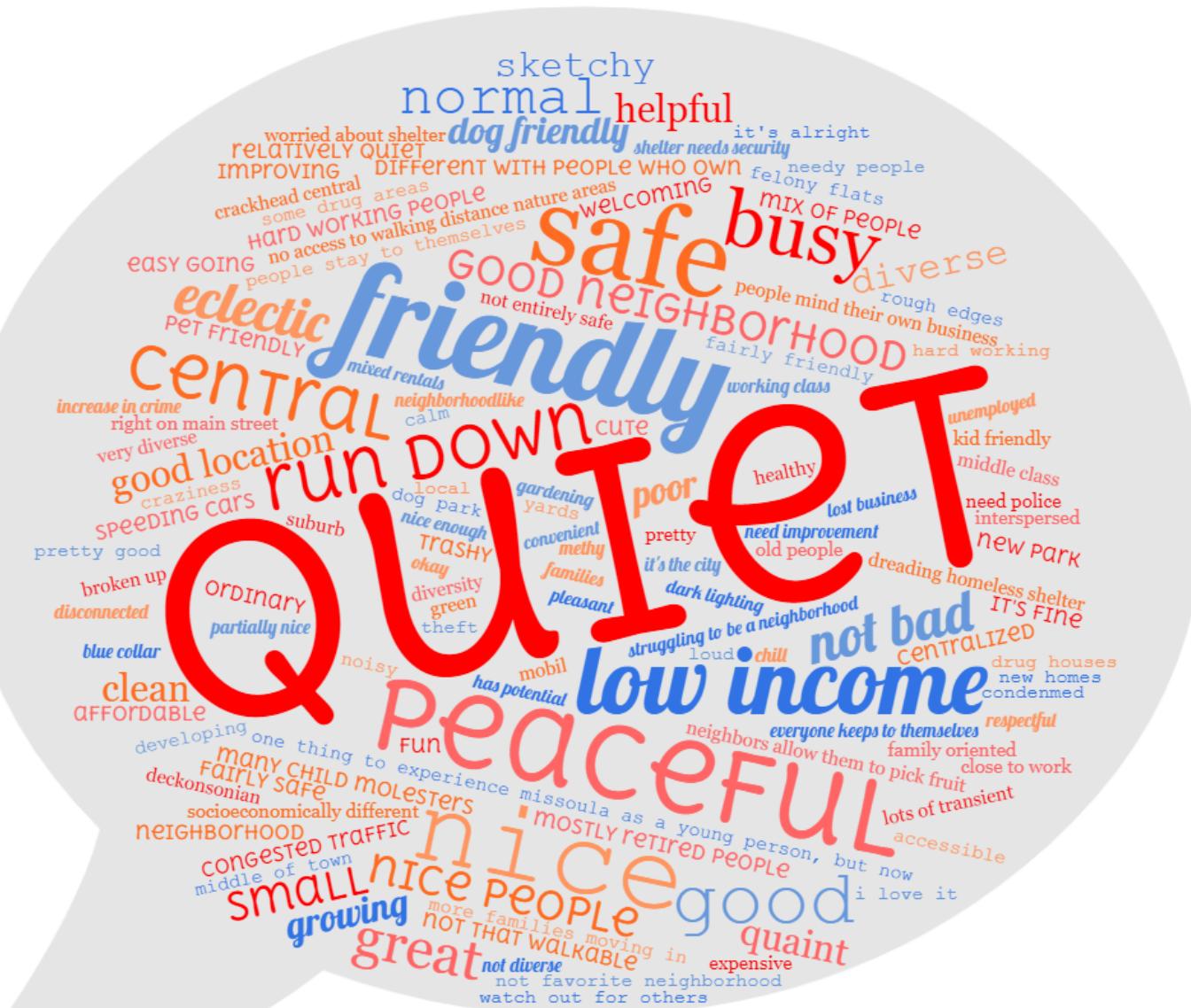


# Franklin to the Fort Community Conversations: Digging Deeper with Resident Voices



## INVEST HEALTH

Strategies for Healthier Cities

A Project of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
and Reinvestment Fund

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City-County Health Department

