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City of Salida Parks and Recreation Department



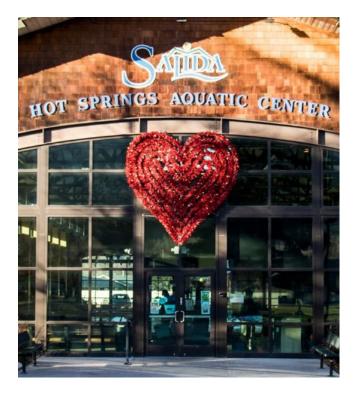


Study Background

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### SOAKING POOL ANALYSIS

The City of Salida is considering installing outdoor soaking pools at the Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center. With assistance from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), the City retained BBC Research & Consulting (BBC) to conduct a market analysis examining the potential impacts of the proposed investment.



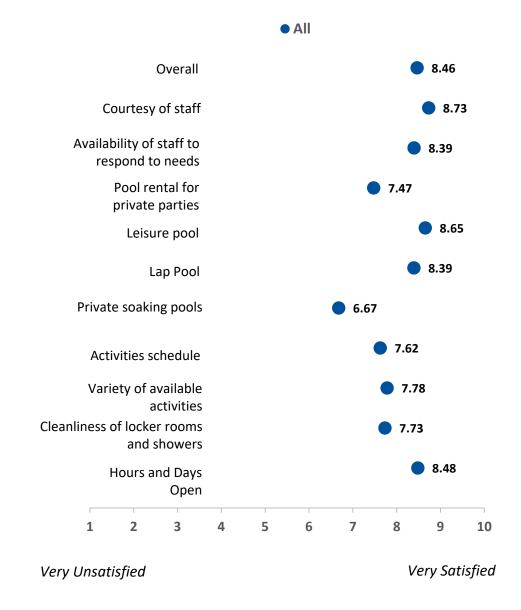
- The analysis included a member and resident survey.
- The study team also reviewed an incorporated information from the recent cost recovery study.
- BBC reviewed prices, operations, and fiscal data for other hot springs facilities in Colorado.
- BBC reviewed research on the potential impact of COVID19 on Salida and the aquatics center.



Member and Community Survey

### SATISFACTION WITH AQUATIC CENTER – ALL DATA

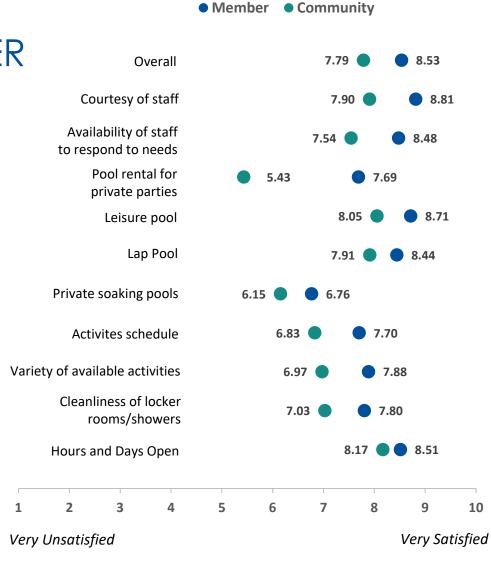
IN GENERAL
RESPONDENTS ARE
SATISFIED WITH THE
VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE
AQUATIC CENTER.



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### SATISFACTION WITH THE AQUATIC CENTER

MEMBER SATISFACTION APPEARS TO BE HIGHER, BUT THE NUMBER OF COMMUNITY SURVEYS WAS LIMITED (N=45)

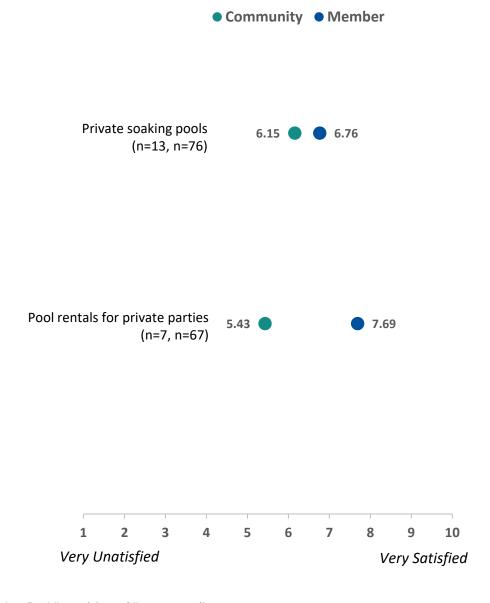


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### SATISFACTION WITH THE AQUATIC CENTER

WHILE THESE TWO ATTRIBUTES
HAD THE LOWEST AVERAGE
SATISFACTION, IT IS IMPORTANT
TO NOTE THAT MANY
RESPONDENTS DID NOT RATE
THESE ITEMS

- 71% of the community respondents and 83% of the member respondents either didn't have an opinion or didn't respond to their satisfaction with the private soaking pools
- 84% of the community and 85% of the member respondents either didn't have an opinion or didn't respond to their satisfaction with the pool rentals for private parties.

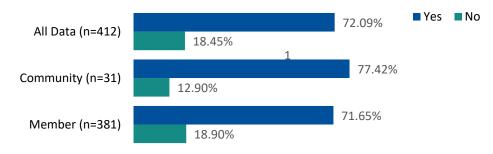


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### LIKELY TO RENEW/PURCHASE

IN BOTH SURVEYS, A
MAJORITY RESPONDED
THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO
RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP
OR PURCHASE A NEW
PASS.

### Proportion likely to renew or purchase a membership

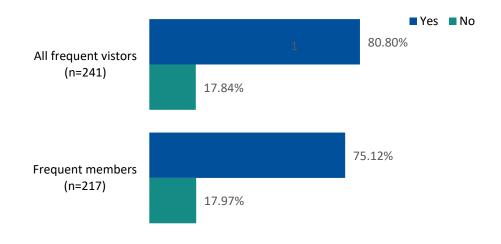


- 1. The number of observations in each reflects the number of people who responded with an answer of 1-10 or "N'A" to the survey question "Please rate how likely you are to renew your membership or purchase a new pass"
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### LIKELY TO RENEW/PURCHASE

LOOKING AT RESPONSES
BASED ON HOW
FREQUENTLY PEOPLE VISITED
THE CENTER BEFORE COVID19 FREQUENT MEMBERS
AND FREQUENT VISITORS
FROM THE COMMUNITY
SURVEY ARE VERY LIKELY TO
RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP
OR PASS.

### Proportion likely to renew or purchase a membership



- 1. "Frequent" is defined as those who indicated they visited the Aquatic Center "a few times a month" or "at least once every week" before the covid-19 pandemic.
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### REASON FOR NOT BEING LIKELY TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP

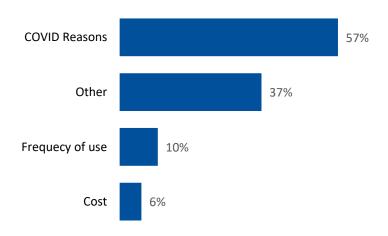
OF THOSE UNLIKELY TO RENEW, 53% OF RESPONDENTS REPORTED REASONS RELATED TO COVID.

IT IS NOT UNREASONABLE TO BELIEVE THESE PEOPLE WOULD RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP OR PASS WHEN COVID IS LESS OF A CONCERN.

### OTHER REASONS INCLUDED

- People finding other exercise and fitness options
- Facility policies and cleaning unrelated to COVID.

