

Sunnyside Park

Town Hall Meeting



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AGENDA

TIME	ACTIVITY
3:00 - 3:10	Intro / Opening Remarks
3:10 - 3:20	Sunnyside Acquisition Process
3:20 - 3:45	Results of Sunnyside Survey
3:45 - 4:05	Community Voices
4:05 - 4:20	Vision for Sunnyside Park
4:20 - 4:30	Citizens Initiative
4:30 - 4:40	Time for Action
4:40 - 4:45	Closing Remarks / Networking

Community Team and LOCSD District Manager



DEBORAH HOWE
CHAIR - LOCAC



RON MUNDS
DISTRICT MANAGER



Los Osos Community Advisory Council

AND MANY OTHERS



Sunnyside Acquisition Process

To Begin With:

- The community has a need for more parkland/recreation and Sunnyside can address these needs.
- The School District has an interest in selling Sunnyside for public use.
- The Community Services District serves local needs essential to the public, funded by the public, and is interested in acquiring Sunnyside to help meet local park and recreation needs if there is a funding source.

Sunnyside Acquisition Process

An Affinity of Interest:

The community, the school district and the community services district each have distinct interests.

Yet, in the matter of Sunnyside there is a **shared interest**. All three want the future of Sunnyside to be one that serves the public needs of the community.

Sunnyside Acquisition Process

For Sunnyside Park to Happen:

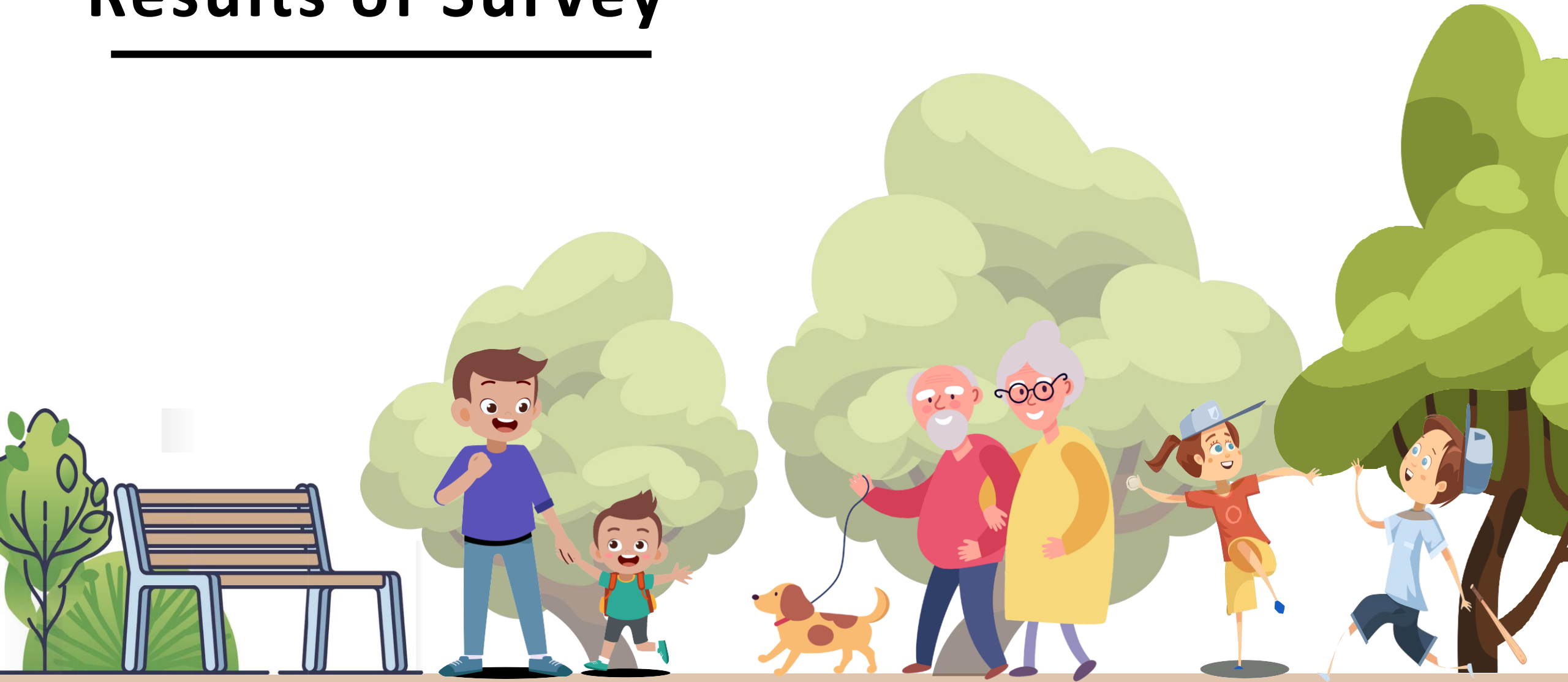
- The public needs the community services district to make a deal they can afford (**opinion survey**).
- The community services district needs the school district to be flexible in its terms for the deal (**amortize, implementation time**).
- The school district needs the community to vote for the funding. (**citizen's initiative**).

Sunnyside Acquisition Operation Maintenance

Annual Cost Summary

Sunnyside School Acquisition/O&M Cost Summary	
Acquisition-15 years	\$85.00/year
Operation, Maintenance & Minimal Improvements	\$100.00/year
TOTAL	\$185.00/year

Results of Survey



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Los Osos Community Park Survey

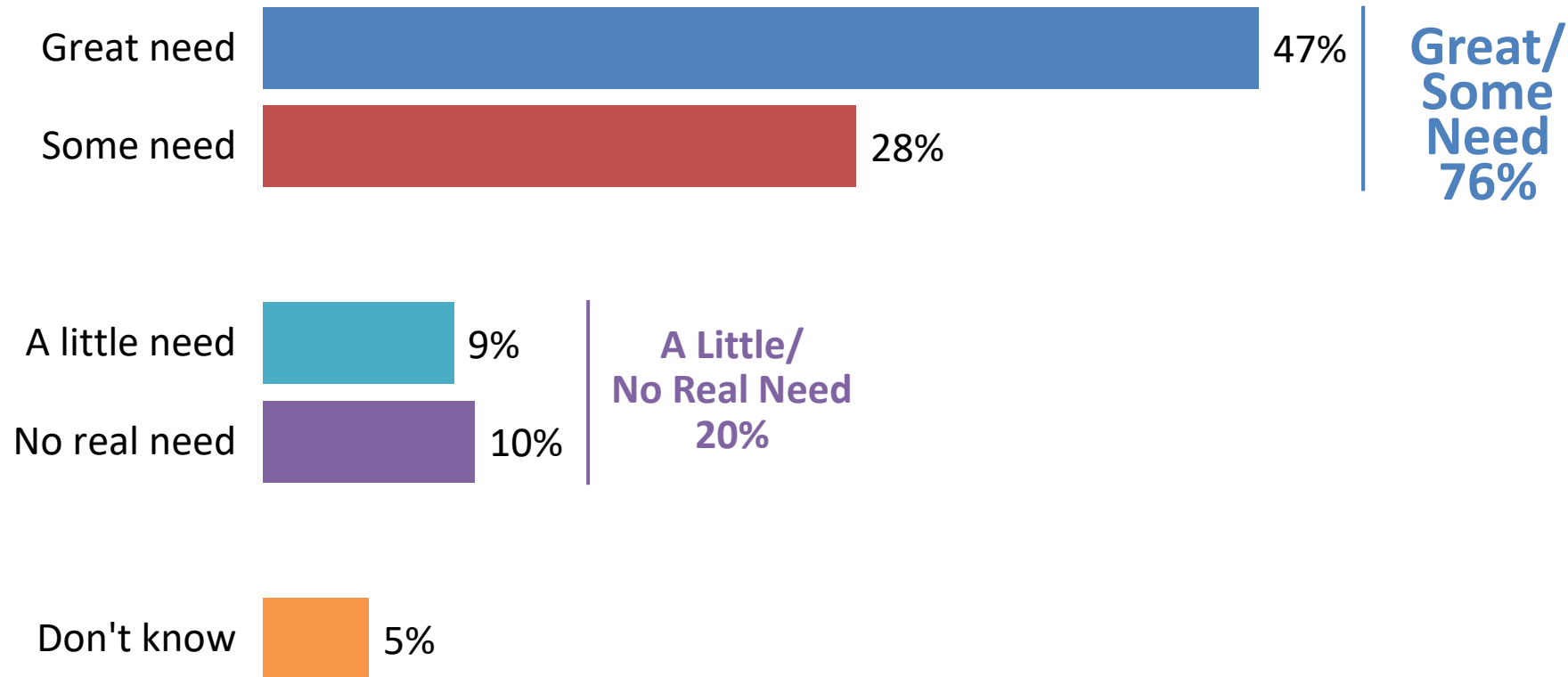
Key Findings of a Survey Conducted August 18-31, 2025



OPINION
RESEARCH
& STRATEGY

Three-quarters see “great need” or “some need” for additional funding for parks and active recreational space.

