



# Presentation, Discussion and Possible Direction on the Town Hall meeting Results

Crystal Caldera, PhD  
City Manager  
City Council Meeting  
February 21, 2023

# Summary

- Question
  - Are there any initiative the City Council would like staff to pursue based on the Town Hall meeting
- Options
  - No Direction
  - Specific Direction
  - Other
- Declaration
  - The City Council's Discretion

# Background

- Town Hall meeting was held on January 28, 2023 and the following items were discussed:
  - Bandera Rd. Plan
  - Emergency Preparedness
  - Update from the Leon Valley Historical Society
  - ARP spending priorities

# Bandera Rd. Update

- Video presentation was shown
  - Feedback
    - The video was too long
    - In person next time

# Bandera Rd. Questions

**In regards to the R-cut at El Verde road. Will there be flooding in this area, like on North New Braunfels?**

**Ms. Moritz, Public Works Director Response:** *Ms. Moritz stated that Bandera Rd. only floods during extreme rain events and that over the last 30 years, it has only flooded twice and does not anticipate this being an issue. In addition, the L17 project has also helped with reducing flooding in that area.*

**What is the social-economic impact on the local businesses with this new plan?**

**Dr. Caldera, City Manager Response:** *Back in 2018, UTSA conducted a study that analyzed the economic impact of the flyover on local businesses. The study determined that the flyover would have a negative impact on businesses. Dr. Caldera has reached out to UTSA to see if they would be interested in conducting a similar analysis on the At-grade Parkway with R-cuts option.*

**Will the bike lanes be taking up sidewalk space and will they be delineated on the road?** *Yes, they will be marked as protected and TxDOT is looking at purchasing additional land to fit the lanes in the plan.*

**Are bicycles going to be allowed on Bandera Road?** *Yes.*

**Then why are we spending the funds on bike lanes?** *To provide a protective lane for bicyclists that choose to use them. We are also spending funds on Hike & Bike Trails that are not located on Bandera Road.*

**Can a bicyclist cross four lanes of traffic?** *They can as long as they follow all the traffic laws, but it would not be safe.*

**Is there examples of the R-cut in other cities?** *The San Antonio area has had three sections of RCUTs: one on US 281 North (four intersections), one on Loop 1604 West (two intersections), and one on Bandera Road (currently one intersection.) In the 281 and 1604 cases, the RCUTs were in a transition area between the freeway and non-freeway sections of those roads, and both were intended to be short-term improvements while planning was completed and funding was acquired to upgrade those segments to freeways. The 281 and 1604 RCUTs were the first two super streets in Texas.*

*An RCUT intersection was completed on Bandera Rd. at FM 1560 in Helotes in 2018. This was the first of several RCUT intersections planned for Bandera Rd. from Loop 1604 to Triana Parkway. Unlike those on US 281 and on Loop 1604, the RCUT plan on Bandera is considered to be a long-term solution for existing and expected congestion. Another RCUT section now planned on Loop 1604 between US 90 and Macdona Lacoste Rd. is also planned to be a long-term solution.-TxDOT*

*Rcuts Explained - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0k5wBxRrxA>*



# Emergency Preparedness

- Presentation was given by Chief Michael Naughton
  - Feedback
    - Overall, a good presentation
    - Provide handouts

# Emergency Preparedness Questions

**What about candles instead of flashlights?** *Candles are great to have, but the Chief cautions open flames (carnosine heater, stove) can consume oxygen in the room and can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.*

**Has the city looked at holding CERT training?** This training is held by Bexar County the program was on hiatus due to COVID and leadership changes. However, they are now accepting applications <https://www.bexar.org/FormCenter/OEM-Forms-37/Bexar-County-CERT-Volunteer-Application-177> *There are a few requirements to be added as a member:*

- *Application*
- *G-317 CERT Basic Course (In-person)*
- *FEMA IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 courses (Online)*
- *Background check (conducted by BCOEM)*

