



Town of Upper Marlboro - Charter Amendment Survey - Results

From March 6 through April 21 of 2025, the Town of Upper Marlboro conducted an online survey of its residents regarding a proposed Charter Amendment. The Survey was shared with the public through email distribution lists, social media, and via a hand-delivered flyer. The flyers went to each household on the weekend of March 6-8. At this time, paper copies of the survey were dropped off at households where online participation may have been challenging.

The survey briefly described the proposed amendment, provided a link to the text of the proposed amendment, and had three questions:

1. Do you support or oppose this amendment?
2. Have you come out to vote in a Special Election in the Town?
3. Does the cost of an off-cycle Special Election impact your decision on this Charter Amendment?

The survey was set up so that only residents could complete the survey, as a valid Town Street Address was a required element of the survey. Residents were thanked for their participation and encouraged to attend the Town's meetings and work sessions.

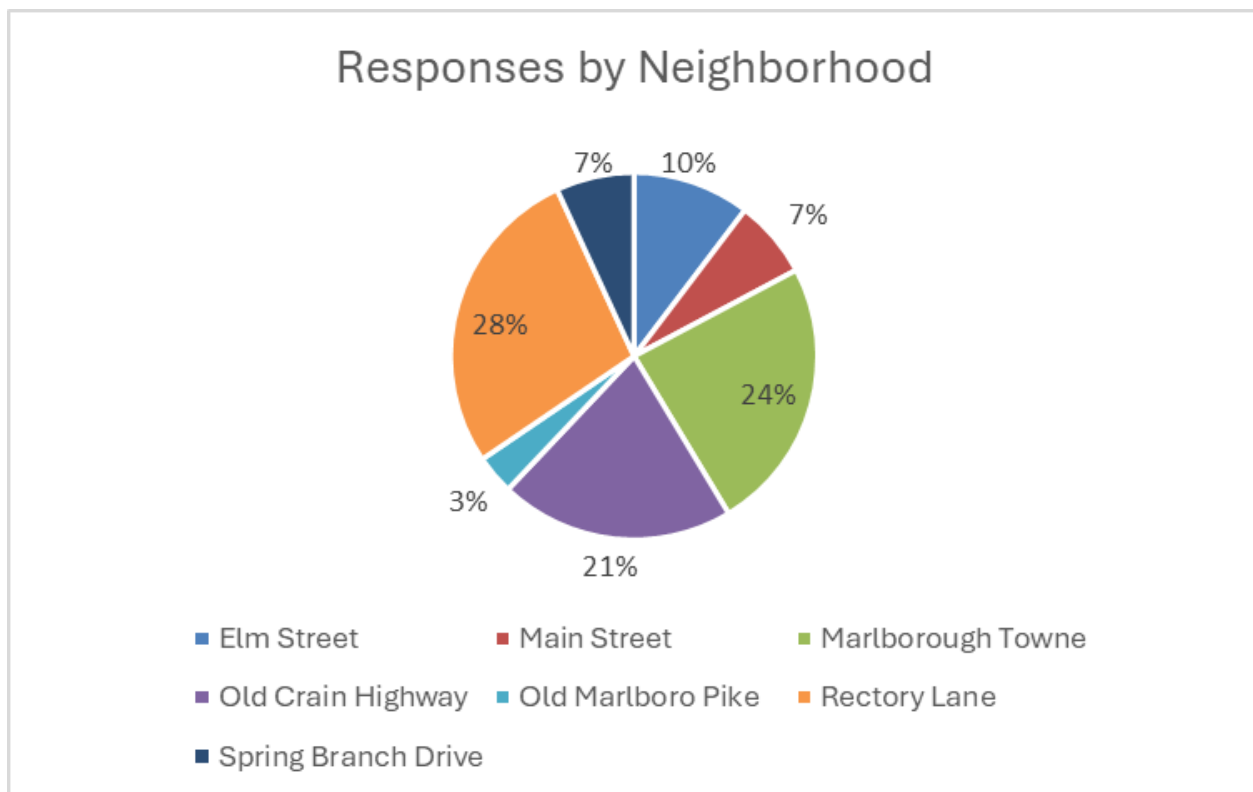


Respondents

This survey had a total of 29 respondents. All of the respondents responded online. No paper survey forms were returned. A copy of the survey form is provided at the end of the description of results.