In your personal opinion, would you say that Los Osos has a great need, some need, a little need, or no real need for additional funding for parks and active recreational space?

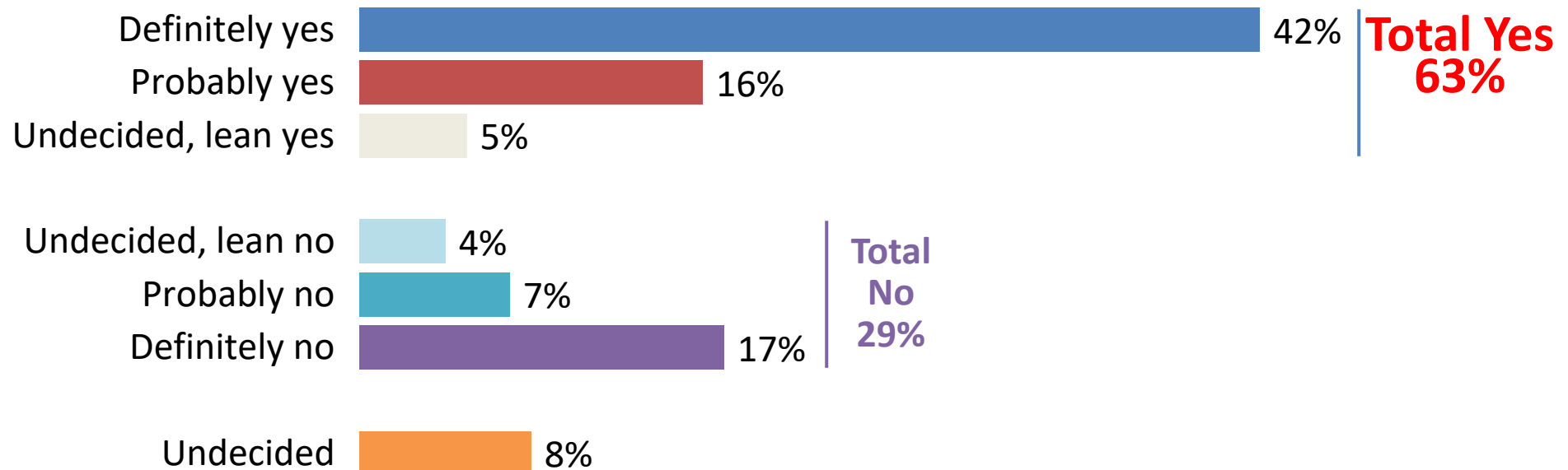




Views of a Potential Ballot Measure about Sunnyside

A large majority support a parcel tax for a new community park given just ballot measure language.

Los Osos Park/Recreation Measure. To provide open space and recreational facilities by creating a new community park with sports fields shall the Los Osos Community Services District measure establishing a parcel tax of \$15 per parcel per month dropping to \$8 per year after 15 years, raising approximately \$1,114,255 per year for 15 years and \$602,200 every year after that for operations and maintenance, until ended by voters, be adopted, with public disclosure, local citizens' oversight, audits with no funds going to the county?

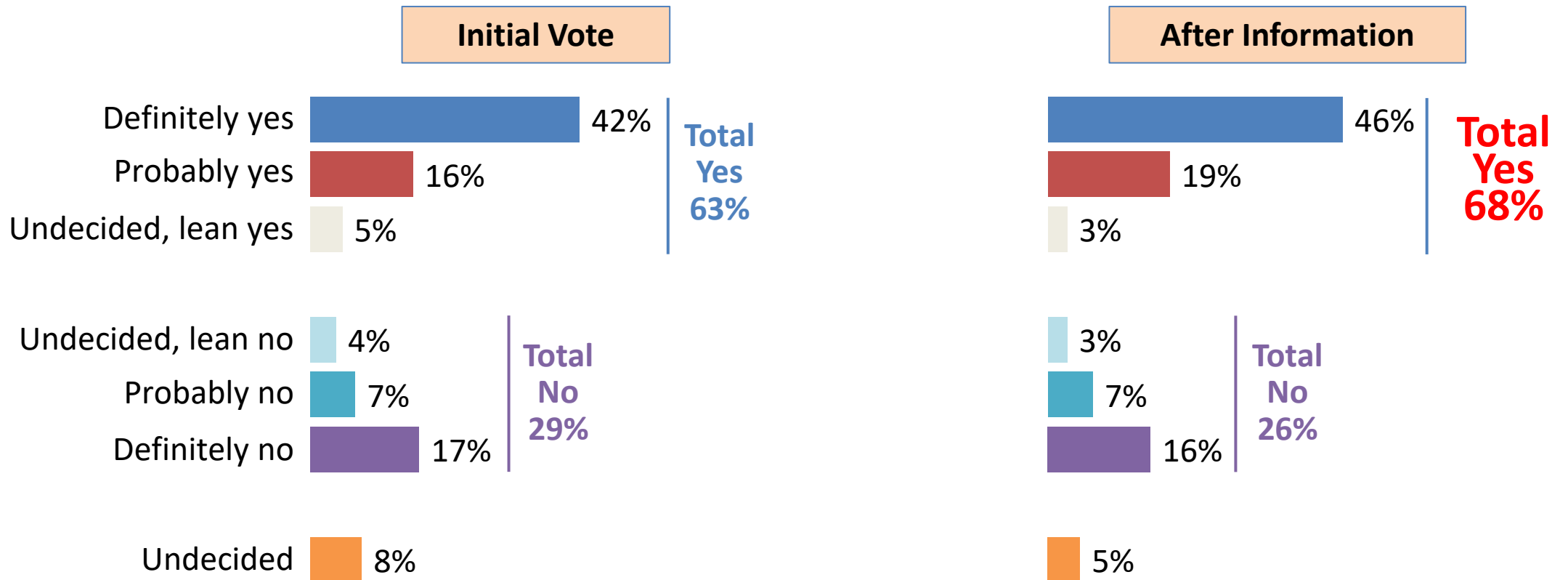


Voters next heard or read a brief, plain-language explanation of the measure and what it would cost.

The former Sunnyside Elementary School closed in 2002. This measure would allow the Los Osos Community Services District to purchase the property for active recreation and develop the remaining undeveloped land as a park and playground. This could include a dog park, an all-abilities playground, open space, sports fields, and facilities for seniors, families, and youth. The measure would increase parcel taxes by \$15 per month for the average homeowner for 15 years, and then lower to \$8 per month after that.

This information lifts support to nearly seven in ten, with more than two in five saying they would “definitely” vote yes.