*For available G-317 courses locally and visit <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx> to complete the online courses. If you remain interested in joining our Program after completing the prerequisites, your information will be used to process your background check, which is required for all Bexar County CERT members. Upon a favorable background check result, we will reach out to you with more information on joining the Program. If you have any questions about this form or about volunteer opportunities, please contact us at: 210-206-8760 or [bexarcert@bexar.org](mailto:bexarcert@bexar.org).*

**What about a generator, can I put them inside?** **Chief Naughton, Fire Chief Response:** *Generators are safe, but don't put it in your house or in our garage. Put it outside and run a cord into the house.*



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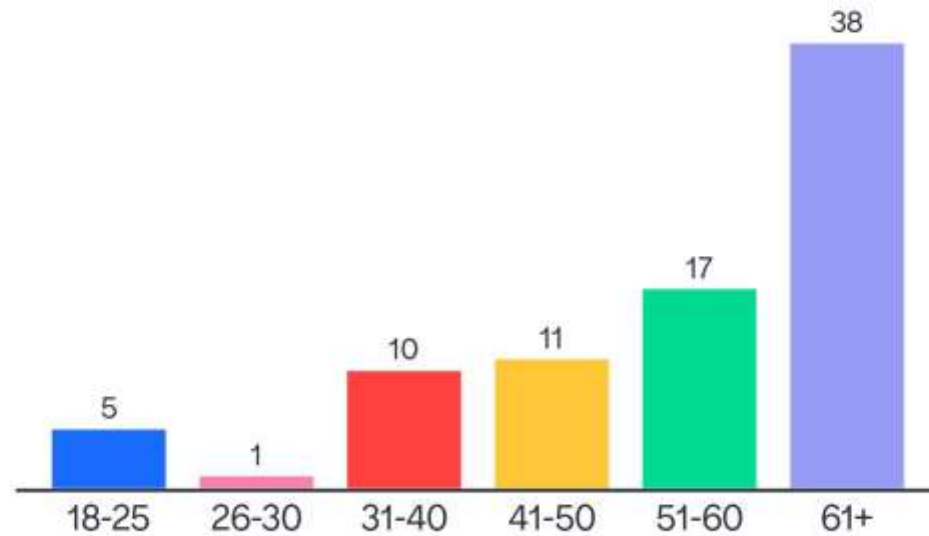
**Where do you park?** *Parking is a challenge. The City allows us to use the parking lot and the Historical Society hires an off-duty police officer to escort people across Bandera Road. With large events, the Historical Society has used a shuttle. For people with limited mobility, there is room to drop someone off at the front gate.*

# ARP Spending Priorities

- Presentation was given by City Manager Caldera
- Overall Results
  - 89 participants with 1387 votes and 9 interactive slides
  - The majority of the participants were over the age of 61, with a Bachelors Degree, who have lived in the Leon Valley for over 21 years.
  - They live here because it is a convenient location with at least one minor.
  - They would like the majority of funds spent on water infrastructure.
  - Number one priority for quality of life are Pools and if choosing a combination pools and pickleball came in first.

