

Appendix B - Citizen Participation Plan

Encouragement of Citizen Participation

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 91, et al., Palm Beach County's Citizen Participation Plan provides for citizens to participate in the development of the consolidated plan, the annual action plan, any substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan, and performance reports. Citizen participation is solicited via one or a combination of the following: public meetings (in-person or virtual), newspaper advertisements, website postings, social media, surveys, and direct notifications. Low- and moderate-income persons, particularly those living in predominantly low- and moderate income areas, slum and blighted areas and in areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used, are particularly targeted. Palm Beach County also encourages the participation of all its citizens, including minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities. During the development and implementation of the Consolidated Plan, the participation of municipalities forming the Urban County, local and regional institutions and other organizations (including businesses, developers, and community and faith-based organizations) is also encouraged.

Palm Beach County will provide bilingual translators for public meetings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents are expected to participate, when requested with three (3) days advance notice. The County complies with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements as it relates to public meetings and related activities. All printed documentation incorporates a statement with instructions for requesting the documentation in alternate format. Public notices advise of the availability of special arrangements for persons with disabilities when requested with three (3) day advance notice.

Through collaboration with the public housing agencies within its jurisdiction, Palm Beach County encourages the participation of residents of public housing developments, along with other low-income residents of targeted revitalization areas in which the developments are located. The County makes efforts to provide information to the public housing agency about consolidated plan activities so that the public housing agency can make this information available to its residents.

As required by the Citizen Participation regulations, Palm Beach County has prepared a Plan to minimize displacement of persons and to assist any persons displaced through the implementation of any activity funded under the Consolidated Plan. The County's Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan is included in the Five Year Consolidated Plan as a separate document. This Plan specifies the types and levels of assistance the County will make available (or require others to make available) to persons displaced, and states when and how the jurisdiction will make this information available.

Citizen Comments on the Citizen Participation Plan and Amendments

The Citizen Participation Plan is disseminated to the public through posting on the Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability (DHES) website, publication in a newspaper of general circulation, and inclusion within the Consolidated Plan. Citizens are provided with reasonable opportunity to comment on the Plan and amendments thereto. The County's Citizen Participation Plan is prepared every five years simultaneously with the Consolidated Plan. The Citizen Participation Plan becomes an Appendix of the

Consolidated Plan, and as such, the Citizen Participation Plan is subject to the same public exposure and scrutiny as the Consolidated Plan.

Development of the Consolidated Plan

The following requirements are adopted under this Citizen Participation Plan to guide the development of the Consolidated Plan and the annual Action Plan:

- a) Various stakeholders and known interested parties will be contacted to provide information needed to undertake the needs assessment and to formulate goals and objectives to be addressed in the Consolidated Plan.
- b) No less than two (2) public meetings will be held to advise citizens of the planning process and to solicit input. Notice of this public meeting will be published in a newspaper of general circulation, posted on DHES's website at least 7 days before the meeting date, and sent directly to known interested parties.
- c) Drafts of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan will be made available for public review and comments before adoption. The draft plans include, among other things, the amount of funding the County expects to have available to meet the community needs identified, the range of activities that it will be undertaken (including their location), the estimated number of persons to benefit from the activity and the percentage of these who are low- and moderate-income.
- d) The draft Plans will be made available in a manner that affords all interested parties a reasonable opportunity to examine its contents and to submit comments. The County will publish a notice of the Plan's availability in a newspaper of general circulation, and on the DHES website. Citizens will be allowed no less than 30 days to provide comments. Comments not provided at a public meetings must be written.
- e) The County will consider any comments or views of citizens received when preparing the Consolidated Plan. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore, will be attached to the final Consolidated Plan.
- f) The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners will adopt the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan at a public meeting. Public notice of the meeting(s) will be posted at least 15 days in advance in a newspaper of general circulation and on the DHES website. Public comments emanating from the meeting will be summarized and included in the Plan.

Amendments

Palm Beach County distinguishes between two (2) types of amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan – Substantial Amendments and Minor Amendments. A Substantial Amendment is required when a new activity or goal/priority is being added, and when an existing activity or goal/priority is being deleted. All other changes are considered to be Minor amendments, including but not limited to:

- Activity funding is increased or decreased
- The scope of the activity is changed
- The location of the activity is changed
- The beneficiaries of the activity are changed

- The implementing entity for the activity is changed

Amendment Approval Process

Amendments do not require approval by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), however, the Department Director may decide to present a proposed change to the BCC for approval before an amendment is processed for approval. The amendment approval process is as follows:

- All Substantial Amendments are advertised in a local newspaper of general circulation and on the DHES website, then followed by a fifteen (15) day comment period.
- All Minor Amendments are advertised in a local newspaper of general circulation and on the DHES website, then followed by a seven (7) day comment period.
- Any comments received are taken into consideration, summarized, and maintained in the amendment file.
- An Amendment Approval Form (see Appendix __, Attachment 1) is circulated for review and signatures within DHES.
- Upon expiration of the comment period, the Department Director signs to provide final approval.
- Copies of the fully executed Amendment Approval Form are distributed to all signatories.
- All amendments are recorded on the running list of amendments.

Public Notices and Public Comments

The Citizen Participation Plan provides citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on Substantial and Regular amendments. A public notice of the proposed amendment will be published in a newspaper of general circulation, and posted on the DHES website. The notice will describe the proposed amendment including activity description, location, beneficiaries, funding, and nature of the amendment. The notice will include the date/time/location of public meetings regarding the proposed amendment, if any. Substantial Amendments provide for a fifteen (15) day comment period and Minor Amendments provide for at least seven (7) day comment period before the amendment is approved.

Palm Beach County will consider any public comments or views received in writing, or orally at public meetings. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore, will be attached to the amendment.

Environmental Assessments

The Citizen Participation Plan provides citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on Environmental Assessments, when required by 24 CFR 58.36. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is published in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the DHES website. Concurrently, a Notice of Intent to Request the Release of Funds (NOIRROF) from HUD is published with the FONSI. Citizens are allowed fifteen (15) days to submit written comments prior to submission of the FONSI/ NOIRROF to HUD.

Performance Reports

Palm Beach County Citizen Participation Plan provides citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports. Prior to submitting the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), Palm Beach County publishes a public notice in a newspaper of general circulation and on the DHES website advertising the availability of the draft CAPER for review. Citizens

are allowed fifteen (15) days to submit written comments. The Draft CAPER is posted on the website and also made available for review at the DHES office. Palm Beach County considers any written comments received. A summary of these comments is attached to the CAPER.

Public Meetings

Palm Beach County Citizen Participation Plan will provide for at least three (3) public meetings per year to obtain citizens' views and to respond to questions regarding the Consolidated Plan. The meetings may be held in-person or virtually using ZOOM, WEBEX or an available public access application. The meetings must be conducted at 3 different stages of the program years and will address housing and community development need, development of proposed activities, and review of program performance.

Palm Beach County will hold at least two (2) public meetings at the commencement of the preparation of the Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan and will hold two (2) or more public meetings during development of the Plans, including at least one (1) to discuss the draft Plans. Finally, approval of the Plans by the Board of County Commissioners will be done at a public meeting. The purpose of the meetings is to describe the consolidated planning process, explain the HUD-funded programs including but not limited to the range of eligible activities and levels of funding available, obtain citizen views on housing and community developments needs including non-housing priority community development needs, and provide information on past performance. Notice of all meetings will be published in the newspaper of general circulation and on the DHES website at least seven (7) days in advance. The notice will include all the proposed meeting dates, times and locations and will advise of special accommodations for non-English speakers or persons with disabilities. A summary of the proposed Consolidated Plan and Action Plan will be published concurrent with notices of meetings to approve the Plans.

Availability to the Public

The Draft Consolidated Plan, the Final Consolidated Plan, the Citizen Participation Plan, the Assessment of Fair Housing, the CAPER and other Performance Reports will be made available to the public via public notices and via DHES's website. All printed documents incorporate a statement which serves to inform interested participants that it can be made available in alternate format. Additionally, each public notice includes language which informs the reader of the availability of special arrangements for persons with disabilities. These provisions will be made available with a three (3) working day notice in advance, on the part of the participant in need.

Access to Records

Florida Statute Chapter 119 ("Public Records Law") provides for broad access to public records. All public records related to Palm Beach County's Consolidated Plan and uses of funds under the programs covered by the Consolidated Plan during the preceding five years will be made available to persons requesting such records. Copies of records will be provided in accordance with DHES Policy and Procedure Memorandum EC-R-004. Files will be made available for inspection during normal business hours at DHES Offices, 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. Records related to the Consolidated Plan will be maintained for not less than five years following adoption of the Consolidated Plan. Minutes from meetings or audio recordings of meetings are available for review at DHES. Persons requesting public records should contact DHES at (561) 233-3600.

Technical Assistance

DHES will provide technical assistance to outside persons and entities in regards to all programs and activities covered by the Consolidated Plan. The level and type of assistance is determined by the County. DHES staff will meet with elected officials, municipal staff, private organizations, and members of the general public requesting such assistance.

Palm Beach County offers following types of technical assistance:

- Assistance to citizens, established citizen committees, and organizations in order to provide them with adequate tools for participation in the development, planning, implementing and assessment of programs/activities.
- Assistance to groups that request assistance in developing proposals for funding assistance. Assistance will focus on the interpretation of applicable regulations and instruction in the preparation of proposals/applications. The provision of assistance does not guarantee the provision of funds to the groups.
- Assistance to citizens in organizing and operating neighborhood and project area organizations (i.e. CHDOs) in an effort to engage in CPD program related activities.

Technical Assistance is available year-round. All scheduled public meetings allow for question and answer sessions related to community development related concerns.

Comments and Complaints

All comments received in writing or orally at public meetings in preparation of the Consolidated Plan, the Action Plan, amendments to the Plans, and performance reports, will be summarized and attached to each document, respectively, and will include a summary of any comments not accepted and the reasons therefore.

Those persons who desire to make a complaint regarding the Consolidated Plan, amendments, or performance reports, may do so verbally or in writing to:

Department Director
Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability
100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
Phone: (561) 233-3600
HEScomments@pbcgov.org

A substantive written response to all written complaints will be provided within fifteen (15) working days, where practicable. If the response received is found to be unsatisfactory, the complainant(s) may elect to extend their complaints to the Assistant County Administrator. If again, the complainant(s) are not satisfied with the decision made by the Assistant County Administrator, matters may be brought to the attention of the County Administrator and the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County.

Those not satisfied with the results afforded at the local level, may elect to further extend their complaints to the Federal level:

Director of Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Florida State Office, Southeast/Caribbean
Brickell Plaza Federal Building
909 S.E. First Avenue, Room 500
Miami, FL 33131

Use of the Citizen Participation Plan

Palm Beach County will follow its Citizen Participation Plan when formulating and implementing its Consolidated Plan and Action Plan, Amendments to the Plans, environmental assessments, and performance reports, among others.

Jurisdiction Responsibility

The requirements for citizen participation do not restrict the responsibility or authority of Palm Beach County for the development and execution of its Consolidated Plan.

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Appendix B, Attachment 1 – Amendment Approval Form

 (Insert Number) AMENDMENT TO FY (Insert Program Year)

- (1) Describe the amendment, including the activity name, location, description, and funding amount. Reference any other interrelated amendment(s). (Attach additional page if needed).
- (2) Specify the eligible activity type per HUD regulations.
- (3) Specify the National Objective (if applicable) per HUD Regulations.
- (4) Specify the entity implementing the activity.
- (5) Specify the source(s) and amount(s) from where funding is coming (include reporting categories).
- (6) Specify the destination(s) and amount(s) to where funding is going (include reporting categories).
- (7) Specify the effective date of the Amendment.

Requested by (DHES Section): _____

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____
 Staff Person

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
 Supervisor

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
 Director, Strategic Planning

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
 Manager, MHI - If Applicable

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
 Manager, CIREIS - If Applicable

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
 Fiscal Manager, FALS Section

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
 Director, Contract Development

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
 Deputy Director, DHES

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
 Director, DHES

Appendix C – Citizen Participation Comments

Following is a summary of actions and meetings held by the Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability (DHES), Department of Community Services, and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) as related to the development and approval of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2020-2021 Action Plan.

Community Needs Survey

Between November 6 and December 30, 2019, DHES launched an on-line community needs survey at [surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com) to collect data and comments from Palm Beach County residents on community needs and priorities. The survey gathered data from 550 households on issues such as housing cost burden, need for services, neighborhood conditions, homeless status, etc. Data results are incorporated as part of this Appendix.

Consolidated Plan Eastern and Western Regional Meetings

a) Eastern County Meeting

Date: Monday, November 18, 2019
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Location: 100 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was held to inform members of the public of the preparation of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and to seek their input on defining the jurisdiction's housing and community development needs over the next five-year period. Public participation assists the jurisdiction with achieving a strategy for investments of annual allocations of CDBG, ESG and HOME Program funds. Comments received will be considered for incorporation into the Consolidated Plan.

Summary of Public Comments (Eastern Meeting):

- A member of the public commented that higher per-capita income areas of the County should be excluded from computing Area Median Income as they tend to skew the numbers.
- A member of the public recommended that, to determine cost burden, we should use a 45% combined transportation and housing percentage figure, rather than the current 30% to provide a better understanding of household cost burden in the County.
- A member of the public wanted to know that as we bring information together, will it change how funds are used in the future. The response was that the information will provide data on the needs in the community and establish priorities and goals on using the resources over the five-year period.

b) Western County Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2019
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Location: Belle Glade Civic Center, 425 NW 4th Street, Belle Glade, FL 33430

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was held to inform members of the public in the Glades area of the County of the preparation of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and to seek their input on defining the jurisdiction’s housing and community development needs over the next five-year period. Public participation assists the jurisdiction with achieving a strategy for investments of annual allocations of CDBG, ESG and HOME Program funds. Comments received will be considered for incorporation into the Consolidated Plan.

Summary of Public Comments (Western Meeting):

No public comments were received at the meeting.

Housing Leadership Council of Palm Beach County Public Policy Meeting

Date: November 22, 2019
Time: 8:30am
Location: 100 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was held to inform members of the public of the preparation of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and to seek their input on defining the jurisdiction’s housing and community development needs over the next five-year period. Public participation assists the jurisdiction with achieving a strategy for investments of annual allocations of CDBG, ESG and HOME Program funds. Comments received will be considered for incorporation into the Consolidated Plan.

Summary of Public Comments:

No public comments were received at the meeting.

Comprehensive Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Western and Eastern Regional Meetings

a) Western County Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Location: Belle Glade Civic Center, 425 NW 4th Street, Belle Glade, FL 33430

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting held to inform members of the public in the Glades area of accomplishments by the County under the FY 2018-2019 Action Plan and to present an update on the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan process. Comments received were incorporated into the CAPER and Consolidated Plan.

Summary of Public Comments (Western Meeting):

No public comments were received at the meeting.

b) Eastern County Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2019
Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: 100 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was held to inform members of the public of accomplishments by the County under the FY 2018-2019 Action Plan and to present an update on the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan process. Comments received were considered for incorporation into the CAPER and Consolidated Plan.

Summary of Public Comments (Eastern Meeting):

No public comments were received at the meeting.

Housing Leadership Council of Palm Beach County Public Policy Meeting

Date: November 22, 2019

Time: 8:30am

Location: 100 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was held to inform members of the public of the preparation of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and to seek their input on defining the jurisdiction's housing and community development needs over the next five-year period. Public participation assists the jurisdiction with achieving a strategy for investments of annual allocations of CDBG, ESG and HOME Program funds. Comments received will be considered for incorporation into the Consolidated Plan.

Summary of Public Comments:

No public comments were received at the meeting.

Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting

Date: December 17, 2019

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Vista Center, Room VC 1E-60, 2300 N Jog Rod, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was held to inform County departments and members of the public of the preparation of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and to seek their input on defining the jurisdiction's housing and community development needs over the next five-year period. Public participation assists the jurisdiction with achieving a strategy for investments of annual allocations of CDBG, ESG and HOME Program funds. Comments received will be considered for incorporation into the Consolidated Plan

Summary of Public Comments:

- A request came from a member of the public on the need for increased code enforcement activity in the Juno Ridge/Pleasant Ridge area of unincorporated Palm Beach County due to code violations.

Palm Beach County Reentry Task Force Housing Subcommittee

Date: January 9, 2020
Time: 12:00pm
Location: Government Center, 301 N olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was held to inform members of the subcommittee about the preparation of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and to seek their input on defining the jurisdiction's housing and community development needs over the next five-year period. Public participation assists the jurisdiction with achieving a strategy for investments of annual allocations of CDBG, ESG and HOME Program funds. Comments received will be considered for incorporation into the Consolidated Plan

Summary of Public Comments:

No public comments were received at the meeting.

Palm Beach County Affordable Housing Collaborative

Date: January 15, 2020
Time: 12:30pm
Location: Children Services Council, 2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Bach, FL 33426

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was held to inform members of the collaborative about the preparation of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and to seek their input on defining the jurisdiction's housing and community development needs over the next five-year period. Public participation assists the jurisdiction with achieving a strategy for investments of annual allocations of CDBG, ESG and HOME Program funds. Comments received will be considered for incorporation into the Consolidated Plan

Summary of Public Comments:

No public comments were received at the meeting.

Homeless and Housing Alliance

Date: January 16, 2020
Time: 2:30pm
Location: Riviera Beach Conference Room, 1440 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Riviera Beach, FL 33404

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was held to inform members of the organization about the preparation of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and to seek their input on defining the jurisdiction's housing and community development needs over the next five-year period. Public participation assists the jurisdiction with achieving a strategy for investments of annual allocations of CDBG, ESG and HOME Program funds. Comments received will be considered for incorporation into the Consolidated Plan

Summary of Public Comments:

No public comments were received at the meeting

Special Needs Advisory Coalition of Palm Beach County

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Children’s Services Council, 2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33426

Purpose of the Meeting:

DHES staff attended the meeting to inform members about the Consolidated Plan process, request comments on the plan and announce that a workshop would be held on March 31, 2020 before the Board of County Commissioners to seek direction on the use of HUD resources.

Summary of Public Comments:

No public comments were received at the meeting.

Palm Beach County Homeless Advisory Board

Date: February 20, 2020

Time: 1:30pm

Location: Vista Center, 2300 N Jog Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was held to inform members of the organization about the preparation of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and to seek their input on defining the jurisdiction’s housing and community development needs over the next five-year period. Public participation assists the jurisdiction with achieving a strategy for investments of annual allocations of CDBG, ESG and HOME Program funds. Comments received will be considered for incorporation into the Consolidated Plan

Summary of Public Comments:

No public comments were received at the meeting

Action Plan Eastern and Western County Regional Meetings

a) Eastern County Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Time: 10:00am

Location: 100 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL #3406

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was held to inform members of the public of the preparation of the FY 2020-2021 Action Plan and to seek their input into defining activities to be funded under the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs. Comments received will be considered for incorporation into the Annual Action Plan.

Summary of Public Comments (Eastern Meeting):

No public comments were received at the meeting.

b) Western County Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: Belle Glade City Hall, 110 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Belle Glade, FL 33430

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was held to inform members of the public of the preparation of the FY 202-2021 Action Plan and to seek their input into defining activities to be funded under the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs. Comments received will be considered for incorporation into the Annual Action Plan.

Summary of Public Comments (Western Meeting):

No public comments were received at the meeting.

Palm Beach County Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services

Date: March 11, 2020

Time: 9:00am

Location: 810 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Purpose of Meeting:

As part of the meeting, DHES staff informed members of the committee on the continued preparation of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and sought members input on defining the jurisdiction's housing and community development needs over the next five-year period. Comments received will be considered for incorporation into the Consolidated Plan

Summary of Public Comments:

No public comments were received at the meeting.

Non-Conflict Grant Review Committee Meeting (ESG):

Date: April 20, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: 810 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Purpose of Meeting:

The Non-Conflict Grant Review Committee consists of five (5) individuals whose sole purpose is to review the applications for ESG funding which were submitted in response to a NOFA published on March 9,2020. A virtual technical assistance meeting was held on March 23, 2020 for all applicants. On April 20, 2020, the Committee met in a public meeting to review and rank the four (4) applications received and to make funding recommendations.

Summary of Public Comments:

No public comments were received.

Committee Direction

The Committee, after discussing each application individually, came to the following funding recommendations: Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse - \$114,520; Adopt-A-Family - \$180,538; The Salvation Army - \$100,499; and The Young Women’s Christina Association - \$55,789.

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Workshop

Date: May 19, 2020

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: PBC Government Center, 301 N. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Purpose of Meeting:

The purpose of this public meeting was to seek direction from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on priority needs and goals for the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs in connection with the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and to discuss strategies for the FY 2020-2021 Action Plan and to receive BCC direction on these needs and strategies.

Board Discussion

Commissioner Weiss

Inquired if the amount of assets held by retirees skews the figure for Area Median Income in the County?

County Administrator Baker

HUD provides these numbers to us and these are the figures that we have to work with.

Commissioner McKinley

Stated that the fair market rent for a 2 BR unit in the Glades area of Palm Beach County is less than the rent for the County as a whole. Stated that it is hard to get builders into the Glades to build housing due to lack of rental funding.

Also wondered if there was an opportunity to increase funding to agencies that assist victims of domestic abuse.

County Administrator Baker

That would have to be a directive from the Board.

Commissioner Bernard

Stated that the funding levels of the federal grant programs are population driven; therefore, it is extremely important that everyone participate in the 2020 Census.

Summary of Public Comments:

No public comments were received.

Board Direction

After discussion, the Board directed staff to move forward with addressing the proposed needs and goals in the Consolidated Plan and the proposed use of grant funds under the Action Plan as outlined in the staff presentation.

Consolidated and Action Plan Public Meetings (Eastern and Western)

a) Virtual Meeting

Date: June 23, 2020
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Purpose of Meetings:

The purpose of the meeting was to present the Draft FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the Draft FY 2020-2021 Action Plan to the public, along with funding recommendations prior to approval by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

Summary of Public Comments:

No public comments were received at the meeting.

HESComments@pbcgov.org (Email)

No public comments on the Consolidated Plan or the Action Plan were received through this email address.

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing

Date: Tuesday July 14, 2020
Time: No Time Certain BCC Meetings start at 9:30 A.M.
Location: PBC Government Center, 301 N. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Purpose of the Meeting:

The purpose of the meeting was to present the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2020-2021 Action Plan to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

Summary of Public Comments:

No public comments were received at the meeting.

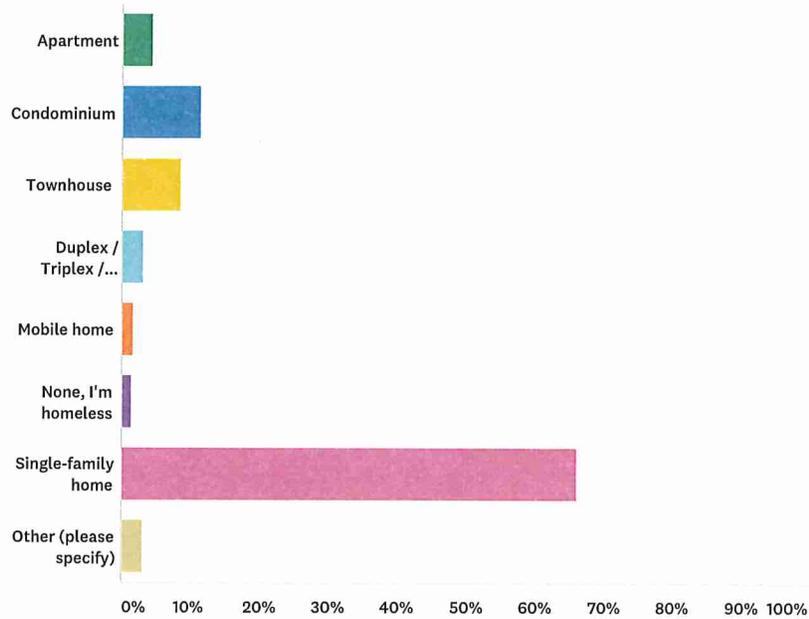
Board Direction

Approved the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan for submission to HUD.

Community Needs Survey

Q1 In which type of housing do you currently live?

Answered: 494 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Apartment	4.45%	22
Condominium	11.54%	57
Townhouse	8.50%	42
Duplex / Triplex / Quadplex	3.04%	15
Mobile home	1.62%	8
None, I'm homeless	1.42%	7
Single-family home	66.19%	327
Other (please specify)	3.24%	16
TOTAL		494

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	A cottage behind a house	11/9/2019 8:18 AM
2	Efficiency	11/6/2019 3:08 PM
3	attached villa	11/6/2019 1:25 PM
4	Pahoee has a mix of percentage of mobile homes, single family homes that are over 50 to 60 years old, and limited rental property	11/6/2019 7:31 AM
5	5-plex	11/5/2019 12:48 PM
6	Villas squads	11/4/2019 10:29 PM
7	Single family condo	11/4/2019 6:28 PM
8	Villa in an HOA	11/4/2019 6:04 PM
9	Villa two under one roof	11/4/2019 3:02 PM
10	Villa	11/4/2019 1:57 PM
11	Villa	11/4/2019 1:00 PM
12	Live with parents	11/4/2019 12:09 PM
13	Villa	11/4/2019 12:03 PM

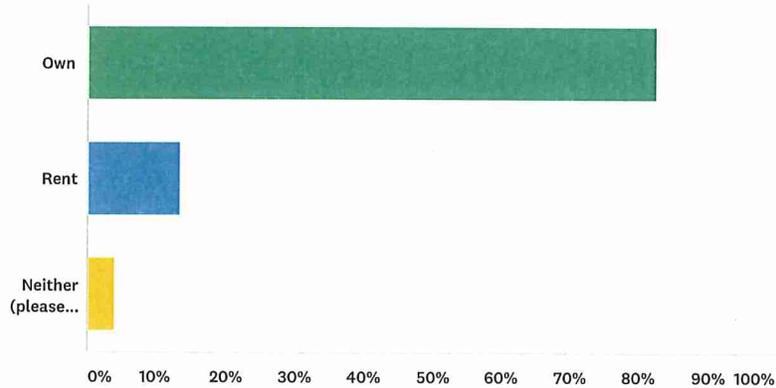
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14	living w/a family member (only reason I'm not homeless)	11/4/2019 11:32 AM
15	With daughter	11/4/2019 11:29 AM
16	Living with family	11/4/2019 11:22 AM

Community Needs Survey

Q2 Do you rent or own the place where you live?

Answered: 493 Skipped: 1



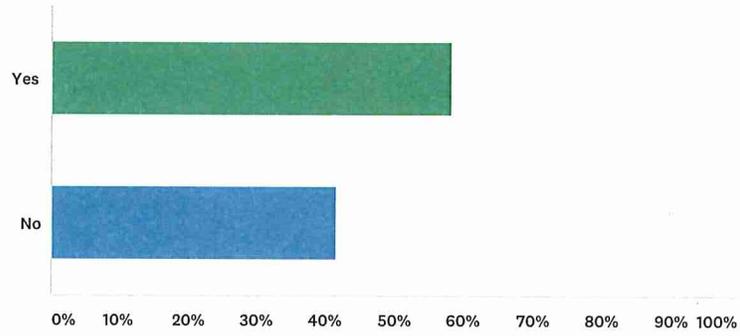
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	82.56%	407
Rent	13.39%	66
Neither (please specify)	4.06%	20
TOTAL		493

#	NEITHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Live with my adult son that owns the residence	11/8/2019 4:04 PM
2	Live with my partner in his house	11/7/2019 10:29 AM
3	I'm homeless.	11/6/2019 9:41 AM
4	Family shared,	11/6/2019 7:31 AM
5	i am homeless.	11/5/2019 11:16 PM
6	I live in my Mom's house	11/5/2019 6:44 PM
7	Homeless	11/5/2019 8:48 AM
8	Live with family	11/5/2019 8:35 AM
9	Rent a room	11/4/2019 10:10 PM
10	board	11/4/2019 9:26 PM
11	Live with parents	11/4/2019 9:09 PM
12	Relative	11/4/2019 6:02 PM
13	I'm homeless	11/4/2019 5:34 PM
14	own mobile, rent lot it sits on.	11/4/2019 12:52 PM
15	Hotel	11/4/2019 12:23 PM
16	Live with someone	11/4/2019 12:23 PM
17	Homeless	11/4/2019 12:21 PM
18	Daughter rents	11/4/2019 11:29 AM
19	Own trailer but rent lot	11/4/2019 11:26 AM
20	Live with family	11/4/2019 11:22 AM

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Q3 Do you consider your housing to be affordable?

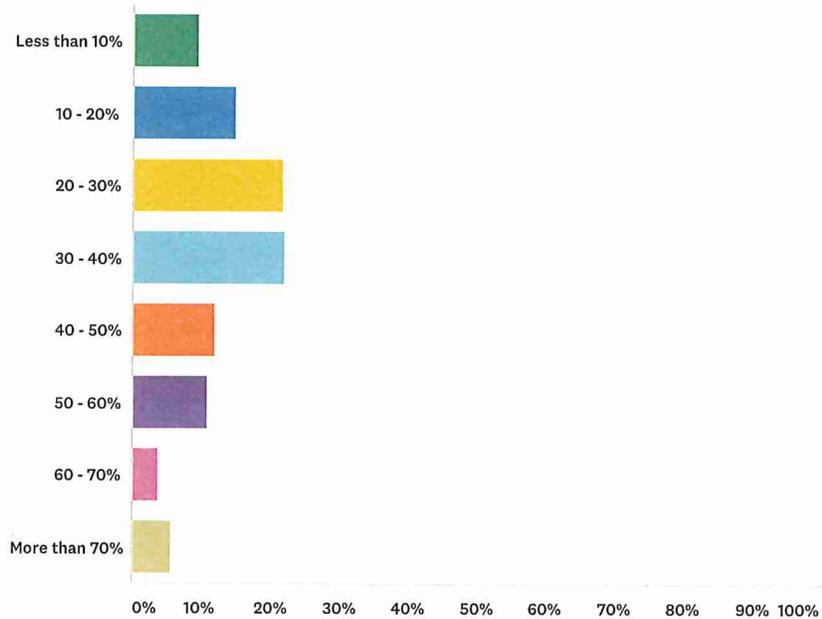
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	58.45%	287
No	41.55%	204
TOTAL		491

Q4 How much of your income do you spend on housing costs?