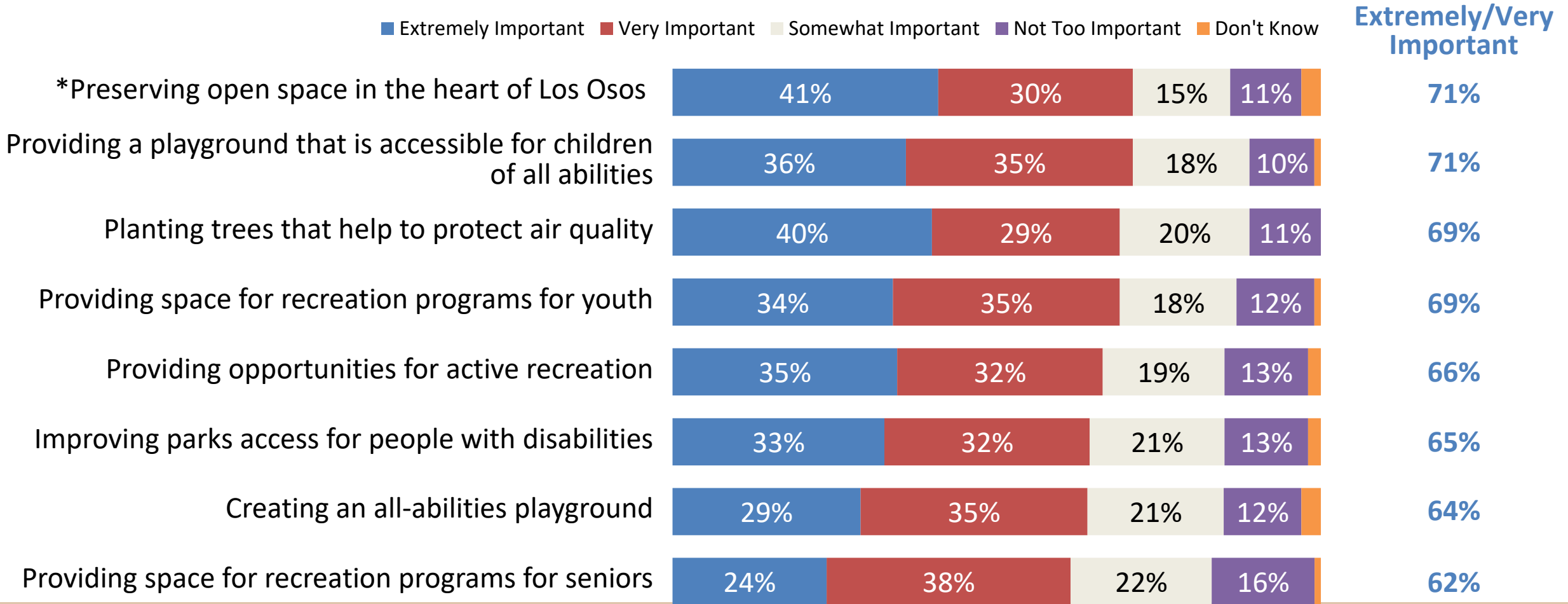
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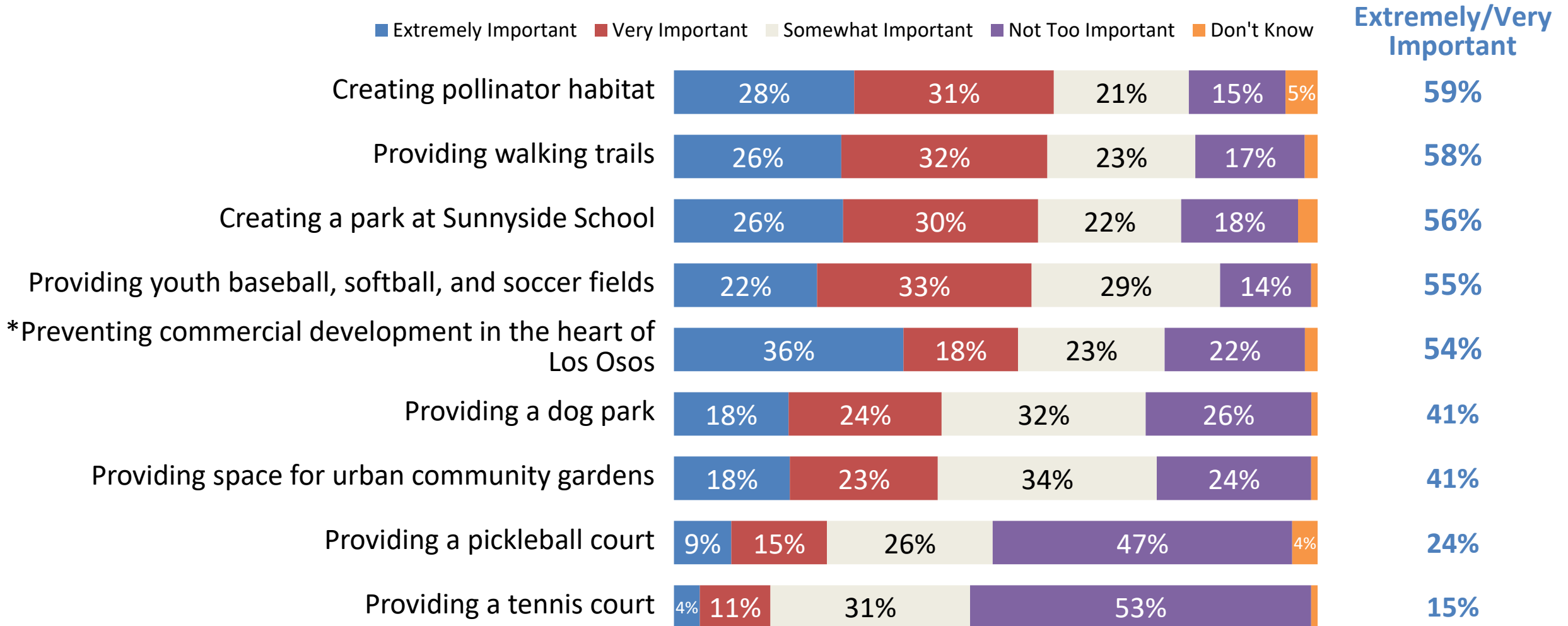
Voter Priorities

Top priorities include “Preserving open space in the heart of Los Osos” along with meeting the recreational needs of children.



Q6. Please consider some potential elements of this measure, including ways in which funds it generates could be spent. Please indicate how important each one is to you personally, regardless of how you feel about the measure: either extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. *Split Sample

