40% B C	20%	14%	45% B C	31%
Cable television	42% B	26%	44% B	60% A B	43%

Table 15: Governance - Economy

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Economic development	62% B C	45%	36%	63% B C	52%

Table 16: Governance - Recreation and Wellness

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
City parks	78%	84%	84%	86%	83%
Recreation programs or classes	86% C	77%	67%	85% C	79%
Recreation centers or facilities	78%	78%	71%	80%	77%
Health services	74% B	50%	65% B	68% B	64%

Table 17: Governance - Education and Enrichment

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Public library services	88% B	76%	86%	91% B	85%
City-sponsored special events	68%	57%	56%	80% B C	66%

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Table 18: Governance - Community Engagement

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Public information services	61%	58%	53%	70%	61%

Table 19: Participation General

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Sense of community	58% B	42%	54%	65% B	55%
Recommend living in Lynchburg to someone who asks	87% B C	73%	72%	86% B C	80%
Remain in Lynchburg for the next five years	85% B C	72%	61%	86% B C	77%
Contacted the City of Lynchburg (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	50%	56%	47%	52%	51%

Table 20: Participation - Safety

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Was NOT the victim of a crime	90%	90%	91%	89%	90%
Did NOT report a crime	85%	82%	84%	78%	82%
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	34%	43%	37%	41%	39%

Table 21: Participation - Mobility

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Walked or biked instead of driving	36% D	58% A D	48% D	21%	40%
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	34%	25%	47% B	39% B	36%
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	10%	23% A D	32% A D	12%	19%

Table 22: Participation - Natural Environment

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Recycle at home	82% B C D	55%	52%	67% C	65%
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	77%	67%	71%	72%	72%
Made efforts to conserve water	69%	57%	66%	63%	64%

Table 23: Participation - Built Environment

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
NOT under housing cost stress	81% B C	48%	59%	76% B C	67%
Did NOT observe a code violation	50%	42%	39%	48%	45%

Table 24: Participation - Economy

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Lynchburg	97% B	91%	98% B	100% B	96%
Economy will have positive impact on income	38%	32%	30%	39%	35%
Work in Lynchburg	67% B	50%	66% B	69% B	63%

Table 25: Participation - Recreation and Wellness

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Used Lynchburg recreation centers or their services	58%	48%	65% B	60%	58%
Visited a local park	79%	84%	78%	81%	81%
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	84%	76%	73%	79%	78%
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	85% B	70%	86% B	88% B	82%
Reported being in "very good" or "excellent" health	59%	46%	56%	64% B	56%

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Table 26: Participation - Education and Enrichment

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	(A)
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Used Lynchburg public libraries or their services	59% C	56%	42%	51%	53%
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Lynchburg	68% B	52%	74% B	81% B	69%
Attended a City-sponsored event	62% D	64% D	57%	47%	57%

Table 27: Participation - Community Engagement

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	(A)
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	28% B	16%	17%	24%	22%
Contacted Lynchburg elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	22%	27% D	18%	13%	20%
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Lynchburg	57%	46%	52%	50%	51%
Participated in a club	38% B C	22%	21%	35% C	30%
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	93%	85%	87%	88%	88%
Done a favor for a neighbor	86%	77%	84%	79%	82%
Attended a local public meeting	31% C D	19%	16%	19%	22%
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	27%	25%	31%	19%	25%
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	79%	73%	73%	74%	75%
Vote in local elections	90%	87%	87%	84%	87%

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Table 28: Community Focus Areas

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Percent rating positively (e.g., essential/very important)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	90%	88%	90%	91%	90%
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	79%	83%	78%	80%	80%
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	83% C	81%	70%	80%	79%
Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	75%	74%	70%	73%	73%
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	72%	79%	70%	79%	75%
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	71%	86% A	76%	82% A	79%
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	94%	89%	90%	92%	92%
Sense of community	75%	83%	76%	82%	79%

Table 29: Question 14

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services? (Percent rating as "major" or "minor source").	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
City web site (www.lynchburgva.gov)	90% D	83%	92% D	81%	86%
Local news media (i.e., television, newspapers, etc.)	91%	90%	89%	93%	91%
The local government Comcast Cable Channel 15	40%	67% A C D	45%	47%	49%
Monthly City newsletter in the News & Advance (City Source)	50%	68% A	62%	57%	59%
City Council meetings and other public meetings	61%	80% A C D	62%	55%	64%
City communications via social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	63%	75%	70%	75%	71%

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Table 30: Question 15

Lynchburg's population is projected to grow to over 90,000 by the year 2030. Please indicate if you feel there is too little, too much, or about the right amount of each of the following housing types in Lynchburg to meet the community's needs in the coming years: (Percent rating as "Too little," "About right" or "Too much").		Ward				Overall
		Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Single-family detached homes	Too little	18%	30%	25%	28%	100%
	About right	28%	20%	20%	33%	100%
	Too much	37%	42%	3%	19%	100%
Townhouses	Too little	20%	35%	18%	27%	100%
	About right	27%	23%	20%	30%	100%
	Too much	25%	21%	25%	29%	100%
Multi-family housing (apartments/condominiums)	Too little	15%	39%	17%	30%	100%
	About right	27%	18%	22%	32%	100%
	Too much	28%	22%	24%	26%	100%
Housing options for seniors	Too little	29%	23%	22%	27%	100%
	About right	26%	21%	24%	29%	100%
	Too much	6%	73%	13%	7%	100%
Housing options for young residents	Too little	24%	26%	23%	27%	100%
	About right	25%	20%	24%	31%	100%
	Too much	20%	45%	12%	23%	100%

Table 31: Question 16A

Please indicate how much of a priority, if at all, each of the following areas should be to the City and its community partners (businesses, academic institutions, non-profits, etc.): (Percent rating as "high" or "medium priority").	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations	86%	94%	90%	88%	90%
Reducing poverty	87%	87%	88%	86%	87%
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children	77%	90% A	84%	84%	84%
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	76%	84%	81%	81%	81%
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.)	80%	89%	81%	79%	82%
Providing access to quality health care services	93%	88%	84%	90%	89%
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels	81%	89%	84%	85%	85%
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents	92%	97%	94%	93%	94%
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor	92%	96%	92%	92%	93%
Ensuring children are successful in school	92%	95%	94%	92%	93%

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Table 32: Question 16B

	Ward				Overall
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	
Please rate to what extent progress has been made in each area in the last two years: (Percent rating as "significant" or "some progress").	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations	84%	85%	80%	85%	84%
Reducing poverty	52%	41%	54%	56%	51%
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children	59%	71%	66%	66%	65%
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	55%	58%	62%	58%	58%
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.)	77%	74%	63%	72%	72%
Providing access to quality health care services	71%	71%	66%	77%	72%
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels	50%	40%	36%	60% B C	48%
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents	59% B	38%	49%	67% B C	54%
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor	77% B	59%	69%	80% B	72%
Ensuring children are successful in school	51%	71% A	64%	68% A	63%



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Summary

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. This report includes the verbatim responses to an open-ended question included on The NCS 2019 survey for Lynchburg. Additional reports and the technical appendices are available under separate cover.

Respondents were asked to record their opinions about additional issues not addressed by the survey in the following question:

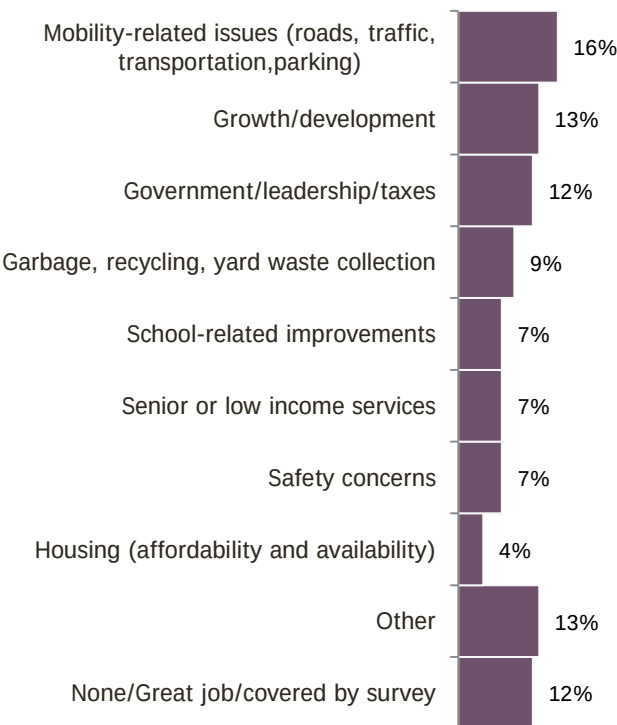
- Is there a community issue or concern to you that is not addressed in this survey? Please explain.

The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported in the following chart with the percent of responses given in each category. Because some comments from residents covered more than a single topic, those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment whenever a respondent mentioned more than a single topic.

Results from the open-ended question are best understood by reviewing the frequencies that summarize responses as well as the actual verbatim responses themselves. A total of 377 surveys were completed by Lynchburg residents; of these 147 respondents wrote in responses for the open-ended question.

About 1 in 10 respondents cited a concern or issue related to mobility (including roads, traffic, transportation, and parking), garbage/recycling/yard waste collection, or growth and development. A similar proportion of residents wrote a comment regarding government, leadership decisions, or taxes and 7% of residents mentioned an issue related to school improvements, senior or low income services, and safety.

Figure 1: Additional Resident Concerns
Is there a community issue or concern to you that is not addressed in this survey? Please explain.



Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Question

The following pages contain the respondents' verbatim responses as written on the survey or entered in the web survey and have not been edited for spelling or grammar. Responses have been organized by coded topic areas.

Is there a community issue or concern to you that is not addressed in this survey? Please explain.

Mobility-related issues (roads, traffic, transportation, parking)

- * Parking within city limits in housing areas the parking is not monitored. To many times someone parks in front of fire, hydrant. * To many people putting loose trash out by the road (near home) and trash stays (never picked up) people never held accountable.
- Bring back the neighborhood watch. More street lights.
- Disregard of traffic laws by motorists is alarming. We need red-light cameras and increased traffic law enforcement.
- GLTC cutting routes on Old Graves Mill Rd. I have to jump in ditches to walk to Timberlake SS. Few sidewalks speeding drivers on Old Graves Mill are beyond my ability to understand. Come walk with me!
- I would like to see more red light enforcement- red light cameras welcome!
- Is the money being spent on Odd Fellows Road really necessary? Seems like a huge expense, for little benefit.
- It seems like the GLTC uses the least repaired buses to service Lynchburg sheltered industries- They break down after.
- LACK OF SIDEWALKS.
- More cars in the city and surrounding area, then the current road layout can handle.
- Not enough parking downtown. Too many streets blocked off for constructions. Would go downtown more for shows and activities, but traffic concerns & no parking keeps me from doing so.
- Poor public transportation system. Lack of sidewalks on Timberlake Rd. Need better system for animal control. I could not get help for a dog in need that was crossing Wards Road, was told they do not respond for cat emergencies.
- Public transportation options not great outside of downtown.
- Reflectors need to be placed on yellow lines on roadways to improve visualization on road. More patrol for speeding/ careless driving. Improve efficiency of our rural trash collection (dump). Other cities have far more efficient dumps. Increase police presence in Boonsboro area. Offer [?] recycling program!!
- Sidewalks for Leesville Rd for bikes & walking of playgrounds or park in our area.
- Sidewalks on Timberlake Road are desperately needed from Leesville Road to the Campbell Co. Ltd!
- Sidewalks. If they don't exist people won't or can't walk places. This limits mobility for families, the elderly and those with disabilities.
- Specific concern- increasing walkability as Rivermont Ave.
- The bike infrastructure needs a lot of improvement Rivermont Avenue is unsafe for cyclists.
- Traffic control and quality road paving.
- Traffic enforcement - not adequate police presence- many go through red lights, monitoring could probably pay a police salary!
- Traffic safety, far too many drives are blatantly running red lights!!
- Would like to see more sidewalks for safety of pedestrians. Would like to see the standard for cleanliness raised for the exterior and interior of buildings (especially businesses) in Lynchburg.
- Yes- multiple vehicles that park on the wrong side of the street against flow of traffic daily & do not get tickets. (>10/ day)

Growth/development

- ABANDONED PROPERTIES ARE A BLIGHT AND DANGER TO NEIGHBORHOOD.
- City has grown. Infrastructure planning is horrible in all approve higher density areas but do not think, plan about traffic.
- Encroachment of developments/apartment complexes/commercial space on longtime existing neighborhoods without adequate space/buffers in between, specifically the Richland Hills neighborhood where we live.

- HISTORIC DISTRICT NEGLECT (DANIELS HILL) 600-700 IS LUCKY.
- In general, some of these questions are difficult to answer. My wife and I used to live at the Walden Pond apartments but moved to The Forest townhomes about 15 months ago. The quality difference and the 'neighborhood-iness' of the two is striking. Walden Pond was incredible, put on events, had wonderful landscaping, and was overall a great place to live. My wife and I moved to The Forest townhomes thinking that a townhome would be a step up but, unfortunately, this place is pretty awful. The HOA doesn't seem to care about its residents in the slightest, there are no amenities (the pool didn't open in 2019, the tennis court is in shambles and locked, the swingset was recently taken down, etc.), and there is a lot more crime (car break-ins specifically). These two communities are separated by less than two miles but you wouldn't know that by just living in the two.
- Increased population projections are used to justify additional housing, when in fact studies have shown that these are tax liabilities, while commercial development are tax assets. City Council can limit the amount of residential development and should probably consider doing so. The infrastructure is sufficient already (we don't need more fast food or internet services) and meanwhile the schools are suffering. Talk to your Planners about slowing residential development and the Economic Development team to bring in more industry.
- Lack of shopping options ex: grocery, clothing, shopping (not everyone likes to shop on-line) area could also be more movie theaters/ music venues/ both indoors and outdoors.
- Liberty's prominent presence in city has negatively impacted our growth: reputation nationality. More mixed used urban development is needed and more investment in trail network warranted.
- Many empty buildings where should have their facades/ cleared up!
- New construction- city needs to take better care in development to protect future residents.
- Not enough trees & green space, too many billboard stop over, building. Too much congestion in Timberlake & Wards Rd.
- Refresh white Rock Hill, houses need refreshed, yards, more playground for children to play at, more help for low income families. Center for elderly, young people closer grocery store.
- Retail and commercial development away from Wards Rd.
- Suburban sprawl is still continuing.
- Way too many apartment complexes, duplexes etc. built. Why develop more. Stop building useless Traffic circles. Also lower taxes. 3 and 4 churches on a street way to many. Boost employment opportunities.
- Yes I live with the Daniel's Hill Historic District and in my opinion Daniel's Hill always gets what people would say "the short end of the stick" doesn't look as nice as the other historic district. Animals has loose in the neighborhood increased traffic will be with the 48 lofts at end of Cabell renovation of the Vainguinim at end of Rivermont Ridge and now the more of condo in the 18 helps gauge in Rivermont had to get out of Rivermont from Cabell. Sometimes 30 minutes or more at times plus the speeders coming across the bridge. Also some abandoned & absent landowners and junk cars & old lumber in neighbor's yards. Also air quality is bad from the smoke pollution from of Griffin Pipe Company.
- Yes! I think there is too much multi-family units being built without regard to the capacity of roads. Build or improve roads first, then give out permits to builders!!! During rush hours, it is impossible to get where you need to be at reasonable time.

Government/leadership/taxes

- Areas of city where tax dollars are spent. (Too much "downtown.")
- City taxes were not addressed. Trash can decals increased 37.5%. Low income people who must buy trash tags now must pay 10.00 for 5. This increased from 6.25 for 10. This is all tax. Ridiculous. Curbside trash is not picked up as we are told; numerous calls must be made. [?] controlled by Centra- hardly any choices. Also why do we continue to take street space to make more bike lanes that no one uses?
- City workforce does not reflect the community especially at the middle to higher levels of management.
- Generally poor business practices, oppressive christianity
- HOPE THAT CITY COUNCIL WILL DEAL WITH ISSUES HONESTLY AND NOT BASED ON POLITICAL AFFILIATION.

- I am very concerned at how much say Liberty University has in things that get done in the city. I appreciate that they bring in money, but I do not want them giving direction to what LYH should and should not be doing. It is disingenuous to say this doesn't happen. Enough stories tell me it does. In my neighborhood alone, there are several high-ranking LU personnel and unfortunately stories get out. I am very happy with the newest City Council and have actively followed what they do. I think they honestly want the best for LYH and am very happy with that. I worry about the schools. I put my youngest in private schools because it is so bad at ECG with drugs and alcohol. My oldest had a drug deal directly over her desk one day. I called the school with the names of the kids and there wasn't anything they could do. This was a DAILY problem. I do not encourage anyone with kids to put their kids in ECG. Finally, I would like to see the degree of your City Engineer. She or he must have been the worst in their class as our stoplight system simply could not be worse. I'm not just talking about the constant - CONSTANT - issues at 501 and 221, but if I go down Rivermont, I hit every single light. Surely - surely! - it cannot be that difficult to fix that. There are days when I'd rather be in DC traffic than to deal with stopping at every light. Also, I wish there were more traffic circles. I love them and they save the planet because people aren't stuck at lights that have no one at them!
- People/ residents in Boonesboro area get far better service from city than people in other areas!! City wasted tax dollars in my neighborhood that made it difficult to know our ditch. What they did did not address the real problem ya'll don't care!
- Property taxes encourage people to move to countries whose residents use and benefit from city parks streets, activities, etc. Zoning should allow for gradual accommodation for homes of lesser value to be built near expensive neighborhoods.
- Spending too much on street scaping, round-about.
- Taxes too high and wasted.
- The customer service from the City of Lynchburg government employees is awful. There appears to be absolutely no consideration for the people who live in the city. The government should also consider paperless options for bills and property tax notifications because the USPS in the city is worse than the city government.
- The influence of business and institutions have over the community. The city allows them to do whatever they want without contributing to the community as a whole.
- TOO MANY FEES FOR SERVICES.
- Too much money being spent in downtown Lynchburg.

Garbage/recycling/yard waste collection

- Current recycling system is very difficult for seniors living in small apartments. Curbside pickup is needed! I've never lived in a city of this size w/o it.
- For leaf pickup- there is no schedule- when you call to set an idea of when they will be picking up leaves in your neighborhood the person who answers has no due. For all we know the leaf machine people clock in and go back home. Not good business.
- Lots of trash on the curbs all over Lynchburg. Also survey should consider time length someone has lived here.
- Recycling is awful. Collection bins are not emptied often enough and are never cleaned, so all summer they are full of bees.
- The change in recycling due to external reasons does not justify County Waste just going along with the changes. I wish more had been done to allow the recycling system to continue as it had been.
- The Recycle program is terrible. Weirder, closed Centers unmanned locations contribute to contamination. I do not feel state at most locations! The streets are full of stuffs. Lived the side near HABITAT Headquarters be developed as a "super" exchange recycle center. Lynchburg is proud to be a tree city. The recycle program helped to contribute to the trees. It seems to be more of a "trash" city. What can be done?
- There is no recycling where I live. This is very important for our household.
- Too much of burning trash & leaves in my neighborhood (Hollywood).
- Trash pile- what we have to pick up after they leave?
- WAY TOO MUCH TRASH AND HOUSEHOLD ZONING BEING LEFT ON THE STREET. EITHER STOP IT OR PUT MORE EFFORT TO PICK UP.

School-related improvements

- Condition of the city school building, many buildings are very old and hard to keep up, many are water damaged and cause sickness to those inside. This infrastructure needs attention.
- Lynchburg needs to be teaching cursive in the public school system. There are too many poorly designed traffic circles. Construction takes far too long. We should be preserving our Historical buildings not turning them all into housing.
- Making sure teachers are well paid & supported.
- More after school programs for children of all ages and not just the young ones. More Black history classes need to be taught in high school.
- School education is an issue for minority (blacks). They are not teaching value, teachers are more focused on SOL's verses teaching the children. Jerry Falwell has too much say so here in this city and something needs to be done about that. No places to visit, or shop. The mall has no shopping stores anymore
- The school systems determination to get passing SOL's is put before actually educating and preparing our children for college.

Senior or low income services

- Business partnerships are needed for low income families near their homes or on transportation routes.
- City should do more to attract retirees.
- Community stores for affordable food. Our store in the plaza was the place to get affordable food (and) meet our friends, fellowship.
- DSS, abused children, CPS, abuse of elderly. Need more resources.
- Food desert- Lack of access to affordable, nutritious food in some areas, especially the poor ones.
- Grocery that is affordable for low-income residents in downtown 2nd Rivermont area. Fliers with schedules of town hall meetings & topics mailed to residents.
- Help for seniors in care of yards a homes. Sometimes cost become to high for people on fixed incomes.
- Homelessness- meaningful housing partners for those in poverty or transition between life stages. Sense of community and ownership and safety in public/ low income housing. Allowing tiny homes as a solution.
- Homelessness- not decent shelters for these people. Need better quality, affordable mental health care. Severe racial & economic & religious discrimination!!!
- I wish survey people living in retirement community especially handicapped people.
- More help & opportunity for lower socio-economic areas/people, as well as healthcare & education.
- There are not enough electric chairs in stores for the handicapped, and those that are there (Walmart groceries on Old Forest Road for example) are never charged up when you need to use them.

Safety concerns

- Better lighting at bus stops at nights.
- Gun violence prevention. Would like to see besmart.org rolled out across the city.
- Increase police presence on roads. There are many aggressive and erratic drivers!
- policies are not compensated enough for their work-therefore not attracting enough people to apply (firemen too). Putting a sidewalk on Florida Avenue was not a sensible way to spend taxpayer's money it sends a message that police& fire are not appreciated.
- Take good care of your first responders. They have done a wonderful job this years. Give them a pay raise!
- Too many guns (open carry policy). Monopoly of health care center (poor, expensive care). Everything liberty wants, liberty get policy by City Govt.
- Too much gang activity- too much drug dealing!! Too many young male niggers with too much free time!!
- Unsafe driving in downtown areas, failure to obey stop signs, speeding.
- We have a horrible neighbor, who is violent doesn't obey zoning codes, etc., and the police of the city government won't do anything about it, although neighbors have complained.
- You refuse to fund police & fire fighters, EMS who need a lot of financial help including good increases in salaries- but OK to waste money on changing the street to two way traffic when it was not.
- I live in a neighborhood that does not have sidewalks until you reach a major street. This is a safety issue and limits the amount of walking I am able to do and feel safe.

Housing (affordability and availability)

- (1) Downtown residential development is vast majority rental- would like to see multiple ownership opportunities in the < \$ 300 K price range. Have million dollar properties solve no housing issues. (2) Get a major grocery store in/near downtown.
- Housing for low- income/ disabled individuals that is safe and affordable. Little opportunity, few openings, extensive waiting lists.
- Housing for special needs people.
- More affordable housing for middle class.
- Quality housing for young people, working that don't qualify for liberty student discount or earn too much \$ for low income apartments. Grandchildren working; living in dumps (in 20's).
- SAFE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
- Single home being turned into college housing for more than allowed, those houses being renew without inspection.

Other

- 1) What is available at inner city neighborhood centers. How are activities published. Not at all like city wide centers & programs. 2) Racial-equality. 3) My neighborhood don't look like others.
- 1. Lynchburg city has to monitor and curtail the activities of Jerry Fallwell Jr. This individual is an evil, corrupt piece of garbage, just like Donald Trump, the 'god' he worships. 2. It would be advantageous for the Lynchburg City brush and bulk collection team to operate according to a fixed schedule. Leaving bulk items on the front lawn (curb) for extended periods of time (in some cases, up to a month) kills the lawn in that specific location. As a result of your lethargic collection policy, parts of my front lawn is less than desirable and an obvious contrast, in terms of lawn quality, to the rest of the grass.
- A City Newsletter should be mailed out to residents not put in newspaper or online, a hard copy mailed quarterly or monthly of all activities in the city- include meetings, festivals, participation, road work schedule, etc.
- Better city sponsored or partnerships for recreation on the James River- Whitewater kayaking course, high-ropes/ Zip line suspension, bridge, bike trails & running trails etc.
- bring in quality jobs. connect Lynchburg to a major highway. keep providing food to all students.
- Competition for internet services. Homes prices 120,000-160,000 ready to be lived in (not fixed upper).
- I am frustrated that Blue Bell ice cream avoids Lynchburg, while supplying Charlottesville & Richmond with a delicious taste of home (Texas), but steering clear of Lynchburg.
- Lack of athletic fields- lighted & turf. Kids need more places to play & practice organized sports.
- LEVEL OF QUALITY CARE IN OUR HOSPITAL.
- Low cost high speed internet
- Noise in the city, autos, mufflers, Liberty University Student airplane training @ night even until after 11 pm, barking dogs, speeding in residential areas, nothing being done, no center line in newly paved residential streets, taxes too high for what I get for payment, City Council spends our money for nothing.
- Parental (guardian) involvement & responsibility of their children criminal justice and legal system.
- Parents problems not city.
- Sporadic odors from wastewater treatment plant & landfill. Enforcement of red-light running by vehicle.
- Suggest survey money in future.
- There always is but I am not the person or family to ask.
- there is no community band and secondary band teachers seem unwilling to help. There is community interest in this. I have canvased my neighborhood through the website 'next door'.
- There needs to be a program of support for the community cats. Animal control only deals with dog situations. City Council should look into getting a meeting to organize a cat program- Trap- Neuter - Release. There is a overpopulation of cats in Lynchburg and we all need to help.
- Trust area that may be a current overall concern everywhere.

None/great job/covered by survey

- Keep up the good work!
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No- It has all been covered.
- NO- SURVEY IS COMPREHENSIVE.
- No.
- No.
- No.
- No.
- No.
- No.
- "No".
- No. I cannot think of anything you did not cover.
- Nothing.
- THIS IS A VERY GOOD SURVEY & I ENJOYED COMPLETING IT.
- This survey covers it well.
- We are got years so we don't have many concerns but want everything possible for everyone.

N/A

- I AM 19 YEARS OLD [?] COMMUNITY. I REALLY CAN'T ANSWER ANY OF THE SUBJECTS IN NUMBER TO.
- I have only lived here for 1 1/2 years.
- Moved here 1 year ago, no change.
- N/A
- N/A.
- N/A.
- N/A.
- We have only lived in Lynchburg for 1 yr., not knowledgeable of changes made in past 2 yrs.



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About this Report

As part of its participation in The National Community Survey™, the City of Lynchburg conducted a mailed survey of 1,700 residents. Surveys were mailed to randomly selected households on August 30, 2019 and data were collected through October 25, 2019 (see the report, *The National Community Survey: Community Livability Report, Lynchburg, VA, 2019*). The results from this main survey effort represent the most robust estimate of your residents' opinions.

After the above data collection period was underway, the City made available a web-based survey to its residents through a link on the City's website. Visitors to the site were able to complete the survey during October and 82 surveys were received. This report contains the results of this opt-in administration of the web-based survey. These data were not collected through a random sample and it is unknown who in the community was aware of link on the City's website; therefore, a level of confidence in the representativeness of the sample cannot be estimated. However, to reduce bias where possible, these data were weighted to match the demographic characteristics of the 2010 Census and 2017 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Lynchburg.

The results of the weighting scheme for the opt-in survey are presented in the following table.

Table 1: Lynchburg, VA 2019 Weighting Table

Characteristic	2010 Census	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
Housing			
Rent home	50%	23%	44%
Own home	50%	77%	56%
Detached unit*	59%	82%	67%
Attached unit*	41%	18%	33%
Race and Ethnicity			
White	66%	89%	70%
Not white	34%	11%	30%
Not Hispanic	97%	100%	100%
Hispanic	3%	0%	0%
Sex and Age			
Female	54%	59%	57%
Male	46%	41%	43%
18-34 years of age	35%	28%	31%
35-54 years of age	31%	30%	34%
55+ years of age	34%	41%	35%
Females 18-34	18%	15%	12%
Females 35-54	16%	15%	20%
Females 55+	20%	29%	24%
Males 18-34	17%	13%	18%
Males 35-54	15%	15%	13%
Males 55+	14%	14%	12%
Council Ward			
Ward 1	27%	48%	33%
Ward 2	25%	15%	17%
Ward 3	21%	13%	20%
Ward 4	28%	24%	30%

* U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2017 5-year estimates

Complete Survey Responses

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, excluding the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

Responses excluding “don’t know”

Table 2: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Lynchburg:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Lynchburg as a place to live	14%	N=12	52%	N=43	24%	N=20	9%	N=8	100%	N=82
Your neighborhood as a place to live	30%	N=24	48%	N=38	14%	N=11	7%	N=6	100%	N=80
Lynchburg as a place to raise children	19%	N=14	53%	N=40	17%	N=13	11%	N=8	100%	N=76
Lynchburg as a place to work	6%	N=5	35%	N=28	36%	N=29	22%	N=18	100%	N=79
Lynchburg as a place to visit	17%	N=14	32%	N=26	39%	N=31	12%	N=10	100%	N=80
Lynchburg as a place to retire	28%	N=23	43%	N=35	20%	N=17	9%	N=7	100%	N=81
The overall quality of life in Lynchburg	14%	N=12	56%	N=46	21%	N=17	8%	N=7	100%	N=82

Table 3: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	16%	N=13	46%	N=37	29%	N=23	9%	N=7	100%	N=81
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	8%	N=7	36%	N=29	35%	N=28	20%	N=16	100%	N=80
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	38%	N=30	38%	N=30	24%	N=19	1%	N=1	100%	N=81
Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	5%	N=4	40%	N=31	43%	N=33	12%	N=10	100%	N=79
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	16%	N=13	41%	N=33	30%	N=24	13%	N=11	100%	N=80
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	17%	N=13	49%	N=37	21%	N=16	12%	N=10	100%	N=76
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	4%	N=4	36%	N=29	33%	N=26	27%	N=21	100%	N=80
Sense of community	10%	N=8	26%	N=20	43%	N=33	21%	N=16	100%	N=77
Overall image or reputation of Lynchburg	7%	N=6	34%	N=27	31%	N=24	28%	N=22	100%	N=79

Table 4: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Total	
Recommend living in Lynchburg to someone who asks	19%	N=15	46%	N=36	12%	N=10	23%	N=18	100%	N=80
Remain in Lynchburg for the next five years	47%	N=35	26%	N=20	2%	N=1	24%	N=18	100%	N=74

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Table 5: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Total	
In your neighborhood during the day	59%	N=47	23%	N=19	10%	N=8	8%	N=7	0%	N=0	100%	N=80
In Lynchburg's downtown/commercial area during the day	43%	N=33	32%	N=25	10%	N=7	8%	N=6	7%	N=6	100%	N=77

Table 6: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Traffic flow on major streets	4%	N=3	24%	N=18	28%	N=22	44%	N=34	100%	N=78
Ease of public parking	6%	N=4	35%	N=26	35%	N=26	24%	N=18	100%	N=74
Ease of travel by car in Lynchburg	12%	N=9	30%	N=23	32%	N=25	26%	N=20	100%	N=78
Ease of travel by public transportation in Lynchburg	0%	N=0	15%	N=5	20%	N=7	66%	N=23	100%	N=34
Ease of travel by bicycle in Lynchburg	2%	N=1	21%	N=9	35%	N=14	42%	N=18	100%	N=42
Ease of walking in Lynchburg	4%	N=3	38%	N=28	29%	N=21	29%	N=21	100%	N=73
Availability of paths and walking trails	16%	N=11	41%	N=30	31%	N=22	12%	N=9	100%	N=72
Air quality	30%	N=23	42%	N=32	22%	N=17	7%	N=5	100%	N=76
Cleanliness of Lynchburg	11%	N=8	50%	N=39	31%	N=24	8%	N=6	100%	N=78
Overall appearance of Lynchburg	10%	N=8	54%	N=42	34%	N=27	2%	N=2	100%	N=78
Public places where people want to spend time	10%	N=7	35%	N=27	39%	N=30	17%	N=13	100%	N=78
Variety of housing options	5%	N=3	42%	N=31	31%	N=23	23%	N=17	100%	N=74
Availability of affordable quality housing	12%	N=8	25%	N=16	30%	N=19	33%	N=22	100%	N=66
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	23%	N=16	53%	N=37	13%	N=9	12%	N=8	100%	N=69
Recreational opportunities	11%	N=8	49%	N=37	26%	N=19	14%	N=11	100%	N=75
Availability of affordable quality food	9%	N=7	39%	N=30	24%	N=19	28%	N=21	100%	N=77
Availability of affordable quality health care	13%	N=10	38%	N=28	26%	N=19	23%	N=17	100%	N=73
Availability of preventive health services	7%	N=4	56%	N=36	19%	N=13	18%	N=12	100%	N=65
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	3%	N=2	32%	N=18	28%	N=16	37%	N=21	100%	N=56

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Table 7: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	16%	N=5	13%	N=4	24%	N=8	46%	N=15	100%	N=32
K-12 education	14%	N=7	42%	N=21	14%	N=7	30%	N=15	100%	N=49
Adult educational opportunities	9%	N=6	65%	N=41	11%	N=7	14%	N=9	100%	N=63
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	14%	N=9	46%	N=32	19%	N=13	21%	N=15	100%	N=68
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	47%	N=33	37%	N=26	5%	N=3	11%	N=8	100%	N=70
Employment opportunities	4%	N=3	28%	N=19	38%	N=26	30%	N=20	100%	N=68
Shopping opportunities	1%	N=1	30%	N=22	32%	N=24	37%	N=28	100%	N=75
Cost of living in Lynchburg	16%	N=11	34%	N=25	27%	N=19	23%	N=17	100%	N=72
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Lynchburg	11%	N=8	50%	N=37	27%	N=20	12%	N=9	100%	N=74
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	4%	N=3	48%	N=33	35%	N=24	13%	N=9	100%	N=68
Overall quality of new development in Lynchburg	5%	N=3	43%	N=28	33%	N=21	18%	N=12	100%	N=65
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	15%	N=11	43%	N=31	26%	N=19	16%	N=12	100%	N=72
Opportunities to volunteer	41%	N=26	38%	N=24	14%	N=9	7%	N=5	100%	N=64
Opportunities to participate in community matters	18%	N=11	57%	N=35	19%	N=12	6%	N=4	100%	N=61
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	18%	N=12	26%	N=18	25%	N=17	31%	N=21	100%	N=68
Neighborliness of residents in Lynchburg	12%	N=8	46%	N=32	27%	N=19	15%	N=10	100%	N=70

Table 8: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
Made efforts to conserve water	28%	N=21	72%	N=53	100%	N=74
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	36%	N=27	64%	N=47	100%	N=74
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Lynchburg (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	43%	N=32	57%	N=42	100%	N=74
Household member was a victim of a crime in Lynchburg	83%	N=61	17%	N=12	100%	N=74
Reported a crime to the police in Lynchburg	86%	N=63	14%	N=10	100%	N=74
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	60%	N=44	40%	N=29	100%	N=74
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	72%	N=53	28%	N=20	100%	N=74
Contacted the City of Lynchburg (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	51%	N=38	49%	N=36	100%	N=74
Contacted Lynchburg elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	79%	N=58	21%	N=16	100%	N=74

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Table 9: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Lynchburg?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
Used Lynchburg recreation centers or their services	10%	N=7	14%	N=10	27%	N=20	49%	N=36	100%	N=73
Visited a local park	16%	N=12	22%	N=16	31%	N=22	31%	N=23	100%	N=72
Used Lynchburg public libraries or their services	13%	N=10	11%	N=8	32%	N=23	44%	N=32	100%	N=73
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Lynchburg	12%	N=9	31%	N=22	11%	N=8	46%	N=33	100%	N=72
Attended a City-sponsored event	2%	N=1	8%	N=6	55%	N=40	35%	N=25	100%	N=72
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	6%	N=4	7%	N=5	5%	N=4	82%	N=60	100%	N=73
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	15%	N=11	9%	N=7	25%	N=18	51%	N=37	100%	N=72
Walked or biked instead of driving	10%	N=8	15%	N=11	15%	N=11	59%	N=43	100%	N=73
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Lynchburg	9%	N=7	23%	N=17	25%	N=18	43%	N=31	100%	N=73
Participated in a club	2%	N=2	8%	N=6	17%	N=12	73%	N=53	100%	N=73
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	26%	N=19	40%	N=29	24%	N=17	10%	N=7	100%	N=73
Done a favor for a neighbor	13%	N=10	35%	N=26	37%	N=27	15%	N=11	100%	N=73

Table 10: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
Attended a local public meeting	0%	N=0	8%	N=6	24%	N=18	67%	N=49	100%	N=73
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	1%	N=1	8%	N=6	28%	N=20	63%	N=46	100%	N=72

Table 11: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Lynchburg:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Police services	27%	N=16	44%	N=26	25%	N=15	4%	N=3	100%	N=60
Fire services	44%	N=25	54%	N=31	2%	N=1	0%	N=0	100%	N=57
Ambulance or emergency medical services	29%	N=18	58%	N=36	11%	N=6	2%	N=1	100%	N=61
Crime prevention	18%	N=9	46%	N=24	19%	N=10	17%	N=9	100%	N=53
Fire prevention and education	17%	N=9	61%	N=32	11%	N=6	11%	N=6	100%	N=52
Traffic enforcement	16%	N=10	26%	N=17	26%	N=17	32%	N=20	100%	N=64
Street repair	6%	N=4	24%	N=17	34%	N=25	36%	N=26	100%	N=71
Street cleaning	13%	N=8	33%	N=22	44%	N=29	11%	N=7	100%	N=66
Street lighting	11%	N=8	42%	N=30	39%	N=28	9%	N=6	100%	N=72
Snow removal	16%	N=11	36%	N=25	36%	N=25	11%	N=8	100%	N=69
Sidewalk maintenance	14%	N=9	23%	N=16	45%	N=31	18%	N=13	100%	N=69

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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Lynchburg:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Traffic signal timing	5%	N=4	28%	N=20	38%	N=27	29%	N=21	100%	N=72
Bus or transit services	8%	N=3	22%	N=7	20%	N=6	50%	N=17	100%	N=33
Garbage collection	11%	N=8	50%	N=35	31%	N=22	8%	N=6	100%	N=70
Recycling	7%	N=4	34%	N=20	33%	N=20	26%	N=16	100%	N=60
Yard waste pick-up	3%	N=2	26%	N=15	33%	N=19	38%	N=22	100%	N=57
Storm drainage	5%	N=3	47%	N=29	46%	N=28	2%	N=1	100%	N=62
Drinking water	20%	N=14	30%	N=21	34%	N=24	15%	N=11	100%	N=71
Sewer services	9%	N=6	57%	N=37	31%	N=20	2%	N=2	100%	N=65
Water utility billing	5%	N=4	37%	N=24	40%	N=26	18%	N=12	100%	N=66
City parks	33%	N=19	45%	N=26	22%	N=13	0%	N=0	100%	N=59
Recreation programs or classes	27%	N=14	38%	N=20	29%	N=15	6%	N=3	100%	N=53
Recreation centers or facilities	16%	N=9	39%	N=20	39%	N=21	5%	N=3	100%	N=52
Land use, planning and zoning	5%	N=3	33%	N=18	35%	N=20	27%	N=15	100%	N=56
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	2%	N=1	49%	N=25	21%	N=11	27%	N=14	100%	N=50
Animal control	24%	N=11	32%	N=14	15%	N=6	29%	N=13	100%	N=44
Economic development	12%	N=7	32%	N=19	36%	N=21	20%	N=11	100%	N=59
Health services	13%	N=8	51%	N=31	16%	N=9	20%	N=12	100%	N=60
Public library services	26%	N=15	57%	N=32	15%	N=8	2%	N=1	100%	N=56
Public information services	12%	N=7	61%	N=36	24%	N=14	3%	N=2	100%	N=58
Cable television	4%	N=2	17%	N=10	39%	N=23	40%	N=24	100%	N=59
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	17%	N=9	43%	N=24	16%	N=9	24%	N=13	100%	N=54
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	19%	N=10	34%	N=18	30%	N=16	18%	N=9	100%	N=54
Lynchburg open space	12%	N=7	42%	N=23	35%	N=19	11%	N=6	100%	N=55
City-sponsored special events	17%	N=9	34%	N=18	37%	N=19	13%	N=7	100%	N=53
Overall customer service by Lynchburg employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	16%	N=11	45%	N=31	25%	N=17	13%	N=9	100%	N=67

Table 12: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
The City of Lynchburg	10%	N=7	39%	N=26	42%	N=28	9%	N=6	100%	N=67
The Federal Government	0%	N=0	34%	N=21	38%	N=24	28%	N=17	100%	N=63

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Table 13: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Lynchburg government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
The value of services for the taxes paid to Lynchburg	4%	N=3	38%	N=24	21%	N=14	37%	N=24	100%	N=64
The overall direction that Lynchburg is taking	5%	N=3	36%	N=23	25%	N=16	34%	N=21	100%	N=64
The job Lynchburg government does at welcoming resident involvement	4%	N=2	40%	N=20	39%	N=19	17%	N=8	100%	N=49
Overall confidence in Lynchburg government	4%	N=3	28%	N=19	39%	N=26	29%	N=19	100%	N=67
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	4%	N=2	25%	N=17	42%	N=28	30%	N=20	100%	N=66
Being honest	4%	N=2	35%	N=18	34%	N=18	27%	N=14	100%	N=52
Treating all residents fairly	5%	N=3	33%	N=18	25%	N=14	37%	N=20	100%	N=54

Table 14: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Lynchburg community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	48%	N=31	35%	N=23	16%	N=10	1%	N=1	100%	N=66
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	43%	N=29	40%	N=26	16%	N=11	1%	N=0	100%	N=66
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	32%	N=21	39%	N=26	15%	N=10	14%	N=9	100%	N=66
Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	17%	N=11	42%	N=28	34%	N=22	7%	N=4	100%	N=66
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	21%	N=14	36%	N=23	43%	N=28	1%	N=0	100%	N=66
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	40%	N=26	21%	N=14	36%	N=24	3%	N=2	100%	N=65
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	57%	N=37	33%	N=22	10%	N=7	0%	N=0	100%	N=66
Sense of community	23%	N=15	43%	N=28	34%	N=22	1%	N=0	100%	N=66

Table 15: Question 14

Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services?	Major source		Minor source		Not a source		Total	
City web site (www.lyncburgva.gov)	50%	N=32	48%	N=31	2%	N=2	100%	N=65
Local news media (i.e., television, newspapers, etc.)	54%	N=35	39%	N=25	7%	N=5	100%	N=65
The local government Comcast Cable Channel 15	16%	N=10	37%	N=24	47%	N=30	100%	N=65
Monthly City newsletter in the News & Advance (City Source)	13%	N=8	52%	N=33	35%	N=22	100%	N=64
City Council meetings and other public meetings	24%	N=15	34%	N=22	41%	N=26	100%	N=64
City communications via social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	50%	N=32	33%	N=21	17%	N=11	100%	N=64

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Table 16: Question 15

Lynchburg's population is projected to grow to over 90,000 by the year 2030. Please indicate if you feel there is too little, too much, or about the right amount of each of the following housing types in Lynchburg to meet the community's needs in the coming years:	Far too little		Somewhat too little		About right		Somewhat too much		Far too much		Total	
Single-family detached homes	26%	N=15	23%	N=13	30%	N=17	1%	N=1	19%	N=11	100%	N=57
Townhouses	3%	N=2	26%	N=15	34%	N=19	23%	N=13	13%	N=7	100%	N=57
Multi-family housing (apartments/condominiums)	9%	N=5	24%	N=14	15%	N=9	32%	N=18	19%	N=11	100%	N=57
Housing options for seniors	33%	N=15	24%	N=11	26%	N=12	0%	N=0	17%	N=8	100%	N=47
Housing options for young residents	50%	N=26	19%	N=10	29%	N=15	0%	N=0	1%	N=1	100%	N=52

Table 17: Question 16 Part A

Please indicate how much of a priority, if at all, each of the following areas should be to the City and its community partners (businesses, academic institutions, non-profits, etc.):	High priority		Moderate priority		Low priority		Not a priority		Total	
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations	42%	N=26	48%	N=30	10%	N=6	1%	N=0	100%	N=62
Reducing poverty	73%	N=45	21%	N=13	5%	N=3	2%	N=1	100%	N=63
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children	44%	N=27	34%	N=21	17%	N=11	5%	N=3	100%	N=63
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	46%	N=29	25%	N=16	16%	N=10	13%	N=8	100%	N=63
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.)	41%	N=25	43%	N=27	10%	N=6	6%	N=4	100%	N=63
Providing access to quality health care services	69%	N=43	15%	N=10	14%	N=9	2%	N=1	100%	N=63
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels	77%	N=48	17%	N=11	4%	N=2	2%	N=1	100%	N=63
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents	79%	N=50	17%	N=11	3%	N=2	1%	N=0	100%	N=63
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor	66%	N=41	15%	N=9	7%	N=5	13%	N=8	100%	N=63
Ensuring children are successful in school	63%	N=40	19%	N=12	18%	N=11	0%	N=0	100%	N=63

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Table 18: Question 16 Part B

Please rate to what extent progress has been made in each area in the last two years:	Significant progress		Some progress		Little progress		No progress		Total	
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations	18%	N=11	67%	N=40	6%	N=4	9%	N=5	100%	N=60
Reducing poverty	2%	N=1	48%	N=29	41%	N=25	9%	N=6	100%	N=61
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children	5%	N=3	67%	N=38	22%	N=12	6%	N=4	100%	N=57
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	7%	N=4	66%	N=40	23%	N=14	4%	N=3	100%	N=60
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.)	14%	N=9	57%	N=34	20%	N=12	8%	N=5	100%	N=60
Providing access to quality health care services	5%	N=3	66%	N=40	27%	N=16	3%	N=2	100%	N=60
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels	2%	N=1	29%	N=18	52%	N=32	16%	N=10	100%	N=61
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents	7%	N=4	34%	N=20	44%	N=27	16%	N=10	100%	N=61
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor	21%	N=13	37%	N=23	30%	N=19	11%	N=7	100%	N=61
Ensuring children are successful in school	12%	N=7	50%	N=30	33%	N=20	6%	N=3	100%	N=61

Table 19: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
Recycle at home	12%	N=8	11%	N=7	26%	N=16	14%	N=9	36%	N=22	100%	N=63
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Lynchburg	0%	N=0	1%	N=1	19%	N=12	66%	N=41	14%	N=9	100%	N=63
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	2%	N=2	30%	N=19	21%	N=13	32%	N=20	15%	N=9	100%	N=63
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	9%	N=6	8%	N=5	33%	N=21	26%	N=16	24%	N=15	100%	N=63
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	0%	N=0	13%	N=8	25%	N=16	28%	N=18	33%	N=21	100%	N=63
Vote in local elections	6%	N=4	5%	N=3	1%	N=0	17%	N=11	71%	N=45	100%	N=63

Table 20: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	8%	N=5
Very good	52%	N=32
Good	35%	N=22
Fair	6%	N=4
Poor	0%	N=0
Total	100%	N=63

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Table 21: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	14%	N=9
Somewhat positive	16%	N=10
Neutral	45%	N=28
Somewhat negative	15%	N=9
Very negative	10%	N=6
Total	100%	N=63

Table 22: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	61%	N=38
Working part time for pay	5%	N=3
Unemployed, looking for paid work	9%	N=6
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	7%	N=4
Fully retired	18%	N=11
Total	100%	N=63

Table 23: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Lynchburg?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	59%	N=36
Yes, from home	11%	N=6
No	30%	N=18
Total	100%	N=61

Table 24: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Lynchburg?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	14%	N=9
2 to 5 years	4%	N=2
6 to 10 years	26%	N=16
11 to 20 years	3%	N=2
More than 20 years	54%	N=34
Total	100%	N=63

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Table 25: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	67%	N=55
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	33%	N=27
Mobile home	0%	N=0
Other	0%	N=0
Total	100%	N=82

Table 26: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	44%	N=36
Owned	56%	N=46
Total	100%	N=82

Table 27: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	11%	N=7
\$300 to \$599 per month	17%	N=11
\$600 to \$999 per month	46%	N=28
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	11%	N=7
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	14%	N=9
\$2,500 or more per month	1%	N=0
Total	100%	N=62

Table 28: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	76%	N=45
Yes	24%	N=14
Total	100%	N=59

Table 29: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	79%	N=49
Yes	21%	N=13
Total	100%	N=62

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Table 30: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	24%	N=15
\$25,000 to \$49,999	34%	N=21
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29%	N=18
\$100,000 to \$149,999	8%	N=5
\$150,000 or more	5%	N=3
Total	100%	N=63

Table 31: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	100%	N=63
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	0%	N=0
Total	100%	N=63

Table 32: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	13%	N=8
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	0%	N=0
Black or African American	11%	N=7
White	76%	N=47
Other	6%	N=3

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 33: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	4%	N=3
25 to 34 years	27%	N=22
35 to 44 years	17%	N=14
45 to 54 years	17%	N=14
55 to 64 years	19%	N=16
65 to 74 years	13%	N=11
75 years or older	2%	N=2
Total	100%	N=82

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Table 34: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	57%	N=46
Male	43%	N=35
Total	100%	N=80

Table 35: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	79%	N=49
Land line	7%	N=5
Both	14%	N=9
Total	100%	N=63

Responses including “don’t know”

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, including the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

Table 36: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Lynchburg:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Lynchburg as a place to live	14%	N=12	52%	N=43	24%	N=20	9%	N=8	0%	N=0	100%	N=82
Your neighborhood as a place to live	30%	N=24	47%	N=38	14%	N=11	7%	N=6	3%	N=2	100%	N=82
Lynchburg as a place to raise children	17%	N=14	49%	N=40	16%	N=13	10%	N=8	8%	N=6	100%	N=82
Lynchburg as a place to work	6%	N=5	34%	N=28	35%	N=29	22%	N=18	3%	N=3	100%	N=82
Lynchburg as a place to visit	16%	N=14	31%	N=26	38%	N=31	12%	N=10	3%	N=3	100%	N=82
Lynchburg as a place to retire	28%	N=23	42%	N=35	20%	N=17	9%	N=7	2%	N=1	100%	N=82
The overall quality of life in Lynchburg	14%	N=12	56%	N=46	21%	N=17	8%	N=7	0%	N=0	100%	N=82