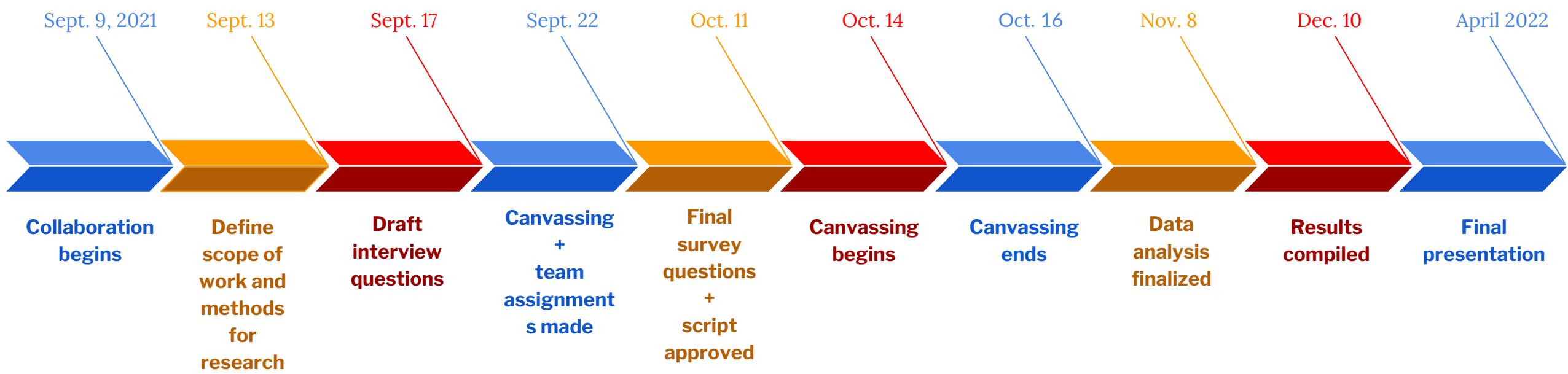
UM Health & Medicine  
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# INTRO+ PURPOSE



- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Reinvestment Fund
  - Create, build and empower both an equitable and inclusive community
- Gather and highlight resident voices
- Enable people to create a culture of health and improve health equity
- Highlight and advance resident engagement

# TIMELINE



# DATA COLLECTION

# In the Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood

- South Ave - Johnson St - Mount Ave - Reserve St
  - Sussex Ave
  - Central Ave
  - Kent Ave
  - North Ave
  - Kensington Ave
  - Strand Ave
- Forward MT “Canvassing and Engagement” training
- Data collection occurred October 14-16, 2021
  - Resident responses were hand recorded
  - Two public health student volunteers
  - 84 residents participated
- Research reviewed by Lisa Beczkiewicz, Mary-Ann Bowman and Annie Sondag