The respondents to our survey we distributed throughout various areas of Town. The locations of respondents are illustrated in the following table and chart.

Neighborhood	Number of Responses
Elm Street	3
Main Street	2
Marlborough Towne	7
Old Crain Highway	6
Old Marlboro Pike	1
Rectory Lane	8
Spring Branch Drive	2
TOTAL	29



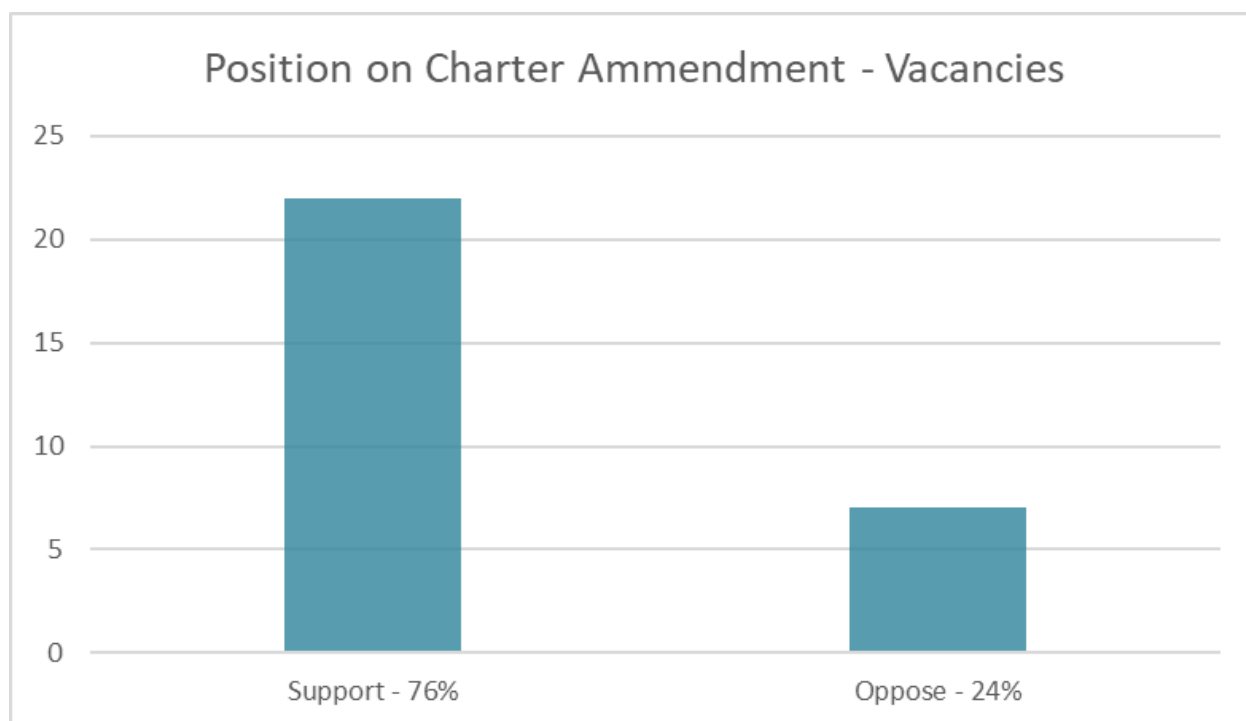


Question #1: Do you support or oppose this amendment?

The responses to this question are provided in the table and chart below. The results indicate support for this amendment from 74% of respondents.

Do you support or oppose this amendment?

