

Status of Community Outreach for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

*Balancing Nature and Community:
Tumwater's Path to Sustainable Growth*



General Government Committee – February 14, 2024

Intent

- Present a status report on community outreach activities for the update process
- Outline activities that will be coming up in 2024



Community Outreach

Guided by the Community Engagement Plan, City staff has started the process of engaging and consulting with the community and stakeholders about the 2025 Comprehensive Plan periodic update



Community Engagement Process

The objective of the community engagement process is to provide the community and stakeholders with meaningful opportunities to participate in the Comprehensive Plan periodic update throughout the process

The Community Engagement Plan identifies tactics, strategies, and platforms to inform and consult the community and stakeholders throughout the periodic update

The community engagement process is flexible and will change to take advantage of events and opportunities that may arise



Periodic Update Process



Project Web Site

Balancing Nature & Community

Tumwater's Path to Sustainable Growth

Every ten years, the City is required by the state to conduct a periodic update of its Comprehensive Plan and related development regulations to ensure that they comply with the Growth Management Act and respond to changes in the City.

GET INVOLVED	+
PROJECT SCHEDULE	+
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	+
CITY MEETINGS	+
DRAFT ELEMENTS	+
GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS	+
CITY PRESENTATIONS	+
CITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	+
CITY STAFF REPORTS	+



All documents related to the periodic update are located on the [City's periodic update webpage](#), including:

- Information on all meetings
- State guidance materials
- Drafts of the Elements as they are prepared
- Staff reports and presentations

First Community Survey

- The first online survey was made available in November 2023
- Over 22,000 postcards were mailed out, in addition to notices on the City's webpage and social media platforms
- Over 800 responses have been received so far
- The first survey closes February 14, 2024



Open Houses and Community Conversations



- Open houses and community conversations allow City staff to engage and consult with the community
- The first hybrid community open house was held January 31, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

First Open House Agenda

7:00 p.m. – Introductions to the open house process and staff

7:05 p.m. – First poll and presentation by staff on the update process

7:40 p.m. – Second poll and start of the community conversation with questions in person and online

