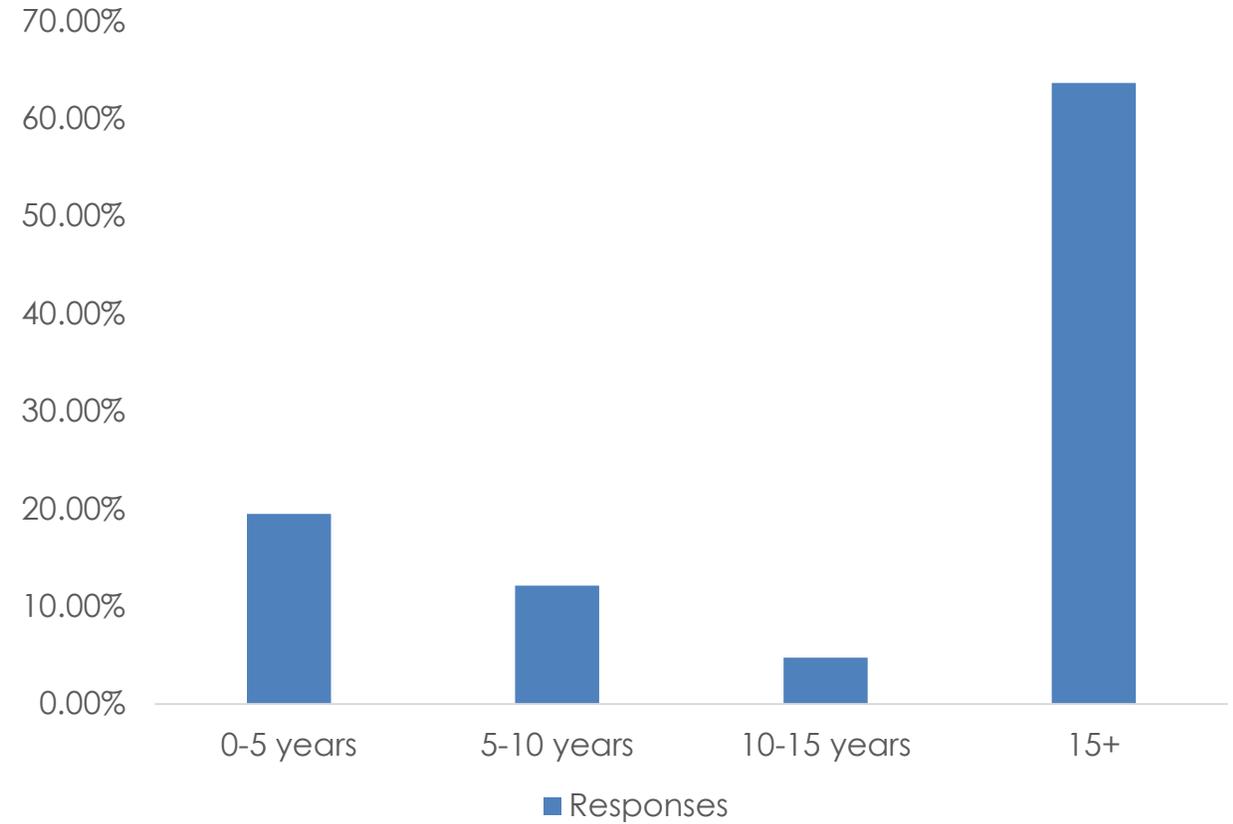


# URBAN FOREST, WATER AND CLIMATE PROJECT COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS



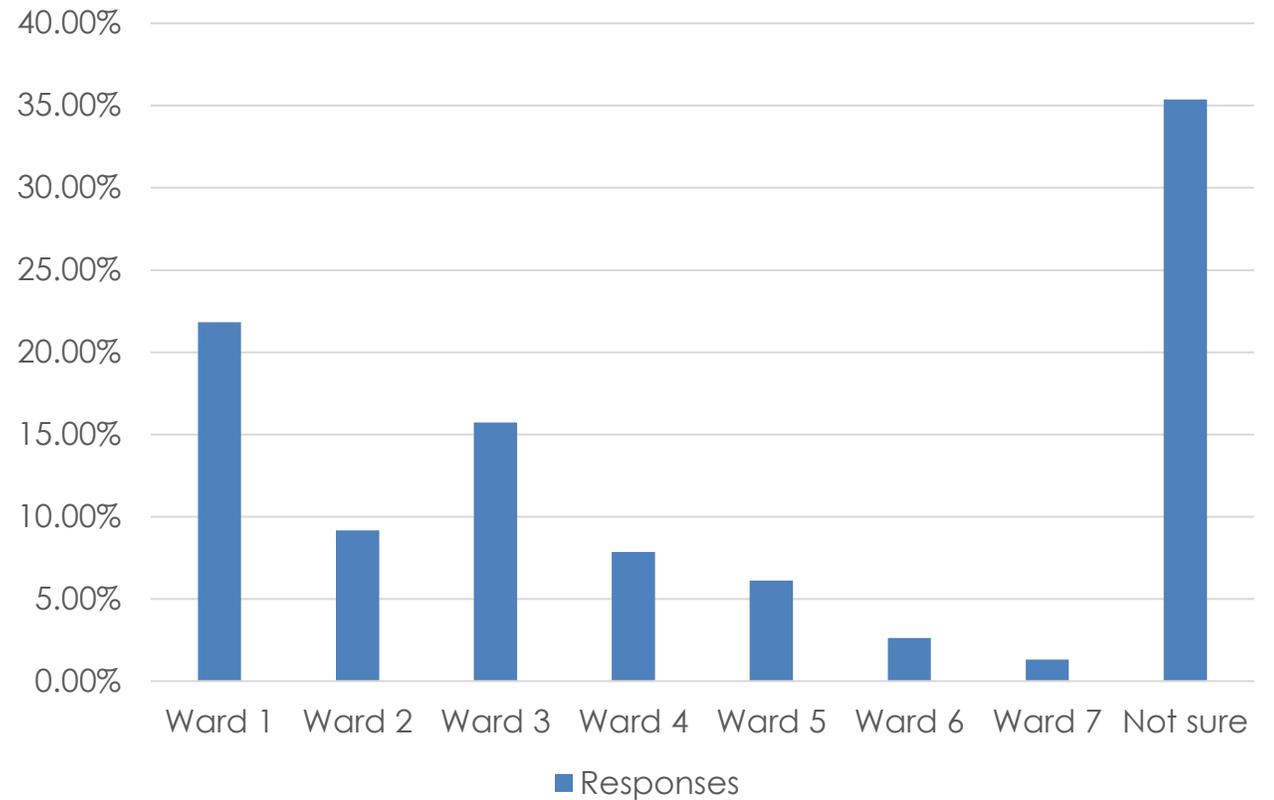
# Q1: How long have you resided in Riverside?

Answer Choices	Responses	
0-5 years	19.48%	45
5-10 years	12.12%	28
10-15 years	4.76%	11
15+	63.64%	147
	Answered	231
	Skipped	1

