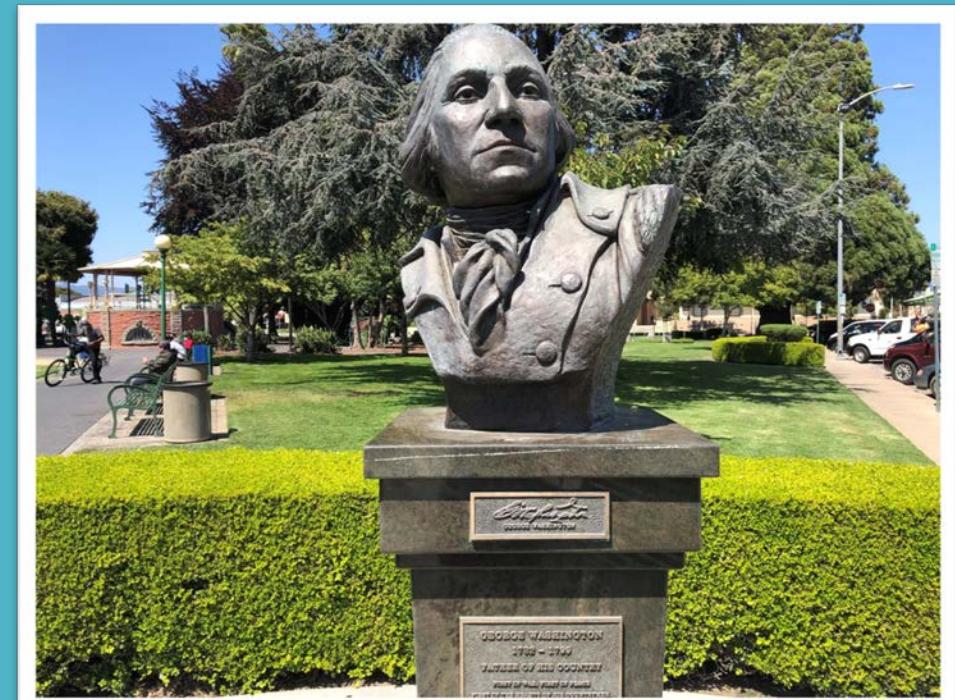


George Washington Bust – Community Survey Results

October 20, 2020, 6-8p

City of Watsonville



Purpose of Meeting and Agenda

Purpose: To explore constructive ideas/options for the George Washington Bust to present to the PRC that align with the spirit of the feedback received by Watsonville residents

Not For...	...But Rather
Rehashing the past	Focusing on the future
Persuading others that the bust should remain or be removed	Working together on solutions
Deciding who wins and who loses	Learning from each other

Tonight's Agenda

Item	Time
Introduction, Participation Guidelines and Background	10 minutes
Review Results of the Community Survey	30 minutes
Q&A on the Survey Results	20 minutes
Work TOGETHER to Explore Options	50 minutes
Wrap Up	10 minutes

Participation Guidelines

- Commit to working together towards solutions
- Assume positive intent
- Open and respectful communication
 - Listen for understanding
 - Listen respectfully, without interrupting
- Engage in dialogue, not debate
- Hold yourself and others accountable for demonstrating cultural humility.
- Others?

Background

July 2020

- 3 community initiated petitions
- 2 sit ins/demonstrations in front of the bust
- Many letters and emails sent to the Parks and Rec Commission, City Council and City Managers Office
- Petitions and correspondence clearly outlined two opposing arguments and positions on the placement of the Bust at the City Plaza
- High level of support for both sides

Background

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – August 3, 2020

- Study Session conducted to further understand community viewpoints
- An unprecedented community conversation
- Opportunity to determine what concerns needed to be addressed and what further information is needed

Unaddressed Concerns

- Concerns were expressed by individuals who advocated for removal and that it remain
- Concerns that:
 - Opinions expressed through petitions and other correspondence are from Non-Residents
 - Concerns that duplicate responses from individuals may be counted
 - Concerns that there was not enough time for community to learn about the discussion and weigh in on it

Community Survey

- Survey created to address these concerns
- Ability to better account for city residency
- Ability to better control for duplicate responses
- Ability to gather broader community input
 - *Cast a wide net*
 - *From a neutral source*
 - *Serve as education tool on the topic*
 - *Month long survey*
- Survey tool was created using language from petitions and other correspondence