Table 37: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	16%	N=13	46%	N=37	29%	N=23	9%	N=7	0%	N=0	100%	N=81
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	8%	N=7	36%	N=29	35%	N=28	20%	N=16	0%	N=0	100%	N=80
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	38%	N=30	38%	N=30	24%	N=19	1%	N=1	0%	N=0	100%	N=81
Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	5%	N=4	39%	N=31	41%	N=33	12%	N=10	3%	N=2	100%	N=81
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	16%	N=13	41%	N=33	30%	N=24	13%	N=11	0%	N=0	100%	N=80
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	17%	N=13	46%	N=37	20%	N=16	12%	N=10	5%	N=4	100%	N=80
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	4%	N=4	36%	N=29	33%	N=26	27%	N=21	0%	N=0	100%	N=80
Sense of community	9%	N=8	25%	N=20	41%	N=33	20%	N=16	4%	N=3	100%	N=80
Overall image or reputation of Lynchburg	7%	N=6	33%	N=27	30%	N=24	27%	N=22	2%	N=1	100%	N=80

Table 38: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Don't know		Total	
Recommend living in Lynchburg to someone who asks	19%	N=15	45%	N=36	12%	N=10	23%	N=18	1%	N=1	100%	N=80
Remain in Lynchburg for the next five years	44%	N=35	25%	N=20	2%	N=1	23%	N=18	6%	N=4	100%	N=79

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Table 39: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Don't know		Total	
In your neighborhood during the day	59%	N=47	23%	N=19	10%	N=8	8%	N=7	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	100%	N=80
In Lynchburg's downtown/commercial area during the day	41%	N=33	31%	N=25	9%	N=7	8%	N=6	7%	N=6	4%	N=3	100%	N=80

Table 40: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Traffic flow on major streets	4%	N=3	24%	N=18	28%	N=22	44%	N=34	0%	N=0	100%	N=78
Ease of public parking	6%	N=4	34%	N=26	33%	N=26	23%	N=18	4%	N=3	100%	N=78
Ease of travel by car in Lynchburg	12%	N=9	30%	N=23	32%	N=25	26%	N=20	0%	N=0	100%	N=78
Ease of travel by public transportation in Lynchburg	0%	N=0	6%	N=5	9%	N=7	29%	N=23	56%	N=43	100%	N=78
Ease of travel by bicycle in Lynchburg	1%	N=1	11%	N=9	19%	N=14	23%	N=18	46%	N=36	100%	N=78
Ease of walking in Lynchburg	4%	N=3	36%	N=28	28%	N=21	27%	N=21	6%	N=4	100%	N=77
Availability of paths and walking trails	14%	N=11	38%	N=30	29%	N=22	12%	N=9	7%	N=5	100%	N=78
Air quality	29%	N=23	41%	N=32	21%	N=17	7%	N=5	2%	N=2	100%	N=78
Cleanliness of Lynchburg	11%	N=8	50%	N=39	31%	N=24	8%	N=6	0%	N=0	100%	N=78
Overall appearance of Lynchburg	10%	N=8	54%	N=42	34%	N=27	2%	N=2	0%	N=0	100%	N=78
Public places where people want to spend time	10%	N=7	35%	N=27	39%	N=30	17%	N=13	0%	N=0	100%	N=78
Variety of housing options	4%	N=3	40%	N=31	29%	N=23	22%	N=17	4%	N=3	100%	N=78
Availability of affordable quality housing	10%	N=8	21%	N=16	25%	N=19	28%	N=22	15%	N=12	100%	N=78
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	20%	N=16	47%	N=37	11%	N=9	10%	N=8	11%	N=8	100%	N=78
Recreational opportunities	11%	N=8	47%	N=37	25%	N=19	14%	N=11	4%	N=3	100%	N=78
Availability of affordable quality food	9%	N=7	39%	N=30	24%	N=19	27%	N=21	1%	N=1	100%	N=78
Availability of affordable quality health care	12%	N=10	36%	N=28	25%	N=19	21%	N=17	5%	N=4	100%	N=78
Availability of preventive health services	6%	N=4	47%	N=36	16%	N=13	15%	N=12	16%	N=12	100%	N=78
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	2%	N=2	23%	N=18	20%	N=16	27%	N=21	27%	N=21	100%	N=78

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Table 41: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	7%	N=5	6%	N=4	11%	N=8	20%	N=15	56%	N=42	100%	N=74
K-12 education	9%	N=7	28%	N=21	9%	N=7	20%	N=15	34%	N=25	100%	N=75
Adult educational opportunities	8%	N=6	55%	N=41	9%	N=7	12%	N=9	16%	N=12	100%	N=74
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	12%	N=9	42%	N=32	17%	N=13	20%	N=15	8%	N=6	100%	N=75
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	44%	N=33	34%	N=26	4%	N=3	10%	N=8	7%	N=5	100%	N=75
Employment opportunities	4%	N=3	25%	N=19	35%	N=26	27%	N=20	9%	N=7	100%	N=75
Shopping opportunities	1%	N=1	30%	N=22	32%	N=24	37%	N=28	0%	N=0	100%	N=75
Cost of living in Lynchburg	15%	N=11	33%	N=25	26%	N=19	23%	N=17	3%	N=2	100%	N=75
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Lynchburg	11%	N=8	49%	N=37	27%	N=20	12%	N=9	1%	N=1	100%	N=75
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	4%	N=3	44%	N=33	32%	N=24	12%	N=9	9%	N=6	100%	N=75
Overall quality of new development in Lynchburg	5%	N=3	38%	N=28	29%	N=21	16%	N=12	12%	N=9	100%	N=74
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	14%	N=11	41%	N=31	25%	N=19	16%	N=12	4%	N=3	100%	N=75
Opportunities to volunteer	35%	N=26	33%	N=24	12%	N=9	6%	N=5	14%	N=10	100%	N=75
Opportunities to participate in community matters	15%	N=11	46%	N=35	15%	N=12	5%	N=4	18%	N=14	100%	N=75
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	17%	N=12	24%	N=18	23%	N=17	29%	N=21	8%	N=6	100%	N=74
Neighborliness of residents in Lynchburg	11%	N=8	43%	N=32	25%	N=19	14%	N=10	7%	N=5	100%	N=75

Table 42: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
Made efforts to conserve water	28%	N=21	72%	N=53	100%	N=74
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	36%	N=27	64%	N=47	100%	N=74
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Lynchburg (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	43%	N=32	57%	N=42	100%	N=74
Household member was a victim of a crime in Lynchburg	83%	N=61	17%	N=12	100%	N=74
Reported a crime to the police in Lynchburg	86%	N=63	14%	N=10	100%	N=74
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	60%	N=44	40%	N=29	100%	N=74
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	72%	N=53	28%	N=20	100%	N=74
Contacted the City of Lynchburg (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	51%	N=38	49%	N=36	100%	N=74
Contacted Lynchburg elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	79%	N=58	21%	N=16	100%	N=74

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Table 43: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Lynchburg?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
Used Lynchburg recreation centers or their services	10%	N=7	14%	N=10	27%	N=20	49%	N=36	100%	N=73
Visited a local park	16%	N=12	22%	N=16	31%	N=22	31%	N=23	100%	N=72
Used Lynchburg public libraries or their services	13%	N=10	11%	N=8	32%	N=23	44%	N=32	100%	N=73
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Lynchburg	12%	N=9	31%	N=22	11%	N=8	46%	N=33	100%	N=72
Attended a City-sponsored event	2%	N=1	8%	N=6	55%	N=40	35%	N=25	100%	N=72
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	6%	N=4	7%	N=5	5%	N=4	82%	N=60	100%	N=73
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	15%	N=11	9%	N=7	25%	N=18	51%	N=37	100%	N=72
Walked or biked instead of driving	10%	N=8	15%	N=11	15%	N=11	59%	N=43	100%	N=73
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Lynchburg	9%	N=7	23%	N=17	25%	N=18	43%	N=31	100%	N=73
Participated in a club	2%	N=2	8%	N=6	17%	N=12	73%	N=53	100%	N=73
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	26%	N=19	40%	N=29	24%	N=17	10%	N=7	100%	N=73
Done a favor for a neighbor	13%	N=10	35%	N=26	37%	N=27	15%	N=11	100%	N=73

Table 44: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
Attended a local public meeting	0%	N=0	8%	N=6	24%	N=18	67%	N=49	100%	N=73
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	1%	N=1	8%	N=6	28%	N=20	63%	N=46	100%	N=72

Table 45: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Lynchburg:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Police services	22%	N=16	37%	N=26	21%	N=15	4%	N=3	17%	N=12	100%	N=72
Fire services	35%	N=25	43%	N=31	2%	N=1	0%	N=0	20%	N=15	100%	N=72
Ambulance or emergency medical services	25%	N=18	50%	N=36	9%	N=6	1%	N=1	14%	N=10	100%	N=71
Crime prevention	13%	N=9	34%	N=24	14%	N=10	13%	N=9	26%	N=19	100%	N=72
Fire prevention and education	12%	N=9	45%	N=32	8%	N=6	8%	N=6	27%	N=20	100%	N=72
Traffic enforcement	14%	N=10	23%	N=17	23%	N=17	28%	N=20	11%	N=8	100%	N=72
Street repair	6%	N=4	24%	N=17	34%	N=25	36%	N=26	0%	N=0	100%	N=71
Street cleaning	12%	N=8	30%	N=22	40%	N=29	10%	N=7	8%	N=5	100%	N=72
Street lighting	11%	N=8	42%	N=30	39%	N=28	9%	N=6	0%	N=0	100%	N=72
Snow removal	16%	N=11	36%	N=25	36%	N=25	11%	N=8	1%	N=0	100%	N=69
Sidewalk maintenance	13%	N=9	22%	N=16	43%	N=31	17%	N=13	4%	N=3	100%	N=72

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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Lynchburg:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Traffic signal timing	5%	N=4	28%	N=20	38%	N=27	29%	N=21	0%	N=0	100%	N=72
Bus or transit services	4%	N=3	10%	N=7	9%	N=6	23%	N=17	54%	N=39	100%	N=72
Garbage collection	11%	N=8	49%	N=35	30%	N=22	8%	N=6	2%	N=2	100%	N=72
Recycling	6%	N=4	28%	N=20	27%	N=20	22%	N=16	16%	N=12	100%	N=72
Yard waste pick-up	2%	N=2	21%	N=15	26%	N=19	30%	N=22	21%	N=15	100%	N=72
Storm drainage	4%	N=3	41%	N=29	39%	N=28	2%	N=1	13%	N=9	100%	N=71
Drinking water	20%	N=14	30%	N=21	34%	N=24	15%	N=11	1%	N=0	100%	N=71
Sewer services	9%	N=6	52%	N=37	29%	N=20	2%	N=2	8%	N=6	100%	N=71
Water utility billing	5%	N=4	34%	N=24	37%	N=26	16%	N=12	8%	N=5	100%	N=71
City parks	27%	N=19	37%	N=26	18%	N=13	0%	N=0	18%	N=13	100%	N=72
Recreation programs or classes	20%	N=14	28%	N=20	21%	N=15	4%	N=3	27%	N=19	100%	N=72
Recreation centers or facilities	12%	N=9	28%	N=20	29%	N=21	4%	N=3	28%	N=20	100%	N=72
Land use, planning and zoning	4%	N=3	25%	N=18	27%	N=20	21%	N=15	22%	N=16	100%	N=72
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	2%	N=1	34%	N=25	15%	N=11	19%	N=14	30%	N=22	100%	N=72
Animal control	15%	N=11	19%	N=14	9%	N=6	18%	N=13	39%	N=28	100%	N=72
Economic development	10%	N=7	26%	N=19	30%	N=21	16%	N=11	18%	N=13	100%	N=72
Health services	11%	N=8	43%	N=31	13%	N=9	17%	N=12	17%	N=12	100%	N=72
Public library services	21%	N=15	45%	N=32	12%	N=8	1%	N=1	22%	N=15	100%	N=72
Public information services	10%	N=7	50%	N=36	19%	N=14	3%	N=2	19%	N=13	100%	N=72
Cable television	3%	N=2	14%	N=10	32%	N=23	34%	N=24	17%	N=12	100%	N=71
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	13%	N=9	33%	N=24	12%	N=9	18%	N=13	24%	N=18	100%	N=72
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	14%	N=10	25%	N=18	22%	N=16	13%	N=9	25%	N=18	100%	N=72
Lynchburg open space	10%	N=7	34%	N=23	28%	N=19	9%	N=6	20%	N=14	100%	N=69
City-sponsored special events	12%	N=9	25%	N=18	27%	N=19	10%	N=7	26%	N=18	100%	N=71
Overall customer service by Lynchburg employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	15%	N=11	43%	N=31	24%	N=17	12%	N=9	6%	N=4	100%	N=72

Table 46: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
The City of Lynchburg	10%	N=7	38%	N=26	42%	N=28	9%	N=6	2%	N=1	100%	N=68
The Federal Government	0%	N=0	32%	N=21	36%	N=24	26%	N=17	7%	N=5	100%	N=68

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Table 47: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Lynchburg government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
The value of services for the taxes paid to Lynchburg	4%	N=3	36%	N=24	20%	N=14	35%	N=24	5%	N=4	100%	N=68
The overall direction that Lynchburg is taking	4%	N=3	34%	N=23	24%	N=16	32%	N=21	6%	N=4	100%	N=68
The job Lynchburg government does at welcoming resident involvement	3%	N=2	29%	N=20	28%	N=19	12%	N=8	27%	N=19	100%	N=68
Overall confidence in Lynchburg government	4%	N=3	28%	N=19	38%	N=26	28%	N=19	2%	N=1	100%	N=68
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	4%	N=2	24%	N=17	41%	N=28	29%	N=20	2%	N=1	100%	N=68
Being honest	3%	N=2	27%	N=18	26%	N=18	21%	N=14	23%	N=16	100%	N=68
Treating all residents fairly	4%	N=3	26%	N=18	20%	N=14	29%	N=20	20%	N=14	100%	N=68

Table 48: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Lynchburg community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	48%	N=31	35%	N=23	16%	N=10	1%	N=1	100%	N=66
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	43%	N=29	40%	N=26	16%	N=11	1%	N=0	100%	N=66
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	32%	N=21	39%	N=26	15%	N=10	14%	N=9	100%	N=66
Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	17%	N=11	42%	N=28	34%	N=22	7%	N=4	100%	N=66
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	21%	N=14	36%	N=23	43%	N=28	1%	N=0	100%	N=66
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	40%	N=26	21%	N=14	36%	N=24	3%	N=2	100%	N=65
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	57%	N=37	33%	N=22	10%	N=7	0%	N=0	100%	N=66
Sense of community	23%	N=15	43%	N=28	34%	N=22	1%	N=0	100%	N=66

Table 49: Question 14

Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services?	Major source		Minor source		Not a source		Total	
City web site (www.lyncburgva.gov)	50%	N=32	48%	N=31	2%	N=2	100%	N=65
Local news media (i.e., television, newspapers, etc.)	54%	N=35	39%	N=25	7%	N=5	100%	N=65
The local government Comcast Cable Channel 15	16%	N=10	37%	N=24	47%	N=30	100%	N=65
Monthly City newsletter in the News & Advance (City Source)	13%	N=8	52%	N=33	35%	N=22	100%	N=64
City Council meetings and other public meetings	24%	N=15	34%	N=22	41%	N=26	100%	N=64
City communications via social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	50%	N=32	33%	N=21	17%	N=11	100%	N=64

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Table 50: Question 15

Lynchburg's population is projected to grow to over 90,000 by the year 2030. Please indicate if you feel there is too little, too much, or about the right amount of each of the following housing types in Lynchburg to meet the community's needs in the coming years:	Far too little		Somewhat too little		About right		Somewhat too much		Far too much		Don't know		Total	
Single-family detached homes	23%	N=15	20%	N=13	27%	N=17	1%	N=1	17%	N=11	12%	N=8	100%	N=65
Townhouses	3%	N=2	23%	N=15	30%	N=19	20%	N=13	11%	N=7	12%	N=8	100%	N=65
Multi-family housing (apartments/condominiums)	8%	N=5	21%	N=14	13%	N=9	28%	N=18	17%	N=11	12%	N=8	100%	N=65
Housing options for seniors	24%	N=15	18%	N=11	19%	N=12	0%	N=0	12%	N=8	27%	N=17	100%	N=64
Housing options for young residents	40%	N=26	16%	N=10	24%	N=15	0%	N=0	1%	N=1	19%	N=12	100%	N=65

Table 51: Question 16 Part A

Please indicate how much of a priority, if at all, each of the following areas should be to the City and its community partners (businesses, academic institutions, non-profits, etc.):	High priority		Moderate priority		Low priority		Not a priority		Total	
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations	42%	N=26	48%	N=30	10%	N=6	1%	N=0	100%	N=62
Reducing poverty	73%	N=45	21%	N=13	5%	N=3	2%	N=1	100%	N=63
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children	44%	N=27	34%	N=21	17%	N=11	5%	N=3	100%	N=63
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	46%	N=29	25%	N=16	16%	N=10	13%	N=8	100%	N=63
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.)	41%	N=25	43%	N=27	10%	N=6	6%	N=4	100%	N=63
Providing access to quality health care services	69%	N=43	15%	N=10	14%	N=9	2%	N=1	100%	N=63
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels	77%	N=48	17%	N=11	4%	N=2	2%	N=1	100%	N=63
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents	79%	N=50	17%	N=11	3%	N=2	1%	N=0	100%	N=63
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor	66%	N=41	15%	N=9	7%	N=5	13%	N=8	100%	N=63
Ensuring children are successful in school	63%	N=40	19%	N=12	18%	N=11	0%	N=0	100%	N=63

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Table 52: Question 16 Part B

Please rate to what extent progress has been made in each area in the last two years:	Significant progress		Some progress		Little progress		No progress		Total	
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations	18%	N=11	67%	N=40	6%	N=4	9%	N=5	100%	N=60
Reducing poverty	2%	N=1	48%	N=29	41%	N=25	9%	N=6	100%	N=61
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children	5%	N=3	67%	N=38	22%	N=12	6%	N=4	100%	N=57
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	7%	N=4	66%	N=40	23%	N=14	4%	N=3	100%	N=60
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.)	14%	N=9	57%	N=34	20%	N=12	8%	N=5	100%	N=60
Providing access to quality health care services	5%	N=3	66%	N=40	27%	N=16	3%	N=2	100%	N=60
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels	2%	N=1	29%	N=18	52%	N=32	16%	N=10	100%	N=61
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents	7%	N=4	34%	N=20	44%	N=27	16%	N=10	100%	N=61
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor	21%	N=13	37%	N=23	30%	N=19	11%	N=7	100%	N=61
Ensuring children are successful in school	12%	N=7	50%	N=30	33%	N=20	6%	N=3	100%	N=61

Table 53: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
Recycle at home	12%	N=8	11%	N=7	26%	N=16	14%	N=9	36%	N=22	100%	N=63
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Lynchburg	0%	N=0	1%	N=1	19%	N=12	66%	N=41	14%	N=9	100%	N=63
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	2%	N=2	30%	N=19	21%	N=13	32%	N=20	15%	N=9	100%	N=63
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	9%	N=6	8%	N=5	33%	N=21	26%	N=16	24%	N=15	100%	N=63
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	0%	N=0	13%	N=8	25%	N=16	28%	N=18	33%	N=21	100%	N=63
Vote in local elections	6%	N=4	5%	N=3	1%	N=0	17%	N=11	71%	N=45	100%	N=63

Table 54: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	8%	N=5
Very good	52%	N=32
Good	35%	N=22
Fair	6%	N=4
Poor	0%	N=0
Total	100%	N=63

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Table 55: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	14%	N=9
Somewhat positive	16%	N=10
Neutral	45%	N=28
Somewhat negative	15%	N=9
Very negative	10%	N=6
Total	100%	N=63

Table 56: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	61%	N=38
Working part time for pay	5%	N=3
Unemployed, looking for paid work	9%	N=6
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	7%	N=4
Fully retired	18%	N=11
Total	100%	N=63

Table 57: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Lynchburg?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	59%	N=36
Yes, from home	11%	N=6
No	30%	N=18
Total	100%	N=61

Table 58: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Lynchburg?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	14%	N=9
2 to 5 years	4%	N=2
6 to 10 years	26%	N=16
11 to 20 years	3%	N=2
More than 20 years	54%	N=34
Total	100%	N=63

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Table 59: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	67%	N=55
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	33%	N=27
Mobile home	0%	N=0
Other	0%	N=0
Total	100%	N=82

Table 60: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	44%	N=36
Owned	56%	N=46
Total	100%	N=82

Table 61: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	11%	N=7
\$300 to \$599 per month	17%	N=11
\$600 to \$999 per month	46%	N=28
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	11%	N=7
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	14%	N=9
\$2,500 or more per month	1%	N=0
Total	100%	N=62

Table 62: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	76%	N=45
Yes	24%	N=14
Total	100%	N=59

Table 63: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	79%	N=49
Yes	21%	N=13
Total	100%	N=62

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Table 64: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	24%	N=15
\$25,000 to \$49,999	34%	N=21
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29%	N=18
\$100,000 to \$149,999	8%	N=5
\$150,000 or more	5%	N=3
Total	100%	N=63

Table 65: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	100%	N=63
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	0%	N=0
Total	100%	N=63

Table 66: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	13%	N=8
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	0%	N=0
Black or African American	11%	N=7
White	76%	N=47
Other	6%	N=3

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 67: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	4%	N=3
25 to 34 years	27%	N=22
35 to 44 years	17%	N=14
45 to 54 years	17%	N=14
55 to 64 years	19%	N=16
65 to 74 years	13%	N=11
75 years or older	2%	N=2
Total	100%	N=82

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Table 68: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	57%	N=46
Male	43%	N=35
Total	100%	N=80

Table 69: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	79%	N=49
Land line	7%	N=5
Both	14%	N=9
Total	100%	N=63

Verbatim Responses to Open Ended Question

The following pages contain the respondents' verbatim responses as entered in the web survey and have not been edited for spelling or grammar. Responses have been organized by coded alphabetical order.

Is there a community issue or concern to you that is not addressed in this survey? Please explain.

- 1) Lynchburg is NOT a good place to live if you happen to live on North Princeton Circle. The police have been contacted numerous times about the blatant code violation at 20 N. Princeton Circle. For well over a year there has been a large SUV sitting on the city street on jacks without any tags and without front wheels. This eyesore is affecting the property value of all the houses on this street, yet the police have repeatedly refused to do anything. 2) On a more general level, I believe the ultra-conservative radicalness of Jerry Falwell Jr affects the ability of Lynchburg to attract high tech and progressive companies, and that the city kowtows to Jerry Jr. 3) It concerns me that LU and Centra - non-profits - are acquiring more and more property in the city. 4) City code enforcement is weak.
- 1) No airline competition for LYH airport. 2) Not enough entry/exit points for LU campus, making Wards Rd increasingly congested.
- A major concern to many of us is the ongoing building of multi unit residences in the middle of single family neighborhoods. You're hurting home prices and increasing traffic in quiet neighborhoods that don't have the ability to address the traffic or the upkeep to the streets. There are at least half dozen residential neighborhoods with proposed rezoning for multi unit townhomes within city limits.
- Bike lane on Boonsboro Road not good. City parties not necessary. Raising garbage rates so much in one year unwise and not right.
- Bring new industry
- Concerned public schools are not better attended by families that can afford to send their children to private schools. I wish there was a campaign to advertise the merits of LCPS.
- Creating/paving new roads instead of taking care of the ones that are most used - i.e. Rivermont, downtown Lynchburg streets, etc.
- i feel that this survey lacked any questions related to energy services such as discussing need and desire for clean energy alternatives or purposed incentives for upgrading homes to be more energy efficient, building roof top solar energy panels and water conservation. Also what steps the local government and state are doing to pressure, or should be pressuring, the utilities to make steps to provide a more secure and robust energy infrastructure away from damaging fossil fuels.
- I work downtown on commerce street and there is an egregious amount of dog poop in every sidewalk tree square. These new apartments downtown all have dog owners that don't pick up their dog poop. I would love it if some dog poop bags could be added to commerce street
- I would like to address an issue. My neighbors have had NO TRASH decal nor city issued trash bags for over TWO YEARS and their trash is picked up EVERY WEEK! The rest of us who buy decals have seen an increase in price, I suppose to compensate for the non paying residents and the city trash employees who continue to look the other way.
- If Lynchburg can give up their soul for Liberty Univ. Why can't they for companies looking to come here? If a business or company wants to come here and they want such and such, the CITY should go out the way and appease them.
- If we expect to help our children be successful in school, we need to offer our teachers higher salaries, more autonomy, and less micromanagement from administration.
- Need more quality and affordable housing for low income and those living in poverty. I volunteer at an organization that helps with termination notices and the number of people we see is alarming.
- no
- No, the only other concern I would have as a citizen would be the school staff that are put in place in our Lynchburg city schools.
- No.

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- overdevelopment is a concern... but I would like the city do its part to address global warming, encouraging residential solar, car charging stations, tax incentives for businesses to go green, the city itself using permeable pavement when roads are repaved, and going solar in schools and government buildings whenever possible. Encouraging businesses to change to permeable pavement in their lots when they next need paving or for new properties. I could go on and on.... also finding a solution for the recyclables problem.. can the city itself do something to recycle the recyclables?
- Please pick up bulk trash quicker.
- police need to be paid more money that why there is such a shortage of cops
- Rather than focusing on government-based (taxpayer-funded) solutions to problems like poverty and what children do after school, perhaps the City government can find solutions with local businesses or organizations that address these concerns with direct involvement of those impacted.
- Recent process to create & Council's deliberative process to adopt short term rental ordinance were poor and produced an ordinance that is toothless and provides zero protection of existing residential neighborhood character. It was bad on subjective reasoning without analysis of real data.
- Stop kowtowing to Liberty University.
- Streetlights need to be fixed and the police need to enforce the speedlimit because people are speeding and riding bumpers and making driving dangerous. The area's that need this is Campbell ave., wards road, fort ave. Has this town become a lawless town?
- The Bus system needs serious work. No one wants to ride a bus that only shows up to a stop once-an-hour. Bring the frequency of stops to every 10-15 mins would significantly improve ridership and traffic in the area. A reliable mass transit is the foundation of a bustling city and economy. Suburban sprawl, ample off-street parking destroy cities.
- The food tax is too high; tax money should be used to support public safety (especially police needs) instead of building sidewalks, & roundabouts; scrutiny of spending should be increased and monitored at least monthly for each department in the city and every department should be monitored closely and held responsible for being over budget or any unnecessary spending....it is embarrassing to hear the people that represent the residents report a shortfall in finances because the money could not be found then city council turns around and starts spendingI know some of the spending is from grants and in connection with the state....hope that covered some of the expense of Heritage High School that had to reduce teacher jobs because of lower student numbers than reported...hope the city can increase in population. Careful spending could allow for lower overall taxes; ways to shelter the homeless; help feed the children that do not have food except when in school or provided by soup kitchens, food banks, or churches; treat all city citizens the same...enforce the purchase of trash can labels for anyone that depends on city garbage pick-up; complete city projects (we have been waiting about 15 years to receive the letter we were told would be mailed us, informing us that the sewage line project in our neighborhood would be complete ...with every phone call, we are informed the entire project has not been completed)...how long does it take....we probably will not live to see it. It would be good if updates on projects could be communicated to the residents. I would like to see the city look into having city council elected by the residents of Lynchburg. Lastly, I would like more attention paid to the city parks.....more detailed weeding would really improve the looks of the parks.
- The lack of entertainment options and regional draw. The latest efforts such as SeaQuest are a complete waste of money and space.
- The poverty issue is still somewhat insurmountable. The health care system has financial issues that need to be resolved. And our school system needs improvement in several areas.
- There has been NO industrial development in Lynchburg for over 10 years. That needs to change NOW
- Too many construction project going on simultaneously. Need to finish one before starting on others. I have been avoiding downtown for about two years now because of the constant construction. And Wards Road is an absolute mess. I try to avoid that whenever possible. Timing of traffic lights around town is awful also, intersection of Link and Boonsboro/ Rivermont is a nightmare. Sections of town with weeds, overgrown yards, junk cars sitting in the yards, all need to be addressed to maintain and increase property values
- Traffic issues at at 221 /501 intersection and wards rd Repeated road closings/construction in downtown area
- Wish lynchburg had curbside recycling pickup along with garbage pickup
- Would be nice to have dedicated left turn light from Edgewood onto Fort Ave. Same at Meadowbrook onto Fort Ave. I'm still lost as to why the city replaced those traffic signals three years ago and didn't add those features.

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Appendix A: Complete Survey Responses

Responses excluding “don’t know”

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, excluding the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

Table 1: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Lynchburg:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Lynchburg as a place to live	25%	N=93	55%	N=206	18%	N=66	3%	N=10	100%	N=375
Your neighborhood as a place to live	31%	N=116	44%	N=163	21%	N=79	4%	N=14	100%	N=372
Lynchburg as a place to raise children	28%	N=94	51%	N=170	18%	N=58	3%	N=9	100%	N=332
Lynchburg as a place to work	17%	N=60	37%	N=130	35%	N=123	11%	N=39	100%	N=351
Lynchburg as a place to visit	15%	N=55	42%	N=155	28%	N=105	15%	N=56	100%	N=371
Lynchburg as a place to retire	24%	N=80	48%	N=157	21%	N=69	7%	N=23	100%	N=329
The overall quality of life in Lynchburg	18%	N=68	58%	N=214	21%	N=78	3%	N=12	100%	N=371

Table 2: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	17%	N=64	59%	N=221	23%	N=86	0%	N=1	100%	N=373
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	17%	N=64	54%	N=199	22%	N=81	7%	N=27	100%	N=370
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	26%	N=96	50%	N=186	21%	N=79	3%	N=9	100%	N=371
Overall “built environment” of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	9%	N=33	44%	N=162	37%	N=137	10%	N=38	100%	N=369
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	17%	N=60	51%	N=181	26%	N=92	6%	N=20	100%	N=353
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	23%	N=82	52%	N=186	18%	N=64	7%	N=27	100%	N=359
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	8%	N=29	45%	N=156	39%	N=134	7%	N=25	100%	N=344
Sense of community	14%	N=52	41%	N=148	35%	N=127	10%	N=36	100%	N=363
Overall image or reputation of Lynchburg	9%	N=33	50%	N=185	31%	N=114	10%	N=36	100%	N=368

Table 3: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Total	
Recommend living in Lynchburg to someone who asks	33%	N=123	47%	N=176	9%	N=34	11%	N=41	100%	N=373
Remain in Lynchburg for the next five years	51%	N=184	26%	N=94	12%	N=43	11%	N=41	100%	N=361

Table 4: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Total	
In your neighborhood during the day	66%	N=248	26%	N=97	4%	N=16	3%	N=12	0%	N=1	100%	N=374
In Lynchburg’s downtown/commercial area during the day	48%	N=175	38%	N=139	10%	N=35	4%	N=15	1%	N=2	100%	N=367

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Table 5: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Traffic flow on major streets	7%	N=24	44%	N=160	34%	N=121	16%	N=56	100%	N=362
Ease of public parking	10%	N=37	34%	N=121	35%	N=124	21%	N=74	100%	N=356
Ease of travel by car in Lynchburg	22%	N=81	46%	N=170	27%	N=98	5%	N=18	100%	N=368
Ease of travel by public transportation in Lynchburg	3%	N=7	24%	N=48	31%	N=60	41%	N=80	100%	N=194
Ease of travel by bicycle in Lynchburg	6%	N=13	28%	N=60	33%	N=73	33%	N=71	100%	N=217
Ease of walking in Lynchburg	14%	N=44	35%	N=114	34%	N=111	17%	N=56	100%	N=325
Availability of paths and walking trails	20%	N=65	42%	N=139	30%	N=99	7%	N=24	100%	N=327
Air quality	24%	N=85	57%	N=204	18%	N=63	1%	N=5	100%	N=357
Cleanliness of Lynchburg	11%	N=40	58%	N=213	27%	N=99	5%	N=18	100%	N=369
Overall appearance of Lynchburg	15%	N=55	54%	N=198	26%	N=97	5%	N=20	100%	N=370
Public places where people want to spend time	14%	N=49	46%	N=160	31%	N=108	9%	N=31	100%	N=348
Variety of housing options	10%	N=36	43%	N=150	31%	N=108	15%	N=53	100%	N=348
Availability of affordable quality housing	14%	N=46	34%	N=110	29%	N=95	23%	N=74	100%	N=325
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	23%	N=81	50%	N=177	23%	N=81	4%	N=13	100%	N=352
Recreational opportunities	21%	N=73	48%	N=167	25%	N=87	6%	N=20	100%	N=347
Availability of affordable quality food	22%	N=79	46%	N=169	23%	N=85	9%	N=32	100%	N=365
Availability of affordable quality health care	17%	N=60	42%	N=147	30%	N=103	11%	N=37	100%	N=347
Availability of preventive health services	16%	N=50	45%	N=143	31%	N=96	8%	N=26	100%	N=315
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	9%	N=21	33%	N=76	37%	N=87	21%	N=49	100%	N=232

Table 6: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	10%	N=16	38%	N=64	39%	N=66	13%	N=22	100%	N=169
K-12 education	12%	N=28	54%	N=127	24%	N=56	11%	N=26	100%	N=236
Adult educational opportunities	16%	N=45	45%	N=124	29%	N=79	9%	N=25	100%	N=273
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	17%	N=59	38%	N=130	36%	N=123	9%	N=32	100%	N=343
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	45%	N=153	39%	N=132	13%	N=46	2%	N=8	100%	N=339
Employment opportunities	9%	N=30	38%	N=127	33%	N=110	20%	N=66	100%	N=332
Shopping opportunities	7%	N=27	30%	N=111	38%	N=141	24%	N=87	100%	N=366
Cost of living in Lynchburg	22%	N=79	40%	N=144	31%	N=113	7%	N=27	100%	N=363
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Lynchburg	9%	N=33	55%	N=201	29%	N=108	7%	N=25	100%	N=367
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	11%	N=38	45%	N=157	30%	N=105	15%	N=51	100%	N=351
Overall quality of new development in Lynchburg	13%	N=46	47%	N=162	29%	N=100	10%	N=35	100%	N=343
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	13%	N=45	47%	N=165	31%	N=110	8%	N=29	100%	N=349
Opportunities to volunteer	27%	N=82	50%	N=153	20%	N=62	3%	N=10	100%	N=307
Opportunities to participate in community matters	18%	N=53	41%	N=124	35%	N=105	6%	N=19	100%	N=300
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	11%	N=36	37%	N=118	33%	N=105	19%	N=62	100%	N=321
Neighborliness of residents in Lynchburg	11%	N=37	48%	N=165	29%	N=100	11%	N=38	100%	N=340

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Table 7: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
Made efforts to conserve water	36%	N=134	64%	N=237	100%	N=371
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	28%	N=104	72%	N=265	100%	N=369
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Lynchburg (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	45%	N=167	55%	N=202	100%	N=369
Household member was a victim of a crime in Lynchburg	90%	N=330	10%	N=37	100%	N=367
Reported a crime to the police in Lynchburg	82%	N=303	18%	N=67	100%	N=370
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	61%	N=227	39%	N=143	100%	N=369
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	78%	N=291	22%	N=80	100%	N=370
Contacted the City of Lynchburg (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	49%	N=180	51%	N=189	100%	N=369
Contacted Lynchburg elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	80%	N=296	20%	N=72	100%	N=368

Table 8: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Lynchburg?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
Used Lynchburg recreation centers or their services	7%	N=27	16%	N=61	34%	N=124	42%	N=156	100%	N=368
Visited a local park	10%	N=38	35%	N=128	36%	N=131	19%	N=71	100%	N=368
Used Lynchburg public libraries or their services	8%	N=31	17%	N=62	27%	N=99	47%	N=173	100%	N=364
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Lynchburg	26%	N=96	27%	N=99	16%	N=60	31%	N=116	100%	N=371
Attended a City-sponsored event	1%	N=4	9%	N=32	47%	N=174	43%	N=157	100%	N=367
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	4%	N=15	4%	N=14	11%	N=41	81%	N=301	100%	N=370
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	11%	N=41	11%	N=41	14%	N=50	64%	N=239	100%	N=371
Walked or biked instead of driving	11%	N=41	11%	N=40	18%	N=65	60%	N=217	100%	N=362
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Lynchburg	8%	N=28	21%	N=77	23%	N=84	49%	N=180	100%	N=369
Participated in a club	6%	N=22	9%	N=33	15%	N=54	70%	N=257	100%	N=365
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	33%	N=121	35%	N=129	21%	N=77	12%	N=43	100%	N=370
Done a favor for a neighbor	14%	N=51	28%	N=102	40%	N=146	18%	N=68	100%	N=367

Table 9: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
Attended a local public meeting	1%	N=4	3%	N=10	18%	N=65	78%	N=288	100%	N=368
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	3%	N=12	6%	N=24	15%	N=57	75%	N=277	100%	N=370

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Table 10: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Lynchburg:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Police services	27%	N=79	51%	N=151	17%	N=49	5%	N=15	100%	N=295
Fire services	41%	N=109	48%	N=128	10%	N=28	0%	N=0	100%	N=264
Ambulance or emergency medical services	44%	N=115	44%	N=116	11%	N=30	1%	N=2	100%	N=263
Crime prevention	12%	N=31	49%	N=128	36%	N=95	3%	N=8	100%	N=262
Fire prevention and education	19%	N=44	53%	N=120	25%	N=56	3%	N=6	100%	N=225
Traffic enforcement	12%	N=36	45%	N=134	28%	N=83	16%	N=48	100%	N=301
Street repair	7%	N=24	31%	N=105	37%	N=129	25%	N=87	100%	N=344
Street cleaning	9%	N=30	44%	N=146	36%	N=117	11%	N=35	100%	N=328
Street lighting	15%	N=52	46%	N=160	30%	N=105	10%	N=34	100%	N=352
Snow removal	12%	N=40	38%	N=125	33%	N=110	17%	N=57	100%	N=331
Sidewalk maintenance	6%	N=19	38%	N=122	35%	N=111	21%	N=65	100%	N=318
Traffic signal timing	6%	N=22	39%	N=135	30%	N=105	24%	N=82	100%	N=344
Bus or transit services	7%	N=10	40%	N=61	24%	N=36	29%	N=43	100%	N=149
Garbage collection	30%	N=102	48%	N=166	17%	N=58	5%	N=18	100%	N=343
Recycling	9%	N=26	29%	N=89	28%	N=85	34%	N=103	100%	N=303
Yard waste pick-up	12%	N=34	27%	N=77	38%	N=106	23%	N=64	100%	N=281
Storm drainage	14%	N=37	42%	N=116	32%	N=88	13%	N=36	100%	N=276
Drinking water	23%	N=80	46%	N=162	24%	N=84	7%	N=25	100%	N=351
Sewer services	17%	N=49	59%	N=169	18%	N=52	5%	N=14	100%	N=283
Water utility billing	15%	N=46	50%	N=152	26%	N=78	9%	N=28	100%	N=303
City parks	25%	N=80	58%	N=188	14%	N=47	3%	N=9	100%	N=323
Recreation programs or classes	24%	N=56	55%	N=127	20%	N=46	1%	N=2	100%	N=231
Recreation centers or facilities	17%	N=41	60%	N=140	21%	N=49	2%	N=5	100%	N=234
Land use, planning and zoning	7%	N=16	38%	N=87	38%	N=87	17%	N=39	100%	N=228
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	4%	N=10	27%	N=64	43%	N=103	26%	N=64	100%	N=241
Animal control	14%	N=31	46%	N=107	34%	N=80	6%	N=14	100%	N=233
Economic development	10%	N=27	42%	N=116	37%	N=102	11%	N=29	100%	N=275
Health services	13%	N=40	51%	N=155	29%	N=87	7%	N=21	100%	N=303
Public library services	28%	N=72	58%	N=150	14%	N=36	1%	N=3	100%	N=261
Public information services	12%	N=30	49%	N=122	36%	N=89	4%	N=9	100%	N=250
Cable television	6%	N=17	37%	N=101	32%	N=88	24%	N=66	100%	N=271
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	10%	N=24	51%	N=123	30%	N=74	9%	N=21	100%	N=242
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	14%	N=35	43%	N=110	30%	N=76	13%	N=33	100%	N=254
Lynchburg open space	12%	N=33	43%	N=118	36%	N=99	9%	N=23	100%	N=273
City-sponsored special events	11%	N=28	55%	N=145	27%	N=71	7%	N=20	100%	N=264
Overall customer service by Lynchburg employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	17%	N=51	58%	N=173	23%	N=68	3%	N=8	100%	N=299

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Table 11: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
The City of Lynchburg	13%	N=46	61%	N=216	22%	N=78	4%	N=13	100%	N=353
The Federal Government	4%	N=13	32%	N=100	50%	N=157	14%	N=46	100%	N=316

Table 12: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Lynchburg government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
The value of services for the taxes paid to Lynchburg	6%	N=20	44%	N=147	32%	N=104	18%	N=59	100%	N=330
The overall direction that Lynchburg is taking	11%	N=38	52%	N=172	27%	N=89	10%	N=32	100%	N=331
The job Lynchburg government does at welcoming resident involvement	10%	N=26	40%	N=112	38%	N=106	12%	N=33	100%	N=278
Overall confidence in Lynchburg government	6%	N=20	46%	N=141	32%	N=97	15%	N=46	100%	N=304
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	8%	N=26	46%	N=145	30%	N=94	15%	N=47	100%	N=312
Being honest	10%	N=26	48%	N=124	31%	N=79	12%	N=30	100%	N=259
Treating all residents fairly	11%	N=32	42%	N=121	29%	N=83	18%	N=51	100%	N=287

Table 13: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Lynchburg community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	49%	N=180	41%	N=153	9%	N=34	1%	N=3	100%	N=370
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	28%	N=105	52%	N=192	17%	N=64	2%	N=9	100%	N=369
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	32%	N=118	47%	N=171	20%	N=74	1%	N=3	100%	N=366
Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	31%	N=114	42%	N=156	24%	N=87	3%	N=11	100%	N=369
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	36%	N=132	40%	N=145	23%	N=86	1%	N=4	100%	N=368
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	41%	N=152	38%	N=140	19%	N=71	2%	N=7	100%	N=370
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	50%	N=183	42%	N=156	7%	N=26	1%	N=5	100%	N=369
Sense of community	31%	N=115	48%	N=179	18%	N=68	2%	N=9	100%	N=371

Table 14: Question 14

Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services?	Major source		Minor source		Not a source		Total	
City web site (www.lyncburgva.gov)	59%	N=215	27%	N=100	14%	N=50	100%	N=365
Local news media (i.e., television, newspapers, etc.)	61%	N=223	30%	N=112	9%	N=33	100%	N=368
The local government Comcast Cable Channel 15	14%	N=52	35%	N=129	51%	N=186	100%	N=367
Monthly City newsletter in the News & Advance (City Source)	22%	N=81	37%	N=136	41%	N=151	100%	N=368
City Council meetings and other public meetings	25%	N=92	39%	N=143	36%	N=132	100%	N=366
City communications via social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	40%	N=146	31%	N=114	29%	N=108	100%	N=368

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Table 15: Question 15

Lynchburg's population is projected to grow to over 90,000 by the year 2030. Please indicate if you feel there is too little, too much, or about the right amount of each of the following housing types in Lynchburg to meet the community's needs in the coming years:	Far too little		Somewhat too little		About right		Somewhat too much		Far too much		Total	
Single-family detached homes	18%	N=57	28%	N=92	49%	N=158	2%	N=8	2%	N=7	100%	N=322
Townhouses	5%	N=16	27%	N=84	40%	N=126	16%	N=52	12%	N=39	100%	N=317
Multi-family housing (apartments/condominiums)	11%	N=36	19%	N=61	37%	N=121	21%	N=70	13%	N=41	100%	N=329
Housing options for seniors	30%	N=80	39%	N=103	27%	N=71	1%	N=4	3%	N=9	100%	N=266
Housing options for young residents	18%	N=58	33%	N=105	40%	N=126	4%	N=14	5%	N=15	100%	N=317

Table 16: Question 16 Part A

Please indicate how much of a priority, if at all, each of the following areas should be to the City and its community partners (businesses, academic institutions, non-profits, etc.):	High priority		Moderate priority		Low priority		Not a priority		Total	
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations	45%	N=158	45%	N=156	9%	N=32	1%	N=5	100%	N=350
Reducing poverty	57%	N=204	29%	N=104	11%	N=38	3%	N=9	100%	N=355
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children	44%	N=154	40%	N=139	13%	N=47	3%	N=11	100%	N=351
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	47%	N=163	33%	N=114	10%	N=35	9%	N=32	100%	N=344
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.)	39%	N=139	43%	N=152	15%	N=52	3%	N=11	100%	N=354
Providing access to quality health care services	57%	N=197	32%	N=111	9%	N=31	2%	N=7	100%	N=346
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels	58%	N=208	26%	N=94	12%	N=42	3%	N=12	100%	N=357
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents	71%	N=252	23%	N=82	5%	N=16	1%	N=5	100%	N=355
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor	73%	N=260	20%	N=71	5%	N=17	2%	N=9	100%	N=356
Ensuring children are successful in school	69%	N=242	25%	N=87	4%	N=15	2%	N=8	100%	N=352

Table 17: Question 16 Part B

Please rate to what extent progress has been made in each area in the last two years:	Significant progress		Some progress		Little progress		No progress		Total	
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations	16%	N=43	67%	N=176	14%	N=38	2%	N=6	100%	N=262
Reducing poverty	6%	N=17	45%	N=121	32%	N=87	17%	N=46	100%	N=271
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children	8%	N=21	57%	N=150	28%	N=72	7%	N=19	100%	N=262
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	10%	N=24	48%	N=120	32%	N=80	10%	N=25	100%	N=249
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.)	17%	N=45	55%	N=149	22%	N=59	6%	N=17	100%	N=269
Providing access to quality health care services	18%	N=47	54%	N=139	22%	N=56	7%	N=17	100%	N=259
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels	6%	N=16	41%	N=111	44%	N=117	9%	N=23	100%	N=267
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents	3%	N=9	51%	N=135	35%	N=93	11%	N=29	100%	N=266
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor	17%	N=44	55%	N=145	20%	N=53	8%	N=21	100%	N=262
Ensuring children are successful in school	9%	N=22	54%	N=139	28%	N=72	9%	N=23	100%	N=257

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Table 18: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
Recycle at home	21%	N=78	14%	N=50	20%	N=75	13%	N=47	32%	N=118	100%	N=368
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Lynchburg	1%	N=5	3%	N=9	18%	N=67	48%	N=177	30%	N=110	100%	N=368
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	4%	N=14	18%	N=67	36%	N=131	29%	N=106	13%	N=49	100%	N=366
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	5%	N=18	13%	N=48	34%	N=126	33%	N=121	15%	N=56	100%	N=368
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	7%	N=27	17%	N=64	19%	N=71	17%	N=62	39%	N=143	100%	N=368
Vote in local elections	9%	N=35	4%	N=13	12%	N=44	18%	N=68	57%	N=209	100%	N=369

Table 19: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	16%	N=59
Very good	40%	N=148
Good	31%	N=116
Fair	11%	N=40
Poor	1%	N=5
Total	100%	N=368

Table 20: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	8%	N=31
Somewhat positive	27%	N=97
Neutral	48%	N=174
Somewhat negative	16%	N=59
Very negative	1%	N=4
Total	100%	N=364

Table 21: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	58%	N=212
Working part time for pay	8%	N=28
Unemployed, looking for paid work	5%	N=17
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	7%	N=24
Fully retired	24%	N=87
Total	100%	N=368

Table 22: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Lynchburg?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	53%	N=188
Yes, from home	9%	N=33
No	37%	N=131
Total	100%	N=352

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Table 23: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Lynchburg?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	12%	N=45
2 to 5 years	23%	N=84
6 to 10 years	8%	N=31
11 to 20 years	18%	N=66
More than 20 years	39%	N=145
Total	100%	N=372

Table 24: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	59%	N=220
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	39%	N=145
Mobile home	0%	N=0
Other	2%	N=9
Total	100%	N=374

Table 25: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	50%	N=188
Owned	50%	N=187
Total	100%	N=375

Table 26: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	7%	N=24
\$300 to \$599 per month	13%	N=48
\$600 to \$999 per month	42%	N=152
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	19%	N=70
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	13%	N=47
\$2,500 or more per month	5%	N=19
Total	100%	N=362

Table 27: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	69%	N=253
Yes	31%	N=113
Total	100%	N=366

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Table 28: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	72%	N=268
Yes	28%	N=103
Total	100%	N=371

Table 29: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	25%	N=87
\$25,000 to \$49,999	27%	N=96
\$50,000 to \$99,999	24%	N=85
\$100,000 to \$149,999	14%	N=49
\$150,000 or more	11%	N=38
Total	100%	N=355

Table 30: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	95%	N=345
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	5%	N=17
Total	100%	N=362

Table 31: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3%	N=11
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	2%	N=7
Black or African American	24%	N=89
White	66%	N=241
Other	6%	N=24

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 32: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	7%	N=25
25 to 34 years	28%	N=104
35 to 44 years	14%	N=53
45 to 54 years	16%	N=60
55 to 64 years	13%	N=47
65 to 74 years	13%	N=49
75 years or older	10%	N=36
Total	100%	N=374

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Table 33: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	54%	N=199
Male	46%	N=170
Total	100%	N=369

Table 34: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	78%	N=289
Land line	11%	N=39
Both	11%	N=41
Total	100%	N=369

Responses including “don’t know”

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, including the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

Table 35: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Lynchburg:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Lynchburg as a place to live	25%	N=93	55%	N=206	18%	N=66	3%	N=10	0%	N=1	100%	N=376
Your neighborhood as a place to live	31%	N=116	44%	N=163	21%	N=79	4%	N=14	1%	N=3	100%	N=375
Lynchburg as a place to raise children	25%	N=94	46%	N=170	16%	N=58	3%	N=9	11%	N=41	100%	N=373
Lynchburg as a place to work	16%	N=60	35%	N=130	33%	N=123	10%	N=39	6%	N=21	100%	N=372
Lynchburg as a place to visit	15%	N=55	41%	N=155	28%	N=105	15%	N=56	1%	N=4	100%	N=375
Lynchburg as a place to retire	22%	N=80	42%	N=157	19%	N=69	6%	N=23	12%	N=43	100%	N=372
The overall quality of life in Lynchburg	18%	N=68	57%	N=214	21%	N=78	3%	N=12	1%	N=2	100%	N=373