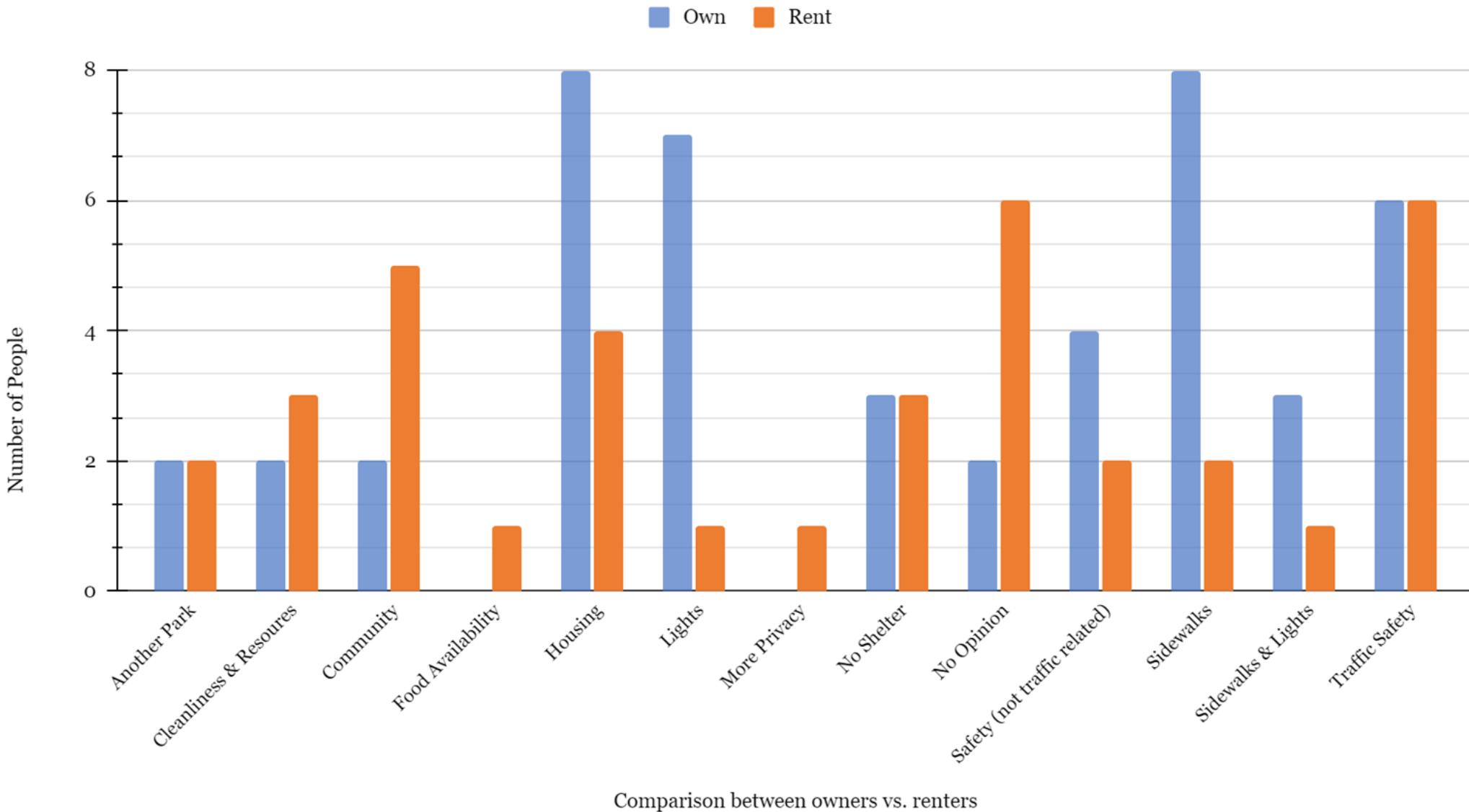


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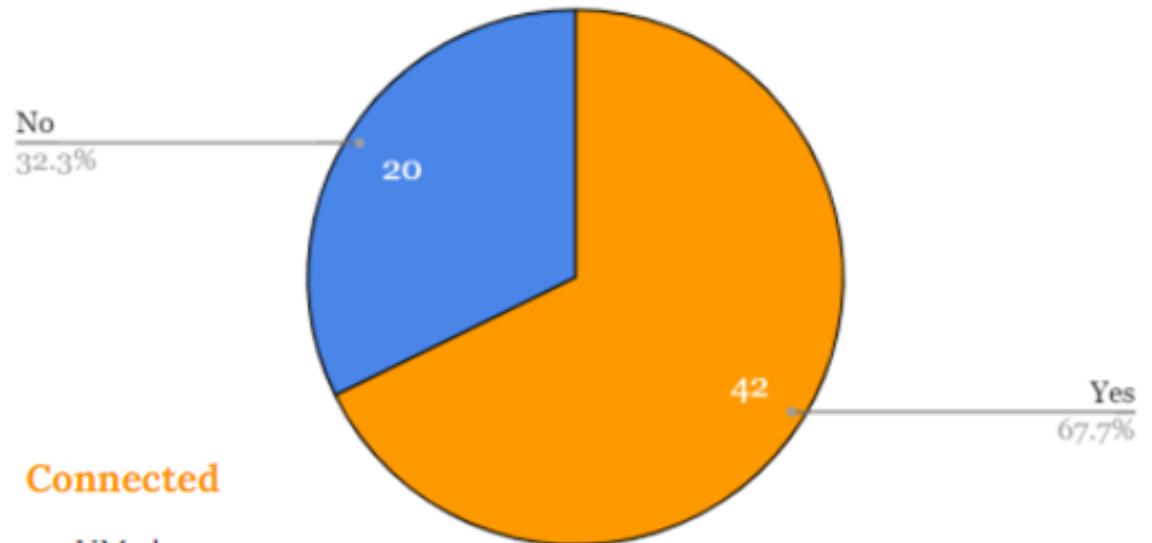
- Culturally appropriate
- What is good for physical and mental health, diversity, and low income areas
- Inclusive in practice + community wide
- Recommendations must have support from Franklin to the Fort neighbors
- Not “us and them”, but more collective