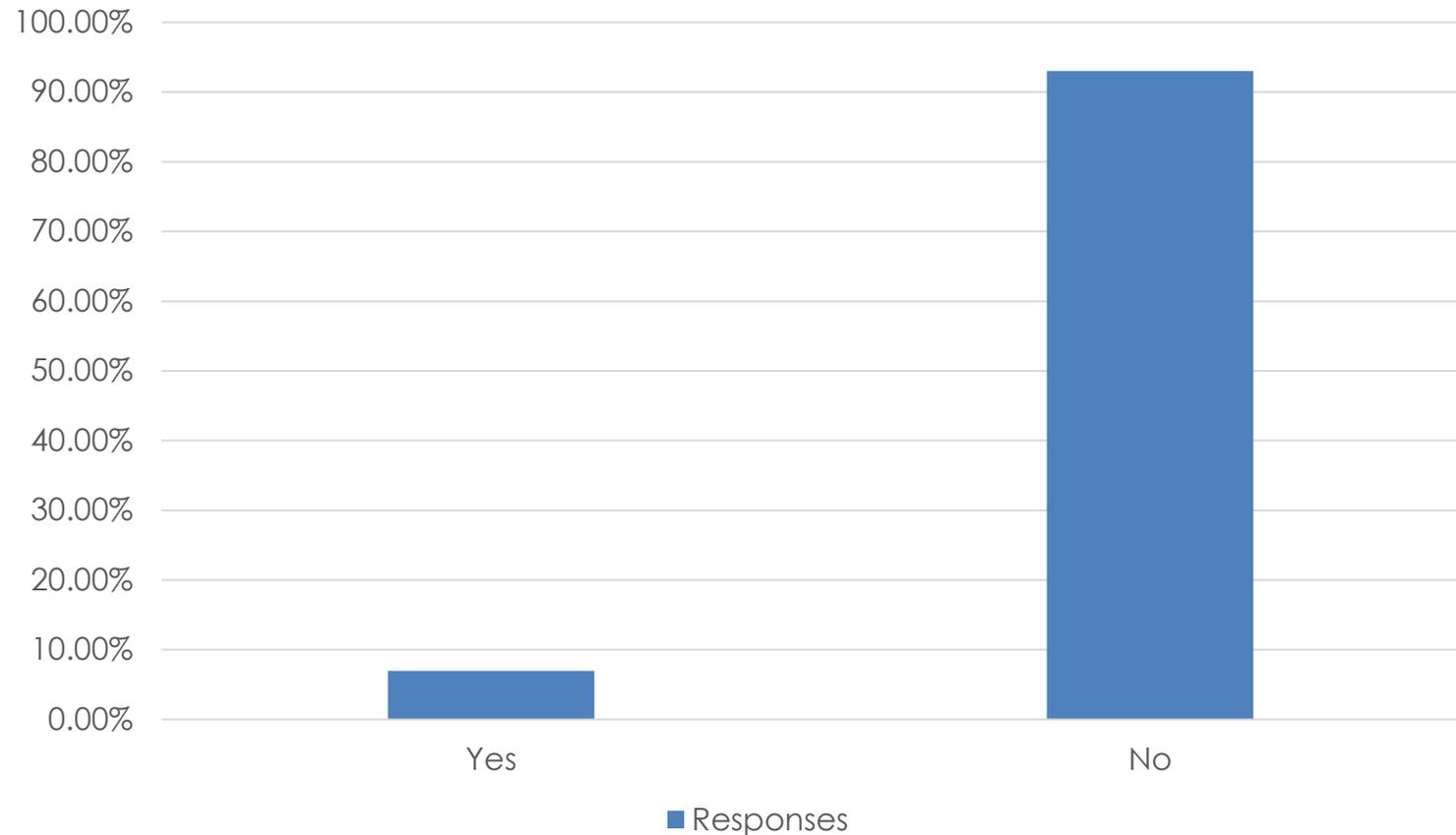


# Q2: What Ward do you live in?

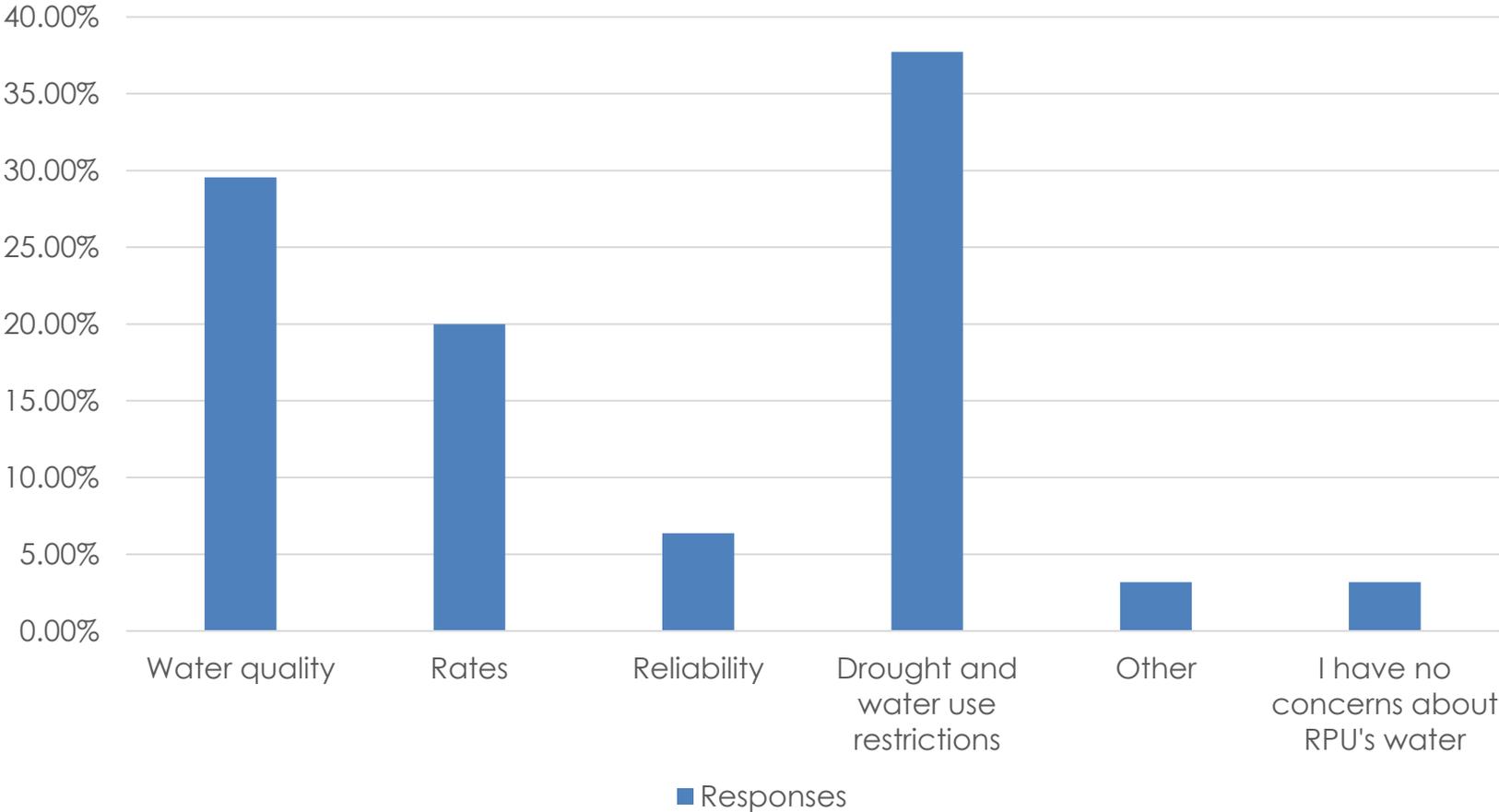
Answer Choices	Responses	
Ward 1	21.83%	50
Ward 2	9.17%	21
Ward 3	15.72%	36
Ward 4	7.86%	18
Ward 5	6.11%	14
Ward 6	2.62%	6
Ward 7	1.31%	3
Not sure	35.37%	81
	Answered	229
	Skipped	3