8:50 p.m. – Summary and close



Attendees

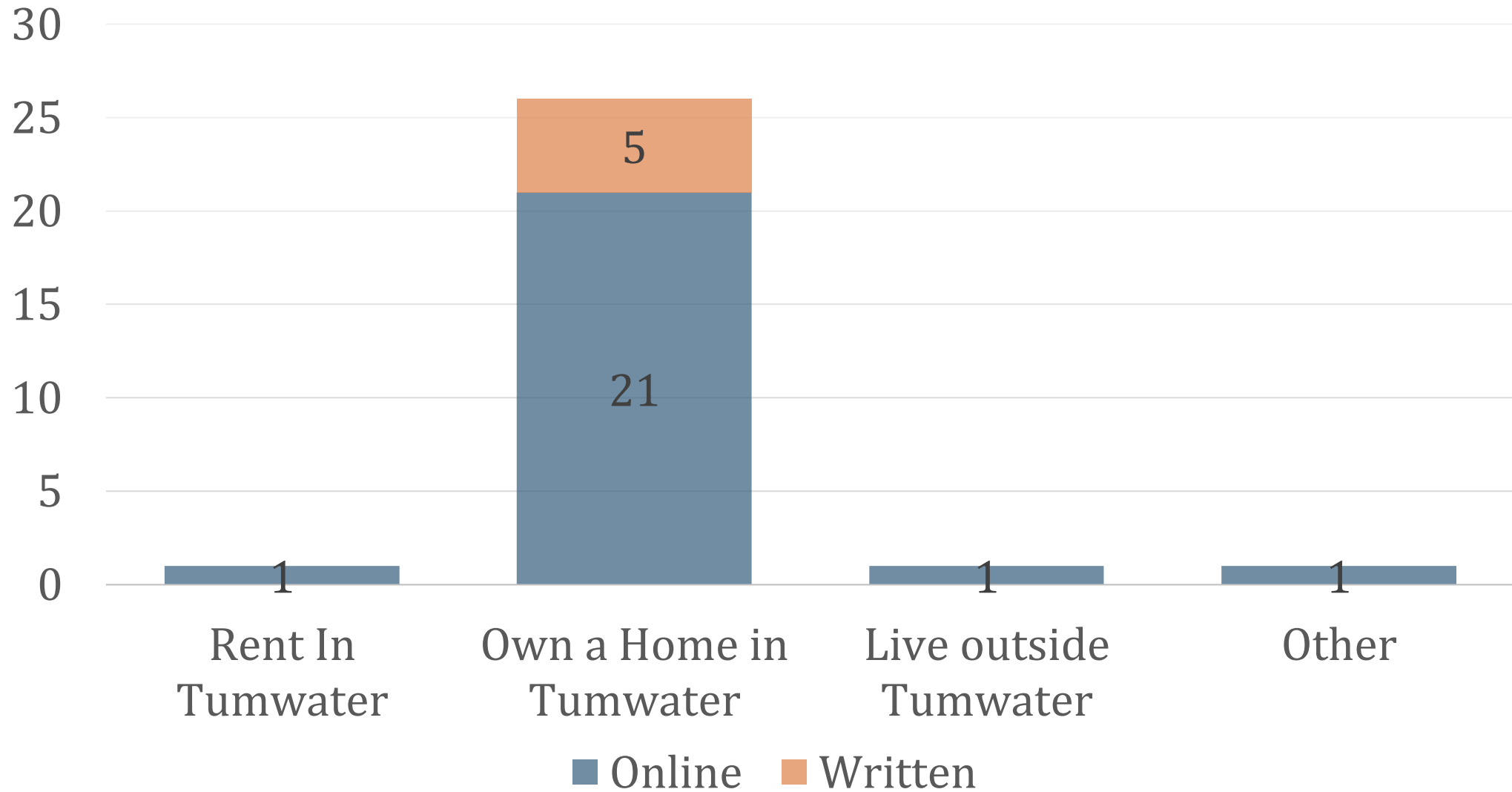
16 community members virtual