Survey Details

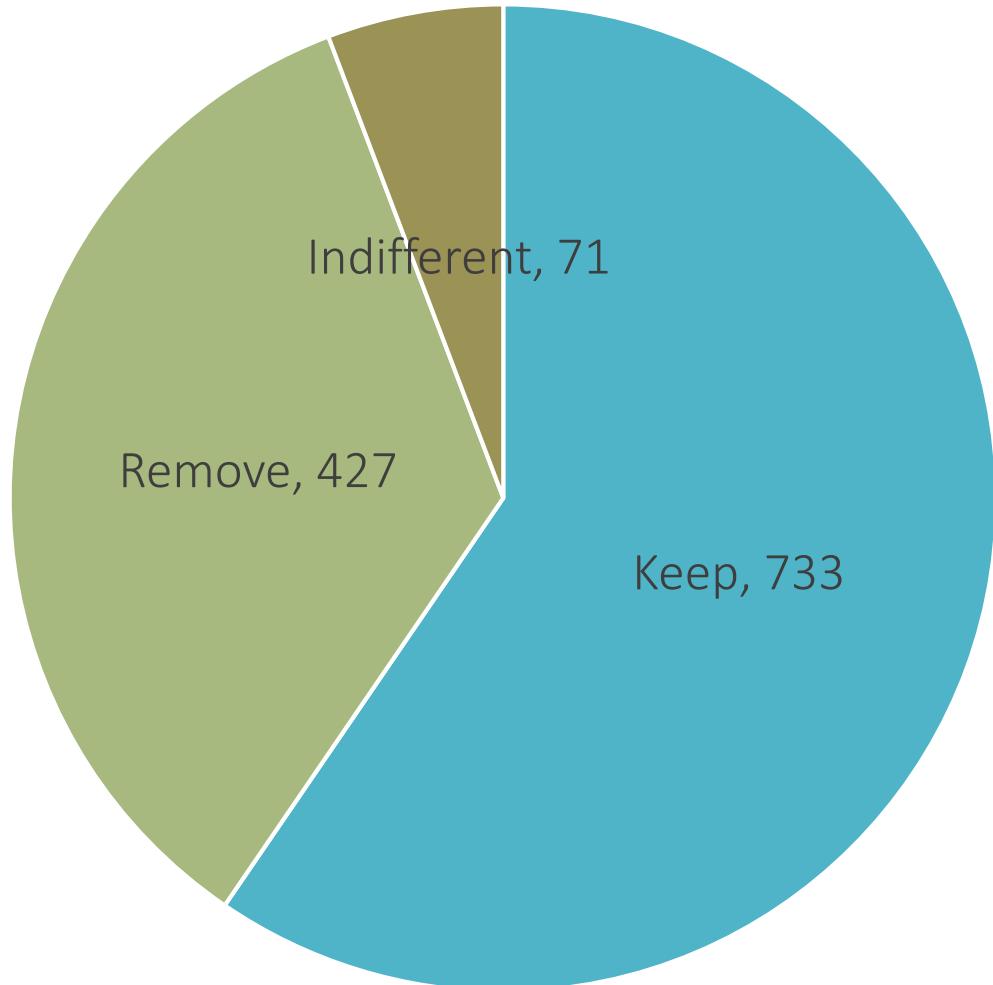
- **Collection Dates:** September 1 – 30, 2020
- **Survey Tool:** Survey Monkey
- **Number of Responses:** 1,231 (498 City residents)
- **Survey Validity** (based on est. population of 55,000)
 - **Sample Size Needed for 95% Confidence Level:** 382
 - **Margin of Error Based on Sample Size of 498:** 4%

Survey Questions

- Respondents asked about their option on the placement of the bust
- Respondents asked how strongly they felt in their opinion of the bust remaining or being removed from the City Plaza
- Respondents asked about reasons for their feelings
- Respondents asked about actions they would support
- Respondents asked for name and address (email and phone changed to optional)

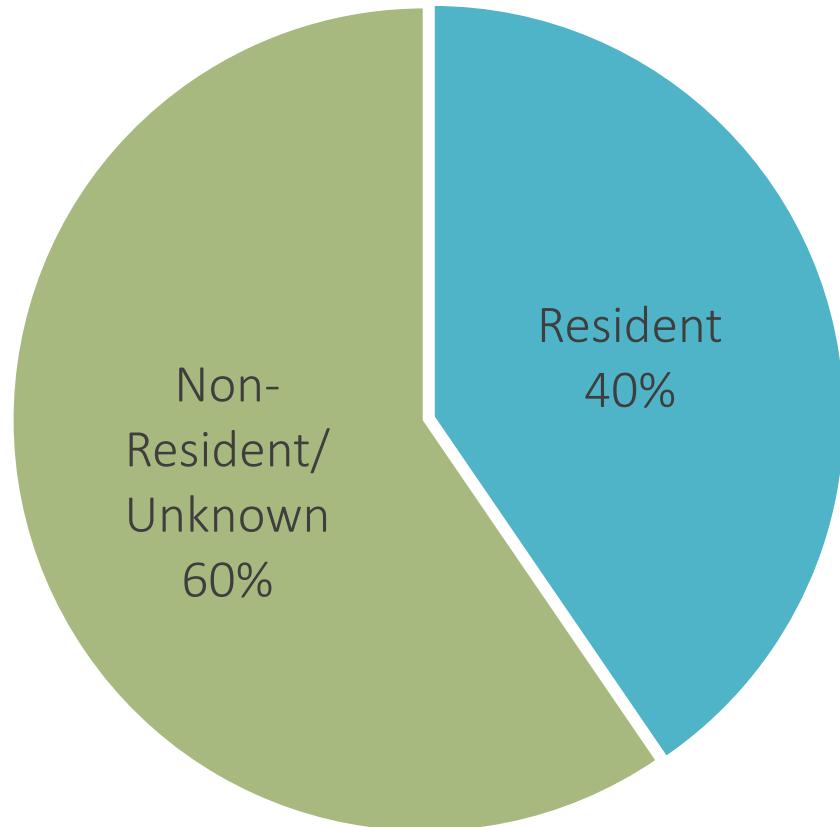
Summary and City Residency

Survey Summary (Question 1)



	Total	%
I think the bust should remain in the City Plaza.	733	60%
I think the bust should be removed from the City Plaza.	427	35%
I am indifferent.	71	6%
TOTALS	1231	100%