# Please select your age range

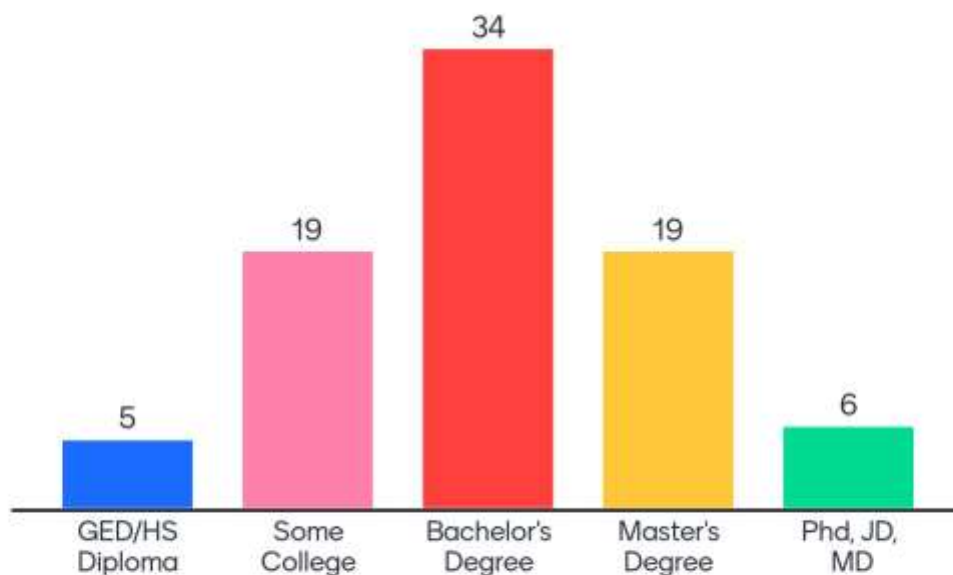
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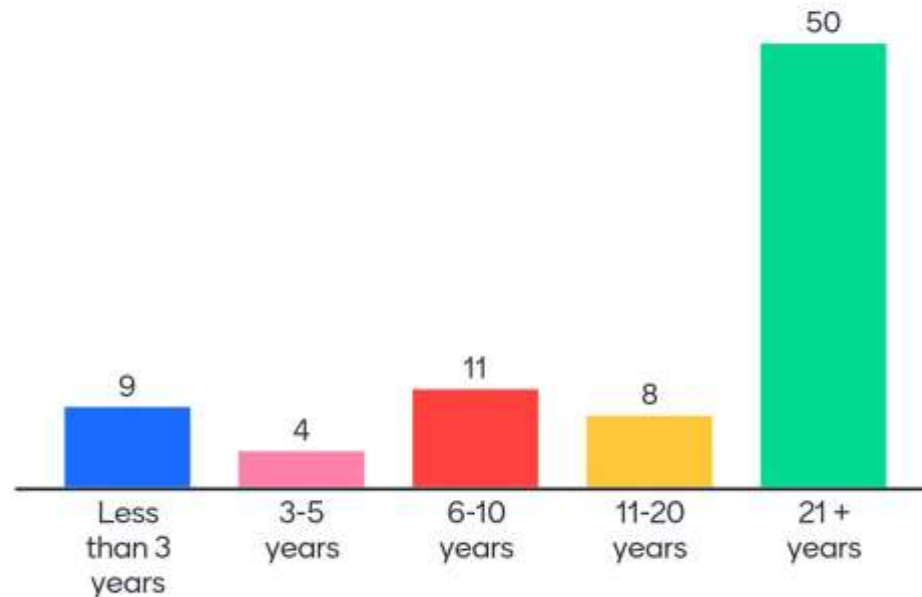
# What is the Highest level of Education

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# How long have you lived in Leon Valley?

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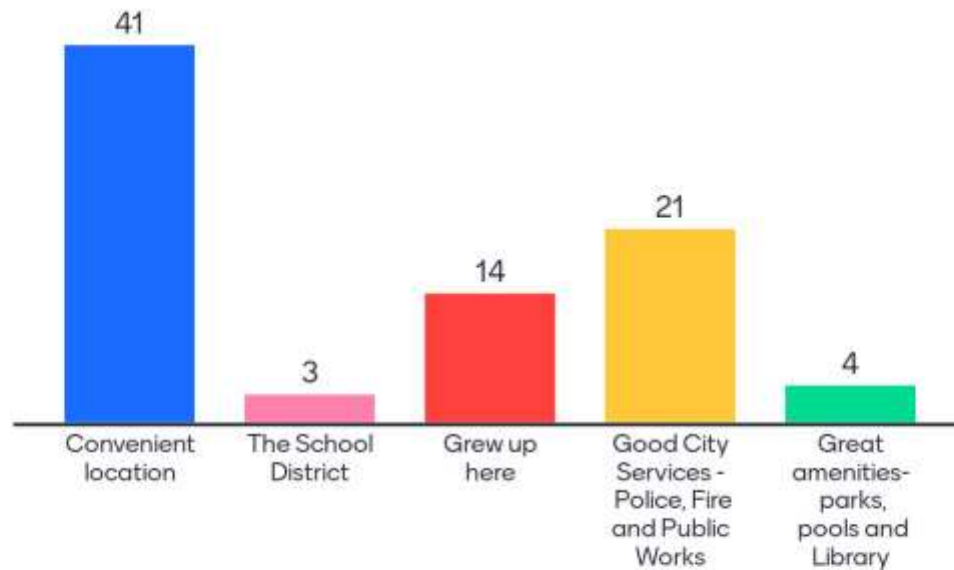