43 community members in person

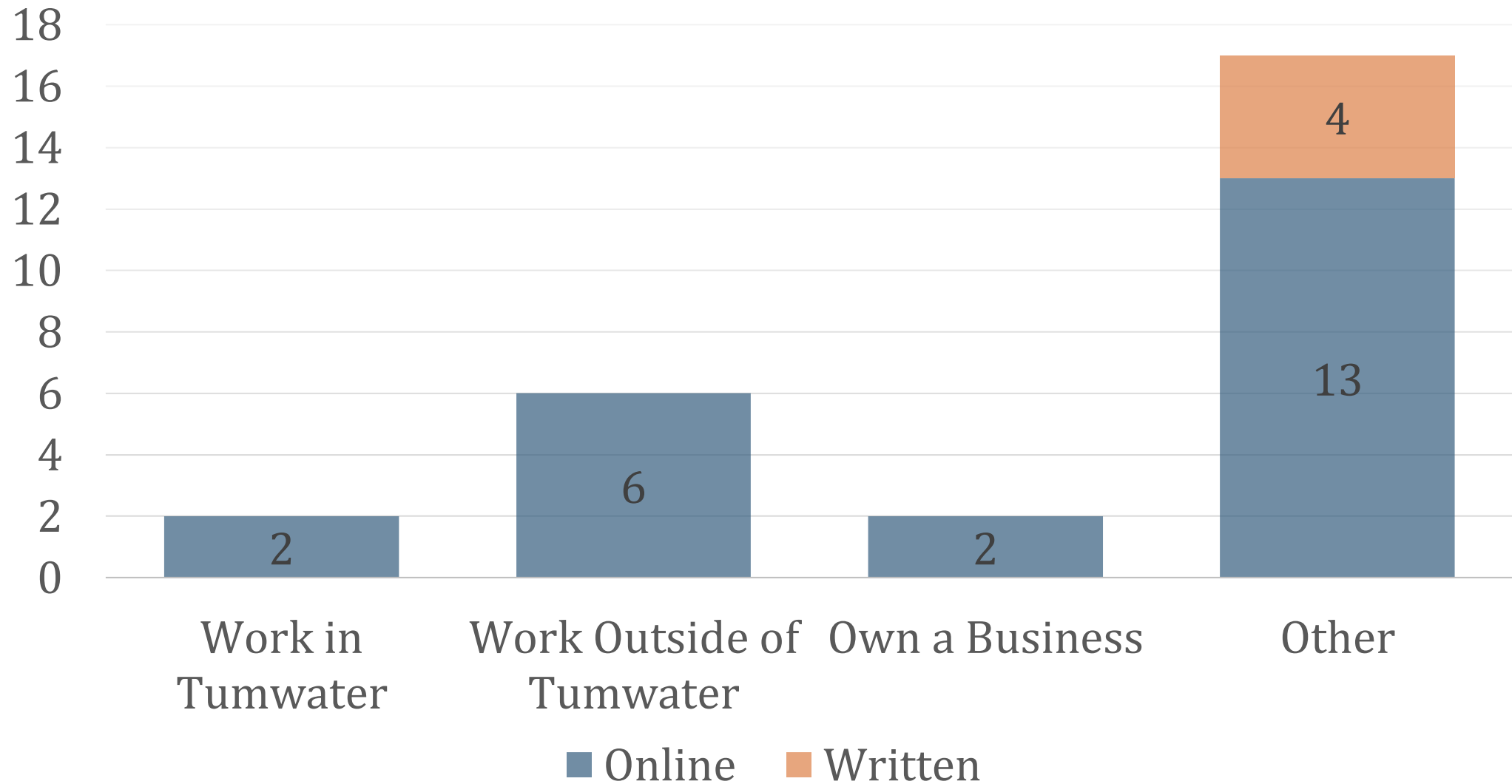
7 staff



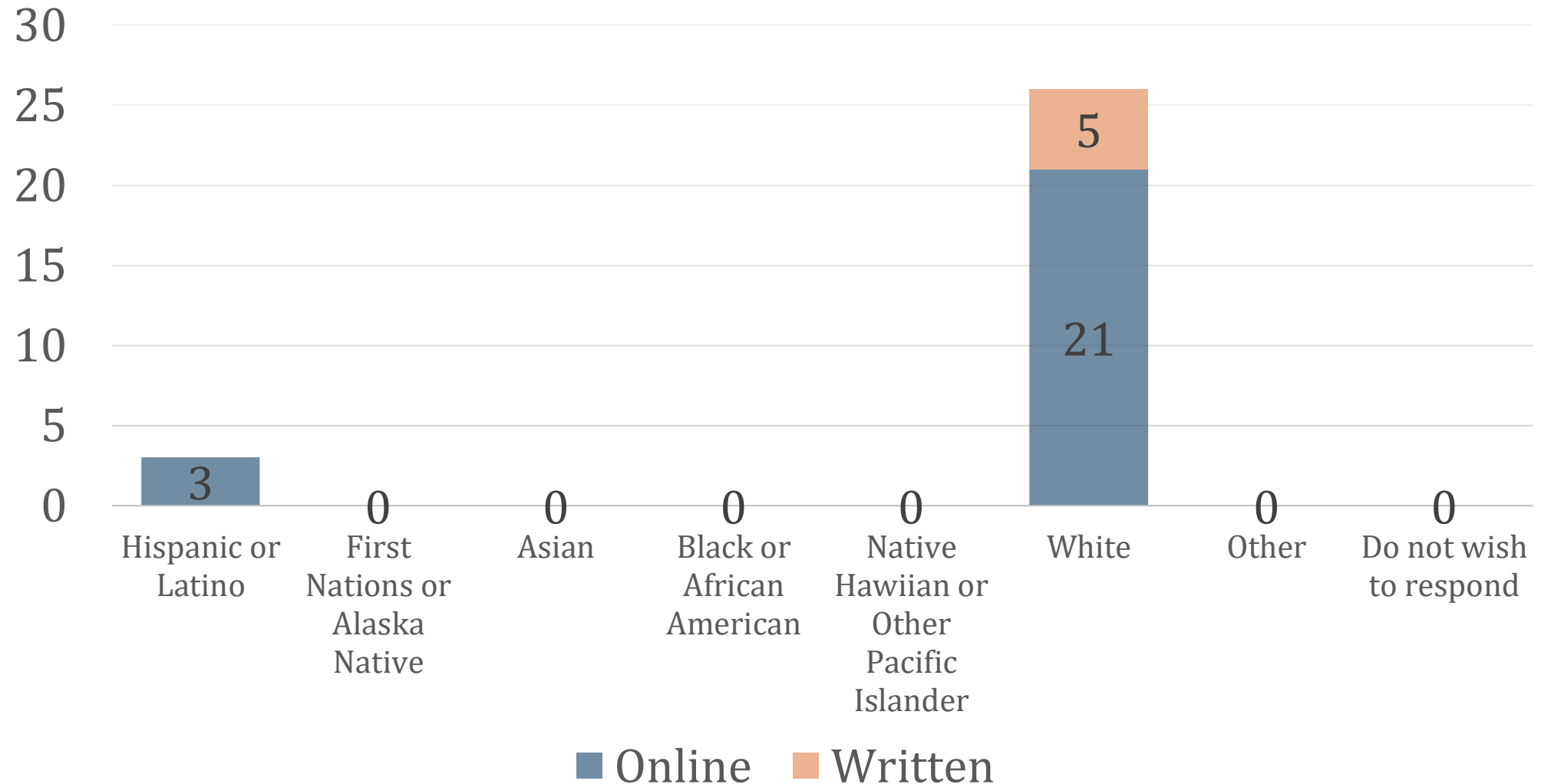
Where Do You live?