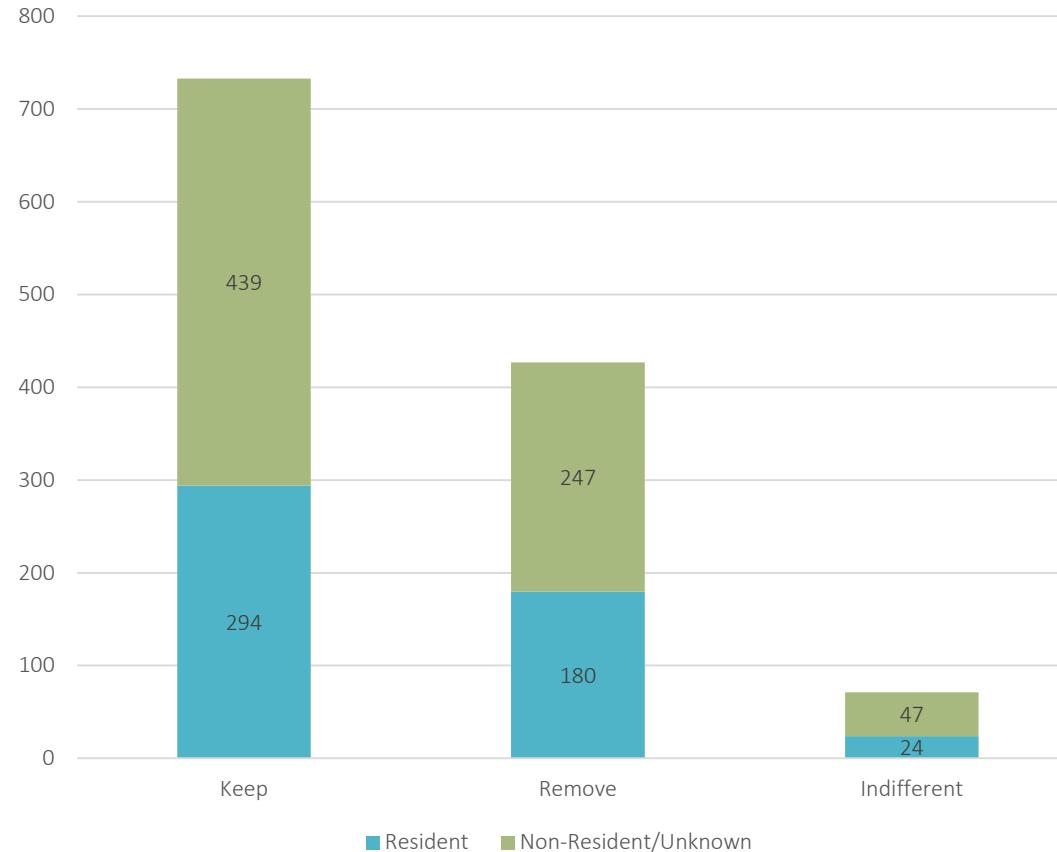
Residency of Respondents



	#	%
Residents	498	40%
Non-Residents	733	60%
TOTALS	1,231	100%

- **Residents** - Provided a verified address, within Watsonville City limits
- **Non-Resident/Unknown**
 - Provided an address outside of Watsonville
 - Provided an unverified address
 - Did not enter an address

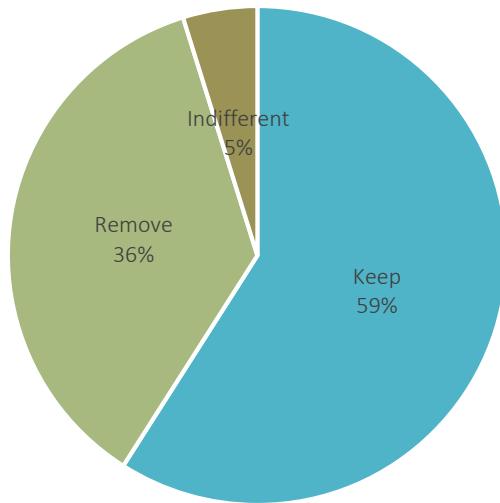
Survey Summary with Residency



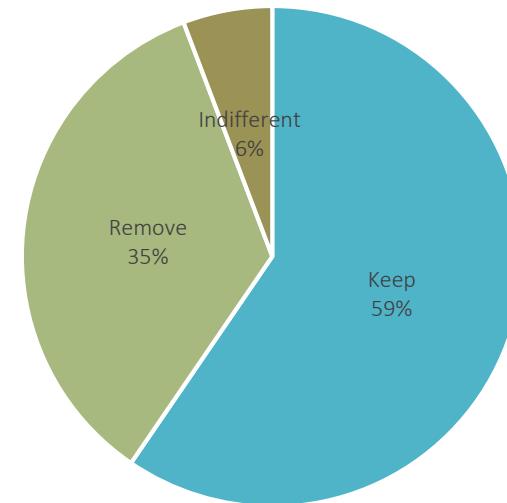
	KEEP		REMOVE		INDIFFERENT		TOTAL
Resident	294	59%	180	36%	24	5%	498
Non-Resident/Unknown	439	60%	247	34%	47	6%	732
Total	733	60%	427	35%	71	6%	1231

Survey Summary (Residents vs. All Respondents)