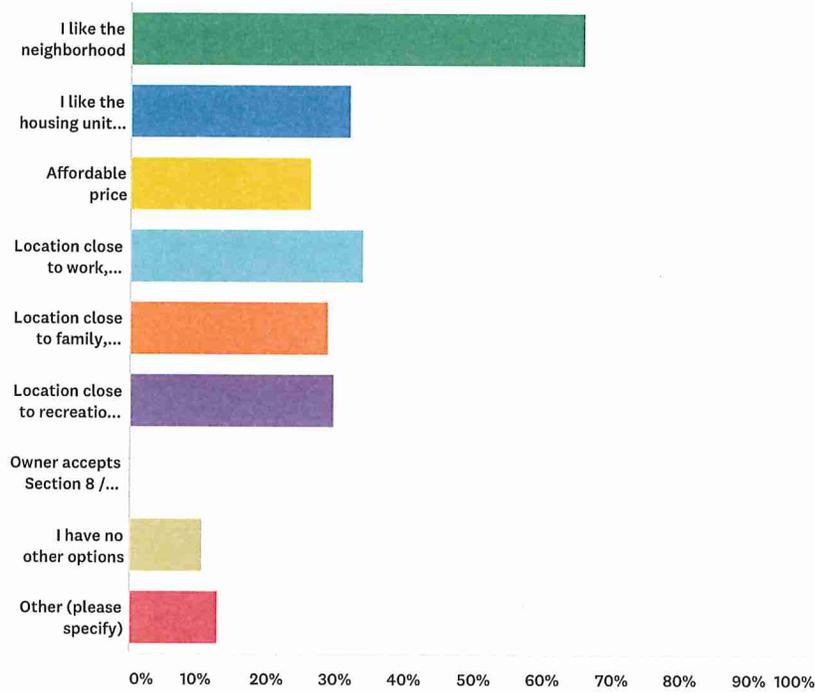
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 10%	9.45%	46
10 - 20%	14.78%	72
20 - 30%	21.77%	106
30 - 40%	21.97%	107
40 - 50%	11.91%	58
50 - 60%	10.88%	53
60 - 70%	3.70%	18
More than 70%	5.54%	27
TOTAL		487

Q5 Why do you live where you currently live? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 492 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I like the neighborhood	65.85%	324
I like the housing unit / property amenities	31.91%	157
Affordable price	26.42%	130
Location close to work, school, etc.	33.94%	167
Location close to family, friends, etc.	28.86%	142
Location close to recreation and entertainment	29.67%	146
Owner accepts Section 8 / government assistance	0.20%	1
I have no other options	10.57%	52
Other (please specify)	13.01%	64
Total Respondents: 492		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	It is affordable and comfortable. The landlady is very nice. The area is unique and I have privacy.	11/9/2019 8:18 AM
2	Near my 93 year old disabled father	11/8/2019 4:04 PM
3	Closer to the beach	11/7/2019 6:53 PM
4	i bought my new manufactured home and land in west boca in 1993..i have more property than the zero lot lines that are totally unaffordable to anyone who has no family money, nor a dr., lawyer..no way..i have good neighbors who help one another out and even speak to one another.Not much turnover in our cul d sac	11/7/2019 4:08 PM
5	it's a bigger than average condominium	11/7/2019 11:46 AM
6	Because I live with my partner	11/7/2019 10:29 AM
7	schools	11/6/2019 11:06 AM
8	i live in a jotel wjen I can afford it	11/5/2019 11:16 PM

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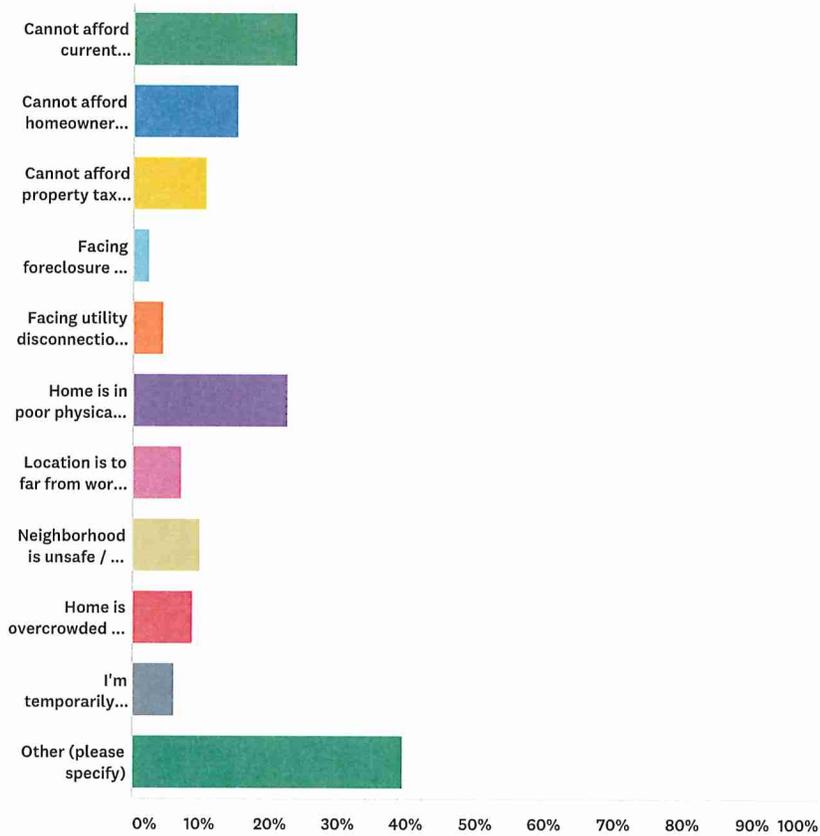
9	Bought here when primary breadwinner was working; now is retired.	11/5/2019 6:29 PM
10	We've been her 30 years, to expensive to move too. Everything is too expensive. Homeowners, Food, Expenses, Health Care that doesn't pay, Costs too high	11/5/2019 5:31 PM
11	It has a pool that I need for therapy and good lighting. We 're both artists.	11/5/2019 2:47 PM
12	Gated, no kids, private security.	11/5/2019 2:13 PM
13	I am living with my significant other and when we moved here it was reasonable compared to other housing options in the North end, where we choose to live and is close to my office and other practical points. If I did not share expenses with my significant other, I would be renting a room in someone's house. I could not afford even a 1 bedroom apt in the North end on \$30K or \$40K/yr	11/5/2019 12:48 PM
14	no HOA	11/5/2019 10:31 AM
15	I like the layout and view	11/5/2019 9:10 AM
16	Homeless	11/5/2019 8:48 AM
17	Good school district	11/5/2019 8:21 AM
18	as close to the ocean and still be able to afford the house	11/5/2019 7:52 AM
19	Good schools community	11/5/2019 4:32 AM
20	Landlord would take a voucher if I had one, on disability and could really use one	11/5/2019 12:16 AM
21	Quality of schools	11/4/2019 8:48 PM
22	I'm currently out of work and my place is paid off, so it offers the best option for me right now. If I were working full time I would be looking to move.	11/4/2019 8:37 PM
23	good school zone	11/4/2019 8:01 PM
24	east and central north to south in county	11/4/2019 7:38 PM
25	Acreage/nature - no HOA	11/4/2019 6:36 PM
26	55+ single family affordable homes	11/4/2019 6:32 PM
27	It's safe and there are no high rises	11/4/2019 5:34 PM
28	I'm homeless	11/4/2019 5:34 PM
29	near the ocean---retired snowbirds	11/4/2019 3:41 PM
30	No HOA	11/4/2019 3:38 PM
31	unicorperated	11/4/2019 2:57 PM
32	Could not find anything else for the whole family	11/4/2019 2:44 PM
33	I have been here 21 years and everything has gone up around me...I could never afford to live here if I had to pay todays costs	11/4/2019 2:27 PM
34	I don't like the neighborhood. It would be difficult to sell the house and buy another one that would still be affordable.	11/4/2019 1:51 PM
35	School zone	11/4/2019 1:48 PM
36	Central to shopping areas. But far away enough from being in a busy area.	11/4/2019 1:40 PM
37	Country club community with exceptional tennis facility.	11/4/2019 1:36 PM
38	No homeless or drug addicts herenone	11/4/2019 1:31 PM
39	Better public schools	11/4/2019 1:20 PM
40	received home on quit claim deed 2001	11/4/2019 1:01 PM
41	lots a 1 1/4 acre and no restrictions on use of land	11/4/2019 12:53 PM
42	Last of it's kind, inexpensive and close to relatives.	11/4/2019 12:52 PM
43	Nearby hospital and doctors	11/4/2019 12:52 PM
44	Been here for several decades.	11/4/2019 12:43 PM
45	great schools, secure	11/4/2019 12:42 PM
46	Wife wanted more land.	11/4/2019 12:42 PM
47	Close to grocery stores	11/4/2019 12:40 PM
48	Second home in HOA with security	11/4/2019 12:32 PM
49	It's less expensive than other options but not affordable	11/4/2019 12:30 PM
50	It's a safe place to live. My car doesn't get stolen anymore. But I have to for go many other things just to pay rent	11/4/2019 12:23 PM
51	Half way houses and similar are not allowed.	11/4/2019 12:14 PM
52	Home paid off, no debt	11/4/2019 12:08 PM

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53	Providing care to 97 yr old parent so need to live close by	11/4/2019 12:03 PM
54	Midway between FLL and PBI. Security/low crime.	11/4/2019 11:54 AM
55	on the water	11/4/2019 11:44 AM
56	Liberals have raised taxes through the roof.	11/4/2019 11:42 AM
57	Dont have money to move and deposit	11/4/2019 11:31 AM
58	Safe neighborhood	11/4/2019 11:25 AM
59	Walking distance to the beach	11/4/2019 11:21 AM
60	Horse Community	11/4/2019 11:20 AM
61	I like it out west away from the panhandlers and crime.	11/4/2019 11:17 AM
62	The only option other than continuing to rent. Although it's still costly, my husband and I could not afford to live further south.	11/4/2019 11:12 AM
63	Church	11/4/2019 11:09 AM
64	The best I could get.	11/4/2019 10:32 AM

Q6 Do you experience any of these housing problems? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 293 Skipped: 201



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cannot afford current mortgage or rent	23.89%	70
Cannot afford homeowner insurance / my home is uninsured	15.36%	45
Cannot afford property taxes / I owe unpaid taxes	10.58%	31
Facing foreclosure or eviction	2.39%	7
Facing utility disconnection (electrical, water, gas, etc.)	4.44%	13
Home is in poor physical condition and needs repairs	22.53%	66
Location is too far from work, school, family, friends, etc.	7.17%	21
Neighborhood is unsafe / too much crime	9.90%	29
Home is overcrowded / too small for my family	8.87%	26
I'm temporarily staying in someone else's home	6.14%	18
Other (please specify)	39.59%	116
Total Respondents: 293		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	NONE	11/13/2019 4:39 PM
2	No problems	11/12/2019 6:32 PM
3	None	11/9/2019 7:04 AM

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4	Living in my son's home and putting terrible financial burden on him due to my health problems	11/8/2019 4:04 PM
5	N/A	11/8/2019 11:59 AM
6	none	11/7/2019 7:49 PM
7	sandalfoot does have its major issues at times but it does get cleaned up (drug busts, no pay renters, and run down mobile homes	11/7/2019 4:08 PM
8	None	11/7/2019 12:58 PM
9	not enough restaurants in the vicinity	11/7/2019 11:46 AM
10	the hoa dues keep going up and up buy my income stays the same	11/7/2019 11:46 AM
11	none of the above	11/7/2019 8:56 AM
12	None	11/6/2019 4:00 PM
13	None of above	11/6/2019 2:07 PM
14	cannot afford to live elsewhere that is better for my health	11/6/2019 1:25 PM
15	I'm homeless	11/6/2019 9:41 AM
16	None	11/6/2019 7:39 AM
17	Insurance costs make mortgage much higher	11/5/2019 9:45 PM
18	None of the above	11/5/2019 7:56 PM
19	None C	11/5/2019 5:40 PM
20	NA	11/5/2019 5:36 PM
21	ld be "too" not "to". Location is to far from work, school, family, friends, etc. Please make correction.	11/5/2019 5:33 PM
22	Home needs some repairs but there is NO extra for repairs. Getting too expensive for homeowners insurance it is a rip off. Not being able to afford homeowners NOT TOO FAR OFF.	11/5/2019 5:31 PM
23	na	11/5/2019 3:35 PM
24	none	11/5/2019 1:32 PM
25	Due to my own financial issues I am to some degree stuck sharing this home with my significant other as I cannot afford to leave if I wanted to and at times I've wanted to.	11/5/2019 12:48 PM
26	not applicable	11/5/2019 11:50 AM
27	none	11/5/2019 11:41 AM
28	loud neighbors	11/5/2019 10:31 AM
29	Would prefer to live in an apt, but can't afford to.	11/5/2019 9:05 AM
30	Homeless	11/5/2019 8:48 AM
31	None	11/5/2019 8:39 AM
32	None of the above	11/5/2019 8:02 AM
33	no problems so far taxes are high	11/5/2019 7:52 AM
34	None	11/5/2019 7:40 AM
35	No	11/5/2019 7:29 AM
36	Traffic gets worse and worse, more people means more cars. Id rather pay more to have less congestion.	11/5/2019 6:54 AM
37	None of the above	11/5/2019 6:22 AM
38	No problems	11/5/2019 5:10 AM
39	cost of everything is going up...except my fixed income	11/5/2019 4:05 AM
40	Having a voucher would help so much	11/5/2019 12:16 AM
41	HOA wish to be lower	11/4/2019 10:29 PM
42	high fees	11/4/2019 8:01 PM
43	None of these questions apply to me	11/4/2019 7:54 PM
44	None of these	11/4/2019 6:51 PM
45	HOA fees have become unaffordable	11/4/2019 6:51 PM
46	None of the above	11/4/2019 6:36 PM
47	Can't continue survey without and.	11/4/2019 6:28 PM
48	property taxes are too high! That and health insurance are my biggest bills	11/4/2019 6:18 PM

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49	Taxes high	11/4/2019 6:07 PM
50	None	11/4/2019 5:48 PM
51	None of these.	11/4/2019 5:34 PM
52	I'm homeless	11/4/2019 5:34 PM
53	Too much traffic on local roads.	11/4/2019 4:26 PM
54	none	11/4/2019 4:23 PM
55	76 year resident	11/4/2019 4:05 PM
56	none	11/4/2019 4:03 PM
57	My property taxes just went up more than double what I paid last year	11/4/2019 3:41 PM
58	No problems for me	11/4/2019 3:39 PM
59	I live in development which the maintenance is not up to par. I have roaches and bed bugs..	11/4/2019 3:26 PM
60	No Issues	11/4/2019 3:17 PM
61	No	11/4/2019 3:15 PM
62	None of the above	11/4/2019 2:55 PM
63	none of the above	11/4/2019 2:52 PM
64	none	11/4/2019 2:41 PM
65	Insurances are waaaaayyyy too expensive....this would probably be the reason I eventually leave, plus the cost of repairs	11/4/2019 2:27 PM
66	None. But you didn't offer this option to continue survey.	11/4/2019 2:01 PM
67	no	11/4/2019 1:59 PM
68	I like where I live and I can afford it.	11/4/2019 1:49 PM
69	none of the above	11/4/2019 1:37 PM
70	None apply.	11/4/2019 1:36 PM
71	None	11/4/2019 1:31 PM
72	Lot rent and Pass-through taxes continue to rise each year, making it unaffordable for senior citizens to live in Manufactured Homes (mobile) that they own.	11/4/2019 1:23 PM
73	None	11/4/2019 1:19 PM
74	None of the above	11/4/2019 1:16 PM
75	Yardwork	11/4/2019 1:09 PM
76	none	11/4/2019 1:01 PM
77	None of the above	11/4/2019 12:47 PM
78	None	11/4/2019 12:42 PM
79	none	11/4/2019 12:41 PM
80	None	11/4/2019 12:33 PM
81	The county needs to be more affordable	11/4/2019 12:30 PM
82	None apply	11/4/2019 12:29 PM
83	None	11/4/2019 12:25 PM
84	I do not experience any of these.	11/4/2019 12:17 PM
85	no	11/4/2019 12:15 PM
86	None of these apply, typical government survey with agenda.	11/4/2019 12:14 PM
87	Taxes and homeowners insurance have gotten higher. Would be great if homeowners could be a bit more affordable	11/4/2019 12:14 PM
88	The correct English is, the location is too far,	11/4/2019 12:09 PM
89	None	11/4/2019 12:06 PM
90	N/A to above choices	11/4/2019 12:03 PM
91	Although I can afford condo insurance and property taxes now, looking at the future what if circumstances change?	11/4/2019 11:57 AM
92	none	11/4/2019 11:56 AM
93	Two socially maladjusted residents in neighborhood.	11/4/2019 11:54 AM
94	It's expensive also insurance is very expensive	11/4/2019 11:53 AM