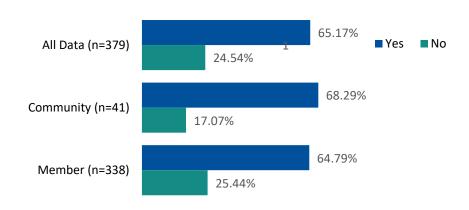
### Reason for being unlikely to renew



## IMPACT OF SOAKING POOLS ON RENEWAL AND PURCHASE

A MAJORITY OF
RESPONDENTS ARE MORE
LIKELY TO RENEW OR
PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP
AND SHOW INTEREST IN THE
ADDITION OF THE
OUTDOOR SOAKING
POOLS

### More likely to renew with soaking pools

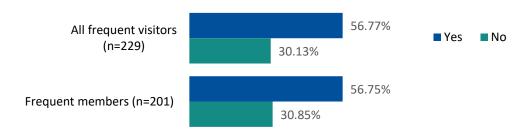


- 1. Those who didn't respond to this question were excluded in this calculation.
- 2. While some people who indicated that they would renew before the addition of the soaking pools and indicated that they are unlikely to renew/purchase after the addition of the soaking pools, it is unlikely that people would be no longer want to renew after the new addition.

## IMPACT OF SOAKING POOLS ON RENEWAL AND PURCHASE

FREQUENT MEMBERS AND FREQUENT VISITORS FROM THE COMMUNITY SURVEY SHARE A SIMILAR INTEREST IN THE SOAKING POOLS AND ARE JUST AS LIKELY TO RENEW OR PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP/PUNCH PASS WITH THE ADDITION

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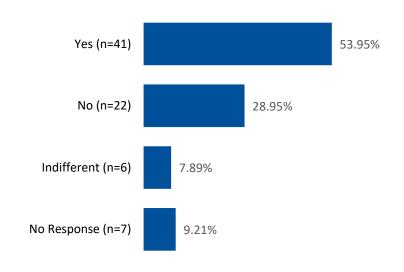


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### LIKELY TO RENEW/PURCHASE WITH ADDITION OF SOAKING POOLS

OUT OF THE 18% OF PEOPLE WHO INDICATED THAT THEY WERE UNLIKELY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP OR PASS, 54% WOULD RENEW IF THE OUTDOOR SOAKING POOLS WERE ADDED.

### All responses unlikely to renew membership or pass

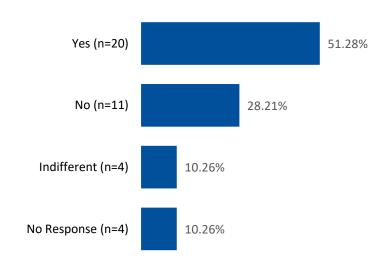


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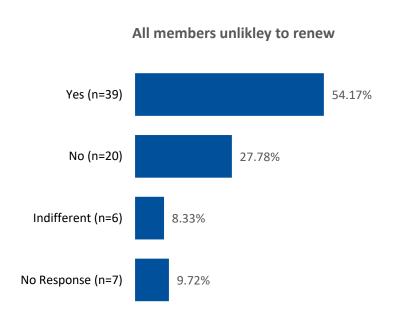
### Frequent members unlikely to renew pass/membership



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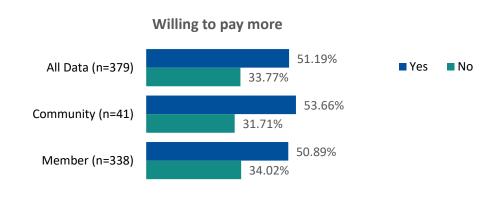
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### WILLING TO PAY MORE FOR SOAKING POOL

### A MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS IN EACH SURVEY ARE WILLING TO PAY MORE FOR THE SOAKING POOLS.

 15% of all respondents were unsure if they would be willing to pay more for the outdoor soaking pools

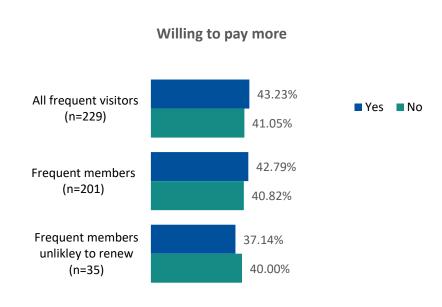


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### WILLING TO PAY MORE FOR SOAKING POOL

FREQUENT MEMBERS AND FREQUENT VISITORS FROM THE COMMUNITY SURVEY ARE JUST ABOUT AS WILLING TO PAY MORE FOR THE SOAKING POOLS

 Out of the frequent members unlikely to renew that indicated that they would likely renew with the addition of the soaking pools, 50% indicated that they would be willing to pay more for the outdoor pools



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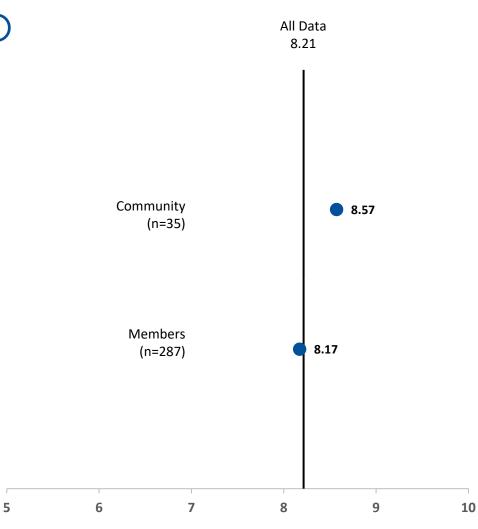
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### ADDITIONAL AMOUNT WILLING TO PAY ALL RESPONSES

RESPONDENTS FROM THE MEMBER SURVEY ARE SLIGHTLY LESS WILLING TO PAY MORE THAN THOSE FROM THE COMMUNITY SURVEY.



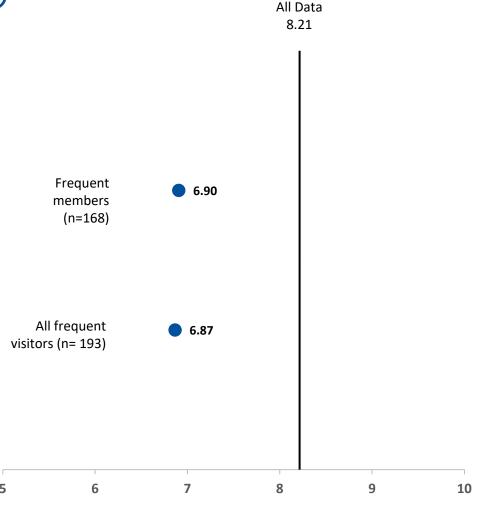
Average percent increase willing to pay

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## ADDITIONAL AMOUNT WILLING TO PAY ALL RESPONSES

ALL FREQUENT VISITORS AND MEMBERS ARE WILLING TO PAY A LOWER AMOUNT FOR THE SOAKING POOLS

 16% OF RESPONDENTS WHO VISIT THE AQUATIC CENTER OFTEN ARE UNSURE IF THEY WOULD PAY MORE,



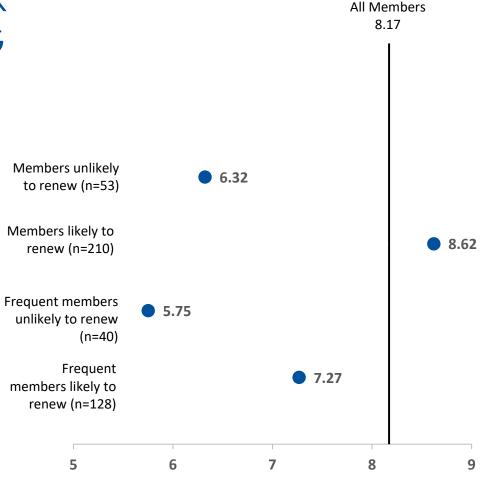
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## ADDITIONAL AMOUNT WILLING TO PAY FOR OUTDOOR SOAKING POOLS

WHEN ONLY LOOKING AT THE MEMBER SURVEY RESPONSES, MEMBERS THAT ARE LIKELY TO RENEW ARE WILLING TO PAY MORE FOR THE SOAKING POOLS.