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# Why do you live in Leon Valley?

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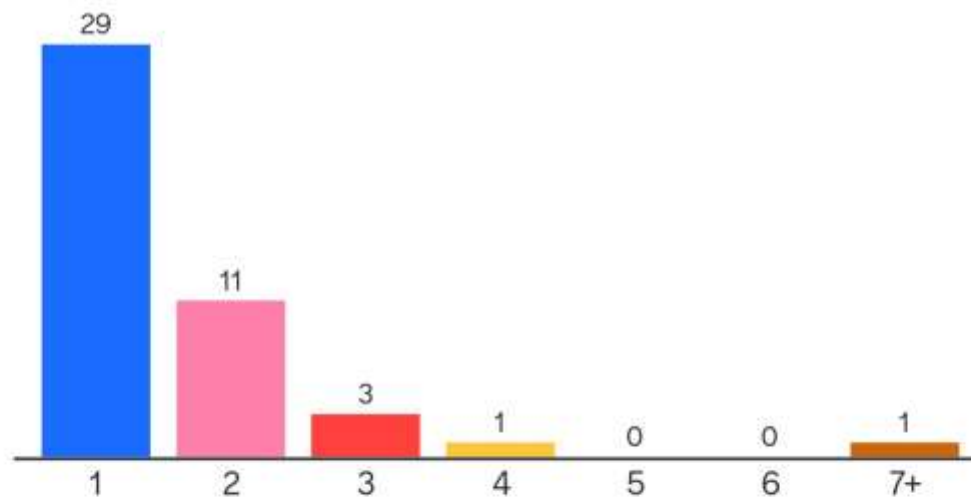


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How many people under the age of 18 reside in your household?

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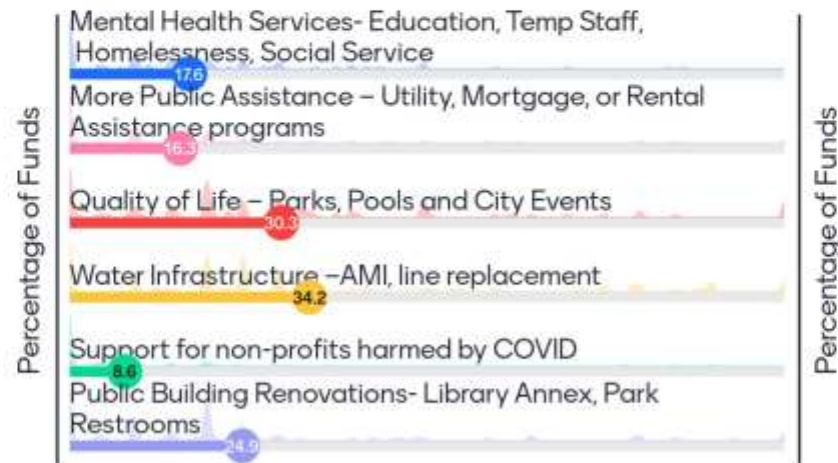


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There is an estimated \$1.6 million left- What percentage of funds would you like to allocated to the following?