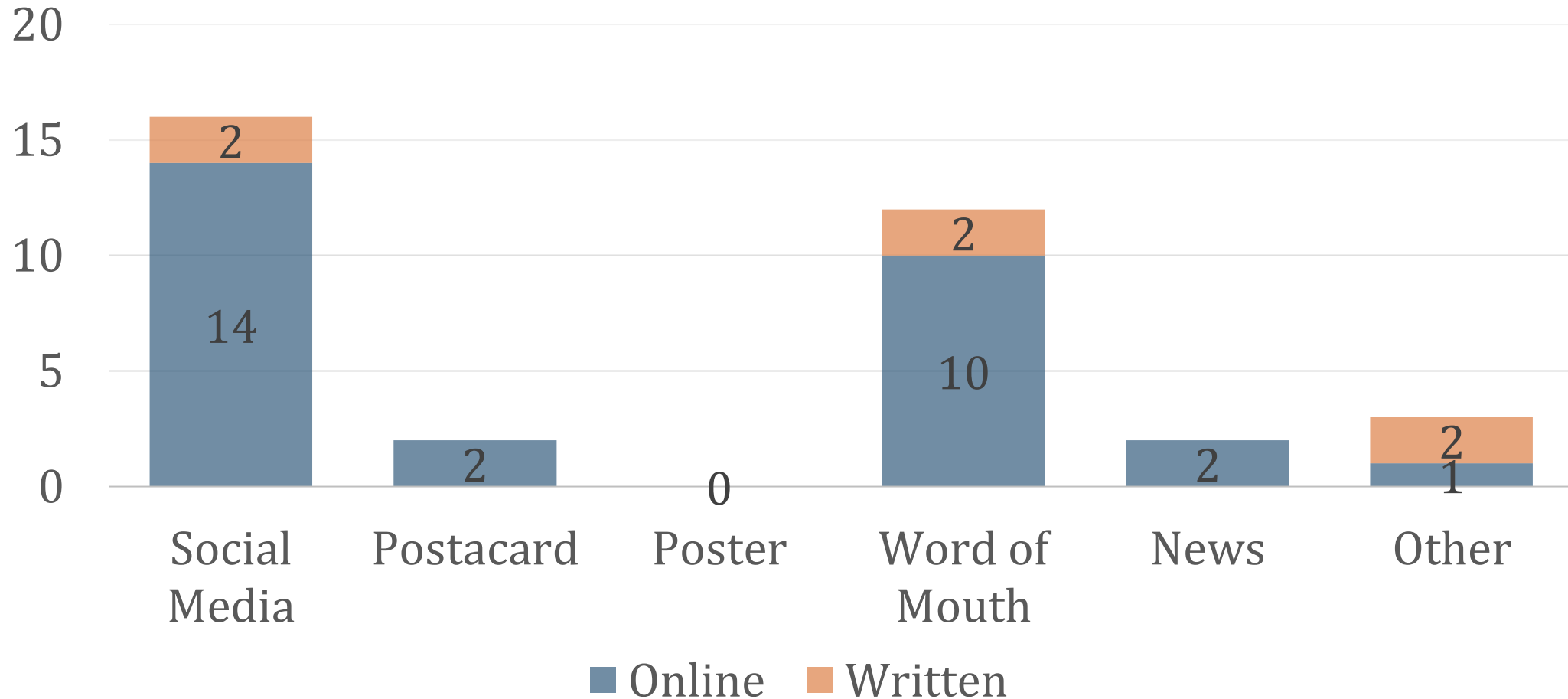
Where Do You Work?



What is Your Race and Ethnicity?



How Did You Hear About This Event?



Other responses included next-door app, a schoolteacher, senior center, and City staff



Questions Asked by Attendees

Are more essential facilities like schools and social services being proposed?

When will the survey results be posted?

Is the City trying to attract specific businesses or identify any that are lacking?

How will affordable housing be provided for future generations?

How can I be more involved with the housing challenges in our community?

How were housing projections determined?



Questions Asked by Attendees

How will density, land use, and zoning designations change?

How will the E-Street extension project be addressed?

Will old or unused sites be considered for redevelopment?