# Q3: Did you attend the City Urban Forest, Water and Climate workshop on January 26, 2022?



# Q4: What is your biggest concern regarding water?



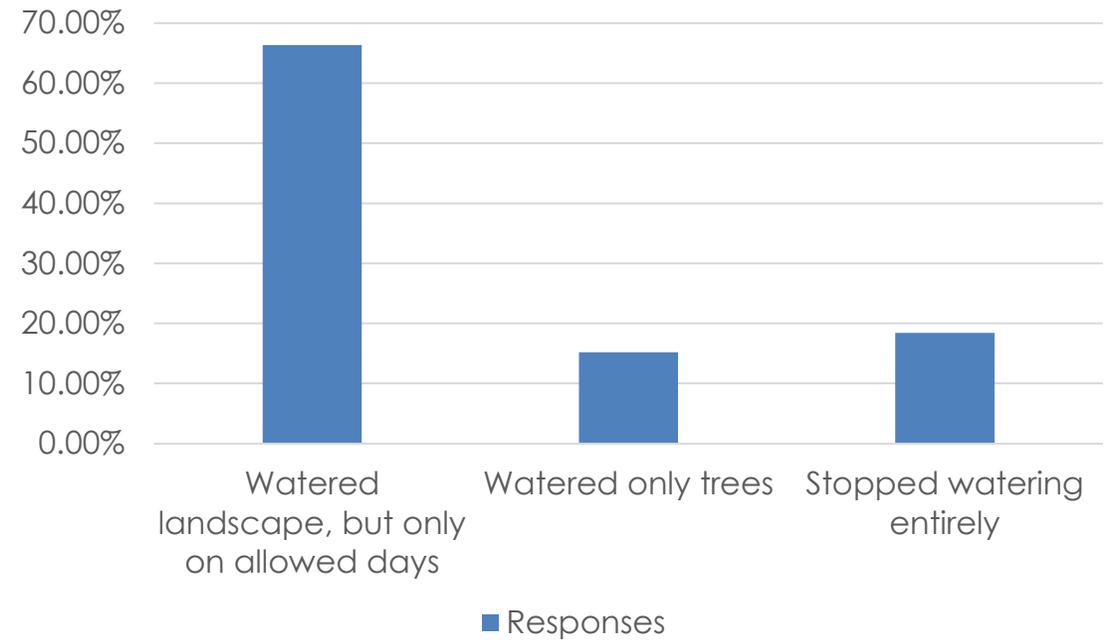
# Q5: How did the most recent drought impact you on scale of 1 to 5, with 1 = Not at all and 5 = A lot?

Scale	Responses	
Not at all <i>*Scale measured at 0-20 = 1</i>	38.07%	83
Very little <i>*Scale measured at 21-40 = 2</i>	16.06%	35
Somewhat <i>*Scale measured at 41-60 = 3</i>	22.48%	49
Moderately <i>*Scale measured at 61-80 = 4</i>	11.01%	24
A lot <i>*Scale measured at 81-100 = 5</i>	12.39%	27
	Answered	218
	Skipped	14