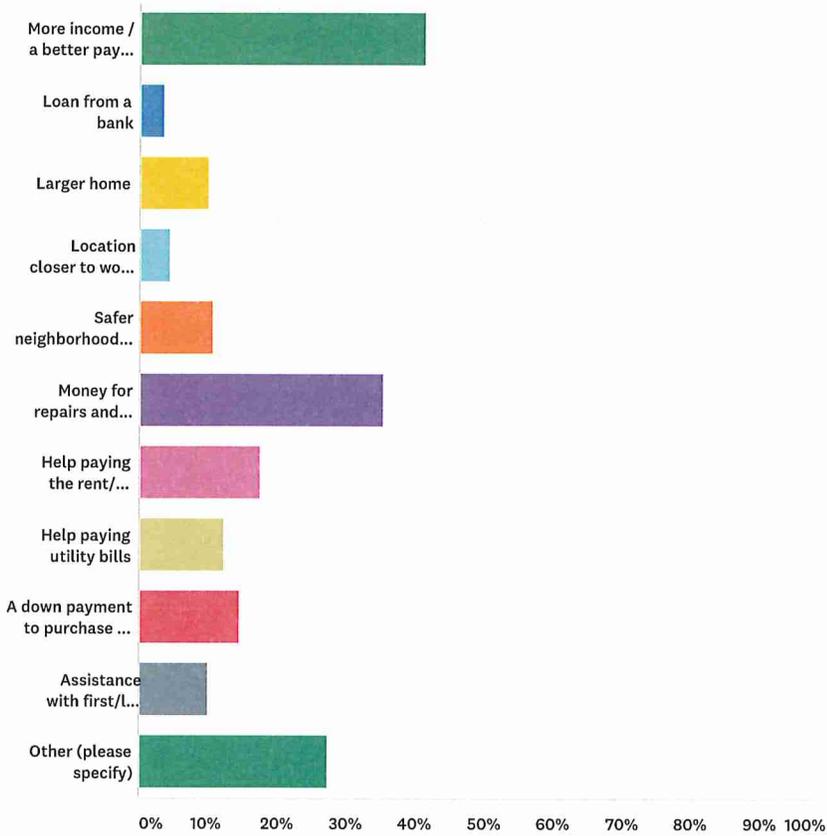
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95	None	11/4/2019 11:48 AM
96	Liberals tax me to the hilt to give away my taxes to lazy illegals	11/4/2019 11:42 AM
97	None	11/4/2019 11:38 AM
98	The insurance costs for home and auto are so high when you retire it becomes prohibitive!	11/4/2019 11:36 AM
99	Repairs	11/4/2019 11:35 AM
100	Getting to expensive	11/4/2019 11:31 AM
101	None of these options	11/4/2019 11:29 AM
102	None	11/4/2019 11:26 AM
103	While home is not in poor condition, it needs some repairs that I cannot afford.	11/4/2019 11:25 AM
104	No	11/4/2019 11:23 AM
105	no problems at this time	11/4/2019 11:21 AM
106	NA	11/4/2019 11:19 AM
107	I have no housing problems because I choose to work.	11/4/2019 11:17 AM
108	None	11/4/2019 11:17 AM
109	None of the above.	11/4/2019 11:17 AM
110	None	11/4/2019 11:14 AM
111	T	11/4/2019 11:13 AM
112	None of the above	11/4/2019 11:13 AM
113	No issues	11/4/2019 11:12 AM
114	Taxes and insurance are high	11/4/2019 11:09 AM
115	None	11/4/2019 11:08 AM
116	Building lacks hurricane protection, i.e. shutters or Miami-Dade rated impact glass	11/4/2019 10:32 AM

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Q7 What do you need to improve your housing situation? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 357 Skipped: 137



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More income / a better paying job	41.46%	148
Loan from a bank	3.64%	13
Larger home	10.08%	36
Location closer to work, school, family, etc.	4.48%	16
Safer neighborhood / less crime	10.64%	38
Money for repairs and home improvements	35.29%	126
Help paying the rent/ mortgage	17.65%	63
Help paying utility bills	12.32%	44
A down payment to purchase a home	14.57%	52
Assistance with first/last month rent and security deposits to rent a home	10.08%	36
Other (please specify)	27.45%	98
Total Respondents: 357		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	N/A	11/12/2019 2:01 PM
2	NA	11/10/2019 1:55 PM
3	None	11/9/2019 7:04 AM

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4	Medical care so that I can get better and get back to work. Help fixing the house.	11/8/2019 4:04 PM
5	N/A	11/8/2019 11:59 AM
6	None	11/7/2019 12:58 PM
7	planned development that considers the overcrowding of things like grocery stores, restaurants, etc.	11/7/2019 11:46 AM
8	help paying hoa/monthly dues	11/7/2019 11:46 AM
9	none of the above	11/7/2019 8:56 AM
10	None	11/6/2019 2:07 PM
11	better social services support, mental health care, more food stamps	11/6/2019 1:25 PM
12	Lower hoa's	11/6/2019 10:17 AM
13	More help for the disabled!!	11/6/2019 9:41 AM
14	NONE	11/6/2019 7:39 AM
15	Lower rentals	11/5/2019 7:59 PM
16	more responsible local contractors for home improvements.	11/5/2019 6:29 PM
17	None	11/5/2019 5:40 PM
18	NA	11/5/2019 5:36 PM
19	Getting too close to retirement age but not close enough for healthcare	11/5/2019 5:31 PM
20	na	11/5/2019 3:35 PM
21	Bring Jobs back to the USA	11/5/2019 3:15 PM
22	Health insurance	11/5/2019 2:19 PM
23	controled HOA's	11/5/2019 2:13 PM
24	nothing	11/5/2019 1:32 PM
25	More income, but not due to anything else but myself. I think my mental health issues interfere with my productivity and thus my income is not as great as it could be. I have no health insurance nor the additional monies to take care of my health the way I used to when I did. I try to do my best with food and exercise and living a healthy lifestyle, but that is not enough. It's really cyclical and wheel spinning. Very frustrating at times.	11/5/2019 12:48 PM
26	Insurance and HOA fees	11/5/2019 11:59 AM
27	People to do remodel	11/5/2019 10:43 AM
28	None	11/5/2019 10:39 AM
29	another neighbor	11/5/2019 10:31 AM
30	Nothing	11/5/2019 9:32 AM
31	Getting too old to maintain a home.	11/5/2019 9:05 AM
32	Lower Property Taxes	11/5/2019 8:45 AM
33	not sure probably less taxes	11/5/2019 7:52 AM
34	Nothing	11/5/2019 7:29 AM
35	Less people moving into the area.	11/5/2019 6:54 AM
36	None	11/5/2019 6:22 AM
37	Nothing	11/5/2019 5:10 AM
38	Housing voucher	11/5/2019 12:16 AM
39	More affordable materials to improve home	11/4/2019 10:29 PM
40	None	11/4/2019 9:03 PM
41	Hurricanes damaged and insurance gave us nothing	11/4/2019 6:51 PM
42	None of the above	11/4/2019 6:36 PM
43	Lower taxes and interest rates.	11/4/2019 6:23 PM
44	move to a less expensive home	11/4/2019 6:18 PM
45	None of these apply.	11/4/2019 5:34 PM
46	A well paying job	11/4/2019 5:34 PM
47	More walkable and transit-friendly neighborhoods	11/4/2019 4:10 PM
48	Senior citizen	11/4/2019 4:05 PM

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49	none	11/4/2019 4:03 PM
50	Lower property taxes	11/4/2019 3:41 PM
51	N/A	11/4/2019 3:17 PM
52	None of these.	11/4/2019 3:15 PM
53	None of the above	11/4/2019 2:55 PM
54	Nothing. Is this survey intended only for an impoverished class?	11/4/2019 2:01 PM
55	n/a	11/4/2019 1:59 PM
56	Less homeless on the streets	11/4/2019 1:51 PM
57	Lower property tax	11/4/2019 1:48 PM
58	Not applicable.	11/4/2019 1:36 PM
59	nothing	11/4/2019 1:22 PM
60	Find affordable housing for live-in parent	11/4/2019 1:20 PM
61	NONE	11/4/2019 1:16 PM
62	Maintenance	11/4/2019 1:09 PM
63	nothing	11/4/2019 1:01 PM
64	I do not need to improve my housing situation	11/4/2019 12:47 PM
65	None	11/4/2019 12:33 PM
66	None apply.	11/4/2019 12:29 PM
67	nothing	11/4/2019 12:15 PM
68	None of these apply, typical government survey with agenda.	11/4/2019 12:14 PM
69	Lower property taxes	11/4/2019 12:14 PM
70	Want the Sheriff's office to continue to keep crime under control	11/4/2019 12:14 PM
71	More affordable rents for people with fixed income and children	11/4/2019 12:13 PM
72	The correct English is; the location is TOO far. Find somebody who knows how to speak and write English, and get a proofreader	11/4/2019 12:09 PM
73	None of above	11/4/2019 12:08 PM
74	Nothing	11/4/2019 12:06 PM
75	Our condo is old and needs some updates to remain comfortable as we age	11/4/2019 11:57 AM
76	Lower insurance premiums and taxes	11/4/2019 11:53 AM
77	Housing for service folks that work for me	11/4/2019 11:52 AM
78	lower property taxes	11/4/2019 11:44 AM
79	Term limits to rid the govt of gutless, greedy LIBERALS and no good RINOs.	11/4/2019 11:42 AM
80	None	11/4/2019 11:38 AM
81	Lower insurance cost	11/4/2019 11:36 AM
82	Property taxes are equivalent to 4 months of mortgage payments. The taxes make it impossible to own a home.	11/4/2019 11:34 AM
83	None	11/4/2019 11:26 AM
84	Landlord who is not greedy and whose on-site staff gives a damn about residents	11/4/2019 11:26 AM
85	Stronger adherence to rules and regulations for safety	11/4/2019 11:23 AM
86	None	11/4/2019 11:23 AM
87	Less expensive options	11/4/2019 11:22 AM
88	none at this time	11/4/2019 11:21 AM
89	None of the above	11/4/2019 11:19 AM
90	Disability Improvements	11/4/2019 11:18 AM
91	No improvement needed. I work so I can pay my bills.	11/4/2019 11:17 AM
92	None.	11/4/2019 11:17 AM
93	Nothing	11/4/2019 11:13 AM
94	Lower property taxes and homeowners insurance	11/4/2019 11:13 AM
95	Do not need help	11/4/2019 11:12 AM

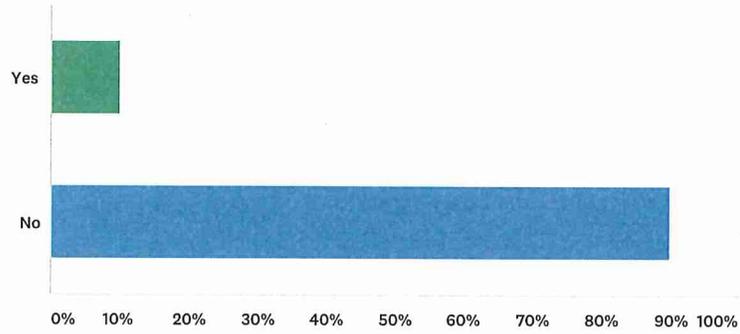
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96	Lower taxes and insurance	11/4/2019 11:09 AM
97	Nothing really. I can afford my home.	11/4/2019 11:08 AM
98	More options so I can stay in my area, rent is going up in Boynton Beach and is almost as much as Delray Beach/Boca Raton	11/4/2019 10:32 AM

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Q8 Have you ever been homeless?

Answered: 475 Skipped: 19

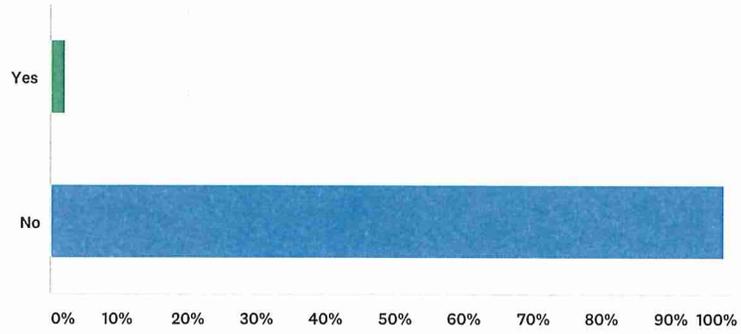


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	10.11%	48
No	89.89%	427
TOTAL		475

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Q9 Are you currently homeless?

Answered: 475 Skipped: 19

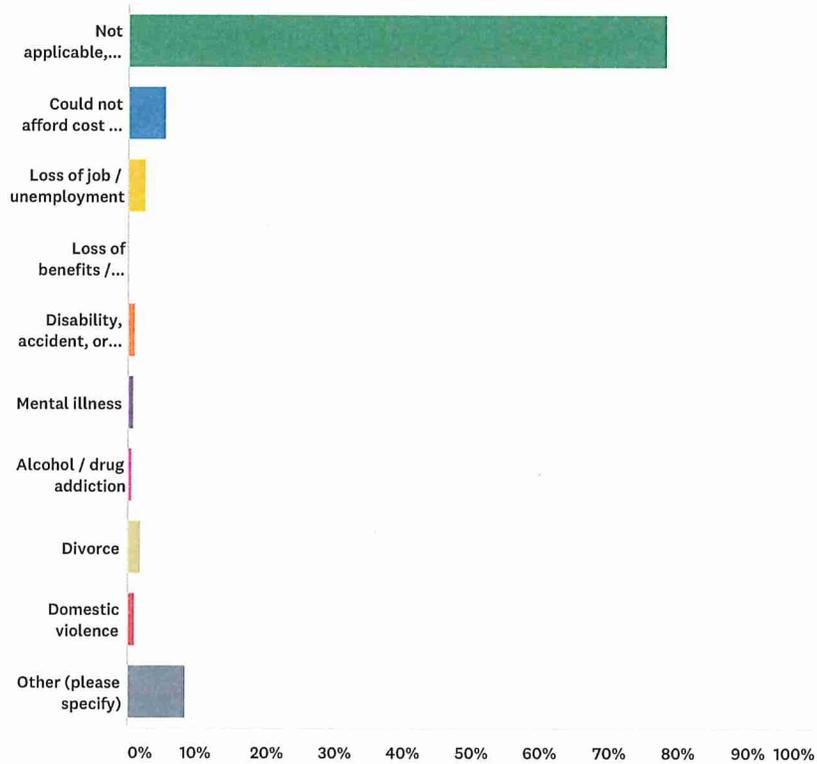


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	2.11%	10
No	97.89%	465
TOTAL		475

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Q10 Why were / are you homeless? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 362 Skipped: 132



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not applicable, I've never been homeless.	78.18%	283
Could not afford cost of housing	5.52%	20
Loss of job / unemployment	2.49%	9
Loss of benefits / government assistance	0.00%	0
Disability, accident, or medical problems	1.10%	4
Mental illness	0.83%	3
Alcohol / drug addiction	0.55%	2
Divorce	1.93%	7
Domestic violence	1.10%	4
Other (please specify)	8.29%	30
TOTAL		362