Table 36: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	17%	N=64	59%	N=221	23%	N=86	0%	N=1	0%	N=1	100%	N=375
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	17%	N=64	53%	N=199	22%	N=81	7%	N=27	1%	N=3	100%	N=373
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	26%	N=96	50%	N=186	21%	N=79	3%	N=9	1%	N=2	100%	N=372
Overall “built environment” of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	9%	N=33	44%	N=162	37%	N=137	10%	N=38	1%	N=2	100%	N=371
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	16%	N=60	49%	N=181	25%	N=92	5%	N=20	5%	N=17	100%	N=370
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	22%	N=82	50%	N=186	17%	N=64	7%	N=27	4%	N=14	100%	N=374
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	8%	N=29	42%	N=156	36%	N=134	7%	N=25	8%	N=29	100%	N=373
Sense of community	14%	N=52	40%	N=148	34%	N=127	10%	N=36	2%	N=8	100%	N=371
Overall image or reputation of Lynchburg	9%	N=33	50%	N=185	31%	N=114	10%	N=36	1%	N=4	100%	N=372

Table 37: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Don't know		Total	
Recommend living in Lynchburg to someone who asks	33%	N=123	47%	N=176	9%	N=34	11%	N=41	0%	N=1	100%	N=375
Remain in Lynchburg for the next five years	49%	N=184	25%	N=94	12%	N=43	11%	N=41	3%	N=12	100%	N=373

Table 38: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Don't know		Total	
In your neighborhood during the day	66%	N=248	26%	N=97	4%	N=16	3%	N=12	0%	N=1	0%	N=0	100%	N=374
In Lynchburg’s downtown/commercial area during the day	47%	N=175	37%	N=139	9%	N=35	4%	N=15	1%	N=2	2%	N=8	100%	N=375

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Table 39: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Traffic flow on major streets	7%	N=24	43%	N=160	33%	N=121	15%	N=56	3%	N=10	100%	N=372
Ease of public parking	10%	N=37	32%	N=121	33%	N=124	20%	N=74	5%	N=17	100%	N=373
Ease of travel by car in Lynchburg	22%	N=81	46%	N=170	27%	N=98	5%	N=18	1%	N=2	100%	N=370
Ease of travel by public transportation in Lynchburg	2%	N=7	13%	N=48	16%	N=60	21%	N=80	48%	N=178	100%	N=372
Ease of travel by bicycle in Lynchburg	3%	N=13	16%	N=60	20%	N=73	19%	N=71	42%	N=155	100%	N=371
Ease of walking in Lynchburg	12%	N=44	31%	N=114	30%	N=111	15%	N=56	13%	N=47	100%	N=372
Availability of paths and walking trails	18%	N=65	37%	N=139	27%	N=99	7%	N=24	12%	N=43	100%	N=370
Air quality	23%	N=85	55%	N=204	17%	N=63	1%	N=5	3%	N=13	100%	N=369
Cleanliness of Lynchburg	11%	N=40	57%	N=213	27%	N=99	5%	N=18	1%	N=3	100%	N=372
Overall appearance of Lynchburg	15%	N=55	53%	N=198	26%	N=97	5%	N=20	1%	N=3	100%	N=373
Public places where people want to spend time	13%	N=49	43%	N=160	29%	N=108	8%	N=31	6%	N=22	100%	N=370
Variety of housing options	10%	N=36	41%	N=150	29%	N=108	14%	N=53	6%	N=22	100%	N=370
Availability of affordable quality housing	12%	N=46	30%	N=110	26%	N=95	20%	N=74	12%	N=46	100%	N=371
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	22%	N=81	48%	N=177	22%	N=81	3%	N=13	6%	N=21	100%	N=373
Recreational opportunities	19%	N=73	45%	N=167	23%	N=87	5%	N=20	7%	N=25	100%	N=372
Availability of affordable quality food	21%	N=79	45%	N=169	23%	N=85	9%	N=32	2%	N=6	100%	N=371
Availability of affordable quality health care	16%	N=60	39%	N=147	28%	N=103	10%	N=37	7%	N=26	100%	N=373
Availability of preventive health services	14%	N=50	39%	N=143	26%	N=96	7%	N=26	15%	N=55	100%	N=370
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	6%	N=21	20%	N=76	23%	N=87	13%	N=49	38%	N=140	100%	N=372

Table 40: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	4%	N=16	17%	N=64	18%	N=66	6%	N=22	54%	N=200	100%	N=369
K-12 education	8%	N=28	35%	N=127	15%	N=56	7%	N=26	35%	N=128	100%	N=364
Adult educational opportunities	12%	N=45	34%	N=124	22%	N=79	7%	N=25	26%	N=95	100%	N=368
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	16%	N=59	35%	N=130	33%	N=123	9%	N=32	7%	N=24	100%	N=367
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	41%	N=153	36%	N=132	12%	N=46	2%	N=8	8%	N=31	100%	N=369
Employment opportunities	8%	N=30	35%	N=127	30%	N=110	18%	N=66	9%	N=35	100%	N=366
Shopping opportunities	7%	N=27	30%	N=111	38%	N=141	24%	N=87	1%	N=2	100%	N=368
Cost of living in Lynchburg	21%	N=79	39%	N=144	31%	N=113	7%	N=27	1%	N=5	100%	N=368
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Lynchburg	9%	N=33	54%	N=201	29%	N=108	7%	N=25	1%	N=4	100%	N=370
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	10%	N=38	42%	N=157	28%	N=105	14%	N=51	5%	N=18	100%	N=369
Overall quality of new development in Lynchburg	12%	N=46	44%	N=162	27%	N=100	9%	N=35	7%	N=25	100%	N=368
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	12%	N=45	45%	N=165	30%	N=110	8%	N=29	5%	N=20	100%	N=368
Opportunities to volunteer	22%	N=82	41%	N=153	17%	N=62	3%	N=10	17%	N=65	100%	N=372
Opportunities to participate in community matters	14%	N=53	34%	N=124	28%	N=105	5%	N=19	19%	N=68	100%	N=368
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	10%	N=36	32%	N=118	29%	N=105	17%	N=62	12%	N=45	100%	N=366
Neighborliness of residents in Lynchburg	10%	N=37	44%	N=165	27%	N=100	10%	N=38	8%	N=31	100%	N=371

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Table 41: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
Made efforts to conserve water	36%	N=134	64%	N=237	100%	N=371
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	28%	N=104	72%	N=265	100%	N=369
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Lynchburg (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	45%	N=167	55%	N=202	100%	N=369
Household member was a victim of a crime in Lynchburg	90%	N=330	10%	N=37	100%	N=367
Reported a crime to the police in Lynchburg	82%	N=303	18%	N=67	100%	N=370
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	61%	N=227	39%	N=143	100%	N=369
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	78%	N=291	22%	N=80	100%	N=370
Contacted the City of Lynchburg (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	49%	N=180	51%	N=189	100%	N=369
Contacted Lynchburg elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	80%	N=296	20%	N=72	100%	N=368

Table 42: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Lynchburg?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
Used Lynchburg recreation centers or their services	7%	N=27	16%	N=61	34%	N=124	42%	N=156	100%	N=368
Visited a local park	10%	N=38	35%	N=128	36%	N=131	19%	N=71	100%	N=368
Used Lynchburg public libraries or their services	8%	N=31	17%	N=62	27%	N=99	47%	N=173	100%	N=364
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Lynchburg	26%	N=96	27%	N=99	16%	N=60	31%	N=116	100%	N=371
Attended a City-sponsored event	1%	N=4	9%	N=32	47%	N=174	43%	N=157	100%	N=367
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	4%	N=15	4%	N=14	11%	N=41	81%	N=301	100%	N=370
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	11%	N=41	11%	N=41	14%	N=50	64%	N=239	100%	N=371
Walked or biked instead of driving	11%	N=41	11%	N=40	18%	N=65	60%	N=217	100%	N=362
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Lynchburg	8%	N=28	21%	N=77	23%	N=84	49%	N=180	100%	N=369
Participated in a club	6%	N=22	9%	N=33	15%	N=54	70%	N=257	100%	N=365
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	33%	N=121	35%	N=129	21%	N=77	12%	N=43	100%	N=370
Done a favor for a neighbor	14%	N=51	28%	N=102	40%	N=146	18%	N=68	100%	N=367

Table 43: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
Attended a local public meeting	1%	N=4	3%	N=10	18%	N=65	78%	N=288	100%	N=368
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	3%	N=12	6%	N=24	15%	N=57	75%	N=277	100%	N=370

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Table 44: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Lynchburg:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Police services	22%	N=79	42%	N=151	14%	N=49	4%	N=15	19%	N=68	100%	N=362
Fire services	30%	N=109	35%	N=128	8%	N=28	0%	N=0	27%	N=99	100%	N=363
Ambulance or emergency medical services	32%	N=115	32%	N=116	8%	N=30	0%	N=2	28%	N=101	100%	N=364
Crime prevention	8%	N=31	35%	N=128	26%	N=95	2%	N=8	28%	N=100	100%	N=363
Fire prevention and education	12%	N=44	33%	N=120	15%	N=56	2%	N=6	37%	N=134	100%	N=359
Traffic enforcement	10%	N=36	37%	N=134	23%	N=83	13%	N=48	17%	N=60	100%	N=361
Street repair	7%	N=24	29%	N=105	36%	N=129	24%	N=87	5%	N=17	100%	N=362
Street cleaning	8%	N=30	40%	N=146	32%	N=117	10%	N=35	9%	N=33	100%	N=361
Street lighting	14%	N=52	44%	N=160	29%	N=105	10%	N=34	3%	N=10	100%	N=361
Snow removal	11%	N=40	34%	N=125	30%	N=110	16%	N=57	9%	N=32	100%	N=363
Sidewalk maintenance	5%	N=19	33%	N=122	31%	N=111	18%	N=65	13%	N=46	100%	N=364
Traffic signal timing	6%	N=22	38%	N=135	29%	N=105	23%	N=82	4%	N=16	100%	N=360
Bus or transit services	3%	N=10	17%	N=61	10%	N=36	12%	N=43	59%	N=211	100%	N=360
Garbage collection	28%	N=102	46%	N=166	16%	N=58	5%	N=18	6%	N=21	100%	N=364
Recycling	7%	N=26	25%	N=89	23%	N=85	28%	N=103	17%	N=60	100%	N=364
Yard waste pick-up	9%	N=34	21%	N=77	29%	N=106	18%	N=64	23%	N=84	100%	N=364
Storm drainage	10%	N=37	32%	N=116	24%	N=88	10%	N=36	24%	N=88	100%	N=365
Drinking water	22%	N=80	44%	N=162	23%	N=84	7%	N=25	4%	N=14	100%	N=365
Sewer services	14%	N=49	47%	N=169	14%	N=52	4%	N=14	22%	N=78	100%	N=361
Water utility billing	13%	N=46	42%	N=152	21%	N=78	8%	N=28	17%	N=60	100%	N=364
City parks	22%	N=80	52%	N=188	13%	N=47	3%	N=9	11%	N=40	100%	N=363
Recreation programs or classes	15%	N=56	35%	N=127	13%	N=46	0%	N=2	36%	N=132	100%	N=363
Recreation centers or facilities	11%	N=41	39%	N=140	13%	N=49	1%	N=5	35%	N=129	100%	N=363
Land use, planning and zoning	5%	N=16	24%	N=87	24%	N=87	11%	N=39	37%	N=134	100%	N=363
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	3%	N=10	18%	N=64	28%	N=103	17%	N=64	34%	N=123	100%	N=364
Animal control	9%	N=31	29%	N=107	22%	N=80	4%	N=14	36%	N=132	100%	N=364
Economic development	8%	N=27	32%	N=116	28%	N=102	8%	N=29	24%	N=86	100%	N=361
Health services	11%	N=40	43%	N=155	24%	N=87	6%	N=21	16%	N=58	100%	N=362
Public library services	20%	N=72	41%	N=150	10%	N=36	1%	N=3	28%	N=104	100%	N=365
Public information services	8%	N=30	34%	N=122	25%	N=89	3%	N=9	31%	N=113	100%	N=362
Cable television	5%	N=17	28%	N=101	24%	N=88	18%	N=66	25%	N=92	100%	N=364
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	7%	N=24	34%	N=123	20%	N=74	6%	N=21	33%	N=121	100%	N=363
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	10%	N=35	31%	N=110	21%	N=76	9%	N=33	29%	N=104	100%	N=358
Lynchburg open space	9%	N=33	33%	N=118	28%	N=99	7%	N=23	24%	N=85	100%	N=358
City-sponsored special events	8%	N=28	40%	N=145	20%	N=71	5%	N=20	27%	N=97	100%	N=361
Overall customer service by Lynchburg employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	14%	N=51	48%	N=173	19%	N=68	2%	N=8	16%	N=58	100%	N=357

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Table 45: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
The City of Lynchburg	13%	N=46	59%	N=216	21%	N=78	3%	N=13	3%	N=12	100%	N=364
The Federal Government	4%	N=13	27%	N=100	43%	N=157	13%	N=46	13%	N=47	100%	N=363

Table 46: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Lynchburg government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
The value of services for the taxes paid to Lynchburg	5%	N=20	40%	N=147	29%	N=104	16%	N=59	10%	N=35	100%	N=365
The overall direction that Lynchburg is taking	10%	N=38	47%	N=172	24%	N=89	9%	N=32	9%	N=34	100%	N=365
The job Lynchburg government does at welcoming resident involvement	7%	N=26	31%	N=112	29%	N=106	9%	N=33	24%	N=85	100%	N=363
Overall confidence in Lynchburg government	5%	N=20	39%	N=141	27%	N=97	13%	N=46	16%	N=56	100%	N=360
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	7%	N=26	40%	N=145	26%	N=94	13%	N=47	14%	N=52	100%	N=364
Being honest	7%	N=26	34%	N=124	22%	N=79	8%	N=30	29%	N=104	100%	N=363
Treating all residents fairly	9%	N=32	33%	N=121	23%	N=83	14%	N=51	22%	N=79	100%	N=366

Table 47: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Lynchburg community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	49%	N=180	41%	N=153	9%	N=34	1%	N=3	100%	N=370
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	28%	N=105	52%	N=192	17%	N=64	2%	N=9	100%	N=369
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	32%	N=118	47%	N=171	20%	N=74	1%	N=3	100%	N=366
Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	31%	N=114	42%	N=156	24%	N=87	3%	N=11	100%	N=369
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	36%	N=132	40%	N=145	23%	N=86	1%	N=4	100%	N=368
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	41%	N=152	38%	N=140	19%	N=71	2%	N=7	100%	N=370
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	50%	N=183	42%	N=156	7%	N=26	1%	N=5	100%	N=369
Sense of community	31%	N=115	48%	N=179	18%	N=68	2%	N=9	100%	N=371

Table 48: Question 14

Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services?	Major source		Minor source		Not a source		Total	
City web site (www.lyncburgva.gov)	59%	N=215	27%	N=100	14%	N=50	100%	N=365
Local news media (i.e., television, newspapers, etc.)	61%	N=223	30%	N=112	9%	N=33	100%	N=368
The local government Comcast Cable Channel 15	14%	N=52	35%	N=129	51%	N=186	100%	N=367
Monthly City newsletter in the News & Advance (City Source)	22%	N=81	37%	N=136	41%	N=151	100%	N=368
City Council meetings and other public meetings	25%	N=92	39%	N=143	36%	N=132	100%	N=366
City communications via social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	40%	N=146	31%	N=114	29%	N=108	100%	N=368

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Table 49: Question 15

Lynchburg's population is projected to grow to over 90,000 by the year 2030. Please indicate if you feel there is too little, too much, or about the right amount of each of the following housing types in Lynchburg to meet the community's needs in the coming years:	Far too little		Somewhat too little		About right		Somewhat too much		Far too much		Don't know		Total	
Single-family detached homes	15%	N=57	25%	N=92	43%	N=158	2%	N=8	2%	N=7	13%	N=47	100%	N=369
Townhouses	4%	N=16	23%	N=84	34%	N=126	14%	N=52	11%	N=39	14%	N=52	100%	N=369
Multi-family housing (apartments/condominiums)	10%	N=36	17%	N=61	33%	N=121	19%	N=70	11%	N=41	11%	N=40	100%	N=368
Housing options for seniors	22%	N=80	28%	N=103	19%	N=71	1%	N=4	2%	N=9	28%	N=103	100%	N=370
Housing options for young residents	16%	N=58	28%	N=105	34%	N=126	4%	N=14	4%	N=15	14%	N=52	100%	N=369

Table 50: Question 16 Part A

Please indicate how much of a priority, if at all, each of the following areas should be to the City and its community partners (businesses, academic institutions, non-profits, etc.):	High priority		Moderate priority		Low priority		Not a priority		Total	
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations	45%	N=158	45%	N=156	9%	N=32	1%	N=5	100%	N=350
Reducing poverty	57%	N=204	29%	N=104	11%	N=38	3%	N=9	100%	N=355
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children	44%	N=154	40%	N=139	13%	N=47	3%	N=11	100%	N=351
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	47%	N=163	33%	N=114	10%	N=35	9%	N=32	100%	N=344
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.)	39%	N=139	43%	N=152	15%	N=52	3%	N=11	100%	N=354
Providing access to quality health care services	57%	N=197	32%	N=111	9%	N=31	2%	N=7	100%	N=346
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels	58%	N=208	26%	N=94	12%	N=42	3%	N=12	100%	N=357
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents	71%	N=252	23%	N=82	5%	N=16	1%	N=5	100%	N=355
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor	73%	N=260	20%	N=71	5%	N=17	2%	N=9	100%	N=356
Ensuring children are successful in school	69%	N=242	25%	N=87	4%	N=15	2%	N=8	100%	N=352

Table 51: Question 16 Part B

Please rate to what extent progress has been made in each area in the last two years:	Significant progress		Some progress		Little progress		No progress		Total	
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations	16%	N=43	67%	N=176	14%	N=38	2%	N=6	100%	N=262
Reducing poverty	6%	N=17	45%	N=121	32%	N=87	17%	N=46	100%	N=271
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children	8%	N=21	57%	N=150	28%	N=72	7%	N=19	100%	N=262
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	10%	N=24	48%	N=120	32%	N=80	10%	N=25	100%	N=249
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.)	17%	N=45	55%	N=149	22%	N=59	6%	N=17	100%	N=269
Providing access to quality health care services	18%	N=47	54%	N=139	22%	N=56	7%	N=17	100%	N=259
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels	6%	N=16	41%	N=111	44%	N=117	9%	N=23	100%	N=267
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents	3%	N=9	51%	N=135	35%	N=93	11%	N=29	100%	N=266
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor	17%	N=44	55%	N=145	20%	N=53	8%	N=21	100%	N=262
Ensuring children are successful in school	9%	N=22	54%	N=139	28%	N=72	9%	N=23	100%	N=257

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Table 52: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
Recycle at home	21%	N=78	14%	N=50	20%	N=75	13%	N=47	32%	N=118	100%	N=368
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Lynchburg	1%	N=5	3%	N=9	18%	N=67	48%	N=177	30%	N=110	100%	N=368
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	4%	N=14	18%	N=67	36%	N=131	29%	N=106	13%	N=49	100%	N=366
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	5%	N=18	13%	N=48	34%	N=126	33%	N=121	15%	N=56	100%	N=368
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	7%	N=27	17%	N=64	19%	N=71	17%	N=62	39%	N=143	100%	N=368
Vote in local elections	9%	N=35	4%	N=13	12%	N=44	18%	N=68	57%	N=209	100%	N=369

Table 53: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	16%	N=59
Very good	40%	N=148
Good	31%	N=116
Fair	11%	N=40
Poor	1%	N=5
Total	100%	N=368

Table 54: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	8%	N=31
Somewhat positive	27%	N=97
Neutral	48%	N=174
Somewhat negative	16%	N=59
Very negative	1%	N=4
Total	100%	N=364

Table 55: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	58%	N=212
Working part time for pay	8%	N=28
Unemployed, looking for paid work	5%	N=17
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	7%	N=24
Fully retired	24%	N=87
Total	100%	N=368

Table 56: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Lynchburg?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	53%	N=188
Yes, from home	9%	N=33
No	37%	N=131
Total	100%	N=352

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Table 57: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Lynchburg?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	12%	N=45
2 to 5 years	23%	N=84
6 to 10 years	8%	N=31
11 to 20 years	18%	N=66
More than 20 years	39%	N=145
Total	100%	N=372

Table 58: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	59%	N=220
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	39%	N=145
Mobile home	0%	N=0
Other	2%	N=9
Total	100%	N=374

Table 59: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	50%	N=188
Owned	50%	N=187
Total	100%	N=375

Table 60: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	7%	N=24
\$300 to \$599 per month	13%	N=48
\$600 to \$999 per month	42%	N=152
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	19%	N=70
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	13%	N=47
\$2,500 or more per month	5%	N=19
Total	100%	N=362

Table 61: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	69%	N=253
Yes	31%	N=113
Total	100%	N=366

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Table 62: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	72%	N=268
Yes	28%	N=103
Total	100%	N=371

Table 63: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	25%	N=87
\$25,000 to \$49,999	27%	N=96
\$50,000 to \$99,999	24%	N=85
\$100,000 to \$149,999	14%	N=49
\$150,000 or more	11%	N=38
Total	100%	N=355

Table 64: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	95%	N=345
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	5%	N=17
Total	100%	N=362

Table 65: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3%	N=11
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	2%	N=7
Black or African American	24%	N=89
White	66%	N=241
Other	6%	N=24

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 66: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	7%	N=25
25 to 34 years	28%	N=104
35 to 44 years	14%	N=53
45 to 54 years	16%	N=60
55 to 64 years	13%	N=47
65 to 74 years	13%	N=49
75 years or older	10%	N=36
Total	100%	N=374

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Table 67: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	54%	N=199
Male	46%	N=170
Total	100%	N=369

Table 68: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	78%	N=289
Land line	11%	N=39
Both	11%	N=41
Total	100%	N=369

Appendix B: Benchmark Comparisons

Comparison Data

NRC's database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 600 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on The National Community Survey. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each community; most communities conduct surveys every year or in alternating years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range. The City of Lynchburg chose to have comparisons made to the entire database and a subset of similar jurisdictions from the database (communities from the Southern region of the U.S. with populations between 50,000 and 100,000).

Interpreting the Results

Ratings are compared when there are at least five communities in which a similar question was asked. Where comparisons are available, four columns are provided in the table. The first column is Lynchburg's "percent positive." The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., "excellent" and "good," "very safe" and "somewhat safe," etc.), or, in the case of resident behaviors/participation, the percent positive represents the proportion of respondents indicating "yes" or participating in an activity at least once a month. The second column is the rank assigned to Lynchburg's rating among communities where a similar question was asked. The third column is the number of communities that asked a similar question. The final column shows the comparison of Lynchburg's rating to the benchmark.

In that final column, Lynchburg's results are noted as being "higher" than the benchmark, "lower" than the benchmark or "similar" to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Lynchburg residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as "higher" or "lower" than the benchmark means that Lynchburg's average rating for a particular item was more than 10 points different than the benchmark. If a rating was "much higher" or "much lower," then Lynchburg's average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

Benchmark Database Characteristics	
Region	Percent
New England	3%
Middle Atlantic	5%
East North Central	15%
West North Central	13%
South Atlantic	22%
East South Central	3%
West South Central	7%
Mountain	16%
Pacific	16%
Population	Percent
Less than 10,000	10%
10,000 to 24,999	22%
25,000 to 49,999	23%
50,000 to 99,999	22%
100,000 or more	23%

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Table 69: Community Characteristics General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
The overall quality of life in Lynchburg	76%	296	431	Similar
Overall image or reputation of Lynchburg	59%	252	339	Similar
Lynchburg as a place to live	80%	275	376	Similar
Your neighborhood as a place to live	75%	226	307	Similar
Lynchburg as a place to raise children	80%	215	367	Similar
Lynchburg as a place to retire	72%	133	347	Similar
Overall appearance of Lynchburg	68%	218	338	Similar

Table 70: Community Characteristics by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Safety	Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	76%	239	348	Similar
	In your neighborhood during the day	92%	207	345	Similar
	In Lynchburg's downtown/commercial area during the day	85%	214	313	Similar
Mobility	Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	71%	190	272	Similar
	Availability of paths and walking trails	62%	163	308	Similar
	Ease of walking in Lynchburg	49%	235	302	Similar
	Ease of travel by bicycle in Lynchburg	34%	256	301	Lower
	Ease of travel by public transportation in Lynchburg	28%	171	234	Similar
	Ease of travel by car in Lynchburg	68%	113	300	Similar
	Ease of public parking	44%	159	231	Similar
	Traffic flow on major streets	51%	145	328	Similar
	Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	76%	159	274	Similar
Natural Environment	Cleanliness of Lynchburg	68%	196	281	Similar
	Air quality	81%	123	244	Similar
Built Environment	Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	53%	188	263	Similar
	Overall quality of new development in Lynchburg	61%	106	288	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality housing	48%	98	297	Similar
	Variety of housing options	54%	146	276	Similar
	Public places where people want to spend time	60%	164	257	Similar
	Overall economic health of Lynchburg	54%	179	269	Similar
Economy	Vibrant downtown/commercial area	56%	112	246	Similar
	Overall quality of business and service establishments in Lynchburg	64%	159	271	Similar
	Cost of living in Lynchburg	61%	11	265	Higher
	Shopping opportunities	38%	226	289	Lower
	Employment opportunities	47%	140	306	Similar
	Lynchburg as a place to visit	56%	194	283	Similar
	Lynchburg as a place to work	54%	218	351	Similar
	Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	68%	155	264	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	42%	138	234	Similar
	Availability of preventive health services	61%	138	238	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	Availability of affordable quality health care	60%	145	257	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality food	68%	118	244	Similar
	Recreational opportunities	69%	141	289	Similar

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		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
	Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	73%	113	255	Similar
	Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	75%	118	266	Similar
	Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	84%	28	204	Similar
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	55%	159	286	Similar
	Adult educational opportunities	62%	106	243	Similar
	K-12 education	65%	197	267	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	48%	150	257	Similar
Education and Enrichment	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	60%	152	262	Similar
	Neighborliness of Lynchburg	59%	188	258	Similar
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	48%	251	289	Similar
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	59%	150	272	Similar
Community Engagement	Opportunities to volunteer	77%	73	263	Similar

Table 71: Governance General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Services provided by the City of Lynchburg	74%	241	401	Similar
Overall customer service by Lynchburg employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	75%	228	367	Similar
Value of services for the taxes paid to Lynchburg	51%	249	385	Similar
Overall direction that Lynchburg is taking	63%	131	310	Similar
Job Lynchburg government does at welcoming resident involvement	50%	173	313	Similar
Overall confidence in Lynchburg government	53%	161	270	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	55%	170	270	Similar
Being honest	58%	146	261	Similar
Treating all residents fairly	53%	166	267	Similar
Services provided by the Federal Government	36%	137	250	Similar

Table 72: Governance by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
	Police services	78%	279	426	Similar
	Fire services	90%	216	364	Similar
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	88%	172	327	Similar
	Crime prevention	60%	236	349	Similar
	Fire prevention and education	73%	212	281	Similar
	Animal control	60%	179	317	Similar
	Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	61%	187	275	Similar
Safety	Traffic enforcement	57%	277	353	Similar
	Street repair	37%	243	358	Similar
	Street cleaning	54%	219	313	Similar
	Street lighting	60%	154	315	Similar
	Snow removal	50%	221	265	Similar
	Sidewalk maintenance	44%	226	306	Similar
	Traffic signal timing	46%	201	260	Similar
Mobility	Bus or transit services	47%	160	228	Similar
	Garbage collection	78%	245	333	Similar

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		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Natural Environment	Recycling	38%	338	340	Much lower
	Yard waste pick-up	39%	259	265	Much lower
	Drinking water	69%	160	296	Similar
	Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	57%	157	252	Similar
	Lynchburg open space	55%	157	240	Similar
Built Environment	Storm drainage	55%	230	331	Similar
	Sewer services	77%	194	302	Similar
	Water utility billing	65%	168	232	Similar
	Land use, planning and zoning	45%	166	294	Similar
	Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	31%	312	372	Lower
	Cable television	43%	161	200	Similar
Economy	Economic development	52%	146	280	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	City parks	83%	180	309	Similar
	Recreation programs or classes	79%	91	310	Similar
	Recreation centers or facilities	77%	113	273	Similar
	Health services	64%	141	220	Similar
Education and Enrichment	City-sponsored special events	66%	187	280	Similar
	Public library services	85%	210	320	Similar
Community Engagement	Public information services	61%	195	283	Similar

Table 73: Participation General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Sense of community	55%	205	301	Similar
Recommend living in Lynchburg to someone who asks	80%	211	280	Similar
Remain in Lynchburg for the next five years	77%	233	275	Similar
Contacted Lynchburg (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	51%	71	318	Similar

Table 74: Participation by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Safety	Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	39%	91	235	Similar
	Did NOT report a crime to the police	82%	112	261	Similar
	Household member was NOT a victim of a crime	90%	132	270	Similar
Mobility	Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	19%	102	214	Similar
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	36%	204	249	Similar
	Walked or biked instead of driving	40%	221	258	Lower
Natural Environment	Made efforts to conserve water	64%	242	243	Lower
	Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	72%	193	245	Similar
	Recycle at home	65%	243	257	Much lower
Built Environment	Did NOT observe a code violation or other hazard in Lynchburg	45%	189	252	Similar
	NOT experiencing housing costs stress	67%	160	256	Similar
Economy	Purchase goods or services from a business located in Lynchburg	96%	170	255	Similar

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		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
	Economy will have positive impact on income	35%	94	257	Similar
	Work inside boundaries of Lynchburg	63%	40	256	Much higher
Recreation and Wellness	Used Lynchburg recreation centers or their services	58%	109	238	Similar
	Visited a neighborhood park or City park	81%	181	265	Similar
	Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	78%	208	246	Similar
	Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	82%	176	251	Similar
	In very good to excellent health	56%	200	251	Similar
	Used Lynchburg public libraries or their services	53%	210	246	Similar
Education and Enrichment	Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Lynchburg	69%	4	204	Much higher
	Attended City-sponsored event	57%	105	260	Similar
	Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	22%	135	239	Similar
Community Engagement	Contacted Lynchburg elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	20%	81	253	Similar
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Lynchburg	51%	48	263	Higher
	Participated in a club	30%	80	244	Similar
	Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	88%	189	253	Similar
	Done a favor for a neighbor	82%	127	248	Similar
	Attended a local public meeting	22%	112	262	Similar
	Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	25%	77	232	Similar
	Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	75%	233	256	Similar
	Vote in local elections	87%	86	258	Similar

Communities included in national comparisons

The communities included in Lynchburg's comparisons are listed on the following pages along with their population according to the American Community Survey (ACS) 2017 5-year estimates.

Adams County, CO	487,850	Athens-Clarke County, GA	122,292
Airway Heights city, WA	8,017	Auburn city, AL	61,462
Albany city, OR	52,007	Augusta CCD, GA	136,103
Albemarle County, VA.....	105,105	Aurora city, CO	357,323
Albert Lea city, MN.....	17,716	Austin city, TX	916,906
Alexandria city, VA	154,710	Avon town, CO	6,503
American Canyon city, CA.....	20,341	Avon town, IN	16,479
Ames city, IA	65,005	Avondale city, AZ	81,590
Ankeny city, IA	56,237	Azusa city, CA.....	49,029
Ann Arbor city, MI.....	119,303	Bainbridge Island city, WA.....	23,689
Apache Junction city, AZ.....	38,452	Baltimore city, MD.....	619,796
Arapahoe County, CO	626,612	Baltimore County, MD	828,637
Arlington city, TX	388,225	Battle Creek city, MI	51,505
Arvada city, CO	115,320	Bay Village city, OH.....	15,426
Asheville city, NC	89,318	Baytown city, TX.....	76,205
Ashland city, OR	20,733	Bedford city, TX.....	49,082
Ashland town, MA.....	17,478	Bedford town, MA	14,105
Ashland town, VA.....	7,554	Bellevue city, WA	139,014
Aspen city, CO	7,097	Bellingham city, WA	85,388

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Bend city, OR.....	87,167	Corvallis city, OR.....	56,224
Bethlehem township, PA.....	23,800	Cottonwood Heights city, UT	34,214
Bettendorf city, IA.....	35,293	Coventry Lake CDP, CT	2,932
Billings city, MT.....	109,082	Creve Coeur city, MO	18,259
Bloomington city, IN	83,636	Cupertino city, CA	60,687
Bloomington city, MN	85,417	Dacono city, CO.....	4,929
Boise City city, ID	220,859	Dakota County, MN.....	414,655
Bonner Springs city, KS	7,644	Dallas city, OR	15,413
Boulder city, CO.....	106,271	Dallas city, TX.....	1,300,122
Bowling Green city, KY	64,302	Danville city, KY.....	16,657
Bozeman city, MT	43,132	Darien city, IL.....	22,206
Brentwood city, TN	41,524	Davenport city, FL.....	3,665
Brighton city, CO.....	38,016	Davidson town, NC.....	12,325
Brookline CDP, MA	59,246	Dayton city, OH	140,939
Brooklyn Center city, MN	30,885	Dayton town, WY	815
Brooklyn city, OH	10,891	Dearborn city, MI.....	95,295
Broomfield city, CO	64,283	Decatur city, GA.....	22,022
Brownsburg town, IN	24,625	Del Mar city, CA.....	4,338
Buffalo Grove village, IL	41,551	DeLand city, FL.....	30,315
Burlingame city, CA.....	30,401	Delaware city, OH.....	38,193
Cabarrus County, NC.....	196,716	Denison city, TX.....	23,342
Cambridge city, MA.....	110,893	Denton city, TX.....	131,097
Canandaigua city, NY	10,402	Denver city, CO.....	678,467
Cannon Beach city, OR.....	1,517	Des Moines city, IA	214,778
Cañon City city, CO	16,298	Des Peres city, MO.....	8,536
Canton city, SD.....	3,352	Destin city, FL.....	13,421
Cape Coral city, FL	173,679	Dover city, NH	30,901
Carlsbad city, CA.....	113,147	Dublin city, CA	57,022
Carroll city, IA.....	9,937	Dublin city, OH	44,442
Cartersville city, GA.....	20,235	Duluth city, MN.....	86,066
Cary town, NC	159,715	Durham city, NC	257,232
Castle Rock town, CO.....	57,274	Durham County, NC	300,865
Cedar Hill city, TX	48,149	Dyer town, IN.....	16,077
Cedar Park city, TX	70,010	Eagan city, MN	66,102
Cedar Rapids city, IA.....	130,330	Eagle Mountain city, UT.....	27,773
Celina city, TX.....	7,910	Eau Claire city, WI	67,945
Centennial city, CO.....	108,448	Eden Prairie city, MN.....	63,660
Chandler city, AZ	245,160	Eden town, VT.....	1,254
Chandler city, TX	2,896	Edgewater city, CO	5,299
Chanhassen city, MN	25,108	Edina city, MN	50,603
Chapel Hill town, NC	59,234	Edmond city, OK.....	89,769
Chardon city, OH	5,166	Edmonds city, WA.....	41,309
Charles County, MD	156,021	El Cerrito city, CA.....	24,982
Charlotte County, FL	173,236	El Paso de Robles (Paso Robles) city, CA	31,409
Charlottesville city, VA.....	46,487	Elk Grove city, CA	166,228
Chattanooga city, TN.....	176,291	Elmhurst city, IL.....	46,139
Chautauqua town, NY	4,362	Englewood city, CO.....	33,155
Chesterfield County, VA.....	335,594	Erie town, CO	22,019
Clackamas County, OR	399,962	Estes Park town, CO.....	6,248
Clayton city, MO	16,214	Euclid city, OH.....	47,698
Clearwater city, FL	112,794	Fairview town, TX	8,473
Cleveland Heights city, OH	45,024	Farmers Branch city, TX	33,808
Clinton city, SC	8,538	Farmersville city, TX.....	3,440
Clive city, IA	17,134	Farmington Hills city, MI.....	81,235
Clovis city, CA.....	104,411	Farmington town, CT	25,596
College Park city, MD	32,186	Fate city, TX	10,339
College Station city, TX	107,445	Fayetteville city, GA.....	17,069
Colleyville city, TX.....	25,557	Fayetteville city, NC.....	210,324
Collinsville city, IL	24,767	Ferguson township, PA.....	18,837
Columbia city, MO.....	118,620	Fernandina Beach city, FL.....	11,957
Columbia city, SC.....	132,236	Flower Mound town, TX.....	71,575
Columbia Falls city, MT.....	5,054	Forest Grove city, OR	23,554
Commerce City city, CO.....	52,905	Fort Collins city, CO.....	159,150
Concord city, CA	128,160	Franklin city, TN.....	72,990
Concord town, MA.....	19,357	Frederick town, CO	11,397
Conshohocken borough, PA.....	7,985	Fremont city, CA.....	230,964
Coolidge city, AZ	12,221	Fruita city, CO.....	13,039
Coon Rapids city, MN	62,342	Gahanna city, OH.....	34,691
Coral Springs city, FL.....	130,110	Gaithersburg city, MD.....	67,417
Coronado city, CA	24,053	Galveston city, TX.....	49,706

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Gardner city, KS.....	21,059	La Vista city, NE.....	17,062
Germantown city, TN	39,230	Laguna Niguel city, CA	65,429
Gilbert town, AZ.....	232,176	Lake Forest city, IL	18,931
Gillette city, WY	31,783	Lake in the Hills village, IL	28,908
Glen Ellyn village, IL	27,983	Lake Zurich village, IL	19,983
Glendora city, CA	51,891	Lakeville city, MN	61,056
Glenview village, IL	47,066	Lakewood city, CO	151,411
Golden city, CO	20,365	Lakewood city, WA.....	59,102
Golden Valley city, MN.....	21,208	Lancaster County, SC	86,544
Goodyear city, AZ	74,953	Lansing city, MI	115,222
Grafton village, WI	11,576	Laramie city, WY	32,104
Grand Blanc city, MI	7,964	Larimer County, CO.....	330,976
Grants Pass city, OR.....	36,687	Las Cruces city, NM.....	101,014
Grass Valley city, CA	12,893	Las Vegas city, NM.....	13,445
Greeley city, CO	100,760	Lawrence city, KS.....	93,954
Greenville city, NC.....	90,347	Lawrenceville city, GA	29,287
Greenwich town, CT	62,782	Lehi city, UT	58,351
Greenwood Village city, CO.....	15,397	Lenexa city, KS	52,030
Greer city, SC	28,587	Lewisville city, TX.....	103,638
Gunnison County, CO	16,215	Lewisville town, NC	13,516
Haltom City city, TX	44,059	Libertyville village, IL.....	20,504
Hamilton city, OH.....	62,216	Lincolnwood village, IL	12,637
Hamilton town, MA	7,991	Lindsborg city, KS	3,313
Hampton city, VA.....	136,255	Little Chute village, WI	11,006
Hanover County, VA.....	103,218	Littleton city, CO	45,848
Harrisburg city, SD	5,429	Livermore city, CA.....	88,232
Harrisonburg city, VA	53,064	Lombard village, IL	43,776
Harrisonville city, MO	10,025	Lone Tree city, CO	13,430
Hastings city, MN	22,620	Long Grove village, IL	7,980
Henderson city, NV	284,817	Longmont city, CO	91,730
Herndon town, VA.....	24,545	Lonsdale city, MN.....	3,850
High Point city, NC	109,849	Los Alamos County, NM.....	18,031
Highland Park city, IL	29,796	Los Altos Hills town, CA	8,490
Highlands Ranch CDP, CO	105,264	Loudoun County, VA	374,558
Homer Glen village, IL.....	24,403	Louisville city, CO.....	20,319
Honolulu County, HI.....	990,060	Lower Merion township, PA	58,500
Hoquiam city, WA	8,416	Lynchburg city, VA	79,237
Horry County, SC	310,186	Lynnwood city, WA	37,242
Hudson town, CO.....	1,709	Manassas city, VA	41,379
Huntley village, IL	26,265	Manhattan Beach city, CA.....	35,698
Huntsville city, TX	40,727	Manhattan city, KS	55,427
Hutchinson city, MN	13,836	Mankato city, MN	41,241
Hutto city, TX	22,644	Maple Grove city, MN	68,362
Independence city, MO.....	117,369	Maplewood city, MN	40,127
Indio city, CA.....	86,867	Maricopa County, AZ	4,155,501
Iowa City city, IA	73,415	Marin County, CA	260,814
Irving city, TX	235,648	Marion city, IA	38,014
Issaquah city, WA	35,629	Mariposa County, CA.....	17,658
Jackson city, MO	14,690	Marshfield city, WI	18,326
Jackson County, MI.....	158,989	Martinez city, CA.....	37,902
James City County, VA	73,028	Marysville city, WA	66,178
Jefferson County, NY.....	116,567	Maui County, HI.....	164,094
Jefferson Parish, LA	437,038	McKinney city, TX.....	164,760
Jerome city, ID	11,306	McMinnville city, OR	33,211
Johnson City city, TN.....	65,598	Mecklenburg County, NC	1,034,290
Johnston city, IA	20,172	Menlo Park city, CA	33,661
Jupiter town, FL.....	62,373	Menomonee Falls village, WI	36,411
Kalamazoo city, MI.....	75,833	Mercer Island city, WA	24,768
Kansas City city, KS.....	151,042	Meridian charter township, MI	41,903
Kansas City city, MO.....	476,974	Meridian city, ID	91,917
Keizer city, OR	37,910	Merriam city, KS.....	11,259
Kent city, WA.....	126,561	Mesa city, AZ	479,317
Kerrville city, TX.....	22,931	Miami Beach city, FL	92,187
Key West city, FL	25,316	Miami city, FL	443,007
King City city, CA	13,721	Middleton city, WI.....	18,951
Kingman city, AZ.....	28,855	Middletown town, RI	16,100
Kirkland city, WA.....	86,772	Midland city, MI	41,958
Kirkwood city, MO.....	27,659	Milford city, DE	10,645
Knoxville city, IA	7,202	Milton city, GA	37,556
La Plata town, MD.....	9,160	Minneapolis city, MN	411,452

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Minnetrista city, MN	7,187	Piqua city, OH.....	20,793
Missouri City city, TX	72,688	Pitkin County, CO.....	17,747
Moline city, IL.....	42,644	Plano city, TX	281,566
Monroe city, MI.....	20,128	Platte City city, MO.....	4,867
Montgomery city, MN	2,921	Pleasant Hill city, IA	9,608
Montgomery County, MD.....	1,039,198	Pleasanton city, CA	79,341
Monticello city, UT	2,599	Polk County, IA.....	467,235
Montrose city, CO	18,918	Pompano Beach city, FL	107,542
Moraga town, CA	17,231	Port Orange city, FL	60,315
Morristown city, TN.....	29,446	Port St. Lucie city, FL	178,778
Morrisville town, NC	23,873	Portland city, OR.....	630,331
Morro Bay city, CA	10,568	Powell city, OH	12,658
Mountlake Terrace city, WA.....	20,922	Powhatan County, VA.....	28,364
Murphy city, TX	20,361	Prince William County, VA.....	450,763
Naperville city, IL.....	146,431	Prior Lake city, MN.....	25,452
Napoleon city, OH.....	8,646	Pueblo city, CO	109,122
Nederland city, TX	17,284	Purcellville town, VA.....	9,217
Needham CDP, MA.....	30,429	Queen Creek town, AZ	33,298
Nevada City city, CA.....	3,112	Raleigh city, NC	449,477
Nevada County, CA	98,838	Ramsey city, MN.....	25,853
New Braunfels city, TX	70,317	Raymond town, ME.....	4,497
New Brighton city, MN.....	22,440	Raymore city, MO	20,358
New Concord village, OH.....	2,561	Redmond city, OR.....	28,492
New Hope city, MN	20,909	Redmond city, WA	60,712
New Orleans city, LA.....	388,182	Redwood City city, CA	84,368
New Ulm city, MN	13,249	Reno city, NV.....	239,732
Newport city, RI.....	24,745	Richland city, WA	53,991
Newport News city, VA.....	180,775	Richmond city, CA.....	108,853
Newton city, IA.....	15,085	Richmond Heights city, MO.....	8,466
Niles village, IL	29,823	Rio Rancho city, NM.....	93,317
Noblesville city, IN	59,807	River Falls city, WI	15,256
Norcross city, GA	16,474	Riverside city, CA.....	321,570
Norfolk city, NE.....	24,352	Roanoke city, VA.....	99,572
Norfolk city, VA.....	245,752	Roanoke County, VA	93,419
North Mankato city, MN.....	13,583	Rochester city, NY.....	209,463
North Port city, FL.....	62,542	Rock Hill city, SC.....	70,764
North Yarmouth town, ME.....	3,714	Rockville city, MD.....	66,420
Northglenn city, CO.....	38,473	Roeland Park city, KS	6,810
Novato city, CA.....	55,378	Rohnert Park city, CA	42,305
Novi city, MI	58,835	Rolla city, MO	20,013
O'Fallon city, IL.....	29,095	Rosemount city, MN.....	23,474
Oak Park village, IL.....	52,229	Rosenberg city, TX.....	35,867
Oakley city, CA	39,950	Roseville city, MN.....	35,624
Oklahoma City city, OK.....	629,191	Round Rock city, TX.....	116,369
Olmsted County, MN	151,685	Royal Palm Beach village, FL.....	37,665
Olympia city, WA	49,928	Sacramento city, CA	489,650
Orange village, OH.....	3,280	Sahuarita town, AZ	28,257
Orland Park village, IL	59,161	Sammamish city, WA	62,877
Orleans Parish, LA.....	388,182	San Diego city, CA	1,390,966
Oshkosh city, WI.....	66,649	San Jose city, CA	1,023,031
Oswego village, IL.....	33,759	San Marcos city, CA	93,493
Ottawa County, MI	280,243	San Marcos city, TX.....	59,935
Overland Park city, KS.....	186,147	Sangamon County, IL.....	198,134
Paducah city, KY	24,879	Santa Fe city, NM.....	82,980
Palm Beach Gardens city, FL.....	53,119	Santa Fe County, NM	147,514
Palm Coast city, FL.....	82,356	Sarasota County, FL	404,839
Palo Alto city, CA	67,082	Savage city, MN.....	30,011
Palos Verdes Estates city, CA	13,591	Schaumburg village, IL.....	74,427
Papillion city, NE.....	19,478	Schertz city, TX.....	38,199
Paradise Valley town, AZ	13,961	Scott County, MN.....	141,463
Park City city, UT	8,167	Scottsdale city, AZ	239,283
Parker town, CO	51,125	Sedona city, AZ.....	10,246
Parkland city, FL	28,901	Sevierville city, TN	16,387
Pasco city, WA.....	70,607	Shakopee city, MN	40,024
Pasco County, FL	498,136	Sharonville city, OH.....	13,974
Payette city, ID.....	7,366	Shawnee city, KS	64,840
Pearland city, TX.....	113,693	Shawnee city, OK.....	30,974
Peoria city, IL	115,424	Sherborn town, MA	4,302
Pflugerville city, TX	58,013	Shoreline city, WA.....	55,431
Pinehurst village, NC	15,580	Shoreview city, MN	26,432

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Shorewood village, IL.....	16,809	University Park city, TX.....	24,692
Sierra Vista city, AZ.....	43,585	Urbandale city, IA.....	42,222
Silverton city, OR.....	9,757	Vail town, CO.....	5,425
Sioux Falls city, SD.....	170,401	Ventura CCD, CA.....	115,218
Skokie village, IL.....	64,773	Vernon Hills village, IL.....	26,084
Snoqualmie city, WA.....	12,944	Vestavia Hills city, AL.....	34,003
Snowmass Village town, CO.....	2,827	Victoria city, MN.....	8,679
Somerset town, MA.....	18,257	Vienna town, VA.....	16,474
South Jordan city, UT.....	65,523	Virginia Beach city, VA.....	450,057
Southlake city, TX.....	30,090	Walnut Creek city, CA.....	68,516
Spearfish city, SD.....	11,300	Warrensburg city, MO.....	19,890
Springfield city, MO.....	165,785	Washington County, MN.....	250,979
Springville city, UT.....	32,319	Washoe County, NV.....	445,551
St. Augustine city, FL.....	13,952	Washougal city, WA.....	15,241
St. Charles city, IL.....	32,730	Wauwatosa city, WI.....	47,687
St. Joseph city, MO.....	76,819	Wentzville city, MO.....	35,768
St. Louis County, MN.....	200,294	West Carrollton city, OH.....	12,963
St. Lucie County, FL.....	298,763	West Chester township, OH.....	62,804
State College borough, PA.....	42,224	Western Springs village, IL.....	13,187
Steamboat Springs city, CO.....	12,520	Westerville city, OH.....	38,604
Sugar Land city, TX.....	86,886	Westlake town, TX.....	1,006
Suisun City city, CA.....	29,280	Westminster city, CO.....	111,895
Summit County, UT.....	39,731	Westminster city, MD.....	18,557
Sunnyvale city, CA.....	151,565	Wheat Ridge city, CO.....	31,162
Surprise city, AZ.....	129,534	White House city, TN.....	11,107
Suwanee city, GA.....	18,655	Wichita city, KS.....	389,054
Tacoma city, WA.....	207,280	Williamsburg city, VA.....	14,817
Takoma Park city, MD.....	17,643	Willowbrook village, IL.....	8,598
Temecula city, CA.....	110,722	Wilmington city, NC.....	115,261
Tempe city, AZ.....	178,339	Wilsonville city, OR.....	22,789
Temple city, TX.....	71,795	Windsor town, CO.....	23,386
Texarkana city, TX.....	37,222	Windsor town, CT.....	29,037
The Woodlands CDP, TX.....	109,608	Winnetka village, IL.....	12,504
Tigard city, OR.....	51,355	Winter Garden city, FL.....	40,799
Tinley Park village, IL.....	57,107	Woodbury city, MN.....	67,648
Tracy city, CA.....	87,613	Woodinville city, WA.....	11,675
Trinidad CCD, CO.....	10,819	Wyandotte County, KS.....	163,227
Tualatin city, OR.....	27,135	Yakima city, WA.....	93,182
Tulsa city, OK.....	401,352	York County, VA.....	67,196
Tustin city, CA.....	80,007	Yorktown town, IN.....	11,200
Twin Falls city, ID.....	47,340	Yorkville city, IL.....	18,691
Unalaska city, AK.....	4,809	Yountville city, CA.....	2,978
University Heights city, OH.....	13,201		

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Table 75: Community Characteristics General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
The overall quality of life in Lynchburg	76%	24	30	Similar
Overall image or reputation of Lynchburg	59%	23	24	Lower
Lynchburg as a place to live	80%	21	24	Similar
Your neighborhood as a place to live	75%	17	20	Similar
Lynchburg as a place to raise children	80%	18	26	Similar
Lynchburg as a place to retire	72%	16	25	Similar
Overall appearance of Lynchburg	68%	20	27	Similar

Table 76: Community Characteristics by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Safety	Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	76%	17	24	Similar
	In your neighborhood during the day	92%	16	25	Similar
	In Lynchburg's downtown/commercial area during the day	85%	12	20	Similar

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		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Mobility	Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	71%	11	18	Similar
	Availability of paths and walking trails	62%	8	20	Similar
	Ease of walking in Lynchburg	49%	14	20	Similar
	Ease of travel by bicycle in Lynchburg	34%	16	20	Similar
	Ease of travel by public transportation in Lynchburg	28%	9	14	Similar
	Ease of travel by car in Lynchburg	68%	4	21	Similar
	Ease of public parking	44%	15	17	Similar
	Traffic flow on major streets	51%	9	25	Similar
Natural Environment	Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg	76%	12	19	Similar
	Cleanliness of Lynchburg	68%	14	20	Similar
	Air quality	81%	8	17	Similar
Built Environment	Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	53%	15	17	Similar
	Overall quality of new development in Lynchburg	61%	16	22	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality housing	48%	5	18	Similar
	Variety of housing options	54%	14	18	Similar
	Public places where people want to spend time	60%	15	17	Similar
Economy	Overall economic health of Lynchburg	54%	16	19	Lower
	Vibrant downtown/commercial area	56%	10	18	Similar
	Overall quality of business and service establishments in Lynchburg	64%	13	18	Similar
	Cost of living in Lynchburg	61%	3	17	Higher
	Shopping opportunities	38%	16	17	Lower
	Employment opportunities	47%	13	21	Similar
	Lynchburg as a place to visit	56%	14	20	Similar
	Lynchburg as a place to work	54%	18	24	Similar
	Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg	68%	15	18	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	42%	9	14	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	Availability of preventive health services	61%	9	14	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality health care	60%	9	14	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality food	68%	10	14	Similar
	Recreational opportunities	69%	11	17	Similar
	Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	73%	10	17	Similar
	Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	75%	11	18	Similar
Education and Enrichment	Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	84%	4	13	Similar
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	55%	12	20	Similar
	Adult educational opportunities	62%	12	17	Similar
	K-12 education	65%	14	17	Lower
	Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	48%	13	15	Similar
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	60%	11	17	Similar
Community Engagement	Neighborhoodliness of Lynchburg	59%	14	17	Similar
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	48%	18	19	Lower
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	59%	13	18	Similar
	Opportunities to volunteer	77%	7	17	Similar

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Table 77: Governance General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Services provided by the City of Lynchburg	74%	18	27	Similar
Overall customer service by Lynchburg employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	75%	14	25	Similar
Value of services for the taxes paid to Lynchburg	51%	23	31	Similar
Overall direction that Lynchburg is taking	63%	14	20	Similar
Job Lynchburg government does at welcoming resident involvement	50%	15	19	Similar
Overall confidence in Lynchburg government	53%	14	17	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	55%	13	17	Similar
Being honest	58%	10	17	Similar
Treating all residents fairly	53%	13	17	Similar
Services provided by the Federal Government	36%	10	15	Similar

Table 78: Governance by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Safety	Police services	78%	20	28	Similar
	Fire services	90%	14	23	Similar
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	88%	10	19	Similar
	Crime prevention	60%	18	24	Similar
	Fire prevention and education	73%	16	20	Similar
	Animal control	60%	12	17	Similar
	Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	61%	16	19	Similar
Mobility	Traffic enforcement	57%	20	23	Similar
	Street repair	37%	14	19	Similar
	Street cleaning	54%	12	18	Similar
	Street lighting	60%	11	24	Similar
	Snow removal	50%	7	9	Similar
	Sidewalk maintenance	44%	15	19	Similar
	Traffic signal timing	46%	12	15	Similar
Natural Environment	Bus or transit services	47%	9	14	Similar
	Garbage collection	78%	18	25	Similar
	Recycling	38%	26	26	Much lower
	Yard waste pick-up	39%	22	22	Much lower
	Drinking water	69%	11	19	Similar
	Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	57%	11	15	Similar
	Lynchburg open space	55%	11	13	Similar
Built Environment	Storm drainage	55%	14	21	Similar
	Sewer services	77%	10	15	Similar
	Water utility billing	65%	14	16	Similar
	Land use, planning and zoning	45%	13	16	Similar
	Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	31%	23	25	Lower
	Cable television	43%	10	10	Similar
Economy	Economic development	52%	12	16	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	City parks	83%	14	17	Similar
	Recreation programs or classes	79%	10	19	Similar
	Recreation centers or facilities	77%	12	20	Similar
	Health services	64%	10	11	Similar
	City-sponsored special events	66%	19	20	Similar

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		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Education and Enrichment	Public library services	85%	14	21	Similar
Community Engagement	Public information services	61%	13	19	Similar

Table 79: Participation General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Sense of community	55%	15	18	Similar
Recommend living in Lynchburg to someone who asks	80%	16	18	Similar
Remain in Lynchburg for the next five years	77%	16	17	Similar
Contacted Lynchburg (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	51%	8	22	Similar

Table 80: Participation by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Safety	Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	39%	7	17	Similar
	Did NOT report a crime to the police	82%	8	17	Similar
	Household member was NOT a victim of a crime	90%	9	17	Similar
Mobility	Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	19%	5	16	Similar
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	36%	15	17	Similar
	Walked or biked instead of driving	40%	11	17	Similar
Natural Environment	Made efforts to conserve water	64%	16	16	Lower
	Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	72%	11	16	Similar
	Recycle at home	65%	16	16	Much lower
Built Environment	Did NOT observe a code violation or other hazard in Lynchburg	45%	14	17	Lower
	NOT experiencing housing costs stress	67%	10	17	Similar
Economy	Purchase goods or services from a business located in Lynchburg	96%	13	16	Similar
	Economy will have positive impact on income	35%	13	16	Similar
	Work inside boundaries of Lynchburg	63%	4	16	Higher
Recreation and Wellness	Used Lynchburg recreation centers or their services	58%	12	18	Similar
	Visited a neighborhood park or City park	81%	13	19	Similar
	Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	78%	14	15	Similar
	Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	82%	9	16	Similar
	In very good to excellent health	56%	13	16	Similar
Education and Enrichment	Used Lynchburg public libraries or their services	53%	14	16	Similar
	Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Lynchburg	69%	1	14	Higher
	Attended City-sponsored event	57%	9	18	Similar
Community Engagement	Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	22%	10	15	Similar

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	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Contacted Lynchburg elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	20%	6	16	Similar
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Lynchburg	51%	4	17	Similar
Participated in a club	30%	9	17	Similar
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	88%	12	17	Similar
Done a favor for a neighbor	82%	8	17	Similar
Attended a local public meeting	22%	6	16	Similar
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	25%	6	15	Similar
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	75%	15	16	Similar
Vote in local elections	87%	4	16	Similar

Communities included in custom comparisons

The communities included in Lynchburg's custom comparisons are listed below with their population according to the American Community Survey (ACS) 2017 5-year estimates.