## Question #8: What is your greatest need for your neighborhood?

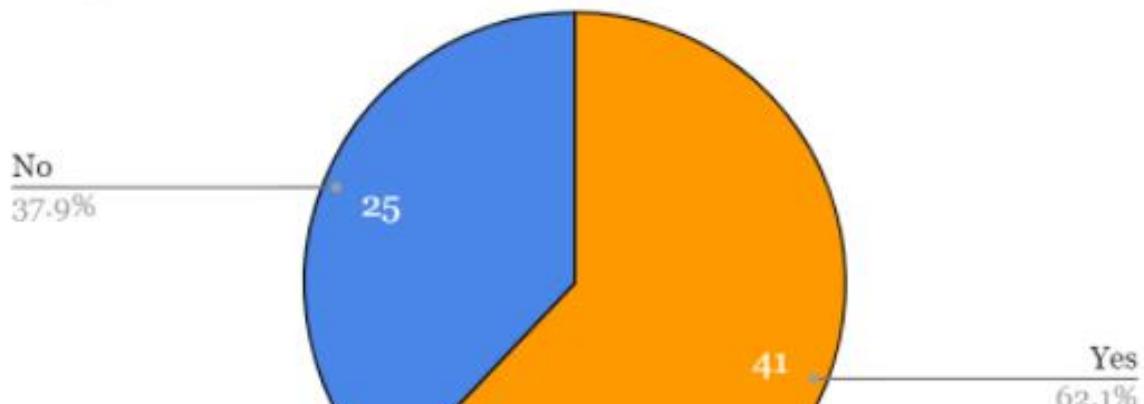


## Question #12: Do you feel connected to your Missoula community?



- **Connected**
  - UM alumnae
  - Work / volunteering
- **Disconnected**
  - Don't make effort
  - Connected, but not involved

## Question #12: Do you feel connected to your neighborhood?



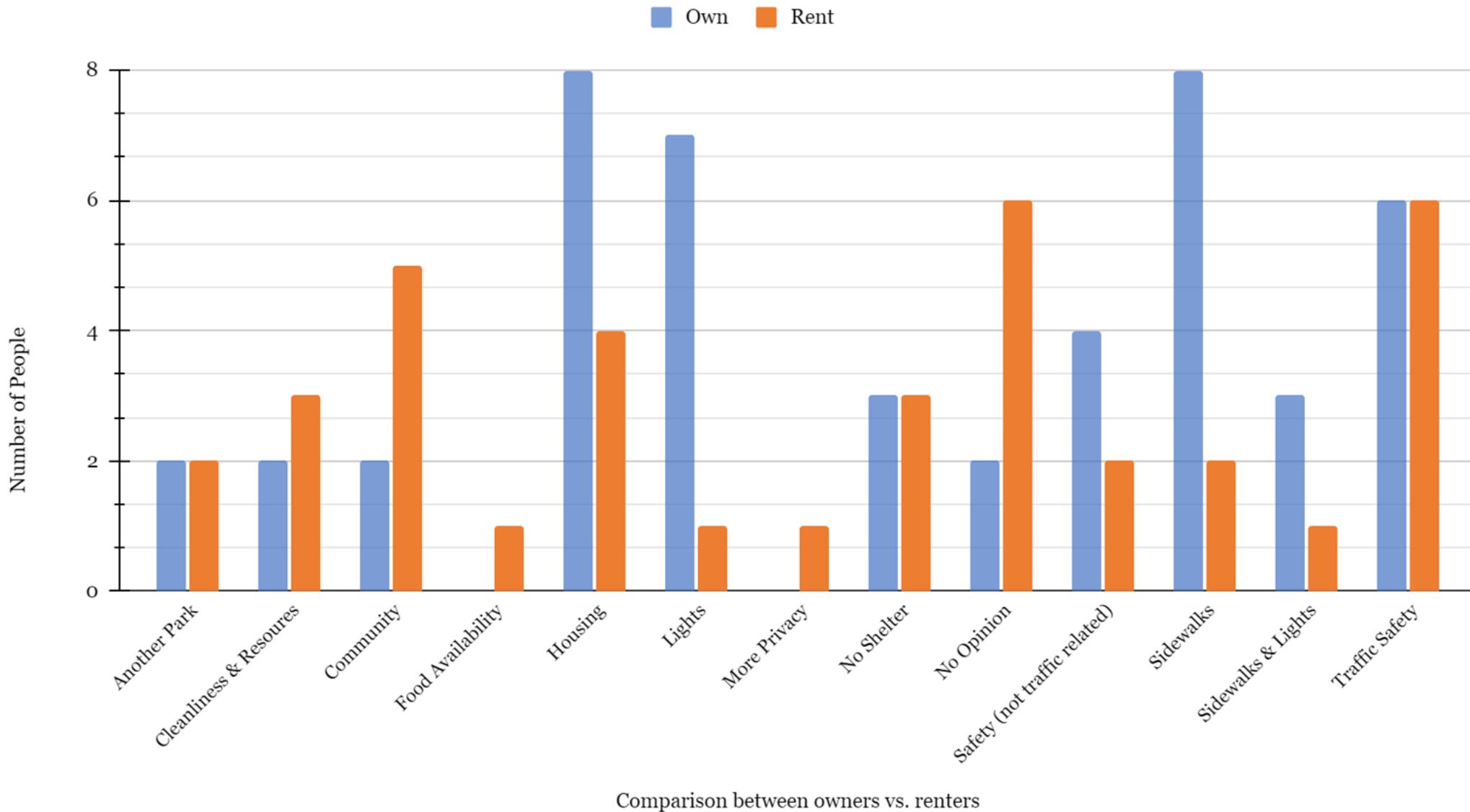
- **Connected**
  - Build relationships
  - Walking dogs
- **Disconnected**
  - Keep to oneself
  - No activities → "connected enough"

# RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT

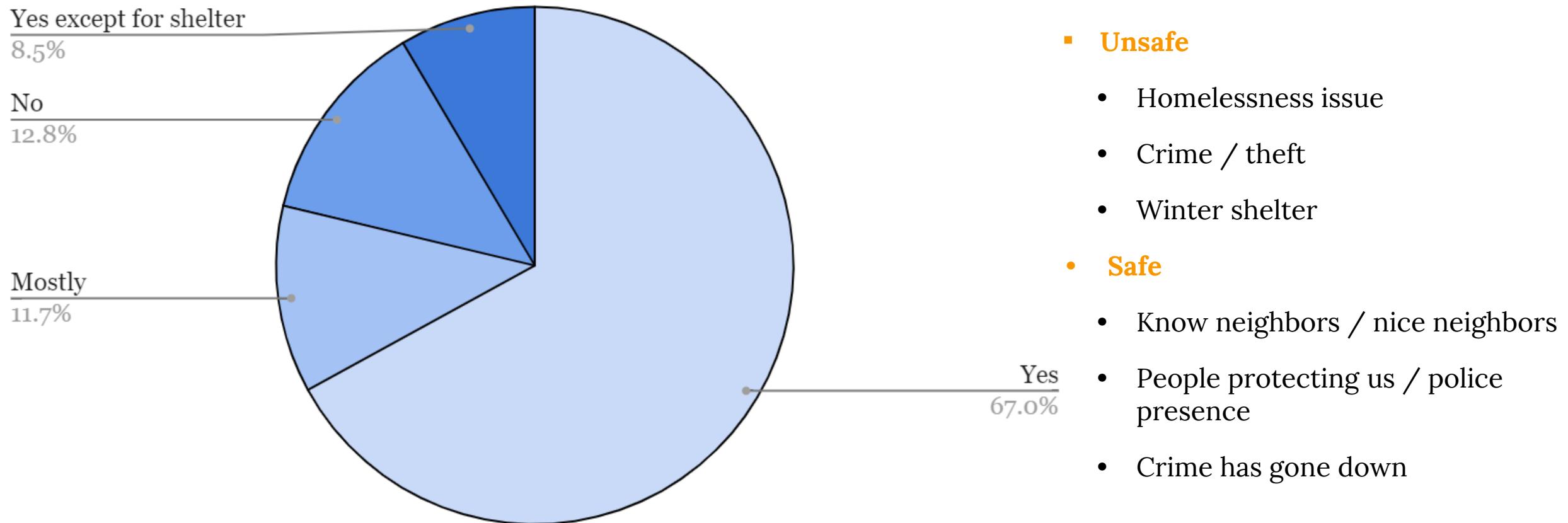
- **Support for the City of Missoula**
  - Increased communication
  - Expand the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)