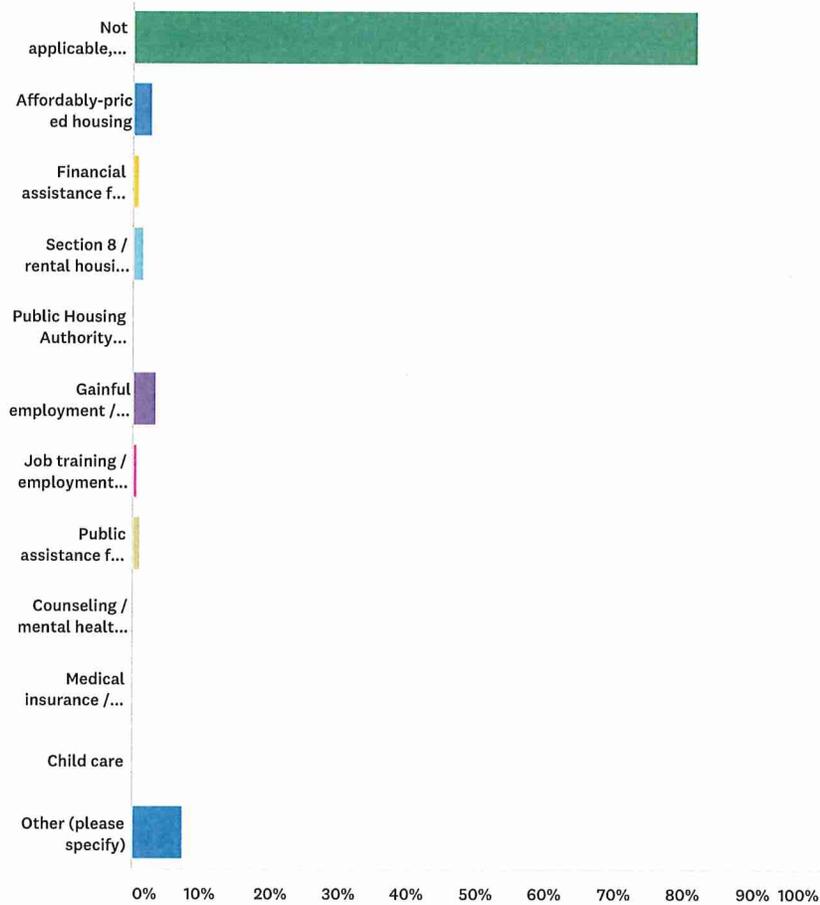
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1	never homeless	11/13/2019 4:40 PM
2	mother passed when I was 20 and was homeless for 1 month until I could find housing that allowed pets - this was in NY 20 years ago	11/8/2019 8:36 AM
3	Teenager. Shortage of affordable housing	11/7/2019 6:54 PM
4	N/A	11/6/2019 7:40 AM
5	N/A	11/6/2019 7:32 AM
6	NA	11/5/2019 5:41 PM
7	Not yet but if things don't change more people will be homeless	11/5/2019 5:32 PM

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8	not applicable	11/5/2019 11:51 AM
9	I am not homeless	11/5/2019 7:53 AM
10	Not homeless	11/4/2019 6:23 PM
11	n/a	11/4/2019 6:18 PM
12	N/a	11/4/2019 5:49 PM
13	N/A	11/4/2019 3:18 PM
14	N/A	11/4/2019 3:15 PM
15	Roommate issues/ low income	11/4/2019 2:56 PM
16	None of above	11/4/2019 1:38 PM
17	NONE/NEVER BEEN	11/4/2019 1:16 PM
18	Does not apply. I am not homeless.	11/4/2019 12:49 PM
19	not	11/4/2019 12:15 PM
20	Does not apply, who makes these surveys. If I was never homeless, why would I have a reason to be?	11/4/2019 12:15 PM
21	N/A	11/4/2019 11:54 AM
22	With the roaring TRUMP economy anyone who wants a job can find a job.	11/4/2019 11:44 AM
23	Doesn't apply	11/4/2019 11:39 AM
24	Nobe	11/4/2019 11:27 AM
25	Would be homeless if family didn't share their home	11/4/2019 11:24 AM
26	I work and spend within my means, therefore never homeless.	11/4/2019 11:19 AM
27	None.	11/4/2019 11:17 AM
28	False priorities	11/4/2019 11:16 AM
29	No homeless	11/4/2019 11:14 AM
30	Not now, and have never been homeless.	11/4/2019 11:09 AM

Q11 If homeless / formerly homeless, what do/did you need to regain stable housing? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 367 Skipped: 127



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not applicable, I've never been homeless	82.02%	301
Affordably-priced housing	2.72%	10
Financial assistance for rental deposits and first/last month rent	0.82%	3
Section 8 / rental housing voucher	1.36%	5
Public Housing Authority housing unit	0.27%	1
Gainful employment / a better paying job	3.27%	12
Job training / employment assistance	0.54%	2
Public assistance for food and basic necessities	1.09%	4
Counseling / mental health services	0.27%	1
Medical insurance / medical services	0.00%	0
Child care	0.27%	1
Other (please specify)	7.36%	27
TOTAL		367

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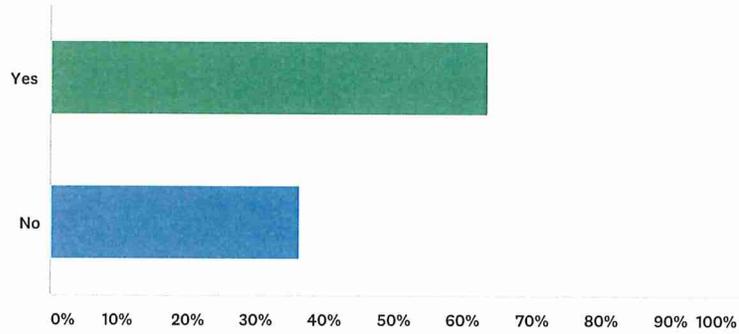
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1	never homeless	11/13/2019 4:40 PM
2	Assistance from family/friends	11/12/2019 8:55 PM
3	worked 3 jobs and rented a room	11/9/2019 11:52 AM
4	place that accepted pets	11/8/2019 8:36 AM
5	Networking	11/7/2019 6:54 PM
6	First time buyers	11/6/2019 3:10 PM
7	won't let pick more than 1! Public assistance, medical assistance, child care, better job/wages	11/6/2019 1:27 PM
8	Priority Housing for Disabled	11/6/2019 9:55 AM
9	N/A	11/6/2019 7:40 AM
10	i cannot affprd anything.	11/5/2019 11:18 PM
11	NA	11/5/2019 5:41 PM
12	Stayed with a friend	11/5/2019 2:20 PM
13	not applicable	11/5/2019 11:51 AM
14	Roomates	11/5/2019 9:06 AM
15	Moved in with strangers, and eventually family in a rural area.	11/5/2019 6:56 AM
16	Family	11/4/2019 9:14 PM
17	Never homeless	11/4/2019 6:23 PM
18	N/A	11/4/2019 3:18 PM
19	n/a	11/4/2019 12:15 PM
20	N/a	11/4/2019 11:54 AM
21	Moved away	11/4/2019 11:53 AM
22	Can't choose all in this section	11/4/2019 11:52 AM
23	And if pocahontas Warren takes over the White House we'll ALL be homeless.	11/4/2019 11:44 AM
24	Doesn't apply	11/4/2019 11:39 AM
25	Live with daughter	11/4/2019 11:30 AM
26	I suggest people take advantage of the trillions of dollars in education to either go to school for a trade, or other means to better themselves. I suggest they stop looking for a free handout.	11/4/2019 11:19 AM
27	Help from friends until could find something affordable.	11/4/2019 11:14 AM

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Q12 Do you see a need for additional social service programs in your community?

Answered: 459 Skipped: 35

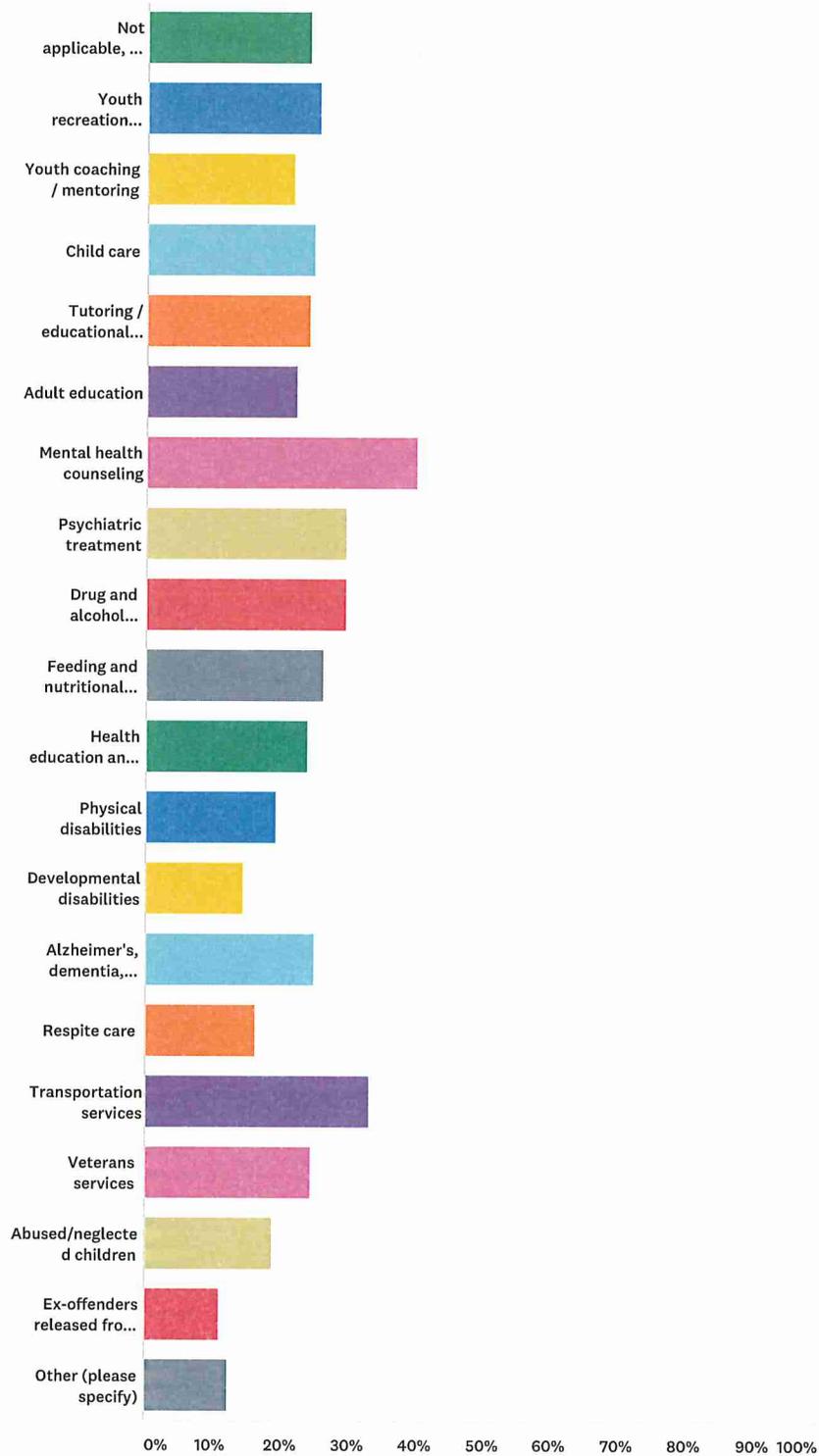


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.62%	292
No	36.38%	167
TOTAL		459

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Q13 If yes, what type of services or programming are needed? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 400 Skipped: 94



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

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Not applicable, no additional social services needed.	24.00%	96
Youth recreation programs	25.50%	102
Youth coaching / mentoring	21.75%	87
Child care	24.75%	99
Tutoring / educational enrichment for children	24.00%	96
Adult education	22.25%	89
Mental health counseling	40.00%	160
Psychiatric treatment	29.50%	118
Drug and alcohol treatment	29.50%	118
Feeding and nutritional support	26.25%	105
Health education and counseling	23.75%	95
Physical disabilities	19.25%	77
Developmental disabilities	14.50%	58
Alzheimer's, dementia, memory care	25.00%	100
Respite care	16.25%	65
Transportation services	33.00%	132
Veterans services	24.50%	98
Abused/neglected children	18.75%	75
Ex-offenders released from incarceration	11.00%	44
Other (please specify)	12.25%	49
Total Respondents: 400		

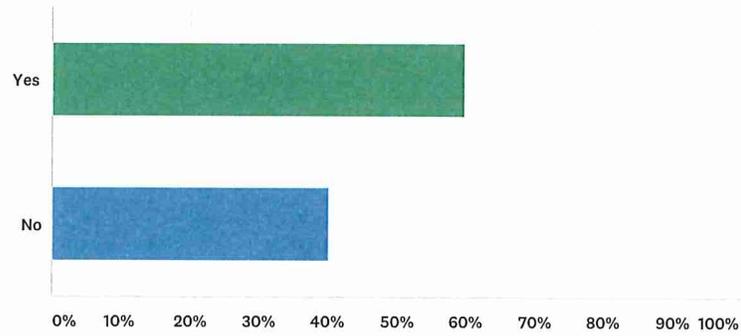
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1	None	11/9/2019 7:04 AM
2	I live in Watergate Estates in West Boca. We have a huge drug problem, homelessness, sex offenders, jail releasees, prostitutes, criminals...you name it. There are also families, elderly, immigrants, hard working & decent people. So much help is needed here.	11/8/2019 4:08 PM
3	these are hard working people most only with high school diploma and some drug/mental person steals/robs its not easy to replace as fast as the Boca Rich snobs canir	11/7/2019 4:21 PM
4	affordable housing!!! more comprehensive social services - Palm Beach County has the LEAST available services & free options than any other county in FL!!!	11/6/2019 1:29 PM
5	Help with substidy for down payment and closing cost to purchase affordable housing	11/6/2019 10:25 AM
6	Physical/Mental Illness Disabilities	11/6/2019 9:56 AM
7	Community garden	11/5/2019 6:22 PM
8	Medical services for the under insured and those that can afford copays. Large homelessness in our area. Child care assistance so some can work. Child care is outrageous.	11/5/2019 5:38 PM
9	HOA Fixed increase laws put in place.	11/5/2019 2:15 PM
10	better payinfg jobs	11/5/2019 11:43 AM
11	More transition programs from homelessness to jobs and housing.	11/5/2019 10:41 AM
12	Section 8 housing for elderly	11/5/2019 8:56 AM
13	Employment services	11/5/2019 8:50 AM
14	Financial help to move downstairs	11/5/2019 8:37 AM
15	Housing for homeless who live near library. More affordable care for seniors. Alternatives to gangs for adolescents	11/5/2019 6:56 AM
16	increase in social security	11/5/2019 6:23 AM
17	Affordable low-income housing for seniors	11/5/2019 2:23 AM
18	Section 8 voucher for people on disability would help so much	11/5/2019 12:20 AM
19	Parks, budgeting education,tradding school	11/4/2019 10:33 PM

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20	affordable or pro-bono legal services	11/4/2019 8:03 PM
21	After care/ Respite services for single parents of children with Autism	11/4/2019 8:01 PM
22	housing for homeless and very poor with family income under \$30,000	11/4/2019 7:40 PM
23	No sure what specific services are needed	11/4/2019 6:39 PM
24	CPR classes	11/4/2019 6:34 PM
25	rapid re-housing - places for people to have stable housing while they work on getting well, understanding their trauma, and become employed productive citizens	11/4/2019 6:20 PM
26	Long term care services	11/4/2019 6:09 PM
27	homes for the homeless	11/4/2019 4:25 PM
28	how to budget \$	11/4/2019 3:44 PM
29	Not sure	11/4/2019 3:42 PM
30	I need current services reviewed and determine if funds could be better spent in other programs	11/4/2019 3:40 PM
31	N/A	11/4/2019 3:18 PM
32	senior centers	11/4/2019 2:59 PM
33	sometimes homeless people are in the woods at Military Trail or at Woolbright and Militaryil and Pipers Glen or at	11/4/2019 2:43 PM
34	Affordable senior housing	11/4/2019 1:22 PM
35	Affordable housing for the over 70	11/4/2019 12:50 PM
36	Homeless sleeping in our parks	11/4/2019 12:50 PM
37	More assistance for the homeless	11/4/2019 12:35 PM
38	Affordable housing	11/4/2019 12:28 PM
39	Do not like rehab houses being allowed in residential neighborhoods. All neighbors are very concerned about allowing this!	11/4/2019 12:16 PM
40	Homeless facilities	11/4/2019 12:15 PM
41	Homeless help	11/4/2019 11:55 AM
42	And thanks to the LIBERALS illegal alien children have OVERRUN our schools.	11/4/2019 11:46 AM
43	Work training	11/4/2019 11:32 AM
44	Affordable Housing	11/4/2019 11:24 AM
45	More nature reserve parks	11/4/2019 11:24 AM
46	If everyone was accountable for themselves and worked, we would not have a need for all these free handouts.	11/4/2019 11:20 AM
47	The desire to change your situation.	11/4/2019 11:17 AM
48	Retiree assistance	11/4/2019 11:16 AM
49	Financial Education Program	11/4/2019 8:33 AM

Q14 Do you feel generally secure in your finances?