Asheville city, NC	89,318	Miami Beach city, FL	92,187
Auburn city, AL	61,462	Missouri City city, TX	72,688
Baytown city, TX	76,205	New Braunfels city, TX	70,317
Bowling Green city, KY	64,302	North Port city, FL	62,542
Cedar Park city, TX	70,010	Palm Beach Gardens city, FL	53,119
Chapel Hill town, NC	59,234	Palm Coast city, FL	82,356
Edmond city, OK	89,769	Pflugerville city, TX	58,013
Flower Mound town, TX	71,575	Port Orange city, FL	60,315
Franklin city, TN	72,990	Roanoke city, VA	99,572
Gaithersburg city, MD	67,417	Roanoke County, VA	93,419
Greenville city, NC	90,347	Rock Hill city, SC	70,764
Harrisonburg city, VA	53,064	Rockville city, MD	66,420
James City County, VA	73,028	San Marcos city, TX	59,935
Johnson City city, TN	65,598	Sugar Land city, TX	86,886
Jupiter town, FL	62,373	Temple city, TX	71,795
Lancaster County, SC	86,544	York County, VA	67,196
Lynchburg city, VA	79,237		

Appendix C: Detailed Survey Methods

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™), conducted by National Research Center, Inc., was developed to provide communities an accurate, affordable and easy way to assess and interpret resident opinion about important local topics. Standardization of common questions and survey methods provide the rigor to assure valid results, and each community has enough flexibility to construct a customized version of The NCS.

Results offer insight into residents' perspectives about the community as a whole, including local amenities, services, public trust, resident participation and other aspects of the community in order to support budgeting, land use and strategic planning and communication with residents. Resident demographic characteristics permit comparison to the Census as well as comparison of results for different subgroups of residents. The City of Lynchburg funded this research. Please contact JoAnn Martin of the City of Lynchburg at joann.martin@lynchburgva.gov if you have any questions about the survey.

Survey Validity

The question of survey validity has two parts: 1) how can a community be confident that the results from those who completed the questionnaire are representative of the results that would have been obtained had the survey been administered to the entire population? and 2) how closely do the perspectives recorded on the survey reflect what residents really believe or do?

To answer the first question, the best survey research practices were used for the resources spent to ensure that the results from the survey respondents reflect the opinions of residents in the entire community. These practices include:

- Using a mail-out/mail-back methodology, which typically gets a higher response rate than phone for the same dollars spent. A higher response rate lessens the worry that those who did not respond are different than those who did respond.
- Selecting households at random within the community to receive the survey to ensure that the households selected to receive the survey are representative of the larger community.
- Over-sampling multi-family housing units to improve response from hard-to-reach, lower income or younger apartment dwellers.
- Selecting the respondent within the household using an unbiased sampling procedure; in this case, the "birthday method." The cover letter included an instruction requesting that the respondent in the household be the adult (18 years old or older) who most recently had a birthday, irrespective of year of birth.
- Contacting potential respondents three times to encourage response from people who may have different opinions or habits than those who would respond with only a single prompt.
- Inviting response in a compelling manner (using appropriate letterhead/logos and a signature of a visible leader) to appeal to recipients' sense of civic responsibility.
- Providing a pre-addressed, postage-paid return envelope.
- Offering the survey in Spanish or other language when requested by a given community.
- Weighting the results to reflect the demographics of the population.

The answer to the second question about how closely the perspectives recorded on the survey reflect what residents really believe or do is more complex. Resident responses to surveys are influenced by a variety of factors. For questions about service quality, residents' expectations for service quality play a role as well as the "objective" quality of the service provided, the way the resident perceives the entire community (that is, the context in which the service is provided), the scale on which the resident is asked to record his or her opinion and, of course, the opinion, itself, that a resident holds about the service. Similarly a resident's report of certain behaviors is colored by what he or she believes is the socially desirable response (e.g., reporting tolerant behaviors toward "oppressed groups," likelihood of voting for a tax increase for services to poor people, use of alternative modes of travel to work besides the single occupancy vehicle), his or her memory of the actual behavior (if it is not a question speculating about future actions, like a vote), his or her confidence that he or she can be honest without suffering any negative consequences (thus the need for anonymity) as well as the actual behavior itself.

How closely survey results come to recording the way a person really feels or behaves often is measured by the coincidence of reported behavior with observed current behavior (e.g., driving habits), reported intentions to behave with observed future behavior (e.g., voting choices) or reported opinions about current community quality

with objective characteristics of the community (e.g., feelings of safety correlated with rates of crime). There is a body of scientific literature that has investigated the relationship between reported behaviors and actual behaviors. Well-conducted surveys, by and large, do capture true respondent behaviors or intentions to act with great accuracy. Predictions of voting outcomes tend to be quite accurate using survey research, as do reported behaviors that are not about highly sensitive issues (e.g., family abuse or other illegal or morally sanctioned activities). For self-reports about highly sensitive issues, statistical adjustments can be made to correct for the respondents' tendency to report what they think the "correct" response should be.

Research on the correlation of resident opinion about service quality and "objective" ratings of service quality vary, with some showing stronger relationships than others. NRC's own research has demonstrated that residents who report the lowest ratings of street repair live in communities with objectively worse street conditions than those who report high ratings of street repair (based on road quality, delay in street repair, number of road repair employees). Similarly, the lowest rated fire services appear to be "objectively" worse than the highest rated fire services (expenditures per capita, response time, "professional" status of firefighters, breadth of services and training provided). Resident opinion commonly reflects objective performance data but is an important measure on its own. NRC principals have written, "If you collect trash three times a day but residents think that your trash haul is lousy, you still have a problem."

Selecting Survey Recipients

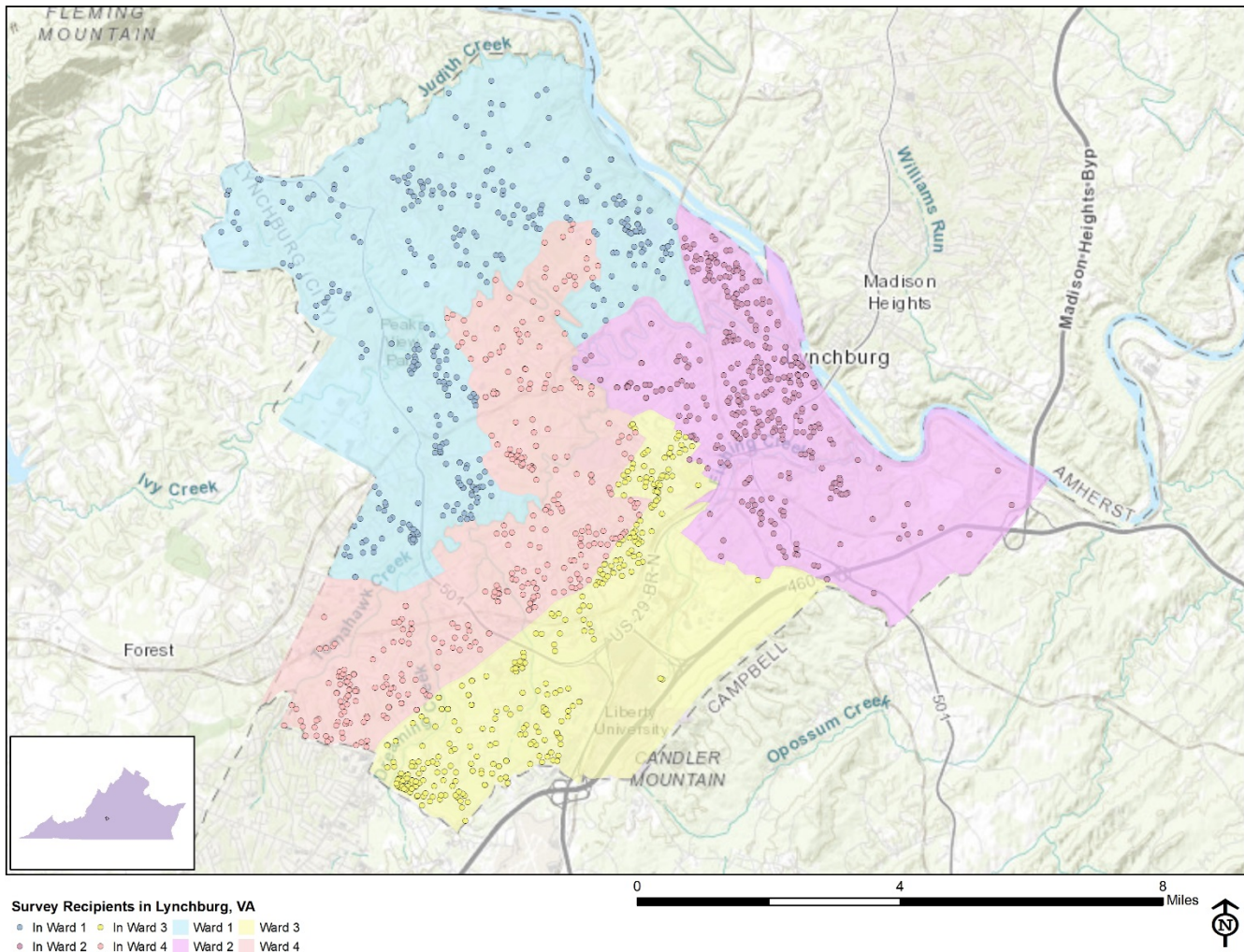
"Sampling" refers to the method by which households were chosen to receive the survey. All households within the City of Lynchburg were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Lynchburg was purchased from Go-Dog Direct based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve the City of Lynchburg households may also serve addresses that lie outside of the community, the exact geographic location of each housing unit was compared to community boundaries using the most current municipal boundary file (updated on a quarterly basis) and addresses located outside of the City of Lynchburg boundaries were removed from consideration. Each address identified as being within City boundaries was further identified as being within one of the four Council Wards.

To choose the 1,700 survey recipients, a systematic sampling method was applied to the list of households previously screened for geographic location. Systematic sampling is a procedure whereby a complete list of all possible households is culled, selecting every *Nth* one, giving each eligible household a known probability of selection, until the appropriate number of households is selected. Multi-family housing units were selected at a higher rate as residents of this type of housing typically respond at lower rates to surveys than do those in single-family housing units. Figure 1 displays a map of the households selected to receive the survey. In general, because of the random sampling techniques used, the displayed sampling density will closely mirror the overall housing unit density (which may be different from the population density). While the theory of probability assumes no bias in selection, there may be some minor variations in practice (meaning, an area with only 15% of the housing units might be selected at an actual rate that is slightly above or below that).

An individual within each household was selected using the birthday method. The birthday method selects a person within the household by asking the "person whose birthday has most recently passed" to complete the questionnaire. The underlying assumption in this method is that day of birth has no relationship to the way people respond to surveys. This instruction was contained in the cover letter accompanying the questionnaire.

In addition to the scientific, random selection of households, a link to an online "opt-in" survey was publicized and posted to the City of Lynchburg website. This opt-in survey was identical to the scientific survey and open to all City residents. (The data presented in this report exclude the opt-in survey data. These data can be found in the *Supplemental Online Survey Results* provided under separate cover.)

Figure 1: Location of Survey Recipients



Survey Administration and Response

Selected households received three mailings, one week apart, beginning on August 30, 2019. The first mailing was a prenotification postcard announcing the upcoming survey. The next mailing contained a letter from the Mayor inviting the household to participate, a questionnaire and a postage-paid return envelope. The final mailing contained a reminder letter, another survey and a postage-paid return envelope. The second cover letter asked those who had not completed the survey to do so and those who had already done so to refrain from turning in another survey. The survey was available in English. The City of Lynchburg chose to augment their administration of The NCS with several additional services, including demographic and geographic subgroup comparisons, custom benchmark comparisons, an open-ended question, and an in-person presentation and Next Steps Workshop. The results of some of these additional services have been provided under separate cover. Completed surveys were collected over the following eight weeks. The online “opt-in” survey became available to all residents on October 11, 2019 and remained open for three weeks.

About 7% of the 1,700 surveys mailed were returned because the housing unit was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the remaining 1,579 households that received the survey, 377 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 24%. Of the 377 completed surveys, 79 were completed online. Additionally, responses were tracked by Council Ward; response rates by Council Ward ranged from 18% to 31%. The response rates were calculated using AAPOR’s response rate #2¹ for mailed surveys of unnamed persons. Additionally, 82 residents completed the online opt-in survey; results of the opt-in survey can be found in the *Supplemental Online Survey Results* report provided under separate cover.

¹ See AAPOR’s Standard Definitions here: [http://www.aapor.org/Standards-Ethics/Standard-Definitions-\(1\).aspx](http://www.aapor.org/Standards-Ethics/Standard-Definitions-(1).aspx) for more information

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Table 81: Survey Response Rates by Ward

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Overall
Total sample used	425	425	425	425	1,700
I=Complete Interviews	117	69	73	111	370
P=Partial Interviews	5	0	1	1	7
R=Refusal and break off	1	0	0	0	1
NC=Non Contact	0	0	0	0	0
O=Other	0	0	0	0	0
UH=Unknown household	0	0	0	0	0
UO=Unknown other	274	311	323	293	1,201
NE=Not eligible	28	45	28	20	121
Response rate: (I+P)/(I+P) + (R+NC+O) + (UH+UO)	31%	18%	19%	28%	24%

Confidence Intervals

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a “level of confidence” and accompanying “confidence interval” (or margin of error). A traditional level of confidence, and the one used here, is 95%. The 95% confidence interval can be any size and quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results because some residents’ opinions are relied on to estimate all residents’ opinions.²

The margin of error for the City of Lynchburg survey is no greater than plus or minus five percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (377 completed surveys).

For subgroups of responses, the margin of error increases because the number of respondents for the subgroup is smaller.

Survey Processing (Data Entry)

Upon receipt, completed surveys were assigned a unique identification number. Additionally, each survey was reviewed and “cleaned” as necessary. For example, a question may have asked a respondent to pick two items out of a list of five, but the respondent checked three; in this case, NRC would use protocols to randomly choose two of the three selected items for inclusion in the dataset.

All surveys then were entered twice into an electronic dataset; any discrepancies were resolved in comparison to the original survey form. Range checks as well as other forms of quality control were also performed.

NRC used SurveyGizmo, a web-based survey and analytics platform, to collect the online survey data. Use of an online system means all collected data are entered into the dataset when the respondents submit the surveys. Skip patterns are programmed into system so respondents are automatically “skipped” to the appropriate question based on the individual responses being given. Online programming also allows for more rigid control of the data format, making extensive data cleaning unnecessary.

A series of quality control checks were also performed in order to ensure the integrity of the web data. Steps may include and not be limited to reviewing the data for clusters of repeat IP addresses and time stamps (indicating duplicate responses) and removing empty submissions (questionnaires submitted with no questions answered).

Survey Data Weighting

Upon completion of data collection for both the scientific (probability) and nonscientific open participation online opt-in (non-probability) surveys, the demographics of each dataset were separately compared to those found in the 2010 Census and American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Lynchburg. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey respondents reflective of the larger population of the

² A 95% confidence interval indicates that for every 100 random samples of this many residents, 95 of the confidence intervals created will include the “true” population response. This theory is applied in practice to mean that the “true” perspective of the target population lies within the confidence interval created for a single survey. For example, if 75% of residents rate a service as “excellent” or “good,” then the 4% margin of error (for the 95% confidence interval) indicates that the range of likely responses for the entire community is between 71% and 79%. This source of uncertainty is called sampling error. In addition to sampling error, other sources of error may affect any survey, including the non-response of residents with opinions different from survey responders. Though standardized on The NCS, on other surveys, differences in question wording, order, translation and data entry, as examples, can lead to somewhat varying results.

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community. Both survey datasets were weighted independently to best match the Census. The characteristics used for weighting were housing tenure (rent or own), housing unit type (attached or detached), race, sex, age, and Ward. No adjustments were made for design effects. Results for the opt-in survey have been provided under separate cover.

The results of the weighting scheme are presented in the following table.

Table 82: Lynchburg, VA 2019 Weighting Table

Characteristic	Population Norm	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
Housing			
Rent home	50%	36%	50%
Own home	50%	64%	50%
Detached unit*	59%	62%	59%
Attached unit*	41%	38%	41%
Race and Ethnicity			
White	66%	77%	65%
Not white	34%	23%	35%
Not Hispanic	97%	97%	95%
Hispanic	3%	3%	5%
Sex and Age			
Female	54%	57%	54%
Male	46%	43%	46%
18-34 years of age	35%	17%	34%
35-54 years of age	31%	20%	30%
55+ years of age	34%	63%	35%
Females 18-34	18%	9%	18%
Females 35-54	16%	11%	16%
Females 55+	20%	38%	20%
Males 18-34	17%	8%	17%
Males 35-54	15%	9%	15%
Males 55+	14%	26%	14%
Ward			
Council Ward 1	27%	32%	27%
Council Ward 2	25%	18%	25%
Council Ward 3	21%	20%	21%
Council Ward 4	28%	30%	27%

* U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2017 5-year estimates

Survey Data Analysis and Reporting

The survey dataset was analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). For the most part, the percentages presented in the reports represent the “percent positive.” The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., “excellent” and “good,” “very safe” and “somewhat safe,” “essential” and “very important,” etc.), or, in the case of resident behaviors/participation, the percent positive represents the proportion of respondents indicating “yes” or participating in an activity at least once a month.

On many of the questions in the survey respondents may answer “don’t know.” The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in Appendix A. However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in the reports. In other words, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item. When a table for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the common practice of percentages being rounded to the nearest whole number.

The data for the opt-in survey are presented separately in the report titled *Supplemental Online Survey Results*.

Appendix D: Survey Materials

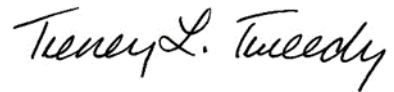
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It won't take much of your time to make a big difference!

Your household has been randomly selected to participate in a survey about your community. Your survey will arrive in a few days.

Thank you for helping create a better community!

Sincerely,



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Mayor

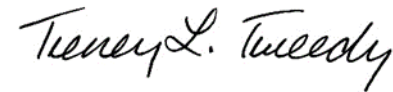
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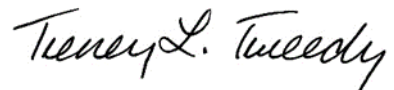
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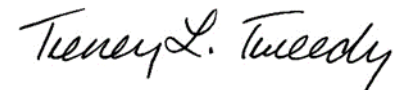
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September 2019

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Please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed survey. Your participation in this survey is very important – especially since your household is one of only a small number of households being surveyed. Your feedback will help Lynchburg make decisions that affect our City.

A few things to remember:

- **Your responses are completely anonymous.**
- In order to hear from a diverse group of residents, the adult 18 years or older in your household who most recently had a birthday should complete this survey.
- **You may return the survey by mail in the enclosed postage-paid envelope, or you can complete the survey online at:**

<http://bit.ly/2019lynchburg>

Please do not share your survey link. This survey is for randomly selected households only. The City will conduct a separate survey that is open to all residents just a few weeks from now.

If you have any questions about the survey, please call 434-455-3800. Thank you for your time and participation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Treney L. Tweedy".

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September 2019

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Here's a second chance if you haven't already responded to the 2019 Lynchburg Community Survey! **(If you completed it and sent it back, we thank you for your time and ask you to recycle this survey. Please do not respond twice.)**

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Please complete this survey if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had a birthday. The adult's year of birth does not matter. Your responses are anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

1. Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Lynchburg:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Lynchburg as a place to live.....	1	2	3	4	5
Your neighborhood as a place to live.....	1	2	3	4	5
Lynchburg as a place to raise children.....	1	2	3	4	5
Lynchburg as a place to work	1	2	3	4	5
Lynchburg as a place to visit.....	1	2	3	4	5
Lynchburg as a place to retire.....	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in Lynchburg	1	2	3	4	5

2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg	1	2	3	4	5
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit.....	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall "built environment" of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	1	2	3	4	5
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4	5

3. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:

	<i>Very likely</i>	<i>Somewhat likely</i>	<i>Somewhat unlikely</i>	<i>Very unlikely</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Recommend living in Lynchburg to someone who asks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Remain in Lynchburg for the next five years	1	2	3	4	5

4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

	<i>Very safe</i>	<i>Somewhat safe</i>	<i>Neither safe nor unsafe</i>	<i>Somewhat unsafe</i>	<i>Very unsafe</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
In your neighborhood during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In Lynchburg's downtown/commercial area during the day	1	2	3	4	5	6

5. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Traffic flow on major streets	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of public parking.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by car in Lynchburg	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by public transportation in Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by bicycle in Lynchburg	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of walking in Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of paths and walking trails	1	2	3	4	5
Air quality	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness of Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall appearance of Lynchburg	1	2	3	4	5
Public places where people want to spend time	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of housing options	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality housing	1	2	3	4	5
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality food.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality health care	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of preventive health services	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	1	2	3	4	5

6. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lynchburg as a whole:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	1	2	3	4	5
K-12 education	1	2	3	4	5
Adult educational opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	1	2	3	4	5
Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Shopping opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cost of living in Lynchburg	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4	5
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of new development in Lynchburg	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to volunteer.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in community matters	1	2	3	4	5
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborliness of residents in Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4	5

7. Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.

	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>
Made efforts to conserve water	1	2
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	1	2
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Lynchburg (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.).....	1	2
Household member was a victim of a crime in Lynchburg	1	2
Reported a crime to the police in Lynchburg.....	1	2
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	1	2
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	1	2
Contacted the City of Lynchburg (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information.....	1	2
Contacted Lynchburg elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	1	2

8. In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Lynchburg?

	<i>2 times a week or more</i>	<i>2-4 times a month</i>	<i>Once a month or less</i>	<i>Not at all</i>
Used Lynchburg recreation centers or their services	1	2	3	4
Visited a local park	1	2	3	4
Used Lynchburg public libraries or their services.....	1	2	3	4
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4
Attended a City-sponsored event.....	1	2	3	4
Used bus, rail or other public transportation instead of driving	1	2	3	4
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone.....	1	2	3	4
Walked or biked instead of driving	1	2	3	4
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4
Participated in a club	1	2	3	4
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	1	2	3	4
Done a favor for a neighbor.....	1	2	3	4

9. Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?

	<i>2 times a week or more</i>	<i>2-4 times a month</i>	<i>Once a month or less</i>	<i>Not at all</i>
<u>Attended</u> a local public meeting	1	2	3	4
<u>Watched</u> (online or on television) a local public meeting.....	1	2	3	4

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10. Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Lynchburg:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Police services	1	2	3	4	5
Fire services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ambulance or emergency medical services	1	2	3	4	5
Crime prevention.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire prevention and education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic enforcement	1	2	3	4	5
Street repair	1	2	3	4	5
Street cleaning	1	2	3	4	5
Street lighting.....	1	2	3	4	5
Snow removal	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalk maintenance	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic signal timing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Bus or transit services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Garbage collection	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling	1	2	3	4	5
Yard waste pick-up	1	2	3	4	5
Storm drainage	1	2	3	4	5
Drinking water.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sewer services	1	2	3	4	5
Water utility billing	1	2	3	4	5
City parks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation programs or classes.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation centers or facilities	1	2	3	4	5
Land use, planning and zoning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Animal control	1	2	3	4	5
Economic development	1	2	3	4	5
Health services	1	2	3	4	5
Public library services	1	2	3	4	5
Public information services	1	2	3	4	5
Cable television.....	1	2	3	4	5
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations).....	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Lynchburg open space	1	2	3	4	5
City-sponsored special events	1	2	3	4	5
Overall customer service by Lynchburg employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5

11. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
The City of Lynchburg	1	2	3	4	5
The Federal Government	1	2	3	4	5

12. Please rate the following categories of Lynchburg government performance:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
The value of services for the taxes paid to Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4	5
The overall direction that Lynchburg is taking.....	1	2	3	4	5
The job Lynchburg government does at welcoming resident involvement	1	2	3	4	5
Overall confidence in Lynchburg government	1	2	3	4	5
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	1	2	3	4	5
Being honest.....	1	2	3	4	5
Treating all residents fairly	1	2	3	4	5

13. Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Lynchburg community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:

	<i>Essential</i>	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Somewhat important</i>	<i>Not at all important</i>
Overall feeling of safety in Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit.....	1	2	3	4
Quality of overall natural environment in Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4
Overall “built environment” of Lynchburg (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	1	2	3	4
Health and wellness opportunities in Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment.....	1	2	3	4
Overall economic health of Lynchburg	1	2	3	4
Sense of community.....	1	2	3	4

14. Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services?

	<i>Major source</i>	<i>Minor source</i>	<i>Not a source</i>
City web site (www.lyncburgva.gov)	1	2	3
Local news media (i.e., television, newspapers, etc.)	1	2	3
The local government Comcast Cable Channel 15	1	2	3
Monthly City newsletter in the <i>News & Advance</i> (City Source).....	1	2	3
City Council meetings and other public meetings	1	2	3
City communications via social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	1	2	3

15. Lynchburg’s population is projected to grow to over 90,000 by the year 2030. Please indicate if you feel there is too little, too much, or about the right amount of each of the following housing types in Lynchburg to meet the community’s needs in the coming years:

	<i>Far too little</i>	<i>Somewhat too little</i>	<i>About right</i>	<i>Somewhat too much</i>	<i>Far too much</i>	<i>Don’t know</i>
Single-family detached homes	1	2	3	4	5	6
Townhouses.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Multi-family housing (apartments/condominiums)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Housing options for seniors.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Housing options for young residents.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

16. First, please indicate how much of a priority, if at all, each of the following areas should be to the City and its community partners (businesses, academic institutions, non-profits, etc.) and second, please rate to what extent progress has been made in each area in the last two years:

	<i>High priority</i>	<i>Moderate priority</i>	<i>Low priority</i>	<i>Not a priority</i>	<i>Significant progress</i>	<i>Some progress</i>	<i>Little progress</i>	<i>No progress</i>
Building partnerships with the business community, surrounding counties, local institutions of higher learning and other organizations.....	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Reducing poverty.....	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Increasing access to out-of-school activities for children.....	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Ensuring children are kindergarten ready	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Providing a comprehensive transportation system (e.g., bikeways, trails, transit, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Providing access to quality health care services	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Providing quality affordable housing for all income levels.....	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Providing stable, quality employment opportunities for residents.....	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Treating all residents fairly and equally regardless of race or any other factor.....	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Ensuring children are successful in school	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

17. Is there a community issue or concern to you that is not addressed in this survey? Please explain.

The City of Lynchburg 2019 Community Survey

Our last questions are about you and your household. Again, all of your responses to this survey are completely anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

D1. How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?

	<i>Never</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Usually</i>	<i>Always</i>
Recycle at home.....	1	2	3	4	5
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Lynchburg.....	1	2	3	4	5
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day.....	1	2	3	4	5
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity.....	1	2	3	4	5
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Vote in local elections.....	1	2	3	4	5

D2. Would you say that in general your health is:

- ☐ Excellent ☐ Very good ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

D3. What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:

- ☐ Very positive ☐ Somewhat positive ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat negative ☐ Very negative

D4. What is your employment status?

- ☐ Working full time for pay
☐ Working part time for pay
☐ Unemployed, looking for paid work
☐ Unemployed, not looking for paid work
☐ Fully retired

D5. Do you work inside the boundaries of Lynchburg?

- ☐ Yes, outside the home
☐ Yes, from home
☐ No

D6. How many years have you lived in Lynchburg?

- ☐ Less than 2 years ☐ 11-20 years
☐ 2-5 years ☐ More than 20 years
☐ 6-10 years

D7. Which best describes the building you live in?

- ☐ One family house detached from any other houses
☐ Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)
☐ Mobile home
☐ Other

D8. Is this house, apartment or mobile home...

- ☐ Rented
☐ Owned

D9. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?

- ☐ Less than \$300 per month
☐ \$300 to \$599 per month
☐ \$600 to \$999 per month
☐ \$1,000 to \$1,499 per month
☐ \$1,500 to \$2,499 per month
☐ \$2,500 or more per month

D10. Do any children 17 or under live in your household?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

D11. Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

D12. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)

- ☐ Less than \$25,000
☐ \$25,000 to \$49,999
☐ \$50,000 to \$99,999
☐ \$100,000 to \$149,999
☐ \$150,000 or more

Please respond to both questions D13 and D14:

D13. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?

- ☐ No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino
☐ Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino

D14. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
☐ Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander
☐ Black or African American
☐ White
☐ Other

D15. In which category is your age?

- ☐ 18-24 years ☐ 55-64 years
☐ 25-34 years ☐ 65-74 years
☐ 35-44 years ☐ 75 years or older
☐ 45-54 years

D16. What is your sex?

- ☐ Female ☐ Male

D17. Do you consider a cell phone or land line your primary telephone number?

- ☐ Cell ☐ Land line ☐ Both

Thank you for completing this survey. Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid envelope to: National Research Center, Inc., PO Box 549, Belle Mead, NJ 08502



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// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 10th day of December 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Treney Tweedy, President, presiding. The following members were present:

Present: Mary Jane Dolan, Jeff Helgeson, J. Randy Nelson, E. J. Turner Perrow, Sterling A. Wilder, Beau

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Absent: 0

// In the matter of Budget, Agenda Item #1, Mr. Norman Yoder and Ms. Julie Moore with Brown Edwards were in attendance to give Council a presentation on the audit. Mr. Yoder commented that the financial summary shows a clean report for the City of Lynchburg. He mentioned that the City's assets have crossed a billion dollars and the City's liabilities total a little more than 600 million. He pointed out the statement of revenues and expenditures for the governmental funds, especially the general fund. The fund balance in the general fund at the end of the year was about \$68 million, which is a strong fund balance relative to the total expenditures of \$180 million.

Mr. Yoder also pointed out the budgeted versus actual results for the school operating fund. He pointed out a return of funds of about \$5 million. One of the reasons for that is an exceptionally good year at the schools in their health insurance reserve.

Mr. Yoder directed them to a summary of the whole audit and is called the Schedule of Findings in Question Costs. Number one is the unmodified opinion on the financial statements as a whole. Number two, there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses identified in the controls at the City or the schools. They test various areas of compliance both state and federal and there were no findings there. He remarked that the City was not determined to be a low-risk auditee. The reason for this is that there was a material weakness found at the schools because of a new payroll package. That situation has been rectified and there is an update provided in the audit report. However, for two years after a material weakness, a locality cannot be considered a low-risk auditee. That means that they have to test a larger percentage of the City's overall federal expenditures.

Council was provided a letter with internal control comments for schools, some IT related ones. These are suggestions and are not significant findings. He thinks that in the letter regarding the same to the City, there was only a couple of disclosure and economic interest statements that were not filed in a timely manner.

Mr. Yoder commented that this was a fairly clean audit and he was available to answer any questions.

Councilmember Perrow commended the budget and management staff on the clean audit and commended LCS for cleaning up the material finding. He hopes the City is a low risk auditee in the future. Councilmember Perrow said he has been made aware of an organization that had the same auditor for the past 15 years or so. However, they found significant deficiencies in their books when they changed bookkeepers to the point that there may have been criminal activity. Councilmember Perrow would like to know what Brown Edwards does to make sure that there are fresh eyes looking and the tests are being done and they are not falling into complacency. Mr. Yoder acknowledged that this topic has received a fair amount of attention over the last 20 to 30 years. There has been debate about whether auditor rotation should be required. Most that have studied do not think an auditor needs to be rotated but things need to be in place to make sure that complacency does not set in. Mr. Yoder said they have had many of their municipal clients for years and they care a great deal about audit quality. Brown Edwards rotates partners on

engagements such as the City of Lynchburg. Other things are the tone of an organization and Brown Edwards' expectations of its audit staff. He said they have brainstorming sessions for each job and talk about the risks and what to look for and so forth. Councilmember Perrow noted that this organization thought everything was fine and it shows how much we depend on an independent audit.

Mr. Yoder thanked staff for all their good work. The ten or 15 minutes he spends in front of Council represents hundreds of hours of work on both sides.

// In the matter of Budget, Agenda Item #2, Ms. Donna Witt addressed Council about its fund balance policy. At Council's request, Ms. Witt brought has brought them some language to consider in regards to growing its fund balance incrementally to 15 percent. Ms. Witt explained that they did not want to set the goal of reaching 15 percent as a specific goal within a specific period of time. If there is a downturn in the economy or competing priorities, she did not want to see Council have to cut a service in order to put more money aside in a fund balance. The language is written to stress that our goal is a 15 percent unassigned fund balance but it is based on how our revenues are growing and taking into account competing priorities.

Ms. Witt pointed out a change to the debt management policy. The total tax supported debt has been stricken. The credit rating agency no longer looks at that item. Ms. Witt mentioned that these two items are the only changes to the policies.

Councilmember Helgeson spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee. The committee thought the policies changes are good and appreciate what staff is doing and how it is suggesting they set aside more money in reserves. The Finance Committee recommended approval of the policy changes and he made that motion on behalf of the Finance Committee. Councilmember Helgeson noted that the five percent increase in the fund balance equates to \$10 million, which equates to 16 cents on a real estate tax rate. He hopes they propose to do this incrementally and have it presented to them each budget year. Councilmember Wright feels this policy will put us on the right track and he is excited to support it.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	7
Noes:		0

// In the matter of Community Development – Zoning Ordinance, Agenda Item #3, Mr. Tom Martin summarized a presentation on single-family development standards for Council. This is in response to a request made by City Council a few months ago.

Mr. Martin explained that the Zoning Ordinance defines a detached dwelling as “a building containing only dwelling units surrounded by yards or other open area on the same zoning lot.” A single-household dwelling is defined as “a building containing not more than one (1) dwelling unit and occupied by not more than one (1) household. These dwelling are allowed in many of the City's zoning districts but for the purposes of today's discussion, they are being talking about in the R-1 and R-2 districts. R-C allows single-family homes but those parcels have very distinct characteristics and there are really not many R-C parcels in the City.

Mr. Martin showed Council a map showing the R-C, R-1 and R-2 districts in the City. He explained that R-C, Conservation, parcels have to have a minimum of 10 acres to be buildable. R-1, Low Density Residential have to

have a minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet and density is allowed at 2.9 units per acre. R-2, Low-Medium Density Residential has to have a minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet and density is allowed at 4.35 units per acre.

Councilmember Perrow noted there seems to be a disproportionate amount of R-C lots in the Tyreeanna area as compared to other parts of the City. He wondered if that puts a hardship on that area in terms of development. Mr. Martin said that could be looked at during the revising of the Tyreeanna Plan. He would need to look into the reason why there is so much R-C land in that area and felt that Councilmember Perrow made a very good point. Mr. Martin noted there are other issues associated with development in this area such as the availability of water and sewer.

Mr. Martin noted another development standard, which is the necessity for improved, dedicated street that extends across the entire frontage of new lots. The street width requirements are fifty feet of right-of-way with twenty feet of pavement.

The subdivision ordinance also requires that subdivisions of five lots or more connect to public sanitary sewer and public water where accessible. Accessibility is determined by the number of lots multiplied by 100 feet. For example, a five-lot subdivision would be considered accessible if there is public water and sewer within 500 feet.

Subdivisions of five lots or less may be served by private well or septic if there are no new roads required and public water and sewer is not available. Lots served by only one utility (water or sewer) have to be a minimum of 20,000 square feet. Lots served by neither utility (public water or sewer) have to be 25,000 square feet. Lots also have to meet Health Department requirements. Councilmember Perrow thinks that is a perfectly reasonable requirement from a public health perspective. Mr. Martin explained that subdivisions of six lots or more without public water and sewer can be approved by City Council. Each lot must be an acre in size and have sufficient area for drain fields. Easements have to be provided for future public water and sewer extension.

The subdivision ordinance also requires that new residential streets have curb and gutter per the City's Manual of Specifications. Sidewalks are required on one side of all new residential streets and both sides if vehicle trips exceed 6,000 per day. Street trees are also required. In answer to a question from Councilmember Helgeson, Mr. Martin commented that the Manual of Specifications is minimum engineering standards that are adopted by the Engineering Division. They can change; however, the City receives maintenance dollars based on how we construct our streets. A lot of the standards are VDOT standards and if we want the maintenance dollars, we have to build the streets to a certain standard. Dr. Reid Wodicka clarified for Councilmember Helgeson that we get maintenance dollars for all the roads and secondary streets and in order to receive those funds, all roads have to meet VDOT standards. Dr. Wodicka explained that counties are different because the streets are typically maintained by VDOT. Dr. Wodicka said he could not speak to that in any more detail. He acknowledged that our standards are above VDOT's minimum standards but they feel that leads to a better community. Mr. Martin said Council would need to have that discussion with the Engineer Division if it would like to know about the actual standards and what may be done to reduce costs.

Staff looked at data for the past five years and had a chart of single-family homes built in the City and surrounding counties. The number of those built in R-1 and R-2 districts in the City has stayed fairly consistent over

the past five years. Mr. Martin pointed out that when they compare the City's numbers to the surrounding counties, Council needs to remember that the City is much smaller than the counties. The number of single-family homes being built in the City is very proportional and we are capturing a good share. In answer to a question from Councilmember Wright, Mr. Martin thought it was a fair assumption that the homes being built in the City are now occupied. In answer to a question from Councilmember Perrow, some of the homes are a part of subdivisions. They are not all single building permits.

Mr. Martin pointed out that the map also shows the amount of vacant land zoned R-1 and R-2 and indicated it is about 3,051 acres. It captured parcels with a land value of six thousand dollars or less. The map does not include large tracts of land that have only one house on them that could be subdivided.

Mr. Martin outlined some of the perceived barriers to development in the City. One is the land cost. The average vacant residential land sale is \$23,980 per acre. The infrastructure costs for the road frontage and utilities total \$511.25 per foot of road frontage. A developer is looking at \$33,832 per 15,000 square foot lot with 100 feet of road frontage. This does not take into account the costs for designing the road and infrastructure. Mr. Martin said the cost for a foot of road in the counties is somewhere between \$300 and \$350. Councilmember Perrow feels that the assessed value for homes is probably less than the investment cost. Mr. Martin said he understood Councilmember Perrow's point and they could talk to the assessor regarding this information. Councilmember Perrow noted that developers have to sell a lot for the cost of the land and the amount it will or has cost them for improvements and that is where it gets cost prohibitive. Some other perceived and some real barriers to single-family development are the City's topography, flood plains, landlocked parcels, water/sewer availability, stormwater management, land availability and market conditions.

Mr. Martin acknowledged Councilmember's Perrow about development costs but would like to discuss with them what the City has done and continues to do to try and address some of these perceived barriers. The City pays for 100 percent of the cost of extending water and sewer to the subdivision boundary based upon economic feasibility. For example, if 500 feet of water/sewer line is needed, at least five lots would need to be developed. If 5,000 feet of water/sewer line is needed, 50 lots would have to be developed. Past Councils have expressed their concern with the perception that the City is not seeing enough single-family development and since 1989 things like this have been put in the ordinance to try and offset some of the higher costs.

The City also cost shares curb, gutter and sidewalk at a 50/50 ratio. Councilmember Perrow thought they had removed that and Mr. Martin said that was only for commercial development. The commercial development cost sharing was never codified and a policy decision was made to discontinue doing it. The City also allows for the development of flag lots with fifty feet of road frontage if it is the only feasible way to develop a parcel.

Mr. Martin highlighted several things that have been addressed in the Zoning Ordinance to encourage single-family development. Lots existing as of July 11, 2011 may provide access on dedicated improved street extending a minimum of 25 feet past the driveway entrance. Lots existing prior to September 12, 1989 may be accessed by a perpetual unobstructed easement at least 30 feet in width. In February 2016, the Zoning Ordinance was amended to allow a reduction in setbacks and lot sizes to encourage infill development (neighborhood norms).

Another new standard in the 2016 Zoning Ordinance is a Residential Cluster Subdivision. It allows up to a 50

percent reduction in the required lot size and setbacks to create residential cluster. It allows the density of the underlying zoning district, undeveloped land is preserved in open space and it reduced infrastructure costs by shorter water, sewer and road construction. Mr. Martin had an example to show them of a development discussed recently with a developer. A typical subdivision layout would have only yielded 49 lots on a 31 acre tract. With the cluster development concept, they can get 71 lots out of the 31 acres and retain 30 percent open space. The developer said he would not be considering this development without the cluster development option because of development costs. In answer to a question from Councilmember Helgeson, Mr. Martin said this differs from a Planned Unit Development (PUD) because a PUD allows for different housing types. The cluster subdivision only allows for detached housing and has the requirement for open space.

The City's population was estimated to be around 80,000 in 2018. That is an increase of over 6,500 people since 2010. Campbell County only increased by 131 people. Amherst declined by 688 people. Bedford County increased by 4,000 people. The *Comprehensive Plan* recognizes that the City's boundaries are unlikely to expand so the City will need to provide opportunities for great densities in areas where they can be compatibly integrated with existing neighborhoods.

Councilmember Wilder asked Mr. Martin if they have tried to address developers' concerns that have been expressed to staff. Mr. Martin said they always talk to developers about what the City can offer them. They have been talking to developers about the residential clustering option and Mr. Martin believes it will encourage more single-household development. Councilmember Wilder asked if there was a better way the City could make developers aware of the various options the City has to offer. Mr. Martin suggested they might be able to promote the residential clustering on the City's website or possibly by working with Economic Development. Councilmember Wilder said he is glad to hear the City has options available and tries to make concessions for development. He would like staff to do whatever they can to help promote these options to the developers in the community.

Mr. Martin explained that the residential clustering allows for a 50 percent reduction in lot size. Theoretically, it allows a developer to do shorter street extensions and shorter water and sewer line extensions. In answer to a question from Mayor Tweedy, Mr. Martin said this clustering applies to new subdivisions and not infill development, unless the person had a very large lot.

Mayor Tweedy said she has heard from developers about things they felt would have made the price point better for infill development and she asked Mr. Martin if they are doing anything to incentivize that type of development. Mr. Martin said they attempted to do that with updates to the Zoning Ordinance and would love to listen to other suggestions. Mayor Tweedy said the cost of hooking up to the City's water and sewer was a cost that was specifically mentioned. Dr. Wodicka indicated staff has not really talked about that issue but could certainly consider it.

Councilmember Perrow noted that this Council has supported slowing down traffic by putting them on a "road diet," such as approving two-way traffic downtown, which effectively narrows the street and slows down traffic. He thinks that a wide street does incentivize people to go faster. He thinks they might want to look at their standards and see if we can get on a "road diet" in our residential subdivisions in order to slow traffic and make it more

conducive for pedestrians. Mr. Martin agreed that wider streets do promote speeding and the photo he had provided them earlier of a newer versus an older street in Lynchburg speaks for itself.

Mayor Tweedy asked if our map shows areas that are prime for residential clustering. Mr. Martin said our *Future Land Use Map* shows areas that the City would like to see developed as low-density development. Sometimes developers ask staff to help them find tracts of land for a certain type of development (both commercial and residential) and staff will do so. Councilmember Wilder suggested that Community Development work with Economic Development and have an informational session to let them know what is available.

Councilmember Wright wondered if they are disincentivizing single-family development because they are approving so many apartment complexes. Mr. Martin thinks that proportionately Lynchburg is capturing its fair share of the single-family household dwellings proportionately to the counties. Council still has to talk about what is the highest and best use of the property. Council may want to look at whether or not single-family detached housing actually pays for itself, which is a difficult conversation to have. Ms. Svrcek said typically it does not. Councilmember Helgeson said a townhome full of school aged children using services could not even remotely pay for itself. Mr. Martin said he does not have the data in front of him but we are talking about assessed value of one versus assessed value of another.