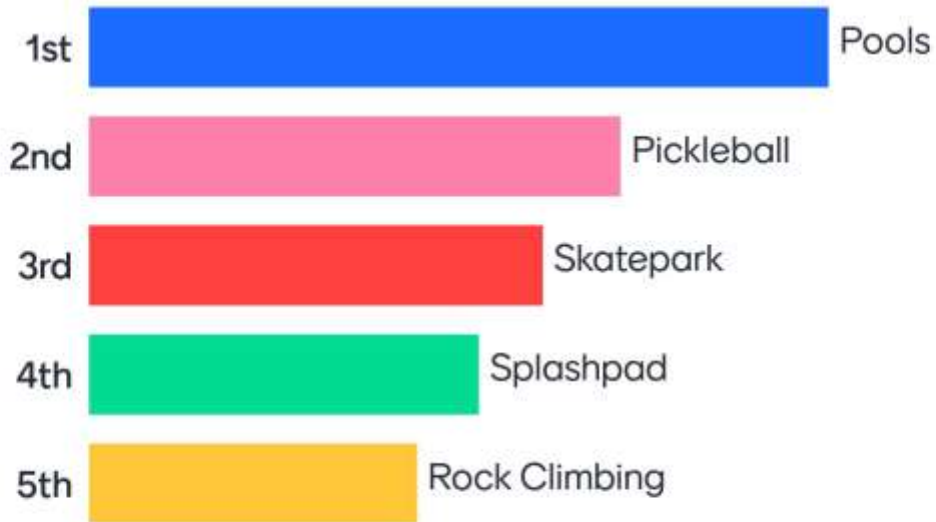
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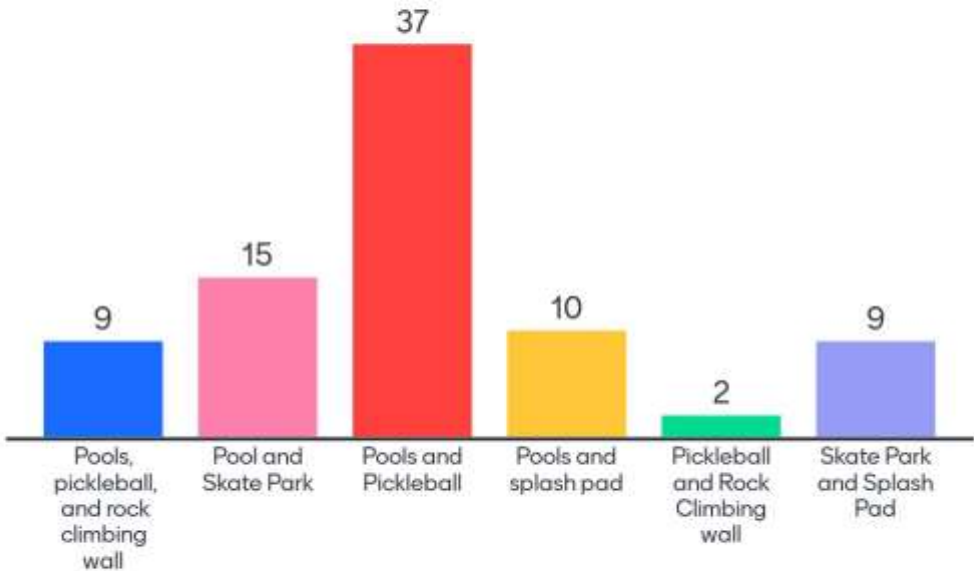
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Please pick one of the following, combination

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## What would you like to see the City spend money on?



# Citizen to be Heard

- Short Term Rentals – Council will be looking at some possible solutions
- Red light camera – Council will be passing a resolution that will support future legislation to end the contracts of the remaining cities. The Light at Huebner and Evers has no malfunction, drivers should not try to determine traffic signal patterns
- Deer Destroying the Yards -The City Council will be considering an Ordinance revision that will prohibit the feeding of any wildlife in city-owned parks and drainage ways.
- Fences in the front yard – Council will be considering an ordinance change in the future.
- All questions and answers will posted online.

# Next Steps

- Melinda is in the process of getting quotes for the pool repairs.
- What other direction would the Council like to take?

# Fiscal Impact

- Depending on the direction, but there is \$1.6 million in ARP funds remaining.

# Recommendation

- City Council's Discretion