Support	Oppose
22	7
76%	24%



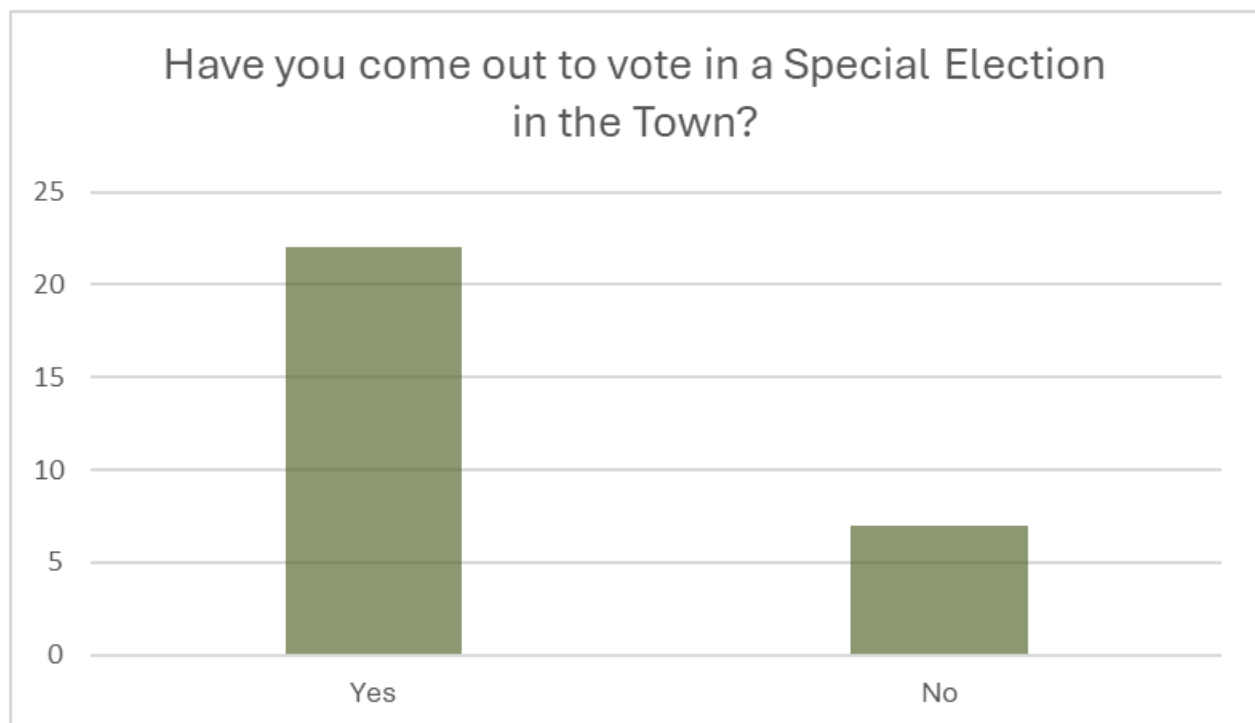


Question #2: Have you come out to vote in a Special Election in the Town?

The responses to this question are provided in the table and chart below. It is interesting to note that the results of this question match those of question number one. This is complete alignment of support for the amendment and the previous special election voting. In fact, of those who opposed the amendment, only one respondent had not voted in a previous election. Of those who supported the amendment, sixteen had previously voted in a Special Election, while six had not.

Have you come out to vote in a Special Election in the Town?