 Members likely to renew account for 65% of all responses and are willing to pay more on average for the soaking pools than the average amount for all the data

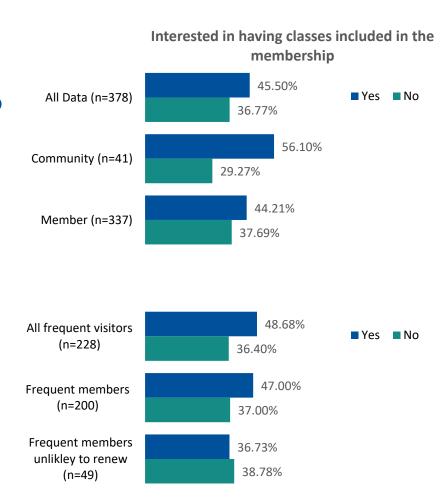


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## INTEREST IN HAVING CLASSES INCLUDED IN PRICE OF MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE SPLIT ABOUT INCLUDING CLASSES IN THE MEMBERS.

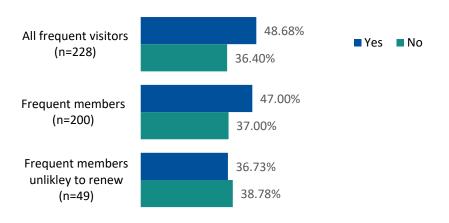


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FREQUENT VISITORS FROM THE COMMUNITY SURVEY AND FREQUENT MEMBERS ARE EQUALLY INTERESTED IN HAVING ACCESS TO CLASSES AND REC PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF A MEMBERSHIP.

### Interested in having classes included in membership

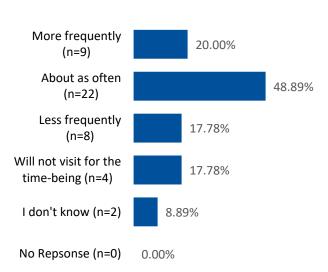


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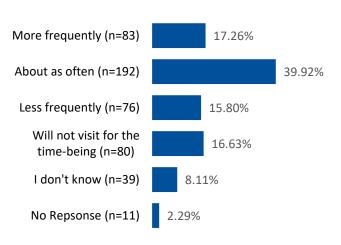
## FREQUENCY OF VISITS AS SALIDA REEMERGES FROM COVID

IN GENERAL, RESPONDENTS
WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE
AQUATIC CENTER AS IT BEGINS
TO REOPEN WHILE TAKING
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

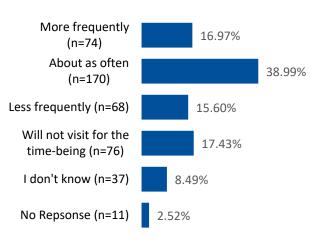
### **Community Survey**



### **All Data**



### **Member Survey**

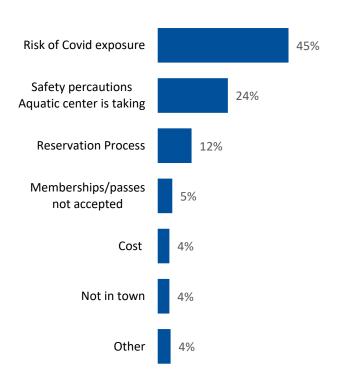


### REASON FOR VISITING LESS FREQUENTLY AS SALIDA BEGINS TO REOPEN

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AQUATIC CENTER IS TAKING INCLUDES:

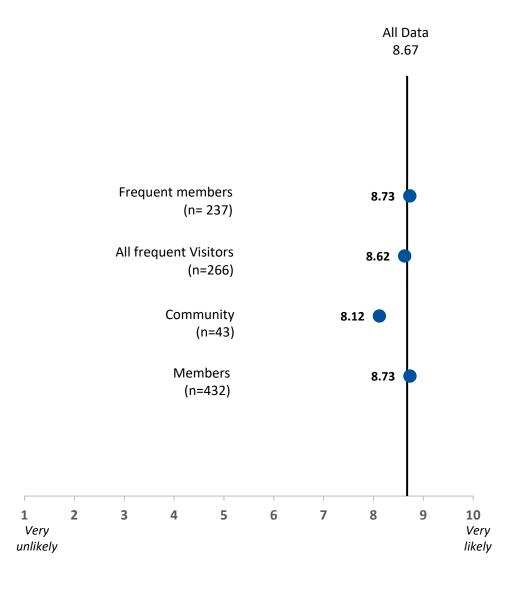
- Locker rooms not being available
- Limited lanes and classes
- Mask mandates

### Reason for visiting less often



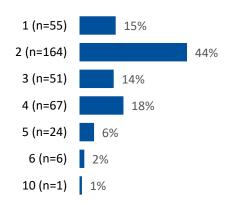
## LIKELIHOOD OF RECOMMENDING CENTER

OVERALL, PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO RECOMMEND THE AQUATIC CENTER



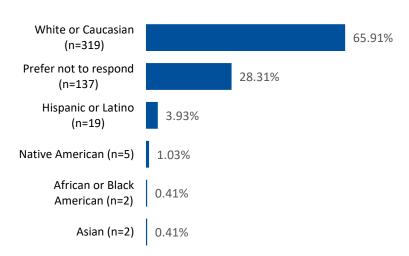
### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

### **Number of People Living in Household**

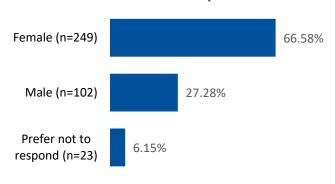


# 18-24 (n=3) 1% 25-34 (n=15) 4% 35-44 (n=75) 20% 45-54 (n=64) 17% 55-64 (n=85) 23% 65+ (n=117) 31% Prefer not to respond (n=15) 4%

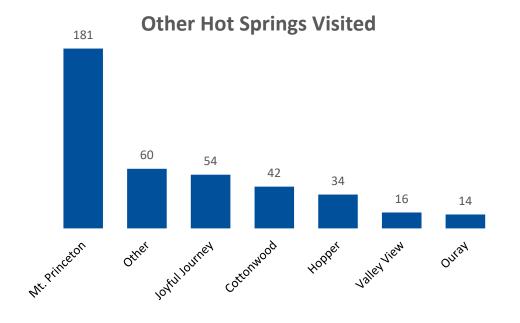
### Race/Ethnicity



### **Gender Identity**



### OTHER HOT SPRINGS VISITED BY SURVEY TAKERS



### MT. PRINCETON

- MON-THURS: \$20 ADULT \$15 CHILD/SENIOR
- FRI-SUN: \$25 ADULT. \$20 CHILD/SENIOR

### **JOYFUL JOURNEY**

- ADULT: \$15
- LOCAL SOAK: \$12
- CHILDREN (5-14): \$12
- SENIORS (65+): \$12

### COTTONWOOD HOT SPRINGS

- MON-THURS: ADULT \$20 CHILD (<16) \$18</li>
- FRI-SUN: ADULT \$24 CHILD (<16) \$20

### **SURVEY COMMENTS**

"I am a fairly frequent lap swimmer, and I love this pool. My only issue is that it is too cold! It takes about 100 yards for me to warm up. PLEASE turn up the heat a couple of degrees." "Wanted to make the point that I very much value the kayak rolling sessions in the winter spring, and would like to see more. Especially further into the spring so to coincide with the start of whitewater kayaking season."