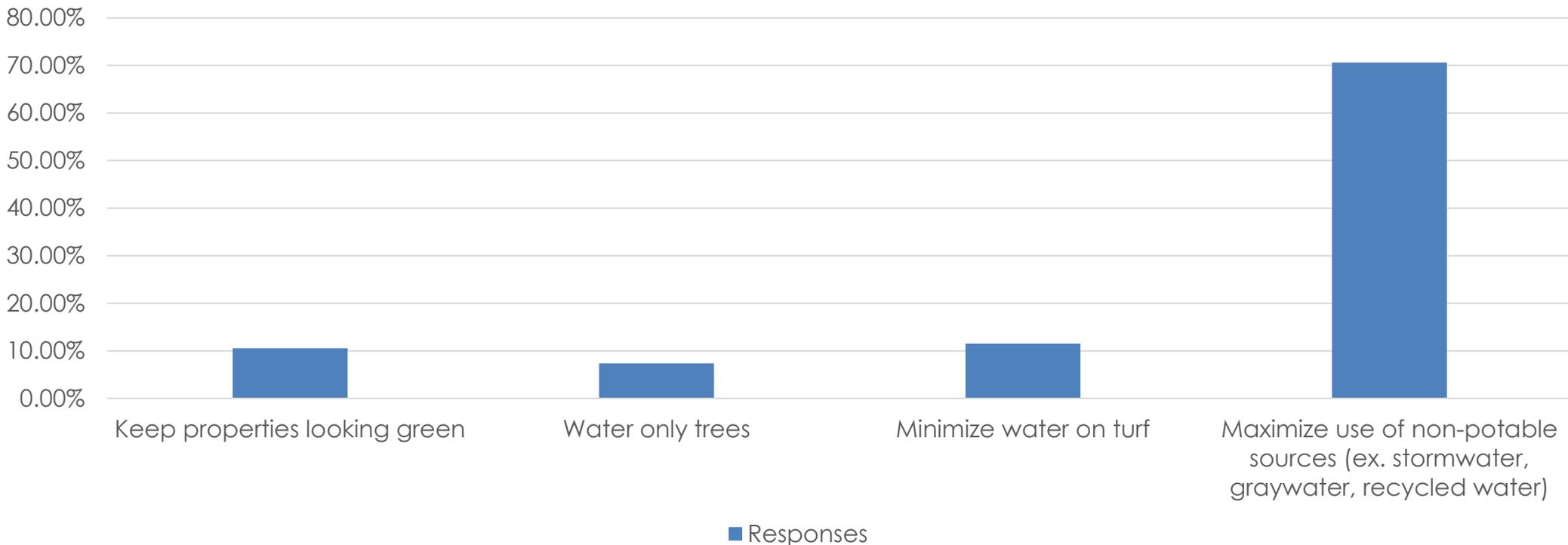


# Q6: How did you prioritize your outdoor water use during the past drought's mandatory cutbacks?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Watered landscape, but only on allowed days	66.36%	144
Watered only trees	15.21%	33
Stopped watering entirely	18.43%	40
	Answered	217
	Skipped	15



# Q7: With its limited water sources, how would you like the City to prioritize water use on City-managed properties??



# Q8: Please select the three (3) most important benefits of trees.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Improving air quality by absorbing pollution and producing oxygen	81.69%	174
Reducing climate impact by storing carbon	39.91%	85
Aesthetics (appearance)	17.84%	38
Reducing noise	6.57%	14
Improving the community and property values	16.43%	35
Providing wildlife habitat	46.95%	100
Reducing energy use and lowering electric bills	26.76%	57
Improving water quality by reducing erosion and runoff	18.31%	39
Providing shade	38.97%	83
Improving human health	21.13%	45
Trees do not provide any benefits	0.47%	1
	Answered	213
	Skipped	19

# Q9: Trees are considered green infrastructure. How important are trees compared to other infrastructure in the City (such as sidewalks, streets, sewer, water lines, electrical service, streetlights, etc.)?

Answer Choices	Responses	
More Important	22.54%	48
Equally Important	60.09%	128
Almost as Important	13.15%	28
Not as important	4.23%	9
	Answered	213
	Skipped	19

# Q10: Please select the three (3) most significant threats facing trees in your neighborhood or in the City.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Drought	56.13%	119
Insect pests and disease	36.79%	78
Development/land use change (e.g., injury or removal during development)	43.87%	93
Lack of care and/or investment in the urban forest	63.68%	135
Harsh urban growing environment	18.87%	40
Incorrect pruning practices	27.83%	59
Vandalism	4.72%	10
Lack of planting	25.47%	54
Trees do not face any threats	3.30%	7
Other (please specify)	8.49%	18
	Answered	212
	Skipped	20

# Q10: (Continued)

## Other (please specify)

Block beautiful views and strategic planting techniques weren't practiced

The wrong types of trees being planted in developments that end up destroying property and water lines and having to be removed

Not based as food source

infrequent and improper pruning of City trees

More trees need to be planted in newly developed commercial areas (warehouses)

Older trees lifting sidewalks, damaging driveways

Few California Native trees

concrete jungles/warehouses/building on rural land

Lack of resources to care for trees that are not owned by the city.

high winds

Wind damage, which has recently taken down multiple trees and caused property damage

50 ft city pine tree, worry it will blow down on mine or neighbors house

The city does not maintain their trees. Need to trim all annually.

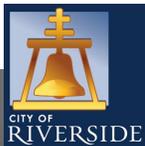
Root rot/fungus on very old trees

Gophers

Residents don't plant enough trees!

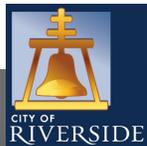
Non-native trees aren't adapted to our rainfall.

being removed because of damage to hardscape



# Q11: Please select the three (3) most significant problems caused by trees in your neighborhood.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Sidewalk cracking and displacement	46.48%	99
Obstructing traffic, sidewalks, signs, or street-lights	14.55%	31
Tree and limb failures	26.76%	57
Tree roots and underground pipe problems or with power lines	29.58%	63
Blocked views	5.16%	11
Water requirements	10.33%	22
Litter, leaves, and fruits – clean up	33.80%	72
Pollen allergies	7.98%	17
Cost to maintain and/or remove	15.02%	32
Trees do not cause any problems	32.86%	70
Other (please specify)	6.57%	14
	Answered	213
	Skipped	19



# Q11: (Continued)

## Other (please specify)

None

Too infrequent street sweeping of debris from City trees even though we are still paying for a 2 X/month service through our property taxes

Windy day a heavy branch of leaves fell down and hit car I was a passenger in

I love trees

Curb and gutter(and street) cracking and displacement

too many pine trees. They are too large for urban environments

Acorn trees leave a huge mess on our sidewalks & streets. Being more mindful of what kind of trees that the city plants is important.

need City's help in regularly trimming palm fronds

palm fronds cause damage and the city does not do as good a job pruning and maintaining them as they did in the past

Lack of city maintenance. Incorrect maintenance. Not replacing after removal.

