

What level of priority do you think each budget category should receive in the 2017 Budget?

Responses: 332 responses (157 verified, 175 not verified)

Topic opened on May 23, closed on June 3

Lawrence Listens does not require people to provide their name, however, people have the option to verify who they are (and still stay anonymous).

Satisfaction with Lawrence Listens as an engagement tool:

We have a 91% approval rating with Lawrence Listens as a tool for engagement. Here are a few comments received on the tool.

- May 17: Great forum, but do the city commissioners actually read the suggestions?
- May 23: I appreciate the City giving the opportunity for residents to provide feedback on the future.
- May 23: Did not ask for any written concerns
- May 24: Easy way to have some input on a tight schedule.
- May 24: Quick, easy, convenient, and it gave me a way to share my opinion with the city without making it public.
- June 1: This forum provides an opportunity to provide feedback on subject matter that interest me without having to attend a public hearing or commission meeting.
- June 2: Substance of survey not clear. Suggesting budget allocation with more, less, same is hard to do in an informed way if there is no indication how those items have been allocated proportionally and little info on how it is usually spent.

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Responses

Moving forward, do you think the following areas should receive more, less or the same level of priority in the budget?

Building Safety, Inspections and Code Enforcement

	%	Count
More priority	16.5%	54
Same amount of priority	69.5%	228
Less priority	12.8%	42

Non-Motorized Transportation

	%	Count
More priority	33.8%	111
Same amount of priority	29.6%	97
Less priority	35.1%	115

Planning and Zoning/Land Use

		%	Count
More priority	17.	1%	56
Same amount of priority	65.	2%	214
Less priority	15.	5%	51

Fire and Emergency Medical Services

	%	Count
More priority	22.9%	75
Same amount of priority	72.0%	236
Less priority	3.0%	10

Municipal Court

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More priority	6.1%	20
Same amount of priority	77.1%	253
Less priority	15.5%	51
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Police		
	%	Count
More priority	30.5%	100
Same amount of priority	55.2%	181
Less priority	13.4%	44
Starmwater		
Stormwater	0/2	Count
More priority	16.5%	54
Same amount of priority	75.9%	249
Less priority	6.7%	22
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Street Maintenance		
	%	Count
More priority	54.9%	180
Same amount of priority	41.2%	135
Less priority	3.0%	10
Trash / Recycling		
	%	Count
More priority	9.5%	31

Same amount of priority

80.2%

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Less priority 9.8%	32
Water / Utilities	
	Count
More priority 12.8%	42
Same amount of priority 79.3%	260
Less priority 6.4%	21
Downtown (parking enforcement, beautification, etc.)	
	Count
More priority 7.9%	26
Same amount of priority 56.4%	185
Less priority 34.8%	114
Library	
	Count
More priority 25.6%	84
Same amount of priority 50.0%	164
Less priority 23.8%	78
Parks and Recreation	
	Count
More priority 18.9%	62

Affordable Housing

Less priority

Same amount of priority

63.7%

16.8%

209

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More priority	50.9%	167
Same amount of priority	30.5%	100
Less priority	18.0%	59
Tourism		
	%	Count
More priority	12.2%	40
Same amount of priority	51.8%	170
Less priority	35.1%	115
Arts and Culture		
	%	Count
More priority	22.6%	74
Same amount of priority	44.2%	145
Less priority	32.6%	107
City Administration		
	%	Count
More priority	4.9%	16
Same amount of priority	70.7%	232
Less priority	22.0%	72
Economic Development		
	%	Count
More priority	31.7%	104

Same amount of priority

49.1%

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	%	Count
Less priority	18.3%	60
Public Transportation		
	%	Count
More priority	29.9%	98
Same amount of priority	50.6%	166
Less priority	19.2%	63
Social Services	%	Count
More priority	40.5%	133
Same amount of priority	47.6%	156
Less priority	11.6%	38
Mental Health Services		
	%	Count
More priority	65.2%	214
Same amount of priority	25.9%	85
Less priority	7.9%	26