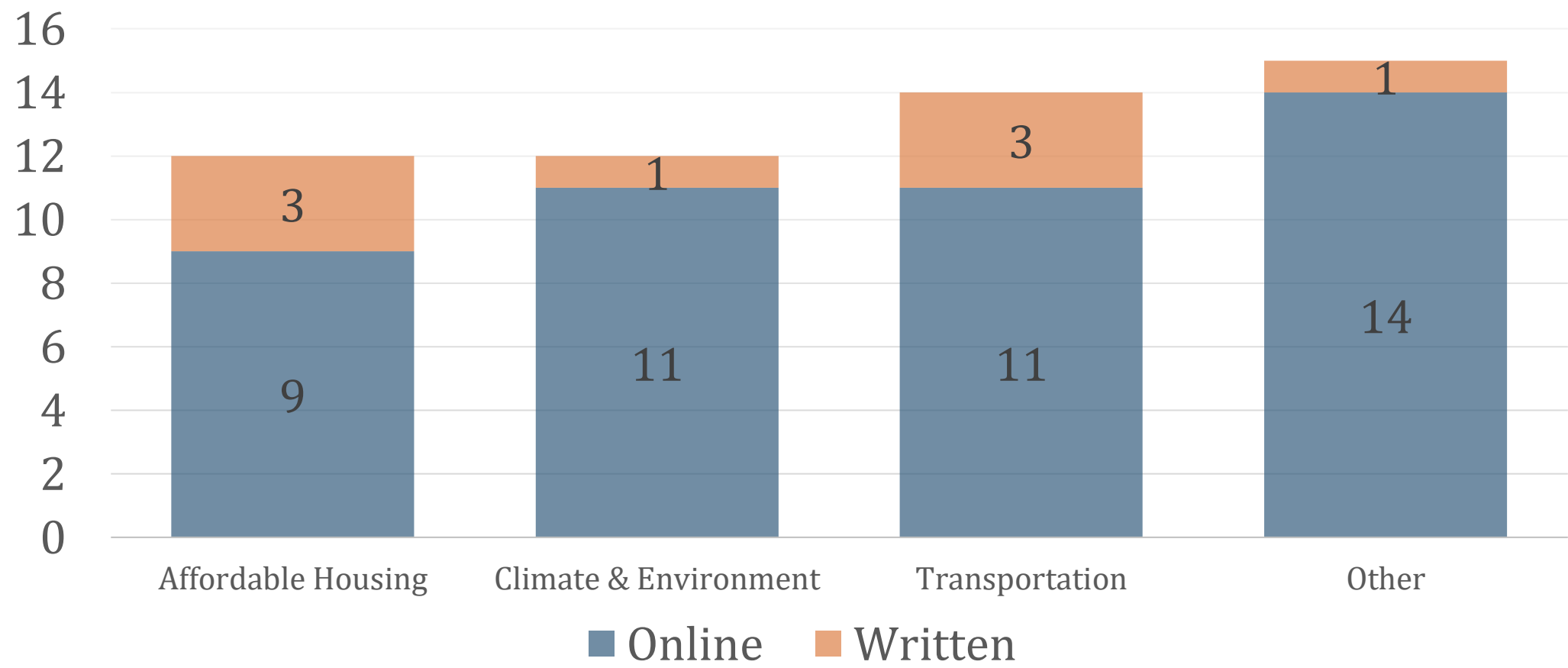
What are steps can be taken to address the housing crisis?

How do we create walkable neighborhoods and needed sidewalks?

How do we fund housing, services, essential facilities, and social services?



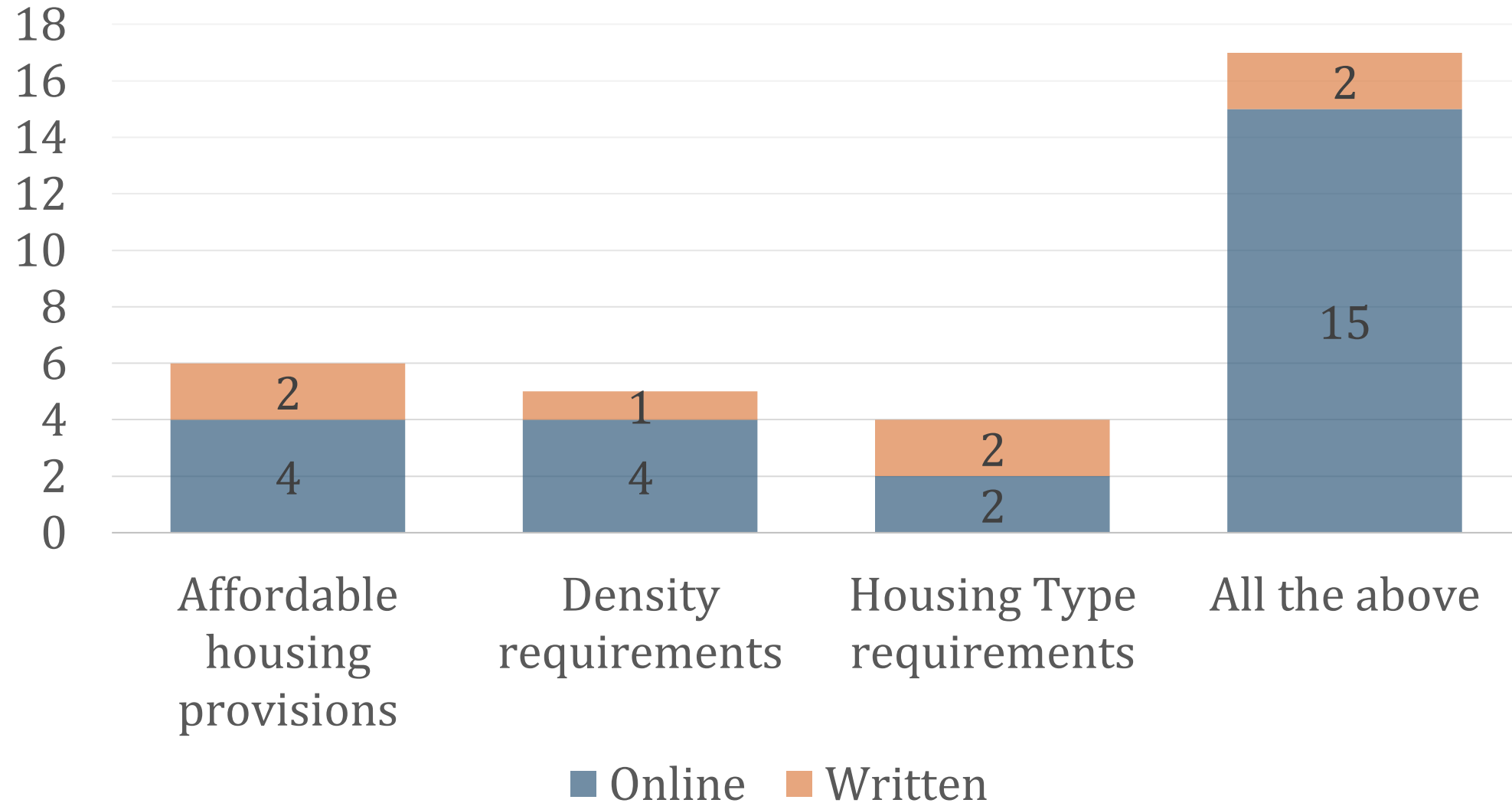
What Topics Do You Want to Learn About?