If people plant trees in the wrong spots, there can be trouble. But trees don't cause the problem.

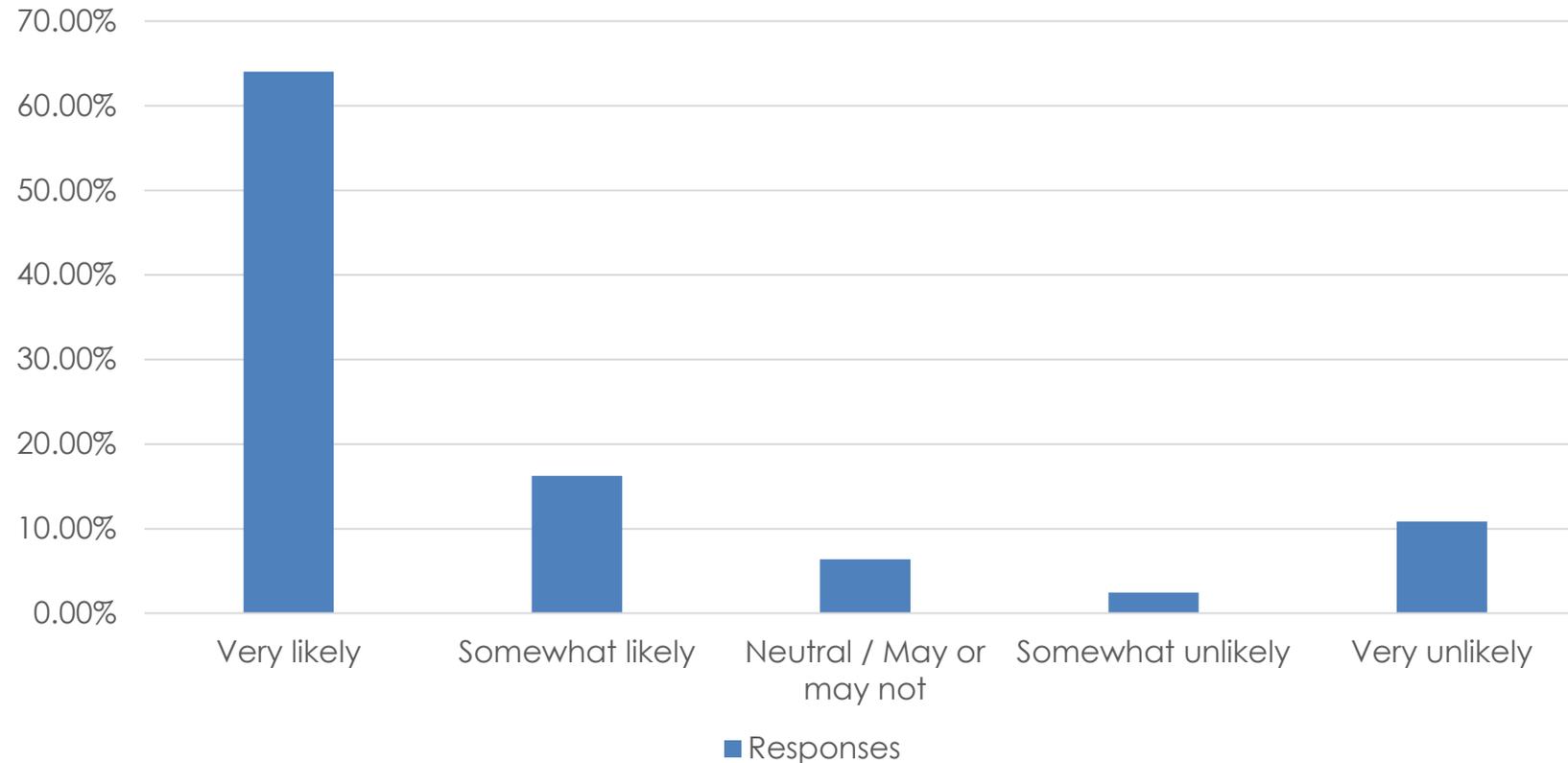
The city doesn't maintain their trees

City trimming every 5 years is unacceptable. Needs to be every year.

Uproot fencing/homes



# Q12: Please identify how much you think climate change threatens your personal health, safety and quality of life?



# Q13: Please identify the top 3 activities you are taking or are interested in taking to reduce your climate impact?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Walk or cycle instead of driving	27.09%	55
Use less electricity, water, and natural gas	63.55%	129
Use zero emissions vehicles	27.09%	55
Buy organic food	25.62%	52
Reduce and recycle waste, including food and green waste	70.44%	143
Participate in environmental campaigns	16.26%	33
Plant more trees	46.80%	95
I don't need to reduce my climate impact	9.36%	19
Other (please specify)	7.88%	16
	Answered	203
	Skipped	29



# Q13: (Continued)

## Other (please specify)

I'd love to do all of the above but it isn't realistic.