Councilmember Helgeson noted that the more that we put in densely populated areas, the less elbow room we have. The more we make approvals for rezonings, it does not help us economically because you have a larger supply with the same demand. If you have a smaller supply and the same demand, prices go up. Mr. Martin said the City has 50 square miles and an increasing population and a limited availability of R-1 and R-2 land. We have said it since at least the year 2000 that if the City wants to grow, it is going to have to become denser. Councilmember Helgeson asked what is the importance in growing in population and Mr. Martin said “retail follows rooftop.” Councilmember Helgeson pointed out people can come from other areas to shop here and they also shop online. Mr. Martin said he is not sure what the right answer is and the topic of how the City is going to grow in the future is a good discussion for us to have periodically. Mayor Tweedy noted that as we improve the quality of life here, we are going to see people that want to benefit from those amenities. This is why she asked about encouraging infill development because that may be where we get some traction.

// In the matter of City Code, City Council Compensation, Agenda Item #4, Ms. Svrcek explained that it has been staff's practice to bring them ever two years prior to a Council election an opportunity for them to review their compensation to see if they want to change either their salaries or benefits and to receive budget guidance as we prepare the FY 2021 proposed budget. State code states that no increase in salary shall take effect until July 1 after the next regularly scheduled election of councilmembers. Code also states that any proposed increase in the salary of members be adopted at least four months prior to the next election. For our population category of 75,000 to 174,999, the salary for the mayor shall not exceed \$25,000 and \$23,000 for councilmembers. The mayor's and councilmembers' salaries are \$12,000 and \$10,000 respectively and have not changed since 2008. Currently, Council is not eligible for any benefits.

Mayor Tweedy thinks that if you want a diverse group of people and more people interested, you have to pay them more. A person is fine to serve if he or she is a professional with a flexible and schedule or has an employer

that is very flexible because he values the role of a public servant. There are others with great leadership skills that want to serve their community and they have to be able to help support their families. With a City like ours that is growing, it takes a lot of time and she does not really think the public understands the amount of time that a councilmember spends on the work. She supports a pay increase or benefits. You love public service but you have to survive too.

Councilmember Wilder said it takes a lot of hours of a person's time to do this job and you have to have a flexible job that allows a person to do it. He commented how much time he spent this weekend reading the agenda packet and the numerous emails he received about the Second Amendment. He noted that Charlottesville has about half the population of Lynchburg and pays almost twice as much to its mayor and councilmembers. He would suggest they change their salaries to Charlottesville (\$20,000 and \$18,000) or something close to it.

Vice Mayor Dolan noted that she is retired and has all kinds of time to do what she wants. She is sensitive to those that do not have that kind of time; however, she would not be able to vote for a raise in good conscience because we have City employees working two and three jobs to make ends meet. She would hate to have someone sitting in this seat for the money. They are a public servant.

Councilmember Wilder thinks they are all committed to public service. He noted that he has to work this job and other jobs just to make it.

Councilmember Perrow asked Ms. Svrcek when Council reduced its salaries because of budget. Ms. Svrcek said they increased their salaries in FY 2009. Councilmember Perrow noted that he came on Council in 2008. It was not actually a change in the code. Council chose not to fully fund its salaries in the budget for a few years. Their salaries were fully funded again around 2012 to 2013. Councilmember Perrow noted that there were some changes made in the structure of Council's meetings so they were not being held in the early afternoon. Councilmember Perrow has never seen this as a job. He has seen it as a calling. He thinks it would be wrong to consider this a job because maybe then he should have an office and be down here all the time. The mayor's position is different because he or she needs to be able to receive guests. He would not endorse changing their salaries. He thinks you have to do this because you love the job and not because it is a supplemental source of income.

Councilmember Wright is not sure how he feels about this topic. Doing some math though and assuming a councilmember puts in 15 hours, which is not unusual, that comes to \$12.82 an hour. If a councilmember put in 20 hours a week, which is also not unusual, it comes to \$9.61. There is a practical concern, which is wear and tear on your vehicle and gas. Those expenses are defrayed somewhat by the compensation. He would also echo the mayor's comment about diversity. It is a privilege to serve here but he thinks it also requires privilege to serve here in a lot of respects. If we want to make this body more accessible to more members of the community, he thinks they could take steps to make it more equitable so that more folks can actually make this job a reality.

Councilmember Nelson agrees with what has been said about incentivizing a greater diversity of participation of persons. He thinks he probably puts in around 25 hours a week, so we do not do it because of the compensation. He would not vote for any benefit that would come to him within his term.

Mayor Tweedy noted that the mayor spends a great deal of time being accessible to multiple areas, people and

groups. She would like to make everyone aware that these are part-time roles and it is always about the public service.

Councilmember Wilder asked for clarification that they could approve a raise but would not necessarily have to take it. Councilmember Helgeson noted the amount could be in the City Code but then not funded at a later date. Ms. Svrcek said that is correct. Councilmember Wilder noted he is up for reelection in May and he is not sure whether or not he is running. He is thinking about people in the future. He makes a motion to increase each salary level by \$4,000. The mayor would receive \$16,000 and a councilmember would receive \$14,000. The motion was seconded by Mayor Tweedy.

Councilmember Helgeson commented that the Clerk of Council sends them a lot of event invitations. Many of them the mayor tries to attend. The mayor is also asked often to do proclamations. The mayor does not have to go to all of them but people appreciate it. She showed up at the Finance Committee meeting this morning, which she is not even a member of; she does the same for the Physical Development Committee. It is obviously not about the money and is about the service. We want people to run and he has talked to many people that say they cannot run because they cannot afford it. Having the amount in City Code does not mean that it will be funded.

Councilmember Perrow does not think he can support this motion because there are already constraints in the upcoming budget. He is sure there is going to be pressure for a pay increase for many of our City employees. Those will likely be small percentage raises so it is hard for him to justify a 40 percent pay increase for Council. Councilmember Helgeson recognizes the percentage does not look good but it is a total of only \$28,000 in the budget, if it even gets funded. He thinks the issue is looking at the future and future councilmembers.

Mayor Tweedy noted that it takes a lot to be present to a City of 80,000 people. It is a reality that we are a growing City and it takes more meetings and engagements if you are doing it well.

Councilmember Helgeson noted that this is supposed to be done four months before the election and the election is in May. Ms. Svrcek noted their meeting in January 2020 would be too late because the election is May 5 and the meeting in January is the 14th. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Helgeson, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	4
Noes:	Dolan, Nelson, Perrow	3

// In the matter of Roll Call, Agenda Item #5, Councilmember Nelson had no items.

Councilmember Perrow commented the Christmas Parade being fun. He thought it was a really good event and the more it happens in Midtown, the more he likes it. It is very accessible to a larger group of people.

Councilmember Helgeson echoed those comments. He thought it was great and it was easy for people to get to and lots of food options available.

Councilmember Wright congratulated the Lynchburg Downtown Association and all their partner organizations for the Christmas tree lighting down at the Craddock Terry Hotel. He also congratulated the City on the groundbreaking for the Langhorne Road trestle project to extend the Blackwater Trail from the Ed Page entrance over to Linkhorne Road. Also, he had a great experience recently when he went to the Diamond Hill Community Center and got to meet the team and some of the folks that use the center. It looks great and he is really proud that this institution exists in our City along with the other neighborhood centers.

Councilmember Wilder congratulated Jane White on always doing an awesome job in our community in recognizing the history of Lynchburg. This past weekend a marker was dedicated for Morris Alexander, a nationally known caddy. His family came from all over the weekend and Councilmember Wilder thanked Oakwood Country Club for hosting the event. He thanked all the men that participated in Moustaches for Kids. Over \$185,000 was raised in one month for children in our community. Councilmember Wilder won a Moore & Giles for his fundraising efforts.

Vice Mayor Dolan had no items.

Councilmember Helgeson mentioned that this is the first year that Liberty University has been in the Football Bowl championship series. It has qualified for the Cure Bowl, which is fabulous. Congratulations to them; this should be great for Lynchburg as they move up in the division.

Councilmember Perrow noted that a press release just went out saying that Lynchburg ranks #55 in the country for affordable homes. It is a Harvard study and the relevant data shows that 93.02 percent of Lynchburg homes were affordable to the average household living there. Homes were considered to be affordable if the required monthly payment was less than 31 percent of the median monthly household income.

Mayor Tweedy had the following announcements:

a. On Thursday, December 12th from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., the public is cordially invited to attend an open house for the development of the Dearington Neighborhood Plan. This kick-off event will take place at the Dearington Elementary School for Innovation, 210 Smyth Street, in the school's cafeteria. This is a collaborative effort between the City of Lynchburg and the residents of Dearington to help plan the neighborhood's future. Current and former neighborhood residents are encouraged to attend the open house and share information. In addition, there will be an opportunity to visit information stations set up throughout the cafeteria with representatives from various community organizations to discuss available resources. Complimentary pizza and other refreshments will be provided, and adults in attendance can register to win gift cards to local establishments. There will also be kids' activities available during the open house.

b. The Blue Ridge and James River Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in cooperation with the Old City Cemetery in Lynchburg, are proud to sponsor our 12th Anniversary Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday, December 14, at 12:00 noon. This event is free and open to the public. Please arrive early as parking within the cemetery is very limited and the cemetery gates close at 11:45 a.m.

c. In preparation of its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, 2020 Annual Action Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, the City of Lynchburg is seeking community input. Two public meetings are scheduled on Tuesday, December 17 and Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. each evening. Both meetings will be held at the Miller Center, 301 Grove Street, Room 205. This facility is handicapped accessible with free parking.

// On motion of Councilmember Wilder, seconded by Vice Mayor Dolan, Council by the following recorded vote elected to hold a closed meeting to discuss appointments to the Building Code Appeals Board, Community Development Advisory Committee, Horizon Behavioral Health Board, LYNCAG Board, Lynchburg Regional Airport Commission, Planning Commission, Transit Company Board of Directors and Youth Services Citizens Board:

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Ayes: Dolan, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 6

Noes: Helgeson 1

// Agenda Item #6 - On nomination of Councilmember Helgeson, seconded by Councilmember Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote appointed Andrew Flint and Jody Miller to the Building Code Appeals Board for terms ending September, 2023:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// On nomination of Councilmember Helgeson, seconded by Councilmember Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote reappointed Susan Murray, John Hughes, III, Valerie Harris and Councilmember Beau Wright and appointed Leonard Briley, Mandze Dyke and Councilmember Wilder to serve on the Community Development Advisory Committee for terms to expire December 31, 2020:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// On nomination of Councilmember Helgeson, seconded by Councilmember Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote reappointed Betty Brickhouse to serve on the Horizon Behavioral Health Board for a term to expire December 31, 2022:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// On nomination of Councilmember Helgeson, seconded by Councilmember Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote reappointed Debra Allen and appointed Janice Crawford to serve on the Lynchburg Regional Airport Commission for terms to expire December 31, 2022:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// On nomination of Councilmember Helgeson, seconded by Councilmember Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote reappointed Robert C. Light, Jr., and David Perault to serve on the Planning Commission for terms to expire December 31, 2022:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// On nomination of Councilmember Helgeson, seconded by Councilmember Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote appointed Tyeast Blanding, Amber Davis, Vice Mayor MaryJane Dolan, Tremayne Edwards and Vivian Miller to serve on the Youth Services Citizens Board for terms to expire June 30, 2022:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// The meeting was re-opened to the public.

Councilmember Helgeson made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lynchburg has convened a closed meeting on this date, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by City Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Lynchburg certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by Council.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perrow, and Council by the following recorded vote adopted the motion:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	7
Noes:		0

// The meeting was recessed at 6:30 p.m.

// City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Present:	Mary Jane Dolan, Jeff Helgeson, J. Randy Nelson, E. J. Turner Perrow, Sterling Wilder, Beau Wright, Treney Tweedy	7
Absent:		0

// Vice Mayor Dolan gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Girl Scout Troop 9200.

Mayor Tweedy presented certificates to the following girls from the troop: Savannah Assent, Charlotte Assent, Claudia Arp, Luci Ashare, Miriam Boyers, Alexis Day, Hailey Day, Aubrey Hopkins, Ellery McLemore, Caroline Pollard, Brielle Ramirez, Claire Terry and Eva Wilson.

// In the matter of Recognitions, Chris Adams from the Lynchburg Fire Department was recognized as the Governor's EMS Provider of the Year. Fire Marshal Gregory Wormser was also present to help with the presentation of the award. For more than thirty years, the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services has been honoring Emergency Medical Service Providers and Agencies in the Commonwealth for their outstanding contributions to the health and well-being of the citizens they serve. On November 9, 2019 Captain Chris Adams became the recipient of the Governor's Award for Outstanding Pre-hospital Provider in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Chris was selected by his peers and State Officials for this award from nominations that were received from eleven regions across the state. Fire Marshal Gregory Wormser was present to help with the recognition.

// In the matter of Recognitions, Mayor Tweedy recognized the City's IT Department for receiving the Digital Cities Award. Every year, the City participates in the national Digital Cities Survey conducted by the Center for Digital Government. This survey ranks cities across the country for how they utilize information technology to serve their citizens and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their local government operations. The City of Lynchburg has received First Place in its population category (75,000 – 124,999). This is the 16th consecutive year the City of Lynchburg has been in the national top 10 and the fourth time it has been ranked first in its population category. The Mayor and City Manager also recognized Mike Goetz, the Director of IT, for his work and announced that he will be retiring on February 1, 2020.

// In the matter of Recognitions, Mayor Tweedy recognized two members of the Mayor's Youth Council who are attending the meeting tonight, John and Teddy Tharp.

// Copies of the minutes of the November 7, 2019 Council Retreat, Agenda Item #7, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Vice Mayor Dolan, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, by the following recorded vote, approved the minutes as presented.

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	7
Noes:		0

// Copies of the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting, Agenda Item #8, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Vice Mayor Dolan, seconded by Councilmember Wright, by the following recorded vote, approved the minutes as presented.

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	7
Noes:		0

// In the matter of Community Development - Conditional Use Permits, Agenda Item #9, a public hearing was conducted regarding the petition of HumanKind for a Conditional Use Permit at 150 Linden Avenue to allow the construction of recreational facilities including athletic fields, swimming pool, and parking areas in an R-1, Low-Density Residential District. Mr. Tom Martin, the City Planner provided a summary of the request for Council. Mr. Bob Dendy, the President of HumanKind was present to represent the petitioner. He feels they have addressed the concerns regarding access to the campus, the type of application (a CUP instead of institutional zoning) and the retention of some requested accommodations.

Mr. Collin Byrne spoke in favor of the petition because athletic fields are very much in need in the City of Lynchburg.

Mr. David Kerr came forward to speak. He is not necessarily opposed to the project but he has met with someone from HumanKind and been promised things that have not happened and are not a part of the conditions of their conditional use permit. He does acknowledge that many of his concerns were addressed at the Planning Commission meeting. He would like to see HumanKind change its address after the new access road is constructed so people do not have to come back Linden Avenue. Traffic, lights and noise are all concerns to him. He would like to see a gate at the entrance on Linden Avenue. He does not understand why the CUP is being considered without the access road.

Mr. John Bruce came forward to speak. He thinks the conditions have addressed many of the concerns; however, he is concerned about traffic on VES Road. He would like the City to study VES Road and how they what traffic improvements might be helpful to slow down traffic. He would also like to see the construction of the access road as a condition of the CUP.

Mr. Dendy came back for a rebuttal. The changing of the address to VES Road will happen. They are also considering the possibility of putting a crash bar on Linden Avenue but would like to hear more feedback from neighbors. The new road is not a CUP item but it is something to which HumanKind is committed doing before the new elements are constructed. They have contacted a contractor and the construction of the new road should start in the spring.

There were no other persons who wished to speak and Mayor Tweedy closed the public hearing portion of the petition. Councilmember Helgeson made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Perrow to approve the petition. Councilmember Helgeson appreciates the diligence and patience of HumanKind. He appreciates what they will be doing for children and sports. He is concerned with the number of conditions on the CUP. He would like to see some of them removed but he assumes HumanKind has agreed to all of them.

Councilmember Perrow thinks there has been a lot of work between all parties. There has been a lot of concern from neighbors. A lot of those concerns will be alleviated with the conditions of the CUP. In answer to a question from Councilmember Perrow, Mr. Martin said the construction of the access road is not directly tied to the CUP. They could still build the athletic fields if the access road is not constructed but he has no reason to believe the HumanKind would do that. Mr. Martin clarified that the conditions in the resolution were submitted by HumanKind and not recommended by staff. Councilmember Perrow asked if the City has something in writing from HumanKind that it will construct the road. Mr. Martin said he would have to go through the file but the plan for it has been submitted.

Mr. Hank Creasy, an attorney and the chair of the board of HumanKind came forward. HumanKind is committed to building the road but it is not part of the CUP because it is not a governmental process. They have received a price from a contractor and fully expect this road to be constructed so the fields can be built. If the road is not built, the fields will not be built. Councilmember Nelson commented that he assumes that is HumanKind built the project as a CUP but did not build the new road to VES Road that it is unlikely that Westminster Canterbury would let HumanKind use their easement as access leaving them with only Linden Avenue. Mr. Creasy said that as part of the commitment with its neighbor, the easement area will be released and returned to Westminster Canterbury. It is part of the agreement with Westminster Canterbury that the project will not be built unless the new access road is built.

Mr. Walter Erwin explained that if the activity that is granted by the conditional use permit becomes a nuisance, Council can revoke the conditional use permit. That has happened once before.

Councilmember Perrow asked the City Manager to look at VES Road in a future capital planning exercise, as well as Williams Road because they could both stand a little bit of safety improvements.

Councilmember Wilder thanked HumanKind for its work in the community and for working with Westminster Canterbury to address its concerns. He would HumanKind to address some of the other concerns expressed about Linden Avenue.

Councilmember Nelson said there is no doubt that the athletic fields are needed and the good part is that it is being funded by a private entity on land that is already tax exempt. It is impressive that the parties have complied with all the recommendations that Council requested the last time they were before Council.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	7
Noes:		0

// In the matter of Community Development – Conditional Use Permits, Agenda Item #10, a public hearing was conducted regarding the Petition of Millside Development Center (Scott Zechini) to amend the previously approved

Conditional Use Permit for a Cluster Commercial Development at 1602, 1604, 1606, 1608, 1610, 1612, 1614 and 1620 Graves Mill Road to allow the construction of a twenty-two thousand three hundred (22,300) square foot assisted living facility in a B-1, Limited Business District. Mr. Tom Martin provided a summary of the petition for Council.

Mr. Michael Bryant with Hurt & Proffitt was present to represent the petitioner. The facility will serve a need in the City of Lynchburg and is similar to a use that already exists in the Millside Development Center. He explained it is a smaller use and the traffic will be reduced with this footprint as compared to what was approved with the original CUP in 2005.

There were no other persons who wished to speak in favor or in opposition. Mayor Tweedy closed the public hearing portion of the petition.

Councilmember Wilder made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve the petition. Councilmember Helgeson acknowledged the need in the community for this type of facility and thanked the developer for building and investing in the City. Councilmember Wright said it was a great use of the property and they are excited for it.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	7
Noes:		0

// In the matter of Budget – Schools, Agenda Item #11, a Public hearing was conducted regarding amending the FY 2020 Budget to reflect the Return of Schools Fund Balance for ongoing activities not expended in FY 2019, and appropriating supplemental funds for both the Capital and Operating Budgets for the twelve month period beginning July 1 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Svrcek said the Lynchburg City Schools requested the appropriation of the entire \$5,008,139 in FY 2019 operating fund balance for capital improvement program projects, the textbook and health insurance reserves, technology upgrades, software and bus engine rebuilds. City staff recommends a reduction of this request by \$1,233,075 with \$1.2 million allocated to a reserve for implementing recommendations from the Task Force on the Future of PreK-12 Education and Beyond and \$33,075 for expenses associated with the work of the task force. Funding is needed for a demographic study to be performed by the Weldon Cooper Center Demographics Research Group as well as other to be determined costs, which may include outside consultants. The reduction proposed by staff comes from a deferral of elementary gym number four for \$800,000 until the task force completes its work and the request to increase the health insurance reserve by \$433,075. The current balance in the health insurance reserve is \$2,066,925. This action is requested in accordance with an agreement signed by the Lynchburg City Council and the School Board dated December 14, 1993, which provides for the creation and maintenance of the school's operating fund balance for the purpose of underwriting any occasional shortfalls from the various budgetary categories of direct state funding support, as well as other applications all based upon the required expenditure approval of the School Board.

Dr. Crystal Edwards came forward to speak. She would like Council to seriously consider their fund balance requests so they can do the best they can for our students and so they can create an environment that makes their staff, families and students feel comfortable, welcome and supported.

Coach Brian Farrell with E C Glass football came forward to ask for support for the E C Glass practice field. They are constantly moving soccer nets off the field because everyone uses it. The practice field would allow them to have a place to practice all the time rather than moving all over the City.

Coach Nicki Aarons with E C Glass field hockey also spoke in favor of the E C Glass practice field. She has to find places off site for the girls to practice and transport the players and the equipment in her own vehicle. There is also no athletic trainer on site for these practices.

Vondell Shavers came forward to speak in favor of the practice field. He is a graduate of E C Glass and was an athlete as well. The practice field will allow more students to be able to participate in sports and give them a safe place to practice.

Susan Morrison, the chair of the School Board came forward to ask for Council's support. They put a great deal of thought into these requests. They appreciate Council's serious consideration for our kids.

Dr. James Coleman, also on the School Board, supported Ms. Morrison's comments.

Megan Short, a student athlete at E C Glass came forward to ask for their support for the practice field. She told Council how they have to go to the stadium to practice. It is a struggle to get everyone there on time because not all the students can drive and there is no bus service. There is also no athletic trainer on site.

The coach for the girls' lacrosse team came forward to speak in favor of having the practice field. There is a definite risk to having practices off site because there is not always a portable defibrillator available. The field would allow the players to have continuous practice time. Sometimes a player cannot get back for a game because they do not have a ride.

There were no other speakers for or against the petition and Mayor Tweedy closed the public hearing portion of the petition.

Councilmember Wright made a motion to move the petition as recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perrow. Councilmember Wright thinks it is a reasonable compromise between the schools' original request and what has now been worked out between the City Manager and the school administration. He thinks it is productive and he is glad they are planning for and setting aside funds for what the education task force may recommend.

Councilmember Perrow thought Councilmember Wright summarized it very well. Councilmember Perrow thought the field was busy when he graduated in 1992 and they probably only had half the number of athletic teams. He is happy to support this and wishes all the athletic teams the best of success.

Councilmember Nelson appreciates all the effort and thought that went into this and thinks the City Manager's compromise/proposal is appropriate. The task force is going to come forth with some significant recommendations which are not going to be inexpensive and we need to be putting funds aside for those operational and capital expenses. It is not up to Council to tell the schools how to spend the funds allocated to them, but he does think that the plea for an additional practice field is appropriate.

Councilmember Helgeson is thinking about last year when we funded about \$100 million to the schools to educate about 8,000 kids. He voted against it because he said there is extra money in here. He appreciates schools saving this \$5 million but he is not sure it is judicious and prudent with our taxpayers' resources to turn around and

spend it right away. Normally money that is not being used goes to a capital fund and not an operating fund and he is looking at a recommendation for \$1 million to go to the school's operating fund. Ms. Donna Witt explained that there are several items that are not at the level to be capitalized and are funded through the school's operating fund. They are one-time expenses such as rugs and blinds but do not rise to the level to be capitalized.

Councilmember Helgeson likes saving the \$1.2 million for the task force recommendations but would like to see it bumped up. The athletic field could be built but then more money could be saved for the recommendations of the task force. He thinks the need for the athletic field is very evident but he does not understand the rush to spend the rest of it.

Councilmember Nelson noted his wife is a principal of one of the Lynchburg elementary schools. He does not think that this type of funding would impact her school or any of the schools to any degree. To the extent that there may be the appearance of a conflict, he discloses that he can be unbiased and without prejudice in voting and discussing this. He has been advised by both the Commonwealth and City attorneys that there is no legal conflict of interest.

Councilmember Wilder asked the City Manager if she and the school administration negotiated this compromise together. Ms. Svrcek said it is the City's recommendation but she did have a conversation with the school superintendent. She cannot speak to whether or not they are in agreement but they did have a conversation. Dr. Edwards indicated they are willing to compromise. Councilmember Wilder thinks the list of items is all things that will make our school system better. You want to keep your budget to a certain size but when you have some extra funds, there are always things that have been put on the back burner that you need. He was on the School Board for nine years and knows that there were always things they had to postpone because they did not have the funds at that time. He does not think this list is "fluff." It is all things that are needed for the kids to better their education and make the schools even better.

Councilmember Helgeson noted that the auditor said that the health insurance reserve for schools can be decreased because of its claims experience. Ms. Witt explained that the approximately \$400,000 requested by schools for the health insurance reserve is being earmarked for the recommendations of the school task force.

Vice Mayor Dolan thanked staff for their work on this. She thinks all these projects are really needed. She thinks it is a great compromise.

Mayor Tweedy said she appreciates all the advocates of the schools here today. The task force is doing some good work and we are looking for great outcomes. She thinks we need to support that financially.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	6
Noes:	Helgeson	1

// In the matter of Budget – Bonds, Agenda Item #12, a public hearing was conducted regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution to authorize the City to contract a debt and issue General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds of the City (the "Bonds") in the principal amount not to exceed \$32,000,000 to finance the costs of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, enlargement, equipping, rehabilitation and repair of various public improvement projects of and for the City) including related design and architectural and

engineering services and underwriting compensation and other costs of issuance of such Bonds), including, but not limited to, the Lakeside Drive bridge project, acquisition of fleet vehicles, transportation projects, school improvement projects, sewer improvement projects, water improvement projects, construction, renovation and improvements to various City buildings, parks and recreation projects, economic development projects, and stormwater improvement projects (collectively, the "Projects"). The Resolution will also authorize the City to issue its general obligation public improvement bond anticipation notes of the City, if any, in an amount not to exceed \$32,000,000 in order to provide short-term financing for the Projects in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to reduce the annual debt service requirements of the City.

Ms. Witt reminded them the Davenport & Company gave Council a report last month to explain the plan and to permanently finance the current line of credit and also to borrow not to exceed \$32 million for the design and construction of Lakeside Drive Bridge at College Lake Dam. The resolution that Council is asked to consider gives latitude to fund other projects should the bridge project come in under budget or be delayed. The maximum interest rate that we could move forward with this bond issuance is 5 percent. Because the permanent financing of the line of credit was included in the original resolution to establish the line of credit, Council is not required to do a separate resolution for it.

There were no speakers either in favor or in opposition to the petition. Mayor Tweedy closed the public hearing portion of the petition.

Councilmember Perrow made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to approve the first resolution. Councilmember Perrow asked Ms. Witt what our target rate is for the interest rate. She said we are hoping to be at about 2.25 percent. Councilmember Perrow commented we are taking what amounts to credit card debt and now make that loan permanent. This is a very prudent measure to be taking. Councilmember Wilder thought Councilmember Perrow explained it perfectly.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	7
Noes:		0

Ms. Witt explained the second resolution is to appropriate the actual cost of issuance to do this bond issue. Councilmember Perrow made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to approve the second resolution. In answer to a question from Councilmember Helgeson, Ms. Witt said this is to pay for bond counsel, the bond rating agencies, our financial advisor fee, official statement preparation and any other miscellaneous expenditures with this issuance. It is estimated high just in case.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	7
Noes:		0

// In the matter of City Code, Agenda Item #13, a public hearing was conducted regarding the Consideration of adding a new section 36-178 to the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, relating to the establishment of a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Financing Program. Pursuant to the C-PACE Act, any Virginia locality may enact an ordinance authorizing a C-PACE program to provide C-PACE loans for the initial

acquisition and installation of eligible clean energy, resiliency, and/or stormwater management improvements with willing owners of qualifying properties, which may include renovations to existing improvements or new construction.

Ms. Anna Bentson from Economic Development gave a summary of the proposed ordinance to Council. It is enabled by Virginia statute and established by local governments that allow property owners to finance energy efficiency, water conservation and renewable energy projects. Property owners receive long-term 100 percent financing from qualified capital providers and repay that loan through a special voluntary real estate assessment. Eligible activities include renovations to existing improvements or new construction. City staff has also provided a recommended standard financing agreement. Economic Development believes this is another tool in the tool kit to encourage rehabilitation and renovation of older buildings in the City and sustainable development practices. Locally, they have seen interest from developers.

Simon Burgess from Winston-Salem, North Carolina came forward to speak. His development company, Mayfair Street Partners, is looking to invest in Lynchburg. They support the C-PACE program and think it would be a great fiscal benefit for Lynchburg. He thinks it would incentivize and motivate other developers and investors to enter the Lynchburg market.

There were no other speakers either in favor or in opposition to the petition. Mayor Tweedy closed the public hearing portion of the petition.

Councilmember Wright moved for approval of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perrow. Councilmember Wright thinks this will be a valuable addition to our economic development toolbox and it will hopefully incentivize folks to make more investments in our community, especially since the City has no liability in this question. Councilmember Perrow thinks this is an excellent opportunity for economic development and growth of our tax base without raising our tax rate. He asked Mr. Erwin if this language is derived directly from state code. Mr. Erwin said it is based on the language but is a little more detailed than what is in the state code. It is modeled after some organizations and other localities in order to meet Lynchburg's needs. Councilmember Perrow thinks this is a great starting point and there is always the ability to tweak it later.

Councilmember Helgeson asked if there has been negative downside in places where this has been tried. Mr. Jeff Bandy said the energy efficiency aspect is superior with the lien status just below real estate taxes. The construction person would get a better rate on financing for it. The yield on these projects is not very good unless they use these types of things along with tax credits. Mr. Bandy said there is quite a bit of risk with renovation projects and this helps to mitigate that risk somewhat. In answer to a question from Councilmember Helgeson, Mr. Bandy said there is no risk to our City or our taxpayers.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	7
Noes:		0

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #14, Curt Diemer addressed Council and presented it with a petition with 1,500 signature that requests it support making Lynchburg a Second Amendment Sanctuary City. They would like Council to uphold the Constitution and the constitution of the State of Virginia and protect Second

Amendment rights being threatened by the governor. He feels that a person's safety is mainly their responsibility and cannot be passed on to public safety individuals, no matter how good they are. He does not want citizens to be turned into Class C felons or have self-protection possibly grandfathered for him and then taken away from his kids and grandkids because he cannot pass his gun on to them. He would like them to pass a Second Amendment sanctuary resolution and keep Lynchburg what it is, a relatively safe place to live. Trust the citizens to partner with the public safety professionals. He would like them to let Richmond that we will never give up the tools that we need to protect our families. This is not a Republican or Democratic issue. It is a "life or death" issue. He would like them to make this a sanctuary city like 47 other cities and counties in Virginia have done.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #15, Roger Fons addressed Council about why he feels the right to bear arms is so high on the list. Detroit made concealed weapons legal and reduced the death rate by 22 percent. He said Council has allowed criminals to post lower bonds so they are back to what they were. He had a demonstration to make for them with dowel rods. Together they could not be broken but when several of them are taken away, one by one, they are able to be broken. The dowel rods together represent the Constitution.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #16, Isaiah Knight addressed Council on behalf of Virginia Families Political Action Committee. He expressed that our civil liberties need to be protected against all attacks. He pointed out that law enforcement officers carry weapons with more than 10 rounds. He feels he should be allowed the same opportunity to protect his family and eliminate a threat. If not, how is this equal protection under the law? The red flag laws are another form of tyranny proposed that would allow someone to remove property by force ex parte without the ability to defend yourself, which violates several of our constitutional rights. Every surrounding county has pledged to uphold its oath of office by doing all in their power to protect its citizens constitutional rights. Lynchburg is a desert island in a sea of liberty right now. He asked them to protect their citizens and their constitutional rights or they will all remember on Election Day.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #17, Nathan Cantu addressed Council. The idea of Lynchburg being torn apart by gun violence scares him. He wants himself and his family to feel safe and not live in fear. We all want the same things, which is why we have laws. We all know there are evil individuals from which we need to protect ourselves but we disagree on how we stop them. He and others in this room have decided to seek out the same tools and training that law enforcement uses every day. The new laws being proposed will remove the access of private citizens to the best tools possible to defend our communities against evil people. The laws are unconstitutional and vague and will criminalize otherwise law abiding citizens. Healthy communities are built on trust and these laws demonstrate a lack of trust in its citizens by the General Assembly. He urges Council to send and signal its disapproval of its legislative agenda with a resolution that states that, if passed, that these gun laws will not be enforced in the City of Lynchburg.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #18, Ryan Thomas addressed Council. He commented that when Senate Bill 16 passes, hundreds of thousands of otherwise peaceful and law abiding citizens will be rendered felons with the stroke of a pen. It will mean punishment in the extreme for something that harms no one and for something that has been practiced in this state for centuries. If Senate Bill 16 was really predicated on promoting public safety, it would have targeted handguns, which are used in the overwhelming majority of homicides. He challenges Moms

Demand Action to either openly admit that they want to forcibly deprive them of legally acquired property, which is explicitly protected by the federal and state constitutions or speak out against Senate Bill 16 with them. He employs City Council to do the right thing and make Lynchburg a Second Amendment Sanctuary City. These laws would be an illegitimate dictate and we are morally obligated to treat it as such.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #19, citizen asked to be removed from the agenda.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #20, Craig Storrs, Jr., addressed Council. He commented that Democrats are learning that their victories have consequences across Virginia. They have galvanized gun owners in a way not seen before. Mr. Storrs was part of making Liberty University a gun friendly university. It was predicted that Liberty would turn into the Wild West and that has been proven cataclysmically wrong. Council's power comes from the people in this City and he wants to believe that they understand that the people have the right to defend themselves as they see fit, not as the government sees fit. The same people that say that being a Second Amendment Sanctuary City is not worth the paper it is written on are the same people that argue for localities to become sanctuary cities for illegal immigration. If a locality can refuse cooperation with ICE, it can certainly refuse to enforce unconstitutional gun laws.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #21, Jamie Cash addressed Council. He feels that people blame the gun when a mass shooting happens but it is a person to blame. There is one officer per 500 Lynchburg residents. This is not about hunting. It is about protection. He gives gun classes and the most given reason for people taking his class is to protect themselves and their families. He listed several cities with the strictest gun laws but also the highest crime rates. He reiterated that the proposed laws are against the U.S. Constitution as well as the constitution of Virginia.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #22, Damien Miller addressed Council. The main point he made is that it takes time for the police to arrive and it is an unfair expectation that they can get there within seconds. The average is seven to ten minutes. It is his responsibility and his alone to protect his own life and his wellbeing and those of his loved ones. The laws being filed in Richmond seek to limit the ability of guns to be used in the role of force equalizers. Mr. Miller asks them to consider if it is fair to expect people to be able to defend themselves in violent situations with the guns to which they are being limited. He would ask them not to let the lawmakers in Richmond to strip the defenseless of the only tool they have at their disposal to stand against evil men and to stand with neighboring counties and make Lynchburg a Second Amendment Sanctuary City.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #23, Mike Sharrett addressed Council. Councilmember Nelson asked the speakers to state their jurisdiction. Mr. Sharrett said he is from Ward II. The bills will restrict rights and also set dangerous precedent for lack of due process during enforcement because of the red flag component. There will be inevitable economic repercussions that may be long lasting, including the credit rating and appetite for future bond offerings, if Lynchburg does not declare itself a Second Amendment Sanctuary City. Tourism, retail and dining revenues in Lynchburg may suffer because some people do not travel to cities that have adverse gun laws. Portable businesses will relocate to counties that have become sanctuaries. Imagine the outflow of home sales to surrounding counties when the option to protect your constitutional rights is simply the zip code where you buy a home. Our country does not forget its history particularly when it comes to violating the Bill of Rights. He would

also ask them to think about police recruitment, which is already difficult. It will become more difficult when they have to disarm law abiding citizens. The citizens of Lynchburg are more aware when each of you are up for reelection whether you stand for our right to defend ourselves. It has never been something he considered until now. Council has a responsibility to protect its citizens from unconstitutional federal and state laws being enforced.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #24, citizen asked to be removed from the agenda.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #25, citizen asked to be removed from the agenda.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #26, Karch Frankenfield addressed Council. He used to live in Lynchburg and now lives really close to the line in Campbell County. The decision we have to make is the place for guns in our modern society. The horror we have seen with mass shootings is a terrible basis for sound decisions. Data is pretty strongly the best thing that we have and he provided some statistics to demonstrate that there are far more people that attribute a gun to their being live as those that were murdered by one. He provided statistics to show that more people would attribute a gun being used in self-defense as those attacked by one. He had many statistics to show that guns are good in the hands of the majority of citizens. We should not restrict gun rights for fear of a violent offender and Lynchburg should become a Second Amendment Sanctuary City.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #27, Katie Webb Cyphert addressed Council. She is a Lynchburg resident and a gun owner. On one side we have people horrified by guns and on the other side we have people that declare every gun legislation to be unconstitutional confiscation. The fact is that most of us are in the middle. The middle supports background checks. A person who is a danger to himself, herself or others could have their guns stored by the police and when he or she is stabilized, he or she deserves due process to get their guns back. Children should be taught gun safety and awareness. Senate Bill 16 goes too far and restricts our hunting and marksmen communities but so does this. Localities are pledging to refuse enforcement measures that hearken back to our terrible history of massive resistance. We will not solve these issues tonight and people are asking our legislators to thread the needle carefully. The path forward will take discussions and considering impacts of proposed legislation. We get that through civil dialogue with legislators in Richmond. City Council has been careful with its legislative agenda in the past requesting changes to code that have specific local fiscal impact and she asks that this body retain that moderate stance.

// In the matter of the Legislative Agenda, Agenda Item #28, Council considered a resolution amending City Council's 2020 General Assembly Legislative Agenda to include language regarding the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. Councilmember Helgeson noted that the discussion today is great and everyone on Council obviously wants less criminal activity and less violence against citizens. We can unify and recognize that we are all pulling the oars in the same direction for a safer community. The role of government is to enforce against evil and not against good and our framers really put that through. It is nice that it has been protected for so long. Councilmember Helgeson spent some time talking about the analogy of sheep (who are the good people) and wolves (who are the bad people) and sheepdogs who protect. Sometimes the sheep look at the wolves and sheepdogs being equally evil because they both carry guns. Councilmember Helgeson gave credit for this illustration to retired Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman.

Councilmember Helgeson thinks it is important for Lynchburg to look at these bills because they are telling the sheepdogs to go do the opposite and not protect the sheep but go after and arrest the sheep. Someone that proposes that type of legislation—to him, that is truly evil. This legislation will take 180 good officers and make them have a choice and he thinks it is a terrible choice. He thinks we can clarify and classify which laws to enforce and back our police officers. Some of these people have never committed a crime and now they are going to be classified as a felon with the stroke of a pen. Council has an opportunity today to tell our legislators that we back our police officers. One of our elected legislators has already said he supports it. Two of our State Senators say they support it. Other delegates in the area say that they support it. It is not a tough ask to add this to our legislative agenda. We can take it a step forward but he will yield for now. There is a lot more they can do in Lynchburg because he would like to see less victims. This is not just about the Constitution. It actually affects us and affects our men in blue. Let's back our sheepdogs and let them do what they are trained to do and uphold their oath that they are sworn to uphold.

Councilmember Perrow thanked Councilmember Helgeson for his well-spoken remarks. He thanked everyone in attendance for the way they have conducted themselves. This is a civil discourse and could have been a rowdy affair. It makes him proud to be a resident citizen of Lynchburg. Councilmember Perrow said we have an opportunity and need to send a message to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. He thinks they should have taken a look at this when they first looked at their legislative agenda. Maybe we should go further with amendments to this legislative agenda to protect right-to-work, which affects our financing and our budgetary process.

Councilmember Perrow would like to make a motion for Option A: Public Safety: Oppose any additional legislation infringing on the right of its citizens to keep and bear arms. New legislation is ill advised due to the pending court cases that may have a significant impact on any proposed legislation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Helgeson. Councilmember Perrow asked if he could read a statement on behalf of Congressman Ben Cline. He kept the statement germane to the subject and read a statement from him that is in support of a citizen's right to bear arms. Councilmember Perrow very much appreciates the opportunity to take a firm stance supporting the citizens of Lynchburg. Our voice provides a powerful influence in Richmond. It is important to send a message that encroachment on our constitutional rights is unacceptable. Our founding fathers thought that the right to keep and bear arms was so important that they made it the Second Amendment. Councilmember Perrow disagrees that guns kill people. People kill people. Freedom of religion is protected by the First Amendment but some religious sects support terrorism. We support the First Amendment but do not argue that some religious sects should be suppressed because it is one of the fundamental principles upon which our country was founded.

He submits that the Second Amendment should be treated the same way and not be infringed upon. He would submit that all our articles and its amendments be treated with the same respect. If there is a need to modify the Constitution, Article 5 instructs us how to do so. He stands by the way it was written and by the oath he took as an elected official to uphold it. He hopes Council will join them in supporting the motion they put forward and the citizens of Lynchburg.

Councilmember Nelson thanked everyone for being there and speaking very clearly and understandably. The Second Amendment Sanctuary movement implies that Lynchburg should not comply with state laws that it deems to restrict the Second Amendment liberties. As a subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Lynchburg must comply with all of Virginia's laws. Councilmembers took an oath to obey the Constitution and all of Virginia's laws. Lynchburg could express its concerns by becoming a Second Amendment Sanctuary City but it cannot lawfully be enforced. Council's rules and procedures also demand that we not express opinions on theoretical issues or those beyond our jurisdictional authority. He sees no reason for them to now deviate from those protocols. If Richmond enacts laws offensive to us, we can resort to a very sound judicial system to redress our grievances.

He affirmed that the Second Amendment is as significant as any other constitutional right. Nevertheless, rational limitations have been repeatedly authorized upon all constitutional rights for more than two centuries. The standard of review by the Supreme Court applies a strict scrutiny test to the targeted law. It has to promote a compelling governmental purpose, has to be crafted in its narrowest fashion and has to adopt the least restrictive means to accomplish the compelling governmental purpose. Councilmember Nelson is reasonably confident that the primary purpose of every firearm is either to kill, maim or destroy someone or something. He is equally confident that firearms have increasingly been designed and produced to inflict death and destruction in volumes and at rates that are far greater than those familiar to the 18th Century authors of our Constitution and Bill of Rights. Reducing or preventing harm to innocent people is a compelling governmental purpose. There is debate on how to do this and preserve the Second Amendment, but weapons should certainly be kept out of the hands of the mentally ill and those expressing a clear intent to harm others.

Previous attempts such as the Second Amendment Sanctuary City resolution have been attempted and have been shown to be unlawful. There was the practice of massive resistance in the 1950s and 1960s in Virginia requiring localities to racially integrate their public schools. The judiciary is the third branch of government by which legal disputes are to be resolved. This is not a conflict to be resolved by Councils or Boards of Supervisors. The U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether to adjudicate a former New York City ordinance that required a license to possess a firearm. They had to keep the gun in their home unless they were transporting it to a firing range by the most direct and uninterrupted route. If the Supreme Court renders a decision on the merits of that case, the legal standards for testing the constitutional validity of a law affecting the Second Amendment may change what is being considered by the passage of some of the Virginia Assembly bills such as Senate Bill 16. The Supreme Court's decision next summer may invalidate whatever the General Assembly does. Lynchburg could possibly be caught in a bind if the court decision and the legislature do not coincide.

He would like the motion to be amended as follows: "The City of Lynchburg opposes any legislation directly impacting the Second Amendment of the Constitution until the U.S. Supreme Court resolves issues presented in the New York City Second Amendment case now pending before it." Councilmember Perrow accepted the amendment because he thought it accomplishes the intent of his motion. It clarifies and puts a finer point on the original motion.

Councilmember Wright thanked everyone for their attendance tonight and their powerful testimony. He thinks this is an important and people have strong feelings about it for very good reason. We need to be having this conversation about firearms and our rights as a community with each and with their state and national legislators.

He is not going to comment on the bills in state legislature because he feels this is a state and national issue. It is a constitutional issue and Council has no legal authority to affect it. If a resolution is passed, it would carry no legal weight and case law bears that out. We have to enforce the state laws. That is their job and their oath. We can disagree and that is why we have elections so we can vote out the people that put those laws in place. That is also why we have a judicial system so the courts can bear out whether or not that law is constitutional. City Council traditionally stays out of partisan political debates and he thinks that is a wise policy. It is not their job to get involved in national and state level debates. Their job is to fix potholes, work on public schools and think about what our community's needs are and try to address them. The only thing we would do by passing a resolution is to say what our community thinks and feels and the community is divided on this question. Passing a resolution would be divisive for this community and why do that if we cannot actually control this issue. He strongly encourages folks to reach out to their state and congressional representatives to let them know how they feel so they can enact laws that respond to their will. Councilmember Wright will be doing that himself.

Councilmember Wilder thanked everyone for their comments. He thinks it is so important to honor the Second Amendment. He will be deferring to our state legislators. He has not read any of the bills that have been proposed and talk to our legislators about them. He thanked everyone and said their voice has been heard.

Vice Mayor Dolan thanked everyone and said she appreciated the respectful participation. She thought all her colleagues had very powerful statements to make that going forward will be very helpful. She strongly feels that this is a matter for the constitutional scholars and for the state and national legislative bodies. Without a clear mandate from the majority of our constituents, she finds it problematic to add this piece to our legislative agenda. The statement gives the appearance that we are representing the voice of the majority and as you can see here this evening the majority did not show up for reasons that she is not sure of. New gun laws will have to pass constitutional muster and the rule of law will prevail. From a practical standpoint, this is a meaningless gesture without a compelling reason that only serves to be divisive.

Councilmember Helgeson said he can appreciate the concepts and the punting. The founders of this document made it not legalese. They made it the people's document that we can read it and understand it. We are a compound republic. We are a branch of the government and do not just punt because we have local legislative authority of our budget. We can tell our City Manager and our police department not to enforce unconstitutional laws. We have to stand in this gap because this affects us locally. Apparently we need to hear from more citizens and he has asked the City Manager to schedule a public hearing for January 14, 2020 to decide whether the City should become a Second Amendment Sanctuary City. It does not need to be a motion. Two City Councilmembers can request a public hearing. Councilmember Perrow said he would be supportive in listening to the public voice.

Councilmember Perrow went back to the motion on the table. He appreciates Councilmember Wright's point about trying to stay out of larger affairs but there has been a real upswale in this and we have a petition with several hundred signatures. He is responding to the citizens demanding that Council take this up by proposing this motion. He is confident that he is representing the principles of Ward IV by bringing this forward.

Councilmember Nelson wanted to respond to Councilmember Wright's comment that we have no legal weight. We have no legal weight in enacting legislation in Richmond but we certainly have legal weight with regard to what

happens in Lynchburg. But what happens in Richmond can affect what happens in Lynchburg. The facts of the case in New York are very similar to what might be the facts of the Virginia statute if those proposed bills end up being enacted. The Supreme Court is going to decide on the ownership of a magazine of a certain quantity and the Supreme Court is going to give the entire country its standard as to how those types of laws are going to be looked at. Lynchburg could be shackled by having to spend the money to file a lawsuit to have the state law declared unconstitutional. He does not want our budget money to be used to attack a statute that is unconstitutional when it could have been written properly by waiting for the Supreme Court's order to be known. He knows that legislators try to find a common ground. Rather than issue a blanket prohibition or completely ban something, they license or permit it and look at why the right of ownership should be allowed to some people but denied to others. He thinks the state legislature would be wise to hold off until the Supreme Court case has been decided. He would like to see the citizens of Lynchburg talking to the legislators in Richmond in January because that is a direct communication to the folks that are going to have the authority to make a decision not us. He would like it on our legislative agenda so we can move it along to the appropriate venues.

Mayor Tweedy asked Ms. Svrcek to explain our rules about the public hearing process. The rules of procedure state that unless required by law, no item will be scheduled for a public hearing unless by unanimous consent or the vote of a majority of the council. Mr. Erwin concurred that what she read is correct.

Mayor Tweedy said she will not be supporting the motion. She appreciates the passion and opinions on all sides but believes this is a matter for our legislators to decide. To take this on the local level is premature to her and not giving our legislators the opportunity to do their job at the state level. She is not willing to commit this body or a future Council to stand against our state legislative body before giving them the opportunity to do their due diligence. She believes that no action is the best action right now for our City. She has heard from many people on all sides even if they were not all equally represented here tonight. She is not a fearful person and does not believe there is false evidence appearing real to her. She called for a vote on the motion and Councilmember Helgeson asked if they could then bring a motion regarding a public hearing. She said another motion could certainly be brought forward at that time. The motion regarding the legislative agenda failed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow	3
Noes:	Dolan, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	4

Councilmember Helgeson made a motion to have a public hearing about making Lynchburg a Second Amendment Sanctuary so we can hear from the citizens that were not here today. Councilmember Perrow seconded the motion. Councilmember Perrow thought they would have to have the meeting at the E C Glass Auditorium. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow	4
Noes:	Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	3

// In the matter of Budget, Agenda Item #29, Council considered introducing a resolution to amend the FY 2020 General Fund budget and appropriate \$32,585 with resources from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to provide funding to the Electoral Board/Registrar's Office for estimated costs associated with the March 3, 2019 Democratic Presidential and City Council Primary. A third quarter budget request may occur due to a possible U.S.

Senate or U.S. House of Representative Primary in June. Councilmember Helgeson said it came to the Finance Committee and the committee made recommendation for approval and he brings it forward as a motion.

Prior to the motion being voted on, Vice Mayor Dolan announced that she had voted incorrectly on the motion to hold a public hearing on the Second Amendment Sanctuary City. Mr. Erwin said it would be proper to go ahead and vote on the motion on the table regarding the budget item and then return to Vice Mayor Dolan. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	7
Noes:		0

// In the matter of a reconsideration of the vote taken on the public hearing, Vice Mayor Dolan indicated that she had made a mistake in her vote. Mr. Erwin said Council's rules of procedure are for their convenience. If a member makes a mistake in their vote, he has never known City Council to try to hold someone to a vote. He thinks it would be appropriate for a motion to be made to retake the vote. Councilmember Helgeson said he cannot tolerate or abide changing the vote after everyone has left thinking they are having a public hearing. If a mistake was made, what is the harm in having a public hearing? Vice Mayor Dolan thought he was painting a picture that was not quite accurate. As soon as she realized she made a mistake, she went to the Clerk of Council to see what she should do but everyone was leaving.