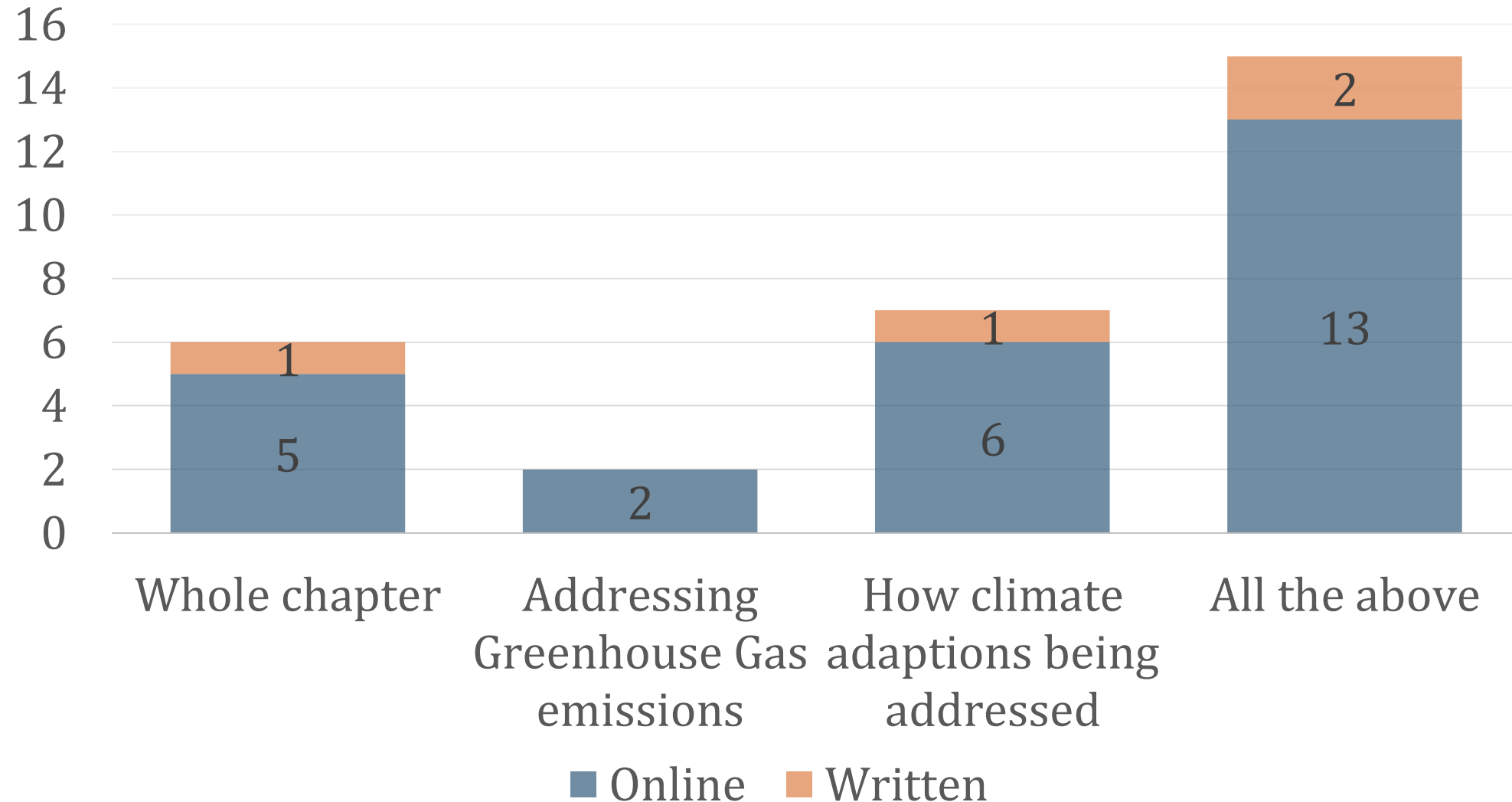
One vote for other specified growth as a topic