The importance of other needs

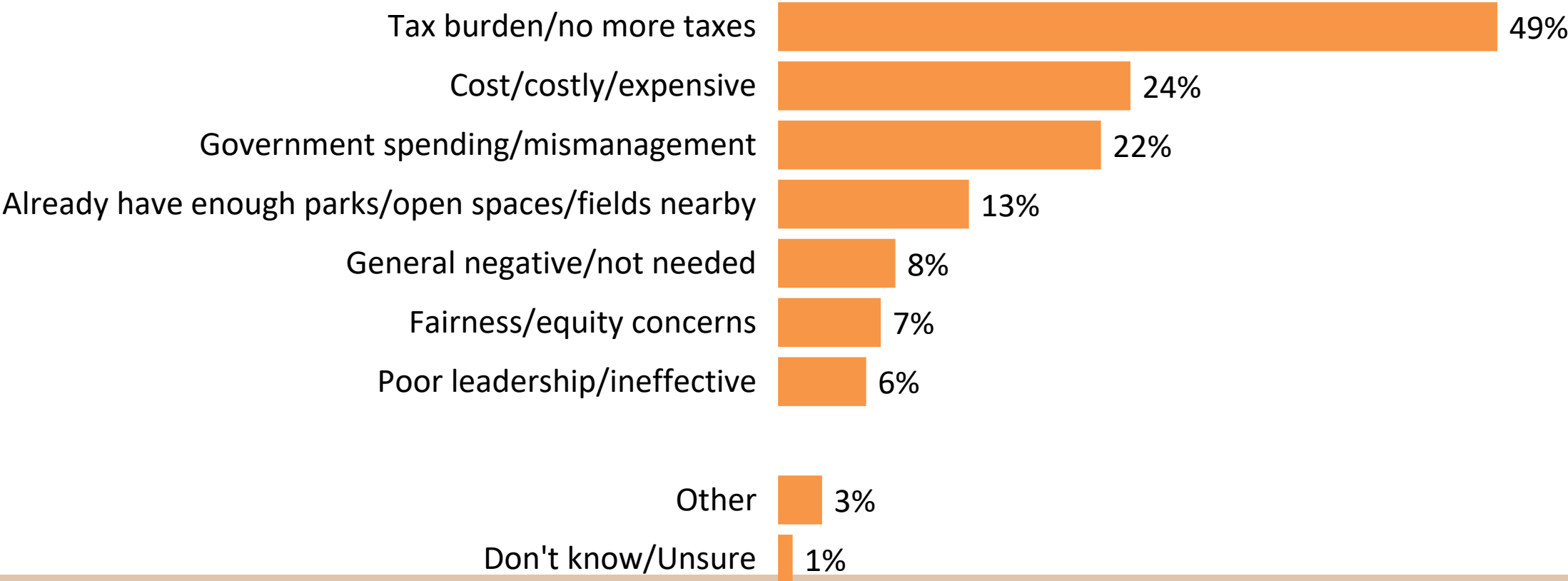


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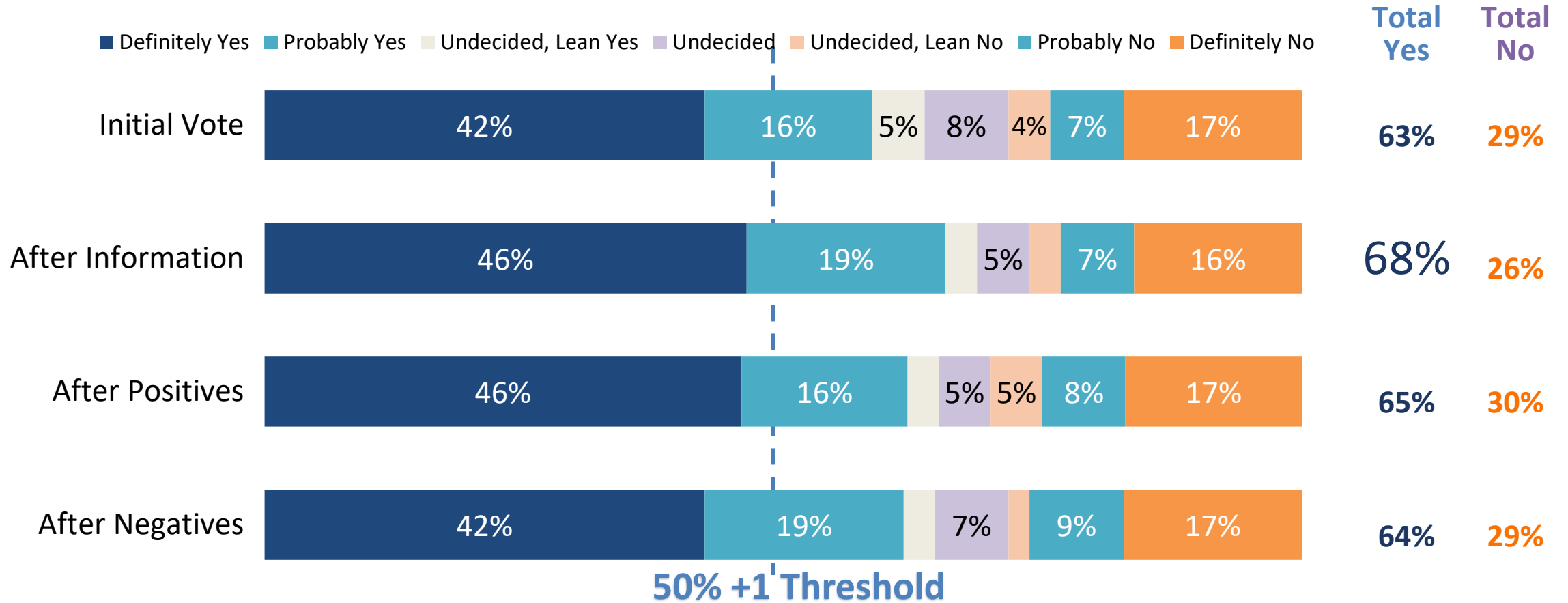
Among the 29% opposed, half object to new taxes.

*In a few words of your own, why would you vote **NO** on this measure?*

(Open-ended; Asked of "No" Voters Only, n=101)



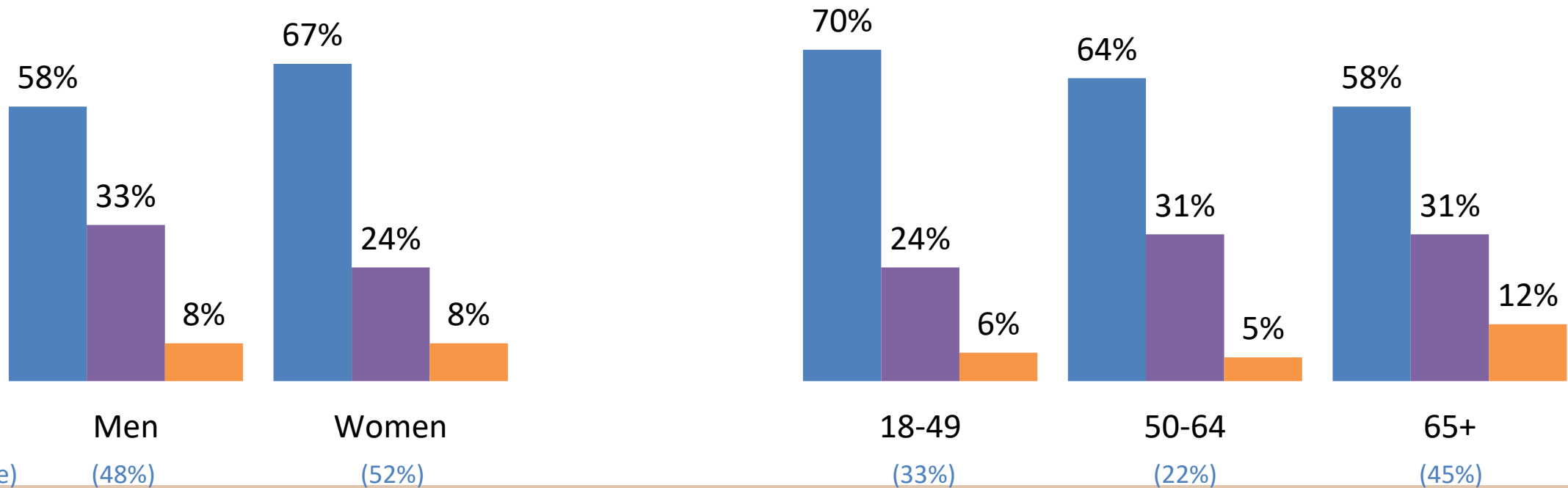
Support for the measure is well above the 50%+1 threshold needed for passage



The measure is strongly supported by men, women, seniors and all age groups.

Initial Vote by Gender & Age

■ Total Yes ■ Total No ■ Undecided



Q2. Do you think you would vote yes or no on this measure?

Survey Conclusions

The survey introduced a potential measure to establish a parcel tax of \$15 per month, aimed at funding a new community park and recreational facilities.

Strong support with 63% indicating yes vote; this increased to 68% after further explanation of the measure's benefits and costs.

Survey Conclusions

Key reasons for supporting the measure included the need for increased park areas and active recreation.

Other reasons were preserving open space in the heart of Los Osos; creating a park accessible to everyone.

Opposition stems from concerns about the cost of living and taxes.

Broad support for the measure from men, women and across all ages.

Questions

We welcome your question.

**Because there's a lot more to share with everyone,
in the interest of time please write it on an index card.**

Answers next week at LOCAC.info website

We will take a minute to pass out cards now.

Community Voices

**Annette Sheely
Gary Freiberg
Jennifer Mitchell
Jaimie Schmidt
Kim Wishon
Josh Michelsen
Charlotte Michelsen
Deborah Howe**



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It is within our power as a community to create environments that make it easier for all of us to live healthier lives.