"...The pool is a huge asset to this community. I hope everyone continues to come. I was impressed with how it's managing to stay open though this crises."

"Punch pass worked well for use for my granddaughter and I before employed here, and worked well for my granddaughter and an occasional friend since."

### **COMMENTS – MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

"[I would like to see] discounts on rec activities or swim lesson if [a member has] an annual family pass. (bought the punch card because of small usage and no additional benefits)"

"[I would like] All classes be included in membership"

"I would like other recreational uses included in the punch pass as they become available. Currently, from what i know, we only have entry into the pool." "I might be better suited to punch passes, but I bought an annual pass to support the facility. Likely to still support with annual pass... [would like to see a] Combination [of] benefits with other recreation activities (e.g. pickle ball)."

### **COMMENTS**

It would be helpful to have more lifeguards so that kids can use the various recreational options (climbing; diving; slide) simultaneously. That has been the biggest disappointment; visiting and not getting to use the favorite parts of the facility (pre-Covid)..."

"Have more lanes open when there are classes in the pool. Generally the classes have more room than is needed and at times there are only 2 lanes open with excessive crowding in the lanes or swimmers waiting for lanes."

"Have a separate kids/adult area, have more things for older kids to enjoy, evening classes"

"I'm a lap swimmer so a clear schedule of when the pool is open for lap swimming and the number of lanes open." "Make some adult only options so that we don't need to worry about covid and kids who are trying to have fun. The kids are great but sometimes when we are soaking kids get super close or splash while they are playing and we are trying to relax."

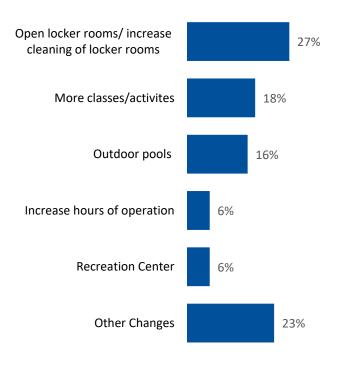
### COMMENTS – RESPONSE TO SOAKING POOLS

"Outdoor pools would be great as the leisure pool is often so busy. Would also bring in more visitors to help balance keeping it affordable for locals." "...access to indoor and outdoor soaking pools is very interesting to me, availability is very limited to-date."

"An outdoor pool would be an incredible addition to pool users and would hopefully open up more designated lap hours."

"I am most interested in lap lanes and love the idea of outside soaking pools. Price point matters."

## SERVICES AND CHANGES THE CENTER COULD INCLUDE TO IMPROVE VISITS



### OTHER CHANGES INCLUDE CATEGORIES THAT ACCOUNT FOR 5% OR LESS OF THE RESPONSES. THESE INCLUDE BUT AREN'T LIMITED TO:

- Changes relating to staffing
- Adding adult only times
- Having a separate area for children
- including more benefits to memberships



Cost Benefit Analysis

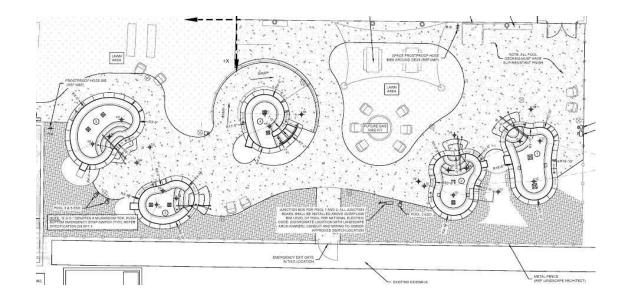
### SOAKING POOLS REVENUES AND COSTS

BBC worked with City staff to analyze potential costs and revenues for the soaking pools. Below is a summary of key data for this analysis.

- Costs for the soaking pool are estimated to be \$20,000 annually without a full-time lifeguard or \$59,000 with a full-time lifeguard
- Current revenues for the indoor soaking pools are \$30,000 with revenues exceed costs by 34 percent according to the Rec Center cost-recovery study.
- The total capital cost for the soaking pools is approximately \$1.8 million
- The City capital improvement plan currently has \$960,000 set aside for the pools, leaving a gap in funding of approximately \$840,000.

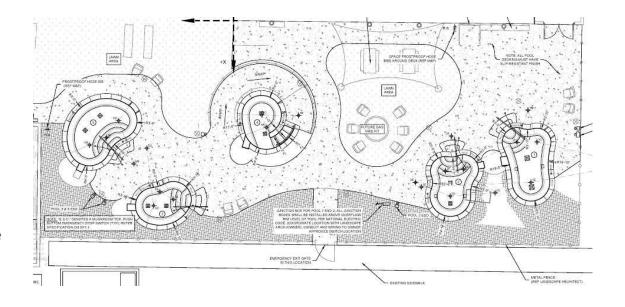
#### SOAKING POOL CAPITAL PLANS

- Five pools
- Different sizes and temperatures
- Outdoor showers and sitting areas
- Total cost to build:\$1.8 million



#### SOAKING POOL OPERATIONS

- \$20,000 annually without lifeguard
- \$59,000 with lifeguard
- Assuming 1.34 cost recovery, operational revenue approximately \$80,000 year
- Implies \$1,300 in revenue per month per pool



### SOAKING POOL FINANCING



TOTAL COST: \$1.8 MILLION

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ALLOCATION: \$960,000

REMAINING FUNDS REQUIRED: \$840,000

#### **SHORTFALL OPTIONS:**

- GENERAL OBLIGATION LOAN
- GRANTS
- REDUCTION IN PROJECT SCOPE

### SOAKING POOL FINANCING



#### LOAN MODELING

- CREATED TO HELP FRAME DECISIONS FOR THE CITY
- ASSUMPTIONS INCLUDE LOAN TERM, RATE, PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

As an example, a **20-year loan** with an interest **rate of 1.5 percent** for the entire current capital shortfall (\$840,000) would require annual payments of **\$48,900**.

#### FINANCING EXAMPLES

SCENARIO	BASE ASSUMPTIONS	GRANT FUNDING OR SCOPE REDUCTION	ADJUSTED TERM (30- YEARS)
LOAN TERM	20-YEAR	20-YEAR	30-YEAR
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	NONE	\$100,000 GRANT OR SCOPE REDUCTION	NONE
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	\$840,000	\$740,000	\$840,000
INTEREST RATE*	1.5%	1.5%	1.7%
ANNUAL PAYMENT	\$48,900	\$43,100	\$36,000

<sup>\*</sup>Interest Rates vary due to many factors. These rates were estimated using conservative assumptions for AA and A Municipal Bond Rates from <a href="https://www.fmsbonds.com/market-yields/">https://www.fmsbonds.com/market-yields/</a>, <a href="https://www.munibondadvisor.com/market.htm">https://www.munibondadvisor.com/market.htm</a>, and <a href="https://www.bloomberg.com/markets/rates-bonds/government-bonds/us">https://www.bloomberg.com/markets/rates-bonds/government-bonds/us</a>