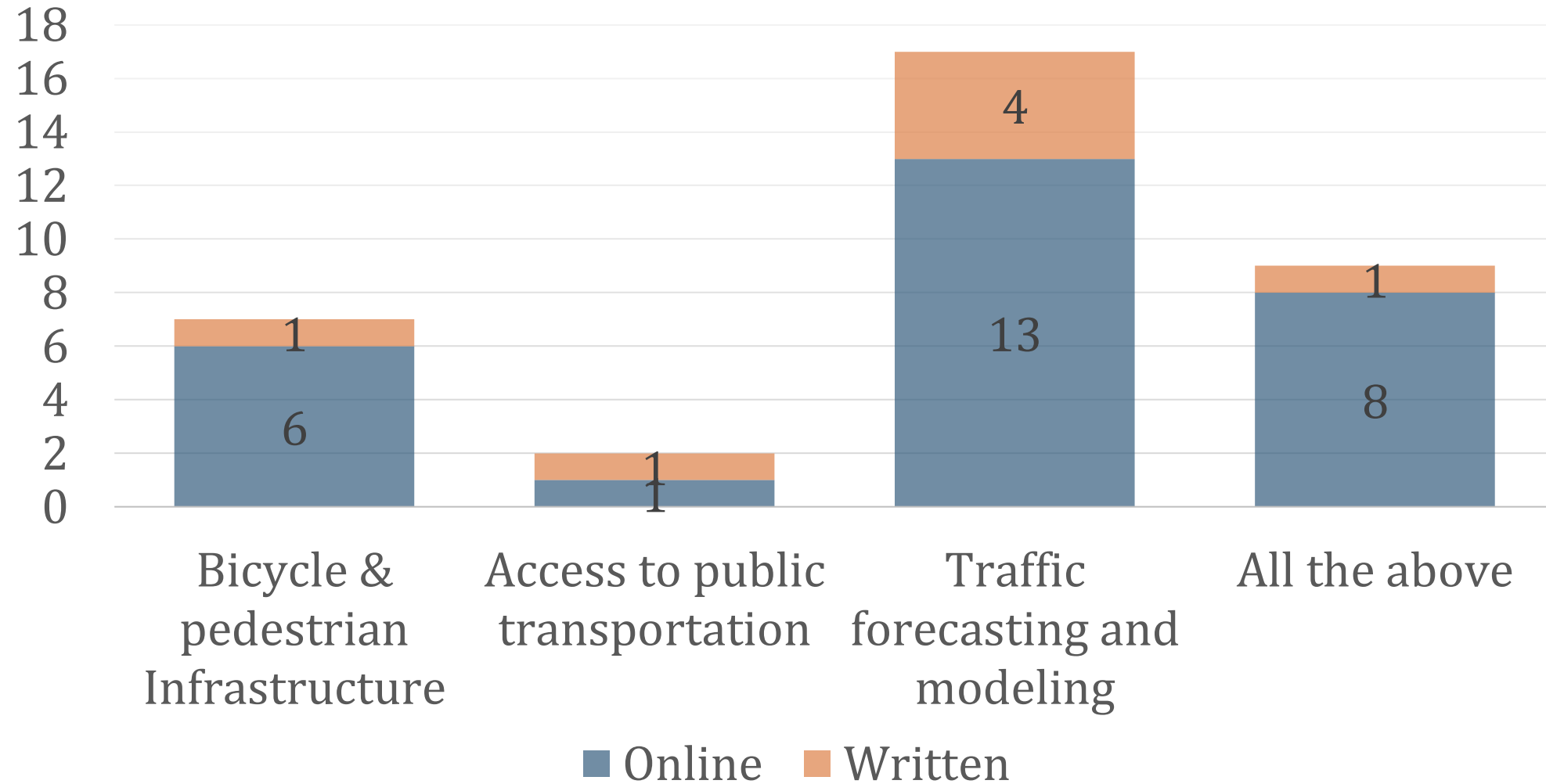
What Housing Issues Do You Want To Learn About?