Sunnyside Park Vision



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Sunnyside: A Community Asset

- Los Osos is severely under-parked and needs more recreation space.
- Sunnyside is located next to our existing park providing a great central park space for the community



Consultant Team



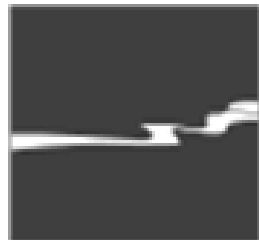
MATT WILKINS
PROJECT MANAGER



ANN SEVER
SENIOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT



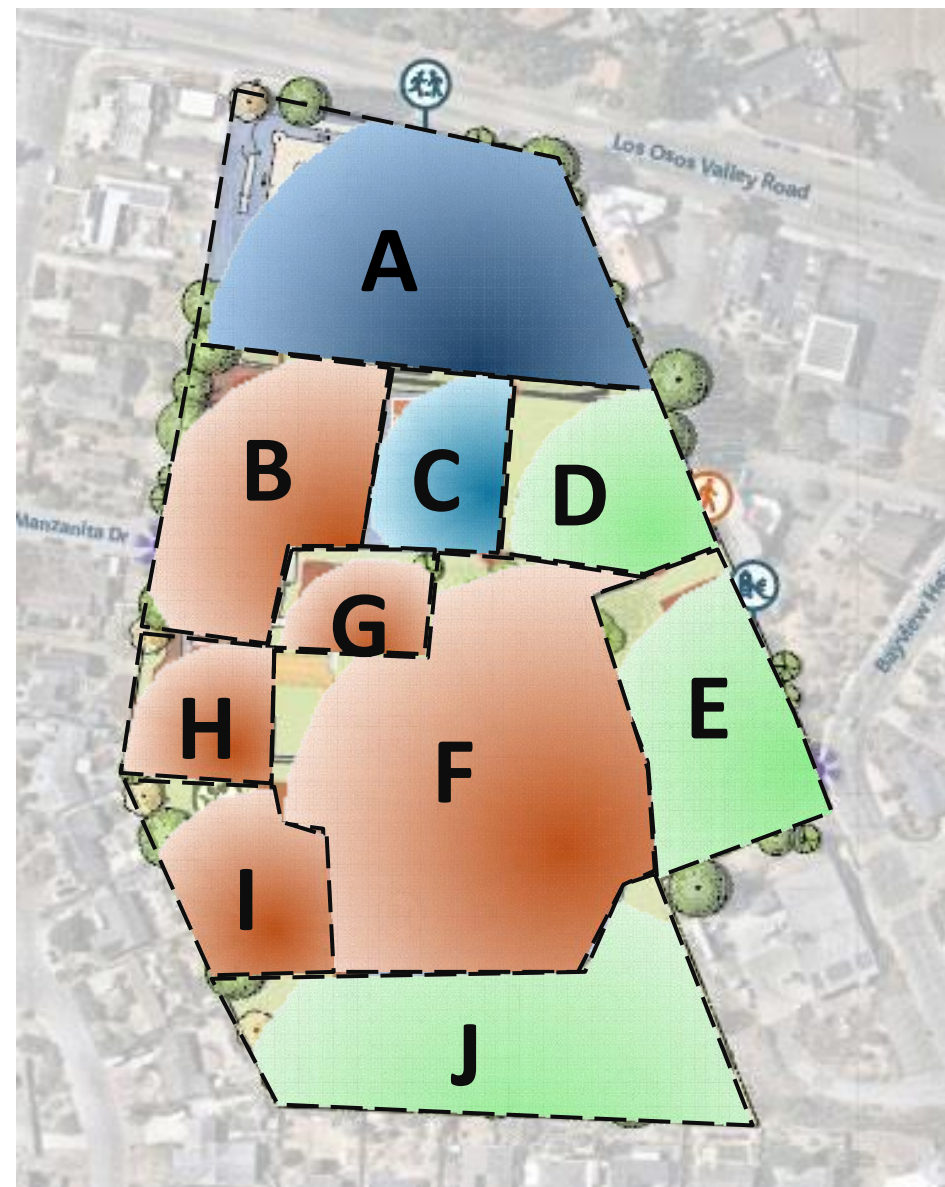
MARILYNN CONNELL
LANDSCAPE DESIGNER



WALLACE GROUP

Design Overview

- Area A – Sports Fields
- Area B – Western Parking Lot
- Area C – Active Courts and Amenities
- Area D – Passive Activity Area
- Area E – Lease Space
- Area F – Ex. School Space
- Area G – Community Space
- Area H – CSD Building Space
- Area I – Lease Space
- Area J – Southern Hills

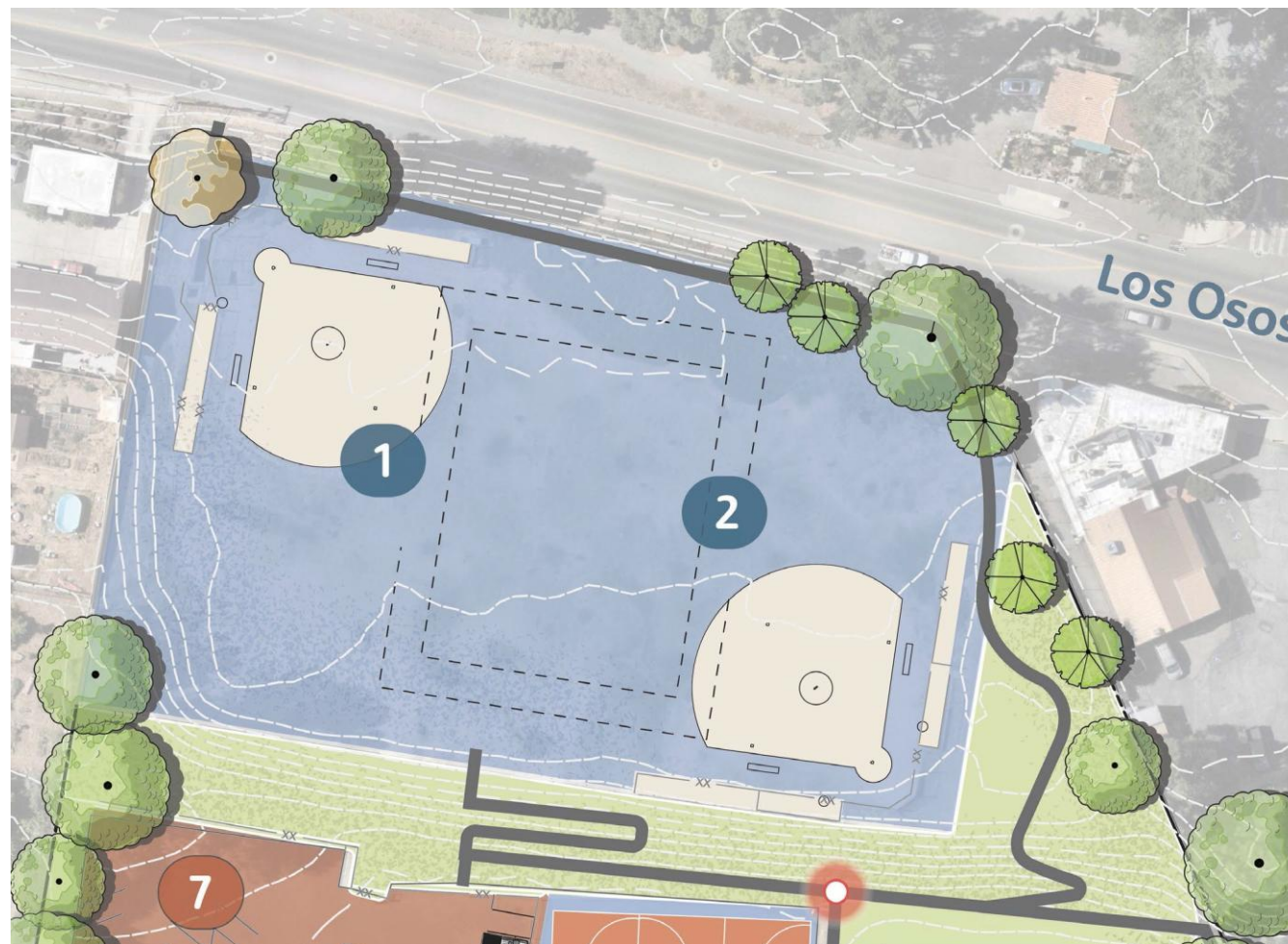


Design Overview

Area A

Option 1 - Minimal Cost:

- Refurbish fields
- New backstops and dugouts
- New perimeter path on north and east sides of fields
- New lawn and irrigation – room for soccer practices