City Residents Only



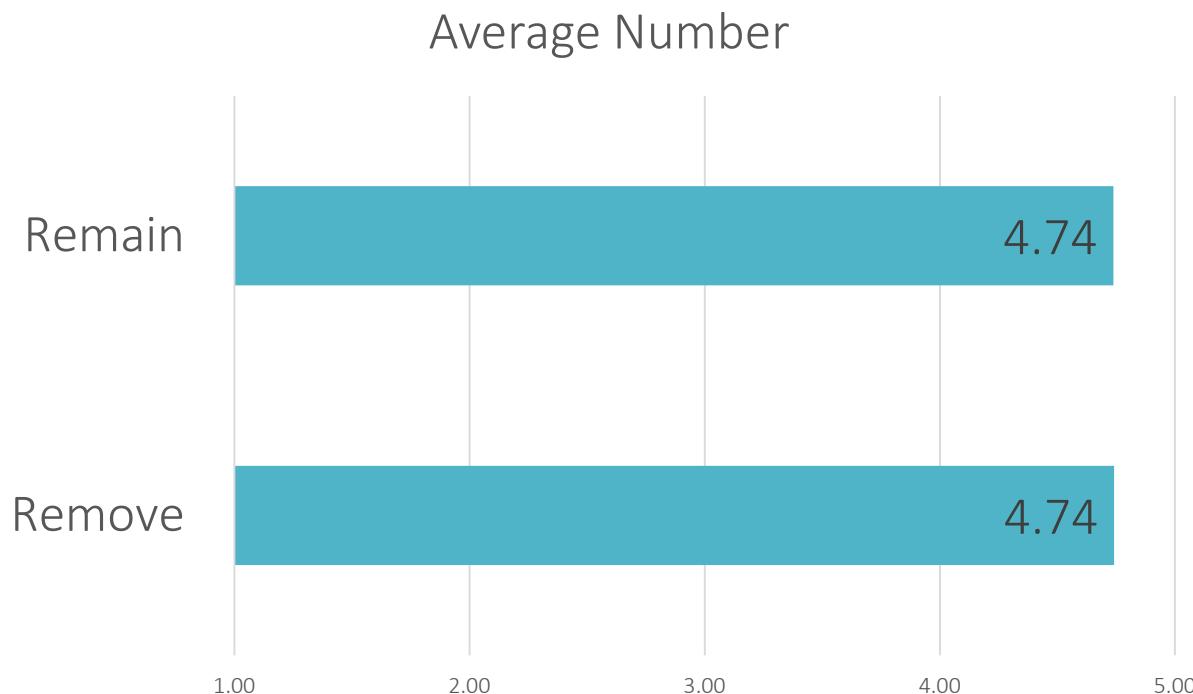
All Respondents



	Residents	%	All	%
Keep	294	59%	733	59%
Remove	180	36%	427	35%
Indifferent	24	5%	71	6%
TOTALS	498	100%	1231	100%

Follow Up Questions – How strongly do you feel?

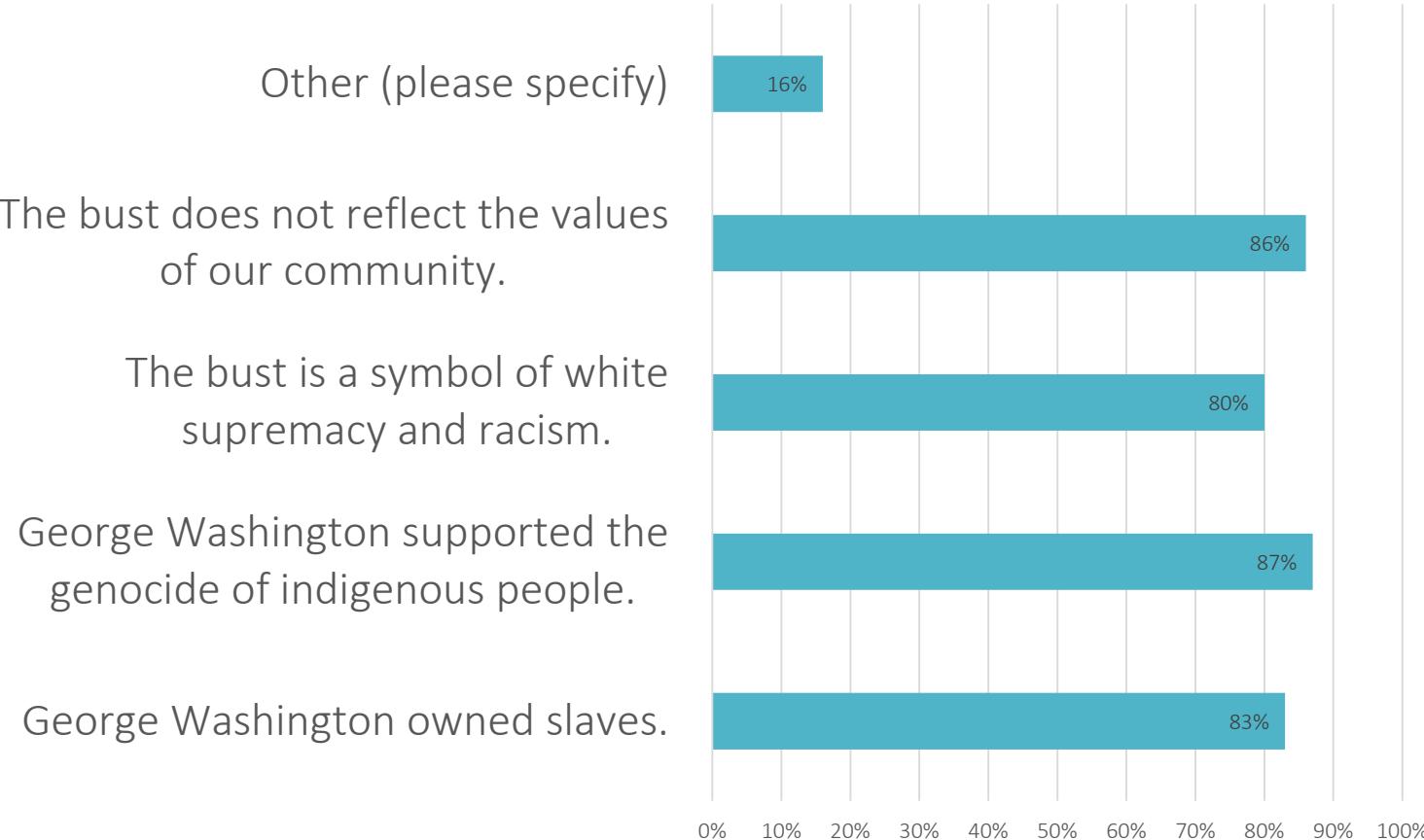
On a scale of 1-5, how strongly do you feel that the bust should be removed from/remain in the City Plaza (1 being the least strong and 5 being the strongest)?



Reasons for Removal or
that it Remain

Reasons for Removal

Which of the following are reasons that you feel the bust should be removed (check all that apply)?