Answered: 444 Skipped: 50

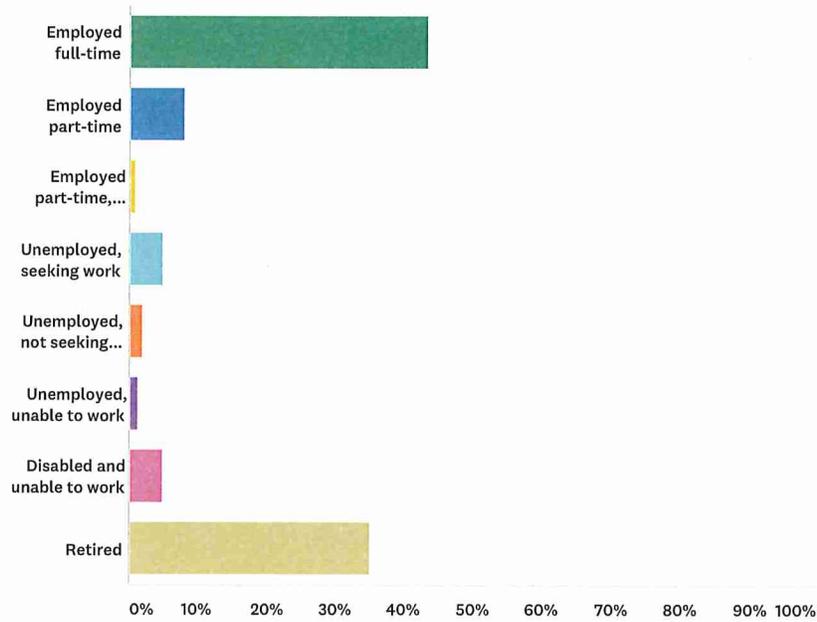


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.91%	266
No	40.09%	178
TOTAL		444

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Q15 Are you:

Answered: 444 Skipped: 50

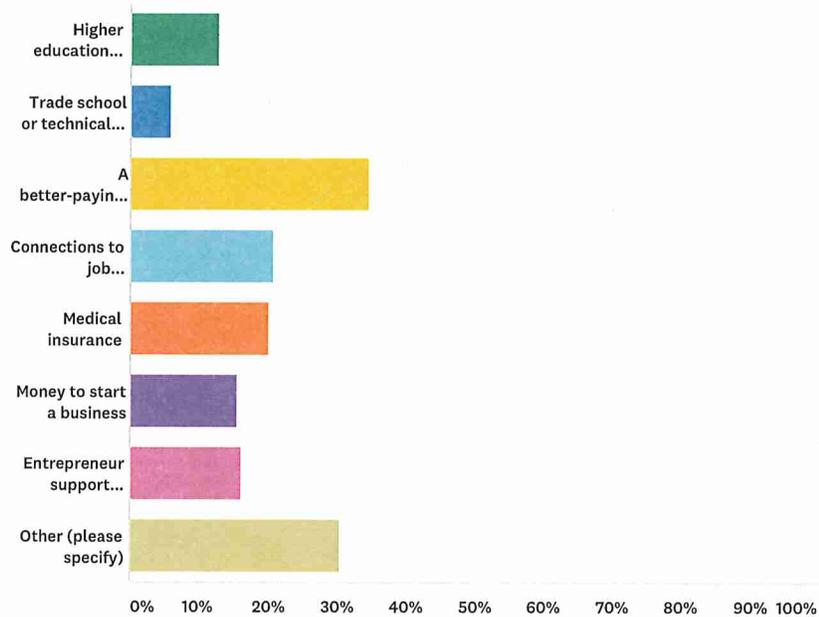


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employed full-time	43.47%	193
Employed part-time	7.88%	35
Employed part-time, seeking full-time work	0.90%	4
Unemployed, seeking work	4.73%	21
Unemployed, not seeking work	1.80%	8
Unemployed, unable to work	1.35%	6
Disabled and unable to work	4.73%	21
Retired	35.14%	156
TOTAL		444

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Q16 What would improve your personal financial situation? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 342 Skipped: 152



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Higher education (college, university, etc.)	12.87%	44
Trade school or technical skills training	5.85%	20
A better-paying job	34.50%	118
Connections to job opportunities	20.76%	71
Medical insurance	20.18%	69
Money to start a business	15.50%	53
Entrepreneur support services	16.08%	55
Other (please specify)	30.41%	104
Total Respondents: 342		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not applicable, unemployed by choice	11/12/2019 8:58 PM
2	Affordable health care	11/12/2019 6:35 PM
3	I am in that inbetween bracket I don't make enough to afford health insurance with my current bills but, I make too much to get assistance.. I ma	11/9/2019 8:26 AM
4	None	11/9/2019 7:06 AM
5	N/A	11/8/2019 12:00 PM
6	None	11/7/2019 1:00 PM
7	Reduce Insurance Cost and Monthly hoa/dues	11/7/2019 11:50 AM
8	Buy house	11/6/2019 3:13 PM
9	None	11/6/2019 2:10 PM
10	more social support & services for "middle/low" income and disabled	11/6/2019 1:31 PM
11	More stable economy	11/6/2019 11:11 AM
12	Lower taxes, lower insurance rates, less expenses for good healthy food, more rebates for seniors,	11/6/2019 10:22 AM

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13	Special Program for "higher functioning" disabled adults	11/6/2019 9:56 AM
14	Retired	11/6/2019 7:41 AM
15	More support for teachers and those who work in schools	11/5/2019 9:48 PM
16	less spending on the part of my spouse, who is still working	11/5/2019 6:31 PM
17	A better economy and more control/regulation on things that should be. ie the man that got quotes what his medical bill would be without insurance! That is one. Not everyone has the time to investigate. I went to an in-network clinic ... it was contracted with my insurance at \$155 per visit. I nearly fainted. Not my regular 35 office copay. \$155 dollars. I do not know what a visit without insurance would have cost. I had acute bronchitis and needed antibiotics. No much time to shop around I would say.	11/5/2019 5:44 PM
18	NA	11/5/2019 5:42 PM
19	End age discrimination	11/5/2019 3:24 PM
20	Selling my art.	11/5/2019 2:49 PM
21	See answers to previous question on income	11/5/2019 1:01 PM
22	not sure	11/5/2019 11:44 AM
23	win the lottery	11/5/2019 10:33 AM
24	Affordable apartment in decent neighborhood.	11/5/2019 9:08 AM
25	Lower Property Taxes	11/5/2019 8:47 AM
26	At 83 I need to move get on 2nd floor walk up	11/5/2019 8:38 AM
27	None of the above	11/5/2019 8:05 AM
28	No cancer	11/5/2019 7:05 AM
29	N/a	11/5/2019 4:22 AM
30	Section 8 voucher	11/5/2019 12:21 AM
31	none	11/4/2019 10:06 PM
32	If home health care services were paid or at least subsidized by Medicare. My elderly mother's home health aides (24/7) cost about \$150K annually in salary and benefits. That is all on us, the family. (She can't be left alone.)	11/4/2019 9:39 PM
33	More social security	11/4/2019 9:17 PM
34	Lower taxes and insurance	11/4/2019 8:29 PM
35	pay increase that would help me afford to live without struggling	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
36	if Housing was affordable I would have no issues w finances	11/4/2019 8:04 PM
37	Help with rent, electricity.	11/4/2019 8:02 PM
38	cash	11/4/2019 7:18 PM
39	I have a disability so my family is sometimes tight on money	11/4/2019 6:55 PM
40	Ability to refinance home	11/4/2019 6:53 PM
41	retired	11/4/2019 6:42 PM
42	Too old	11/4/2019 6:36 PM
43	I'm a teacher...they need to be paid more. I have to work 2 jobs	11/4/2019 6:24 PM
44	Hopeless	11/4/2019 6:04 PM
45	None of these apply.	11/4/2019 5:37 PM
46	less Government payments	11/4/2019 5:23 PM
47	Dental insurance.	11/4/2019 4:29 PM
48	N/A	11/4/2019 3:20 PM
49	Lower taxes	11/4/2019 3:19 PM
50	Child care	11/4/2019 3:17 PM
51	Lower taxes, HOA fee	11/4/2019 3:03 PM
52	lower property tax	11/4/2019 3:03 PM
53	End the Federal Reserve and quit robbing us all. How about that!	11/4/2019 2:59 PM
54	Lower taxes.	11/4/2019 2:59 PM
55	increase in Social Security	11/4/2019 2:54 PM
56	retired	11/4/2019 2:29 PM

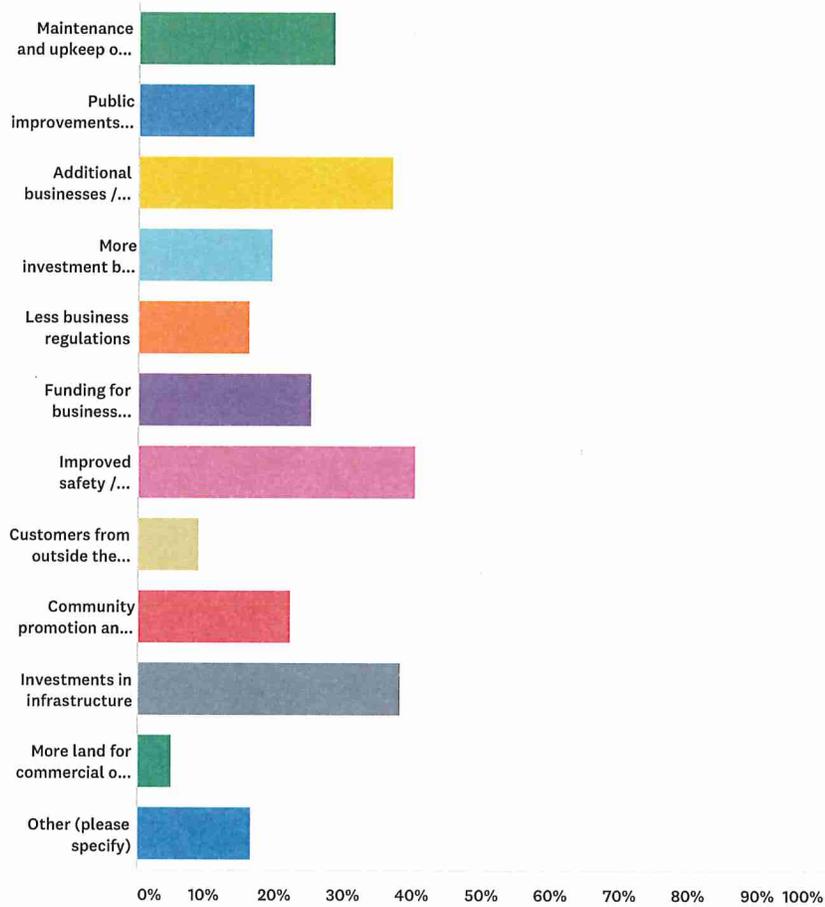
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57	Lower taxes	11/4/2019 2:21 PM
58	A Paycheck	11/4/2019 2:14 PM
59	Again, I'm fine.	11/4/2019 2:03 PM
60	Was a teacher. Not enough money	11/4/2019 1:52 PM
61	A work from home job.	11/4/2019 1:42 PM
62	NA	11/4/2019 1:38 PM
63	Having childcare	11/4/2019 1:12 PM
64	Better medical ins	11/4/2019 1:11 PM
65	i am secure	11/4/2019 1:03 PM
66	lower housing costs	11/4/2019 1:03 PM
67	Wish the stock market were less volatile	11/4/2019 12:55 PM
68	More services for retired people	11/4/2019 12:54 PM
69	Stock Market Increases	11/4/2019 12:52 PM
70	Affordable housing	11/4/2019 12:51 PM
71	Not having to deal with age discrimination	11/4/2019 12:48 PM
72	Winning the lottery	11/4/2019 12:46 PM
73	Wish I had made better decisions earlier	11/4/2019 12:44 PM
74	none	11/4/2019 12:44 PM
75	N	11/4/2019 12:38 PM
76	Winning the lottery.	11/4/2019 12:31 PM
77	I work hard for everything I have	11/4/2019 12:27 PM
78	Lower rent in nice safe communities	11/4/2019 12:27 PM
79	n/a	11/4/2019 12:17 PM
80	Less taxes	11/4/2019 12:14 PM
81	Part-time or work from home to supplement social security and to keep active.	11/4/2019 12:01 PM
82	Retirement money	11/4/2019 11:59 AM
83	Retired	11/4/2019 11:51 AM
84	NEVER EVER vote for a TAX and SPEND LIBERAL.	11/4/2019 11:48 AM
85	more income	11/4/2019 11:47 AM
86	rebuilt spinal cord.	11/4/2019 11:45 AM
87	Lower insurance costs	11/4/2019 11:39 AM
88	Lower college tuition costs for grandkids	11/4/2019 11:37 AM
89	Lower cost of rent	11/4/2019 11:32 AM
90	More mobility	11/4/2019 11:31 AM
91	None	11/4/2019 11:29 AM
92	Na	11/4/2019 11:25 AM
93	Pay increase.. in education	11/4/2019 11:24 AM
94	None	11/4/2019 11:21 AM
95	Assistance for people with disabilities	11/4/2019 11:21 AM
96	My financial situation would improve if my taxpaying money didn't go to others who are unwilling to work. Freeloaders.	11/4/2019 11:21 AM
97	none	11/4/2019 11:19 AM
98	Affordable Housing	11/4/2019 11:18 AM
99	Nothing	11/4/2019 11:18 AM
100	Better investment opportunities	11/4/2019 11:17 AM
101	Lower cost of living in decent neighborhoods.	11/4/2019 11:16 AM
102	None	11/4/2019 11:15 AM
103	reasonably priced senior housing	11/4/2019 11:12 AM
104	I'm in pretty good shape right now.	11/4/2019 11:11 AM

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Q17 What is needed to improve economic conditions in your community?
(Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 376 Skipped: 118



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Maintenance and upkeep of public areas	28.72%	108
Public improvements commercial areas	17.02%	64
Additional businesses / job opportunities	36.97%	139
More investment by existing business owners	19.68%	74
Less business regulations	16.22%	61
Funding for business start-up or expansion	25.27%	95
Improved safety / reduced crime	40.43%	152
Customers from outside the community	9.04%	34
Community promotion and business recruitment	22.34%	84
Investments in infrastructure	38.30%	144
More land for commercial or industrial development	5.05%	19
Other (please specify)	16.76%	63
Total Respondents: 376		