#### FINANCING EXAMPLES (CONTINUED)

SCENARIO	BASE ASSUMPTIONS	GRANT FUNDING OR SCOPE REDUCTION	ADJUSTED TERM (10- YEARS)
LOAN TERM	20-YEAR	20-YEAR	10-YEAR
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	NONE	\$200,000 GRANT OR SCOPE REDUCTION	NONE
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	\$840,000	\$640,000	\$840,000
INTEREST RATE*	1.5%	1.5%	1.0%
ANNUAL PAYMENT	\$48,900	\$37,300	\$88,700

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### SOAKING POOL REVENUE MODEL



### REVENUE MODELING ASSUMPTIONS:

- POOL CAPACITY NUMBERS
   BASED ON INFORMATION
   PROVIDED BY CITY
- ENTRY PRICE FOR SOAKING POOLS PROVIDED BY CITY
- SEASONS OF THE YEAR AND EXPECTED CAPACITY BASED OFF TYPICAL ACADEMIC YEAR
- WEEKENDS ARE LIKELY TO HAVE MORE VISITORS THAN WEEKDAYS

#### SOAKING POOL REVENUE MODEL



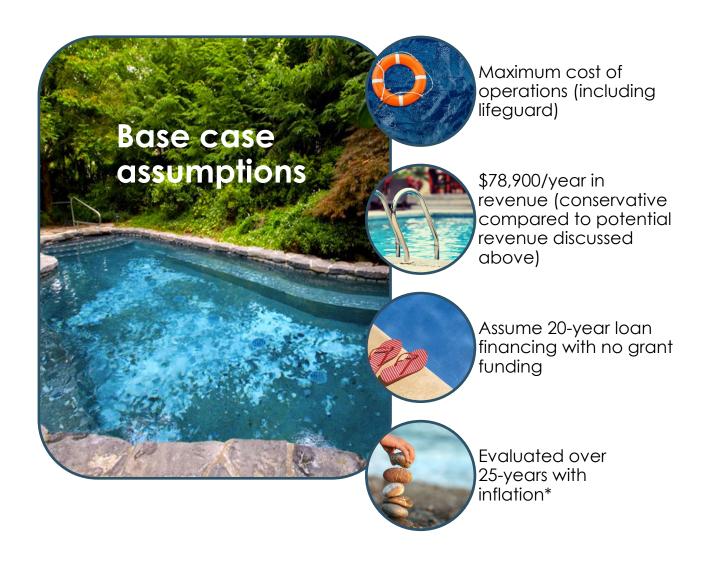
COST PER PERSON: \$15

TIME SLOTS PER DAY: 4

#### POTENTIAL YEARLY REVENUE ASSUMING:

- CAPACITY HOLDS FOR ALL 4 TIME SLOTS: \$520,000 \$950,000
- CAPACITY HOLDS FOR 3 TIME SLOTS AND REDUCED FOR 1 TIME SLOT: \$470,000 - \$810,000
- CAPACITY HOLDS FOR 3 TIME SLOTS
   ONLY: \$390,000 \$710,000

#### COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS



<sup>\*</sup> The City's audited financial reports indicate that buildings and improvements are given an estimated useful life span of 20-40 years. BBC also consulted state and federal guidance and determined that 25 years is a conservative lifetime estimate for an in ground concrete pool.

#### COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS - YEAR 1 EXAMPLE

Operating revenue \$78,900

#### **Expenses**

Operating expenses (including lifeguard) \$59,000 Cost of financing \$48,900 Total \$107,900

Net revenue (loss) (\$29,000)

Net loss implies cost recovery of 73 percent

#### COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS – YEAR 15 EXAMPLE

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Operating revenue \$119,300

**Expenses** 

Operating expenses (including lifeguard) \$89,200 Cost of financing \$48,900 Total \$138,100

Net revenue (loss) (\$18,800)

Net loss implies cost recovery of 86 percent

Revenues and expenses inflated at 3 percent annually

#### COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS – YEAR 25 EXAMPLE

Operating revenue \$160,400

**Expenses** 

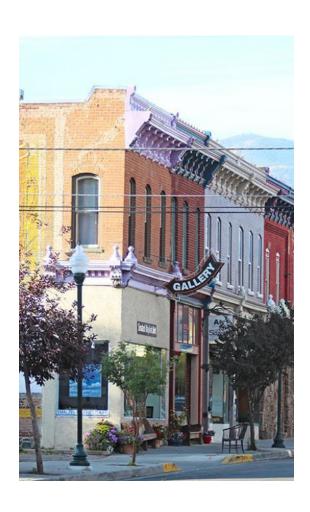
Operating expenses (including lifeguard) \$119,900
Cost of financing \$0
Total \$119,900

Net revenue (loss) \$40,500

Net revenue implies cost recovery of 134 percent

Revenues and expenses inflated at 3 percent annually

#### COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS - SUMMARY



#### **OVER 25 YEARS:**

Net present value of \$250,000 in losses

Average increase of 50 overnight tourist days per year would offset losses economically

Average increase in 900 overnight tourist days would offset loses fiscally

#### TOURISM IN CHAFFEE COUNTY

APPROXIMATELY 200,000 OVERNIGHT VISITORS ANNUALLY TO CHAFFEE COUNTY.

OVERNIGHT SALIDA
VISITORS SPEND
APPROXIMATELY
\$370/DAY AND
GENERATE \$19 IN LOCAL
TAXES.

ANNUAL SPENDING IN CHAFFEE COUNTY IN 2019: \$128 MILLION

#### ADJUSTABLE EXCEL MODEL FOR CITY STAFF

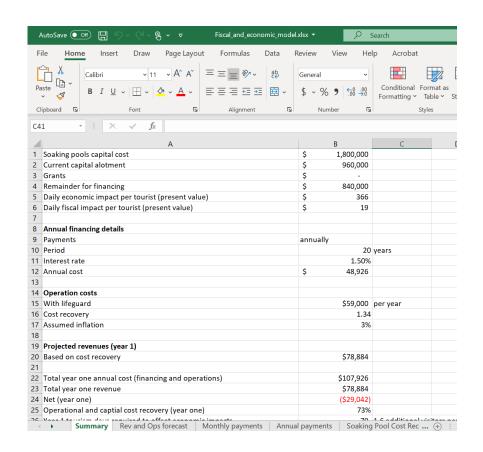
#### **INPUTS INCLUDE:**

Overall costs

Revenue Assumptions

Financing details

Tourism comparisons



#### CONCLUSIONS

- Based on current operations it is likely that the Soaking pools will recover their operational costs
- Under current assumptions, it is unlikely that the pools would also cover the debt service for capital financing
- A modest uptick in tourism due to the soaking pools would likely result in an overall economic benefit for the City
- Given the volatility of current economic, fiscal, and public health conditions, BBC provided a model for future use by City staff



Housing and Economic Analysis

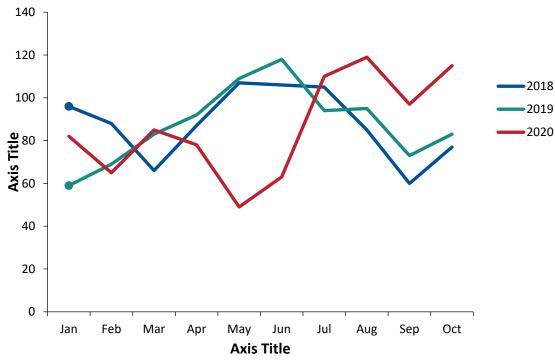
#### **ZOOM TOWNS**

"Zoom towns" are described as towns and cities that have seen housing market booms as remote work become more common. Several factors contribute to Salida's attractiveness as a Zoom town