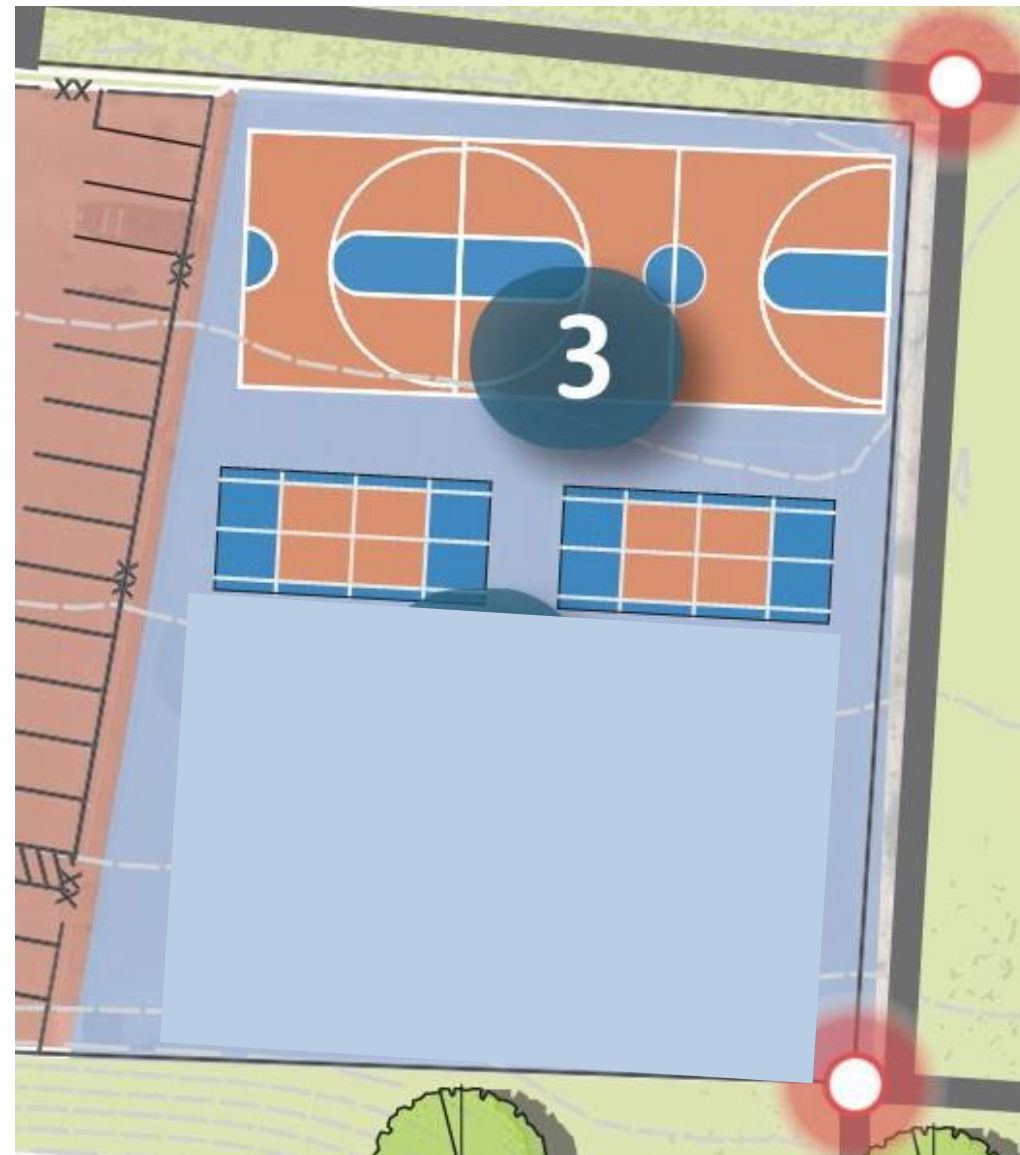


Design Overview

Area C

Option 1 - Minimal Cost:

- Reuse and refinish asphalt surface for sports court uses
- New Basketball court striping and equipment
- New Pickleball court striping and equipment

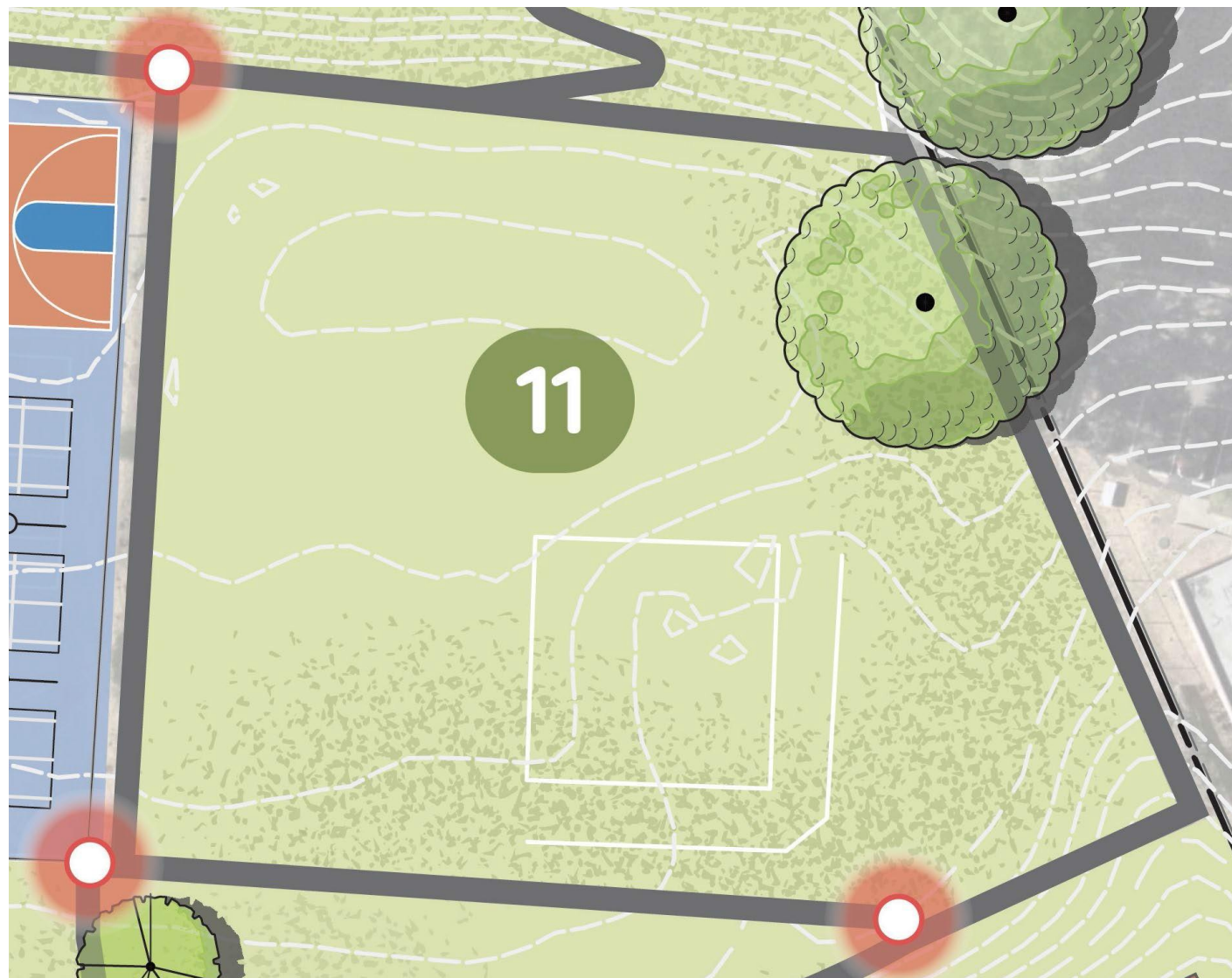


Design Overview

Area D

Option 1 - Minimal Cost:

- New T-ball or dog park
- New lawn and irrigation
- Accessible pedestrian route around the perimeter of the area