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1	Programs to help people who work but, need assistance. I could not work and get assistance but, that is not acceptable to me.	11/9/2019 8:26 AM
2	Mental health and substance abuse treatment, homeless services, post incarceration assistance to keep individuals from reoffending	11/8/2019 4:11 PM
3	Palm Beach county IGNORES low income & homeless people! Look at what other counties do to help! HOW does public area maintenance or customers help??? stupid stupid stupid	11/6/2019 1:31 PM
4	Local business support for "higher functioning" disabled adults	11/6/2019 9:56 AM
5	Affordable Housing for the middle class	11/6/2019 6:57 AM
6	Support for those who work in schools	11/5/2019 9:48 PM
7	lower taxes	11/5/2019 6:31 PM
8	Stop building more stuff. We have enough to take care of. We need to leave more nature alone.	11/5/2019 5:44 PM
9	Lower jumping on my investment properties. I try to keep rents low but this year I'm paying \$3,200 more on just two properties.	11/5/2019 10:43 AM
10	get rid of the bums	11/5/2019 10:33 AM
11	na	11/5/2019 8:24 AM
12	None	11/5/2019 7:42 AM
13	Juno Beach is in pretty good shape	11/5/2019 6:59 AM
14	Better paying jobs, more affordable opportunities for education, recreation, and health care	11/5/2019 6:58 AM
15	affordable housing	11/5/2019 6:24 AM
16	Incentives for investors to build affordable housing for seniors	11/5/2019 2:25 AM
17	Government jobs opportunities, retirement solutions	11/4/2019 10:38 PM
18	N/a	11/4/2019 8:04 PM
19	less property taxes	11/4/2019 8:02 PM
20	E	11/4/2019 7:57 PM
21	training programs for poor homeless	11/4/2019 7:42 PM
22	not sure	11/4/2019 6:42 PM
23	City playground for kids/grandkids	11/4/2019 6:36 PM
24	N/A	11/4/2019 5:50 PM
25	more land for bigger and additional housing. There are too many properties all throughout the East Coast of Florida especially the south that are too crowded being on top of each other in housing, with tons of land in the middle of Florida empty. Way over crowded as it is	11/4/2019 5:48 PM
26	Keep high rises OUT of the Glades/St. Andrews area. Keep it SUBurban.	11/4/2019 5:37 PM
27	Less Federal Government funds	11/4/2019 5:23 PM
28	Affordable single family homes, less multi family dwelling. Reduce large scale unaffordable housing developments	11/4/2019 4:40 PM
29	The community would improve if there was no more building in whatever open spaces still exist and if Atlantic Ave were expanded to three lanes west of Jog Rd. This road is horrible during rush hour!	11/4/2019 3:57 PM
30	job coaching and training for the trades	11/4/2019 3:47 PM
31	Fewer homes. Less crowding.	11/4/2019 3:32 PM
32	N/A	11/4/2019 3:20 PM
33	My community is awesome and needs to be left alone.	11/4/2019 2:59 PM
34	Better options for senior housing	11/4/2019 1:19 PM
35	Child care	11/4/2019 1:12 PM
36	more affordable housing for young married families	11/4/2019 1:03 PM
37	Interconnected bicycle transportation options that are safer than today	11/4/2019 12:55 PM
38	none	11/4/2019 12:52 PM
39	Not help for the elderly	11/4/2019 12:51 PM
40	The extension of RT 7 into Palm Beach Gardens.	11/4/2019 12:48 PM
41	It's OK	11/4/2019 12:44 PM
42	Housing for homeless	11/4/2019 12:29 PM

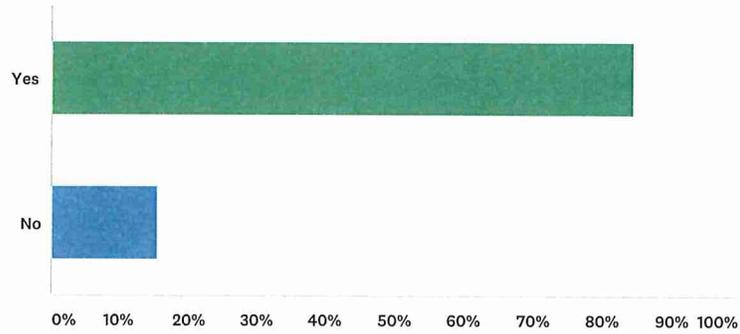
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43	Wellington needs to revisit some of their codes. I am installing windows and Wellington is the only city/county in the State of Florida that requires window ledges be removed so that they can see under the windows. This causes a great deal of added expense, which the businesses just pass to the consumer. Why are we the only ones to require this? Seems way too stringent. If it was necessary, other cities would also require and they do not. This needs to be revisited.	11/4/2019 12:21 PM
44	n/a	11/4/2019 12:17 PM
45	The county puts up so many ridiculous barriers to business its no wonder there are so many problems with employment and salary of others.	11/4/2019 12:17 PM
46	Heavier Fines and punish people who litter the medians	11/4/2019 12:14 PM
47	Improved school safety and better school options	11/4/2019 12:03 PM
48	More police	11/4/2019 11:59 AM
49	Reduce government interference; reduce public official corrupt practices (e.g., recent Boca Raton Mayor); reduce growth that overwhelms infrastructure.	11/4/2019 11:58 AM
50	Less taxes, less insurance premiums	11/4/2019 11:56 AM
51	WORKFORCE HOUSING	11/4/2019 11:53 AM
52	Help for the homeless to receive support to get on their feet	11/4/2019 11:53 AM
53	TERM LIMITS to rid our govt. of TAX and SPEND LIBERALS.	11/4/2019 11:48 AM
54	solve crime and homelessness	11/4/2019 11:46 AM
55	None	11/4/2019 11:40 AM
56	Advisors to assist with development of sound business plans	11/4/2019 11:36 AM
57	Lower housing/ HIGHER PAY	11/4/2019 11:34 AM
58	Lower rents	11/4/2019 11:32 AM
59	Emphasis on quality art	11/4/2019 11:28 AM
60	Homeless shelters, emergency bedding, housing assistance, drug rehab, mental illness support...it is outrageous how many homeless people are here with no services. We are a rich county. We need to do more!	11/4/2019 11:22 AM
61	Nothing. There are more jobs available then people to fill them. I suggest everyone get out and work.	11/4/2019 11:21 AM
62	Affordable Housing	11/4/2019 11:18 AM
63	More affordable housing	11/4/2019 8:34 AM

Community Needs Survey

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Yes	84.55%	372
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TOTAL		440

Stone leaves trial early claiming food poisoning

By Ashraf Khalil
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The trial of Roger Stone, the flamboyant former confidant of President Donald Trump, kicked off Tuesday amid a host of medical issues involving both the defendant and a spectator. Shortly after jury selection began, the courtroom had to be cleared for more than a half hour when a man sitting in the back row moaned loudly and collapsed on the floor. He was revived and helped from the room by medical staff. Not long after the session resumed, Stone himself went home early, telling U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson that he had food poisoning.

Stone, a longtime Republican provocateur, faces charges related to allegations he sought to collaborate with WikiLeaks to release emails hacked by Russia to damage Hillary Clinton's Democratic presidential campaign.

The trial in Washington promises to revive the specter of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation as the impeachment inquiry against Trump proceeds in the House.

Stone's indictment in January stems directly from Mueller's investigation. He is accused of

lying to lawmakers about WikiLeaks, tampering with witnesses and obstructing a House Intelligence Committee probe into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia to tip the 2016 election. Stone, whose history in Republican political circles dates back to the Nixon administration, has consistently criticized the case against him as politically motivated. Day One was focused on jury selection and featured some of the political complexities that may dominate the case.

Jackson started the day by fending off attempts by the defense team to exclude any potential jurors who worked in the U.S. government or had a negative view of Trump. Berman pointed out that excluding all government workers may be impossible given the nature of the District of Columbia jury pool.

Sure enough, the first potential juror was a woman who had worked in the Office of Management and Budget in the Obama White House and whose husband is a lawyer in the Department of Justice.

Jackson also rejected the notion that a juror who was opposed to Trump would not be fair to Stone.

"That doesn't mean the juror is biased against THIS defendant on THESE

charges," Jackson told defense attorneys. "The defense has assumed bias that has not been shown on the part of those people."

Stone, a longtime friend of the president's, briefly served on Trump's campaign but was pushed out amid infighting with campaign manager Corey Lewandowski. Though sidelined, he continued to communicate with Trump and stayed plugged into his circle of advisers.

The indictment says Stone, who was arrested by the FBI in a raid at his Florida home, repeatedly discussed WikiLeaks in 2016 with campaign associates and lays out in detail Stone's conversations about emails stolen from Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta and posted in the weeks before Trump beat Clinton.

After WikiLeaks released hacked emails from the Democratic National Committee on July 22, 2016, the indictment says, a senior Trump campaign official "was directed" to contact Stone about additional releases and about "what other damaging information" WikiLeaks had "regarding the Clinton campaign."

The indictment does not name the official or say who directed the outreach to Stone.

Some Trump businesses show new signs of financial decline

The Washington Post

"What a beautiful ballroom," President Donald Trump said as he walked into a campaign fundraiser recently at a hotel in downtown Chicago.

Donors laughed. The hotel was Trump's. They were paying the president to cater his own fundraiser.

The Chicago event exemplifies a pattern of the Trump presidency: It was another presidential trip that brought Trump private benefits. The hotel was paid about \$100,000 for the lunch, according to a Republican official who helped coordinate it.

Trump's presence also gave a boost to a property that, like some of his others, is suffering from financial decline. Profits fell 80 percent from 2015 to 2018, from \$16.7 million to \$1.8 million, according to documents filed with Cook County, Illinois. Trump's hotel struggled even as other Chicago hotels held steady or thrived.

"Performance of [the Trump hotel] is clearly disassociated from that of its competitive set," the company's lawyers said in a letter to the

county seeking to lower the hotel's taxes.

The lawyers said the problem was a reaction to Trump's politics. They quoted a line from a 2018 Washington Post article, in which one small-time investor described the effect of Trump's candidacy on his buildings thusly: "Then the Embarrassment came."

Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago, which prides itself on indulgent luxury, is trying to keep up by cutting costs. In a presentation to investors, obtained by The Post, the company described leaving jobs open, cutting back on gifts for high rollers and children, and buying cheaper housekeeping supplies.

As Trump concludes the tumultuous third year of his presidency, it is becoming clear that the political environment he helped create is having consequences for the real estate empire he and his family built.

While his properties have benefited from his repeated visits and business from conservative customers, there are signs that at least parts of the company are struggling,

beset by financial setbacks, regulatory and legal battles, and a tarnished brand name.

From the outside, it is not possible to gauge how serious those problems are for the company as a whole, and the Trump Organization declined to comment for this article. But, in recent days, the company has announced two other moves that seem sharply out of character.

In late October, the Trump Organization said that it was considering selling the lease on its District of Columbia hotel, one of its marquee properties. The decision came despite the company's previous reluctance to sell any Trump-branded real estate, and though the hotel opened only three years ago after a massive, \$200 million renovation.

In New York, the company recently redecorated two properties — a pair of ice rinks in Central Park — to remove or reduce in size uses of the name "Trump." It was a small change with huge symbolism: A company built around Trump's world-famous name was now seemingly trying to play it down.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Palm Beach County Five Year Consolidated Plan 2020 - 2024
Community Needs Survey & Public Meetings

Palm Beach County must prepare a Five Year Consolidated Plan in order to receive federal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Plan will identify community needs in the areas of housing, economic, and community development, and will establish priorities for the use of Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investments Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Grant Program funding during the October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2025 time period.

We are looking to community members to help guide the Plan, and are offering a survey as a way to gather your input on community needs and priorities. The brief survey is located online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BJF92G9>.

The Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability (DHES) will host several public meetings to share information during development of the Five Year Consolidated Plan, and to hear from community members. The first public meetings will be held as follows:

Eastern County Meeting
Date: November 18, 2019
Time: 10:00am
Location: Airport Center
100 Australian Avenue, Room 1-470
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Western County Meeting
Date: November 21, 2019
Time: 10:30am
Location: Belle Glade Library/Civic Center
725 NW 4 Street
Belle Glade, FL 33430

You may also provide written comments via a letter to the DHES, c/o Strategic Planning Section, 110 Australian Avenue, Suite 500 West Palm Beach, FL 33406, or by sending an email to dhescsr@pbcgov.org. Please direct questions to Carlos Serrano, Director for Strategic Planning and Operations, at (561) 233-3608 or cserrano@pbcgov.org.

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STEPHENS

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have made before legislative committees that will help decide whether the 26-year-old homeless man gets the money to live any semblance of a normal life.

"The Legislature is historically antagonistic to claims bills,"



Stephens

Scarola said of the measures that must be passed before government agencies are allowed to pay multi-million-dollar judgments. "The sheriff's office is trying to feed into that antagonism with flat-out lies."

Some poor choices'

Tallahassee attorney George Levesque, who is representing Bradshaw in the legislative battle, said there has been no effort to deceive state lawmakers.

Bradshaw and Scarola just have vastly different views about why Deputy Adams Lin shot the unarmed Stephens seconds after stopping him for riding his bicycle erratically in early morning traffic on Haverhill Road, he said. They also sharply disagree about what Levesque called the "character" of Stephens, a high school dropout who grew up in poverty.

"Mr. Stephens has made poor choices throughout his life — before and after the accident occurred," Levesque said, urging lawmakers not to punish Bradshaw and county taxpayers because Lin mistakenly thought the cellphone Stephens was holding was a gun.

While Bradshaw insists the shooting was justified, he is willing to negotiate so the two sides can form a united front, which would give the bill a greater chance of passage, Levesque said.

The sheriff has offered to pay Stephens \$3 million. Scarola has countered with \$15 million.

During a private meeting with Sen. David Simmons, chairman of the powerful Judiciary Committee, the Volusia County Republican suggested Bradshaw up his offer to \$10 million, Levesque said.

The suggestion has not been discussed with Bradshaw or Scarola, he said. Scarola said he has sent numerous emails, hoping the two sides can reach an accord. "Radio silence," he said.

He said he, too, is willing to negotiate. But, he said, the \$3 million Bradshaw is offering is simply unacceptable.

It would barely cover bills Stephens has already racked up, not only for treatment of his initial life-threatening injuries but also for repeated hospitalizations to treat potentially fatal bedsores.

The \$3 million wouldn't provide any money for his future care, which is estimated at \$5 million in today's dollars. Further, it won't provide any money for the pain and suffering he has endured.

Stephens clearly deserves some compensation for being "shot for no reason" and being consigned to "a lifetime imprisoned in a wheelchair with no bowel or bladder control and complete loss of sexual function," Scarola said.

Suspecting Scarola might have ulterior motives for pushing the eye-popping claims bill, Levesque said the Legislature wants proof of how much Stephens has accumulated in medical bills.

Illustrating the distrust among some lawmakers, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee raised his eyebrows about the \$5 million that would go to pay attorneys and lobbyists. Sen. Anitere Flores, a Miami Republican who sponsored the Senate bill, said that by law 25 percent of claims bills can be used to defray legal expenses.

But, that expense wasn't the only issue that raised legislative hackles. Two members of the House Civil Justice Subcommittee blasted Levesque for portraying Stephens as a despicable drug dealer and for defending Lin's actions.

'I'm pretty pissed. Do better'

Levesque showed committee members screenshots of photos Stephens posted on social media about a year before the shooting. The pictures, he said, showed the 19-year-old Stephens wielding guns, holding wads of money and inflicting violence on others.

Rep. Anika Tene Omprory, D-Sunrise, lashed out at Levesque. "I don't care what this person did beforehand. The nerve of you to sit here and recount a 19-year-old's life," she said. "I'm just pretty pissed. Do better."

Levesque said he offered the photos as evidence of the kind of life Stephens lived and of the lies he told a key legislative staffer when he insisted he had never sold drugs.

Rep. Thomas Leek, R-Ormond Beach, said he was equally disturbed by Levesque's description of the shooting.

"I'm trying terribly hard not to be deeply offended by your argument," he said. "It would appear that you're remaking the argument that sovereign immunity is somehow a license for a government actor to shoot someone in the back. That is something I could not stand for."

Scarola took issue with Levesque's insistence that Stephens didn't comply with Lin's orders to raise his hands and his contention that Lin didn't shoot Stephens in the back.