Councilmember Wright moved the motion as a matter of courtesy that it sounds like we have traditionally afforded to other councilmembers. Councilmember Wilder seconded the motion. Councilmember Perrow understands making a mistake but we were at capacity and the public saw the vote. He thinks it is a bad idea and if we take a revote, he hopes they choose to go forward with the public hearing because he feels there is a commitment out there. Mr. Erwin explained that this is a motion to essentially wipe out the previous vote and take up the issue again. Councilmember Nelson agreed everyone was here in mass. If the public was unaware that the decision had been reversed that would be one thing but there will be more than a month before the meeting was set. He has faith in our media to communicate that it was a mistake and nothing clandestine or deceptive. The fact that the public was here should not influence them. They were not participating in our discussion. It is somewhat of a moot point as to their involvement. It is unfortunate but he would support a revote. The motion to reconsider passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	5
Noes:	Helgeson, Perrow	2

Councilmember Perrow made a motion to have a public hearing to address the Second Amendment City at our earliest convenience. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Helgeson. Councilmember Perrow would like those that did not vote for it the first time to be considerate of the group that was here and the citizens of Lynchburg and go ahead and have a public hearing. Councilmember Helgeson thought they had a good dialogue. He heard from people that do not want the City to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary City so he would like to hear from them. It never hurts to hear from our citizens and he hopes Vice Mayor Dolan will vote to have a public hearing even though she made a mistake the first time. Vice Mayor Dolan said she did not support a public hearing because those against did not show up tonight for obvious reasons because they were afraid they were going to be harassed.

There were a number of citizens that dropped off the agenda because they heard what happened in other areas. She thinks they will hear from the same people at a public hearing and hear the same stuff we heard tonight.

Councilmember Helgeson is not sure how she can make assumptions about certain people acting like they are violent. There was zero level of violence tonight. They were respectful. It is all safe and secure and it's what we do. We hear from people. He would love to hear from them and they will be gladly escorted in by people that want to protect them.

Councilmember Wilder thinks that if they have another public hearing, they will not get anything different but he is uncomfortable with people leaving here thinking we were going to have a public hearing and now we are going to change it. Right now our nation is so divided and has so many issues, it is challenging. He feels like they need to have a public hearing and let persons voice their concerns. He would prefer to wait until the General Assembly presents something but it is important for our citizens to have a platform. He does not want to give people the wrong impression of what we did because they might not understand what happened.

Councilmember Wright would like to reassert that everyone here is of good intent and we are not trying to diminish anyone or their voice or perspective or cast anyone as a bad person. This is one of those issues where people can disagree and disagreement is okay. He thinks that is important to say because we might be moving into territory that might be demonizing of certain folks or their opinions. We should keep things civil and recognize that as rational friends, we can disagree.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder	4
Noes:	Dolan, Tweedy, Wright	3

// In the matter of Budget, Agenda Item #30, Council considered introducing a resolution approving the issuance of up to \$28,000,000 in taxexempt revenue bonds for the rehabilitation of the James Crossing Apartments located at 808 Greenfield Drive through the Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (LRHA). Mr. Richard L. Hurlbert, Jr., Bond Counsel and Mr. Herschel Keller, Attorney, LRHA were present to address Council. Mr. Keller commented that Atlantic Housing Foundation has asked LRHA to issue these low-income housing finance bonds to renovate the James Crossing Apartments. Council has approved these types of bond issues previously for other projects. Mr. Hurlbert clarified that the action is for Council to adopt a resolution to approve LRHA to issue up to \$28 million in multifamily revenue bonds. LRHA has been very thorough in its process. LRHA will serve as a conduit bond issuer. The bonds do not represent a debt of LRHA except in the context of the repayment source being the revenues generated by the operation of the project. They are not a general obligation of LRHA or the City. There is no pledge over the faith and credit or taxing power of the City involved this particular issue. The resolution also includes approval of a standalone agreement between the City, LRHA and the owner of the property to ensure that there would always be a dialogue and this agreement establishes the guidelines for that dialogue.

Councilmember Perrow, who is also the Chair of the Housing Authority, commented that the Housing Authority had an opportunity to review this and he thinks the key takeaway is the agreement. He thinks the agreement is a key component because they have seen these types of projects fall into disrepair over time. This agreement open channels of communication and will help facilitate the way this redeveloped center is managed.

The City is being an active partner because this is a troubled neighborhood and this is an opportunity for the City to engage. Councilmember Perrow is very pleased with what the developer has brought to the table and the discussion really made him feel comfortable with the services and plans for the redevelopment. It gives him a lot of hope for James Crossing in the future. He thanked the developer for their proposed investment in the property.

Councilmember Perrow made a motion to move the resolution forward, which was seconded by Councilmember Wright. Mayor Tweedy recognized Mr. French and thanked him for sitting through this evening's agenda.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of City Code, Agenda Item #31, Council considered adopting an ordinance to regulate the use of shared mobility devices such as electric power-assisted scooters, skateboards, bicycles, etc. within the City.

Mr. Erwin reminded them the state legislation is giving localities the ability to regulate these devices but the ordinance needs to be on the books by the end of this year. He has revised the ordinance to reflect Council's requests from the November 12, 2019 meeting.

Councilmember Wright is satisfied with the changes made to the ordinance and they address his concerns. He made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Vice Mayor Dolan seconded the motion. Councilmember Helgeson appreciates Mr. Erwin adding some items but he thought it was supposed to be as miniscule as possible. Councilmember Wright thought that some of these items were areas of concern by other councilmembers because they are safety issues. Councilmember Helgeson is concerned with having some of these items being offenses, such as wearing earbuds and riding on the sidewalk. Mr. Erwin said this was added at the request of some of the councilmembers and he thinks it is a public safety issue. He came across a report that 47 cities have reported over 1,500 accidents. He does not think there is anything inappropriate about saying that we want our police officers to make sure that people do not do things like text or operate these devices while under the influence. He clarified that they would be misdemeanor offences with no jail time and just a fine of up to \$500 at the discretion of the court. Councilmember Helgeson thinks there are many laws on the books that are not enforced. He thought they were going to tread lightly because there are a lot of benefits of these devices.

Councilmember Perrow said he would be supporting this because it is important to get something on the books. It may not be perfect but we can certainly change it and tweak it once we have some situations that actually arise. He thinks the safety measures are a way for the police officers to charge someone with improper use in case there is an accident.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Dolan, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 6

Noes: Helgeson 1

// In the matter of Budget, Agenda Item #32, Council considered introducing a resolution to amend the FY 2020 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate \$215,474 with resources from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) through the Employment Advancement for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants Community Wealth Building (CWB) Grant. Mr. John Hughes said the idea for

expansion of poverty reduction strategy includes but is not limited to the Higher Lynchburg Initiative Partnership with the Lynchburg Office of Economic Development and Tourism, as well as other job readiness training and internships with local stakeholders and direct intervention with eligible City of Lynchburg residents.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Councilmember Helgeson made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	7
Noes:		0

// In the matter of City Council, Agenda Item #33, Council considered approving a support resolution for Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center to the Commonwealth of Virginia for funding capital improvement projects.

Ms. Svrcek explained that Mr. Preston Wilson, President/CEO of Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center is requesting support of the attached resolution as part of its application to the Virginia General Assembly for \$332,000 in essential capital safety improvements. Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center serves nineteen (19) Virginia localities and many have supported this resolution.

Councilmember Perrow said this is a very good local, convenient spot for all Lynchburg families to visit and he sees no reason not to support it. It supports recreation in our area. Councilmember Perrow made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Councilmember Wilder and passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	7
Noes:		0

// Ms. Svrcek asked for direction on where Council would like to hold the public hearing on January 14, 2020.

Mayor Tweedy would like to hold the meeting for purposes of being able to televise it. Councilmember Perrow said he would defer operationally to staff. He does not think it is a policy issue. Ms. Svrcek said she would consult with the police department. Councilmember Helgeson said it would be his preference to hold it somewhere other than a public school because they are “gun free” zones. There are probably places like the Academy or Liberty University that have ample room and are not “gun free” zones. Mayor Tweedy reiterated that she would like to have it here because it is a non-partisan, local body public building and because of the ability to televise it live for the viewing audience.

// The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Clerk of Council

December 10, 2019

AGENDA ITEM #: 3

// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 14th day of January 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Treney Tweedy, President, presiding. The following members were present:

Present: Mary Jane Dolan, Jeff Helgeson, J. Randy Nelson, E. J. Turner Perrow, Sterling A. Wilder, Beau Wright, Treney Tweedy 7

Absent: 0

// In the matter of the Citizen Survey, Agenda Item #1, Ms. Bonnie Svrcek remarked that the City has been utilizing the National Research Center (NRC) to conduct the National Community Survey (NCS) every other year since 2004. This is citizen survey number seven. Ms. Joann Martin has been the lead staff person working with citizens and the staff person at NRC. Ms. Joann Martin introduced Ms. Morgan Adams, the senior research analyst with NRC. Tomorrow she will also be meeting with members of the senior leadership team and senior staff members for the City of Lynchburg. It will be a next steps workshop to make this report useful.

Ms. Adams thanked Ms. Martin for being great to work and doing a great job of getting the word out about these surveys, which is immeasurable. The NCS was developed by NRC with the ICMA. It is templated so it is less costly and also provides them with the greatest number of benchmark comparisons. They have over 600 jurisdictions in their benchmarking database. They have discovered that there are three main pillars of community livability that exist and they are community characteristics, governance and participation and within those pillars they have derived eight facets of community livability from models.

This year they sent out a scientific sampling to 1,700 households and received 377 surveys, which is a 24 percent response rate with +/- a 5 percent margin of error. They also received 82 responses on their open online survey. Those results are in a supplemental report.

Councilmember Helgeson asked about the response rate and how it compares with other years. She said it has declined and overall they have seen response rates as an industry and even out over the last five years or so. A response rate like 24 percent is very common for citizen surveys. He is concerned because if we do not address what comes out of a survey, eventually people stop answering the survey. Ms. Adams would guess that initially the City had a response rate in the mid 30 percent range. Councilmember Helgeson noted that might be what is happening then. Ms. Adams said in general she thinks people are feeling survey fatigue. If a community sees a response rate staying somewhat level, it shows that the community sees that leadership cares about the results and cares about how they feel about their City and are willing to make changes based upon their feedback.

Mayor Tweedy asked if she thinks that people feel they are being heard and are satisfied with some things. Ms. Adams said definitely. Vice Mayor Dolan would think that 24 percent response rate is pretty good and Ms. Adams said yes. NRC has been starting to see things as low as the mid teens. Smaller communities tend to have higher responses but demographics also play a very large role. Young people are less likely to respond in general.

133 of the national benchmark comparisons were available this year. 121 received similar ratings. Four received higher ratings and eight received lower ratings. The four that were higher included cost of living, the percentage of residents that work here in the community participation in religious or spiritual events and rates of volunteerism. The lower ratings tended to be related to the natural environment and a couple of mobility items. She

explained that this means that there is at least a ten point spread between the national average and the Lynchburg average for these higher or lower benchmarks.

With regard to comparing to other southern regional communities with similar populations, Lynchburg scored higher on three areas and scored lower on 11 areas. The three higher were cost of living, opportunities for religious events and working in the community. 119 received similar ratings.

Comparing our ratings between 2019 and 2017, nine received higher ratings and nine received lower ratings. 115 received similar ratings. They saw ups and down with mobility and increases in recreation and wellness. The lower ones tended to be with community engagement and natural environment.

Residents picked safety and economy as their two top priorities. Councilmember Perrow noted it is great to see people rated employment opportunities as going up. Ms. Adams explained this is obtained by asking people to rate job opportunities on a scale from excellent to poor. She explained that they should not be comparing the 47 percent satisfaction rate to other communities. They should be looking at the fact that since 2004 employment opportunities has hit an all time high. Councilmember Perrow noted that it is not where he thinks it should be, which would be something 50 percent or greater. She clarified for Councilmember Helgeson that the other economic benchmarks were consistent with their results over time. She did not want to underplay what it means to stay stable because maintaining those high services definitely speaks volumes as well.

One in two people felt the variety of housing options was excellent or good, as well as the availability of affordable quality housing. 85 percent thought that providing quality affordable housing for all income levels should be a high or medium priority. Councilmember Perrow said that seem to be conflicting and Ms. Adams commented that as a trend, they have seen these numbers plummeting, so she thinks it is great that we are still seeing some stability here in Lynchburg.

One in two people felt the City had made some or significant progress in providing housing for all income levels in the past two years. As far as housing availability options, the two areas found the most lacking were housing options for seniors and young residents.

Another key finding is that residents have mixed feelings about mobility. The overall ease of travel and ease of travel by car increased since 2017. Half were pleased with the travel by walking. She noted that public parking and traffic flow marks both increased this year as well and not by small amounts. The rest of the benchmarks measured were good and stable over time and similar to other communities.

They saw a decrease in availability of paths and walking trails. Ms. Adams said some of that could probably be attributed to construction. Councilmember Helgeson noted some of the trails are still not quite open yet from damage caused by storms. Ms. Adams said it has not been a huge decrease over time.

Residents were less pleased with alternative modes of transportation, particularly travel by bicycle. This was lower than benchmark communities. Four in ten said that transportation overall was a high priority and 55 percent said there had been some progress and 17 percent said the City had made significant progress.

The final key finding was that the natural environment presents opportunities for improvement. The residents gave high marks for air quality, garbage collection, drinking water, cleanliness, natural areas preservation and open space. Noteworthy is that the quality of drinking water has remained high over time but yard waste pickup and

recycling have gone down. The last two are lower than the benchmarks. About two-thirds of the participants said they had conserved water and recycled at home. Both of these fell below national and peer cities and conserving water decreased from 2017.

She noted that the responses to where people are getting their information remained stable since 2017. That speaks highly of the City's communications department. The results are also quite a bit higher than you normally see, especially for public meetings and the cable channel.

The highest resident priorities were treating all residents fairly and employment opportunities. The lowest resident priorities were kindergarten ready children and building partnerships. Residents said we had made a great deal of progress in these areas. Councilmember Helgeson asked if there is a disconnect then. Ms. Adams said that some of the trends they have been seeing is that as things are progressing, they become less and less a priority over time. Fewer people are saying reducing poverty is a priority because they feel like the City has been making more progress on it, for example. She clarified also that they are separate questions.

Councilmember Wilder asked Ms. Adams what they are seeing nationally as far as the housing market. He felt like the trend is people going toward single-family housing and wondered if that is what she is seeing nationally. She said in general people tend to prioritize single-family detached homes over multi-family housing. It has also been a trend that housing for seniors has become quite a hot topic. She thinks it is great that Lynchburg is maintaining that quality housing as well as its cost of living because sometimes those things do not go hand in hand. Mayor Tweedy thanked her for her presentation and said she is very encouraged. Ms. Svrcek noted they want to link this to performance measures and make our performance measures and data more in alignment with our budget decisions.

// In the matter of Roll Call, Councilmember Wright had no items. Councilmember Wilder thanked all the men in our community that came out for Men to School again. It is such a caring community. When there is a call, they always rally to it. Councilmembers Nelson, Perrow and Helgeson had no items.

// Mayor Tweedy had the following announcements: a. On Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Sandusky Middle School, Public Works will conduct a public meeting to discuss proposed changes to trash collection system, including bulk and brush. The meeting gives citizens an opportunity to learn about the proposed changes and provide feedback before the department presents a report to City Council on Tuesday, January 28th. b. A portion of Commerce Street will be reduced to one lane from Wednesday, January 15th through Friday, January 17th - 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily, the 1200 block of Commerce Street will be reduced to one lane of traffic while crews from Lynchburg Water Resources install water services for new condominiums at 1208 Commerce Street. During the work, flaggers will direct traffic. The street will remain open to all through traffic, including emergency vehicles. c. Lynchburg Parks & Recreation will host a community health event on Tuesday, January 21st in partnership with the Lynchburg Fire Department, Centra Health Trauma Services and the Diamond Hill Community Center, will host a community health event at the Diamond Hill Community Center, 1005 17th Street. At this event, basic medical and life safety techniques will be taught, including hands-only CPR training & emergency bleeding control. The event is free & open to the public and done in an open house format. d. The Community Development Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Miller Center located at 301 Grove Street;

Room 304 to accept public comments prior to preparation of the City's 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan. Specifically, the public is invited to comment on the housing and non-housing community development needs common to low and moderate income persons and individuals with mental illness, intellectual and physical disabilities, substance abuse or addiction, persons with HIV-AIDS, persons that are homeless and elderly persons. e. The Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast is planned for Monday, January 20th at the Virginia Hotel beginning at 8:30 am. You may get tickets on line at Eventbrite or at the Main Branch Public Library. Tickets are \$30. f. The Bridges to Progress 90-day meeting and report out is scheduled for Thursday, January 23rd at the Miller Center at 9:00 a.m.

// The meeting was recessed at 4:36 p.m.

// City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of E. C. Glass High School at 2111 Memorial Avenue. The following members were present:

Present: Mary Jane Dolan, Jeff Helgeson, J. Randy Nelson, E. J. Turner Perrow, Sterling Wilder,
Beau Wright, Treney Tweedy 7

Absent: 0

// Councilmember Perrow asked for a moment of silence to recognize the News & Advance reporter assigned to report on City matters, Olivia Johnson, who tragically died in a car accident on December 30, 2019. The moment of silence was followed by the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

// Copies of the minutes of the November 7, 2019 Council Retreat, Agenda Item #7, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Vice Mayor Dolan, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, by the following recorded vote, approved the minutes as presented.

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// Councilmember Nelson made a statement that his wife is the principal of one of the City's elementary schools. He has been advised by both the City and Commonwealth attorneys that this does not legally create a conflict of interest and he affirms that he can vote on the issues before them tonight objectively and impartially.

// Copies of the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting, Agenda Item #3, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Councilmember Perrow, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, by the following recorded vote, approved the minutes as presented.

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Budget, Agenda Item #4, Resolution #R-19-097, laid over from the December 10, 2019 meeting, was again presented and read, on motion of Councilmember Perrow and seconded by Councilmember Wilder, the FY 2020 General Fund budget was amended and \$2,652,092 was appropriated with resources from unexpended FY 2019 Schools Operating Fund for transfer to the FY 2020 Schools Operating Fund (\$990,178) and to the Schools Capital Fund (\$1,661,914) to fund needs as approved by the School Board. Also, amend the FY 2020 General Fund budget and appropriate \$33,075 to the Council/Manager Offices budget with resources from unexpended FY 2019 Schools Operating Fund for expenses associated with the work of the Task Force on the Future of PreK-12 Education and Beyond. Also, amend the FY 2020 General Fund budget and authorize \$2,322,972 with resources

from unexpended FY 2019 Schools Operating Fund to increase the Schools Textbook Reserve (\$1,122,972) and establish a Reserve for Implementing Recommendations from the Task Force on the Future of PreK-12 Education and Beyond (\$1,200,000).

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Budget, Agenda Item #5, Resolution #R-19-098, laid over from the December 10, 2019 meeting, was again presented and read, on motion of Councilmember Perrow and seconded by Councilmember Wilder, the FY 2020 General, Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Funds' Operating Budgets was amended and \$350,000 was appropriated with resources from the General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2020 for costs associated with the issuance of \$32,000,000 General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds.

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Budget, Agenda Item #6, Resolution #R-19-101, laid over from the December 10, 2019 meeting, was again presented and read, on motion of Councilmember Perrow and seconded by Councilmember Wilder, the FY 2020 General Fund budget was amended and \$32,585 was appropriated with resources from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to provide funding to the Electoral Board/Registrar's Office for estimated costs associated with the March 3, 2019 Democratic Presidential and City Council Primary. A third quarter budget request may occur due to a possible U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representative Primary in June.

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Budget, Agenda Item #7, Resolution #R-19-103, laid over from the December 10, 2019 meeting, was again presented and read, on motion of Councilmember Perrow and seconded by Councilmember Wilder, the FY 2020 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget was amended and \$215,474 was appropriated with resources from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) through the Employment Advancement for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants Community Wealth Building (CWB) Grant.

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Public Hearings, Agenda Item #8, a Public hearing was conducted to consider adopting a Resolution designating the City of Lynchburg a Second Amendment Sanctuary. Before beginning the public hearing, Councilmembers discussed establishing some special rules of procedure for the meeting, as outlined in Section 8.5 of Council's rules of procedure. Mayor Tweedy made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Wilder to limit the speakers to those that had signed up by 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Helgeson objected and cited an email from the Mayor where she had said that regular procedures would be followed. He objected to closing a public hearing before the public hearing is even opened. Mayor Tweedy commented that she has the prerogative to change her mind and indicated that Council has the right to change its rules of procedure before a public hearing. Councilmember Perrow objected to bar people from speaking that had not signed. It is against Council's normal rules of procedures and he noted that the sign-up sheet is a way to effect order. Council has traditionally allowed people to speak before a public

hearing is closed. There may be someone who was not able to get here by 7:30 p.m. to sign up to speak. He does not think it is fair to our citizens to change something abruptly. Councilmember Nelson commented that up until tonight he thinks the public thought that Council's normal rules of procedure would be followed. Normally, a person who has not had a chance to sign up to speak in a timely manner can have a chance to speak at the end. In looking at history, no government has encountered difficulties by listening to their citizens too much. The problems arise when government leaders do not listen enough.

Mayor Tweedy went over the rules of conduct for City Council meetings, which included time limits for the speakers and requesting that the audience does not applaud, jeer or cheer. She also explained to the audience that it is within Council's right to call for a vote at any time during the hearing. Councilmember Wilder asked how many people had signed up to speak and Mayor Tweedy indicated it was over 120 speakers. The City Attorney provided clarification that Council's rules of procedure do allow for Council to add special rules of procedure at any time it feels it is appropriate to do so. Due to the size of the meeting, Council is within its rights to implement some special rules of procedure that it would not normally have for a public hearing.

The motion to limit speakers to those that had signed up by 7:30 p.m. passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	4
Noes:	Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow	3

Councilmember Helgeson made a motion to allow applause, cheers and jeers because they were in an auditorium where applause is normal and tonight's topic is an emotional one. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perrow. Councilmember Perrow added that he would like the applause, cheers and jeers to be directed to the councilmembers but when people are speaking that the audience would show them courtesy. Councilmember Helgeson accepted that as a friendly amendment. Councilmember Nelson does not disagree with Councilmembers Helgeson and Perrow but he would like to hear what everyone has to say and thinks that applause, cheers and other outbursts will just prolong the night and interfere with Council's ability to hear everyone in an expeditious manner. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Helgeson, Perrow	2
Noes:	Dolan, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	5

Mayor Tweedy made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Wright, to limit speakers to Lynchburg residents only. Councilmember Wright noted that they are there to hear from residents of Lynchburg, to do their work and it is fully appropriate that we make space for them here tonight. They are their concern and he is fully in favor of this motion. Councilmember Helgeson noted that there have been several announcements made since the December 10, 2019 meeting and there were several errors in them that had to be corrected. None of these things were in those announcements. He noted that there are a lot of people that own property in Lynchburg or have invested in Lynchburg or work and shop in Lynchburg that are not City residents. He will not support this motion because he thinks they should hear from people and if the rules are to be changed, they should not be changed mid game. The rules should have been changed ahead of time. Councilmember Nelson stated that he would like to hear first and foremost from the citizens of Lynchburg. There are people that have a vital interest in the City that are not residents that he would like to hear from as well. He thinks it would be appropriate to hear from City residents first

and then from those outside of the City. Mayor Tweedy accepted that as a friendly amendment. Councilmember Perrow asked for clarification on outside residents that represent a group. Mayor Tweedy indicated they will receive five minutes to speak but they will hear from Lynchburg residents first. Councilmember Perrow commented that as representatives of Lynchburg, he feels he can support the amendment that Councilmember Nelson proposed. He would like to hear from all residents though tonight, no matter where they are from. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dolan, Perrow, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	6
Noes:	Helgeson	1

Mayor Tweedy noted that there are elected officials that have signed up to speak tonight. She asked Council if they would like to give any preference to allow elected officials or their representative to speak first.

Councilmember Wright did not think they needed to consider this item. He applauds the elected officials that have said they will speak in the order in which they signed up. He applauds them and thinks that makes sense. Mayor Tweedy thanked Council and indicated she had wanted to bring that as a matter for them to consider.

// Mr. Chris Feraldi spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He encouraged them to vote in favor of the resolution and to uphold their oath as elected officials wherein they swore to uphold the U.S. and Virginia Constitutions. He asked those in favor to stand. After they stood, he indicated it is the majority.

// Ms. Liz Corrales spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She is a stay-at-home mother and does not want her ability to arm herself and defend herself and her family to be limited. It is not only unconstitutional but also dangerous and irresponsible. Their guns are also needed to defend their rights from a government that may one day act out in tyranny against its own people.

// Ms. Meredith Sommers spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She said she will not feel safe in Lynchburg if she is not allowed to carry her gun. Taking away her and other women's Second Amendment rights will leave them powerless. She also pointed out the economic impacts that enforcing these laws will have on the City in terms of expensive software, added personnel and added police officers.

// Ms. Laura Pezzulo spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She asked that Council not make her a victim. She has 12 years as a law enforcement officer and has heard many horrible stories from women that were raped or beaten and she has heard from many who thought they were going to die while being robbed. She cannot rely on anyone else, including the police, to protect her if someone breaks into her home. She urged Council to stand up for their rights even if it goes against their own personal beliefs.

// Mr. Demetrius Alexander spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He read an article of the Virginia constitution regarding the right of people to bear arms not being infringed upon and some court cases that upheld this article. He also provided some statistics indicating that automatic rifles are infrequently used to commit murder. He urged them to vote in the general public's interest and vote accordingly.

// Mr. Michael Racanelli came forward to speak. He demanded Vice Mayor Dolan apologize to every veteran in the room. He noted he was from Bedford County and Mayor Tweedy noted that he signed up as a City of Lynchburg resident.

// Ms. Angie Arthur spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She feels that some members of Council already had their minds made up at the December 10, 2019 meeting. She would like them to stop passing the buck and support the constitution they are supposed to love. She said there are people in the room that have what it takes to take their seats if they are not willing to support their people. These people display the qualities of fairness, honesty and integrity and an open mind. She is having trouble finding those qualities here.

// Mr. Ben Castle spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He quoted from the Bible and mentioned that he is a pastor. Virginia is his home state but he is fearful for his state with the laws being contemplated by the state government because they will be a punishment of the good and an encouragement to the evil. That is the opposite of what civil government is supposed to do.

// Mr. Steve Timmons spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. We are a republic and rulers should base decisions on rational thought not emotional appeal. This is an emotional reaction to perceived threats that in fact do not yet exist. It is not Council's role to represent them in Richmond or make determinations of constitutionality. He would beg them to let the systems in place to work as they are designed and have worked for them thus far. He also thinks this resolution inhibits the discovery of reasonable solutions through thoughtful efforts. It also poses a potentially serious threat to public order in the future.

// Ms. Katie Cyphert spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She is heartened by moderate Democrats in Richmond who are expressing their skepticism and reservation about certain pieces of legislation. The process is working in Richmond and that is where the process should work. She is also concerned with the words "all citizens" in the resolution and wondered if it includes those prevented from owning firearms due to violent felony convictions, unsupervised minor children or adjudicated mentally incapacitated. She was also concerned with the language regarding expending funds because there is no end date and no fiscal impact statement.

// Ms. Shirley Arthur spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She can think of no greater right than the right to defend herself. She thinks passing this resolution sends a clear message to the General Assembly that a woman's right protect herself, if need be, is being protected. She thinks if these bills are passed that law enforcement officials will have to spend their time taking away guns from law abiding citizens and risking their lives to do so. Their time would be better spent investigating and fighting real crimes and protecting the City's residents.

// Mr. Curt Dimer spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He told Council that the people are the sovereigns and they loaned Council the right to sit up there. They are asking them to represent them by passing this resolution. He had a petition to present to them with over 2,000 names on it but is not sure they read the last one he presented to them. He also spoke for a woman who lives in Ward 2 that is counting on them to continue to defend her rights and pass the Second Amendment resolution unchanged.

// Mr. Dan Keeney spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He said he witnessed the General Assembly passing on to the senate floor unconstitutional bills yesterday that trample our rights. The Second Amendment confirms and ensures that we will be able to protect all of the United States Bill of Rights. He asked Council to do the right thing and make Lynchburg a Second Amendment sanctuary city.

// Mr. Dustin Childress spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He commented that the first infringement on the Second Amendment was the National Firearms Act of 1934. These stipulations and regulations only stop law-abiding and caring citizens from exercising their rights. We have the right to protect and preserve our lives. The definition of infringe is to limit or undermine something or to encroach on it. It was recognized by our forefathers that we are to be stronger than our government as to not be taken over by the government. He also pointed out that criminals will ignore gun laws and law-abiding citizens should have their rights protected.

// Ms. Nicole Childress spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. Statements that say this resolution is meaningless leave them helpless, voiceless and ineffective as a city. They have the right to appeal to their government when unconstitutional laws are being forced on them. Councilmembers are the representatives of the City and the people here tonight have come to express opposition to these constitutionally invalid laws. Council is bound to uphold the U.S. and Virginia Constitutions not the agenda of Richmond.

// Mr. Robert Flint spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He said he left his M16 behind when he left Vietnam. He does not need an assault rifle whose only purpose is to kill lots of people. He does not need bump stocks or silencers or large capacity magazines. He has hunted all his life and has rifles and shotguns and no one is proposing to take those away from him.

// Mr. Tim Yonts spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He noted that they will not find a group of people more concerned with public safety than Second Amendment advocates because they understand the inherent connection between public safety and the right of every individual to keep and bear arms. The laws proposed by the General Assembly would turn law abiding citizens into felons for possessing firearms and accessories that they lawfully obtained. The laws do not exhibit moderation or a spirit of compromise but rather exude a spirit of elitism and jackbooted thuggery stopped only by the momentum of the sanctuary movement. When local political leaders allow state political leaders to criminalize their constituents, they surrender the moral authority to lead. If they do not pass the Second Amendment resolution, he would like them to reconsider the moderate proposal put forward by Councilmember Nelson at the December 10, 2019 meeting.

// Mr. David Zilles spoke in opposition to the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He is concerned with the resolution because it would give Lynchburg the unfounded power to not enforce potentially lifesaving gun laws that it deems unconstitutional. They cannot deem a state law unconstitutional because that is a blatant disregard for the rule of law and our State's Constitution. These matters need to be decided by litigation in the courts and ultimately the Supreme Court. He would like them to use the democratic processes our founding fathers provided us to vote for the state representatives we think represent us the best and to meet and work with our state lawmakers or run for a state legislative seat ourselves to serve the will of the people.

// Ms. Carrie Riddle spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She told a personal story about her encounter with an abusive man. She feels that common sense gun reform such as extreme risk protective orders or "red flag laws" should be considered. Several laws, such as HB240 are the beginning step forward to accomplish this method and it is unfair to assume all bills currently proposed in the General Assembly are unconstitutional and strictly against the everyday gun owner.

// Mr. Michael Graham spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He addressed Vice Mayor Dolan directly regarding emails that he had sent her and she had forwarded to others. He provided Council an estimate of how much it would cost them to house the people that would need to be jailed because they would be breaking the law and stipulated that the City does not have that much money. He estimated that 25 percent of the population would be breaking the law and Council would have to build more jails and hire more clerks and more police officers.

// Mr. William Jennings spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He saw in Afghanistan what the abuse of power can do. The citizens had no way to defend themselves because the average Iraqi citizen had no gun. These steps are only a first step and the right to bear arms was put in the Constitution for a reason. For people that do not believe it, spend some time reading the Federalist Papers. We need to make a statement to Richmond that we will not follow.

// Mr. Steve Troxel spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city and on behalf of the Freedom Caucus of 6th Congressional District. He mentioned that they won a case in Federal District Court and the Federal Court of Appeals regarding an unconstitutional law called the Incumbent Protection Act. The State declined to take it to the U.S. Supreme Court. This case cost the State a lot of money. The gun laws are unconstitutional and will be challenged in court and the state will have to pay attorney fees for both sides when it loses. The City of Lynchburg could be financially liable as well if it supports these laws with its silence. In order to save a lot of money, Lynchburg needs to pass this ordinance. The General Assembly passed House Bill 1160, which prohibited Virginia from assisting the federal government in the unlawful detention of U.S. citizens under the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act, establishing the principle that a subordinate level of government has the authority and indeed the responsibility to refuse to cooperate with a higher level of government when the higher government enacts a law which violates the Constitution of the United States.

// Mr. Richard Burke spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. The outcry for this measure appears to be a rejection both of facts and of reason. No one is seriously expecting the banning of all firearms in Virginia. No reasonable person is seriously anticipating the forced confiscation of firearms. Gun right advocates have made these claims for decades to justify their opposition to even the most reasonable legislation. Extremists on either side of an issue are always a danger to society. He would like them to side against extremism and make the judgment that Lynchburg benefits from common sense gun laws.

// Ms. Corey Thomas spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She thinks they are at a crossroads for how our citizens will be allowed by law to arm and defend themselves. She feels women are underrepresented in this issue. She had statistics to provide Council regarding higher numbers of crimes against women versus men. The practical outcome of these laws will make the citizens of Virginia more vulnerable in situations and women will be the most vulnerable of all. The women of Lynchburg are counting on Council to support their right to defend themselves.

// Mr. Lorenzo Saenz spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He noted that it is our unalienable right to have freedom of speech and to be able to protect ourselves. He asked if he is supposed to

wait for the police who have astounding response times when he needs to defend himself. He also asked Council what they would do if someone came to harm their family.

// Mr. Evan Murch spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He pointed out that laws do not create an ethical people. Only the fear of God can create an ethical people. The answer is always to bring the fear of God back into the public square. The Second Amendment was put in place so they can defend themselves against evil criminals whether they are among us as thugs or in Richmond so they cannot tyrannize us.

// Ms. Aleta Robertson spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She no longer feels safe in her neighborhood. She got her concealment permit and feels safer. She needs Council to support her and to support this resolution.

// Mr. Early Bryant spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He does not support these new gun laws because they will make citizens felons and they will lose their jobs and their right to vote.

Mr. Bryant wished to yield his time to another citizen. Mayor Tweedy indicated she was not signed up on the speaker list and called the next person.

// Delegate Wendell Walker spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He has a great concern regarding the direction Virginia is headed concerning public safety and our ability to protect ourselves. If we lose our Second Amendment rights, then we know the First Amendment will be next. The ballot box is the place for this battle. He fears we are on a slippery slope to tyranny. He read a portion of the Declaration of Independence. He commented that the answer is not in our government but in our faith in the Word of God and he read a passage from the Bible.

// Ms. Jennifer Brown spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She represents the 6th District Republican Committee and is also the president of Second Amendment Alliance. The Second Amendment is not negotiable. We are fighting for a right that has already been guaranteed. She implores every single conservative constitutional patriot here today to join their local Republican Committee so we can vote those that are going to infringe on our constitutional freedoms out. She is an attorney and acknowledged we are a nation of laws but the Constitution is the law of the land by which all other laws shall abide. Criminals will not abide by these laws and the only ones who will suffer are those of us who will no longer be able to defend ourselves. This is not about gun control. It is about control of the people and silencing those that do not agree.

// Mr. Ryan Thomas spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He commented that if a law is unethical, the moral failure lies not only with those that wrote it but with also with all who enforce it. We were just doing our jobs has never been and never will be an acceptable defense for carrying out unethical orders. This cannot be punted to the courts because the courts have upheld contemptible legislation in the past. Council's moral duties transcend their legal ones and they have the power to act.

// Mr. Landon Rigglesman spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. Some Councilmembers expressed that this is not a local issue but it is Council that will enforce these laws and will tell our sheriff and police chief to go around and collect firearms. It is Council that will say they must go and it is putting them in harm's way. He commented that the founding fathers trusted the American people with the right and

responsibility to bear arms. He asks Council to give them that same right and to trust their constituency. If Council will not, they can certainly elect members of Council who will.

// Ms. Mary Ellen Gordon-Scudder spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. Her minister and others are praying for a peaceful resolution of this painful gun safety issue. She also speaks for other citizens of Lynchburg that could not be there but share her concern. She would propose that we show respect for our system of state government. If you object to the laws, you should contact your state representatives and you should go to lobby day next week. She thinks many of the proposed gun laws seem reasonable such as universal background checks.

// Mr. Jordan Olacha spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. People have the right to be alive and that is closely married to the idea of liberty. The idea of people being killed by others or a government killing its people is what we are protecting ourselves from by ensuring that life is a right. We are not talking about a society of just us and the military and the idea that it is just going to be people fighting the military is just ridiculous. It is Council's job to represent the people and the people want you to protect their rights not to protect some weird agenda that attacks the premise of the country.

// Mr. Tim Wiger spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He does not the three categories of sheep, wolves and sheepdogs are sufficient to include everyone. Where do the leftist lawmakers fit? He believes they see themselves as ranchers and have dominion over the sheep and sheepdogs and act as if they have dominion over the wolves. These arbitrary rules are the first step down the path of disarmament. He asked them to remember the relationship between the sheep and the rancher and that it never ends well for the sheep.

// Reverend Dr. Richard Helein spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. This is not about gun safety. This is about power grabbing and it is starting in Richmond. This is a national issue and Council took the same oath. If you cannot vote to protect them from Richmond, then the next thing you should do after your no vote is to furnish your resignation. This is exactly the moment that our founding fathers feared. Pass laws that convict and deal with criminals and behavioral health.

// Mr. Joshua Worley spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. Most mass shootings have occurred in gun free zones where citizens have not been able to properly defend themselves. People are not going to easily surrender their guns. Why would anyone expect cooperation with an outright ban of previously legal weapons without compensation and with such a ban already prohibited by the Second Amendment? Gun control has also had a history of disproportionately affecting poor black and minority communities leaving them more vulnerable to crime including voter intimidation and hate crimes.

// A representative for Senator Steve Newman read a statement from him. He does not presume to tell elected officials what to do in their elected capacity so he will not start tonight. We are a critical time in our commonwealth's history and the next 53 days will determine if our constitutional freedoms remain intact. The Second Amendment is under attack today but tomorrow it could be the First Amendment or the Fourth Amendment.

// Mr. John Miska spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He asserts that outside individuals have bought and paid for a General Assembly that does not represent all of the people. We as a free people are not subjects.

// Mr. Roger Fons spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He is not sure if Council knows how powerful the words “shall not be infringed on” really are. He comes from Detroit where citizens were asked by the Chief of Police to get concealed permits and violence went down 25 percent.

// Mr. Jack Gary Underwood spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. The U.S. Supreme Court holds the ultimate power to interpret the Second Amendment. We all think our opinions are right regarding the Second Amendment but they have no legal weight. The Supreme Court has protected our Second Amendment rights very strongly but has said they are not unlimited. City Council does not have the right to impose its interpretation of the Second Amendment on state legislation and is preempted from passing any resolution that conflicts with state law. Local government also does not have the right to regulate firearms. That right is restricted to Virginia code. He also mentioned that Virginia is a Dillon Rule state.

// Mr. Josiah Wyble spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He cited moments in history when people have rebelled and fought because there was a high governing authority oppressing and violating people’s rights. This is what we call tyranny. He does not want himself or his children or future generations to live in a country subject to tyranny. The governmental courts are not infallible and it is unwise and ignorant to believe so. It is the people’s responsibility and duty to correct the government when it overreaches or seeks to take away rights clearly laid out in the Constitution.

// Mr. Zechariah Pratt spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He implored Council to not let their right to keep and bear arms to be infringed. He stands before them as one of the many youth in the City and State. They do not know war and do not fully understand the cost at which freedom is bought but he will pursue every legislative, diplomatic and persuasive avenue to stand against tyranny.

// Mr. Stephen Semuienick spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He commented that we have come to recognize that great differentials in power can negate one’s ability to give consent and once given, can be withdrawn. The inability to say no equals the inability to say yes. It is so with our political and legal relationships as well. Our rights are unalienable and cannot be bargained away, sold or traded. No one can consent in our name should we say otherwise no matter how valid their elected status.

// Mr. George Caylor spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He commented that this is a national issue because it is microcosm of what is going on in America and whether we are going to support tyranny or freedom. He mentioned the Jim Crow laws, which are now called the “red flag laws.” They are going to pick out certain people that are not going to be able to carry guns. We are hard pressed to find a historical precedent where a government did not register and then eradicate the people. This is an opportunity that is not likely to come again. People can see who voted for it and who did not and say those people were brave and supported Lynchburg.

// Ms. Gladys Helein spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She directly spoke to the Mayor and Vice Mayor and said they have not provided the same respect to citizens that they demanded and voted this evening to silence citizens and disrespecting their citizens and infringing upon their First Amendment rights. She finds their actions disgusting, embarrassing and appalling to the City. She wants to walk away tonight a proud citizen and wants them to respect their citizens by voting to defend them and the ultimate law of the land, the U.S. Constitution.

// Mr. Craig Delucca spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He commented that what Richmond is doing is subordinate to the supreme law of the land, which is the U.S. Constitution. He is sure they would not be okay with ripping apart other amendments, such as the First or the Nineteenth Amendment. To those that are outraged by the way Council is treating us and our rights, we need to get serious about elections and stop avoiding political conversations look into those running for office and make sure they are going to represent you. If we continue to be apathetic, then we will continue to lose our rights.

// Mr. Jonathan McMillan spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He feels led to speak up for unlawful oppression on people's liberties to protect and train themselves while building a safer community. The common sense gun law rhetoric claiming to make Virginia safer is a persuasive narrative that sounds attractive on its face but has a nasty authoritarian backbone because they target law abiding citizens. They are not asking them to disobey the law but not to use taxpayers to take away our Second Amendment and other rights. It is a symbolic resolution that he urges them to take tonight.

// Mr. Tomas Straka spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He commented that every leftist regime's goal was to disarm for total control. He can trust him because he came from one of those countries. If gun control worked, places like Los Angeles, Chicago and Baltimore would be the safest places and they are not. Law enforcement without the support of community cannot work well. City Council has the police under its command and their weapons could be turned against the citizens for exercising their rights. That cannot be tolerated. He asked Council to do its job and its duty and protect the constitution.

// Ms. Breana Rock spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She outlined some history regarding Adolf Hitler and said this is what can happen when the government has too much power and that is what we are facing in the State of Virginia. Elected officials will not always look out for our best interest. They are looking out for their own. She mentioned a report from Freedom in the World that analyzes global political rights and civil liberties, 2018 marked the 13th year consecutive year of global freedom decline. It may have no legal precedent but it does send a clear message to our General Assembly that we the people of Virginia will not accept tyranny, as is being demonstrated in Richmond.

// Mr. Nate Rock spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He is asking Council to sacrifice and actively stand in defiance of the misguided will of the General Assembly. He thinks that the question of losing comforts is at the heart of the matter. It is not comfortable to resist something whether it is just or unjust and requires effort, stress and uncertainty and even fear and loss. In times like this, the law is the dividing and for our nation, a set of laws were implemented for our wellbeing. They are not asking Council to legally rebel against the General Assembly. They are asking Council to abide by the law that is over the General Assembly, which forbids them from stopping that law's use. Richmond may try to take things from Lynchburg because of this action and this means sacrifice in some manner may be required.

// Mr. John Sines spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He is asked as a pastor if Jesus would have a gun and he says no but He did tell us to be armed and quoted from the Bible. He discussed the events of a shooting at E. C. Glass recently that involved students illegally purchasing guns. He asked them how more gun control would have prevented these illegal activities. He quoted some statistics regarding deaths from

handguns and asserted that using cell phones while driving is a great threat to our society. If Council thinks this is an oppressive crowd tonight and does not make this a sanctuary city, wait until the next election.

// Mr. Mike Sharrett spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He is there to say that good people stop evil people with guns. He does not look at people here that are opposed to this as against his views. He looks at them like a human being and he values their life. There are people that will be sheepdogs for them and step up to protect them just as that person in Texas. He is suggesting they press “pause” and then seeing what happens with these laws as they are challenged in the courts. It will be a huge relief on our law enforcement, which is already understaffed. If most of the people in the room tonight say that they would like the City to be an “orange” City, that is how he would like them to vote tonight.

// Mr. Hoyt Alford spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary City. No matter how they vote, he would like to take this opportunity to see what we did wrong last time to allow this to happen. Only 48 percent of the population voted last time, which is a sad state for all of us. We should have civil discourse with those that disagree and should inform them when they are under incorrect statements if we believe it and then listen to them when we may disagree with them. He has lived in dictatorships around the world and their governments treat their people in the most appalling ways. People are concerned that we go down that path and though unlikely, there is that chance.

// Mr. Walt Carey spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He commented that if you allow the politicians to go through their agenda, it will not be long before no one is safe. If you think they will stop with assault weapons, you are sadly mistaken. If someone wants to do you bodily harm, he or she will find a way to do it. If Lynchburg does not become a sanctuary city, he sees an economic downturn because people will not come here to live or shop. He thinks their vote will determine whether they really love the people in your districts.

// Mr. Harrison Wiger spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He thinks they should be looking at the data to see if these laws actually achieve their desired intent. There is data that says that these proposed policies will actually increase violent crime in the state. Gun bans have been proven extremely ineffective in reducing mass shootings and violent crimes as a whole in the regions in which they are implemented. If we want to look at solving this issue, we need to be willing to look at multiple possible solutions, such as arming teachers that are willing to do so. We can be sure that when the laws fail to lower homicide, then the lawmakers will be back to impose further restrictions that will only make matters worse.

// Mr. Jim Meredith spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He mentioned several great leaders and said great men and women are not born. They rise to the moment. People who capitulate are forgotten. Laws are granted to us by the Constitution and have been guaranteed by the blood of patriots. As elected officials, their primary role is to defend and protect our rights from those who would take them from us. Those in Richmond do not care about Virginia history because they are elitists. An elitist supports the concept of a government run by a small group of people. Council’s legacy will be established by what they do with the big issues in their tenure.

// Ms. Hope McRorie spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment City. It seems to her that we are allowing fewer and fewer people to push their will on the rest of us. Liberty as envisioned by our founding fathers

has been slowly moving away from us. She thinks the Democrats in the General Assembly want to control all law abiding citizens, both black and white. She thinks they thought citizens would be too busy to notice. They trusted government to look after them but they are attacking. If Council supports measures that hurt people physically, mentally or financially, you will be held responsible.

// A lady who did not identify herself spoke on behalf of Kathy Gerber and in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She feels it is necessary to be armed sometimes but fails to see how the founding fathers could have envisioned a weapon such as an AK-47. She pointed out that “all men” in the Constitution has been expanded to include women and black people. We have wised up some and we do not live in a colonial society. The fact that people here lack faith in the government because they do not agree with the people that were duly elected scares her.

// Mr. Andy Langeland spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He is concerned that a shooter recently got away from the McDonald’s on Wards Road and could have come to his house. He is concerned that his wife might not be able to protect herself with the guns she would be allowed to have and might need more rounds than they allow. He is from California and recently moved to Lynchburg and is happy that he is able to exercise his Second Amendment rights thanks to the current laws of Virginia. He knows firsthand from living in California that gun laws do not limit violent crime.

// Mr. Barry Waltz spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He supports this, although he does not like calling it a sanctuary. He does not think it goes far enough but he will take what he can get and that is the City will use its prosecutorial discretion to not enforce any of the new gun laws. He has seen dumb things done by the smartest people when he was in the Navy and it has reinforced for him that common sense is not very common. If you want to talk about common sense, let’s start talking about doing mental health reform.

// Ms. Luchy Alvarado spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city because it is outside the scope of City Council and has no legal significance. We should not use our local government and limited resources to pick and choose the laws we abide by. We need to take the conversation to Richmond so that new legislation takes into consideration responsible gun ownership and the voices of our City.

// Mr. Jason Burger spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He said he carries a gun to protect his family and will protect others that are not armed if evil shows up. He is a patriot and a warrior and a citizen of Lynchburg and he will not bow to any so called laws that threaten his freedoms or ability to protect his family or way of life. Our freedoms and rights are in the balance and being challenged and he remains ready to defend. He asked Council to do the right thing.

// Mr. Jeffrey Rosner spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. The agenda summary says there is no fiscal impact but the resolution includes the possibility of court action. The resolution is not properly presented because there could be a fiscal impact from court action. The words “all citizens” would include convicted felons, those judged mentally incompetent by the court and small children. If passed, the City would be in conflict with existing laws not just proposed ones. He commented that we have several rights that are guaranteed by the Constitution but they are still limited. Passing common sense limitations on the right to bear arms

does not take that right away. He also mentioned that much of the conversation has focused on Senate Bill 16, which was withdrawn yesterday.

// Mr. John Maunder spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He lives in California for 45 years and saw the state begin to implement tyrannical laws and he watched the citizens of California let it happen. He came to a place of freedom and a place where the things he believes are celebrate. He sees in Virginia a people that are willing to rise up, look people who are wrong in the eye and say no and he proud to be in Virginia and encourages everyone to keep standing up to the evil that is encroaching in their lives right now.

// Ms. Sandra Bowen spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city because she wants to stand up when our constitutional rights are being viciously violated. They want to stand with our state and say no to the governor. They need City Council to stand with them and protest this atrocity because with the stroke of a pen overnight the citizens of Virginia will become criminals. Our governor wants to disarm us as Germany did to their citizens. The governor is anticipating arresting thousands of people who do not give up their constitutional rights.

// Mr. Josh Duffy spoke. He did not specify if he was in favor or opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He commented that they don't have just two options. We can do things as leaders that are outside of those two kind of binary decisions. Regardless of their decision, there is more that can be done and he personally looks to them as leaders to think outside the box and show them those opportunities that they might be aware of other than the flip of a coin.

// Ms. Megan Phillips spoke and addressed some of the comments that have been made tonight. She pointed out that first machine gun was invented in 1718. She thinks our founding fathers were smart and knew that things were not always going to stay the same. Someone said that guns take lives and Ms. Phillips said people take lives and do not always use a gun. Evil people take lives and guns can also save lives when good people use them as happened in the church in Texas. She pointed out that people that want to commit suicide will find a way to do it even if their firearms are taken away because of "red flag laws."