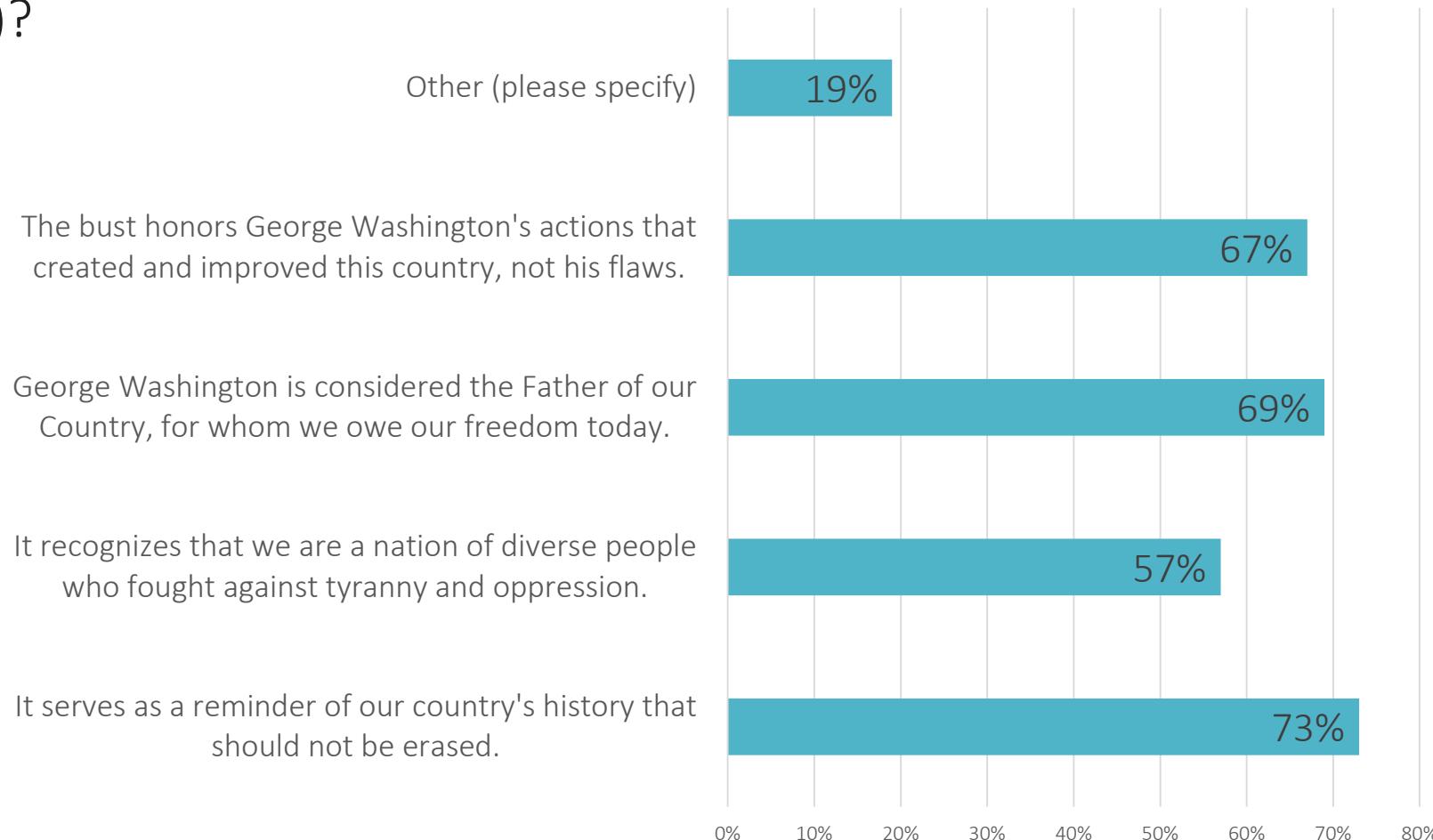
Reasons for Removal

Other:

- Bust ignores other parts of history/tells an incomplete story
- George Washington is irrelevant to local history
- Need a symbol that better represents our community
- George Washington represents oppression, racism, slavery
- It is ugly

Reasons to Remain

Which of the following are reasons that you feel the bust should remain (check all that apply)?