Yes	No
22	7



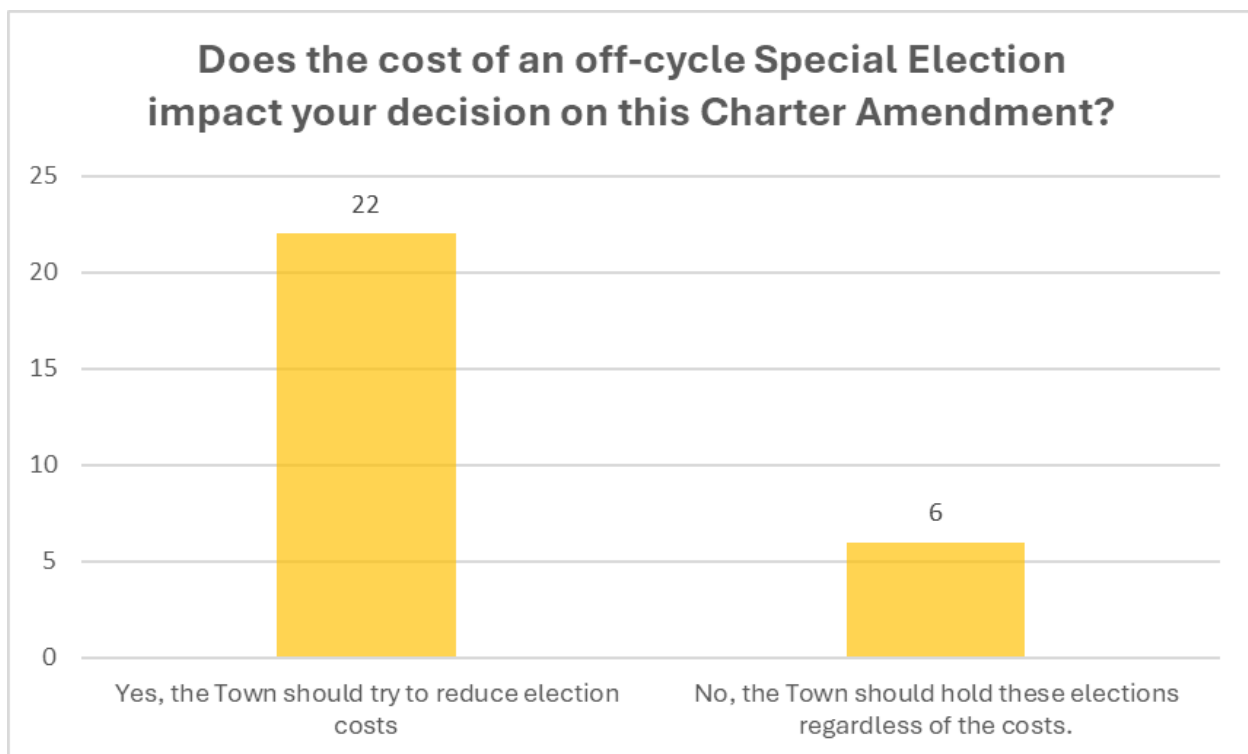


Question #3: Does the cost of an off-cycle Special Election impact your decision on this Charter Amendment?

The responses to this question are provided in the table and chart below. The results of this question match those of question number one.

Does the cost of an off-cycle Special Election impact your decision on this Charter Amendment?

Yes, the Town should try to reduce election costs	22
No, the Town should hold these elections regardless of the costs.	6



*Note that there are only 28 responses to this question. One respondent chose both options for their answer, and the data from this one question was thrown out due to this response error.



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* Name

* House Number

* Street Name

-- Select an Option --

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Have Your Say on a Proposed Charter Amendment!

Our **Town Charter** is essentially the **foundation of our local government**—like a constitution, it outlines how our town operates, from the powers of elected officials to the rights and responsibilities of our community.

The Board of Commissioners has introduced a charter amendment that would allow vacancies on the board to be filled by appointment when less than half of a commissioner’s term remains. The Charter currently requires a Special Election (approximate direct cost \$2,100) when there is a vacancy more than 60 days from the date of the General Election.

The proposed process would include an **application period, public advertising, and a requirement for applicants to gain community support** before being considered.

Below, you’ll find the proposed new language permitting these appointments. You can also review the **full text of the amendment** [here](#).

We want to hear from **YOU!** Share your thoughts on this amendment and help shape the future of our town.

* Do you support or oppose this ammendment?

☐ Support

☐ Oppose

You must choose at least one option

Additional comments

* Have you come out to vote in an Special Election in the Town?

☐ Yes

☐ No

You must choose at least one option

* Does the cost of an off-cycle Special Election impact your decision on this Charter Amendment?

☐ Yes, the Town should try to reduce election costs

☐ No, the Town should hold these elections regardless of the costs.

You must choose at least one option

Thank you for your participation!

Don't forget to attend the Town Work Session on March 11th as well as the Public Hearing and Regular Town Meeting on March 25 where you can provide public comment in person.

If you would like to provide additional comments on this or any other matter please send us a comment here:
https://www.uppermarlbormd.gov/contact_us/virtual_comment_suggestion_box/index.php