// Ms. Amber Haskew spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city and represented the organization called Lynchburg Republican City Committee. She shared a personal story where she was in fear of being abducted and hopes they will listen to her story and stand up for the women whose stories did not end up like hers. She signed up for a gun class so she could protect herself. She would like to know if they will side with someone in Richmond who has never met her and whose legislation would only embolden these kinds of attacks or will they will side with her and defend her right to protect her own life and her children's lives. The LRCC believes women should have the right to protect themselves and it should not be a partisan issue.

// Ms. Jennifer Staten spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She asked Council to continue doing the business of the City of Lynchburg and focus on our public schools and public services and continue to make our City a great place to raise a family. They need to know that when they call the police that they will uphold the common sense gun laws that will pass. She thanked them for opposing this resolution.

// Ms. AJ Richards spoke in faovr of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She owns a company run by women and they have the need to protect themselves. She is going to use any gun that she owns that is legal to protect herself, her female employees and her possessions. Law enforcement is rarely there when the crime is

happening. She does not trust the governor with her safety as a black/white/Native American woman and she hopes Council does not either.

// Mr. Hart Green spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He is not sure about the legalities of Council being able to stop these laws from being prosecuted. It seems to him the Commonwealth Attorney would be pressing charges and not Council. To him, it is a symbolic gesture to stand with the rest of the counties around them. Do we want to stand apart from the approximately 98 percent of Virginia counties and cities have become sanctuaries? He thinks if Council is not careful and does not listen to the ones with the orange stickers tonight, they are going to get voted out. There are plenty of people that will take their seat.

// Mr. Brad Bullock spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He appreciates very much the passion of those speaking tonight and he thinks we can all agree that we have been able to exercise the rights that in the Bill of Rights. He would encourage them to vote and put into power people that they think will represent them best. This resolution seems to skip a constitutional procedure and wants to preempt due process. We have a legal process to challenge unconstitutional laws. He does not think our City should pass resolutions based on fear of what state or federal lawmakers might do.

// Ms. Sarita Manian spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She said she believes in the Constitution's strengths and processes and this country's democracy that allows for this diversity of opinions here. We are not an Iraq or an Afghanistan and it is this rule of law that preserves us in terms of our democratic values. She acknowledged those that had shared their fears but does not share in the emotional fear of the repetition of a tyranny from centuries ago. She fears that if citizens are armed as a militia against our state representatives, then we would become an Iraq or an Afghanistan and it would be a tragic place to be. She would like to see the City enshrine the democratic values in continuing to respect a variety of views and perspectives.

// Mr. Joel Fernando spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He believes tyranny does happen because his parents faced tyranny in Sri Lanka to the point where they saw family members killed right before their eyes. The longer he lives in America, the more he understands the importance of the right to bear arms. He urged them not to make this about mistakes from the past long ago. These are mistakes that are currently made in countries all over the world.

// M. Larry Lansing spoke against the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He thinks it is a really sad and scary state of affairs when our civil discourse is reduced to threats and intimidation. It is even sadder and scarier when our President encourages this type of thuggish behavior. He believes that the Constitution allows elected bodies in this country to legislate common sense gun control laws with a reasonable expectation that the local authorities will enforce them. He trusts that the majority of the City Council will not be intimidated by the vocal minority of the constituents and the vocal majority of non-constituents and vote against this resolution.

// Mr. Clint Hunter spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He asserted that the City already takes a position on state and federal issues. The legislative agenda that Council approves every year is a wish list of what it thinks the state government should be doing. Taking an official position on this issue tonight is no different. He would like Council to listen to the clear majority of this City that elected you and vote in favor of the resolution.

// Mr. Jamie Cash spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. The Second Amendment should not be up for debate. It is not the gun that is good or bad but the person wielding it and his heart that is good or bad. He attributes a lot of the fear to the fact that people do not know about guns. They will listen to politicians and think they are right when in actuality they do not know the first thing about guns. He is so offended and flabbergasted because we should not even be here tonight.

// Mr. Noah Trevi spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He does not think Council is the next Hitler or Stalin but he also thinks they are only men and women and not angels (referring to a quote in the Federalist Papers). The Second Amendment is the only thing that keeps citizens from becoming loyal subjects and our governors from being our rulers. Before they take his guns, they need to prove the angelic status of their person. This resolution would put up another line of defense between your citizens and the next Hitler, Stalin or Mao who were also only men. Making this a sanctuary city for gun rights would also make this city a sanctuary for human right.

// Ms. Samantha Burns spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. Quoting some statistics from the FBI, she stated that guns are not a problem in terms of the percentage of crimes being committed with guns. According to the FBI, there is 38 percent less violent crimes being committed than in the year 2000. She would like to know why we are not passing laws against the criminals.

// Ms. Tim Fletcher spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. The current laws seek to limit law abiding citizens the access to weapons in an effort to stop or inhibit the evil deeds of others but the real issue is the heart of the criminal. True freedom comes from having the ability to resist but choosing not to do so. These laws are at best well-meaning but extremely misguided attempts to stop evil and at worst are tyrannical. The doctrine of the lesser magistrates declares that when a higher authority makes an unjust or immoral law, the lower ranking civil authority has both the right and duty to refuse obedience to that superior authority. Upholding the rights of your citizens is not meaningless.

// Mr. Michael Maunder spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He came here from California and was hoping to escape the kind of tyrannical laws that have been passed there. The doctrine of the lesser magistrates has been part of our Western legal and political tradition for hundreds of years. Council has 500 years of legal and political tradition standing behind it saying that not only do they have the right but the responsibility to take action to protect our rights when another power is trying to take those rights away. He hopes Council has the courage to match that authority.

// Mr. Tim Griffin spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. What they are asking tonight is for Council to reaffirm the law, to reaffirm the Constitution, to reaffirm what our founding fathers put forward for us. It is our birthright and always has been. He knows most people on Council and they are good people and are looking to do the right thing. The Constitution has a prohibition on what we call ex post facto laws, which basically means that if it is legal to do it today, you cannot make it illegal tomorrow and make a criminal out of a law abiding citizen. We are not asking them to change anything or to change the status quo. We are not asking them to repeal any laws or change any laws. We are asking Council to keep things as they are.

// Ms. Kate Staton spoke in favor of the City enforcing the common sense gun laws that will soon be passed in Virginia. She wants the police and the Commonwealth Attorney to be able to prosecute parents that allow their minor children access to their unsecured firearms. She asks them to vote against this resolution in memory of her friend Biggs who is a victim of gun violence. The gun laws are personal to her because she does not want any more gun violence like this again in Lynchburg.

// Mr. Peter Alexander spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He does not think that this Council should have any question about what their duty is to the residents and citizens. He has taken an oath to uphold the Constitution several times in his life. Guns do not kill people. People kill people. He read a quote from Justice John Marshall, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, “a law repugnant to the Constitution is void and that courts, as well as other departments, are bound by that instrument.” Politicians have wasted no time attempting to create repugnant laws.

// Reverend T. C. Hynard spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He said Virginia is where California was when he was a kid when he watched little by little the gun rights being stripped away. Crime increased as they were stripped away. Gun control laws do not work because they do not affect criminals. The Constitution does not grant us the right to bear arms. It simply affirms that right and implies that it is an inherent right. They are not asking Council to create anything new; just uphold the Constitution and support the laws we already have and support your constituency and we will support you.

// Ms. Niro Rasanayagam spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She also emigrated from Sri Lanka and she saw the violence a previous speaker mentioned. What he neglected to tell you is that after the ethnic violence erupted, Sri Lanka descended into 30 years of civil war. Both sides had guns so guns and arms are not the way to achieve peace and justice. That is achieved through democratic means such as the one we are having right now. Since we are a Dillon Rule state, local municipalities must abide by and defer to state laws and legislation. She thinks each of them deep down knows that this debate belongs in Richmond and not here. This resolution will be confusing and will put our local law enforcement in a compromised position.

// Mr. Josh McCracken spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He commented that apart from the right to life, the right to defense is the most important human right. Council is not elected to represent interests in other states or other parts of Virginia or appointed by the General Assembly. They are elected by the citizens of Lynchburg to pursue policies that we want. If Richmond wants to pass laws, Lynchburg citizens do not agree with, then the Commonwealth should be forced to enforce their own laws.

// Mr. Jared Proffitt spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. Typically this would not be something for local government but he believes our state government has been compromised by people outside of Virginia with money. People here tonight have been seeing our rights being taken away for 50 years. He does not think it is a coincidence that we live in the best country. He thinks it was designed and we have a foundation that needs to be upheld. He told Council this is not just a regular thing. It is serious.

// Mr. William Kerr spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. This is not a matter of just policy. It is a matter of right and wrong and the councilmembers will be held accountable for the choice they made. There are merits to all the arguments made here tonight but this is about obedience or disobedience to the

will of God. God has revealed in his Word that the proper exercise of civil justice by the civil magistrate be explicitly limited to the punishment of the evildoer for the defense of innocent. Legislative force outside of this singular focus is unjust and abusive. To comply with an unjust imposition is to bring guilt on yourself and he asked them to do what God requires of them and uphold justice and defend and do not comply with tyranny.

// Ms. Merry Joy DeCarmo spoke in opposition of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She trusts the veracity of the Constitution and our government process. She does not think that the Constitution is so weak that we would need to break the law in order to support it. She is a gun owner and is no afraid of common sense gun laws. The laws will keep the guns out of the hands of women's would be abusers and not take away the rights of women to defend themselves. This resolution would not protect but instead would give in to unfounded fears. She asked Council to recognize that one side has been very rude and another side has been very polite.

// Mr. Jerry Coffey spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. Some of the localities that have become Second Amendment sanctuary cities are in the most liberal areas such as Virginia Beach. Elected officials in other localities have listened to their citizens and passed the resolutions because they wished to support their voters. They acted, perhaps even against what they personally wanted and perhaps even when they felt it was not their organization's purpose. They ask Council to support its citizens and pass a resolution against any law that infringes on any of their constitutional rights.

// Ms. Carol Sosnoski spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. She mentioned a situation recently where there was a manhunt in her neighborhood for a violent criminal. She slept fine because she has her concealed permit but this is something that Richmond is trying to take away from them. The laws purport to be about safety but if passed, they will endanger everyone and cause us all to live in fear. It is our duty and the duty of our local government authorities to resist this encroachment on our liberty.

// Mr. Jonathan Eagle spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He wanted to focus on the word "shall." Webster's says it means to express what is inevitable or to express a command. When used in law, regulations or directive, it means to express what is mandatory. The law is not expressly aware of the grave consequences when shall is used within the code but often uses "shall" to equally qualify the severe and necessary ramifications of violations of that code. The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

// Dr. Zachariah Jensen spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He moved here from California and like Virginia because he likes moving to a free state. He is encouraged by the 2A sanctuary movement because it is a voice telling Richmond where we stand. We can argue the common sense gun laws, which are based off of flawed studies and not much discourse. There is a lot of emotion that goes into it. He asks to be representative and asks that Virginia not go down this path and that we send a message.

// Mr. Jim Whitaker spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He has sat in their seat and has listened to what citizens have to say. It is easy to sit there and legislate but it is more important to get out into the community and see what is really going on. He is out and about as a chaplain and a restoration officer with heroes every day. He encouraged them to do the same. To make informed decisions, they need to be informed and the best way is to be on the street with our police officers. Tonight is about speaking loud and clear to legislators before they pass laws that may take away our constitutional rights.

// Sheriff Don Sloan spoke as a constitutional officer. He swore an oath to support and defend the U.S. and State Constitutions and the Constitutional Amendments. He will do anything to protect his family. It is very important to him that people know that he cares and that he loves the community of Lynchburg. He wants all of the citizens of Lynchburg to know that he does not take his liberties lightly and he supports them. He is able to do what he does because of what the military has done for us. He wants them to know that he will support the Constitution and its amendments.

// Dr. Jeff Widmeyer spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He and the others that are following the law with regard to their firearms are not the people that anybody needs to worry about. We are the safe ones and he is sure many in this room would be running towards the trouble and putting themselves in danger for it. The resolution may be symbolic and that is okay. He would Council to pass the symbol and let Richmond know Lynchburg opposes what they are trying to do. Council can reflect that they have listened to us and the majority that has shown up to voice their opinion is in favor of this even if it is just symbolic.

// Mr. Stephen Redmond spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He believes the guise that these laws are for public safety measures is false and it is setting a dangerous precedent. He is asking his local representatives take a stand alongside the over 100 other localities that have pledged to support and defend the Second Amendment. This is a polarizing issue and passions run high on both sides. When you look at the issue in terms of our rights as citizens of the United States and Virginia, it becomes rather simple. We live in a country that is clearly defined by the law of our Constitution. It is a short and simple principle that our right to bear arms shall not be infringed that our founders, particularly those from Virginia, fought to pass to everyone in this room.

// Mr. Jim Petrey spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He commented that the Voting Rights Act happened in 1965. It was almost a hundred years of trying to get the voting rights back to where our country thought it should be. The surrounding counties have had a chance to stand up for something by becoming Second Amendment sanctuary cities. By agreeing to support the Second Amendment, even though everyone does not agree on what it means, we are setting a precedent that people ever had. This will say that we support the Constitution and it will be a way to stand up for it.

// Mr. Don Good spoke in favor of the City becoming a Second Amendment sanctuary city. He commented that this country is the longest standing democracy or representative democracy in the history of the world because of our Constitution and because we have honored the Constitution. If we destroy the Constitution or interpret it as a living, breathing document, we will no longer be the nation that we have been. The Second Amendment is supposed to protect us from a tyrannical government. No one thought that Iran would become like it is today.

// Speakers from other localities were Mr. Patrick Moneta of Appomattox (in favor), Mr. Wes Gardner of Campbell County (in favor), Mr. Koddie Staples of Campbell County (in favor), Mr. Damian Miller of Bedford County (in favor), Mr. Damien Miller of Bedford County (in favor), Mr. Randy Mills of Campbell County (in favor), Mr. Isaiah Knight of Bedford County (in favor), Ms. Wendy Wilson of Bedford County (in favor), Mr. Robert Davies of Campbell County (in favor), Mr. Cody Wright of Campbell County (in favor), Mr. Travis Pool of Halifax County (in favor), Mr. Bo Traywick of Richmond (in favor), Mr. Benjamin Summers of Bedford County (in favor) and Ms. Neli Anderson of Bedford County (in favor).

// Mayor Tweedy closed the public speaker portion of the public hearing and the matter rests with Council.

Councilmember Helgeson made a motion to approve the resolution presented to Council to become a Second Amendment sanctuary city. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perrow. Councilmember Helgeson said he was glad to see so many patriots and this was inspiring and encouraging. Our job is not to dissect the different bills and legislation but to represent the citizens. It is pretty clear that the citizens want them to put forward and vote for the Second Amendment sanctuary resolution. He hopes that the rest of Council will also vote in favor of this. You may not like guns or the issue but our job is to represent citizens and we heard pretty loud and clear what the citizens want. He thinks it makes sense constitutionally and let's represent them and vote for this.

// Councilmember Perrow had the following remarks. First, I want to thank everyone for attending tonight. This meeting has been long, there have been some unexpected modifications to it, and you have been stalwart in your participation. Thank you.

I am proud to second and support the resolution presented. I have heard from both sides of the arguments and have heard reasonable opinions both for and against this resolution, and I'd like to address those reasons against that I find compelling. Like you, I believe in the rule of law. If you didn't, you would not be here tonight; you would not have left any firearms in the car, and you would not have participated in this public process. It is the reason you are here. You, as law abiding citizens, will follow the laws passed by the Commonwealth. It is the reason you are so concerned about the proposed legislative action. [Frankly, if you planned to disregard the law, you wouldn't care about what laws they passed.] Yes, I'm sure any laws passed will face a significant legal challenge, which is also in keeping with the Constitution and our rule of law. This is what keeps our society functioning and not falling into anarchy.

There is an argument that this resolution does not fit the rule of law, and I agree with that argument. I acknowledge that the legal standing of this resolution is tenuous; however, this resolution, although somewhat flawed, is a clear and important symbol that has real meaning to many participants here tonight, most our my constituents in Ward IV, thousands of citizens of the City of Lynchburg, and to me, as an individual. I stand with you, I represent your interest, and I will engage in the debate, both legislative and legal, to prohibit the infringement of our 2nd amendment rights. This is a much broader issue than the 2nd Amendment. This is about the differences between urban and rural cultures.

This new legislative body has six leadership positions. One of the leaders lives in Portsmouth and the other five live in Fairfax. What concern or understanding do any of these leaders have for the City of Lynchburg or any area outside of northern Virginia? They would be shocked to hear that many rural school districts offer excused absences on the first day of hunting season, if the school isn't closed outright. I grew up in Amherst County, this is part of our culture and our identity, and those in power in Richmond appear to have no concern for it whatsoever.

What you are doing tonight is the correct approach. Appeal to your elected representatives, see if they align with your beliefs or not, and work to get representatives of our values into elected office. The way to do that is to show up and vote. Assist those in other districts who support your values. And, work hard to increase our turnout to offset the impact of urban northern Virginia.

Lastly, in a quote, frequently misattributed to Lincoln, made by Ulysses S. Grant at his first inaugural address on March 4, 1869: “I shall on all subjects have a policy to recommend, but none to enforce against the will of the people. Laws are to govern all alike—those opposed as well as those who favor them. I know no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution.”

To our Commonwealth’s executive and legislative branches: you are getting ready to grab the tiger by the tail. I know of few issues that fuel such political emotions as this, are you sure you want to go down this path? Because if you do, you will mobilize a sleeping political force that will work tirelessly to unseat you in the next election.

// Councilmember Nelson had the following remarks. I greatly appreciate the messages received from all who advocate for the “2nd Amendment Sanctuary Resolution” and from those who oppose it. Constructive civic participation is so valuable. I have listened to all voices, read all messages, and applaud courteous civic advocacy.

My core instincts oppose any and all legislative restrictions on fundamental Constitutional liberties. I equally believe the liberties guaranteed by the “2nd Amendment” are as important as any other liberty guaranteed in the Bill of Rights to the U. S. Constitution. I agree with you about the value of firearms and their value in the hands of responsible citizens.

However, it is undeniable that reasonable limitations have repeatedly been imposed on each and all Constitutional liberties for more than two centuries.

For example; in writing the majority opinion of the 2008 *Heller* decision, referenced in this “2nd Amendment Sanctuary Resolution,” Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia recognized that limitations have been appropriately imposed on 2nd Amendment liberties. In that *Heller* opinion, Justice *Scalia* wrote:

“Like most rights, the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited. From Blackstone through the 19th-century cases, commentators and courts routinely explained that the right was not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose. Nothing in our [court’s] opinion should be taken to cast doubt on long standing prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualification on the commercial sale of arms.”

Justice Scalia went on to state: “We also recognize another important limitation on the right to keep and carry arms. As we have explained, the sorts of weapons protected [by the 2nd Amendment] were those “in common use at the time.” [That] limitation is fairly supported by the historical tradition of prohibiting the carrying of “dangerous and unusual weapons.” - Justice Scalia.

The recitals in the 11th paragraph of this proposed “Sanctuary Resolution” declare that Lynchburg City Council expresses “opposition to any law that would *unconstitutionally restrict the right of citizens* of Lynchburg to keep and bear arms.”

And, this Sanctuary Resolution’s final declaration states: “Lynchburg City Council hereby declares its intent to oppose any infringement on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms. . .”

So, the question is: If restrictions have been lawfully placed on the 2nd Amendment for centuries, who decides whether a new Virginia law unconstitutionally restricts or infringes on a law-abiding citizen’s right to keep and bear arms?

If a court decides that a new Virginia law's restriction on the 2nd Amendment's right to keep and bear arms is constitutional, then Lynchburg must enforce that new law. If a court decides that a new Virginia law's restriction on the 2nd Amendment is unconstitutional, then Lynchburg cannot enforce it. When courts determine the constitutionality of a law, then Lynchburg must follow the court's decisions.

So, if this resolution is merely symbolic and merely declares that Lynchburg respects court decisions, then this resolution is irrelevant and meaningless, since Lynchburg must and always will honor court decisions and cannot enforce a Virginia law that a court declares to be unconstitutional.

Or, if this Resolution is symbolic and merely intended to loudly and clearly "ask" Virginia state legislators and government leaders to not impose further restrictions on 2nd Amendment liberties, then this Resolution is not well written and needs revision.

But, from all appearances, this Resolution implies that *Lynchburg* has the authority to determine the constitutionality of any new Virginia law affecting the 2nd Amendment, and that *Lynchburg* can and will refuse to enforce any new Virginia law that *Lynchburg* decides to be unconstitutional. If that is the case, then this Resolution directly conflicts with the U.S. Constitution and Lynchburg's state corporate Charter.

Let us be reminded that Lynchburg is a subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia. As a subdivision of Virginia, Lynchburg must respect and enforce all Virginia laws unless and until a higher legal authority says it does not.

Virginia's Commonwealth's Attorneys and local Law Enforcement Officers have discretion to not prosecute a case or to not make an arrest if they conclude that the case or charge lacks merit. On the other hand, Lynchburg City Council does not have that blanket discretion when enforcing state laws. The City of Lynchburg has no legal authority to "categorically" ignore the laws of its sovereign,...the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Those who sincerely claim to honor the U. S. Constitution, as do most of you, must respect Article III of the U. S. Constitution, which designates the courts as the third branch of government, and delegates to the Courts the authority to resolve conflicts between any laws and the U.S. Constitution.

Alexander Hamilton emphasized this when he wrote "Federalist No. 78," and Chief Justice John Marshall confirmed it in the landmark decision of *Marbury vs. Madison*. If City Council were to enact a "2nd Amendment Sanctuary Resolution," that asserts that Lynchburg can determine the constitutionality of a Va. state law, we would ignore the primary mandate of Article III in the U.S. Constitution; that the courts have the ultimate authority to interpret the Constitution; NOT the President, NOT Congress, NOT state legislatures or state Governors; NOT County Boards of Supervisors, and most certainly NOT THE LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL.

If Lynchburg City Council were to adopt this Resolution, I believe we would *dishonor* and *disrespect* the U. S. Constitution's foremost principles, by claiming that a state locality has the authority to overrule the sovereignty of its own state.

Neither the "Founding Fathers" nor the authors of "The Federalist" recognized the authority of a locality to be superior to the authority and sovereignty of any state. Yet, that insubordination is what this "2nd Amendment Sanctuary Resolution" seems to propose.

Throughout my legal career, I have zealously advocated for the “Rule of Law” and for “Law and Order.” Yet, how do we respect the “Rule of Law” or promote “Law and Order” if every locality can pick and choose which laws each will comply with and which laws each will disobey? I think we cannot! Until and unless a court declares a Virginia law to be unconstitutional, then Lynchburg must respect and enforce that law.

I also point out that all Lynchburg City Council members took an oath, the effect being to obey laws of this Commonwealth. Each of us would violate our oath if we advocated for disobedience of State laws.

And personally, as an attorney-at-law, my own professional ethics prohibit me from advocating that anyone disobey a state law.

On a related note, this 2nd Amendment Sanctuary initiative imitates declarations made by some Virginia localities from 1958 and into the early 1960’s, when those localities adopted the infamous practice of “Massive Resistance” to laws requiring Virginia to racially integrate its public schools. Those acts of “nullification and interposition” were found to be unconstitutional. I think it just as unlawful for Lynchburg to adopt a similar policy of “massive resistance” and unilateral interposition to Virginia’s laws affecting firearms and the 2nd Amendment.

And finally, this City Council has a long-established policy of not passing resolutions on matters beyond City Council’s direct authority. These issues are beyond the authority of this City Council. Your voices should be directed to the ears of the General Assembly and Governor, not to City Council.

Therefore, if Lynchburg or any locality disputes a state law, it has two appropriate and lawful options: 1st - Ask the General Assembly to change the law or to repeal it, or 2nd – To litigate the issue in a court of law.

As for the first option, I supported that approach when we last met on December 10, 2019. That proposal, for City Council to amend its Legislative Agenda, was defeated 4-3. Still now, I would like for City Council to send that message to Richmond in our “Legislative Agenda.” City Council’s Rules prohibit a motion that has been defeated from being reconsidered within the short time period that has elapsed since that December meeting, unless a councilmember who voted in opposition of that motion asks that it be reconsidered. Since that may be very unlikely tonight, that first option seems moot.

Thus, Lynchburg’s only other option is to litigate the constitutionality of any new law once it is enacted, but I certainly would like to capture the video of tonight’s session and send it to each member of the General Assembly and to Governor Northam, so they and he can see, and hear, and feel the sentiments that have been expressed here tonight. However, for these reasons, I regret that I cannot support the motion as presented and am compelled to vote against the motion to approve this Resolution.

// Councilmember Wilder thanked all the citizens for coming tonight. We appreciate the voice and your voice has been heard. He wished to be clear that he believes everyone has the right to bear arms. He does not know enough about the legislation that has been proposed so he is not in a position to say he will support this resolution if he has not seen all the information coming from Richmond. He understands the points Councilmember Nelson made. He heard a gentleman say that some of the policies were racially based and made indications. When we talk about racial issues, it took it for him to another level. If we would like to talk about whether this is a racial issue or talk about racial issues, he has a whole list from economic to education to housing. He appreciates all of them coming out tonight. He appreciates being a member of this community and City Council. He respects all the

Councilmembers even though they may disagree sometimes. He respects all the people's voices as well. He cannot support the motion the way it is written.

// Councilmember Wright noted that his family has been in Lynchburg and the surrounding area for almost 340 years. Folks on both sides of his family own firearms. Councilmember Nelson laid out very well the legal constriction on City Council authority and our long standing practice not to engage in state and national debates over which we have no authority. The resolution, as presented, suggests that we think that we can arbitrate here in this room the constitutionality of whatever passes in Richmond, which is not the case. It is important, of course, that we voice our opinions to folks in Richmond, to the governor, to our members of Congress. That is as it should and the way the system is designed to work. He will be doing this and he hopes they will too. He is grateful for everyone that came out this evening.

// Vice Mayor Dolan expressed appreciation for so many citizens coming out to share their thoughts and concerns regarding this issue. This is a serious issue for sure. She is concerned, however, that if Lynchburg City Council adopts formal action on this matter, it will set a dangerous precedent of distracting our attention and dividing our community on a number of issues over which we have no local governing body jurisdiction. Were we to pass this resolution we would open the door to petitioners to ask us to weigh in on matters about which we have no legal standing and no authority to act. Should we have a public hearing on impeaching the President? Should we have a public hearing on abortion rights? On marijuana legalization? She does not diminish the point of view of those who want a sanctuary city; however, she still believes that this conversation belongs at the state and national level. Our General Assembly and the U.S. Congress have a long history of protecting citizens on the Second Amendment as a fundamental right. These bodies interpret the Constitution as they write and pass laws. Local law enforcement will be and must be guided by these laws. We also must remember we are a Dillon state. Our local government has limited authority to pass laws. Our highest priority is to attend to the needs of our citizens within the power that we are authorized to act. Any discussion of state or federal issues over which we have no legislative control serves only to set ourselves against one another needlessly and to detract ourselves from our ability to best serve our local citizens. Thank you all for coming tonight and for your participation.

// Mayor Tweedy thanked everyone for coming out to express their opinions. She thanked the councilmembers as well. Passions and opinions run high on both sides of the debate. When voices are equal on the issue or there comes a time when you must weigh both perspectives, as councilmembers or leaders, you have to then reach within your own decision making process and perspective and represent the right thing that you know to do for your City. We all have our background and experiences that we bring to this debate. I am an American citizen. I am a woman of color. I am a caretaker, a mother and grandmother and the only veteran on City Council. I am a concealed weapon carrier. I am a gun advocate and a child of the Most High. So I think I check many boxes in this discussion tonight. I have been serving my country and my community since I was 17 years old when I entered the U.S. Navy voluntarily. She and another veteran disagreed recently at an event but agreed to disagree on this topic. She has been a volunteer servant and leader in the community for the past 12 years. She has no problem listening to citizens and varying perspectives. She is an at large councilmember and represents citizens throughout Lynchburg, a city of 82,000 people. Many have sent them emails, phone calls, letters or come up to them personally. She will defer her

comments to Councilmember Nelson's comments, which were thorough, complete and represented previous history for Councils. We have a quality of life here and we are prospering and people can see themselves and their families, businesses and organizations being a part of. She wants to continue the progress and is going to make the decisions that she believes will prosper our City and residents, listening to the perspectives of others. She expects everyone to share their views and perspectives around this issue with our legislators in Richmond, Representatives Byron and Walker, Senators Newman and Peake. She expects City Council to continue handling the business that makes our City a great place for people to call home and she will not be supporting the motion.

// The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Helgeson, Perrow	2
Noes:	Dolan, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright	5

// The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 a.m.

Clerk of Council

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **January 14, 2020**

AGENDA ITEM #: 8

CONSENT:
ACTION: **X**

REGULAR: **X**
INFORMATION:

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: **Consideration of a Resolution Designating the City of Lynchburg a Second Amendment Sanctuary**

KEY ELEMENTS:

___Economic Development ___Excellent Government ___Natural and Built Environment ___Safe Community ___Vibrant Community

RECOMMENDATION: Hold a public hearing prior to consideration of adopting a Resolution designating the City of Lynchburg a Second Amendment Sanctuary.

SUMMARY: At the December 10, 2019, City Council meeting, Council voted to hold a public hearing to hear from citizens about making Lynchburg a Second Amendment Sanctuary.

Following the public hearing consider adopting a Resolution (attached) provided by Council member Helgeson.

PRIOR ACTION(S): December 10, 2019, City Council decision to hold a public hearing to consider making Lynchburg a Second Amendment Sanctuary.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Bonnie Svrcek, City Manager – (434) 455-3990

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution provided by Council member Helgeson

REVIEWED BY: bms

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed”, and;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual’s right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to “keep and bear arms,” as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states, and;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), opined that firearms that are part of ordinary military equipment, or with use that could contribute to the common defense are protected by the Second Amendment, and;

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia provides “that a well-regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed,” and;

WHEREAS, Article I, section 1, of the Constitution of Virginia reads “That all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into the state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety, and;

WHEREAS, Article I, section 2 of the Constitution of Virginia reads “that all power is vested in, and consequently derived from, the people, that magistrates are their trustees and servants, and at all times amenable to them.”, and;

WHEREAS, certain legislation that has or may be introduced in the Virginia General Assembly, and certain legislation which has or may be introduced in the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia, and;

WHEREAS, the Lynchburg City Council is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Lynchburg to keep and bear arms, and;

WHEREAS, the Lynchburg City Council wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Lynchburg to keep and bear arms, and;

WHEREAS, the Lynchburg City Council wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Lynchburg to keep and bear arms, and;

WHEREAS, the Lynchburg City Council wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary City for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens of Lynchburg to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power to appropriate public funds, the right to petition for redress of grievances, and the power to direct the law enforcement and employees of Lynchburg to not enforce any unconstitutional law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Lynchburg, Virginia:

That the Lynchburg City Council hereby declares Lynchburg, Virginia, as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary", and;

That the Lynchburg City Council hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Lynchburg, Virginia, and;

That the Lynchburg City Council hereby expresses its intent that public funds of the City not be used to restrict the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Lynchburg, or to aid federal or state agencies in the restriction of said rights, and;

That the Lynchburg City Council hereby declares its intent to oppose any infringement on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms using such legal means as may be expedient, including, without limitation, court action.

The undersigned clerk of the Lynchburg City Council, hereby certifies that the Resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on January 14, 2020, by the City Council with the following votes:

Adopted: _____

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **December 10, 2019**

AGENDA ITEM #: **11**

CONSENT:
ACTION: **X**

REGULAR: X
INFORMATION:

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: Appropriation of Fund Balance from FY 2019 Unexpended Schools Operating Fund

KEY ELEMENTS:

☐ Economic Development ☒ Excellent Government ☐ Natural and Built Environment ☐ Safe Community ☒ Vibrant Community

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution to amend the FY 2020 General Fund budget and appropriate \$2,652,092 with resources from unexpended FY 2019 Schools Operating Fund for transfer to the FY 2020 Schools Operating Fund (\$990,178) and to the Schools Capital Fund (\$1,661,914) to fund needs as approved by the School Board.

Also, amend the FY 2020 General Fund budget and appropriate \$33,075 to the Council/Manager Offices budget with resources from unexpended FY 2019 Schools Operating Fund for expenses associated with the work of the Task Force on the Future of PreK-12 Education and Beyond.

Also, amend the FY 2020 General Fund budget and authorize \$2,322,972 with resources from unexpended FY 2019 Schools Operating Fund to increase the Schools Textbook Reserve (\$1,122,972) and establish a Reserve for Implementing Recommendations from the Task Force on the Future of PreK-12 Education and Beyond (\$1,200,000).

SUMMARY: The Lynchburg City School Board requested the appropriation of the entire \$5,008,139 in FY 2019 Operating Fund Balance as noted on Attachment A. City staff recommends a reduction of this request by \$1,233,075 with \$1,200,000 allocated to a Reserve for Implementing Recommendations from the Task Force on the Future of PreK-12 Education and Beyond, and \$33,075 for expenses associated with the work of the Task Force. Funding is needed for a demographic study to be performed by the Weldon Cooper Center Demographics Research Group as well as other to be determined costs which may include outside consultants.

The reduction proposed by staff comes from a deferral of Elementary Gym #4 (\$800,000) until the Task Force completes its work and the request to increase the Health Insurance Reserve by \$433,075. The current balance in the Health Insurance Reserve is \$2,066,925.

This action is requested in accordance with an agreement signed by the Lynchburg City Council and the Lynchburg City School Board dated December 14, 1993. This agreement provides for the creation and maintenance of a Schools Operating Fund fund balance for "the purpose of underwriting any occasional shortfalls from the various budgetary categories of direct State funding support as well as other applications, all based upon the required expenditure approval of the School Board."

PRIOR ACTION(S): Agreement with Schools regarding the Return of Fund Balance, December 14, 1993. FY 2019 Operating and Capital Budget Adopted by Council, May 22, 2018

FISCAL IMPACT: \$1,122,972 increase to the General Fund for the Textbook Reserve; \$1,200,000 increase to the General Fund for the Reserve for Implementing Recommendations from the Task Force on the Future of PreK-12 Education and Beyond; \$33,075 increase to the General Fund Council/Manager Offices budget; \$990,178 increase to the Schools Operating Fund; \$1,661,914 increase to the Schools Capital Fund.

CONTACT(S):

Bonnie Svrcek, City Manager, 455-3990
Donna S. Witt, Chief Financial Officer, 455-3968
Dr. Crystal M. Edwards, Superintendent, Lynchburg City Schools, 515-5070
Kimberly Lukanich, Chief Financial Officer, Lynchburg City Schools, 515-5010

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Resolution
- Attachment A: Request from Dr. Crystal M. Edwards, Superintendent, dated November 15, 2019
- Letter of Agreement between Lynchburg City Council and Lynchburg Board of School Trustees, dated December 20, 1993

REVIEWED BY: bms

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RESOLUTION:

#R-19-097

BE IT RESOLVED that the FY 2020 General Fund budget is amended and \$2,652,092 is appropriated with resources from unexpended FY 2019 Schools Operating Fund for transfer to the FY 2020 Schools Operating Fund (\$990,178) and to the Schools Capital Fund (\$1,661,914) to fund needs as approved by the School Board.

Also, the FY 2020 General Fund budget is amended and \$33,075 is appropriated to the Council/Manager Offices budget with resources from unexpended FY 2019 Schools Operating Fund for expenses associated with the work of the Task Force on the Future of PreK-12 Education and Beyond.

Also, the FY 2020 General Fund budget is amended and \$2,322,972 is authorized with resources from unexpended FY 2019 Schools Operating Fund to increase the Schools Textbook Reserve (\$1,122,972) and establish a Reserve for Implementing Recommendations from the Task Force on the Future of PreK-12 Education and Beyond (\$1,200,000).

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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November 15, 2019

Mrs. Bonnie Svrcek
City Manager
900 Church Street
Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

Dear Mrs. Svrcek:

During the November 6, 2019 school board meeting, the Lynchburg City School Board approved the attached fund balance request in the amount of \$5,008,139. Also included in this correspondence is a detailed outline of each request.

Please note, we are proposing that \$2,086,914 be allocated to existing school-related capital improvement projects (CIP) such as the practice field at E.C. Glass and various building projects at Dunbar; and one new CIP, an elementary school gym. We believe that by allocating funds to existing and one new school-related CIP, both Lynchburg City Schools and the City benefit as this will help the City by reducing the amount the City contributes to these projects.

Additionally, \$1,556,047 is proposed for reserve accounts: textbooks and health insurance. We are currently reviewing state-approved textbooks for adoptions for English and Language Arts in grades K-12, World Language in grades 8-12, and Social Studies in grades 1-5. The cost for these three multi-grade textbook adoptions is estimated to around \$1 million.

All of the budget allocation requests are aligned with the LCS 5-Year Comprehensive Strategic Plan which also references goals/objectives from The Lynchburg Plan: A work plan focused on City Council's priorities. We feel strongly that our priorities are closely aligned and that the City will support our requests.

Finally and in an effort to ensure positive communications and be fully transparent about our stewardship of public funds, during the school board meeting the Board was provided with a summary of some major factors that contributed to the fund balance. Some of those factors include:



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- Health Insurance Claims – Our anticipated medical claims came in under budget. For example, after paying all claims for the prior year there was approximately \$1.3 million in allocated funds remaining.
 - Unfilled Positions (but needed) & Salary Lapses – We allocated funds for positions that were hard to fill, went unfilled the entire year, and/or incurred a lapse between refilling positions. For example, in the prior year we were unable to fill all of our bus driver positions, had a salary lapse in filling the Director of Curriculum and Instruction position, and incurred lower costs by hiring substitute teachers in cases where there was a shortage of qualified licensed full-time teachers/staff. This contributed approximately \$1.1 million to the fund balance.
 - Purchase Services & Materials – We allocated resources for projected purchased services materials and repairs. For example, we projected budget allocations for materials, repairs and/or purchased services needed for vehicles, additional building services, and instructional student support were not completed expended during the prior year. This contributed to over \$1.3 million to the fund balance.
 - Additional Revenue – We received approximately \$600,000 in revenue beyond what was anticipated for Medicaid, bus transportation, and indirect costs.
 - Prior Year Correction – We adjusted fund amounts by approximately \$117,000 due to a correction in the 2017-18 budget.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss our request in more detail with you and the City's Finance Committee. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Crystal M. Edwards, Ed.D
Superintendent

encl: School Board Agenda Number J-6: Fund Balance Recommendation
School Board Agenda Attachment: Fund Balance Request

cc: Members, Lynchburg City School Board
Kim Lukanich, Chief Financial Officer

Agenda Report

Date: 11/06/19

Agenda Number: J-6

Attachments: Yes

From: Dr. Crystal Edwards, Superintendent
Kimberly Lukanich, Chief Financial Officer

Subject: Fund Balance Recommendations: 2019-20

Summary/Description:

The fund balance for the 2018-19 school year is \$5,008,139. The school administration has discussed possible uses for those funds at the Finance Committee Meeting on October 8, 2019 and at the School Board Retreat on October 11, 2019. The administration recommends the following:

CIP Projects	\$ 2,086,914
Textbook/Textbook Reserve	\$ 1,122,972
Health Insurance Reserve	\$ 433,075
School Revitalization Projects	\$ 499,400
Elevator Controller Upgrade Kits	\$ 86,000
Board Room Technology Upgrades	\$ 25,000
Sonitrol Upgrade to Digital	\$ 68,000
Siemens Desigo Control Upgrade	\$ 65,000
Classroom and Admin Desktop Computers	\$ 416,000
Smartboard and Projector Replacement	\$ 73,000
Classlink Software	\$ 31,000
Demographic Enrollment Software	\$ 33,800
Board Doc Software	\$ 12,600
2 Bus Engine Rebuilds	\$ 50,000
School Security Equipment Grant Local Match	\$ 5,378
	\$ 5,008,139

A detailed listing appears as an attachment to the agenda report.

Disposition: ☒ **Action**
☐ **Information**

Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the school board approve the fund balance request.

Fund Balance Request					
	Project	Cost	Strategic Plan Goal	Total by Goal	Notes
1	Elementary Gym #4	\$ 800,000.00	3.3.1 (CIP Projects)		Board discussion
2	ECG Practice Field	\$ 650,000.00	3.3.1 (CIP Projects)		Design and partial construction
3	Funding for CIP Plan Projects	\$ 636,914.00	3.3.1 (CIP Projects)	\$ 2,086,914.00	
4	Textbook Reserve	\$ 110,972.00	3.1.2 (Budget Management)		FY1819 restricted textbook funds
5	Textbooks				
	New adoption	\$ 1,000,000.00	3.1.2 (Budget Management)		ELA (K-12), World Language (8-12), Social Studies (1-5)
	Alt Ed	\$ 12,000.00	3.1.2 (Budget Management)	\$ 1,122,972.00	
6	Health Insurance Reserve	\$ 433,075.00	3.1.4 (Healthcare)	\$ 433,075.00	Will bring balance to \$2.5 million
	School Revitalization Projects				
	ECG V/JV Boys Lockers	\$ 55,000.00	3.3.5 (Routine Maintenance/Upgrades)		lockers are unserviceable
	Board Clerk & Personnel Conf Room Furniture	\$ 4,400.00	3.3.5 (Routine Maintenance/Upgrades)		unplanned expense
7	First Grade Classroom Rugs (35)	\$ 15,000.00	3.3.5 (Routine Maintenance/Upgrades)		
	Blinds in multiple schools	\$ 150,000.00	3.3.5 (Routine Maintenance/Upgrades)		Perrymont, Bedford Hills, Dearington
	Intercom Replacement	\$ 150,000.00	3.3.5 (Routine Maintenance/Upgrades)		Bedford Hills, TC Miller, & TBD
	Replace all MS aluminum bleachers to meet	\$ 75,000.00	3.3.5 (Routine Maintenance/Upgrades)		
	Student Collaboration Desks	\$ 50,000.00	3.3.5 (Routine Maintenance/Upgrades)		Need additional student desks at ECG, LMS, SMS & DMS
8	Seven elevator controller upgrade kits	\$ 86,000.00	3.3.5 (Routine Maintenance/Upgrades)		
9	Board Room Technology Upgrade	\$ 25,000.00	3.3.5 (Routine Maintenance/Upgrades)		Eliminate the need for camera operators and modernize the audio/electronics
10	Sonitrol upgrade to digital controls	\$ 68,000.00	3.3.5 (Routine Maintenance/Upgrades)		All ES, MS & ECG
11	Upgrade for Siemens Desigo control	\$ 65,000.00	3.3.5 (Routine Maintenance/Upgrades)	\$ 743,400.00	
12	Classroom & Admin Desktop computers	\$ 416,000.00	3.4.2 (Tech Long Range Plan)		Replace older devices
13	Smartboard & projector replacement	\$ 73,000.00	3.4.2 (Tech Long Range Plan)		Replace older devices
14	Classlink (single sign on/acct setup/roster maint. enterprise software)	\$ 31,000.00	3.4.2 (Tech Long Range Plan)	\$ 520,000.00	Links multiple software programs for access
15	Demographic Enrollment Software	\$ 33,800.00	3.2.1 (Enrollment)	\$ 33,800.00	Mapping and zoning software
16	Board Docs	\$ 12,600.00	2.5.1 (High Performing Board)	\$ 12,600.00	Help with board communication and community access to information
17	2 Bus Engine Rebuilds	\$ 50,000.00	3.5.2 (Bus Replacement Cycle)	\$ 50,000.00	excessive engine wear due to new emission standards.
18	School Security Equipment Grant Local	\$ 5,378.00	3.3.4 (School Security)	\$ 5,378.00	Local match is \$30,377.50 - we had budgeted \$25,000
	TOTAL	\$ 5,008,139.00		\$ 5,008,139.00	
			Fund Balance	\$4,891,499.00	\$116,640.00
			By Year	FY2018-19	additional funds from 2017-18 correction

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

AND LYNCHBURG BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

In accordance with the attached, duly-adopted Resolution, the Lynchburg City Council and the Lynchburg Board of School Trustees hereby agree that the creation and maintenance of a School Operating Fund Balance is desirable to the long-range financial interests of both entities and, even more importantly, to the citizens and the community which both bodies represent. Accordingly, the City Council supports such approach by indicating its willingness to reappropriate to such Fund Balance any duly-budgeted, non-debt service local funding which the Schools manage to avoid spending by the close of each fiscal year. Similarly, the School Board expresses its intention of continuing to exercise cautiousness in the expenditure of all budgeted, appropriated local funding to the Schools, and further understands that any such unexpended, non-debt service monies would become part of a Schools Operating Fund Balance.

The separate, above-mentioned Fund Balance would be maintained in the accounting records of the Lynchburg City Schools for the purpose of underwriting any occasional shortfalls from any of the various budgetary categories of direct State funding support as well as other applications, all based upon the required expenditure approval of the School Board. For informational purposes, the Lynchburg City School Board would advise City Council annually as to amount of funding in such School Operating Fund Balance as of July 1 of each fiscal year; and such information would be reflected in the overall financial information of the City of Lynchburg along with other customary fiscal data for the Lynchburg City Schools.

Based upon this understanding, the creation of the above-referenced Fund Balance would occur promptly and would include any unexpended, duly-budgeted, non-debt service local funding at the close of the current 1992-1993 fiscal year. It is understood that such practice would remain active in the years thereafter.

Lynchburg City Council

By:

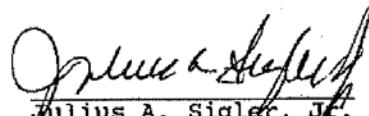

Julian R. Adams
Mayor

Date:

12/14/93

Lynchburg City School Board

By:


Julius A. Sigler, Jr.
Chairman

Date: December 20, 1993

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **December 10, 2019**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **12**

CONSENT:
ACTION: **X**

REGULAR: **X**
INFORMATION:

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

**ITEM TITLE: THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$32,000,000)
AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS**

KEY ELEMENTS:

☐ Economic Development ☒ Excellent Government ☐ Natural and Built Environment ☐ Safe Community ☐ Vibrant Community

RECOMMENDATION: After a public hearing, authorize the issuance of up to \$32,000,000 of General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, enlargement and equipping of various public improvement projects by taking the following actions:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds not to exceed \$32,000,000 in principal to finance the costs of various public improvement projects. The proceeds of the sale of the General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds shall be applied to finance and refinance the cost of public improvement projects of and for the City consisting of the Lakeside Drive bridge project, transportation projects, school improvement projects, sewer improvement projects, water improvement projects, building projects, parks and recreation projects, economic development projects and stormwater improvement projects, all as set forth in the City's Capital Improvement Plan, and to finance the acquisition of fleet vehicles. The resolution authorizes the City Manager or Director of Financial Services to make the final decision to either a negotiated bond sale with a group of investment banking firms or to hold a competitive sale where all investment banking firms are allowed to competitively bid on the City's bonds. At this time the municipal bond market is stable and as a result, the City's Financial Advisor, Davenport & Company LLC, is recommending a competitive sale. With this method of sale the investment banking firm's fee (underwriter's discount) to sell the bonds is built into their bid and will not be known until the day of the sale. Thus, a conservative estimate for this fee has been used when estimating the maximum bond size amount for the authorizing resolution. The resolution also sets the maximum interest rate that the City Manager can accept as five percent (5%).
2. Adopt a resolution amending the FY 2020 General, Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Funds' Operating Budgets to provide appropriations totaling \$350,000 with resources from the General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2020 for costs associated with the issuance of \$32,000,000 General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 15.2-2606.A of the *Code of Virginia, 1950*, to authorize the issuance of \$32,000,000 General Obligation Public Improvement Bond of the City, a public hearing is required. The plan for the proceeds of these bonds is to fund the Lakeside Drive Bridge, however, the resolution allows for the proceeds to fund other projects in the FY 2020 Capital Improvement Plan should the Lakeside Drive Bridge project be delayed or come in under the estimated budget.

The permanent financing of the Line of Credit was included in the original resolution to establish the Line of Credit so a new resolution is not required.

The following is a summary of the estimated cost of issuance for both the new bonds and the permanent financing of the Line of Credit:

Issuance Cost Components	FY 2020 Estimates
Bond Counsel	\$55,000
Bond Ratings	99,000
Financial Advisor	155,673
Official Statement Preparation, CUSIPs	2,000
Copying, Postage, Overnight Mailing, etc	2,500
Miscellaneous	35,827
Total	\$350,000

PRIOR ACTION(S): Adopted FY 2020 Operating Budget and Appropriated FY 2020 Capital Improvement Program

FISCAL IMPACT: New long-term debt issued and issuance costs funded by bond proceeds.

CONTACT(S): Donna S. Witt, Chief Financial Officer, 455-3968

ATTACHMENT(S):
Resolutions (2)

REVIEWED BY: bms

RESOLUTION:

#R-19-099

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$32,000,000) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, EXTENSION, ENLARGEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF AND FOR THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A LIKE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Lynchburg, Virginia (the "City"), hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) The Council desires to authorize the issuance and sale of (i) General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds to provide funds to pay the costs of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, enlargement and equipping of various public improvement projects of and for the City as set forth in Section 8 hereof (hereinafter defined as the "Projects"), and (ii) a like principal amount of General Obligation Public Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the issuance of such Bonds.

(b) In the judgment of this Council, it is necessary and expedient to authorize the issuance and sale of not to exceed Thirty-Two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000) aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds of the City (the "Bonds") and to authorize the issuance and sale of a like principal amount of General Obligation Public Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes of the City (the "Notes") in anticipation of the issuance of such Bonds, in each case for the purpose of providing funds to finance and refinance the costs of the Projects and to pay costs of issuance of such Bonds and such Notes.

SECTION 2. (a) Pursuant to the Public Finance Act of 1991, there are authorized to be issued not to exceed Thirty-Two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000) aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of the City for the purpose of providing funds to finance and refinance the costs of the Projects as described in Section 8 hereof and to pay certain costs related to the issuance of such Bonds.