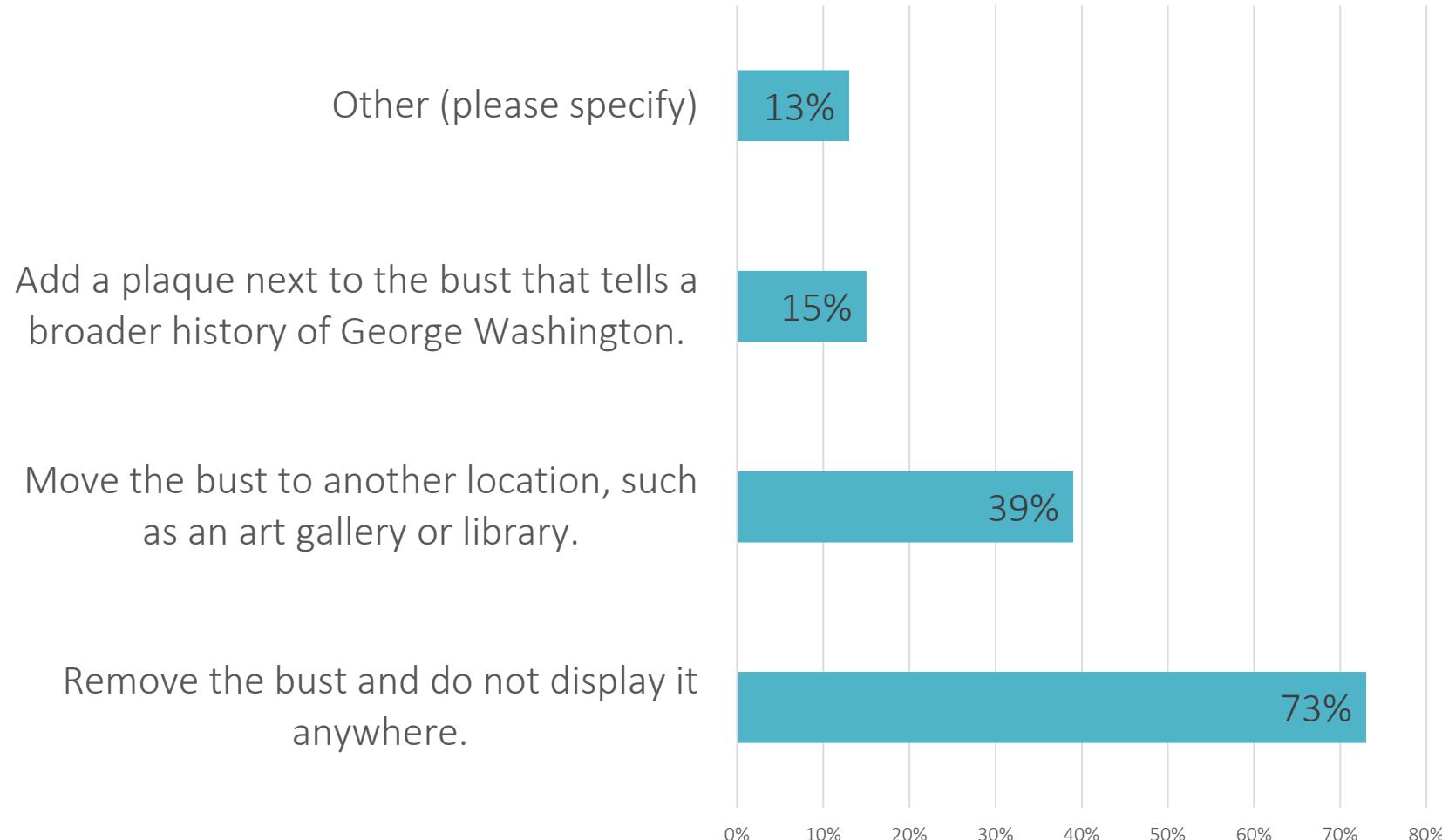
Reasons to Remain

Other:

- All people are flawed
- Can't apply today's values to the past
- It was a donation that the City Council accepted
- George Washington freed his slaves
- We would not have the freedoms we have today if not for George Washington
- We should learn from history, not erase it
- Slavery was practiced throughout history, including in European, African and Aztec cultures

Possible Actions

Possible Actions - Respondents in Favor of Removal

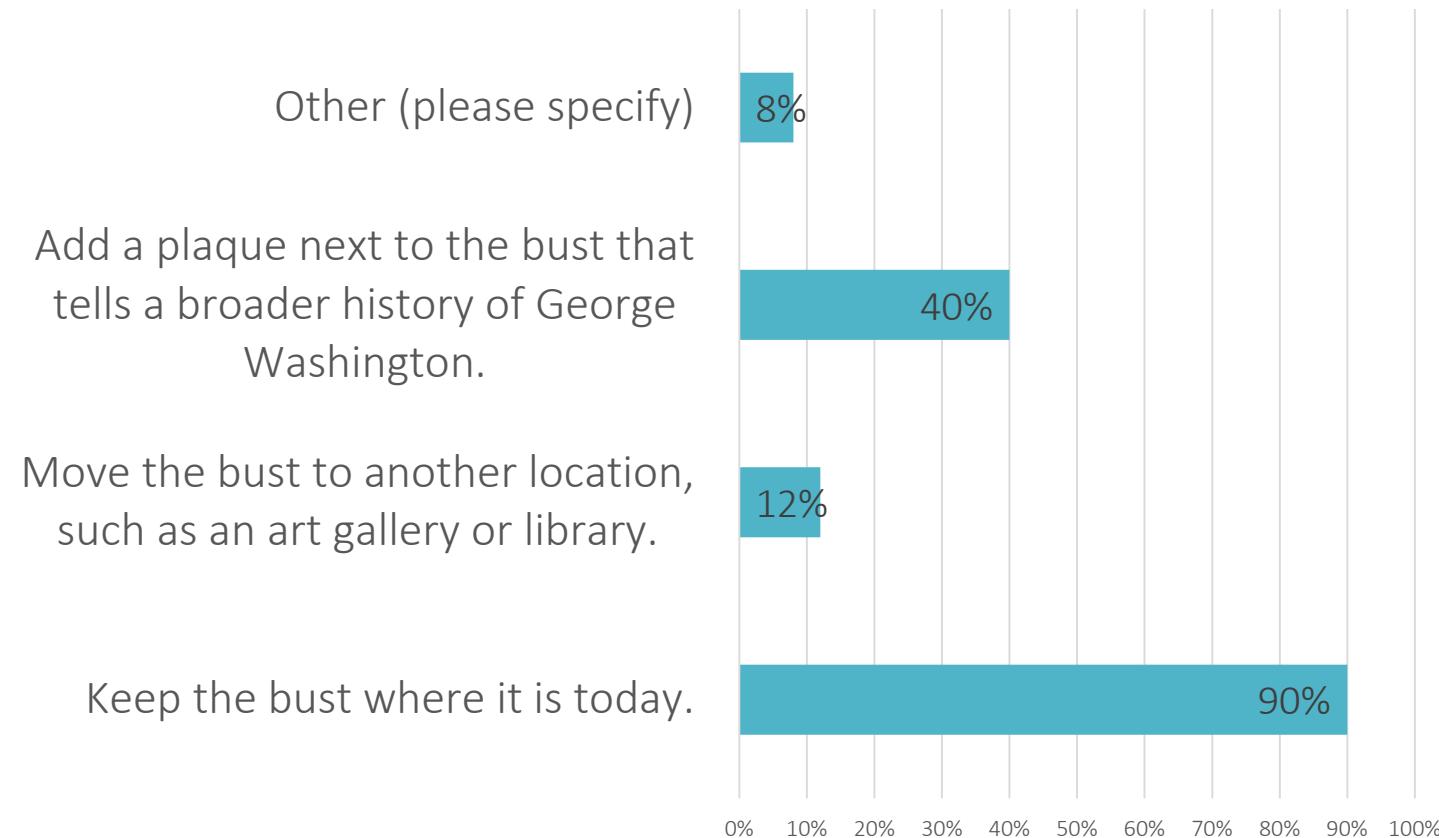


Possible Actions - Respondents in Favor of Removal

Other:

- Replace it with a statue of another historical figure
- Return it to the Alaga Family
- Relocate it **and** add a plaque that tells a broader history
- Add other statues of historical figures to the City Plaza

Possible Actions - Respondents in Favor of Remaining

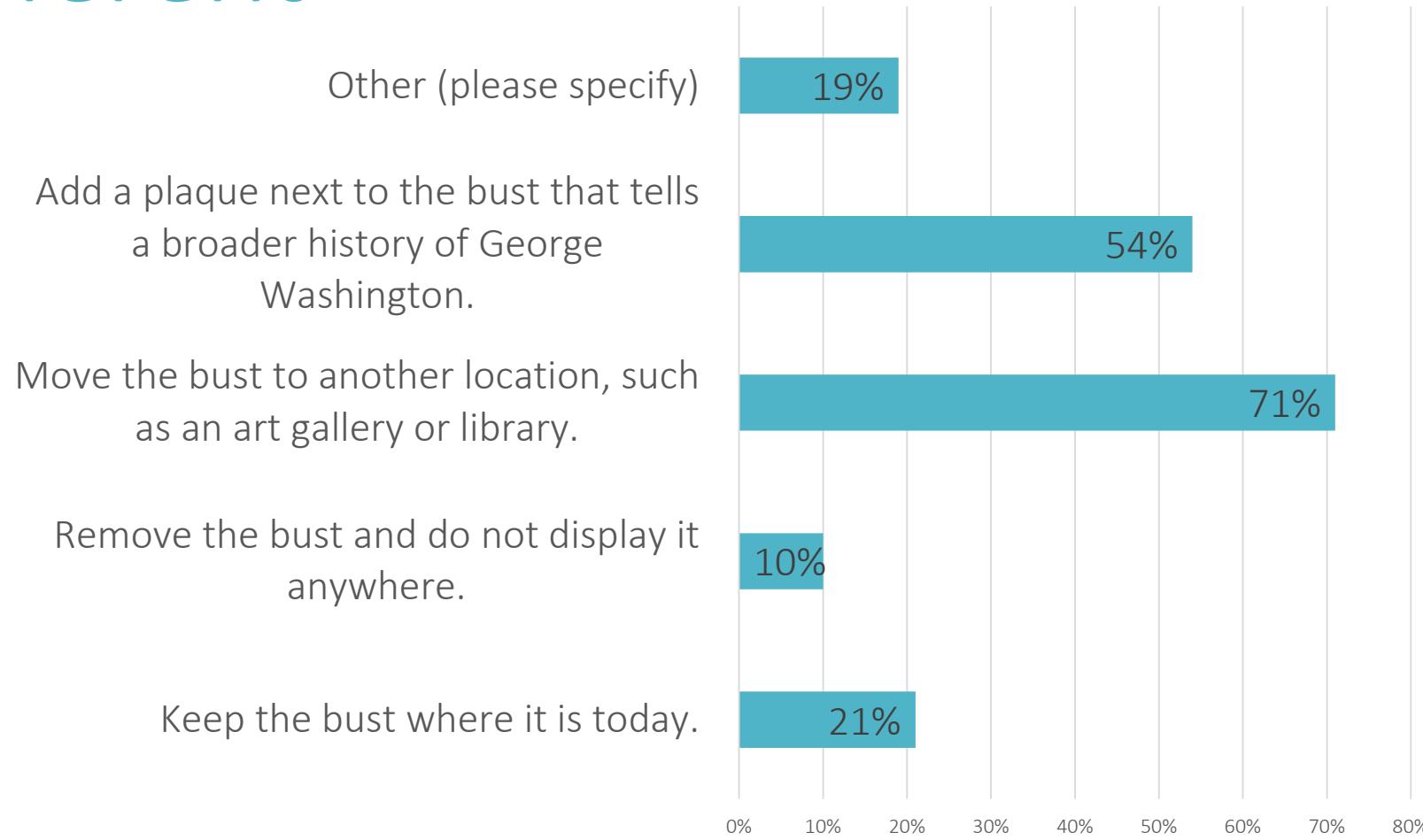


Possible Actions - Respondents in Favor of Remaining

Other:

- Add statues/art that honor other leaders, heritages
- If it is removed, give the money back to Alaga Family
- If it is removed, do not replace it

Possible Actions - Respondents who are Indifferent



Questions

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- Hold yourself and others accountable for demonstrating cultural humility.
- Others?

Explore Options

Next Steps

- Develop options for consideration of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC)
- November 2: PRC Meeting – PRC to select a path forward

Participation Guidelines

- Commit to working together towards solutions
- Assume positive intent
- Open and respectful communication
 - Listen for understanding
 - Listen respectfully, without interrupting
- Engage in dialogue, not debate - Commit to learning. Comment in order to share information, not to persuade.
- Hold yourself and others accountable for demonstrating cultural humility.
- Others?

Options

Based on survey results, the following will be presented to the PRC as options:

1. Remain

- Take no action - Keep the bust where it is and do nothing else.

2. Remain with Plaque

- Keep the bust where it is and add a plaque that tells a broader history of GW

3. Relocate

- Move the bust to be displayed in another location (potentially City Hall, Library, PV Arts). Could also add a plaque.

4. Remove

- Remove the bust and do not display in anywhere (could be returned to the Alaga Family or kept by the City for safekeeping).

Potential Additional Actions

- If the bust is removed...Replace it with a statue of a different historical figure
- If the bust remains...Add additional statue(s) of other historical figure(s)

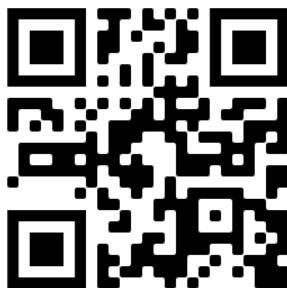
*Both of these additional steps would require funding (The GW Bust cost \$70,000 in 2000)

Other Potential
Options?