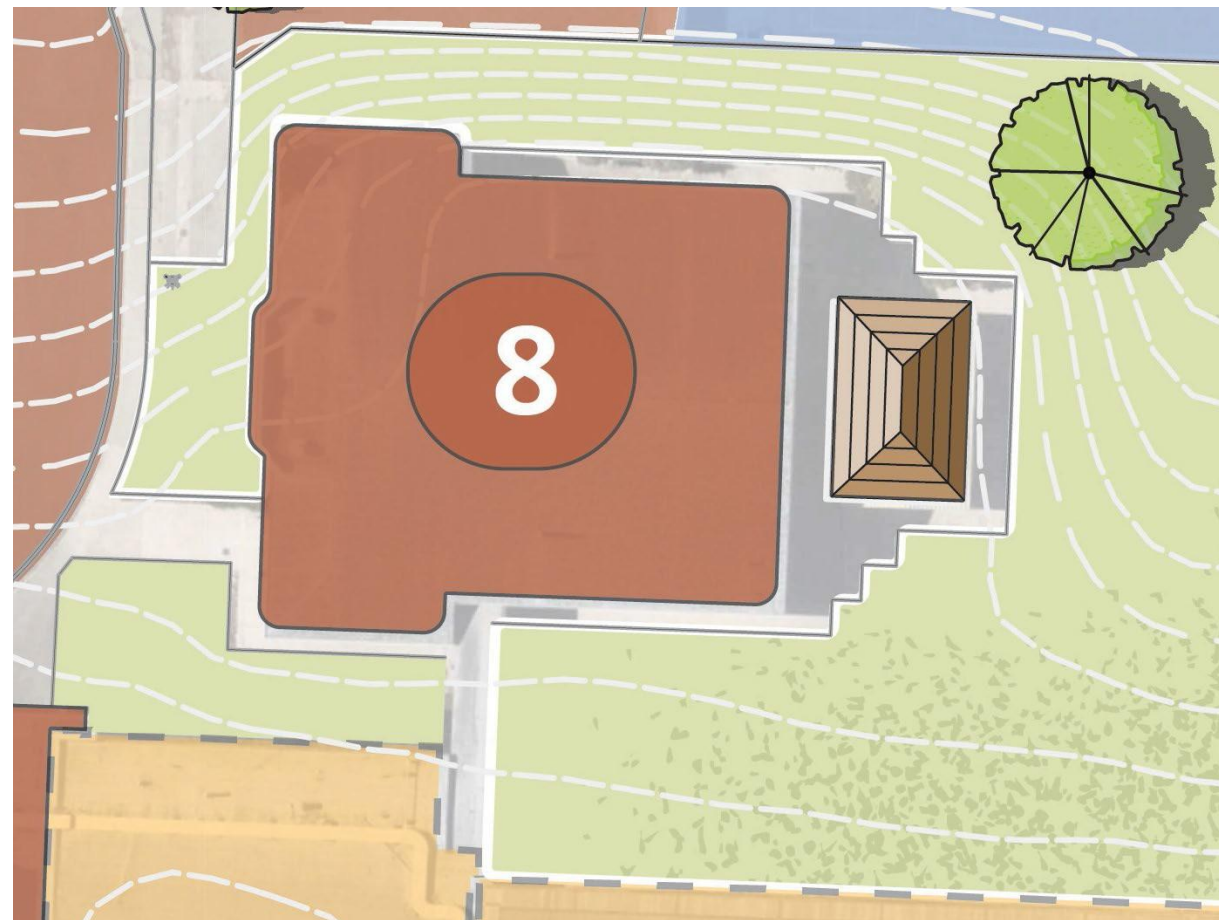


Design Overview

Area G

Option 1 - Minimal Cost:

- Minimal improvements to convert space into a community center (could be used for kids, teens, young adults, seniors, etc).

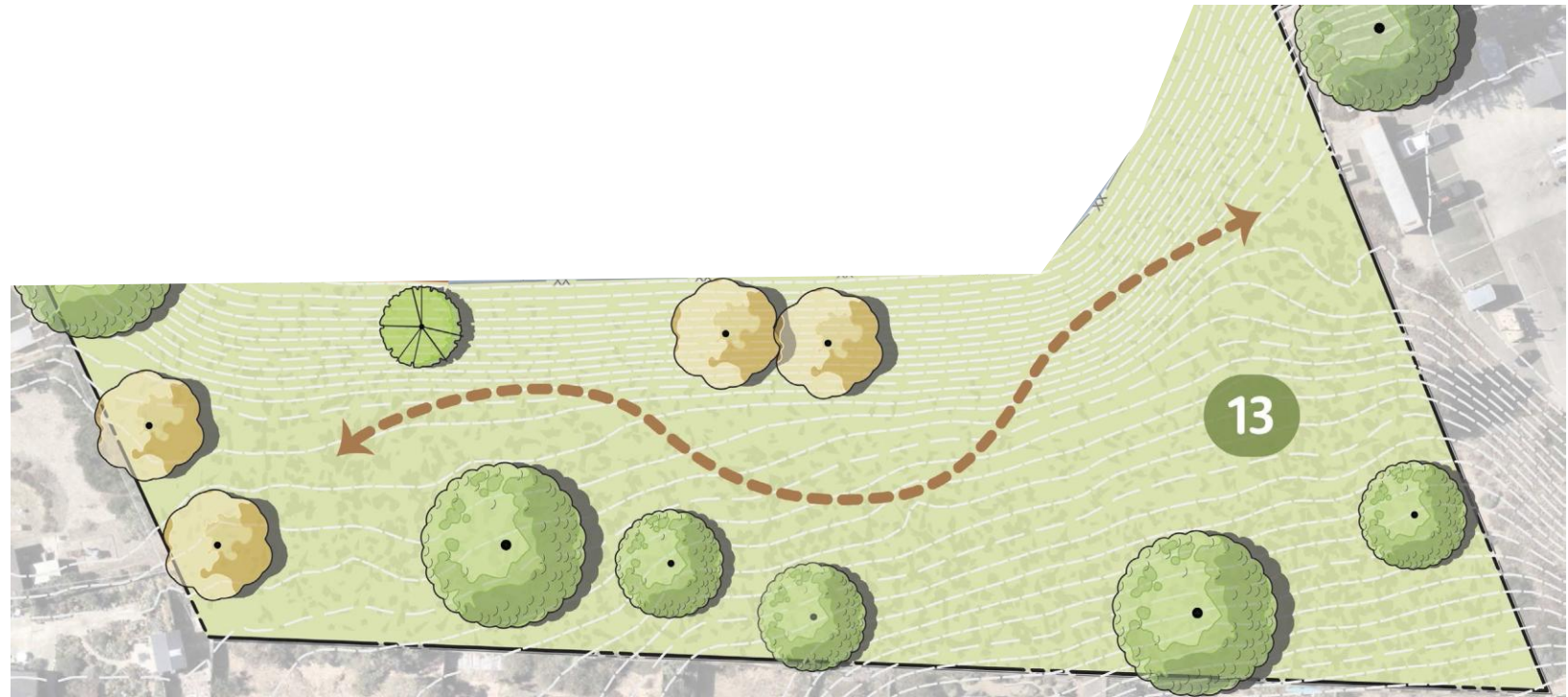


Design Overview

Area J

Option 1 - Minimal Cost:

- Open space and existing trails



Citizens Initiative



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Citizens Initiative Explained

Steps in the Initiative Process

- **Citizens draft** the proposed ballot measure (**the initiative**). The draft is finalized after negotiations with the School District are completed.
- A **petition** with the final wording of the proposed ballot measure is circulated to **collect signatures** from registered voters.
- Signatures are verified by election officials; if enough **valid signatures (1,023)** it qualifies and becomes a ballot measure at the June 2, 2026 primary election.
- If the voters pass the ballot measure by a **simple majority** of registered voters at the election, it becomes law.