Solar

I have done my part by installing dual pane windows, energy efficient appliances, led lights, double insulation, recycling, planting trees, grass, shutters, underground overhead wires. City of Riverside needs to encourage and reward residents for doing this!

Removed my lawns

allow back yard mulching and stop code enforcement from giving fines for it

Planting CA native plants and trees

Buy locally produced food

I am a disabled senior citizen. I can barely afford groceries, let alone organic. I need my utilities for medical purposes, but can barely afford the \$800/ mo summer utilities.

Purchase solar panels and reduce water use in our landscape

Trust and know God is in control of it all. We have responsibilities but He is in control.

Installed solar panels.

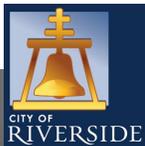
Let nature heal itself

Grow my own food/buy locally grown food

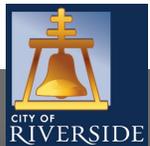
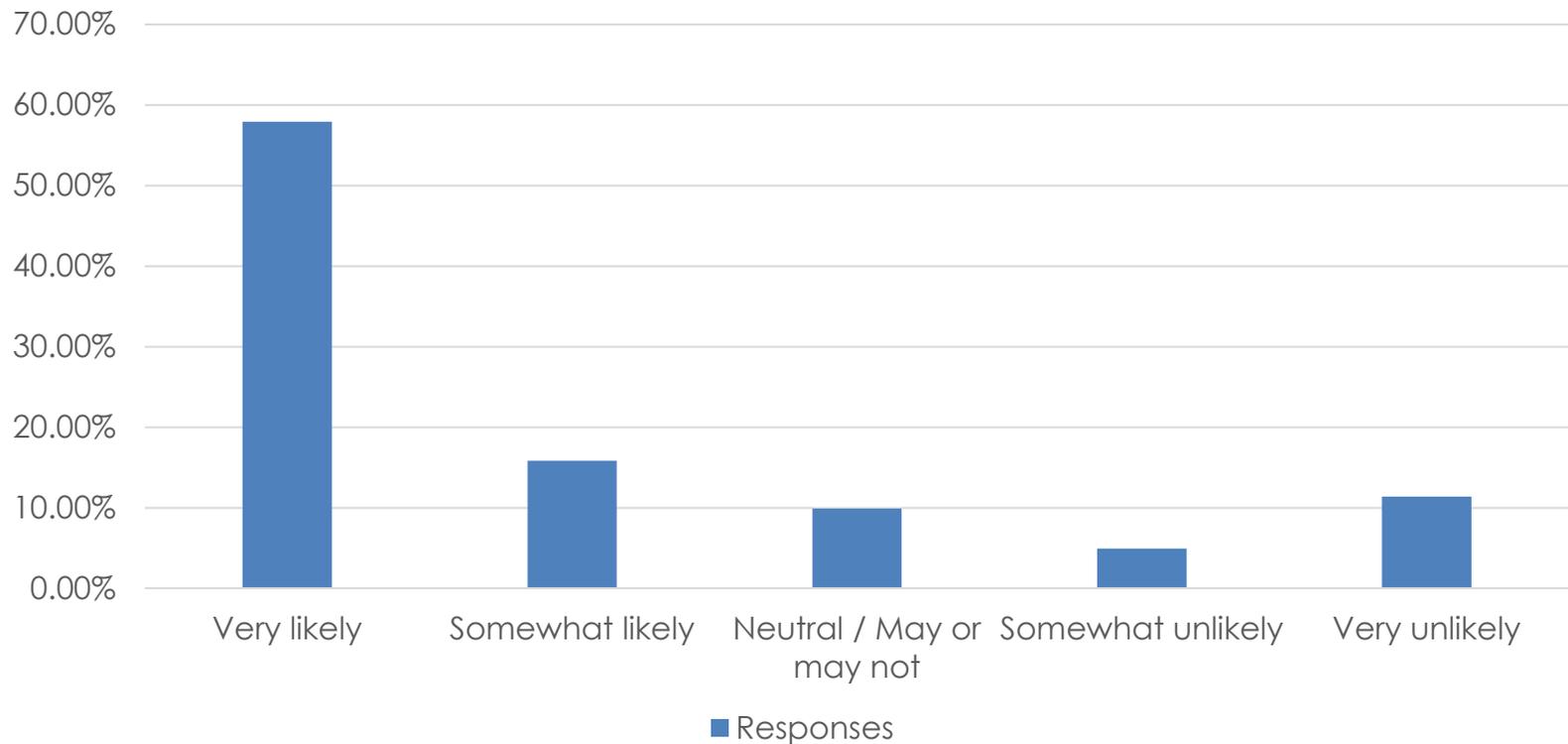
Compost