- Proximity to Denver and Colorado Springs
- Existing recreation opportunities
- Housing prices (compared to other mountain communities and desirable neighborhoods in the Metro area)
- Reputation for arts and culture

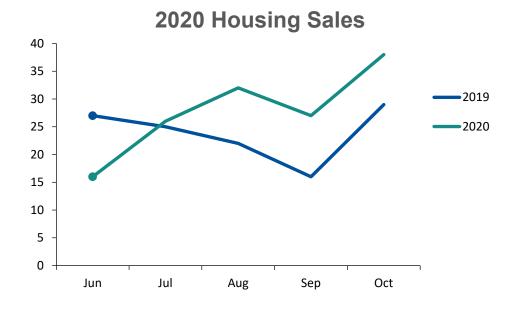
QUALIFIED REAL ESTATE SALES TRENDS CHAFFEE COUNTY

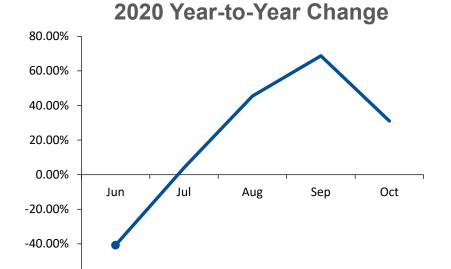
While Chaffe County sales declined during the first few months of the Pandemic, they rebounded later in the year and have exceeded previous years over the past few months



## HOME SALES IN SALIDA

Trends in Salida mirror those of the County overall, with strong growth in the fall months.





-60.00%

#### TOURISM AND FUTURE TOURISM

Since 2000, visitor-generated spending in Colorado has on average increased by 4.1% per year. In Chaffee county, tourism and visitor spending has changed from 2010-2018 with

- Tourist spending on overnight in has increased on average by 9.75% per year from 2010-2018 with a projected increase of 8.91% from 2018-2019
- Visitor growth in increasing during the COVID-2019 pandemic
- A predicted 8 million visitors by 2026, if growth continues at the same rate prior to the COVID-19 pandemic



## Recommendations and Conclusions

### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The concept of soaking pools are popular with residents and community members with a majority of respondents indicating that they see additional value in having outdoor pools.

The facilities would likely broaden the number of residents who would consider visiting the recreation center and attract regional residents and visitors.

**Recommendation:** Continue to build support among current members and users. It is important to differentiate the current soaking pools from the proposed pools. Community members may be a source of potential funding or ideas on how to bring this project (or future infrastructure improvements) to fruition.

### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Financial models and continued housing growth in Salida point to the viability of the soaking pools, especially when considering the Salida tourism economy as a whole.

Even with very conservative revenue assumptions, financial models indicate that addition of soaking pools would likely be a benefit to the community overall, if not to the overall finances of the Aquatic Center.

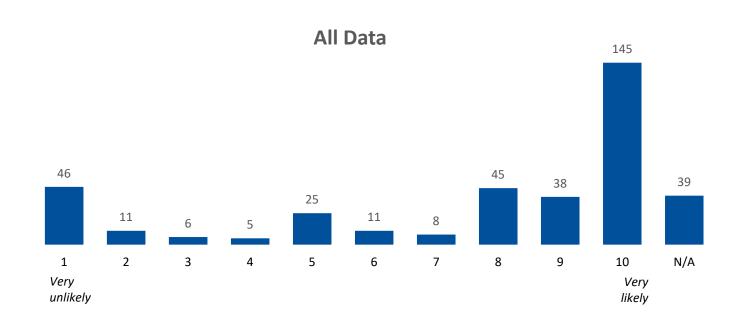
**Recommendation:** Continue to refine the model based on available financial and operations data for the proposed pools.