Parting Thoughts

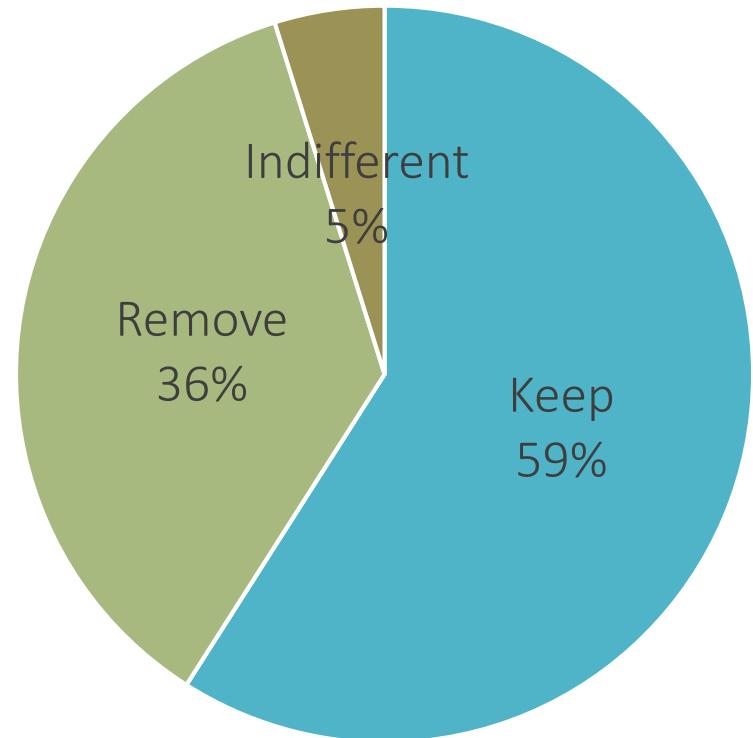
Next Steps

- Develop options for consideration of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC)
- November 2 (6:30p): PRC Meeting – PRC to select a path forward
 - <https://zoom.us/j/91053093798>
Or Telephone: +1 213 338 8477 Webinar ID: 910 5309 3798



Thank You!

Survey Summary – Residents Only



	Resident	%
Keep	294	59%
Remove	180	36%
Indifferent	24	5%
TOTALS	498	100%

Petitions

Survey	# of Signers (as of 10/12/20)	City Residents
Remove		
Remove George Washington statue from Watsonville plaza (change.org)	1,496	679 (45%)
TOTAL REMOVE	1,496	
Remain		
Save the George Washington Statue located in our downtown park (change.org)	30	
Save Watsonville George Washington Statue (gopetition.com)	486 (online) <u>53 (written)</u> 539 Total	326 (60%)
TOTAL REMAIN	569	

Notes:

- Residency of the signers of each of these petitions is unconfirmed.
- Individuals did/may have signed petitions more than once.

Correspondence Received (July 2020 – October 12, 2020)

Letters/Emails/Phone Calls

	#	%
Remain	75	63%
Remove	45	38%
TOTAL	120	

City Residency

- **Letters/Emails**
 - 12% reported they were Watsonville City residents.
 - 88% Reported they were not City residents or did not include residency information.
- **Phone Calls** – Documentation of residency no available.

Speakers during PRC Meeting on August 3, 2020

Type	#	%
Remain	13	33%
Remove	27	68%
TOTAL	40	

City Residency

- 18% reported they were Watsonville City residents.
- 82% Reported they were not City residents or did not provide residency information.

Total – All Correspondence

Source	Keep			Remove			Indifferent			TOTALS
	Resident	Non-Resident/Unknown	Total	Resident	Non-Resident/Unknown	Total	Resident	Non-Resident/Unknown	Total	
Community Survey	294	439	733	180	247	427	24	47	71	1231
Petitions		569	569		1496	1496	0	0	0	2065
Emails/Letters/Phone Calls	10	65	75	4	42	46	0	0	0	121
Speakers during August PRC Mtg	3	10	13	5	23	28	0	0	0	41
Total	307	1,083	1390	189	1808	1997	24	47	71	3459
	62%	37%	41%	38%	63%	59%			2%	

Totals (in red) Include:

- Both City Residents and Non-Residents
- Duplicate responses from individuals

Options

Based on survey results, the following will be presented to the PRC as options:

	% Support
1. Remain	53%
2. Remain with Plaque	31%
3. Relocate	24%
4. Remove	25%

1. Remain

- Take no action - Keep the bust where it is and do nothing else.

2. Remain with Plaque

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3. Relocate

- Move the bust to be displayed in another location (potentially City Hall, Library, PV Arts). Could also add a plaque.

4. Remove

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Possible Actions - Respondents in Favor of Removal

Suggested Locations	Suggested Replacements
Fairgrounds	Tamario Smith
Art Gallery	Malcolm X
PV Historical Association	Francisco Madero
Library	Pascual Orozco
Museum	Pancho Villa
	Emiliano Zapata
	Fermin Tobera
	Cesar Chavez
	Dolores Huerta
	Fred Hampton
	MLK
	Japanese/Filipino/Asian/Chicana Immigrants
	Representative of Indigenous cultures

In Summary

Summary Result	Notes
A higher percentage of overall responses were received in favor of removing the bust (59% Remove, 41% Remain)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considers both City Resident and Non-Resident feedback• Includes duplicate entries by individuals
Community Survey - A higher percentage of responses were received in favor of the bust remaining (35% Remove, 59% Remain)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In reviewing City Resident responses only, this result remains the same.• Represents unduplicated entries
Petitions - A higher percentage of responses were received in favor of removing the bust (72% Remove, 28% Remain)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considers both City Resident and Non-Resident feedback• May include duplicate entries by individuals
Emails/Letters/Phone Calls - A higher percentage of responses were received in favor of the bust remaining (38% Remove, 62% Remain)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A handful of individuals submitted correspondence more than once.
PRC Meeting - A higher percentage of responses were received in favor of removing the bust (68% Remove, 32% Remain)	