climate impact is a scam, batteries will cause more issues down the road

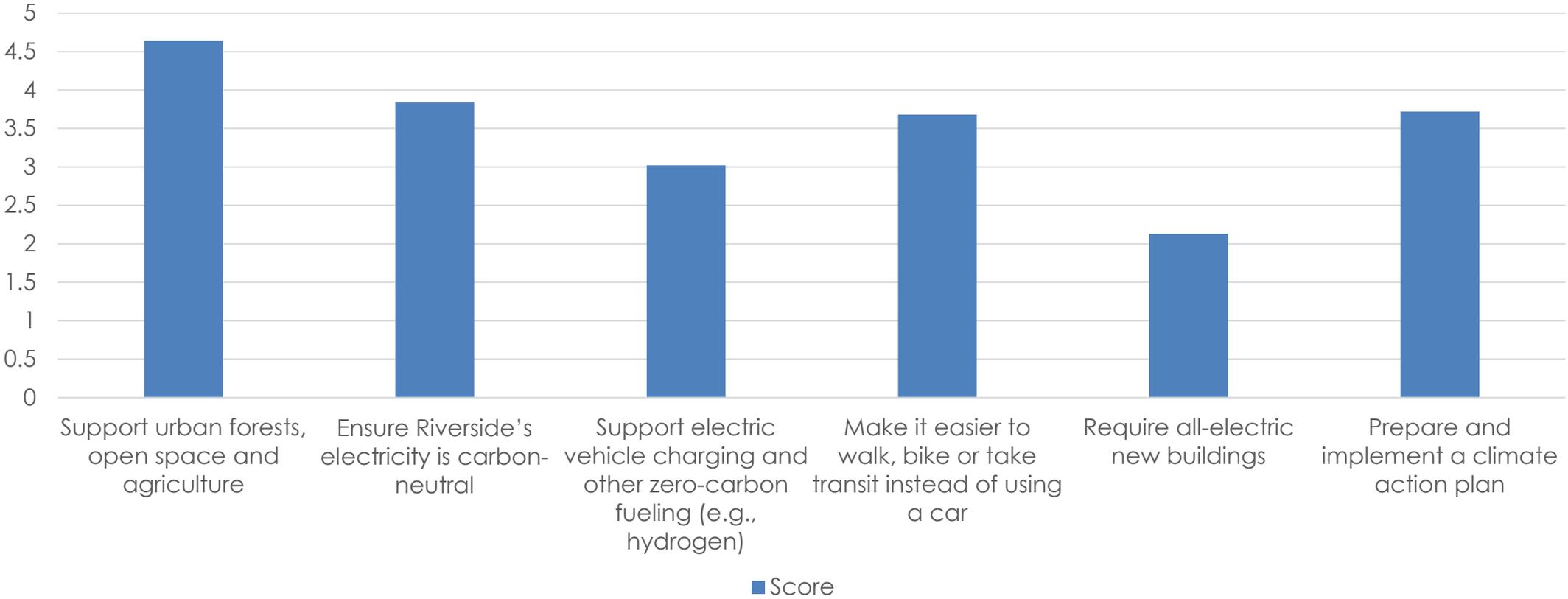
Remove lawns and add native plants



# Q14: Considering your knowledge about the risks associated with climate change, how likely are you to recommend a friend or neighbor to promote activities that will help reduce global warming or to live a clean and green life?



# Q15: Please rank the following actions that the City can take to address climate change from Most important (1) to Least important (6)



# Q16: What are the top three (3) actions the City can take to support the City's Urban Forest, recognizing that many of these may require more funding?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Develop a City heritage tree program	23.12%	46
Allow residents to plant and care for trees in the public right-of-way	21.61%	43
Provide sufficient City urban forest management staff and budget	43.72%	87
Enhance the standard of care and monitoring for City trees	42.21%	84
Provide more tree care and watering education and outreach	30.15%	60
Provide incentives to encourage tree planting	46.23%	92
Support water for trees during drought	33.17%	66
New fees, fines, or taxes to fund tree management	8.04%	16
Develop and implement a Citywide Urban Forestry Management Plan	40.70%	81
The City does not need to do anything else for the urban forest and trees	5.53%	11
Other (please specify)	6.53%	13
	Answered	199
	Skipped	33



# Q16: (Continued)

## Other (please specify)

Allow rain water collection. Harvest Wind power from our hill tops(stretch goals)

Allow for more than (3) actions to be selected on this survey.

Encourage tree planting in schools, create an elective on this in high school, plant trees at schools because they have NO shade at recess.

Underground wires to avoid fires!!!!

do more to incentivize citizens to remove turf, plant drought tolerant trees and plants

Focus on planting CA native species as well as CA native trees

stop building on rural land. aka Sycamore. C'mon bro

Stop building warehouses

Stop tearing down groves to build!

More green space and less construction/development or building more houses or buildings

Trees especially palm trees should be trimmed every year.

the homeless are causing more environmental issues...start there.

Expand the scope to lawn removal and encouraging native plants