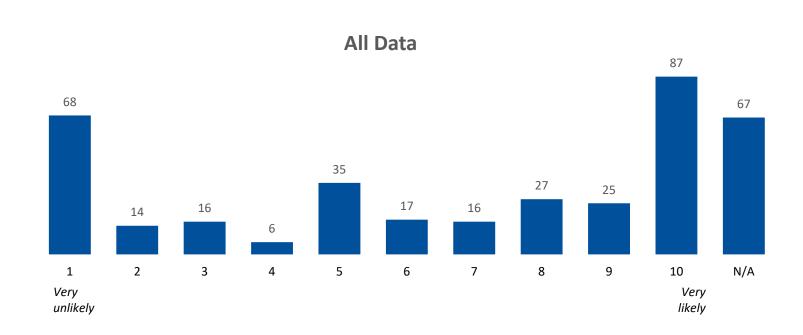
Appendices

# APPENDIXA: ADDITIONAL MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

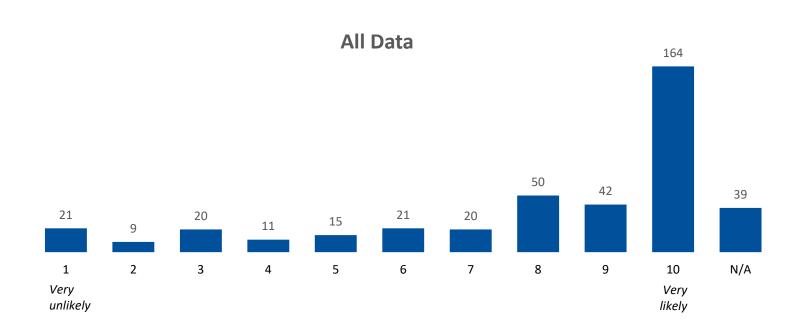
#### LIKELY TO RENEW/PURCHASE WITH ADDITION OF SOAKING POOLS



## INTEREST IN HAVING CLASSES INCLUDED IN PRICE OF MEMBERSHIP

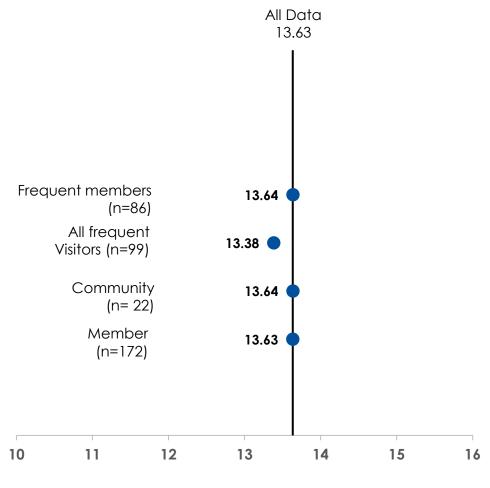


## LIKELIHOOD TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP / PURCHASE NEW PASS



#### ADDITIONAL AMOUNT WILLING TO PAY (YES RESPONSES ONLY)

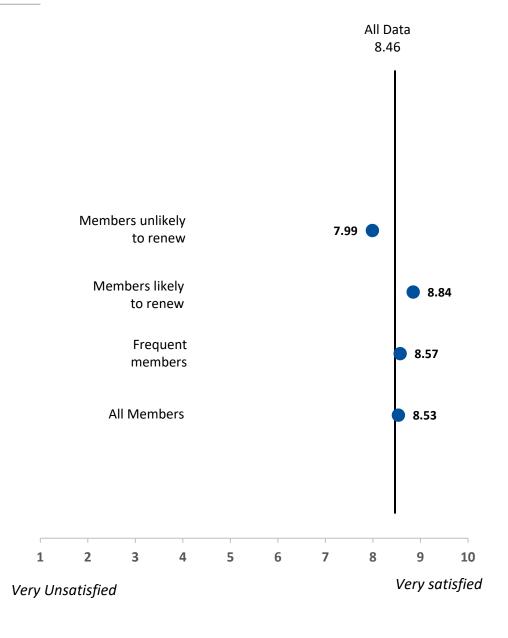




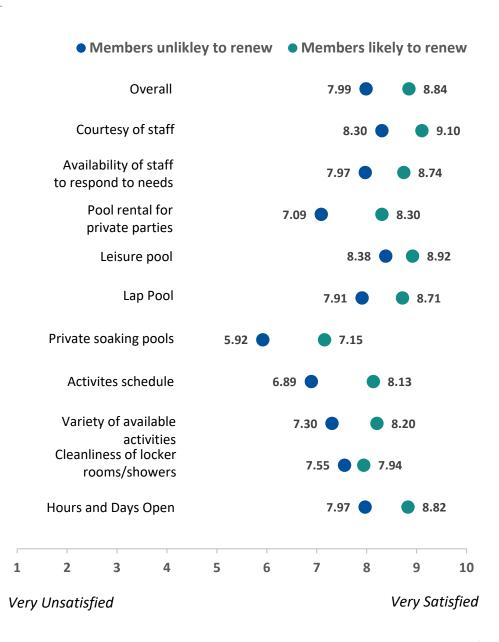
#### Notes

<sup>1.</sup> Responses of "No" and "I don't know" to the question "If the Aquatic Center were to add the outdoor soaking pools, would you be willing to pay an additional 10%, 15%, or 20% for your membership or pass to help offset the costs of this addition" were excluded for this analysis.

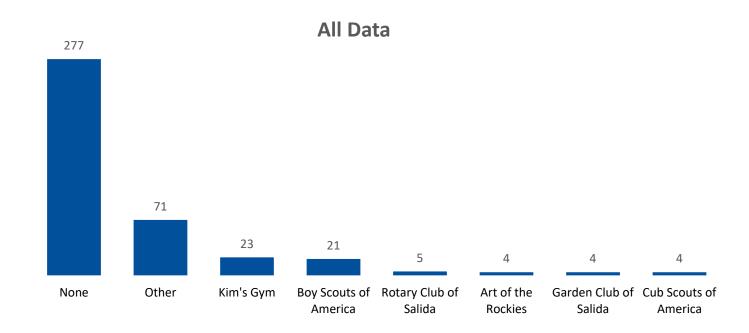
## OVERALL SATISFACTION MEMBERS



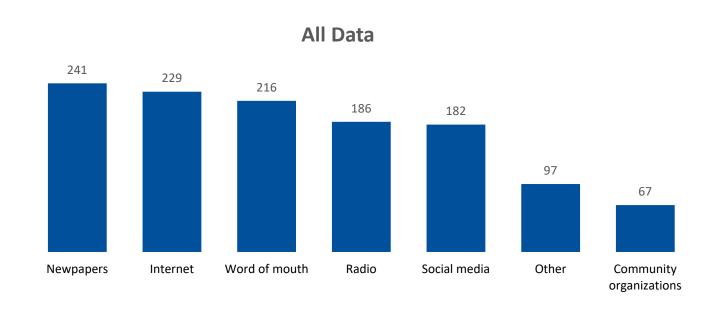
## SATISFACTION WITH AQUATIC CENTER - MEMBERS



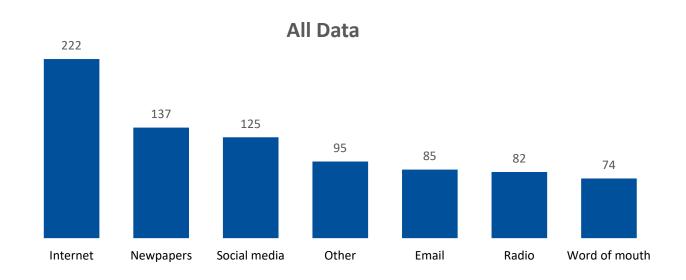
#### OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



## NEWS SOURCES FOR COMMUNITY INFORMATION



## NEWS SOURCES FOR AQUATIC CENTER INFORMATION



### APPENDIX B: SURVEY INSTRUMENTS

#### **COMMUNITY SURVEY**

The City of Salida's Hot Spring Aquatic Center is conducting a survey to learn about your experiences as a community member of Salida. As a community member of Salida your opinion regarding these topics is extremely important. By completing this survey, you will give the City valuable information it can use to improve the Aquatic Center. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete, and your responses will be kept anonymous and confidential. The findings will be presented in an economic impact and market study that will be publicly accessible later this year.

Thank you for your support!

First we want to understand your use of and satisfaction with the Aquatic Center <i>before</i> the COVID-19 bandemic									
* 1. About how often did you visit the Aquatics Center Before the COVID-19 pandemic?									
At least once ev	ery week		○ A1	A few times every year					
A few times eve	ry month		On	ice a year or less					
Once every mor	nth		○ Ha	we not yet visited	new member				
2. About how often o		A few times every month	e following act	A few times every year	Once a year or	Have not yet used/new member			
Lap pool	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Leisure pool	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Private soaking tubs	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Fitness classes	$\circ$	0	0	0		0			

\* 3. Thinking about all of your experiences at the Aquatic Center before the COVID-19 pandemic, please rate your satisfaction with the following aspects of the Aquatic Center. Please rate your satisfaction with each aspect on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 indicates very dissatisfied and 10 indicates very satisfied. If you do not have an opinion about a particular aspect, please select "N/A".

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Hours and days open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleanliness of locker rooms/showers	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\odot$	0	$\odot$	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	0	$\circ$	0
Variety of available activities (e.g., swim lessons, fitness classes)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Activities schedule	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private soaking pools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lap pool	0	0	$\bigcirc$		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leisure pool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pool rental for private parties	0	0	$\circ$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Availability of staff to respond to needs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Courtesy of staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\* 4. Thinking again about all of your experiences at the Aquatic Center before the COVID-19 pandemic, please rate your overall satisfaction with the Aquatic Center. Please rate your overall satisfaction on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 indicates very dissatisfied and 10 indicates very satisfied. If you do not have an opinion, please select "N/A".

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A

\* 5. Please rate how likely you are to recommend the Aquatic Center to others. Please make your rating on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 means that it is extremely unlikely that you will recommend the Aquatic Center, and a rating of 10 means that you are extremely likely to recommend the Aquatic Center. If you do not have an opinion, please select "N/A."

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A

Next, we'd like your thoughts about visiting the Aquatic Center as our community begins reemerging from COVID-19 restrictions, that is, when most people resume normal work-related and recreational activities. \* 6. As our community begins reemerging from COVID-19 restrictions, How often do you think you'll visit the Aquatic Center knowing that the Center is currently taking precautionary measures to stop the spread of the virus in the facility? Click here to see the Aquatic Center's reopening process. More frequently Will not visit for the time-being Less frequently I don't know About as often \* 7. Please briefly explain why you think you'll visit the Aquatic Center less often.

Members	ship and	Passes								
* 8. Are	you curre	ently a me	mber or ho	old a pass	at the Aqu	uatic Cente	er?			
Yes										
○ No										
Members	ship and	Passes								
Membership and Passes  9. Please rate how likely you are purchase a membership or pass in the future for the Aquatic Center. Please make your rating on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 means that it is extremely unlikely that you will purchase a membership or pass, and 10 means that you are extremely likely to purchase a membership or pass. If you don't have an opinion, please select "N/A".										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

10. Please indicate why you are unlikely to purch	ase a membership or pass to the Aquatic Center.
Cost (too expensive)	Place of residence is too far from the Aquatics Center
Not interested in a membership or pass to the Aquatic Center	Have a membership to a different rec/fitness center
Frequency of use (wouldn't use it enough)	
Other (please specify)	
11. Please indicate why you don't currently hold a apply)	a membership or pass at the Aquatic Center. (Select all tha
Cost (too expensive)	Place of residence too far from the Aquatic Center
Not interested in a pass or membership to the Aquatic Center	Have a membership to a different rec/fitness center
Frequency of use (don't use the center enough)	
Other (please specify)	
* 12. Are their any other benefits that you would like membership or pass?	e to see that would impact your decision to purchase a

#### Membership and Passes

You or your family may have more than one type of membership or pass to the Aquatic Center, but please think about the membership or pass you <u>most recently</u> purchased as you answer the next few questions.