## Question #8: What is your greatest need for your neighborhood?



## Question #11: Do you feel safe in your neighborhood & Missoula community?

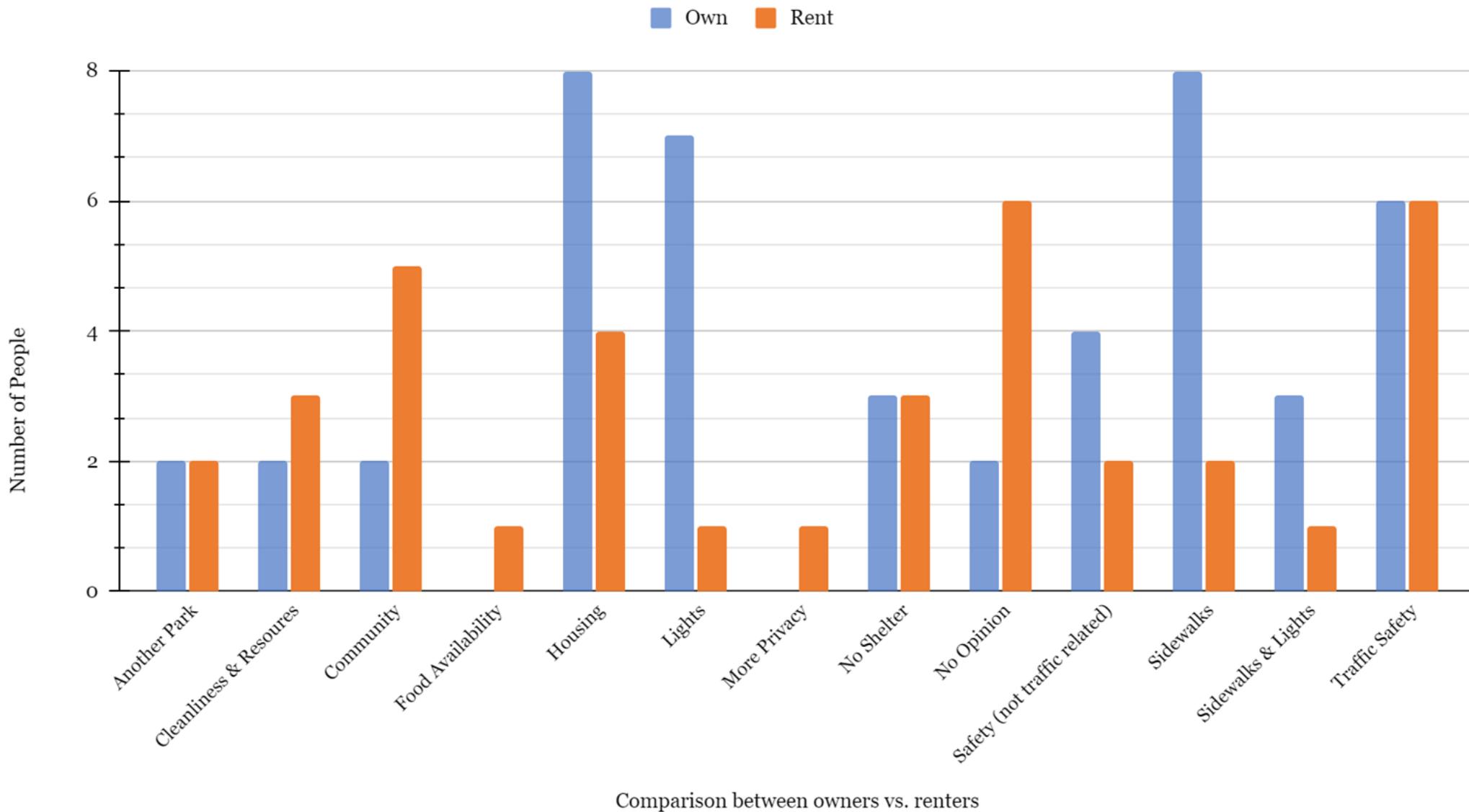


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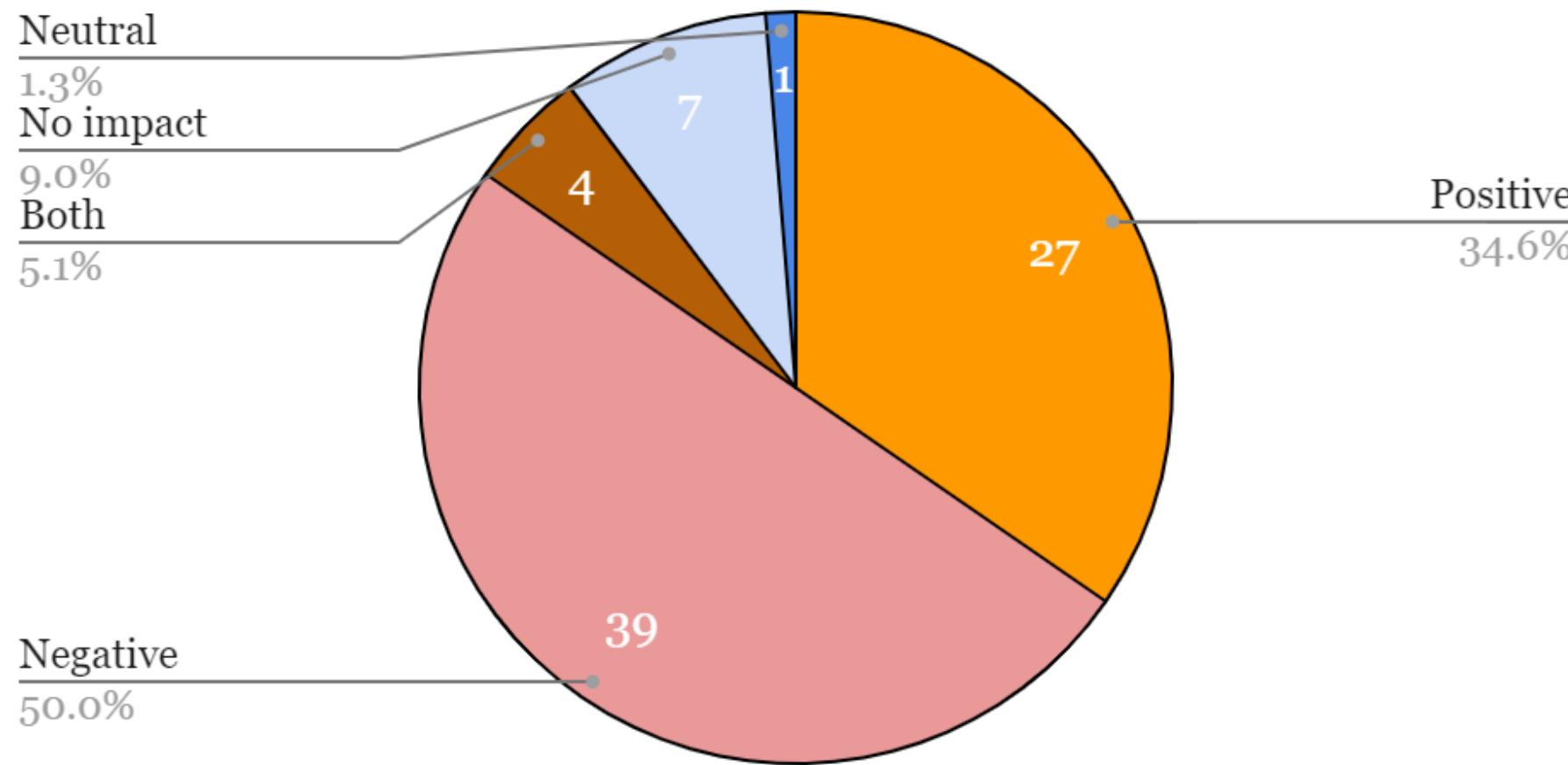
- **Support for winter shelter and homelessness**
  - Education efforts
  - Policy changes
  - Pallet shelter implementation
  - Cultural support in TSOS



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## Question #10: How has the Covid-19 pandemic impacted your life positively and negatively?



- **Positive**
  - Stay home / more time with family
  - Work from home / get new job
  - Not a bother / don't go out much
- **Negative**
  - Stay home / more time with family
  - Economic impacts / lost job
  - Can't see loved ones

# RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT

- **Support for accessibility / sidewalks**
  - Born Learning Trail
  - Innovative ways to build sidewalks
  - Continue work on greenway



# RESIDENT VOICE

“The community doesn’t care what citizens think, they say it’s open for discussion but it’s not”

“Good fences make good neighbors”

“It was one thing to experience Missoula as a young person, but now...”

“I’m all for changes, but not ones that we don’t want or have to pay for”

“I choose to respect others and try to see their side of things”

“Build a relationship with those who can”

“Deckonsonian; the best and worst of worlds”

“The pandemic has allowed me to play into all other life qualities I was not addressing”



# THANK YOU

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