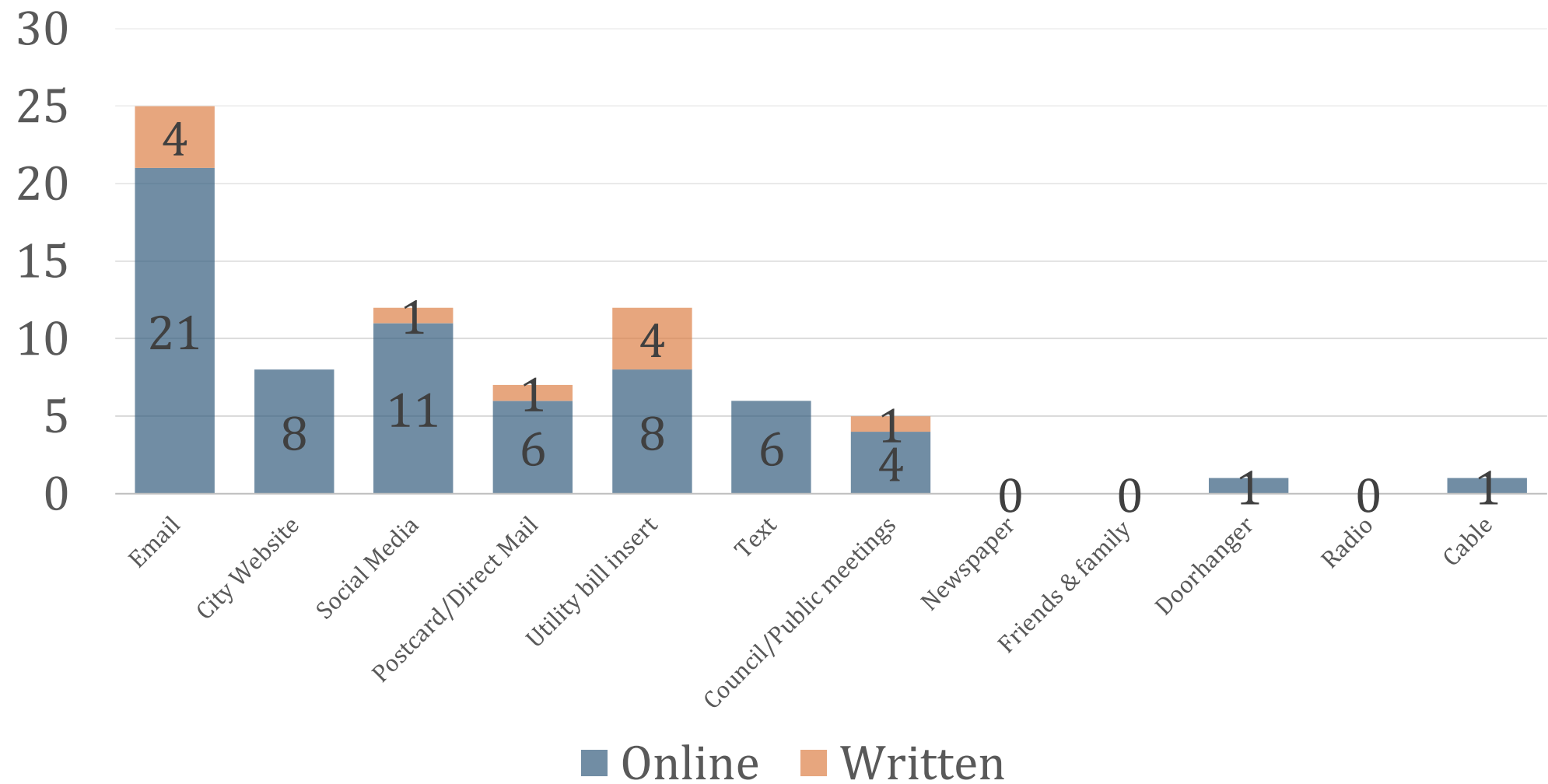
What Climate Issues Do You Want To Learn About?



What Transportation Issues Do You Want To Learn About?



Preferred Way To Find Out About Future Conversations?



Update Phases

Phase 1 – 2024-25 – Community Engagement

- Data Collection
- Review of Existing Plan Elements, Development Code, and State Requirements
- Community Engagement – Website, Social Media, Community Survey, and Open Houses

Phase 2 – 2024 – Plan Development

- Open Houses on specific topics such as housing, climate, and transportation
- Planning Commission and City Council meeting on proposed amendments

Phase 3 – 2025 – Legislative Adoption Process

- Planning Commission review and public hearing(s)
- City Council review and approval



Ongoing Updates

- Staff will update the City Council and Planning Commission on the community engagement effort throughout the periodic update
- The community will be notified of key meetings and open houses via the periodic update webpage, social media, Tumwater On-Tap e-newsletter, and City email contact list



Submitting Comments or Questions

Written comments or questions are welcome at any time during the periodic update process

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