* 13. Please tell us what membership or pass y	ou mostly recently purchased.
* 14. Please tell us about the punch pass you n	nost recently purchased.
Soaking pool, 10 punch pass	Adult 15 punch pass
Family pass (10 youth/10 adult visits)	Youth 15 punch pass
Fitness add-on pass (6- or 12-month)	Arthritis class 10 punch pass
Senior 15 punch pass	
Other (please specify)	
* 15. Please indicate how much you value your m	ost recent membership or pass to the Aquatic Center.
It's worth more than I paid	
It's worth exactly what I paid	
It's worth less than I paid	
I don't know	

* 16. Plea	se rate ho	w likely yo	u are to re	enew your	members	hip or purc	hase a ne	w pass in	the future	for the
Aquatic C	enter. Plea	ase make	your rating	on a sca	le of 1 to 1	.0, where 1	L means th	nat it is ex	tremely ur	nlikely tha
you will re	new your	membersh	nip or purc	hase a ne	w pass, ar	nd 10 mea	ns that yo	u are extr	emely like	ly to
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Aquatic C	enter.									
* 18. Are t	there any o	other bene	fits you w	ould like to	see as p	art of the r	nost recer	nt member	rship or pa	ss you

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addition change	* 21. If the Aquatic Center were to add the outdoor soaking pools, would you be willing to pay an additional 10%, 15%, or 20% for your membership or pass to help offset the costs of implementing the changes?  10% No 15% 1 don't know									
	se tell us w your futur		es Salida	Aquatic C	enter coul	d include o	or what ch	anges the	Center co	uld adopt

* 23. In the past year have you visited a	ny hot springs in the region?
○ No	
Yes (Please Specify)	
24. What other area organizations are	you or a family member a member of? Please refer to the list below
	are also a member of or have purchased a pass at. Select "I am not a
member of any of these organizations" i	f none are applicable.
Kim's Gym	Rotary Club of Salida
Art of the Rockies	Boy Scouts of America
Garden Club of Salida	I am not a member at any of these organizations
Cub Scouts of America	
Other (please specify)	

omi	nunication Preferences	
* 2	5. What sources do rely on for news about your com	munity? (Select all that apply.)
Г	Radio	Outdoor billboards
Ī	Newpapers	Social media
Г	Television	Word of mouth
ř	Magazines	Community organizations
	Internet	Telephone
-	Other (please specify)	
26.	From which of the following sources do you prefer t	to receive information about membership updates a
	ts at the Aquatic Center? (Select all that apply.)	
	Radio	
	Newpapers	
	Television	
	Magazines	
	Internet	
	Outdoor billboards	
	Social media	
	Word of mouth	
	Community organizations	
	Telephone	
	None of these	
	Other (please specify)	

Demog	graphics							
* 27. Inc	cluding you, how many people permanently live in y	our household?						
* 28. If you have children under the age of 18, check all ages that apply:								
	2 years of age and under	9-12 years of age						
	3-5 years of age	13-17 years of age						
	6-8 years of age	I don't have children at home						
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- 29.	Which which gender do you identify?							
0	Male							
0	Female							
0	Prefer not to respond							
0	Prefer to self-describe:							

nographics	
30. Into which age category do you fall	?
19-24	55-64
25-34	○ 65÷
35-44	I prefer not to respond
45-54	
31. Which of the following categories by	est describe your your ethnic/racial background? ( Select all th:
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	est describe your your ethnic/racial background? (Select all the
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oply) White or Caucasian	African American or Black

Dem	ographics		
* 32.	What is the highest level of education you have co	mple	ited?
0	Less than 12 years	0	Bachelor's degree
0	High school graduate or equivalent	0	Post-graduate degree
0	Trade, vocational, or associates degree	0	Prefer not to respond
0	Other (please specify):		
* 33.	What was your total household income from all sou	irces	s, before taxes, in 2019?
0	Less than \$25,000	0	Between \$100,000 and less than \$125,000
0	Between \$25,000 and less than \$50,000	0	Between \$125,000 and less than \$150,000
0	Between \$50,000 and less than \$75,000	0	\$150,000 or more
0	Between \$75,000 and less than \$100,000	0	I prefer not to respond

# 34. Please provide the following contract information. Name Address Address 2 City/Town State/Province -- select state -- - ZIP/Postal Code Country Email Address Phone Number

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Cleanliness of locker rooms/showers	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$	0	$\odot$	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	0	0	0
Variety of available activities (e.g., swim lessons, fitness classes)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Activities schedule	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Lap pool	0	0	$\circ$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Courtesy of staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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to improve	your futur	re visits.								

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○ No	
Yes (Please Specify)	
* 24. What other area organizations are yo	ou or a family member a member of? Please refer to the list below
and select any organizations where you ar	re also a member of or have purchased a pass at. Select "I am not
member of any of these organizations" if n	one are applicable.
Kim's Gym	Rotary Club of Salida
Art of the Rockies	Boy Scouts of America
Garden Club of Salida	I am not a member at any of these organizations
Cub Scouts of America	
Other (please specify)	

Communication Preferences	
* 25. What sources do rely on for news	about your community? (Select all that apply.)
Radio	Outdoor billboards
Newpapers	Social media
Television	Word of mouth
Magazines	Community organizations
Internet	Telephone
Other (please specify)	
Prents at the Aquatic Center? (Select all I Radio Newpapers	that apply.)
Television	
Magazines	
Internet	
Outdoor billboards	
Social media	
Word of mouth	
Community organizations	
Telephone	
None of these	
Other (please specify)	

Demoç	graphics	
27. Inc	cluding you, how many people permanently live in y	our household?
* 28.	If you have children under the age of 18, check all	ages that apply:
	2 years of age and under	9-12 years of age
	3-5 years of age	13-17 years of age
	6-8 years of age	I don't have children at home
* 29.	Which which gender do you identify?	
0	Male	
0	Female	
0	Prefer not to respond	
0	Prefer to self-describe:	

emographics	
* 30. Into which age category do you fall?	
18-24	55-64
25-34	65+
35-44	I prefer not to respond
45-54	1 10 TO 10 T
* 31. Which of the following categories best apply)	t describe your your ethnic/racial background? (Select all that
White or Caucasian	African American or Black
** <u>117</u> (); 191   15	African American or Black  Native American or Alaskan Native
White or Caucasian	

Demographics	
* 32. What is the highest level of education you	have completed?
Less than 12 years	Bachelor's degree
High school graduate or equivalent	Post-graduate degree
Trade, vocational, or associates degree	Prefer not to respond
Other (please specify):	
* 33. What was your total household income from	m all sources, before taxes, in 2019?
Less than \$25,000	Between \$100,000 and less than \$125,000
Between \$25,000 and less than \$50,000	Between \$125,000 and less than \$150,000
Between \$50,000 and less than \$75,000	\$150,000 or more
Between \$75,000 and less than \$100,000	I prefer not to respond

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