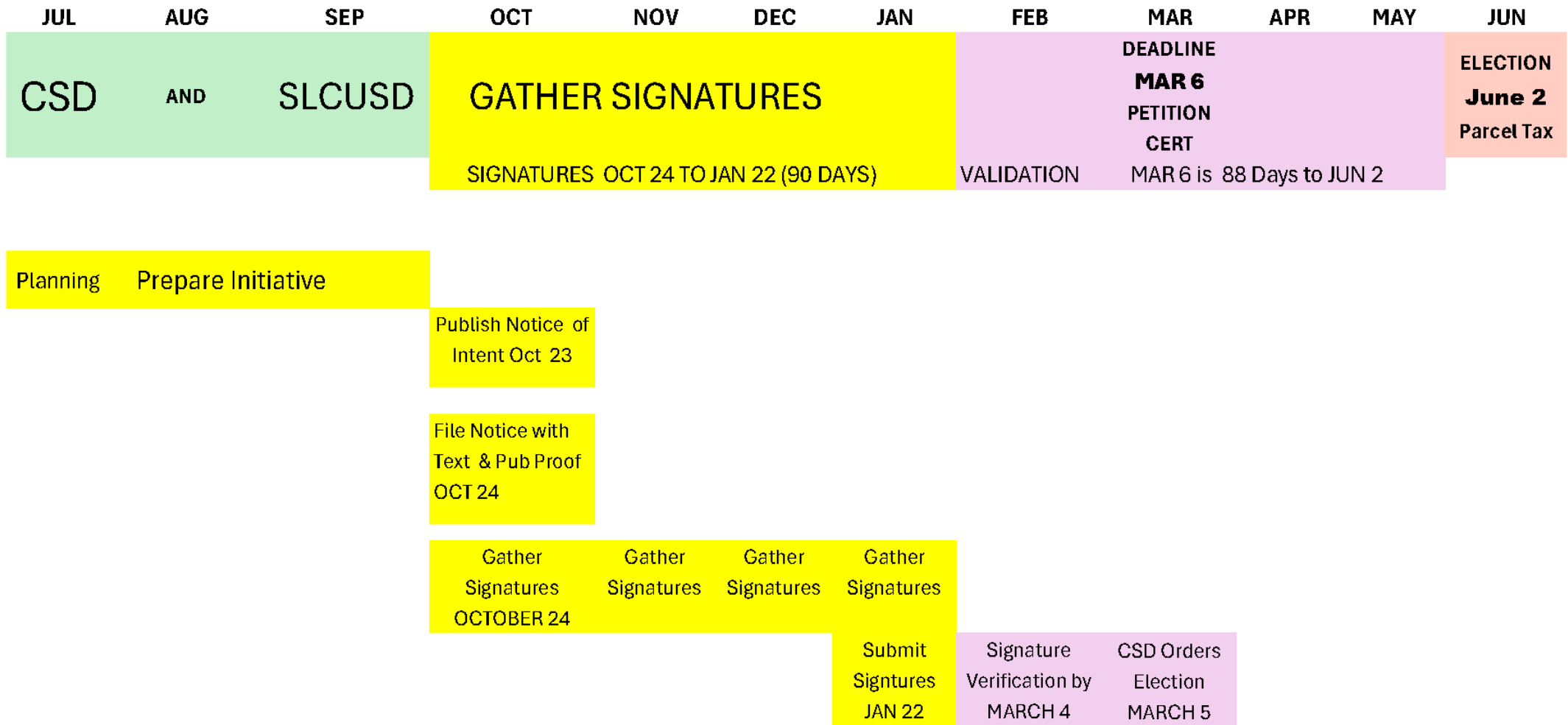
Petition Signature Process

- **Proponents** file a notice with election officials to circulate a petition; publish it a newspaper.
- Circulators gather signatures from voters registered in Los Osos. **Volunteer circulators are needed from clubs, associations, sports leagues and individual citizens to be circulators.**
- Goal is to start gathering signatures in October, and collect needed signatures by **January 20** for the June 2 primary election.

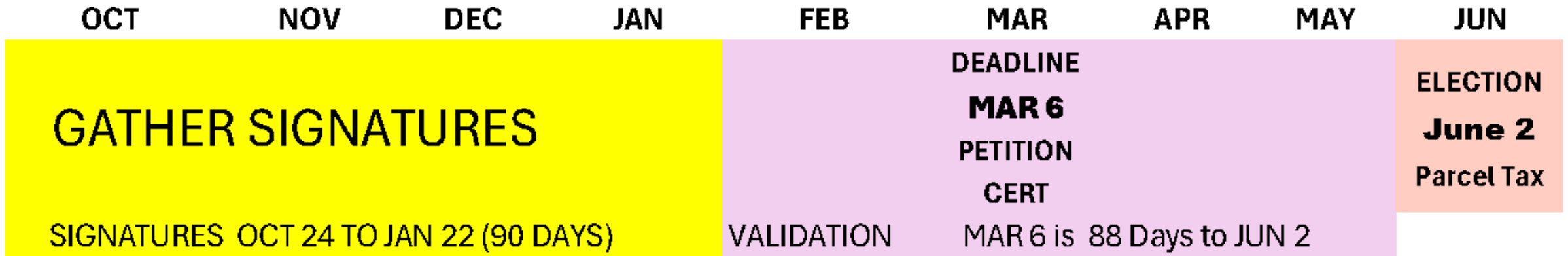
Essential Petition Tasks

1. Obtain as many **volunteer petition circulators** as possible.
2. **Train circulators** in how to collect valid signatures.
3. **Collect** completed petition **forms each week** and hold securely.

SUNNYSIDE PROJECT: ELECTION TIMELINE



PETITION AND ELECTION TIMELINE



A Time for Action



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A Time for Action

A **unique opportunity** to acquire this site will come only once.



The time is **now** to show **your support** and help obtain Sunnyside for future generations.



Groups and Associations

Join the Sunnyside Park Community Team



Buy
Sunnyside
School!



SUNNYSIDE
PARK
CITIZENS
COALITION



Coast
Girls
Softball



Los Osos Residents

Join the Sunnyside Park Community Team

**Volunteer today by Sign-up
at the tables or roving clipboard**



Name	Phone Number	Email Address	Want to volunteer?

Volunteer today by QR



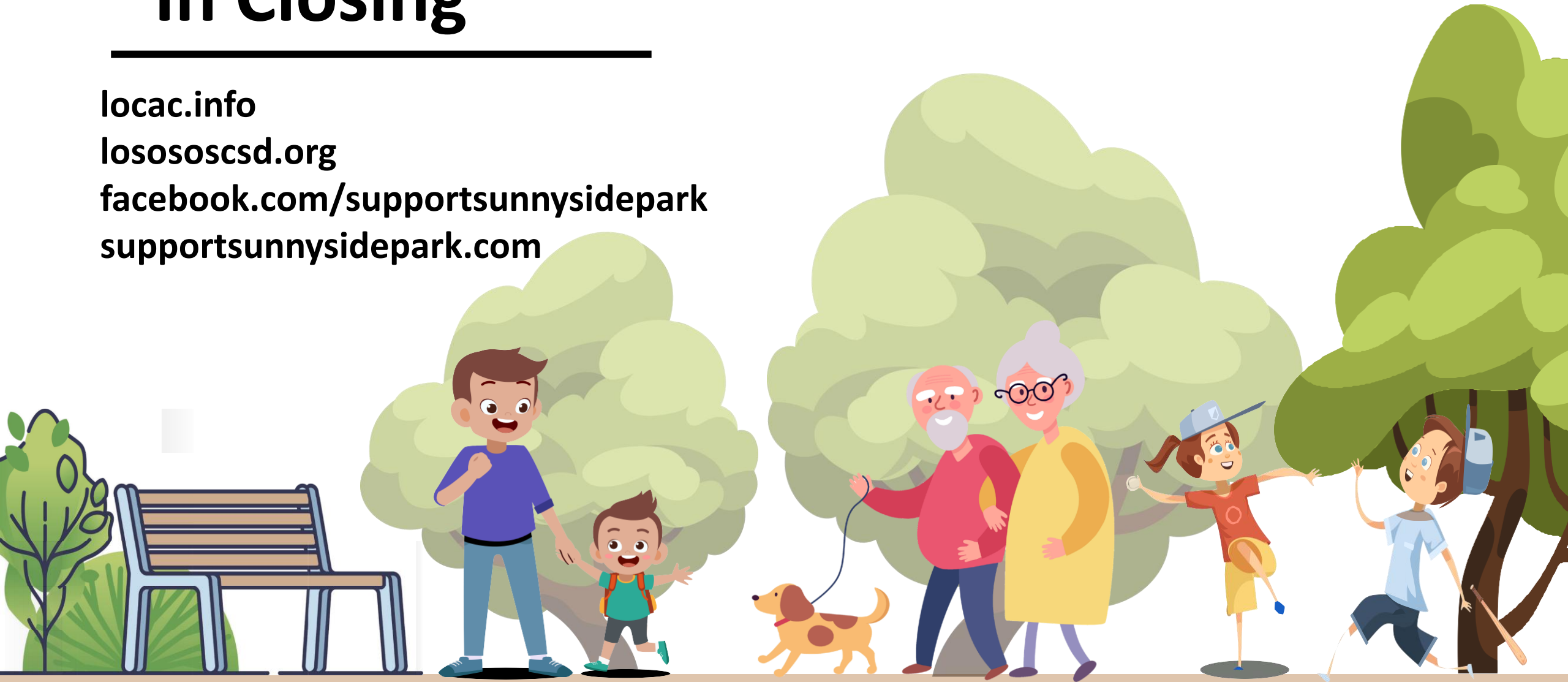
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