(b) The Bonds shall be issued and sold in their entirety at one time in one or more series, or from time to time in part in series, as shall be determined by the Director of Financial Services or the City Manager. The Bonds may be sold at the same time as other general obligation bonds are sold by the City. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 13 hereof. The Bonds of each series shall be numbered from R-1

upwards in order of issuance and shall have such other series designation as shall be determined by the Director of Financial Services or the City Manager; shall mature annually, commencing in such year and on such date in each year and in such amount in each year as shall be determined by the Director of Financial Services or the City Manager; and shall bear interest at such rate or rates per annum as shall be determined by the Director of Financial Services of the City Manager pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 hereof, such interest being payable on the day which is not more than one (1) year from the date of the Bonds of such series and semiannually thereafter (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 13 hereof) and, unless otherwise provided herein or in the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the Bonds of any such series, such interest shall be computed on the basis of a three hundred and sixty (360) day year comprised of twelve (12) thirty (30) day months. The Director of Financial Services or the City Manager is authorized to determine, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Resolution: the date or dates of the Bonds; the interest payment dates thereof; the maturity dates thereof (*provided* that the final maturity of the Bonds of any series shall be not later than forty (40) years from the date of issuance of such Bonds); the amount of principal maturing on each maturity date; the place or places of payment thereof and the paying agent or paying agents therefor; the place or places of registration, exchange or transfer thereof and the registrar therefor; and whether or not the Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity or maturities and if subject to such redemption, the premiums, if any, payable upon such redemption and the respective periods in which such premiums are payable.

(c) In the event the Bonds of any series shall be dated as of a date other than the first day of a calendar month or the dates on which interest is payable on such series are other than the first days of calendar months, the provisions of Section 3 hereof with regard to the authentication of such Bonds and of Section 11 with regard to the forms of such Bonds shall be modified as the Director of Financial Services shall determine to be necessary or appropriate.

(d) (i) If the Bonds of a given series are subject to redemption and if any Bonds of such series (or portions thereof in installments of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof) are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption specifying the date, numbers and maturity or maturities of the Bond or Bonds to be redeemed, the date and place or places fixed for their redemption, and if less than the entire principal amount of a Bond called for redemption is to be redeemed, that such Bond must be surrendered in exchange for payment of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed and the issuance of a new Bond or Bonds equalling in principal amount that portion of the principal amount of such Bond not to be redeemed, shall, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 13 hereof, be mailed not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the registered owner of each such Bond at the address of such registered owner as it appears on the books of registry kept by Director of Financial Services of the City, who is hereby appointed as the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds (the "Registrar and Paying Agent" or the "Registrar" or the "Paying Agent"), as of the close of business on the forty-fifth (45th) day next preceding the date fixed for redemption. If any Bonds shall have been called for redemption and notice thereof shall have been given as hereinabove set forth, and payment of the principal amount of such Bonds (or of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) and of the accrued interest payable upon such redemption shall have been duly made or provided for, interest on such Bonds shall cease to accrue from and after the date so specified for their redemption.

(ii) Any notice of the optional redemption of the Bonds may state that it is conditioned upon there being on deposit with the City, or with the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds or other agent designated by the City, on the date fixed for the redemption thereof an amount of money sufficient to pay the redemption price of such Bonds, together with the interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for the redemption thereof, and any conditional notice so given may be rescinded at any time before the payment of the redemption price of such Bonds, together with the interest accrued thereon, is due and payable if any such condition so specified is not satisfied. If a redemption of any Bonds does not occur after a conditional notice is given due to there not being on deposit with the City, or with the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds or other agent designated by the City, a sufficient amount of money to pay the redemption price of such Bonds, together with the interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for the redemption thereof, the corresponding notice of redemption shall be deemed to be revoked.

(iii) So long as the Bonds are in book-entry only form, any notice of redemption shall be given only to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), or to its nominee, Cede & Co., or to such other nominee of DTC as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC, and any notice of redemption otherwise required by this resolution to be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, may be given electronically in lieu of being given by first class mail, postage prepaid, if and to the extent delivery of notices of redemption electronically is acceptable to DTC. The City shall not be responsible for providing any beneficial owner of the Bonds registered to DTC or its nominee any notice of redemption.

(e) (i) The Bonds of each series shall be issued only in book-entry only form. One Bond representing each maturity of the Bonds of each series will be issued to and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, or in the name of such other nominee of DTC as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC, as registered owner of the Bonds, and each such Bond shall be immobilized in the custody of DTC. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 13 hereof. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry form only, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Purchasers will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased.

(ii) Except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 13 hereof, principal and interest payments on the Bonds will be made by the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., or to such other nominee of DTC as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC, as registered owner of the Bonds, which will in turn remit such payments to the DTC participants for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. Transfers of principal and interest payments to DTC participants will be the responsibility of DTC. Transfers of such payments to beneficial owners of the Bonds by DTC participants will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of such beneficial owners. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds will be accomplished by book entries made by DTC and, in turn, by the DTC participants who act on behalf of the indirect participants of DTC and the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

(iii) The City will not be responsible or liable for sending transaction statements or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants or for transmitting payments to,

communicating with, notifying or otherwise dealing with any beneficial owner of the Bonds. So long as the Bonds are in book-entry only form, the Director of Financial Services will serve as Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds. The City reserves the right to designate a successor Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds and any such successor Registrar and Paying Agent shall be appointed by the City Manager or the Director of Financial Services.

SECTION 3. (a) The Bonds shall be executed, for and on behalf of the City, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor of the City and shall have an impression of the corporate seal of the City or a facsimile thereof embossed or imprinted thereon, attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk of Council of the City.

(b) The Director of Financial Services or the City Manager shall direct the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds of a given series to authenticate such Bonds and no such Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless and until the certificate of authentication endorsed on each Bond shall have been manually executed by an authorized signator of the Registrar and Paying Agent. Upon the authentication of any Bonds, the Registrar and Paying Agent shall insert in the certificate of authentication the date as of which such Bonds are authenticated as follows: (i) if the Bond is authenticated prior to the first interest payment date, the certificate shall be dated as of the date of the initial issuance and delivery of the Bonds of the issue of which such Bond is one, (ii) if the Bond is authenticated upon an interest payment date, the certificate shall be dated as of such interest payment date, (iii) if the Bond is authenticated after the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month next preceding an interest payment date and prior to such following interest payment date, the certificate shall be dated as of such following interest payment date, and (iv) in all other instances the certificate shall be dated as of the actual date upon which the Bond is authenticated by the Registrar and Paying Agent.

(c) The execution of the Bonds in the manner above set forth is adopted as a due and sufficient authentication of the Bonds.

SECTION 4. (a) The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the respective dates of payment thereof is legal tender for public and private debts.

(b) Principal of the Bonds of a given series shall be payable upon presentation and surrender thereof at the office of the Registrar and Paying Agent.

(c) Except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 13 hereof, interest on the Bonds shall be payable by check mailed by the Registrar and Paying Agent to the registered owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as such addresses appear on the books of registry kept pursuant to the provisions of this Section 4; provided, however, that so long as the Bonds are in book-entry form and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, or in the name of such other nominee of DTC as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC, interest on the Bonds shall be paid directly to Cede & Co. or such other nominee of DTC by wire transfer.

(d) At all times during which any Bond of any series remains outstanding and unpaid, the Registrar and Paying Agent shall keep or cause to be kept, at its office, books of registry for the registration, exchange and transfer of Bonds of such series. Upon presentation of a Bond or Bonds at the office of the Registrar and Paying Agent, the Registrar and Paying Agent, under such reasonable regulations as the Registrar and Paying Agent may prescribe, shall register, exchange or transfer, or cause to be registered, exchanged or transferred, such Bond or Bonds on the books of registry as hereinbefore set forth.

(e) The books of registry shall at all times be open for inspection by the City or any duly authorized officer thereof.

(f) Any Bond may be exchanged at the office of the Registrar and Paying Agent for a like aggregate principal amount of such Bonds in other authorized principal sums and of the same series, interest rate and maturity.

(g) Any Bond of any series may, in accordance with its terms, be transferred upon the books of registry by the registered owner in whose name it is registered, in person or by the duly authorized agent of such registered owner, upon surrender of such Bond to the Registrar and Paying Agent for cancellation, accompanied by a written instrument of transfer duly executed by the registered owner or the duly authorized agent of such registered owner, in form satisfactory to the Registrar and Paying Agent.

(h) All transfers or exchanges pursuant to this Section 4 shall be made without expense to the registered owner of such Bond or Bonds, except as otherwise herein provided, and except that the Registrar and Paying Agent shall require the payment by the registered owner of such Bond or Bonds requesting such transfer or exchange of any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange. All Bonds surrendered for transfer or exchange pursuant to this Section 4 shall be cancelled.

SECTION 5. The full faith and credit of the City are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due. In each year while the Bonds, or any of them, are outstanding and unpaid, the Council shall be authorized and required to levy and collect annually, at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes of the City are assessed, levied and collected, a tax upon all taxable property within the City, over and above all other taxes, authorized or limited by law and without limitation as to rate or amount, sufficient to pay when due the principal of and interest on the Bonds to the extent other funds of the City are not lawfully available and appropriated for such purpose.

SECTION 6. CUSIP identification numbers may be printed on the Bonds, but no such number shall constitute a part of the contract evidenced by the particular Bond upon which it is printed and no liability shall attach to the City or any officer or agent thereof (including any paying agent for the Bonds) by reason of such numbers or any use made thereof (including any use thereof made by the City, any such officer or any such agent) or by reason of any inaccuracy, error or omission with respect thereto or in such use. All expenses in relation to the printing of such numbers on the Bonds shall be paid by the City; *provided, however*, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of such numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchasers of the Bonds.

SECTION 7. To the extent it shall be contemplated at the time of their issuance that the interest on any Bonds issued hereunder shall be excludable from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation, the City covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the provisions of Sections 103 and 141-150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "1986 Code") and the applicable Treasury Regulations promulgated under such Sections 103 and 141-150 so long as any such Bonds are outstanding.

SECTION 8. The proceeds of the sale of the General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds shall be applied to finance and refinance the cost of public improvement projects of and for the City consisting of the Lakeside Drive bridge project, transportation projects, school improvement projects, sewer improvement projects, water improvement projects, building projects, parks and recreation projects, economic development projects and stormwater improvement projects, all as set forth in the City's Capital Improvement Plan, and to finance the acquisition of fleet vehicles (collectively, the "Projects").

SECTION 9. (a) Except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 13 hereof, the Bonds shall be sold in one or more series in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 at competitive or negotiated sale at not less than ninety-eight percent (98%) of the principal amount thereof (less any original issue discount) and on such other terms and conditions as are provided in the Official Notice of Sale thereof or in the Purchase Contract or Bond Purchase Agreement relating thereto.

(b) If the Bonds are sold at competitive sale, they may be sold contemporaneously with other bonds of the City under a combined Official Notice of Sale. If the Bonds are sold at competitive sale, the Director of Financial Services or the City Manager are each hereby authorized to cause to be prepared and distributed (via electronic dissemination or otherwise) an Official Notice of Sale of the Bonds in such form and containing such terms and conditions as the may deem advisable, subject to the provisions hereof.

(c) Upon the determination by the Director of Financial Services or the City manager to sell the Bonds at competitive or negotiated sale, the Director of Financial Services of the City Manager are each hereby authorized, without further notice to or action by the Council, to determine the rates of interest the Bonds shall bear; *provided that*:

(i) in no event shall the true interest cost for the Bonds exceed five percent (5%);

(ii) in no event shall the premium payable by the City upon the redemption of the Bonds exceed two percent (2%) of the principal amount thereof; and

(d) If the Bonds are sold at negotiated sale, the Director of Financial Services or the City Manager is hereby authorized to, without further notice to or action by the Council, to select the underwriters for the Bonds (the "Underwriters") and to execute and deliver to the Underwriters a Purchase Contract or Bond Purchase Agreement relating to the Bonds.

(e) The Director of Financial Services or the City Manager are each hereby authorized to cause to be prepared and distributed (via electronic dissemination or otherwise) a

Preliminary Official Statement and a final Official Statement relating to the Bonds. Either or both of the City Manager and the Director of Financial Services is hereby further authorized to certify that the Preliminary Official Statement for the Bonds of each series authorized hereunder is "deemed final" for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Rule 15c2-12"). The Mayor or the City Manager are each hereby authorized to execute and deliver the final Official Statement for the Bonds of each series authorized hereunder, and the City Manager, the Director of Financial Services and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the purchasers of the Bonds of each series certificates in the forms provided for in the Official Statement for the Bonds of such series.

SECTION 10. The City Manager or the Director of Financial Services are each hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the purchasers of the Bonds of each series authorized hereunder, as applicable, a Continuing Disclosure Certificate or a Continuing Disclosure Agreement evidencing the City's undertaking to comply with the continuing disclosure requirements of Paragraph (b)(5) of such Rule 15c2-12 to the extent applicable to the Bonds, such Continuing Disclosure Certificate or Continuing Disclosure Agreement to be in such form as shall be approved by the City Manager or the Director of Financial Services upon the advice of counsel (including the City Attorney or Bond Counsel to the City), such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Continuing Disclosure Certificate or Continuing Disclosure Agreement by the City Manager or the Director of Financial Services.

SECTION 11. The Bonds, the certificate of authentication of the Registrar and Paying Agent and the assignment endorsed on the Bonds, shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A, together with such changes in format as may be appropriate to conform with the provisions hereof, including the provisions of Section 13 hereof, and with customs and practices applicable to comparable securities.

SECTION 12. Pursuant to the Public Finance Act of 1991, there are hereby authorized to be issued and sold, in anticipation of the Bonds authorized for issuance herein, the Notes. Such Notes shall be sold at competitive or negotiated sale, or by direct purchase as set forth in Section 13 hereof, at such price or prices and on such other terms and conditions as shall be determined by the City Manager and the Director of Financial Services. The City Manager or the Director of Financial Services (i) are hereby authorized to determine the dated date of the Notes of each series, the dates the Notes of each series shall mature (not later than 5 years after the date of issuance of such Notes), the dates on which interest on the Notes shall be payable, the aggregate principal amount of the Notes of each series and the principal amount of the Notes of each series maturing in each year and (ii) are hereby further authorized to receive bids for the purchase of the Notes of each series if sold at competitive sale or proposals for the purchase of the Notes of each series if sold at negotiated sale and, without further action of the Council, to accept the bid or proposal offering to purchase the Notes of each series at the lowest true interest cost to the City; provided, however, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 13 hereof, in no event shall the true interest cost to the City with respect to the Notes of any series exceed five percent (5.00%). The City Manager or the Director of Financial Services are each further authorized to fix the rates of interest to be borne by the Notes of each maturity of each series as specified in the bid or proposal accepted by them in accordance with the immediately preceding sentence. The City Manager or the Director of Financial Services are each hereby authorized to

determine the provisions relating to the redemption of the Notes upon the advice of the City's financial advisor; provided, however, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 13 hereof, in no event shall any redemption premium payable by the City exceed two percent (2.00%). If such Notes are offered for competitive sale, an Official Notice of Sale of such Notes shall be prepared, published and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Section 9. If such Notes are publicly offered, there may also be prepared and distributed a Preliminary Official Statement and a final Official Statement relating to such Notes in such form as shall be approved by the Director of Financial Services. The issuance and details of such Notes shall be governed by the provisions of Section 15.2-2628 of Title 15.2, Chapter 26, Article 2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. The provisions of Sections 5 and 7 shall apply to such Notes to the same extent the same apply to the Bonds except, in the case of the provisions of Section 5, only to the extent such Notes are not paid from the proceeds of the Bonds or from any other available funds. Bonds in anticipation of which such Notes are issued pursuant to this Section 12 may be issued and sold in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution at any time within five (5) years of the date of issuance of the first Notes issued in anticipation of such Bonds.

SECTION 13. (a) In addition to the authorization for a competitive or negotiated sale of the Bonds and the Notes as set forth in Sections 9 and 12 hereof, the Council hereby authorizes the issuance and sale of the Bonds and the Notes to one or more lenders to evidence one or more loans made to the City by one or more lenders in accordance with any proposal made by such lender(s) to the City pursuant to any Request for Proposal issued by the City for any such loan (hereinafter any such Request for Proposal of the City and any proposal from any lender(s) submitted in response thereto shall be collectively referred to as a "Financing Proposal"). There is hereby delegated to the City Manager or the Director of Financial Services, without further action by the Council, the authority to issue and deliver the Bonds and the Notes pursuant to this Section 13 at such price(s) and rate(s), and on such other terms and conditions, as shall be provided in any Financing Proposal, which Financing Proposal shall be in such form and containing such terms and conditions as the City Manager or the Director of Financial Services deem acceptable, acting with the advice of the City's financial advisor and legal counsel (including the City Attorney and the City's Bond Counsel), subject to the provisions and parameters set forth herein. Any such loan authorized hereby to be evidenced by any Bonds or Notes of the City authorized and issued pursuant to this Resolution may be in the form of a non-revolving drawdown loan in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$32,000,000.

(b) Notwithstanding anything in this Resolution to the contrary, Bonds or Notes issued and sold pursuant to a Financing Proposal as provided in this Section 13 may bear interest at such fixed rates or variable rates of interest (which variable rates of interest shall be determined in accordance with any variable rate formula as shall be set forth in any Financing Proposal) as shall be determined by the City Manager or the Director of Financial Services, acting with the advice of the City's financial advisor; provided, however, that the true interest cost of any fixed rate(s), or the initial variable rate(s) of interest, shall not exceed 5.000%; and provided further that the fixed rate(s) or variable rate(s) determined for such Bonds or Notes may be further subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events or conditions as may be set forth in any Financing Proposal, including, without limitation, adjustments to the stated interest rate or interest rate formula upon the occurrence of any event of taxability with respect to the Bonds or Notes, any default in payment with respect to the Bonds, and any change in the

marginal corporate tax rate of corporations under federal law. Notwithstanding anything in this Resolution to the contrary, any Bonds or Notes issued and sold pursuant to a Financing Proposal as provided in this Section 13 may be prepayable at a prepayment price or redemption price that includes any make-whole amount, yield maintenance fee, penalty fee or break-funding amount calculated in accordance with any formula acceptable to the City Manager or the Director of Financial Services, acting with the advice of the City's financial advisor and legal counsel (including the City Attorney and Bond Counsel) as may be set forth in any Financing Proposal or in the Bonds, and in such case, such prepayment price or redemption price may exceed the 2% redemption premium limitation set forth in Sections 9 and 12 above.

(c) Any one of the City Manager or the Director of Financial Services is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any Financing Agreement, purchase agreement or any other document, agreement or instrument necessary to provide for the issuance and delivery of the Bonds or the Notes (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Financing Documents"), which Financing Documents shall be in such form and substance as shall be acceptable to the City Manager or the Director of Financial Services, as evidenced by his or her signature thereon, acting with the advice of legal counsel (including the City Attorney and Bond Counsel). Any one of the City Manager or the Director of Financial Services is hereby further authorized to determine, or to modify the form of and terms of the Bonds or the Notes with respect to the dated date of the Bonds or the Notes, the authorized denominations of the Bonds or the Notes, the assignment of CUSIP Numbers, if any, to the Bonds or the Notes, and the principal and interest payment dates of the Bonds or the Notes. Notwithstanding anything in this Resolution to the contrary, any of the Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes may be issued directly to the purchaser thereof, as registered owner or holder thereof.

SECTION 14. The Council hereby authorizes the City to make expenditures for the purpose for which the Bonds and the Notes are to be issued in advance of the issuance and receipt of the proceeds of the Bonds and the Notes and to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of the Bonds or the Notes. The adoption of this resolution shall be considered as an "official intent" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

SECTION 15. All actions and proceedings heretofore taken by this Council, the City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, the Director of Financial Services and the other officers, employees, agents and attorneys of the City in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds and the Notes, including, without limitation, the preparation and distribution of any Request for Proposals relating to the issuance of the Notes, and the review and negotiation of any Financing Proposals, are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

SECTION 16. The City Attorney of the City is directed to file a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Clerk of Council of the City to be a true and correct copy hereof, with the Circuit Court of the City in accordance with Section 15.2-2607 of the Code of Virginia, 1950.

SECTION 17. All ordinances, resolutions and other proceedings in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

SECTION 18. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY OF LYNCHBURG
GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT
BOND, SERIES [2020]**

REGISTERED

REGISTERED

NO. [R-2020__]

\$_____

**INTEREST
RATE:**

**MATURITY
DATE:**

DATE OF BOND:

CUSIP NO.:

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL SUM:

DOLLARS

The City of Lynchburg, a municipal corporation of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the "City"), for value received, acknowledges itself indebted and hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner (named above), or registered assigns, on the Maturity Date (specified above), unless this Bond shall have been duly called for previous redemption and payment of the redemption price duly made or provided for, the Principal Sum (specified above) and to pay interest on such Principal Sum until the payment of such Principal Sum in full, at the Interest Rate (specified above) per annum, on _____, _____ and semiannually on each _____ and _____ thereafter (each such date is hereinafter referred to as an "interest payment date"), from the date hereof or from the interest payment date next preceding the date of authentication hereof to which interest shall have been paid, unless such date of authentication is an interest payment date if interest shall have been paid to that date, in which case from such interest payment date, or unless such date of authentication is within the period from the sixteenth (16th) day to the last day of the calendar month next preceding the following interest payment date, in which case from such following interest payment date. *[To be substituted if the interest payment date is the 15th day of the month: or unless such date of authentication is within the period from the first (1st) day to the fourteenth (14th) day of the calendar month in which the following interest payment date shall occur, in which event from such following interest payment date].* Such interest shall be computed on the basis of a three hundred and sixty (360) day year comprised of twelve (12) thirty (30) day months. Such interest is payable on each interest payment date by check mailed by the Registrar and Paying Agent hereinafter mentioned to the Registered Owner hereof at his address as it appears on such books of registry kept by the Registrar and Paying Agent, as of the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date *[To be substituted if the interest payment date is the 15th day of the month: Such interest is payable on each interest payment date by check mailed by the Registrar and Paying*

Agent hereinafter mentioned to the Registered Owner hereof at his address as it appears on the books of registry kept by the Registrar, as of the close of business on the last day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date]; *provided, however,* that so long as this Bond is in book-entry only form and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), or in the name of such other nominee of DTC as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC, interest on this Bond shall be paid directly to Cede & Co. or such other nominee of DTC by wire transfer.

The principal of this Bond is payable on presentation and surrender hereof at the office of the **Director of Financial Services of the City**, as Registrar and Paying Agent, in the City of Lynchburg, Virginia. The principal of and interest on this Bond are payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the respective dates of payment thereof is legal tender for public and private debts.

This Bond is one of an issue of Bonds aggregating _____ Dollars (\$ _____) in principal amount issued for the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of the Lakeside Drive bridge project and the the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, enlargement and equipping of various other public improvement projects of and for the City under and pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including Chapter 15.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 (the same being the Public Finance Act of 1991) and resolutions and other proceedings of the Council of the City duly adopted and taken under the Public Finance Act of 1991.

The Bonds of the issue of which this Bond is one (or portions of the principal amount thereof in installments of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof) maturing on and after _____, _____ are subject to redemption at the option of the City prior to their stated maturities, on or after _____, _____, in whole or in part on any date, in such order as may be determined by the City (except that if at any time less than all of the Bonds of a given maturity are called for redemption, the particular Bonds of such maturity or portions thereof in installments of \$5,000 to be redeemed shall be selected by lot), upon payment of a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, together with the interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for the redemption thereof.

If this Bond is redeemable and this Bond (or any portion of the principal amount hereof) shall be called for redemption, notice of the redemption hereof, specifying the date, number and maturity of this Bond, the date and place or places fixed for its redemption, and if less than the entire principal amount of this Bond is to be redeemed, that this Bond must be surrendered in exchange for the principal amount hereof to be redeemed and a new Bond or Bonds issued equalling in principal amount that portion of the principal amount hereof not to be redeemed, shall be mailed not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the Registered Owner hereof at his address as it appears on the books of registry kept by the Registrar and Paying Agent as of the close of business on the forty-fifth (45th) day next preceding the date fixed for redemption. If notice of the redemption of this Bond shall have been given as aforesaid, and payment of the principal amount of this Bond (or of the portion of the principal amount hereof to be redeemed) and of the accrued

interest payable upon such redemption shall have been duly made or provided for, interest hereon shall cease to accrue from and after the date so specified for the redemption hereof.

Any notice of the optional redemption of this Bond may state that it is conditioned upon there being on deposit with the City, or with the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds or other agent designated by the City, on the date fixed for the redemption hereof an amount of money sufficient to pay the redemption price of this Bond, together with the interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for the redemption hereof, and any conditional notice so given may be rescinded at any time before the payment of the redemption price of this Bond, together with the interest accrued thereon, is due and payable if any such condition so specified is not satisfied. If a redemption of this Bond does not occur after a conditional notice is given due to there not being on deposit with the City, or with the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds or other agent designated by the City, a sufficient amount of money to pay the redemption price of this Bond, together with the interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for the redemption hereof, the corresponding notice of redemption shall be deemed to be revoked.

So long as the Bonds of the series of which this Bond is one are in book-entry only form, any notice of redemption of this Bond shall be given only to Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), and any notice of redemption otherwise required by the resolution pursuant to which this Bond and the Bonds of the series of which this Bond are issued to be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, may be given electronically in lieu of being given by first class mail, postage prepaid, if and to the extent delivery of notices of redemption electronically is acceptable to DTC.

Subject to the limitations and upon payment of the charges, if any, provided in the proceedings authorizing the Bonds of the issue of which this Bond is one, this Bond may be exchanged at the office of the Registrar and Paying Agent for a like aggregate principal amount of Bonds of other authorized principal amounts and of the same issue, interest rate and maturity. This Bond is transferable by the Registered Owner hereof, in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing, on the books of registry kept by the Registrar and Paying Agent for such purpose at the office of the Registrar and Paying Agent, but only in the manner, subject to the limitations and upon payment of the charges, if any, provided in the proceedings authorizing the Bonds of the issue of which this Bond is one, and upon the surrender hereof for cancellation. Upon such transfer a new Bond or Bonds of authorized denominations and of the same aggregate principal amount, issue, interest rate and maturity as the Bond surrendered will be issued to the transferee in exchange herefor.

The full faith and credit of the City are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond as the same become due. In each year while this Bond is outstanding and unpaid, the Council of the City is authorized and required to levy and collect annually, at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes of the City are assessed, levied and collected, a tax upon all taxable property within the City, over and above all other taxes, authorized or limited by law and without limitation as to rate or amount, sufficient to pay when due the principal of and interest on this Bond to the extent other funds of the City are not lawfully available and appropriated for such purpose.

This Bond shall not be valid or obligatory unless the certificate of authentication hereon shall have been manually signed by or on behalf of the Registrar and Paying Agent.

It is certified, recited and declared that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, happen or be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond do exist, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the amount of this Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the City, does not exceed any limitation of indebtedness prescribed by the Constitution or statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused this Bond to be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of its Mayor; a facsimile of the corporate seal of the City to be imprinted hereon, attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk of Council of the City, and this Bond to be dated the date first above written.

CITY OF LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

[SEAL]

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is one of the Bonds delivered pursuant to the within-mentioned proceedings.

By: _____
Director of Financial Services,
as Registrar and Paying Agent

Date of Authentication: _____

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto _____

(Please print or typewrite name and address, including zip code, of Assignee)

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR
OTHER TAX IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

the within-mentioned Bond and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _____, agent, to transfer the same on the books of registry in the office of registrar with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed:

NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by a member firm of The New York Stock Exchange Inc. or a commercial bank or trust company.

(Signature of Registered Owner)
NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as written on the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration, enlargement or any change whatsoever.

RESOLUTION:

#R-19-098

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the FY 2020 General, Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Funds' Operating Budgets are amended for funding of \$259,803, \$32,900, \$52,326 and \$4,971 respectively, with resources from the General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2020 for costs associated with the issuance. City Administration is authorized to realign appropriations for issuance costs among the Funds as necessary because of any bond premium that occurs. City Administration also is authorized to record appropriations associated with the underwriter's discounts and expenses as determined with the bond sale and funded with bond proceeds.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **December 10, 2019**

AGENDA ITEM #: **29**

CONSENT:
ACTION: **X**

REGULAR: **X**
INFORMATION:

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: Appropriate Funding for the March 3, 2020 Democratic Presidential and City Council Primary

KEY ELEMENTS:

☐ Economic Development ☒ Excellent Government ☐ Natural and Built Environment ☐ Safe Community ☒ Vibrant Community

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution to amend the FY 2020 General Fund budget and appropriate \$32,585 with resources from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to provide funding to the Electoral Board/Registrar's Office for estimated costs associated with the March 3, 2020 Democratic Presidential and City Council Primary. A third quarter budget request may occur due to a possible U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representative Primary in June.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 24.2-24.2-515 of the Code of Virginia, the City of Lynchburg is required to hold a Presidential Primary to be held on the first Tuesday in March next preceding a Presidential Election. Pursuant to § 24.2-518 The city in which elections are held shall pay the costs of primary elections. However, in § 24.2-545 f. as provided by the Appropriations Act, the Department of Elections will reimburse local governments, to the extent of funds available for the cost of the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary.

The City's Director of Elections & Registrar requests City Council appropriate \$32,585 to cover the estimated costs associated with this Presidential Primary. Costs include \$20,500 for election official pay, \$5,200 for election software programming, \$6,000 for ballot printing, \$500 for Officer of Election training and precinct supplies/printing of envelopes, \$200 for postage of absentee ballots, \$185 for the required legal notice in the newspaper.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Finance Committee, December 10, 2019

FISCAL IMPACT: \$32,585 from the FY 2020 General Fund Reserve for Contingencies; reimbursement from the Commonwealth is unknown at this time.

CONTACT(S): Christine O. Gibbons, Director of Elections & Registrar, 477-5999

ATTACHMENT(S):

Resolution
Staffing Budget Proposal

REVIEWED BY: bms

RESOLUTION:

#R-19-101

BE IT RESOLVED that the FY 2020 General Fund budget is amended and \$32,585 is appropriated with resources from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to provide funding to the Electoral Board/Registrar's Office for estimated costs for the March 3, 2020 Democratic Presidential and City Council Primary.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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City of Lynchburg's Voter Registrar's Office
Staffing Budget Proposal

The Registrar's Office and members of the Electoral Board formally request the part-time assistant registrar position to be adopted as a full-time position. We request this staffing change in order to provide exceptional service to voters. Elections have become more complex in recent years with new laws, cybersecurity concerns, and increased voter participation and interaction with the Registrar's Office. The current assistant registrar began this position in February of 2018. Thus far, the assistant registrar averages 28 hours each week in the months preceding an election. Year to date he has worked 497 of the 1040 hours budgeted for this position in FY20. Pursuant to §24.2-112 the Electoral Board of each county or city shall determine the number of assistant registrars to serve in the office of the general registrar, including any to serve full-time. At this time it is imperative that the Registrar's staffing be increased with the part-time assistant registrar position being adopted to a full-time position to help in meeting the additional work load in the office.

Currently the Voter Registration Office for the City of Lynchburg has two full-time staff members and one part-time staff member. The Office of the Registrar facilitates voting for close to 52,000 registered voters. For a full history of voter registration see Addendum 3 which indicates in presidential election years an average increase of 14.42% over the previous year in the number of voters registered in the City of Lynchburg. The ratio of staff members, both full and part time, has not been adequate in addressing the current needs of the office. For example, the day to day processing of new voter registrations, absentee voting applications, mailing of voting materials and notices, and fielding calls contribute to a demanding and fast paced work

environment. This leaves little time for ongoing election preparation which is left often to the weeks immediately before an election. Staff members work over 16 hours in the weekend leading up to the election to complete election preparation. Once the canvass of the election has completed staff would have worked over 40 hours in 4 days. Having an additional full time assistant registrar in the office will ensure accuracy and timeliness in applying the Code of Virginia for all aspects of the work completed in the Voter Registration Office. In Addendum Two, you will find a comparison of full time registrar positions for localities with populations similar to the City of Lynchburg; you will notice that the only two localities with registrar staff size as small as Lynchburg are Orange County and Warren County, each of which has half Lynchburg's number of registered voters. In addition, in Addendum 4 is a comparison of salaries of assistant registrar in localities with similar populations.

Further, the volume of new Voter Registrations has increased by an estimated 20% each year since 2015, and attached data in Addendum One, indicate significant increases in voter registration transactions most of which are primarily handled by the Assistant Registrar and include: registering voters, changing voter registrations information, denying registrations, sending out notices to voters of their transactions, absentee transactions, and engaging with customers. Increased transactions affect the amount of folding, stuffing, and preparing mailings of required notices. The office mails out on average 50 or more notices to voters each day. Along with the day to day work each election requires preparation starting 100 days out from an election. Attached is a list of the job requirements for an assistant registrar including election preparation. Over the years the assistant registrar position has required increased election processing and organizing of election materials, day to day voter registration application processing, and addressing citizen questions or concerns.

The office has seen an increase in the volume of in-person and mailed absentee voting since the last presidential year. See chart below which indicates absentee turnout history for the City of Lynchburg.

Absentee Turnout History

YEAR	ABSENTEE TURN-OUT MAIL	ABSENTEE TURN-OUT IN-PERSON	TOTAL TURNOUT (including absentee & all precincts)
Nov 2018	914	774	27,012
Nov 2017	539	489	21,335
Nov 2016	1486	1182	35,809
May 2016	90	136	6,481
March 2016	198	184	10,295

In 2019, the General Assembly passed and Governor Northam signed into law HB 2790 (and the identical SB 1026), allowing registered voters to cast no-excuse in-person ballots. This includes two Saturday's preceding elections. This bill will further increase the amount of voters utilizing the Registrar's Office in the week before an election, taxing already understaffed personnel for the Registrar's Office. An explanation and summery of HB 2790 is provided on page 4. Possible Voter Turnout number based on City of Lynchburg's Historical Election Data can be found on page 5.

In conclusion, with four elections between March 2020 and November 2020 having three full time staff members will decrease the work load burden, allow the office to adequately

prepare for all four elections to be held in 2020, reflect more of the actual hours already being performed by the assistant registrar, and provide better service to the citizens of Lynchburg in meeting the growing demands of voter participation. NPR recently posted an article by Pam Fessler which speaks to the changes in managing elections, “Between possible foreign interference, potentially record-high turnout, new voting equipment in many parts of the country and what could be a razor-close outcome, the 2020 election was already shaping up to be [one of the most challenging elections to administer](#) in U.S. history.”

(Retrieved November 26, 2019 from: <https://www.npr.org/2019/11/26/782680291/as-2020-approaches-some-experienced-election-officials-head-to-the-exits>)

What is HB 2790 (SB 1026): [summary provided by State Department of Election Early Voting Committee§ 24.2-701.1]

HB 2790 (SB 1026) Absentee voting; no-excuse in-person, beginning on 2nd Sat. immediately preceding election SUMMARY AS PASSED:

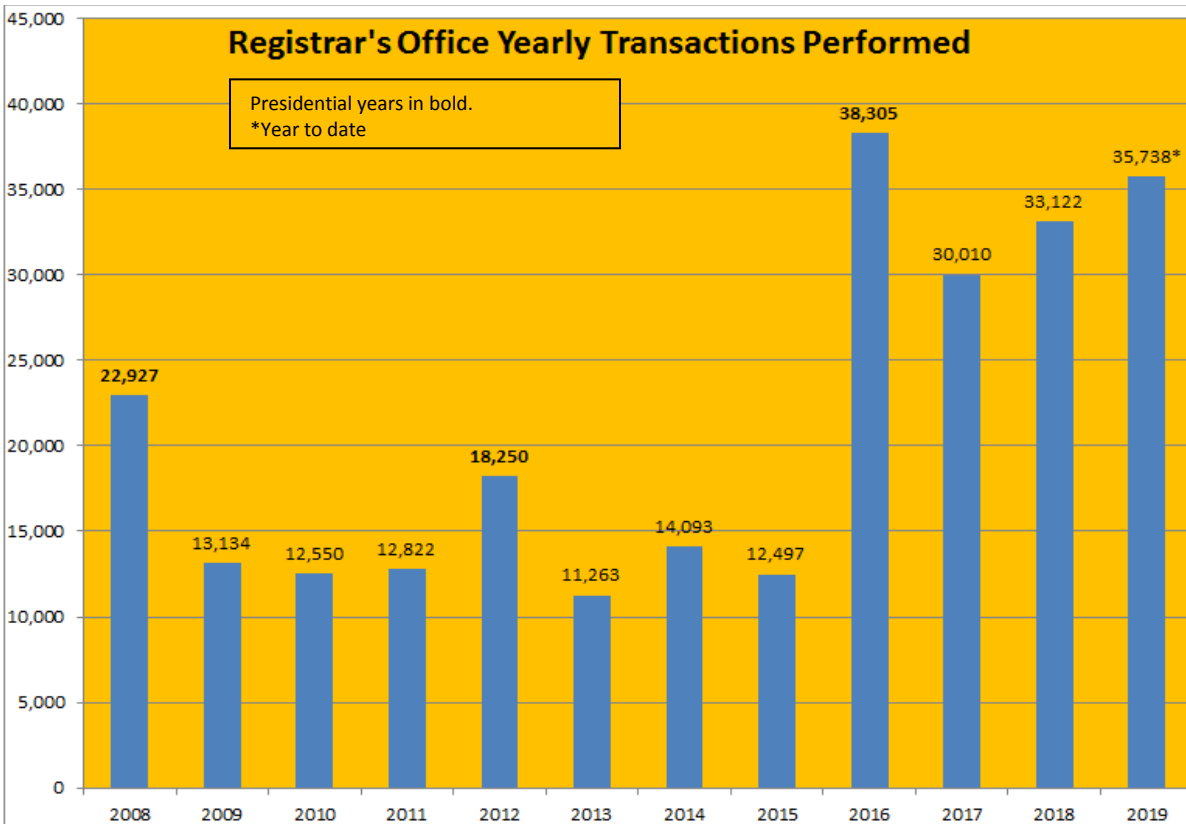
Absentee voting; no-excuse in-person voting available beginning on second Saturday immediately preceding election. Allows for any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in person beginning on the second Saturday immediately preceding any election in which he is qualified to vote without providing a reason or making prior application for an absentee ballot. The bill makes absentee voting in person available beginning on the forty-fifth day prior to the election and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately preceding the election. The bill retains the current provisions for voting with an absentee ballot by mail or in person prior to the second Saturday immediately preceding the election, including the application requirement and the list of statutory reasons for absentee voting. The provisions of the bill do not become effective until the November 3, 2020, general election, and the State Board of Elections is required to submit a report on the procedures and instructions it promulgates for conducting absentee voting pursuant to the provisions of the bill. This bill is identical to SB 1026.

Possible Voter Turnout numbers based on City of Lynchburg's Historical Election Data:

Election	Type	Total Voting	Projected Early Voting Turnouts				
			20%	30%	40%	50%	60%
Nov 2008	President	34,794	6,959	10,438	13,918	17,397	20,876
Nov 2009	Governor	20,435	4,087	6,131	8,174	10,218	12,261
Nov 2012	President	36,669	7,334	11,001	14,668	18,335	22,001
Nov 2013	Governor	19,990	3,998	5,997	7,996	9,995	11,994
Nov 2016	President	35,809	7,162	10,743	14,324	17,905	21,485
Nov 2017	Governor	21,335	4,267	6,401	8,534	10,668	12,801

Total Voter Turnout	51,777	Numbers will populate base on your voter count entered. Numbers of voters turning out base on percentage Daily Early Voting estimates calculated based on voter turnout percentage and daily percentage.				
20%	10,355					
30%	15,533					
40%	20,711					
50%	25,889					
60%	31,066					
Early Voting		20%	30%	40%	50%	60%
1st Saturday	15%	1,553	2,330	3,107	3,883	4,660
Sunday						
Day 8	15%	932	1,398	1,864	2,330	2,796
Day 7	9%	1,036	1,553	2,071	2,589	3,107
Day 6	8%	1,139	1,709	2,278	2,848	3,417
Day 5	8%	1,346	2,019	2,692	3,366	4,039
Day 4	15%	1,553	2,330	3,107	3,883	4,660
2nd Saturday	22%	2,278	3,417	4,556	5,695	6,835

Addendum One



Description: Addendum One describes the total of transactions the Registrar's Office completes each year. These transactions include: adding, changing, updating, canceling, or transferring all voter registration applications. These transactions do not include absentee applications, phone calls, walk-in requests, or absentee voting.

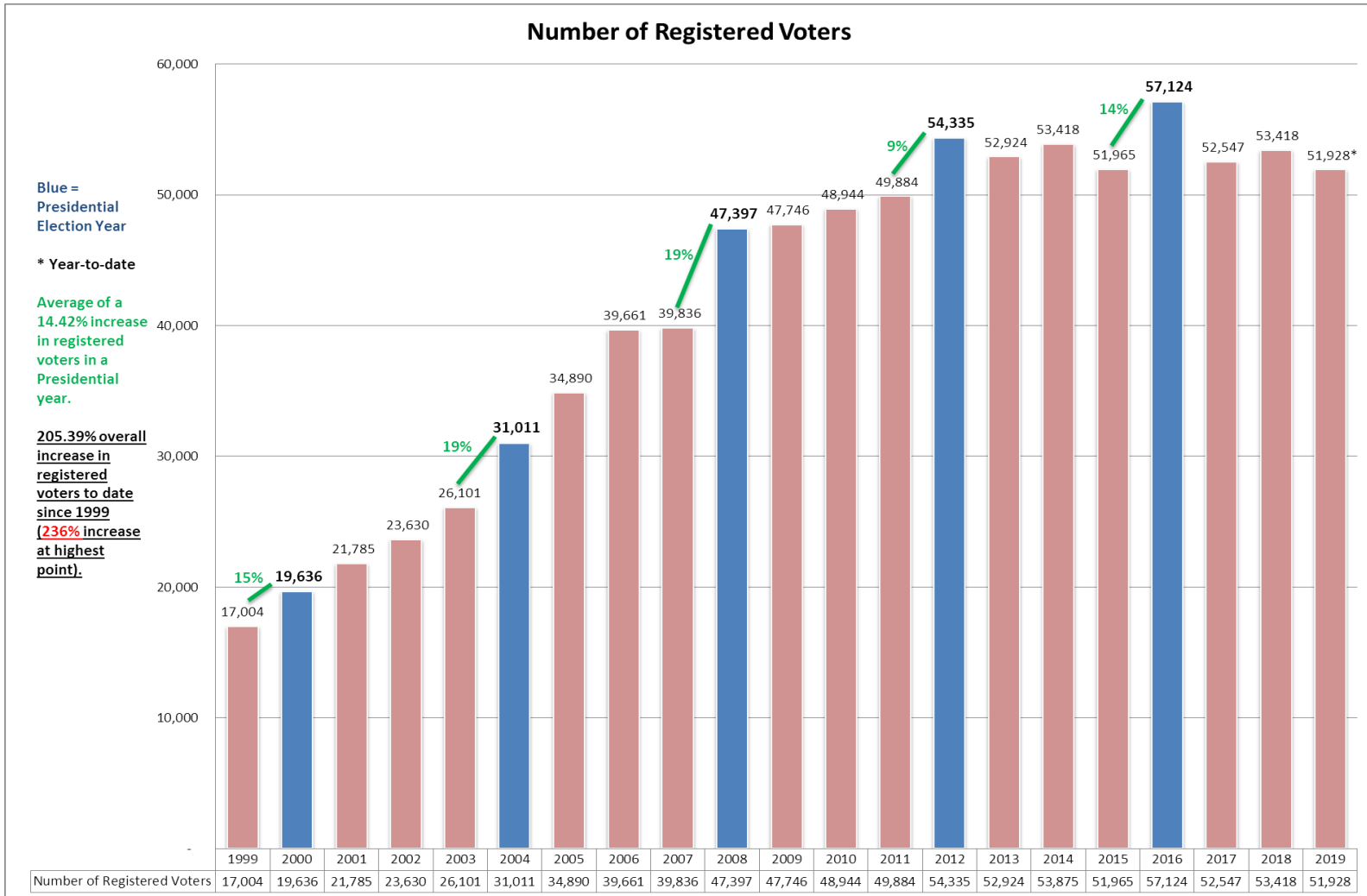
Addendum 2

Registrar Staffing Comparison

Locality	Population	# Registered Voters	# of Full time Staff	# of Part Time Staff
Albemarle County	99,346	75,589	4	2
Rockingham County	94,000	67,540	3	3-5 as needed
Roanoke City	100,000	60,000	3	3
Montgomery County	98,000	60,000	3	1+unlimited on call
James City County	73,000	56,000	4	0
Bedford County	78,000	55,297	3	1
Lynchburg City	80,000	52,000	2	1
*York County	68,000	45,200	3	8 as needed
Pittsylvania County	68,000	42,000	2	1+7 as needed
Campbell County	55,000	37,659	3	0
Franklin County	56,159	36,000	2	1
Washington County	53,410	35,800	3	0
*Charlottesville City	49,071	32,015	3	4
*Danville City	43,000	28,000	2	2-5
Tazewell County	81,296	27,216	2	Temps as needed
Harrisonburg City	52,000	25,684	1	2wkly +2 as needed
Warren County	39,181	25,596	2	1
Orange County	34,239	24,000	2	1
*Botetourt County	33,400	23,816	2	2
*Petersburg City	32,000	21,668	3	Temps
*The comparison of even smaller sized localities clearly shows that the Lynchburg City Registrar's office is understaffed. Please note that some localities have nearly half the number of registered voters, have up to two times the staff.				

Addendum 3

Increase in City of Lynchburg Registered Voters



Addendum 4

Comparison of Budgets for Assistant Registrar's in Localities with Smaller or Similar Populations Compared to Lynchburg		
Locality	Population*	Amount budgeted for Full-time Assistant Registrar Position 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. Each position includes benefits.
Albemarle County	99,214	\$36,819
Bedford County	75,040	\$39,013
Bristol City	16,790	\$30,810
Campbell County	54,912	\$25,500
Colonial Heights City	17,411	\$30,500
Floyd County	15,279	\$33,280
James City County	67,674	\$30,992
King William County	16,700	\$30,910
Middlesex County	10,959	\$26,802
Powhatan County	28,046	\$38,611
Sussex County	12,087	\$26,000
*2010 US Census Figures		

Assistant Registrar Tasks

Registration and general duties

1. Receive phone calls, tend to front window and answer questions from citizens and direct them to the correct person, department if needed
2. Run statewide system VERIS reports. Verify and correct changes made from the previous day: new applications, voter updates, duplicate registrations and transfers from other localities
3. Process VERIS hopper daily: deaths, transfers, DMV applications, felony removal or restoration
4. Prepare and send daily correspondence to voters confirming registration status
5. Process voter registration applications from in person, state and support agencies
6. Process and document returned mail; prepare and send internal confirmation notice if needed
7. Scan registrations and correspondence into state system and file
8. Inventory of daily supplies
9. Purge and shred expired document biannually according to the Library of Virginia guidelines
10. Photo ID – ensure voter fills out form and check for completeness; take picture and submit to VERIS; make any necessary adjustment to voter registration information
11. Daily study of Election Law, GR manual, VERIS steps and other guidance documents
12. Participate in periodic online training and conference calls
13. Attend occasional off site training in region or Richmond

List Maintenance duties

1. Process confirmation notices returned by registrants and generated from NCOA and multiple state crosscheck programs the state now participates in
2. Send appropriate correspondence –voter card, cancellation letter, further inquiry
Note: Processing often requires a second or third mailing if additional information is furnished on the registrant such as returned mail with a forwarding address. List maintenance generally begins in June and stretches to August. Department of Elections is moving toward providing the information in more frequent batches due to the number of information sources and quantity of registrants affected

Elections

1. Inventory election supplies and provide to registrar
2. Mail out assignment to work notices to election officers for upcoming elections 3 to 4 months in advance. Track ability to work and assist with training. Help recruit substitutes when necessary.

3. Ensure election officers oaths are up to date, W-9's are completed and proper documentation is filed with the Circuit Court Clerk
4. Inspect training documents for accuracy and incorporate changes in procedures in officer election day guides and other reference material
5. Assist registrar with preparing training material
6. Pack election supply boxes for each precinct
7. Assist in performing public logic and accuracy testing of voting machines before they are sealed
8. Provide information to public about elections when they call or stop by
9. Prepare absentee voting pollbook and spreadsheet for in person voting
10. Assist registrar with preparing ballot packets to be mailed
11. Service voters who vote in person; record in VERIS and on pollbook
12. Mail out absentee applications when requested
13. Prepare daily reports for absentee ballots to be mailed and check accuracy of address information
14. Reconcile ballot and machine counts for in-person absentee voting daily
15. Assist candidates with their paperwork and provide information
16. Set up candidate folder/record as they are qualified
17. Assist registrar with checking candidate petitions
18. Assist with deployment of machines, ballots and pollbooks on Election Day
19. Field election day calls from public and election officers
20. Reorganize all equipment and supplies after the election
21. Deliver records to the clerk after the election
22. Gather, sort and input registration changes collected on Election Day

Voting Machines, Electronic PollBooks and Technical Duties

1. Assist with maintenance and testing of voting equipment
2. Maintenance of electronic pollbooks, scanners and printers for precincts
3. Load software upgrades and make any adjustments to pollbook training documents
4. Test voting equipment in advance of elections
5. Train election officers on the pollbooks
6. Assist registrar with final testing of the pollbooks and election data before deployment to the precinct

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **December 10, 2019**

AGENDA ITEM #: **32**

CONSENT:
ACTION: **X**

REGULAR: **X**
INFORMATION:

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: Appropriation of the Employment Advancement for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants Community Wealth Building (CWB) Grant

KEY ELEMENTS:

X Economic Development X Excellent Government ___ Natural and Built Environment ___ Safe Community X Vibrant Community

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution to amend the FY 2020 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate \$215,474 with resources from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) through the Employment Advancement for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants Community Wealth Building (CWB) Grant.

SUMMARY: The City submitted a grant application to VDSS (BEN-19-113) as part of Lynchburg's poverty reduction strategy on August 1, 2019. Negotiations culminated in the award of \$215,474 to the City. These funds will be used to expand current poverty reduction initiatives within the City focused on preparing participants to enter and maintain employment with the prospect of a career path and wage growth. Partnerships, collaboration with stakeholders, and direct intervention with residents who are within 200% of the federal poverty level and/or meet other eligibility requirements are the primary methods of service projected.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Finance Committee, August 13, 2019 (Notice of application)
Finance Committee, December 10, 2019

FISCAL IMPACT: None (no match required)

CONTACT(S): John H. Hughes, IV, Assistant City Manager, 455-3990

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution
Sub-Award agreement

REVIEWED BY: bms

RESOLUTION:

#R-19-103

BE IT RESOLVED that the FY 2020 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget is amended and \$215,474 is appropriated with resources from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) through the Employment Advancement for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants Community Wealth Building (CWB) Grant.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

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