A video of the shooting, captured by Lin's dashboard camera, shows that Lin fired four shots seconds after getting out of his patrol car. When Lin confronts Stephens, he is out of view of the camera. Then, Stephens reappears, turns, tries to

run, is shot and falls to the ground.

Whether he raised his hands or not isn't discernible on the video. However, during the 2016 trial in U.S. District Court, Lin testified that Stephens obeyed his order to raise his hands, according to a court transcript.

In addition to Lin's admission, Scarola said the medical evidence supports it. A bullet went through the inside of Stephens' arm. Experts agreed that the position of the wound indicated he was shot when his hands were raised, Scarola said.

Further, he said, there is no question Stephens was shot in the back. While there was a mistake in his hospital records, a medical expert testified that he was certain the last gunshot hit Stephens when he was running away.

Levesque told the House committee that the Scarola's expert, Dr. Craig Lichtblau, changed his testimony at the 11th hour after initially saying that all four bullets were fired at Stephens' chest.

Scarola bristled at the suggestion that Lichtblau lied under oath. The video clearly shows that Stephens collapsed immediately when he was shot in the back. "You can't keep running when your spine is severed," he said.

Levesque repeatedly described Stephens as a longtime drug dealer who hasn't changed his ways. Months after he was awarded \$22.5 million, Stephens was arrested in his wheelchair after selling drugs to an undercover sheriff's officer.

Even so, Stephens told the special master he had never sold drugs, Levesque said.

Scarola and others have long insisted that Stephens was set up by the sheriff's office to keep him from getting the money the jury said he deserved.

Stephens was placed on house arrest after pleading guilty to three drug charges, admitting he sold the officer small amounts of cocaine, marijuana and cough syrup. While the syrup didn't contain cocaine, selling fake narcotics is a crime.

Levesque insisted that the sheriff's office was just responding to a citizen's complaint about a man selling drugs. When they learned the man was Stephens, they struggled with what to do, he said. Eventually, they decided they had to do the right thing and pursue him.

In the police report, the officer noted that Stephens told her that he could get her drugs if she would spend time with him. "If that isn't a setup? That's exactly what it was," Scarola said. "Now, they're

using it to justify not paying him because he's a drug dealer."

Further, the sheriff's office took the unusual step of announcing Stephens' arrest on its official Twitter account.

Despite the tongue-lashing Levesque took for his portrayal of Stephens, he said lawmakers need to know the truth.

"You're being asked to balance (taking) \$22 million from the taxpayers of Palm Beach County and whether

those tax dollars should be given it to Mr. Stephens," he told the House committee. "It's appropriate that you consider who that individual is and that person's character."

Based on the evidence, he said, Stephens is undeserving.

But, Scarola said, Levesque hasn't seen how Stephens lives. After spending months in a homeless shelter, he now crashes at a friend's house and sleeps on the floor. He

regularly spends weeks in the hospital, combating bedsores that often kill paraplegics.

Most importantly, Stephens isn't in his precarious situation because he did anything wrong. "How can you do that to a man whose only offense was riding his bicycle on the wrong side of the road with a cellphone in his hand?" he asked.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability (DHES) will host two public meetings to gather stakeholder input on the FY 2020-2021 Action Plan, including the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership Programs. The meetings will be held as follows:

Eastern County Meeting

Date: February 25, 2020

Time: 10:00am

Location: Airport Center
100 Australian Avenue, Room 1-470
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Western County Meeting

Date: February 26, 2020

Time: 10:30am

Location: Belle Glade City Hall Commission Chambers
110 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Belle Glade, FL 33430

Please visit discuss.palmbeachgov.com for notification of any possible changes to meeting dates/times. You may also provide written comments via a letter to the DHES, c/o Strategic Planning Section, 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, or by sending an email to hesscom@palmbeachgov.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC
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This notice is to inform you that the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) will hold a workshop on the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2020-2021 Action Plan inclusive of the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership Programs. The workshop will be held as follows:

Date: May 19, 2020
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Robert Weisman
Governmental Center
301 North Olive Avenue,
6th Floor
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

This workshop was rescheduled from the March 31, 2020 meeting due to the COVID-19 situation.

Please visit pbcgov.com/hes for notification of any possible changes of meeting date/times. Please direct any questions or comments to the Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability (DHES), c/o Strategic Planning Section, 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406; or by sending an email to hescorments@pbcgov.org.

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Biden's vice-presidential search gathers steam

By Alexander Burns and Jonathan Martin
The New York Times

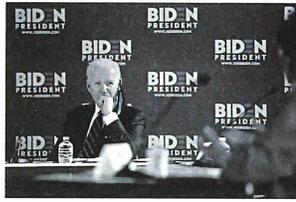
Joe Biden's advisers have conducted several rounds of interviews with a select group of vice-presidential candidates and are beginning to gather private documents from some of them, as they attempt to winnow a field that features the most diverse set of vice-presidential contenders in history.

The search committee has been in touch with roughly a dozen women, and some eight or nine are already being vetted more intensively.

Among that group are two contenders who have recently grown in prominence, Rep. Val Demings of Florida and Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms of Atlanta. One well-known candidate, Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, has lost her perch as a front-runner. And some lower-profile candidates like Sen. Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, an advancing steadily in the search process.

The New York Times spoke to an array of people who are familiar with the vice-presidential search and the activities of the Biden team, and the interviews yielded the fullest picture yet of the list of candidates Biden is considering, who is advancing and who may be fading, and the dynamics at play.

Biden's vice-presidential search has taken a bifurcated course so far, with one path unfolding in the open — joint appearances on television or in virtual events



Former Vice President Joe Biden, the Democratic Party's presumptive presidential nominee, addresses a round table on economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic in Philadelphia, on Thursday. (KRISTON JAE BETHEL/THE NEW YORK TIMES)

with potential running mates — and another in an environment of strict discretion. People involved in the confidential part described it on condition of anonymity, because they were not authorized to discuss a process that is designed to shield Biden's thinking and the participants' privacy.

Some of the contenders who have advanced furthest in the process are well known, including Sens. Kamala Harris, of California, and Elizabeth Warren, of Massachusetts. But the Times confirmed that several other women — whose names have been repeatedly floated but who have not publicly confirmed that they agreed to be vetted for the job — are under active consideration as well.

Harris and Warren have been interviewed at length by Biden's team, as has Baldwin, who was the first openly gay candidate ever elected to the Senate.

Two women with distinctive national-defense

credentials have also been interviewed and asked for documents: Sen. Tammy Duckworth, of Illinois, an Iraq War combat veteran who is Asian American, and Susan Rice, the former national security adviser to President Barack Obama and the first black woman to serve as ambassador to the United Nations.

As the vetting process advances to a newly intense phase, the political currents of the last few weeks are also leaving a mark on the Biden team's deliberations. The wave of demonstrations touched off by the killing in Minneapolis of George Floyd, a black man, at the hands of a white police officer there, has elevated a pair of black women long regarded as intriguing long-shot candidates: Demings and Bottoms.

Though Demings and Bottoms are far less known to the national electorate than other figures on Biden's list, they have played crucial roles in a cascading civil rights

crisis; Demings, a former police chief in Orlando, Florida, has become a major figure in the law enforcement debate, while Bottoms' handling of chaotic demonstrations in her city earned her national acclaim.

Both women have spoken with the vetting team, and Biden advisers have reached out to their allies to seek information about them.

Rep. Charlie Crist, of Florida, a supporter of Demings, said he had recently spoken about her with former Sen. Christopher Dodd, a member of Biden's search committee. Crist — a former Republican who was vetted for vice president by John McCain in 2008 — predicted that if Biden made Demings his running mate, it would lock down Florida's 29 Electoral College votes.

"She is ready for the task," Crist said of Demings, adding, "It would make a huge

difference if you actually had a Floridian on the ticket."

Biden insisted in an interview with CBS this past week that the last few tumultuous weeks had not meaningfully changed his thinking about the vice president, except to put "greater focus and urgency on the need to get someone who is totally simpatico with where I am."

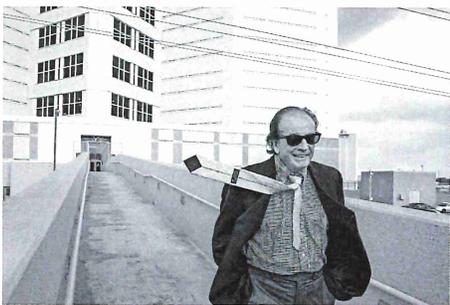
"I want someone strong," he said, "and someone who is ready to be president on Day One."

Rep. Dina Titus, of Nevada, a prominent early supporter of Biden, counseled him to not be caught up in a momentary news cycle but rather make a sober-minded governing choice, someone to help him steer through turbulent years ahead.

"He needs to pick somebody who's serious, respected and has some policy chops," Titus said, "not just somebody who's a personality."

Several state executives have also had conversations with members of the vetting team, including Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, of Michigan, who clashed with President Donald Trump over his handling of the coronavirus, and Gov. Gina Raimondo, of Rhode Island, a leader of her party's centrist wing. Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, of New Mexico, a former chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, is one of the candidates from whom Biden advisers have requested private documents, a signal that she is regarded as a serious contender.

It is not clear precisely where Stacey Abrams, the former candidate for governor in Georgia, stands in the process. In an appearance Wednesday on Stephen Colbert's CBS show, Abrams appeared to say she had not been contacted by the search committee, though several people insisted she was still in the mix.



Wellington landowner Glenn Straub leaves the Palm Beach County Jail in January after turning himself in and posting bail on three charges. (GREG LOVETT/PALMBEACHPOST.COM)

COLBATH

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Colbath, Straub said, "introduced me to everybody else."

Straub's friendship with Colbath was brought up in a deposition in 2018 by attorneys asking questions in a Palm Beach bankruptcy case. The attorneys were reading text messages between Straub and Mia Mathews, whose husband at one time owned the controversial Palm House hotel project, that mention a "judge."

Although Mathews wouldn't answer the questions, the attorneys were convinced the "judge" was Colbath. They also asked Mia Mathews if she had "discussed any of your legal problems with Judge Colbath." She refused to answer.

Colbath questioned if the state has a valid case in pursuing criminal charges over the filing of liens.

"This struck me from the beginning as a civil dispute," Colbath said. "But we have been searching all over Florida's history to find out if there's been a case of similar precedent where someone got charged with filing a fraudulent



Jessica Nicodemo in undated Facebook photo. She was sued by Palm Beach Polo because, she says, she broke up with company owner Glenn Straub. She says the improvements to her house were gifts, not loans. (PHOTO CONTRIBUTED)

lien and we just can't find any precedent. It's nearly unique. I think this is a legitimate difference of opinion on a civil setting but I just don't see where it has elevated itself to a crime."

Elizabeth Parker, Nicodemo's attorney in the civil case, said she's confident the state will prove that Straub filed the false liens to prevent Nicodemo from breaking

up with him. "Glenn Straub has bragged about his ability to influence prosecutors, judges and politicians," she said in a statement. "Jessica is a survivor. She knew that taking on a litigious billionaire with political connections and a win-at-all-costs mentality would be difficult."

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PALM BEACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY NOTICE OF FY 2020-2021 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, FY 2020-2021 ACTION PLAN, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability (DHES) has completed the Draft FY 2020-2021 Consolidated Plan, the FY 2020-2021 Action Plan, the County's Citizen Participation Plan, the County's Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choices and will present these plans to the Board of County Commissioners for approval at a public meeting. These plans are required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order for the County to receive Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds.

FY 2020-2021 Consolidated Plan
The Consolidated Plan identifies priority needs related to affordable housing, homelessness, public services, special needs populations, public facilities and infrastructure and economic development based on a local market analysis, needs assessments, and public input via the citizen participation process. The Consolidated Plan sets forth a strategic plan with goals and objectives for the use of funds received by the County through applicable HUD Community Planning and Development Programs through September 2025.

- The objectives of the Strategic Plan is as follows:
- Affordable Rental Housing - increase the supply of affordable rental housing
 - Affordable Homeownership - Support affordable homeownership
 - Homeless Assistance - assist persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
 - Non-Homeless Special Needs - assist persons with special needs services or housing
 - Non-Housing Community Development Needs
 - Public facilities and infrastructure improvements
 - Public Services - support services that will address identified needs
 - Special Needs Housing and Services
 - Code Enforcement - support municipal code enforcement activities
 - Demolition and Clearance - demolish unsafe and dilapidated structures

Additionally, the Consolidated Plan includes the following plans and analysis:
The Citizen Participation Plan is required by HUD per 24 CFR Part 91 et al, and serves to provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the Consolidated Plan, the Action Plan, any substantial amendments to either plan and performance reports; it delineates the County's policies and procedures for citizen participation related to the Consolidated Planning Process.

The Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan is required by HUD per 24 CFR Part 42, subpart C, which specifies further requirements established under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 concerning residential anti-displacement and relocation.

The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choices meets HUD's requirement for the County to affirm its commitment to conduct an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate action to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions in that regard.

FY 2020-2021 Action Plan
The Action Plan includes the following proposed projects for FY 2020-2021:

CDBG Program: This program provides grant funds to Palm Beach County to support the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and to expand economic opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons. Funded activities must serve one of the three CDBG National Objectives: 1) to benefit low-and moderate-income persons; 2) to aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight; and 3) to meet a community development need of particular urgency. The County's CDBG entitlement for FY 2020-2021 is \$6,689,932. It is estimated that CDBG program income in the amount of \$10,000 will be available for use during the program year. Proposed CDBG allocations are as follows: 1) Code Enforcement - \$253,364; 2) Public Facilities - \$1,534,827; 3) Public Infrastructure - \$1,782,447; 4) Economic Development - \$777,818; 5) Public Services - \$1,003,490; 6) Program Administration - \$1,337,986; and 7) Contingency Reserve - \$10,000.

ESG Program: This program provides grant funds to Palm Beach County for direct intervention and support services for homeless persons/families and persons/families who are at risk of becoming homeless. The County's ESG entitlement for FY 2020-2021 of \$562,941 is proposed to fund the following eligible categories: 1) Rapid Re-housing - \$270,809; 2) Emergency Shelter - \$180,538; Client Management Information System - \$75,000; and Program Administration - \$36,595.

HOME Program: This program provides grant funds to Palm Beach County to provide affordable housing for households at 80% or below the area median income. The County's HOME entitlement for FY 2020-2021 is \$2,391,052. Proposed use of HOME funds are as follows: 1) Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Administered Program - \$358,657; 2) CHDO Operating Expenses - \$119,553; 3) Rental Housing Development - \$800,000; 4) Homebuyer Assistance Program - \$623,737; 5) Tenant Based Rental Assistance - \$250,000; and 6) Program Administration - \$29,105.

The Draft FY 2020-2021 Consolidated Plan, the FY 2020-2021 Action Plan, the County's Citizen Participation Plan, the County's Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choices are now available for review on DHES's website at pbhgov.com/hes and at the Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability, 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406 (for additional information and business hours, please call (561) 233-3600).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments to DHES's Strategic Planning Section at either hescorments@pbhgov.com or in writing to the SPO Director at 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 no later than Monday, July 13, 2020.

Virtual Public Meeting
Purpose: To obtain public input on the Consolidated and Action Plans
Date: June 23, 2020
Time: 2:00pm
Interested parties can request a meeting ID at HEScomments@pbhgov.com

BCC Public Meeting
Purpose: To approve the Consolidated and Action Plans
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 - No time certain (BCC meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.)
Place: PBC Governmental Center, 8th Floor Commission Chambers, 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Please visit our website at pbhgov.com/hes for notification of any possible changes of meeting dates/times. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the BCC with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Following final approval by the BCC, all documents will be available on DHES's website at pbhgov.com/hes.
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), THIS AND DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE MAY BE REQUESTED IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT. AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST FOR MEETINGS WE WILL AT LEAST THREE (3) DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE. PLEASE CONTACT HES AT (561) 233-3623.

